

# PENASCO VALLEY NEWS

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## Other Candidates File for Sheriff

When Fred Hill gave out the announcement he would be a candidate for sheriff it was like stirring up a hive of bees. Immediately Ed Price and Carl Hawkins now serving as deputy sheriffs under Bill High, announced they were in the race.

Price was a candidate for the Democratic nomination in 1948, but lost to Dwight Lee. He was appointed deputy by Bill High. In former year, Price was a deputy at Lamesa, Texas, for two years and an officer at Seminole, Texas, for seven years.

Hawkins was appointed deputy in 1950 by sheriff Dwight Lee and has continued in this position under Bill High, except for a few months in private business.

Hill is well known throughout southeastern New Mexico as a peace officer. He served as deputy under Howell Gage and Dwight Lee. He then entered the race for sheriff and served four years in that position.

I think it was while Hill was deputy under Dwight Lee that an attempted jailbreak was made. There were three against one, but Hill fought them back into the cell single handed.

## Make Somebody Happy

While we are busily engaged in planing holiday surprises for our loved ones, let us not overlook the Master's instructions regarding the Christian virtue of doing good.

In the Sermon on the Mount He spoke these significant words: "If ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? Do not even the publicans the same?" (Matt. 5:46.) And in the house of one of the chief Pharisees, Jesus said: "When thou makest a dinner or supper, call not thy friends, nor thy brethren, neither thy kinsmen, nor thy rich neighbors, lest they also bid thee again and a recompense be made thee. But when thou makest a feast, call the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind, and thou shalt be blessed; for they cannot recompense thee; for thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the just" (Luke 14:12-14).

In these words Jesus certainly does not forbid us to show kindness to our loved ones. He Himself accepted the precious ointment from Mary on the even of His death. But He does not want us to overlook the many unfortunates who are lonely or in need. God has not ordained the Christmas Festival nor the exchange of gifts which has become a custom among us. But while we are planning to make our loved ones happy, especially poor children, let us not forget those who feel their misfortune even more keenly at this season. Let us not look for "recompense." Some people often do not give Christmas presents, but make Christmas investments hoping by their "thoughtfulness" to get an even better gift in return. Real joy and satisfaction comes through helping those from whom we can expect no more than a cordial "Thank

## The First Christmas Reported by St. Luke

And there were in the same country shepherds watching and keeping the night watches over their flocks. And behold an angel of the Lord stood by them, and the brightness of God shone round about them, and they feared with a great fear. And the angel said to them: "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, that shall be to all the people, for this day, is born to you a Savior who is Christ the Lord, in the city of David.

And this shall be a sign unto you, you shall find the infant wrapped in swaddling clothes, and laid in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly army, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men of good will."

you and God bless you!" Look about for needy folks in your neighborhood and make somebody happy."—Lutheran Witness.

## Sage and Cactus

By Doughbelly Price

If you run a business or have a business to run you, you have got to be up in society, have a bookkeeper, a lawyer and a stenographer. The bookkeeper to keep you posted on how much income to pay, the lawyer to get you out of jail if you don't pay the steno, to write you while you are in jail.

I had a letter from the U. S. Treasury Dept U. S. Court House Albuquerque. Number 0114421. It says do not staple fold or mutilate (what ever that is). I thought my dear old uncle was sending me a check when I looked at that string of figures. But now I think it will be my number when I get to the big house at Leavenworth. I done 90 days by order of a federal judge. But the ink was not dry until that time was done.

This will be different, a long restful vacation, for I don't have the money to hire a good mouthpiece. This seems to be about survivor insurance, in social security or something. It looks like they think I will not survive to spend my social security.

What I am trying to point out is, if your business will not support a bookkeeper, a lawyer, and a stenographer, close the business. Get a close relative in some big office so you can get on relief and live happy



ever after.

I am handling that little pink piece of paste board with gloves on, to keep from leaving fingerprints. The FBI has one set of them and I don't want to clutter up the files with another set. I am going to take it to my bookkeeper. If he don't know what to do I will then see my attorney, and if he shake shis head, I will call the U.S. marshal and give up, for there is no use to run. They are like the undertaking business, they will nail you in the end.

## Meditation for Christmas Day

There is born to you this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord. — Luke 2:11. A.S.V. Read Luke 2:8-14.

Our experiences of Christmas change from year to year. When we were children, the toys and gifts we received delighted us. As we grew older, we became thankful for one another in our family circle. Christ's birth took on added, more precious meaning. Then there came a Christmas when some dear, familiar face was missing around the Christmas tree. Or perhaps a little newborn child appeared to gladden the family.

The changeless Christmas, however, abides. The Christmas realities that we love do not change or pass away: The star, the Christmas angels, the shepherds, the wise men, the manger, the virgin mother, and Joseph—these remain the same.

The Christmas reality that we need the most is ever with us. The Christ of Christmas is "the same yesterday, and today, and forever." The love of God, our heavenly Father, is everlasting. "There is born to you this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord."

## PRAYER

O God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we praise and thank Thee this day for the gift of Thine only begotten Son. Grant that we may experience the fulness of His saving love and power this holy day. For our Redeemer's sake. Amen.

## Will Celebrate Golden Anniversary

On Sunday, Dec. 20, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Brown of Artesia will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary. Mr. Brown was the Santa Fe agent in Artesia from Jan. 20, 1905 to July 31, 1949. Mr. Brown has many friends in the Penasco Valley who send congratulations.

"A STAR FOR BOBBY" — Manuel Komroff tells the inspiring story of a modern Christmas miracle. It's a beautiful and wondrous true story that will put a lump in your throat, a tear in your eye and faith in your heart. Look for it, along with other inspiring Christmas stories in The American Weekly, that great magazine distributed with next Sunday's Los Angeles Examiner.





*Season's Greetings*

1953

We hail you in  
this season of  
Christmas cheer.

State Distributors  
Fifth and Main, Artesia



*May Joy*

*Attend Your Christmas*  
Clem & Clem, Plumbing and Heating

*Merry Christmas*



*to You and Yours... and a  
Happy, Prosperous New Year*

CARL HAWKINS

Democratic Candidate

for Sheriff

**Cheerio**



We send you a  
bright note of cheer  
this Holiday.

**Richard H. Westaway**  
Deputy Assessor



# Merry Christmas



*A "wide-open" door is waiting for you  
at our place of business.*

## Peoples State Bank

Artesia, New Mexico

Member of Federal Deposit Insurance Corp'n

### MERRY CHRISTMAS



*Another  
Happy Season . . .  
Another  
Good Wish . . .*

### Artesia Paint & Glass Co.

822 S. 1st, Artesia

### CHRISTMAS GREETINGS



*Our Very Best  
to You  
and Yours . . .*

### Payne Packing Co.

7th & Richey, Artesia



It's Christmas!



