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## Penasco Soil Conservation News

By Clem Weindorf

Perhaps the activity that holds the most interest at this time in the community, is the drilling of the long awaited water well in the village of Hope. Most everyone is anxious to see this project develop into a substantial domestic water supply for the some 50 families in and around Hope. Right now (Jan. 27) the 16-inch bit is pounding at a level approximately 300 feet below the village level. Within another month, we ought to know the outcome.

The time of the year is again here when we can expect Mother Nature to unleash some of her energy on this area in the form of high winds. Since we have had a very limited supply of irrigation water this past year, she stands a good chance to raise—SOIL—in this community from the unprotected irrigated fields. Prolonged drought is one of the most important factors in creating conditions that result in soil blowing. But drought, in itself, does not necessarily cause wind erosion, it simply helps cause conditions that may lead to soil blowing on the land that is mismanaged. Soil that has adequate protection from the wind will not blow, regardless of how dry it gets.

Farmers can't, of course, do anything to stop the wind from blowing during our spring months, but they can do much to protect the soil from its force. For practical purposes farmers can take their farm tractors, with lister attachments, and list the fields cross wind, that have a loose top soil. This, along with proper stubble management on the fields that did have a crop on them this past season, will stop most of the soil blowing that we have experienced the past few springs. There is no comparison to the cost of listing as compared to the cost involved in getting a field in shape for irrigation after it has blown unlevel. This all brings to mind a statement I read the other day. "Our good earth can be maintained only so long as it is properly tended by all the men upon the land." Let's take care of our good land around Hope, for the day when we will again have sufficient water to irrigate it with.

The Penasco Soil Conservation district equipment has moved on the H. J. Powell ranch near Elk, where, under the operation of Dee Madron, it will be put to work leveling irrigated fields, in order to permit more even distribution of irrigation water.

This is a reminder to all land owners in the Penasco district that an election for district supervisors, all five positions, will be held on the first Tuesday of March. Most likely balloting places will be set up in Hope and in the Elk store. More details of the election will follow in the near future.

Feb. 1, 1954 is the deadline for securing brake and light stickers for your car. Too bad for some of these car owners who have failed to get stickers.

## Good Progress On Hope Well

The drillers of Hope water well are making good progress. The 16-inch bit has been changed to 16 and Wednesday morning, Jan. 27, they were down to a depth of better than 300 feet. Just before we go to press on Friday morning, we will send a messenger to the rig and find out exactly how deep they are and have it in the News for our readers. Some people in Hope are beginning to worry about that we might get oil instead of water. Now wouldn't that be just terrible?

Friday, Jan. 29 -- Hope well down 410 feet.



I started last night on a round of banquets that will last a week nearly. And if my little protruding belly stands the strain of four of them banquets I am going to run for governor of New Mexico. For all they have to do is attend banquets and guzzle in the surplus groceries.

This was a fancy one last night. You ordered what you wanted. The thing, she dashed up to me and asked what I would have. I said oh just bring me anything the other boys won't eat. She looked at me like a mule at a motherless colt. They had a table loaded with hthem salty plums cheese and shrimp that was all curled up like they had died with ch ecrams and they was harpooned with a toothpick.

I watched the woman in front of me and she soused one of them cramped up shrimp into a bowl of something red so did I\$ and it went down the hatch and di not come back so I guess it was all right. They would be easier to take in a capsule.

I am to be guest speaker at some thing in Albuquerque next Monday. I guess they will give me a whole brick building one brick at a time. But they asked for it. But I bet they never ask for it no more. Then I will come home and try to get better. I know I will never get well.

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## A Cattleman's Viewpoint

William G. Davisson, of Ardmore, Okla., is a cattleman. He also is one of Oklahoma's best known lawyers and represents a large association of cattlemen as well as many individual livestock producers. The Tulsa World which has printed a number of his articles on problems confronting livestock producers, notes that "he is highly respected for his judgment in the cattle industry." In a recent article, Judge Davisson pointed out some of the realities associated with high rigid government price supports for farm products.

"Most of the cattlemen of my acquaintance do not want either subsidies or supports," he said, "and they believe that their misfortunes are largely due to the price supports that already exist under grain, protein feeds and other products which cattle producers must buy. Ordinarily, the chief competition which the packing companies must meet in buying livestock is furnished by the stocker and feeder buyers throughout the country, but chiefly in the grain belt of the nation. The price supports under grain have made it more profitable for these feeders to sell their grain to the government or to other buyers at support prices than to feed it into cattle and they have largely dropped out of the market and removed the competition which the packer-buyers would otherwise have had."

## Millions Lost

"Especially has this been true as to the types of cattle which should have gone back to the country for feeding. Thus, price supports under grain have caused losses of many millions of dollars to the livestock producer not only by forcing him to pay higher prices for his feed, but by destroying the market for his stocker and feeder cattle."

On another aspect of the subsidy idea, Judge Davisson wrote: "Probably the most weighty reason so many producers do not believe in subsidies or price supports is that the courts of the United States have held that what the government supports, it has a right to control, and they regard this whole system of price controls as socialistic and inimical to the best interests of the livestock producers and of the country as a whole."

