

THE MESSENGER

IT'S GOOD
TO BE AN AMERICAN
THIS JULY 4

HAGERMAN, CHAVES COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, THURSDAY, JUNE 29, 1939.

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HAGERMAN WALFA AND COTTON THE BEST OF BOTH

SOME THIRTY-NINE

Old Well Only Producer in County This Week

Is Shown at Hope as
Gates Location is
Spudded in

The producer was brought
to the surface in the Eddy Coun-
ty well, the Arnold No. 1 well
located in NW NW sec-
tion 10-18-29, although indications
of producing wells was
well, completed at a total
depth of 3,360 feet, gauged at the
thirty-five barrels of oil
per day.

Other completion in
county, Repollo, West No. 3
in NE NE section 3-17-31,
plugged to abandon, the
well full of water at a total
depth of 483 feet.

During the same period, seven
wells were made in Lea
county while five locations each
in Eddy and Lea Coun-

County locations: Red
No. 1, NE NE 20-17-28;
Gibburn, Graham 1, NE
20-31; Franklin, Ballard
No. 1, SE 1-18-29; Franklin,
No. 2, NE NE 1-18-29; Car-
rington 4, SW SE 25-16-31.
Similar interest was shown
in the Walter Coates
well at Hope, when Ed-
ward McAllister, Coates No. 1
in NE NE section 3-18-23 was

spudded and ranchers,
from a number from Artesia
county, were present at
the well to be the opening
of the field at Hope. An im-
portant development and the
well made a gala occasion.
There is planned for

the future.
Among wildcats and
wells of general interest in
county and the adjacent
area in Lea County:

4 Fair, Hudson 1, NE sec.
20-31.
Depth 50 barrels of oil and
water a day; testing.
Daniel, Massie 1, SW sec.
20-31.
Down for repairs at 894
feet.

Elliot, Elliott-Selby 1, SE
20-31.
Depth 2,450 feet.
Tallmadge, Hubbell 1-B,
4-18-25, 5 miles south-
west of Artesia.

Well casing at 722 feet.
Petroleum Co., Coppedge
No. 1, SW 5-18-30.
Well shut of water with
casing seal at 2,890 feet.
Oil Co., State 1, SW
10-17-29.

Well for tools at 2,705 feet.
Martin, Gates 1, SW sec.
10-18-29.
Depth 3,245 feet; 7-inch
cemented at 3,160 feet.

Well at 2,830 feet.
Production Co., Swearingen
No. 2, SE 14-18-31.
Well at 4,020 feet.
Drilling Co., Swearingen
No. 3, SE 14-18-31.
Well at 2,860 feet.
Royalties, Turner 3, NW
10-17-31.

Depth 3,806 feet; hole full
of water; shut down for orders.
Quillin and Carper Drilling
No. 1, NE sec. 12-19-31.
Depth 2,835 feet; hole full
of water; shut down for orders.
Wood & Sanders, Miller 1,
sec. 5-18-29.

Depth 2,620 feet; shot with
explosive; fishing for bit
and top of pay 2,520 feet.
Yates, Saunders 1, NE
12-18-29, in new sand
stone.
Depth 3,200 feet; cleaning
up after shooting.
Supply, Stroup and Yates,
No. 1, SW SW section 5-18-29.
Depth 2,360 feet; 7-inch
standing cemented at top
of hole.
Supply, Stroup and Yates,
No. 1-B, NW NW section
10-18-29.
Depth 1,690 feet.
Wood & Sanders, Langford
No. 1, SW section 9-18-29.
Depth 2,565 feet; plugged
at 2,495 feet; shot with 120
grains of nitro; preparing to

Hagerman Girl Scouts Win Coveted Honors For Summer Camp

Rosella Basinger won first place,
Jeanne Marie Michelet second
place and Roma Ellen Stroud and
Dorothy Sue Devenport first and
second alternate, respectively, as
troop representatives to Camp
Mary White.
These girls receive this honor
as the outstanding Scouts in the
troop and receive a cash award of
\$20 and \$15 to be applied on their
expense at Camp Mary White.
They will enter at noon July 2 and
be dismissed on July 15. They
learn much that is of great value
to the troop as a whole and are
especially fitted to give it to their
fellow scouts on their return.
Lila Lane and Loreta Davis were
our representatives at Camp Mary
White last year and set a high
standard for all the girls that may
follow them.