And we're delighted to wish you  
the very best Holiday ever.

Artesia Locker Plant



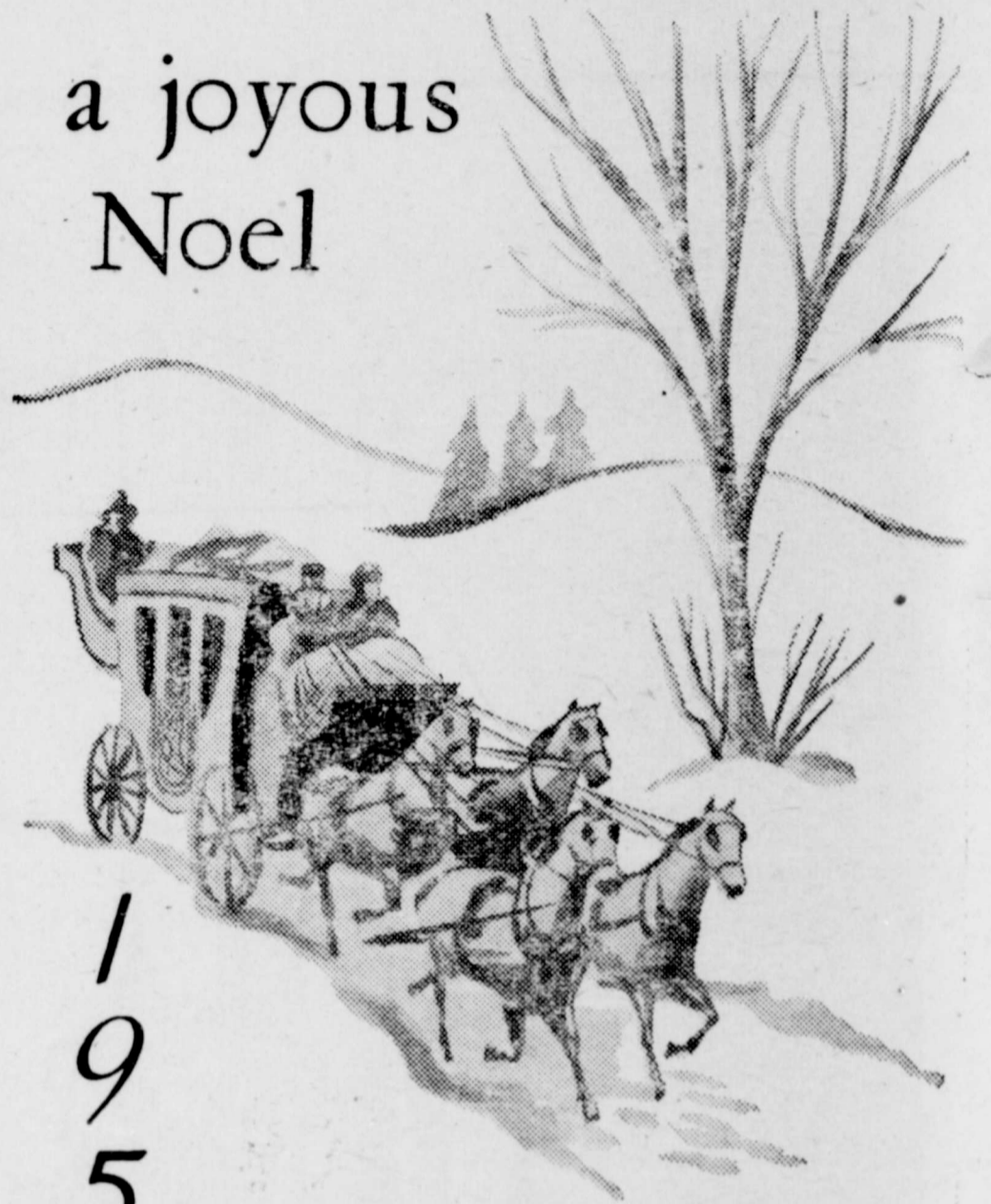
Joy at Christmas

May your Christmas  
be filled with  
happy memories

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Evans Hardware

a joyous  
Noel



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Old fashioned greetings  
to old-time friends.

Artesia Gas and Appliance Co.

Merry Christmas



May we knock  
on your door  
to give you  
our Holiday Greeting?

H. & J. Food Basket

No. 1 at 913 S. First

No. 2 at 13th and Main





1  
9  
5  
3

May happiness and joy  
symbolize your home  
in this season of Christmas.

## Hart Motor Company

Dodge, Plymouth Dealer

207 West Texas, Artesia



Peace and  
Contentment  
be Yours

Loving Insurance  
Agency  
Booker Bldg.