## Control Follows

"Whenever producers accept governmental handouts, either in the form of subsidies or price supports, they must be prepared to take governmental regulations and controls along with them. If this were not so—if the government simply guaranteed them a profit on all of the livestock they could raise—then half the people of the nation would go into the production of livestock and shortly the taxpayers would be footing the

immense potato subsidy loss sink into insignificance.

"Once price supports shall be established, then the only way this loss can be prevented will be through governmental control of production and marketing and when this happens, we will be driving headlong toward national socialism and the destruction of our free enterprise system and that we are not prepared to accept."

## Facts to Remember

"While in my judgment the producers of livestock do not want subsidies and defest controls," Judge Davisson observed, "they may be forced to accept both as the alternative to going broke, unless processing, distribution and feed costs are reduced in proportion to the drop in the prices of livestock. If this is done, the consuming public will soon take care of any livestock surplus which may exist, and the law of supply and demand will have a chance to operate and neither subsidies nor supports will be needed to enable the livestock producer to stay in business."

During the 170 years of our existence as a nation, the economic law of supply and demand, operating in the competitive market, has proved to be the progressive, dynamic force in our unmatched material progress. If we now discard this successful principle, for a government controlled economy, which never has proved successful, we will be turning back the clock to the age of man's enslavement. Every citizen should clearly understand this fact.

## Newlyweds Are Honored

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Harrison were honored with a miscellaneous shower Saturday afternoon in the music room at the school. The bride's table was laid with green, centered by a miniature bride surrounded by pink snapdragons and fern. Miss Wilma Seely presided at the bride's book, signed for 43 guests while Miss Alta Ruth Young provided a soft background of music. The many lovely and useful gifts were opened by the honoree who was assisted by her mother and sister, Mrs. Lincoln Cox and Miss Ruth Ann. Refreshments of cake and coffee were served by the hostesses, Mrs. John Bush and Mrs. Anderson Young.

Glenn Harrison was honored on his 21st birthday Sunday with a dinner at the Lincoln Cox home. Guests were Mrs. Tom Harrison, Stephen James, Mr. and Mrs. George Teel and children, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Harwell and children, Mr. and Mrs. Anderson Young and Alta Ruth, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Harrison, and Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln Cox and children.

Mr. Griffin, FHA engineer, was in Hope Wednesday and Thursday locating the meters. He felt sure that barring unforeseen accidents, we would have our water system completed and water ready to use by April 1, and that is no April Fool joke, either!



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## Newlyweds Honeymoon in Silver City

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Harrison spent last week in Silver City following their wedding in the home of the bride's parents Monday, Jan. 18.

The bride is the former Eula Marie Cox, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln Cox of Hope. The bridegroom is the son of Mrs. Jessie Harrison and the late Tom Harrison of Hope.

The fireplace in the Cox home was transformed into an altar of greenery and yellow and pink snapdragons, with a seven-point candelabra on each side with white candles.

Rev. Robert Waller of the Church of Christ in Artesia performed the double ring ceremony before a small group of relatives and close friends.

Alta Ruth Young sang, "I Love You Truly" and other traditional wedding music preceding the ceremony. She was accompanied at the piano by her mother, Mrs. Anderson Young. Miss Young was dressed in pink net over satin. She is a close friend of the bride and groom. Little Shirley Cox lighted the candles preceding her sister's wedding.

The bride was attired in floor-length white net over satin. Her finger tip veil of illusion was fitted to a rhinestone headdress. She carried a nosegay of white carnations and yellow rosebuds with a tint of blue which held rice for luck.

Traditional items were —something old, her lingerie, something new her dress, the bridegroom's gift of a necklace and ear screws, something borrowed a diamond bracelet belonging to Mrs. Charlie

Shull, aunt of the bride, and her blue garter.

Ruth Ann Cox, sister of the bride, was maid of honor and was attired in blue net over satin adorned with sparkling silver.

Melvin Boyd attended the groom as his best man.

The reception which followed the wedding was in the dining room of the Cox home. The couple cut the four-tiered wedding cake. Mrs. Austin Reeves, grandmother of the bride, attended the punch bowl. Mrs. Lottie Mae James, sister of the groom, presided at the guest book. Others assisting with the courtesies were Mrs. John Bush, Mrs. Howard Hendricks, Mrs. Sy Hogsett and Mrs. Lonnie Reeves.

When the couple left for the wedding trip, the bride was wearing an ice blue wool suit with white accessories.

The bride, a graduate of the Hope high school in 1953, will continue her studies at New Mexico Western college in Silver City.

The groom also a graduate of the Hope high school in 1952, attended college for a year in Carlsbad, while he also held a position at the Carlsbad post office.

The groom will leave for Tacoma, Washington, January 26 where he awaits orders for overseas duty having graduated from basic training in Camp Chaffe, Arkansas January 15. The couple expect to make their home in Carlsbad as soon as Mr. Harrison is out of service. He will be employed at the Carlsbad post office.