Tourist Travel Is Running Behind Figures for 1938

Bursey Gives Summary of First
Five Months of
Year
Tourist travel through New
Mexico for the first five months
of this year was slightly under
that for the comparable period of
1938, Joe Bursey, state tourist di-
rector, announced.
For the 1939 period, he said, an
average of 3,898 foreign-licensed
cars a day passed through the
state's registration stations, com-
pared with a daily average of 4,112
last year.
Despite the early slack, Bursey
expressed confidence that the figures
for 1939 as a whole would
show a substantial increase over
those of the preceding year.
"In 1938," he said, "the figures
for the first five months were a
great deal higher than they ever
had been before, but dropped
sharply later in the year. If this
year follows the average, rather
than the 1938 pattern, the full
year's total will be well up."
The first five months' 1939 count
showed that U. S. Highway 80 be-
tween Las Cruces and Lordsburg
still was by far the most heavily
traveled tourist route across the
state, although U. S. 66 between
Tucuman and Gallup was gain-
ing in popularity.
The 1939 period showed an av-
erage of 1,004 foreign-licensed
cars using U. S. 80 daily, as com-
pared with 1,235, the daily average
in 1938.
The figures for U. S. 66 showed
a daily average of 547 cars this
year as against 495 last year.

Rabbit Drive Sunday Resulted in Death of Hundreds of Pests

Sunday, June 25 was a sad day
for the jacks and bunnies in a strip
of territory between Hagerman
and Lake Arthur. It will probably
go down in rabbit tradition as
"The Slaughter of the Innocents."
But in the estimation of the farm-
ers who have green fields of cot-
ton and alfalfa, the rabbits are a
pest. In a land where the green
plant is to be had only by effort
and the application of water, the
toll the rabbit takes is easily
noticed and quickly resented. Rab-
bits have been unusually destruct-
ive on some farms this year so
a rabbit drive was planned for
Sunday morning and about 60 vol-
unteers made a rendezvous at
Brownie's place, south of Hager-
man, and a semicircular formation
advanced a mile and a half wide.
The advance was from the highway
east to the river. Sixty shotguns
of various sizes, makes and gauge
roared as the rabbits were routed
from their hiding places and very
few escaped the combined attack.
A few got safely through the line,
but 300 or 400 were left dead on
the field. No attempt was made
to count the ones killed.
The farms passed over in the
drive were: Keeth's, Rogers, Lane,
Cowan, Roberts and Essery.
N. S. West, who has a farm east
of the river, has been the greatest
sufferer from rabbit depredations.
The drive did not reach his place.

HEITMANS ANNOUNCE BIRTH OF SON JUNE 16

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Heitman,
Jr., of Coalinga, Calif., announce
the arrival of a baby boy in their
home on June 16. He is to be
named Robert Charles.
The Heitman household, both
Sr. and Jr., are rejoicing over this
addition to their family. The Mes-
senger joins in congratulations.

District Manager Of Gas Company Is Praised in Article

Oldham Is Subject of Story in
House Organ of
Utility

The current issue of the South-
ern Union News, house organ of
the Southern Union Gas Company,
of which the New Mexico Eastern
Gas Company here is an affiliate,
contains an interesting article on
H. N. Oldham, district manager of
the local company, with headquar-
ters in Carlsbad.
In the foreword the author says
that usually the articles have as
their subjects the long time em-
ployees, but that Oldham is not
only young in years, but compar-
atively young in his association
with the company.
"Here we have a man a few
months short of 32 years and yet
we find him at the helm of a thriving
and progressive district—all
accomplished in less than four and
one-half years," says the article.
"Because of his radiant personality
which overflows with enthusiasm
and ambition and his square-shoot-
ing qualities, he has broken
through that traditional limitation
of years and is classed among the
"tops" in our organization."