## CHRISTMAS JOY

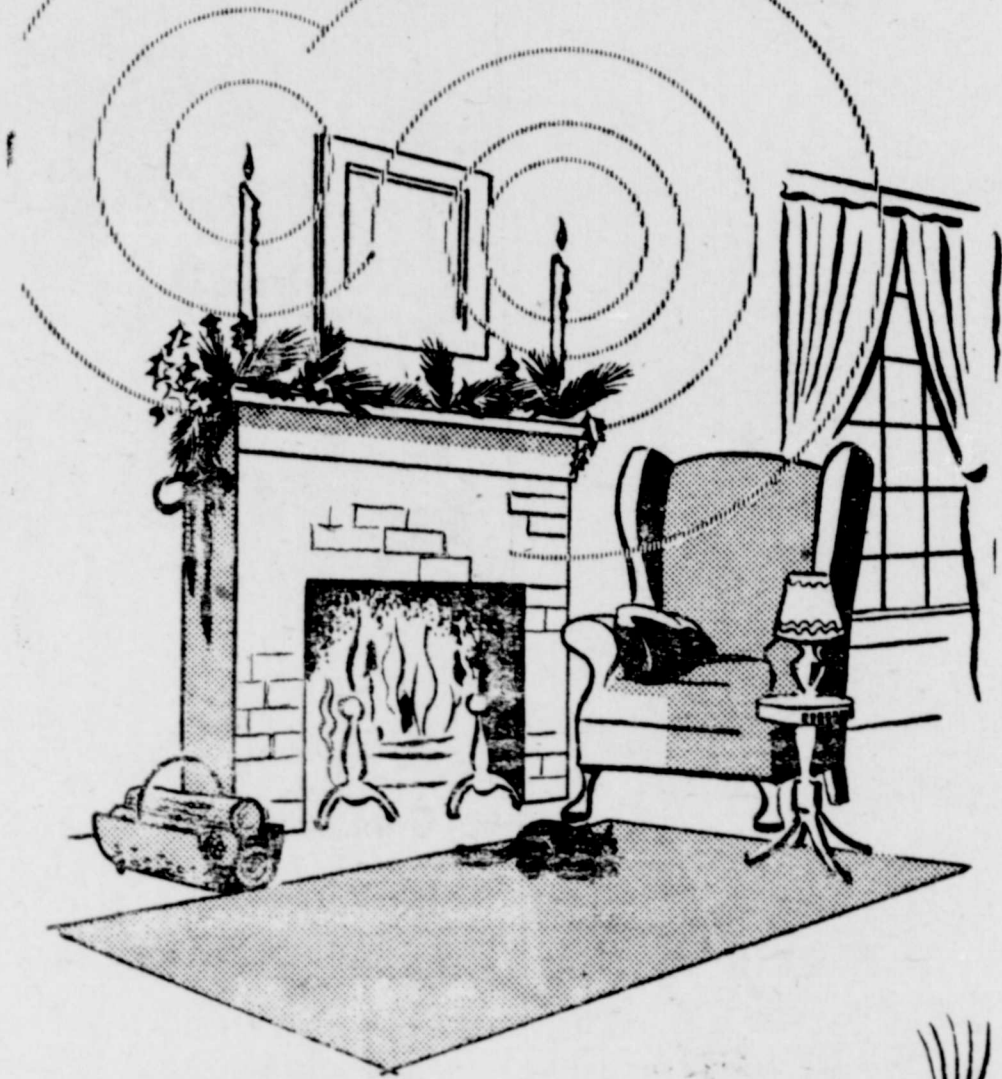


We're happy to  
Repeat Our  
Annual Wish:  
Happy Holiday.

The  
Floore Floral Shop  
106 S. 10th Phone 312



# Season's Best



We'd like to sit  
at your fireside  
to greet you personally,  
Merry Christmas.

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Cox Motor Company

301 S. First St.,

Artesia

MERRY  
CHRISTMAS  
TO  
ALL



We hope Old Santa  
hits your house with  
a full load of cheer.

Artesia Laundry and Cleaners



A Day full of Happiness  
is our  
Christmas message to you

Paulin Funeral Home  
7th at Grand

# Season's Greetings



May the  
true meaning  
of Christmas  
be yours.

Kaiser Electric Co., 1102 W. Quay



Merry Christmas



an

old fashioned

wish!



Irby Drug

Carper Bldg., Artesia



for Happiness  
at Christmas

1953

Let's

Remember the  
True Spirit  
of Christmas

Brainerd-Corbin  
Hdwe. Co.



### Care for Tools And Save Money

#### Put Tools Away Clean and Dry

Save money and time on next year's garden by caring for tools and supplies this fall so they will be in good condition for use next spring.

By the end of the season many home owners, even those with small gardens and grounds, often have more of an investment in equipment and supplies than they realize. An inventory of these items would show that it pays to save



Make an inventory of your tools when you put them away this fall. The list will tell you what you have to order next spring.

tools from winter rusting and corrosion by putting them away clean and dry, and also to save all left-over garden chemicals by keeping them covered, dry, and not cold.

For convenience, high shelves or ceiling racks in dry garages or basements may be a good place to park tools and supplies for the winter.

All tools should be thoroughly clean and dry before putting away. Sprayers need special attention because liquid sprays left against metal parts may so clog and corrode the utensil that it will be ruined by spring.

To clean sprayers, first empty any leftover spray, then take the sprayer apart and rinse several times thoroughly with hot water, let dry, put together loosely and store in a dry place.

Modern Septic Tank Service, located at Artesia Transfer, 1406 W. Main. Phone 1168. —Adv.

### YOUR EYES

#### NEED ATTENTION

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Dr. Edward Stone  
Artesia, N. M.

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Home of Nationally Known Men  
and Boys Wear.

☒ Make this your Christmas Store when  
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New and Used

Phone 877; 9th & Dallas; Artesia

We Sell

We Service

We will finance your bathrooms and any additional  
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### CLEM & CLEM

Plumbing and Heating

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We Install

We Guarantee

## GENERAL EQUIPMENT Inc.

912 North First St. Artesia, N. Mexico

- Farmall Tractors International Trucks
- Parts ● Service ● Farm Implements

Accessories

Your Patronage Earnestly Solicited

For Best Results Advertise  
in the Penasco Valley News





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Irby Drug

Carper Bldg., Artesia



### Farm Deaths Top Other Industries

#### Electrical Fires Cause Many Deaths

More accidental deaths were reported in agriculture last year than in any other industry. Farming lost 4,000 killed and 330,000 injured in farm accidents.

While farming led in the number of deaths per industry last year it was fourth in injuries. Preceding agriculture's 330,000 were manufacturing with 510,000, service with 390,000 and trade with 380,000.

The death toll on farms last year was 300 below the 1950 fatalities of 4,300 but the decrease correspond-



Farm fires like this one cost millions of dollars and thousands of lives every year—mostly due to carelessness.

ed to a similar decrease in the number of farm workers.

Although electricity is the great servant of the farmer and his wife it has all too often been the destroyer of their property or even their killer.

Stoves, lamps and lanterns still lead the list of rural fire causes but fires caused by electric wires and appliances are fast overtaking them.

Too often a farmer will treat his family to some of the new heavy-duty appliances like dish washers and clothes washers, himself to electric milking machines without realizing that he is overloading his rural electric circuit when it is unprotected by proper fuses or circuit-breakers.

