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Well some old joker pounded the gavel and the 83th Congress went into action to muddle up the affairs of the U.S. for a spell. But the first day didn't last long, only 25 minutes. And they retired to fight the battle of the cocktail lounge. Ike told them what he wanted in his state of the nation talk, but he had that too early in the morning, most of the boys were them I hope. But they was not awake yet, had not partook of their orange juice and morning shot of the Algerian sheep dip.

Most of them senators and reps. have been admitted to the bar (and ordered Scotch and soda). What a gathering of the legal profession! They shore are going to throw like some fast curves. But he is in there catching and he aint the erank amateur now that he was when he took that job. He dont fall for that old confidence estuff as easy as he did.

Well New Mexico is being invaded by another three of the envestigators from Washington on the Chaves-Hurley squabble. HOW LONG DO YOU RECKON THAT WILL LAST? It is so silly to be funny. If they throw out 30,000 votes in that alone they will have to throw them votes out for everyboddy. Just as well declare New Mexico out of the United States and be done with it. We dont know nothing anyway only what someone tells us don't even know how to vote and shore cant count. We have to have some jokes out of Washington to do uor counting. I make a motion that voting in new Mexico be abolished until we learn how to cast our vote and the nhow to count the votes.

March of Dimes Dance on Jan. 23

Basil O'Connor, president of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis leads American Volunteers in the 17th annual March of Dimes which this January must raise \$75,000,000 to pay for patient polio aid, scientific research, professional education and the new program of polio prevention. This program alone will cost \$26,500,000 for stepped up purchases of gamma globulin and a field testing of a trial polio vaccine during 1954.

Here at Hope the town board is sponsoring a dance to raise money for the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. This get-together of the people of north Eddy county will be held at the high school gym Saturday, Jan. 23. Music will be furnished by Jimmy Furlough and His Pecos Valley Boyys. Admission \$1.25 per person.

Soil Conservation To Hold Convention

Clayton, N. M., Jan. 14 — Awards in recognition of outstanding soil conservation achievements in New Mexico during 1953 will be made as a special feature of the seventh annual convention of the N. M. association of Soil Conservation districts to be held at Clayton on Jan. 22 and 23, according to E. O. Moore of Dexter, president of the association.

The most outstanding of the state's 60 soil conservation districts will receive a \$500 cash award. The outstanding farmer and rancher will be awarded \$100 each. Plaques will be awarded to the outstanding non-farmer conservationist, and to the daily and weekly newspapers that issued the best soil conservation editions during the year.

The contest has been sponsored by the district association, the Albuquerque Tribune, and a group of Albuquerque business firms.

Registration for the convention will start at the Eklund Hotel in Clayton at 8 a. m., Friday, Jan. 22 and will be followed by a general meeting at 10 a. m. The six association zone representatives then will report. They are Newton H. Knight, Farmington; M. G. Martinez, Parkview; W. A. Gage, Pinon; Jack Copeland, Nara Visa; W. E. Overton, Yeso and David E. Clowe, Artesia.

John W. Russell of Portales, chairman of the educational committee, will preside at a meeting at 11 a. m. Talks will be made by Miss Ellen Harnett of Santa Fe, state director of teacher education; L. C. Danton of State College, state supervisor of agricultural education and Pablo Roybal of Santa Fe, supervisor of the Pojoaque Soil Conservation district.

Following a luncheon at Clayton Air Park, a conservation speakers' contest will be held to determine the entry in a national contest.

The Friday afternoon session will start at 1:30 p. m., with a talk by W. A. Williams, Jr., of Santa Fe, area vice chairman of the national association on "Who Can Help in Developing a Coordinated District Program?" Al W. Woodburn of Roswell, Chaves County agent, will talk on "A New Look at the Coordination of Extension and Soil Conservation Service in Districts." Harold B. Elmendorf of Albuquerque, SCS water conservationist, will explain "The Upper Watershed Program."

Lee G. Barte of Albuquerque will preside over an operators' panel at 3 p. m. Discussion leaders will be W. E. Overton of Yeso, David E. Clowe of Artesia and John F. Young of Cuba.

W. P. Cater of Cerro will talk on "Re seeding of Grass." John F. Sellman of Watrous will speak on "Irrigated Pastures," and E. O. Moore Jr. of Carlsbad, will talk on "Range Grass Management." F. H. Chilcote of Clayton will explain the New Mexico bankers award program. R. A. Young, SCS state conservationist, will explain the reorganization of the SCS.

A dinner will be given at Clayton Air Park at 7 p. m., with the North-

eastern, Mesa, Eastern Colfax and Ute Creek Soil Conservation districts as hosts. The Woodmen of the World will present an award to an outstanding conservationist, and Dan Burrows, editor of the Albuquerque Tribune, then will make the state conservation contest awards. The Friday program will conclude with a dance.

Committee breakfasts will be held at 7 a. m., Saturday, followed by a business session at 10 a. m., at which new officers will be elected. A noon luncheon will conclude the session.

Jack Copeland, host zone representative to the convention, reports that representatives from the 60 New Mexico districts are expected to attend, and has issued an invitation to all district supervisors and friends of soil conservation.