Oldham is a registered engineer
in New Mexico, who obtained his
degree from the University of
Arkansas in Fayetteville in 1930,
accompanied by the highest honors
in engineering the school bestows.
He was a member of the student
council, the university band, Who's
Who, Theta Tau and Tau Beta Pi,
president of the student chapter of
A. S. C. E. and editor of The
Arkansas Engineer.
His first position was with the
Oklahoma State Highway Depart-
ment, as rodman, from which he
advanced to chief of two field con-
struction parties. In 1935 he re-
signed to join the Southern Union
Gas Company, in the Dallas office.
From there he went to Santa Fe,
first as assistant district manager
and later as manager.
He is a member of the Elks
Club, Lions Club and the First
Baptist Church. Golf, fishing,
hunting and various other sports
are his hobbies. His wife and a
young son, Newland, Jr., four
years old, complete his family.

F. W. Sadler's Brother Dies at Abilene, Tex.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Sadler, Miss-
es Toby and Marie Sadler returned
last week from Abilene, Tex.,
where they had gone on Monday
night in response to the news of
the sudden death of Mr. Sadler's
brother, Luther A. Sadler. Death,
which was caused from a heart at-
tack, came at 3 o'clock Monday
morning.
Funeral services were held on
Tuesday from the First Baptist
Church of Abilene, and interment
made at Stamford, where Masonic
ceremonies were held at the grave.
Mr. Sadler, who was an older
brother of the Sadlers, had lived
in Abilene for thirty-five years.
For the past few years he had held
a position under a cousin, Jerry
Sadler, railroad commissioner of
Texas, and who was one of the
pallbearers. Surviving him is the
widow, three brothers and one sis-
ter.
On their drive Monday, Mr. and
Sadler encountered stormy weath-
er, driving 150 miles through a
severe storm. They told of the
Harley Sadler family becoming
caught in a dip where high water
ran through the car and were re-
scued by a highway truck.

New City Well Will Be Drilled Deeper

It was decided at the last city
council meeting to drill deeper on
the new city well, going on down
to 175 feet. There was ample
water at 135 feet, but the cost of
drilling deeper was so small, it was
deemed wise to go on to the great-
er depth. The water in the new
well was fine, but the deeper well
may get a still better supply.

Boy Scouts Water Camp at Dexter

Boy Scouts of this area are re-
minded that a 4-day water camp
will be held at Lake Van, near
Dexter, July 10-14. Also the
same at Carlsbad July 17-26. Any
troop with its leader may enter
the camp. Registration fee is 25
cents.
For the benefit of the uninitiat-
ed, a water camp is one where
the boys pay their own expenses
on eats and lodging, but their own
cooking, etc.
C. K. Eisler of Hobbs will be in
charge of these camps.

Cottonwood Crops Suffer from Hail, Other Fields Flood

Cotton Damaged on 300 Acres—
Water Two Feet Deep
Across Pecos

A severe storm last Thursday
afternoon flooded many acres on
the east side of the Pecos River
and north of the bridge, then
moved across the Pecos and up the
Cottonwood, where about 300 acres
of cotton was damaged.
The destruction of the hail was
not as bad as was first thought,
some of it coming out of it and
now appearing not badly damaged.
Cotton on the J. S. Taylor and V.
M. Crutchfield places was most
damaged.
Others understood to have suf-
fered losses included Ed Taylor,
I. P. Johnson, Bob O'Bannon, V. L.
Gates and Carl Manda.
On the east side of the Pecos
the water from a virtual cloud-
burst poured down from the fringe
of hills, flooding the whole district
to a depth of two feet, and as
much as three feet on the level in
places.
J. E. Muncy, whose place skirts
the hills, said it poured for an
hour and twenty minutes and that
water knee deep ran off of the
hills several hours. An outlet for
the water was found at Dog Can-
yon. So swift was the flood a
small patch of about twenty acres
of cotton belonging to Muncy was
destroyed, but he said the good
done by way of irrigation in the
region far offset the damage.
Dozens of jack rabbits and other
wildlife, including snakes, were
washed against fences, until de-
bris gave the water something
against which to push and fences
were laid down.
Muncy said at one place the
water broke over a hill from one
draw and flowed into another a
mile away. The flood raised the
Pecos to about half bankful.
Heavy rains in the Hope commu-
nity where cattlemen were wor-
ried because of lack of water for
stock, have replenished the supply
there.