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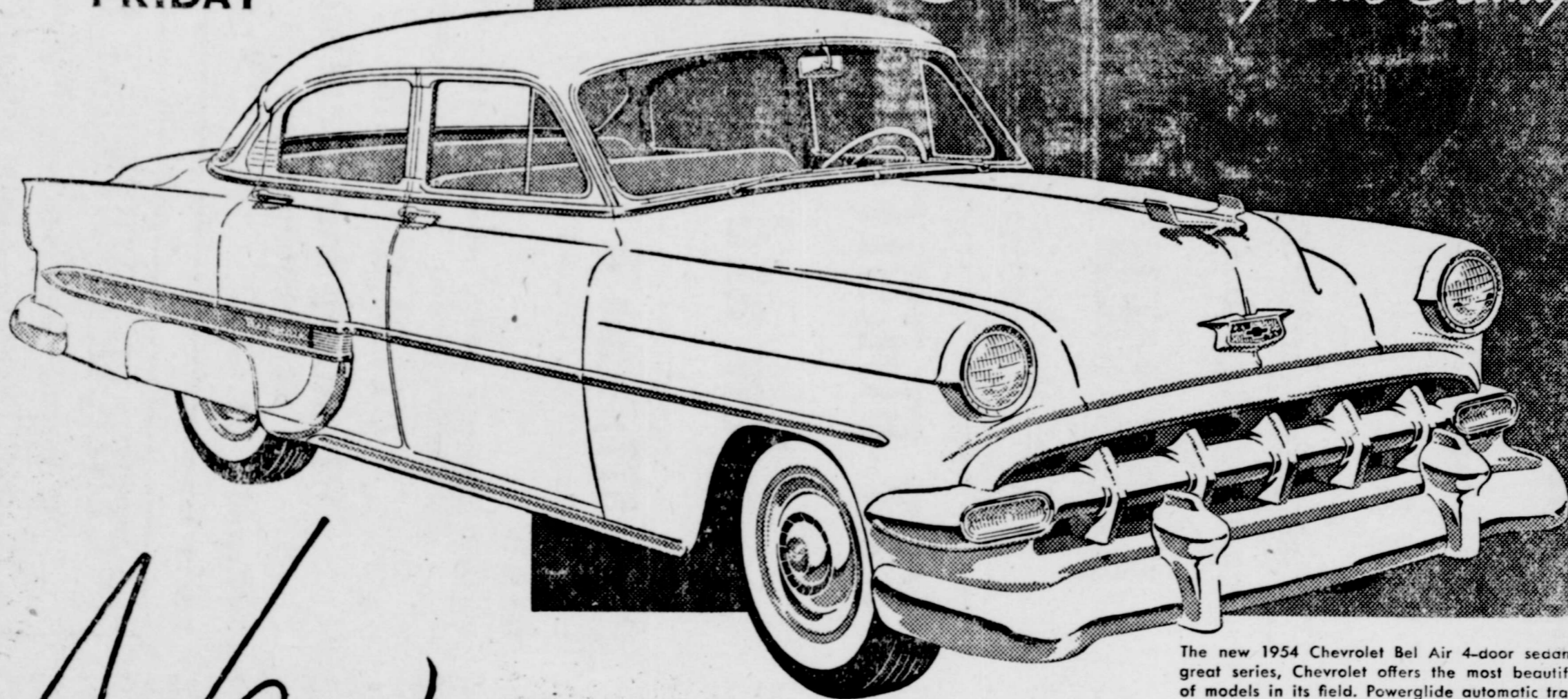
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ON DISPLAY  
FRIDAY



It's Brimming with Beauty!

The new 1954 Chevrolet Bel Air 4-door sedan. With 3 great series, Chevrolet offers the most beautiful choice of models in its field. Powerglide automatic transmission now available on all models, optional at extra cost.

# New 1954 Chevrolet

Come see the most beautiful, most powerful Chevrolet ever built . . . the new car that combines great new performance with money-saving gas mileage!

In every way, Chevrolet now brings you even more of the things you want.

More beauty with brilliant new styling in Body by Fisher and bright new color harmonies outside and inside the car.

More power and finer performance with new high-compression engine power in all models.

More comforts and conveniences including the richest new interiors in Chevrolet history and such new features as Power Brakes and

Automatic, Electric Window and Seat Controls. And, thanks to advanced Chevrolet engineering, all this with new economy, too.

The fact is, you'll find that no other car offers so many things you want at such low cost. That means the low first cost of the lowest-priced line in its field. And it means money-saving economy of operation and upkeep, as well.

Stop in and take a good look at the best-looking Chevrolet you ever saw!

### Powered for Performance!

### Engineered for Economy!

### First in the Low-Price Field

with POWER BRAKES, AUTOMATIC WINDOW and SEAT CONTROLS



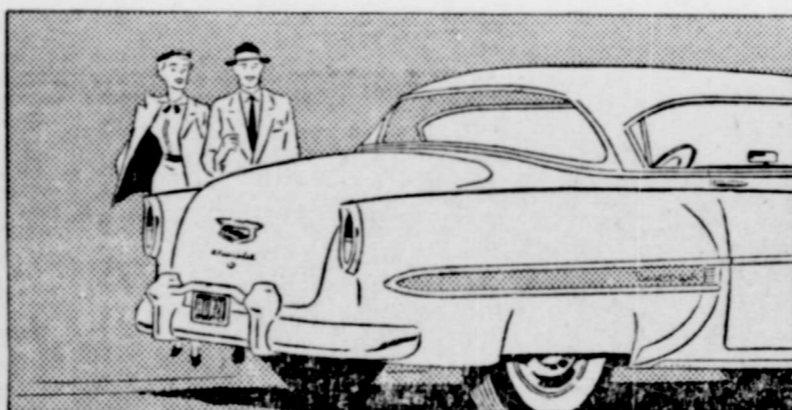
Power brakes for easier stops

Now Chevrolet brings you Power Brakes to make stopping wonderfully easy and convenient. Optional on Powerglide models at extra cost.



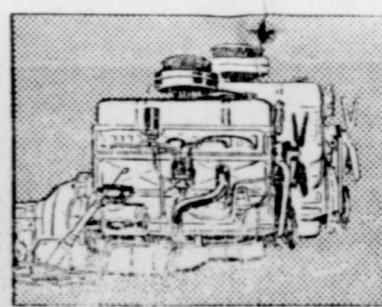
New, automatic window and seat controls

The touch of a button adjusts front seat and windows. Optional on Bel Air and "Two-Ten" models at extra cost.



New styling that will stay new

There's a new, lower, smarter look about this new Chevrolet. All around the car, you'll see new styling that brings you Fisher Body at its beautiful best.



Thrifty new power in all models

Now, in Powerglide models, is the more powerful "Blue-Flame 125" engine. Gearshift models offer the more powerful "Blue-Flame 115."



New, lower price on power steering

Chevrolet Power Steering now reduced in price! It does 80% of the work to give you easy, sure control. Optional at extra cost on all models.

More things more people want, that's why  
**MORE PEOPLE BUY CHEVROLETS  
THAN ANY OTHER CAR!**

New interior richness

Fine new upholstery fabrics with a more liberal use of beautiful, durable vinyl trim. New color treatments in harmony with the brilliant new exterior colors.

SYMBOL OF SAVINGS



EMBLEM OF EXCELLENCE

## Guy Chevrolet Company, Artesia, New Mexico

### Will Visit Legion Posts

Department Commander James A. Tadlock of the American Legion, department of New Mexico, has announced that he and Department Adjutant Robert M. Marr will visit every New Mexico Legion Post in separate or joint meetings between now and Dec. 10.