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The Hope Extension club met with Mrs. Cauhape Jan. 20. Those present were Mmes. Charley Barley, Bob Barley, Fay Weddige, George Cassabone, Ida Prude, Nelson Jones, Miss Margie Howell and we had one new member Mrs. Burnam. Miss Howell showed us a slide on the election of officers. We thought of changing the date of our meeting but decided to leave it as it is for a while. Our next meeting will be with Mrs. Ida Prude

Feb. 17. Our work will be hat making. Come and be with us. Mrs. Nelson Jones, reporter.

### Today's Meditation

It came to pass on one of those days, that he was teaching . . . and behold, men bring on a bed a man that was palsied . . . And they went up to the housetop, and let him down through the tiles with his couch into the midst before Jesus. Luke 5:17-18. A.S.V. Read Luke 5:17-20.

In the midst of His teaching to a multitude of Pharisees and learned men, Jesus suffered an interruption. Some removed a roof section to bring their palsied friend into the presence of Jesus. This interruption, in view of its results, brought forth the multitude, some of whom had opportunities of convincing worth to probably come to dispute the claims and teaching of Jesus.

Well situated in a thriving business, a dear friend suddenly sold out and located in another state. There he engaged in a new business venture in which he was not successful. Some

years later, after his death, I spoke with his widow concerning the former business interruption. "Financially," said she, "it was a bad move; but spiritually we gained, for he became a Christian soon afterward."

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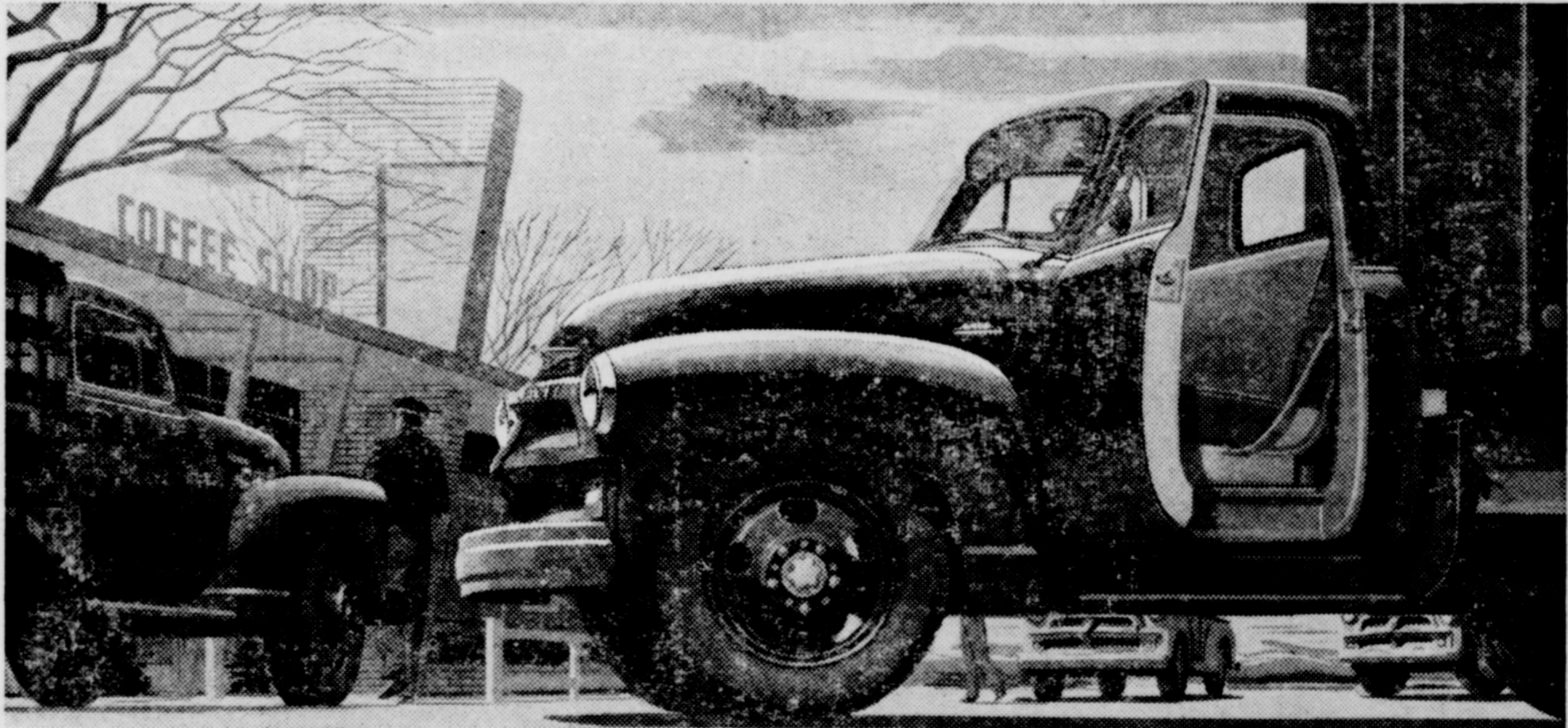
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