Lovington Team Manager's Death Ends Ball Game

A game at Lovington Saturday
evening between an all-star team
picked from clubs of the Artesia
Softball League and an all-star
Lovington team ended abruptly in
the second inning, when Ralph Al-
exander, manager of the Lovington
team, died of a heart attack.
Alexander, coaching from the
sidelines, was stricken and died
before he could be removed from
the field. A Lovington physician,
who was a spectator at the game,
reached him as he expired.
During the first inning Alexan-
der took part in a dispute over the
legality of a play involving a
base runner between first and sec-
ond bases.
The game immediately was
called off when the Lovington
manager died, at which time Ar-
tesia was leading.
Six of the Artesia boys faced
the pitcher in the first inning and
got a double and two singles and
in the second inning, before the Lov-
ington manager's death, two of
four Artesia players at bat made
singles. Only four men were at
bat for Lovington.
Lovington is scheduled to play
a return game here July 8 in the
second of a four-game series. It
is believed the death of Alexander
will not change the plans made
last week for the series.

Curb Service Is Forbidden Under New Liquor Law

The attorney general's office
held that the state's new liquor
law, which goes into effect July
1, contemplated a "departure"
from a specifically forbidden so-
called "curb-service" sale of li-
quor.
The opinion, written by Fred
Federici, assistant attorney gen-
eral, did not, however, rule on the
question of whether the new law
actually permits liquor dealers to
serve drinks to customers sitting
in automobiles parked on the li-
censed premises.
The new statute does specifically
prohibit sale of liquor to consum-
ers in automobiles parked on pub-
lic streets, Federici held.
The question of law, he wrote S.
T. Jernigan, state liquor control
chief, lies in what constitutes an
"establishment," in which the sale
of liquor definitely is permitted.
Since the statute does not define
an "establishment," Federici sug-
gested that Jernigan might do so
himself in the rules he is empow-
ered to make for regulation of the
liquor business.

Highway Improvement ON NO. 31, EAST OF TOWN

The State Highway Department
is making temporary improvement
on the highway east of Hagerman,
No. 31. A WPA project has been
asked for to surface the whole
highway to Hobbs. If this is
granted, No. 31 will furnish the
shortest route from the Eastern
New Mexico oil fields to the north
end of the Pecos Valley and will
bring relief to several ranchers
who now have to go over into
Texas to buy supplies of feed, etc.
Hobbs and other towns would have
a direct line to Hagerman, Roswell
and the capital.
The temporary work is progress-
ing rapidly and if the project is
approved, the completion of the
road will not require much time.

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Cruces arrived last Friday night
and visited until Sunday with Mr.
and Mrs. J. E. Wimberly of Hager-
man, and in Roswell with Mr.
and Mrs. Floyd Childress and Eliz-
abeth Ann Childress; and Janis
Wimberly of Altus, Okla., who is
visiting for several weeks with the
Wimberly relatives. On Sunday,
Mrs. Wimberly accompanied her
small daughter, Cynthia, home.
Cynthia has been visiting in Hager-
man, Roswell and Altus for
about two weeks.