Commander Tadlock and Adjutant Marr are making separate tours. They will visit post officials and membership workers in each community in an effort to enlist more support in an early membership drive to exceed the state quota for 1954 by Jan. 1.

Gov. Edwin L. Mechem has proclaimed Nov. 11 to 26 as American Legion week. All Legion posts are conducting membership drives during this period. "Many posts throughout the state have exceeded their quota during this period and many more will," states Commander Tadlock.

### Santa Fe Calendar Is Popular

Marking the 40th anniversary in its series of pictorial calendars on Southwestern Indians, Santa Fe Railway has chosen "Indian Shepherdess" an oil painting by Frederic Mizen of

Waco, Texas, as its calendar illustration for 1954.

The painting portrays a Navajo woman holding in her arms a lamb and a spinner for making yarn out of the wool.

A nationally known commercial artist, Mizen is chairman of the art department at Baylor university and for many years conducted the Frederic Mizen Art Academy in Chicago.

Many other famous artists including E. I. Couse, Gerald Cassidy, G. C. Dalano and J. H. Sharp have done original paintings for the Santa Fe series during the past four decades.

The railroad annually receives thousands of requests for its calendars from schools, art lovers and collectors of Indian lore.

### Dimes, Friends And Family

A Kansas farmer has discovered that a good neighbor in time of need is more valuable than silver and gold.

Robert Stahl and his family were saved from heartache and tragedy by the action of good neighbors.

Stahl, his wife and four children were busy on their 127-acre farm near Wichita, Kan. last summer—getting set for the fall harvesting when polio struck.

First, little 3-year-old Troy came down with the disease. Then Ronald, who is 10, contracted polio. A few days later, Charles, 12 and Patsey, 14

also went on the sick list.

Finally, Mrs. Stahl herself was afflicted.

The whole family was moved to St. Francis hospital, Wichita, leaving Stahl alone on his farm.

For a while, he didn't know what to do. The financial burden had been lifted through March of Dimes funds but the burden of work remained.

Then his neighbors volunteered to take over his farm until the family was out of danger.

These neighbors pitched in and Stahl went to town. For days, he kept a vigil at the bedside of his wife and children.

With the continued help of that other good neighbor, the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, the family began to improve.

Stahl went back to his farm comforted by the knowledge that his family was being cared for. His neighbors had done a wonderful job of keeping things going on the farm. So he was able to carry on.

Today Mrs. Stahl and three of the children are fully recovered. Charles the 12-year-old, still has one partially paralyzed leg but Mrs. Stahl hopes he too will soon be well.

"Then maybe," she said, "it will all seem like just a bad dream."

The National Foundation hopes so, too. That's why it has launched a huge polio prevention program involving gamma globulin and a trial vaccine. If the program succeeds, families like the Stahls may be free of the polio threat forever.



MERRY-MERRY  
Christmas

Holiday Joy  
be Yours  
through the  
whole season!

Dr. J. K. Woodlee

602 W. Texas Ave.

Phone 320W





*best wishes  
at Christmas*

1953

This is a time  
for remembering old friends,  
and we number you among ours.

**FIRST NATIONAL BANK  
OF ROSWELL**

**Serving Southeastern New Mexico Since 1890**



CHRISTMAS  
*Wishes*

Our Door is Always Open  
to You, Our Friends . . .

**Southwestern  
Realty Co.**

Artesia

FOR YOU AT  
*Christmas*



Add another  
Good Wish  
to your  
Heap of Greetings.

**Leone's Studio**

Artesia



WITH  
EVERY  
GOOD  
WISH



1953

at

*Christmas*

To our customers and  
to our fellow business  
Associates, Greetings...

Central Valley Electric Co-op., Inc.  
Artesia, N. Mexico

*Good Cheer*



And good fortune  
at this  
"Happy New Year"  
time.

1954

Cummins House of Time  
Booker Bldg., Artesia

Season's Greetings



1953

May yours  
be filled  
with pleasant people  
all through the Holidays.

*Wilmot*  
HARDWARE CO.

