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Hope Well Going Down to Water

Steady progress is reported. 600 foot depth reached on noon Wednesday. The 14 inch casing was run, the first 50 feet being perforated. A test will now be made. At a depth of about 580 feet the drill broke through a lime formation and quite a bit of water was encountered. The contract calls for a 350 or 400 gallons per minute. If the test does not show this, the well will be drilled deeper, possibly 700 feet.

Friday A. M. — Casing set at 560. 90 feet of water in the hole. A test to be made today, Friday, or Saturday.

Carl Hawkins Is Candidate For Sheriff

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hawkins of Carlsbad were visitors in Hope Tuesday calling on friends.

Mr. Hawkins is a candidate for sheriff in the Democratic primary May 4, 1954. He came to Eddy county in 1925, living first in Artesia, then moving to Carlsbad where he was employed by the West Funeral Home.

He became a deputy under Dwight Lee and has been a deputy under Bill High since High was first elected. Mr. Hawkins said "If I am elected sheriff I will appoint an Artesia man as chief deputy and he will live in Artesia."

Mr. Hawkins also said that if elected he will do his best to get an office stationed at Hope.

Mr. Hawkins is 41 years old, married and has two children, one girl 11 and one boy 6. He is a member of the Masonic lodge and a Shriner.

Central Valley Electric Meeting

The annual meeting of the members of the Central Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc. will be held Feb. 13, 1954, at the high school auditorium in Artesia. Lunch will be served free to all members and their families at the high school cafeteria at 12 noon. The business meeting will start at 1:30 p. m.

The purpose of this meeting is to decide: Election of trustees for the Cottonwood, Hagerman and Hope areas and to take care of all other business which should come before the membership.

Nominations of trustees which have been made by the nominating committee and will be voted on at the meeting are as follows:

Area No. 3 Cotton, J. L. Taylor.

Area No. 5 Hagerman, A. W. Langenegger

Area No 7 Hope, George O. Teef.

Any other nominations for trustees may be made from the floor at the meeting.

A program has been planned for

this meeting which will be interesting and entertaining. Also, there will be several door prizes to be given away this year, some of these prizes being a television set, electric blankets, irons, clocks and other small appliances. You must be registered, present at the business meeting and an active member to be eligible for these prizes.

Fred Cole Candidate For Legislature

Fred Cole of Artesia, longtime resident and active civic leader, Monday announced he is a candidate for the New Mexico House of Representatives.

Cole, it was learned Monday, has the backing of the entire Eddy county Democratic organization.

He will seek the seat being vacated by Frank Alford of Carlsbad, who will not seek re-election.

Cole told the Artesia Advocate Monday "I am yielding to the wishes of my many friends throughout Eddy county in announcing my candidacy."

He added: "I will make no deals. I am asking support strictly on the voters' confidence in my judgment and integrity."

Cole is the candidate agreed on by the Eddy county Democratic organization under a promise to give Artesia representation in the state legislature.

His running mate will be Virgil O. McCollum of Carlsbad.

If elected, Cole would be Artesia's first representative in the state legislature since Nevin Baird, who held office from 1943 to 1945.

Cole's announcement ended weeks of speculation that Carlsbad and Artesia will bury the hatchet to unite behind a candidate from Artesia and use the strong Democratic organization to help elect him.

Cole graduated from Artesia high school in 1916, and from Hardin-Simmons university in 1920. He joined the Citizens State bank in 1923, and was its assistant cashier when it consolidated with the First National bank in 1931.

Five years ago he became vice president of the First National bank.

Cole has an outstanding record of participation in public affairs.

He was a member of the state executive board of the New Mexico Bankers association for four years, has been an Eddy county jury commissioner six years, school budget auditor for four years and has a total of 14 years experience as a member of the Artesia school board.—The Artesia Advocate.

"THE NIGHT 30,000 PEOPLE DROWNED"—Here, for the first time, is the inside story of how Russian submarines claimed the lives of 30,000 helpless refugees fleeing their Communist "liberators" nine years ago. Told by C. S. Forester, it's a shocking, factual account of the world's worst disaster at sea. Read it in The American Weekly, that great magazine distributed with next Sunday's Los Angeles Examiner.