Spectacular Blaze Destroys Roswell Lumber Property

Fire started by lightning de-
stroyed the Mayes Lumber &
Grain Company yard and buildings,
in Roswell early Tuesday evening.
The loss was estimated at about
\$35,000, but is mostly covered by
insurance, Ridge Mayes, owner,
said.
The lightning struck about 8:45
o'clock near the center of the
buildings and the fire spread
quickly to the whole plant, which
was enveloped in flames when the
first fire truck arrived.
Explosion of a tank of distillate
and a barrel of tar, shooting flame
and sparks more than a thousand
feet into the air, added to the
blaze, and endangered the crowds
that were close to the burning
lumber company.
Firemen said that, had it not
been for the heavy rain that pre-
ceded the fire, it was probable that
other buildings in the neighbor-
hood would have caught.

Eddy and Chaves Four-H Clubbers Start Camp Today

Are at Weed — Other Groups in
State to Go Until
August 20
The opening today of the an-
nual 4-H Club encampment at the
Methodist Assembly Camp at
Weed in the Sacramento for mem-
bers and leaders from Eddy and
Chaves Counties marks the be-
ginning of continuous camps until
Aug. 20 somewhere in the state for
4-H boys and girls of twenty-three
counties. Members from San
Miguel and Mora Counties already
have enjoyed a three-day outing.
More than 2,000 New Mexico
4-H Club members and local lead-
ers are expected to attend county
and district 4-H Club encampments
within the next two months. These
camps are held to give every 4-H
Club member and leader an op-
portunity to participate in a re-
creational outing where subjects
will be discussed that are of in-
terest to every rural family.
The theme for all county and
district camps for 1939 is "Leader-
ship" and club members them-
selves are being given much of the
responsibility of the program and
organization. To follow the tradi-
tion of the Indian, the camps
will be organized on an Indian pu-
eblo basis, with club members
serving as pueblo governor, sagan-
more, scribe, medicine man and
councilor.
The chief purpose of the camps
is to give instruction that cannot
be received at home and to partic-
ipate in a well-rounded, wholesome
recreation program. Since all
camps are to be held at campsites
located in New Mexico's great
forest areas, emphasis is placed on
nature study and conservation—
conservation of the soil, forests
and wildlife. Specialists in the
various fields will attend the
camps to assist in giving instruc-
tion.
All forms of recreation will be
given and the rural people's vision
of recreation will be broadened by
this complete program. Handi-
craft, to include beadcrafter and
woodwork, will be stressed as hob-
bies. A short course in photogra-
phy will be offered. Dramatics,
music appreciation and participa-
tion, and active, musical and social
games will all be stressed in the
recreation program. Educational
movies and inspirational talks will
be furnished by extension workers.

Organization For Hagerman Fair Is Well Under Way

John D. Garner Again Heads the
Group; Other Committees
Announced
The Hagerman Community Fair
committee is moving now to pre-
pare for the fall festival which is
the high point in community ef-
fort on the part of Hagerman and
surrounding territory.
Organization of committees have
been completed and a survey of
the names shows few changes from
the list of last year. Gene Hob-
son replaces H. L. McKinstry as
chairman of Community Farm
Products. Mr. McKinstry asked
to be relieved because of pressing
business claims.
Everyone is urged to keep the
fair in mind and push the prepara-
tion of exhibits so that the best
possible display will be on hand
when the fair opens. While the
date is several weeks away, it is
time now to think of the exhibits
that are to be. Save the best of
farm products and nurse along the
finest specimens of vegetables and
staple crops.
The committees for the coming
fair are:
President: John D. Garner.
Executive board: Jim Michelet,
F. J. McCarthy, C. G. Mason, J. T.
West, W. A. Losey, R. W. Cump-
sten.
Finance committee: E. A. White,
chairman.
Community livestock: A. V. Ev-
ans, chairman; D. L. Newsum, Sam
McKinstry, assistants.
Community farm products: Gene
Hobson, chairman; Kermit South-
ard, Charles Michelet, Ernest Ut-
terback, Wilson West, assistants.
Community cooking: Mrs. W. E.
Utterback, chairman; Mrs. C. O.
Holloway, Mrs. M. D. Menoud, as-
sistants.
Community domestic arts: Mrs.
Sams McKinstry, chairman; Mes-
dames Richmond Hama, Lester
Hinrichsen, John Clark, A. L. Nail,
Herbert Lang and Miss Sara Beth
West, assistants.
Flower committee: Mrs. J. T.
West, chairman; Mrs. R. W. Cump-
sten, Mrs. Charles Michelet, assist-
ants.
School division of home econom-
ics: Miss Peggy Harrison, director.
School division of farm products,
manual training, etc.: Albert
Woodburn, director.
Entertainment: Brennon Witt.
Merchants' booths: Bob Burns.
Additional committees to be
named later.