ESTABLISHED 1911

Roswell, New Mexico

YULETIDE

JOY

A Friendly Wish  
in this  
Holiday Season

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**Christmas  
Cheer** 1953

Greetings  
to All Our  
Customers  
and Friends

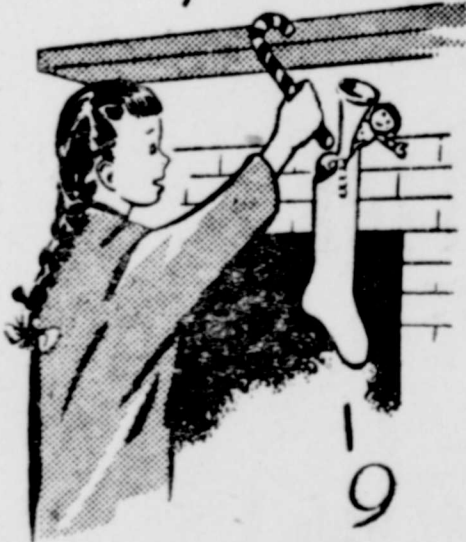


**Artesia Furniture**

**Company**

203-205 W. Main

*Merry Christmas*



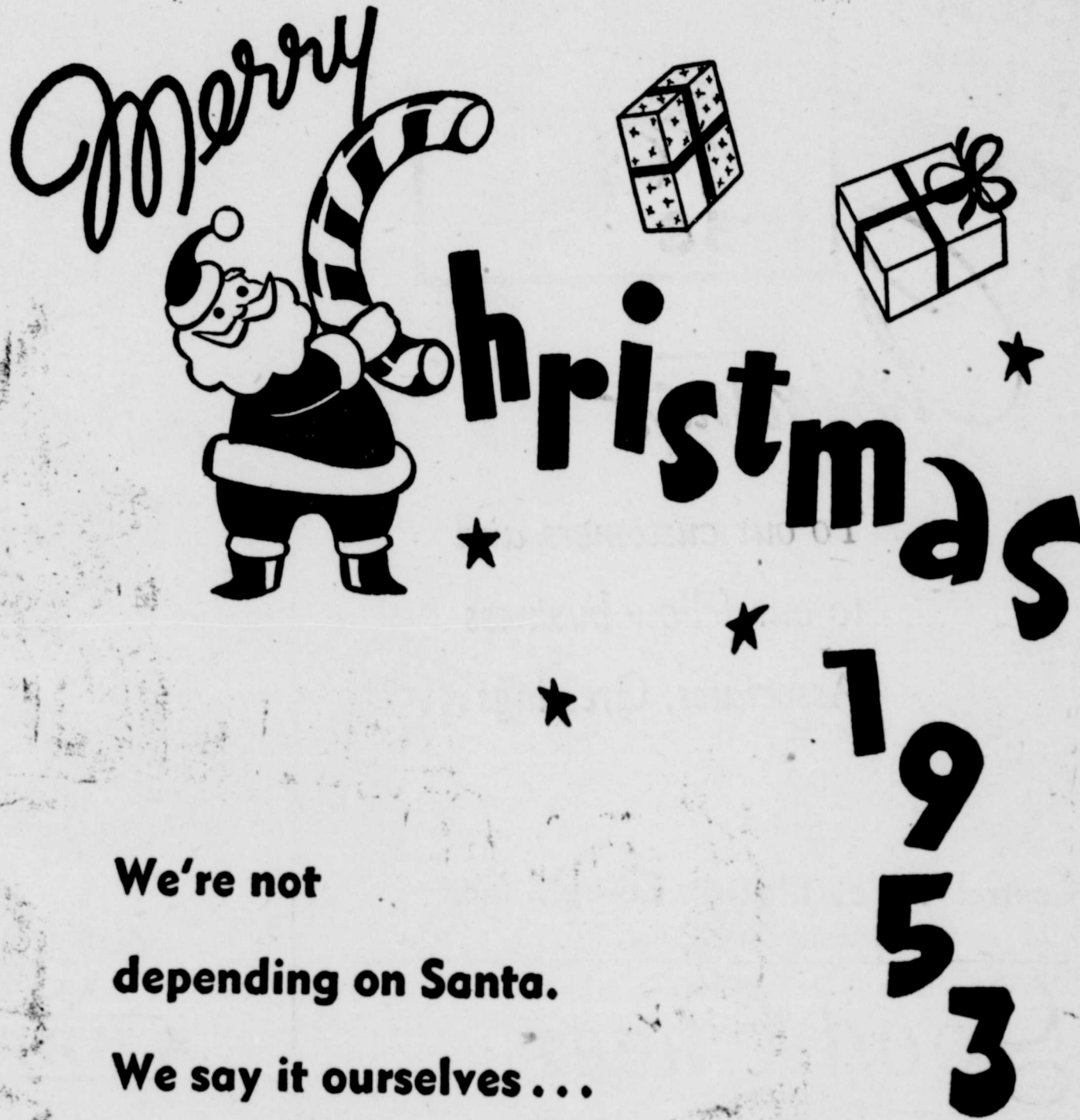
May We  
Add Our  
Best Wishes?

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**Artesia Building**

**& Loan**

113 South Fourth St.



We're not

depending on Santa.

We say it ourselves...

**Happy Holiday**

**Artesia Auto Company**

Your Friendly Ford Dealer

Artesia, New Mexico



HELLO



To Every Member  
of Your Family ...  
Merry Christmas

J. C. Penney Co.

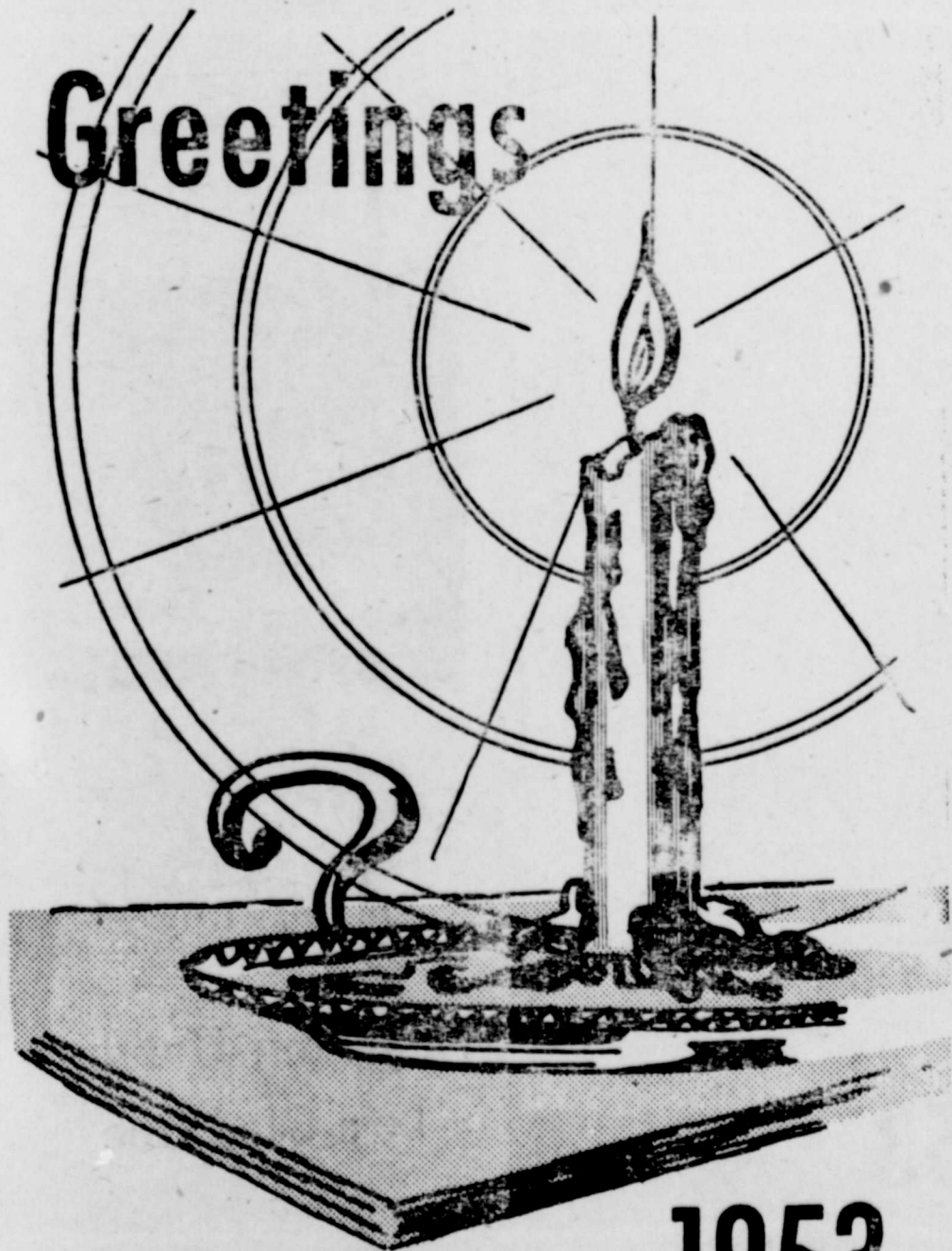


May the  
bough of your tree  
bend low  
with good things



Guy Chevrolet Co.