Got home last night from a round of banquets (two in one day) broke, tired and constipated. If my little belly stands the strain of all them banquets I am going to run for governor. They fed us chicken at two of them feeds. You may not know it but they never kill a rooster in New Mexico until he loses his first race with a hen.

I was the bloke peiler (guest speaker) at the one in Albuquerque. The crowd seemed to be made of lawyers and real estate racketeers and looked to be as good a gang of hustlers as ever put power in a safe. I loomed up among them dressed up birds like a red vest on a fat man, but with my broad shoulders big hands Clark Gable profile and protruding belly I got along fine. Ah, was sober and there was not a dish chunked my way. Must have been good people.

And the lawyer that introduced me as could be expected he handle the truth with gloves on afraid he might leave finger prints said very little as he introduced me. He had very little to talk about.

I went from there to Station KOB and was showed through that place. That is some joint! That is the place we hear all the squealing sopranos and Johnny Grave about rainbow bread and Barkers Jeeps. The jeep part is all right (I am wearing out my second one now) but that rainbow bread. He ort to have a good old sourdough biscuit after the sour dough begins to turn green. Then he would know what bread is, provided they don't squat to rise and cook while they are squatte.

It was a nice trip and I met some very nice people. At least they was nice to me. It might have been sympathy but I didnt know the difference. So what?



Bricker Amendment Needed

A year ago in the United States Senate our nation ratified an international treaty although only two senators were present, Sparkman of Alabama and Thye of Minnesota. And the document thus ratified became the supreme law of the land, overriding in power the Constitution of the United States. This is a striking example of the danger from "treaty law" which the so-called Bricker Amendment seeks to remove.

The treaty which Senators Spark-

man and Thye ratified for their 160,000,000 fellow American citizens had to do with purely international relations. However, treaties now being drafted by various United Nations organizations could, if ratified in like manner, change the whole pattern of our way of life—without the people of American having been given the opportunity to vote upon the changes.

The Facts

Here are the pertinent facts regarding "treaty law." The Constitution now provides that a treaty is ratified when approved by two-thirds of the Senate present and voting. Thus any number of senators, from two to 96, can ratify a treaty. The Constitution provides that: "... all treaties ... shall be the supreme law of the land ... anything in the Constitution or laws of any state to the contrary notwithstanding."

On April 12, 1952, John Foster Dulles said, in an address to the American Bar association's regional meeting at Louisville: "Treaties make international law and also they make domestic law. Under our Constitution treaties become the supreme law of the land. They are indeed more supreme than ordinary laws, for congressional laws are invalid if they do not conform to the Constitution, whereas treaty laws can override the Constitution. Treaties, for example, can take powers away from the Congress and give them to the President, they can take powers from the state and give them to the federal government or to some international body and they can cut across the rights given the people by the constitutional Bill of Rights."

Judiciary Committee Approval

With this fact in mind the proposed Bricker Amendment was drafted. In its drafting Senator Bricker (Republican of Ohio) had the assistance of outstanding leaders of the American Bar association. The legislation was submitted to the Senate Judiciary committee last year. Lengthy hearings were held. The Judiciary committee then recommended that the proposed amendment be passed by Congress.

If adopted in Congress and thereafter ratified by the legislatures of 36 states, the amendment would provide that "no provision of a treaty which conflicts with the Constitution shall be of any force or effect;" that "no treaty shall be effective as internal law unless implemented by legislation which would be valid apart from the treaty;" and that "Congress shall have power to regulate executive agreements and that such agreements shall be subject to the same limitations as treaties."

Nation-Wide Approval

This proposed amendment now has the backing of the American Legion, VFW, American Bar association, Kiwanis International, U. S. Chamber of Commerce, National Grange, American Farm Bureau Federation, American Federation of Women's clubs, American Medical association, American Association of Small Business, National Labor-Management council on Foreign Trade Policy and more

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than 50 other national organizations.