The Insect Hordes

Fifteen years ago hordes of grasshoppers invaded the growing fields, the countryside and the communities of an area of Southern California. Crops were a total loss, trees were denuded, shrubbery killed. The hoppers crawled en masse across the land, billions of them moving like a stream of lava, consuming everything in their path. The people of the area were mobilized. They fought the destructive insects with burning oil, garden tools and brooms. It was a modern-day version of the locust plagues and the terrifying marches of the ants out of the pages of history.

But in the span of 15 years science and American industry have almost caught up with the insect scourge. Today such a grasshopper invasion could be obliterated by newly developed insecticides sprayed from low-flying airplanes. In fact, insecticides and techniques for using them have begun to raise farm production—both field crops and livestock—by an astonishing amount. The available new chemicals and those in the process of development, however, still have a big job to do in the control of insects.

Winning Battle

Probably few people realize the extent of man's battle against the insect hordes. Man could still lose the battle, although in the past decade, thanks to America's chemical industries, he has definitely gained the upper hand. The insects have been on earth from the beginning. They outnumber man overwhelmingly, they outweigh all the animal life on the globe, and not a single species ever has been eradicated.

There are 2,000 insect species and 2600 different ticks and mites at work in the U.S.A., multiplying, destroying vegetation and livestock, killing human beings, and generally making a costly nuisance of themselves. In 1952 they destroyed \$4 billion worth of crops in the U.S.

Their capabilities are almost beyond belief. Du Pont entomologists calculate that the accumulated production springing from a single pair of flies could, in a few months if nothing interfered, cover the earth with a blanket of flies three feet thick!

Key to Plenty

Food to nourish the world's growing population is a tremendous world problem. Scientists working in America's great chemical plants believe that chemistry—and chemistry alone—holds the key to plenty for all mankind. In recent years they have produced evidence to bolster their beliefs—fertilizers made from inexhaustible chemical elements, insecticides which further boost farm productivity, and processes and techniques for preserving food stuff which only a few years ago was a perishable value.

The boll weevil has destroyed as much as \$1 billion worth of cotton and nutritious cotton seed oil a year in America alone. The Hessian fly, chinch bug and other pests preying on America's wheat crop have been destroying millions of bushels of wheat annually. Corn earworms, borers and other insects have cut drastically into the productivity of the midwestern corn belt. Production of alfalfa, potatoes, fruits, vegetables, grains of all kinds, and livestock, has been crippled by the insect pests. We have the figures for America. For the whole world, the insect inroads on food production are staggering.

Great Vision

Regardless of farm policy, of politics, of so-called land reform in the backward areas of the world, the productivity of an acre of land—in America, in China, India, Africa, Europe or the Middle East—is of great importance. Whatever makes it possible to double the production on each of the two-and-a-half billion acres now growing the world's food is a greater boon to human progress than all the governmental economic blueprints ever drafted.

American industry, because it is free, competitive and dynamic, thus becomes a great world social force as it brings forth from its experimental laboratories the mechanical tools, the chemical fertilizers, and insecticides which promise to double and perhaps triple the productivity of farm acreage 'round the world. Why can't the world's political leaders all catch the vision which shines from such progress? It is the vision of a free world and a world of plenty. And any nation can achieve it which will place its faith in God, its political destiny in a government of citizen-made law and its economic welfare in a system of private enterprise.

"ARE WE LOSING A CONTINENT?" . . . What's behind the Russian "whaling" expeditions to the Antarctic? Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd, warns that America has been caught napping and is in danger of forfeiting its hard-won right to the strategic Antarctic. Read it in The American Weekly, that great magazine distributed with next Sunday's Los Angeles Examiner.

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The Way Things Look to Me

(By the Editor)

Tuesday morning just when the editor was cleaning up the last of hot cakes and honey, the clouds started to gather and just within a short space of time, flakes of snow started to float thru the air. By 10 a. m. there was at least two inches of snow scattered from here to there.

It sure looks as if 1954 is going to be the year when the dry spell will be broken. No water has come down the river yet, we want the dam to be cleaned out before the big raise comes.

Another man has filed for the office of sheriff. It won't be long before the ones who are not running will have to wear a badge, so we can tell one from the other.

We had a beautiful calendar from Doughbelly Price at Taos. If you do

not know he is the one who writes Sage and Cactus that appears in The Penasco Valley News every week. Besides writing articles for various newspapers, Mr. Price sells real estate.

This snow that is at present writing covering the ground in North Eddy county can be called a million dollar downfall. It will be worth that and more to the farmers and ranchers.

Don't forget that the annual march of dimes dance will be held Saturday night Jan. 23, at the high school gym at Hope. The money raised goes to a good purpose. Therefore be there with your dancing shoes on.

It won't be long now before drilling of the Hope well will commence. The persons who want water have signed an agreement and deposited their meter deposit of \$10. Next week we will have a complete list of those who will begin to use the water when it is available.

LOOK WHAT I HAVE!

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Lynn Harrison was in El Paso Tuesday taking his physical examination preparatory to joining the armed forces.

Mansel Milam from Jacksonville, Ore., is here visiting his brother A. J. Milam and his father and mother

who are making their home with A. J. Milam. Mansel seems well pleased with the Oregon country.

Reports from the west say that snow fell all the way to Alamogordo. The mail carrier had to use chains to be able to get through.



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