Greetings



May your Christmas be  
'merry and bright' ...

1953

Keys Men's Wear



Merry Christmas

All the joys of the  
season be yours ...

F. L. Wilson Feed and Farm Supplies





*Merry Christmas*

We take "time out"  
 from a busy season  
 to extend  
 our very best to you.

**First National Bank**

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Artesia, New Mexico



**Christmas  
 Wishes**

May Your Home  
 Be Filled With  
 Holiday Happiness

**Key Furniture Co.**  
 9th & Dallas, Artesia

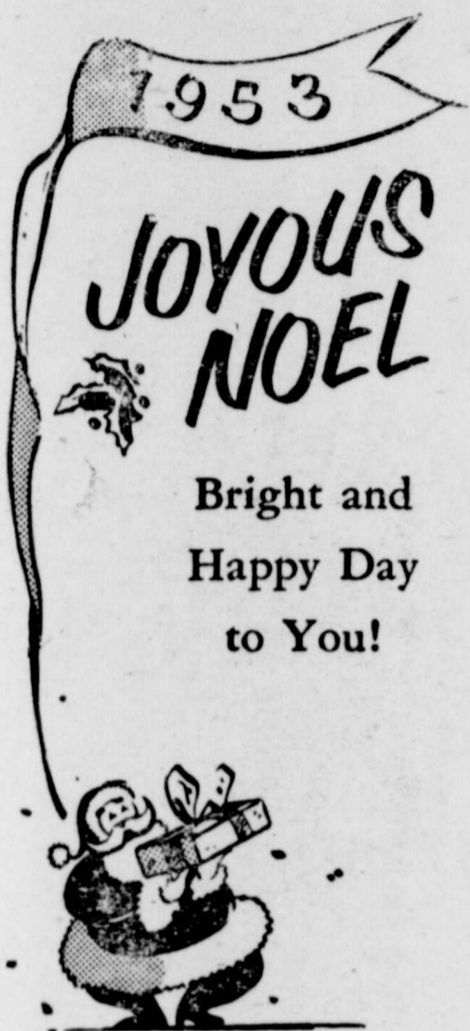


*Merry  
 Christmas*

May Your Holiday  
 be a Glad One

**Chandler Jewelry**  
 Artesia





Mrs. R. A. Wilcox  
County Clerk



A BRIGHT AND JOYOUS  
*Yuletide*  
May the light  
of a Happy Season  
shine brightly.

Mrs. Leslie  
(Billie) Burns  
County Treasurer

1953

**greetings**

A Happy  
Wish for  
You is  
Ours!

Bill High  
Eddy County Sheriff



Doughbelly Price



**Balanced Feeding  
Builds Soil Health**

**Crops Need Good  
Diet Like Humans**

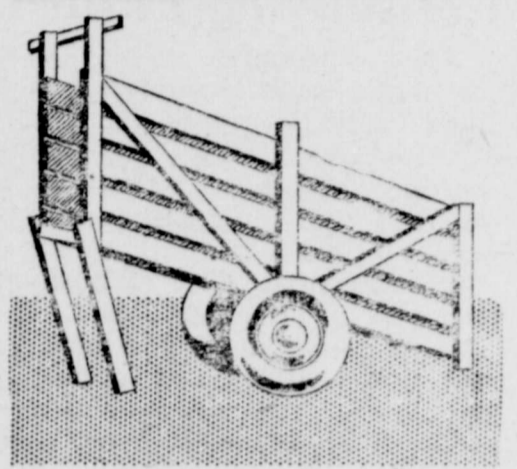
You can't build up the soil's health and crop yielding power by overfeeding it one plant nutrient while starving it for others. Purdue university agronomists demonstrated the importance of balancing the nutrient supplies in tests in Davies county, Indiana. Loading up the soil with nitrogen when phosphate and potash levels were low, reduced corn yields on



A balanced diet of all the essential elements will soon have your sick soil healthy and productive again.

the Charles Schenck farm, reports Howard Lathrope, Purdue soils specialist. In the tests, three plots of corn each received 100 pounds of phosphate and potash per acre. One plot had eight pounds of nitrogen, a second had 108 pounds and the third, 208 pounds. Tissue tests of corn on the eight pound plot showed no nitrogen, but ample phosphate and potash. As the nitrogen applications went up, the potash levels in the corn plants went down, reducing growth. On the plot where 208 pounds of nitrogen were added, there was just enough potash in the fertilizer to balance out the corn feeding program. The potash shortage caused a lack of energy foods in the plant. The root systems of the high-nitrogen, low-potash corn were weak. The stalks were wobbly, so the plants lodged badly.

**Portable Loading Chute**



This portable cattle loading shoot should prove handy for several farmers. Mounted on an automobile rear axle, it can be towed from farm to farm as needed. The hinged front legs fold up against the bottom for moving and are adjustable to the height of any truck with which it is used.

**Electronics Speed Up  
And Sweeten Up Butter**

A Brodhead, Wis., dairyman who put electronics to work to speed up his butter production has found that it also produces a spread that tastes better and fresher. Roy Robichaux of the Goldenrod creamery was primarily aiming at the elimination of costly and time-consuming manual sampling and testing when he worked out an idea for electronic controls. The result was a new process that also makes churning more efficient and reduces production costs. Key to the process is the continuousness of production procedure, with the acidity of cream being automatically regulated by a special electronic system developed by Minneapolis-Honeywell food industry engineers. The engineers explain that conventional butter-making methods are actually a series of individual operations halted periodically to manually test and sample the cream for acidity. Even then under-neutralization of the cream's acidity (fishy flavors after storage) or over-neutralization (papery flavors) often results. The electronic system controls acidity within 0.2 per cent preventing improper neutralization. Initial tests of butter made through this process have proved it not only has a "fresh cream" taste but has a storage life of at least 100 per cent longer than butter churned under conventional methods. In addition to improving quality, the continuous flow operation reduces production costs and has enabled Robichaux to increase the output of his butter-making equipment by some 50 per cent.

**Dance, Saturday, December 26**  
**Hope Gym., Music by Jimmy Furlow and the Pecos Valley Boys.** Dancing from 9:00 to 1:00.  
Admission: \$1.25 per person



## Santa Fe's Conscience Fund

When Christmas spirit pervades the nation each December, that small voice called "conscience" works overtime, and Santa Fe Railway's treasury department at Topeka, Kan., prepares for increased entries in Account 607.

Into Account 607 (Miscellaneous Credits) go amounts classified as "Conscience Fund" donations, cash sent in by anonymous persons who claim to owe the railroad money because of a financial error or theft long since forgotten by the company.