In the world today a majority of the nations have Communist or Socialist governments, and their representatives on UN commissions are likely to be Communists or Socialists. We are overwhelmingly outvoted. These people write and propose "treaties" which contain new laws and which could drastically alter our way of life and which, under present conditions could be made the supreme law of our land upon the action of only a few senators. More than 200 "treaties" are being drafted by UN commissions and other international bodies. The Bricker amendment is needed as a safeguard against any provisions of these "treaties" or executive "agreements" which may conflict with our Constitution.

Penasco Soil Conservation News

(By Clem Weindorf)

The supervisors of the Penasco Soil Conservation District met at the Hope S. C. S. office this last Thursday night. At the meeting final details for the coming supervisor election on March 2nd were worked out in accordance with the S. C. D. laws of the State. Ballot boxes will be placed in the Altman store in Hope and the Elk store for the western area of the district.

The right to vote, which many of us are prone to take for granted, and many times do not exercise, is one of the most precious freedoms we enjoy in this United States of ours. Much blood has been spilled on the face of this earth where men have fought for this privilege. The landowners of this district are urged to exercise this privilege in the coming supervisor election, which the last state legislature set for the 2nd of March.

The names of the candidates that will appear on the ballots, as taken from the nominating petitions circulated throughout the district during the past weeks are: D. W. Carson, Bill Madron; Bryant Williams, Robert Barley; George Casabonne, George Rex Seeley; J. B. Runyan, H. J. Powell; Oris Cleve, and Frank D. Crockett. Five of the above men are to be voted into office of District Supervisor by you landowners.

Have you noticed how everyone in Hope is wearing a bigger smile these last few days? Perhaps it would be that the drilling rig over the water well in Hope has hit water. Just to make sure that enough of this wet stuff is down there, the drillers are going down to the 600 foot level. The thing that has one of our leading citizens worried, is that a showing of oil has also been encountered. He seems to be worried over the fact that his milk cow may have to drink this oily solution and produce a rather freakish product.

Herald of Truth
Sunday 1:30-2:00 P. M.
KPBM — 740 K.C.
Sermon: "What the Bible Can Do for You"

C. M. Livingston is building a new service station east of Hope on the new highway.

News and Views From Washington

(By John J. Dempsey)

Washington, Feb. 4 — The second session of the 83rd Congress, now nearing the end of its first month, has before it the heaviest work load of any Congress since the early days of World War II. Only one piece of legislation which can be classed in the major category has been enacted. That is the new cotton acreage allotment bill which will make New Mexico share 218,942 acres as compared to 167,243 under the previous law, an increase of more than 51,000 acres.

Despite this seeming lag in passing legislation there is almost feverish activity by the committees in both House and Senate. They are trying to whip into shape the extensive and important program laid before the Congress by President Eisenhower, as well as to bring up for consideration the heavy leftover program from the first session, which did not accomplish much outside of the essential appropriations bills.

How much this session may be able to accomplish is a moot question. The majority forces have a slender margin of only four seats in the House and none in the Senate. They are plagued also by a definite cleavage in the majority over many important items in the administration's program. Hope for accomplishment lies in the fact that present indications are that the minority will continue to pursue the same nonpartisan course that it did in the first session. Most of the minority members have evaluated the administration's proposals on the basis of merit and support has been given from the standpoint of the public interest. That is definitely the position I have taken and shall continue to take.

But the majority leadership has already announced early July as the target date for adjournment and it will require continuous top speed and efficient action to enact even a sizeable part of the program the Congress has before it by the time that the 1954 election campaign is upon us.

THE BUDGET AND FOREIGN AID

The Budget and Foreign Aid

The administration budget totalling \$65.6 billion cuts back expenditures on many items but there is still a total of foreign aid funds requested in the amount of nearly 6 billions, of which 4.275 billions is sought for the "mutual military program." Despite the dropping of the name "foreign economic aid" at least 2 billions of this money is asked in disregard of the mandate by the Congress that such aid be terminated next June 30. In addition there are holdover funds that amount to about 7 billions.

Scrutiny of the budget reveals that heavy cuts have been made again in such important domestic programs as reclamation, soil conservation, rural electrification, flood control and others that are so essential to the development and conservation of our resources. Drastic cuts in those items cannot do other than cripple

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our own economy at a time when the President advises the Congress that there is a "minor readjustment" under way. Many economists agree that it is a recessionary trend. How serious it may become they do not predict. It would seem, however, that now is the time to block it with a reasonable domestic program rather than waiting for it to reach serious proportions. That would not require a budget increase, merely a more proper distribution of funds—more at home, less abroad.

San Juan—Chama Diversion

Hearings on the Colorado River development legislation which contained an item providing authorization for survey and planning by the Bureau of Reclamation of the San Juan-Chama Diversion project have been completed by the Reclamation Subcommittee of the House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee. A report on the bill will be made in about a week it is expected.

Opposition to the San Juan-Chama Diversion plan developed when Texas objected because, the opponents said, it was feared the authorization would permit New Mexico to build additional dams which could be used to impound water that belonged to Texas under the Rio Grande Compact.

In appearing before the committee in support of the legislation I pointed out that merely a survey and preliminary planning were authorized and that provision was made for acceptance of the plans by the states affected and by the Congress before the work could be done.

It was my contention that New Mexico had always sought to be fair in its dealings with the neighbor states on water matters and that I believed it would continue to be so. If I did not believe that, I told the committee, I would not be willing to appear in behalf of the legislation.

I also cited the fact that New Mexico now can utilize only a very small part of the San Juan river water allocated to the state under the Upper Colorado River Compact, and that about 750,000 acre feet of the state's share of that water is now flowing down the river unused for New Mexico's benefit. Until the diversion plan, coupled with the irrigation projects in the San Juan area, is authorized that water will continue to be irretrievably lost to New Mexico. I feel that the committee is inclined to give the San Juan-Chama Diversion proposal favorable consideration, which will be the first step toward its eventual accomplishment. In the meantime I hope Texas and New Mexico will get together and reach an accord.

Hope Water Users Sign Agreement

Fifty one of Hope property owners have signed an agreement to use water from the Hope well when it is completed. The list has been sent to FHA headquarters and anyone wanting water when the well is completed, will have to pay a \$25 membership fee. When water is available from

the Hope well, there will be no water hauling from the school well. It will be a long haul from the Pecos river for those who have failed to join and made their meter deposit.

Today's Meditation

Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who worketh in you both to will and to work, for his good pleasure. (Philippians 2:12, 13. A.S.V.) Read Acts 26:13-20.

Expert in his art, and provided with all that was necessary to paint a picture which had been requested of him, an artist time after time began his work. Each time he would erase the lines he had drawn, for he was never satisfied with what he had done. Finally, he became kindled by the fire of inspiration. Then he was able to create a masterpiece which made him famous.

We are like the painter. We are rich in knowledge and have abundant means for working out our salvation. However, without the baptism of the Holy Spirit, who comes from on high, our attempts will be in vain. If we seek communion with the Lord in our homes and in the church, we receive from Him constantly that purifying and sanctifying fire which will make our lives useful to the church here and now and immortal masterpieces in the life hereafter.

PRAYER

Our Father, we pray Thee to grant us Thy aid in order that we may experience the joy of Thy salvation this day. Pardon our rebellious wills. Be with us step by step, in order that our lives may not be misspent but consecrated to Thy glory, now and forever, through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Christ's presence in our hearts makes us useful members in the Church.

Hope Dam Is Busy Place

A News reporter went out to the Hope dam Tuesday afternoon and found that the company in charge has moved a lot of dirt the past month. Just how much we don't know but we do know that if they are through my April 1 they will be doing good. The floods of 1941 sure brought down an immense amount of dirt. The dirt is piled so high now on each side that the "cats" and bulldozers look like grasshoppers. Just so that the dam is ready for the first big flood is all we are wanting.

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, before we become too engrossed in business or in pleasure, by worries or by anxieties, interrupt us, we pray. Help us to become aware of our need of Thee. This we pray in Thy Son's blessed name. Amen.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Every interruption poses an opportunity for spiritual gain.