Treasurer C. A. Menninger says from 25 to 30 "Conscience Fund" contributions totaling several hundred dollars are received by the railroad annually from all parts of the system. Amounts this year ranged from 45 cents to \$66.

The largest "Conscience" donation on record totaled \$595 and consisted of four 100 dollar bills, three fifties, one twenty, two tens and one five. Mailed in Fort Worth, Texas, in 1941 the money was accompanied by an unsigned note reading: "Enclosed find \$595 for which I was not due. It was received years ago. As my life has changed I want to clear all things up."

Champion "Conscience Fund" donor in recent years is a Denver, Colo. man carried on the books as "A. R. Christian." Signing himself, "A Real Christian," this donor has sent in eight payments of five dollars each, four this year, on a bill of \$60 which he claims he owes the company for "goods missing, and for which I was responsible when I was a boy working for the railroad."

"The \$66 amount contributed this year came from Los Angeles for "two one-half fare tickets which were not paid in 1917." Other recent sums received include: two dollars for "material taken in 1903," four dollars for "four grain doors" and \$35 for a ride on a freight train.

A letter received from Temple City, Calif., in 1943 contained a \$50 bill as "seven times what a short round trip in your line in Kansas would have cost in the 1880's." The writer explained: "Lack of money and a desire to provide my wife with what she needed made the time long. Now that she no longer needs because of her death, I pay it."

Practically all "Conscience" money comes by mail, although in 1950 one contributor turned in \$10 at the Galesburg, Ill., ticket window and left without giving his name.

Last year a "Sinner" in Neodesha, Kan., remitted a one dollar bill to pay for two Pullman towels taken 25 years ago, and "Ole Timer" of Red Hills, Okla., sent \$20 to cover "chiselling on extra gang groceries a long time ago."

The latest contribution was received last week from Fort Worth. Five dollars was enclosed with a note signed by "Anon Y. Mous" who explained:

"In June, 1907, the writer purchased a ticket from Amarillo to Texico. The coach was very crowded and the conductor overlooked me and failed to lift my ticket. Several weeks later I cashed the ticket at Amarillo, thinking nothing of, however, during all the years that still small voice, of conscience, has told me that it was wrong. Believe the distance from Amarillo to Texico is about 100 miles and about that time, fare was three cents per mile. Am enclosing five

dollars which will cover the amount and the extra bookkeeping involved."

Before Christmas, Treasurer Menninger expects to receive several more of these letters.

"It's too bad there isn't some way we can wish them all Merry Christmas," he said, "but under the circumstances I suppose that's impossible."

(Might put a Christmas greeting in all the newspapers in the Santa Fe territory.—Ed.)

## The Christmas Mood

Once again Christmas moves in on a troubled world. We echo the familiar sentiments, passed down through the ages: "Peace on earth, good will to men." Do these words seem to have a note of mockery now? Do they seem outmoded? Do the cheery Christmas bells sound out of tune with the discordant events of our times?

We like to flatter ourselves that the troubles of our modern world are greater than those of any era in the past. We sometimes take a certain grim satisfaction in the belief that no generation of mankind ever faced an outlook as threatening as our own. We feed our feelings of despair with the thought that man—irresponsible man—has in his possession now the forces that can blow human life right off the face of this planet.

With these thoughts gnawing at us, can we observe Christmas this year with the old spirit? Can we still find hope, comfort and conviction in the dream that some day there will be peace on earth and good will among all men?

Yes, we can. We can if we think back to the circumstances under which the Christian faith was born. To thinking people who lived in those times the future looked fully as bleak as our own. True, there were no bombs and no bombers. The forces of destruction were earth-bound, but they were active. Despair, cynicism and moral decay were doing the damage that would now be done faster but no more efficiently by atomic radiation. Civilization was dying visibly. The Dark Ages were closing in. The sense of doom was everywhere.

It was in this atmosphere, and not in a time of high hope and happiness, that Christianity came into the world. When we remember that, we easily enter into the mood of optimism, faith and high hope which makes for the merry and inspiring Christmas the New Mexico Petroleum Industries Committee hopes you will enjoy.—Fred Linn, Executive Secretary, New Mexico Petroleum Industries Committee.

## Durham's in Yuma

We have received a letter from Mrs. W. B. Durham in which she says "I guess you'll be surprised to hear about us being out in Arizona. We came out here in October and like it just fine. The weather is wonderful in the winter. The flowers are still in bloom and the yards and grass and trees are still green. We have gone fishing several times since we have been out here and have caught some small fish. Folks that have gone fishing at the lake have caught some really big fish. I don't know how much longer we will be here, but until after Christmas anyway. Hope you folks have a nice Christmas. With best wishes to you both.—Mrs. W. B. Durham.



## FRED HILL

### Democratic Candidate for Sheriff

#### FOR SALE

That 15,000 acres, 50 miles north of Santa Fe, New Mexico, is still for sale at \$5.25 an acre. This is good grazing country. 11,000 acres of it with all mineral rights. Dozens of suckers nibbling, but none of them has took the cork under yet.

For more information, write Doughbelly Price, Taos, New Mexico.

Mrs. Ella Buckner has been visiting relatives in Artesia this week.

Bryant Williams left Monday for Texas to bring back a load of small turkeys for the Christmas and New Year's trade. Mr. Williams predicts a great demand for turkeys during the holiday season.

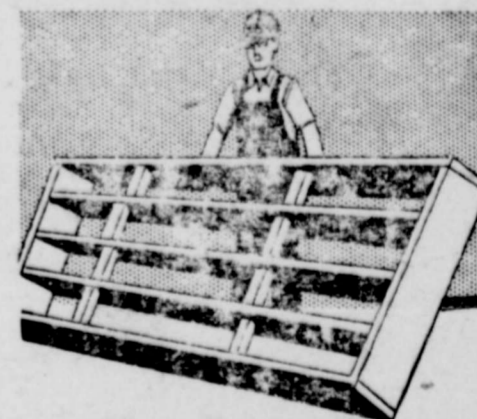
This week the county turned over to the state the newly constructed road bed on Highway 83. It is reported the state will not do any black-topping until February or March.

The telephone line between Hope and Artesia that has been out of order for some time has now been repaired and calls are being put thru without interference.

HOUSEWIVES — Address advertising post cards. Must have good handwriting. LINDO, Watertown, Mass. Adv-4t

Richard H. Westaway, county assessor, was a visitor in Hope Wednesday.

#### Portable Cattle Guard



A handy idea for the farm is the above portable cattle guard. When using field in rotation, this portable guard can be moved to a much-used gateway. It is installed in a 6" pit. It can be easily moved by dragging behind a tractor.