Mr. F. D. Mitchell Sends Book of Poetry To Woman's Club

Mrs. F. D. Mitchell, now of Los
Angeles, has sent a book of poetry
to the Hagerman Woman's Club,
entitled "Homespun," an anthology
of poetry, by the General Federa-
tion of Women's Clubs. This
book is made up of poems written
by Women's Club members, most
of them prize winners in various
contests. The foreword says:
"Homespun is heartsun, for in it
are overtones in the lives of wom-
en who have drawn from life it-
self the patterns which they have
woven on the loom of poetry."
Mrs. Mitchell will be remem-
bered as the one most responsible
for the formation and success of
the Hagerman Woman's Club. In
this book is a sonnet by Mrs.
Mitchell, "The Happy Pilgrim," on
which she won a prize in some
New Mexico contest. It is well
worth reprinting. It was written
in Hagerman.

The Happy Pilgrim

I still salute you, Life, send what
you may
Of sorrow's sheaf, the rough hour
and the dark.
For I do cherish yet a potent spark
Of Youth's spent beacon, flaming
yesterdays,
Brightness of little casual joys
astray,
Fresh violets, enchanting rain—
that lack
At Heaven's gate—and memories
that mark
With morning gleams the mile-
stones of my way.
Nothing can daunt the spirit given
to Mirth,
No crashing tower of dreams, no
cause forlorn,
Nor imminent "Halt" where the dim
outposts are
Edging the last grim barriers of
Earth.
Send Storm! Send night! Joy's
henchman, bred and born,
Needs but the tiniest rift to see a
star.
—Lula W. Mitchell.

STATE CLUB ENROLLMENT REACHES ALL-TIME HIGH

New Mexico 4-H Club en-
rollments have risen to a new peak
in numbers enrolled and projects
carried in 1939. This year, accord-
ing to reports of county extension
agents, there are both agricultural
and home economics clubs orga-
nized in practically every rural
community in the state.
There are 7,503 club members
carrying 8,215 projects, as com-
pared to 7,095 club members car-
rying 8,152 projects in 1938. The
girls slightly outnumber the boys
in the 485 clubs that are orga-
nized.
This year club members are en-
rolled in 44 different projects with
beef calf, pig, dairy and poultry
as the most popular crops pro-
jects; woodcraft at the top in handi-
craft projects; and clothing and
foods at the head of the list for
home economics projects. The
largest enrollment in any one pro-
ject is 2,161 in the clothing pro-
ject. 1,212 club members are en-
rolled in the foods project and 848
in the woodcraft work.
Mrs. Stenson Andrus visited
home folks over the week end.

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Flower committee: Mrs. J. T.
West, chairman; Mrs. R. W. Cump-
sten, Mrs. Charles Michelet, assist-
ants.
School division of home econom-
ics: Miss Peggy Harrison, director.
School division of farm products,
manual training, etc.: Albert
Woodburn, director.
Entertainment: Brennon Witt.
Merchants' booths: Bob Burns.
Additional committees to be
named later.

Mr. F. D. Mitchell Sends Book of Poetry To Woman's Club

Mrs. F. D. Mitchell, now of Los
Angeles, has sent a book of poetry
to the Hagerman Woman's Club,
entitled "Homespun," an anthology
of poetry, by the General Federa-
tion of Women's Clubs. This
book is made up of poems written
by Women's Club members, most
of them prize winners in various
contests. The foreword says:
"Homespun is heartsun, for in it
are overtones in the lives of wom-
en who have drawn from life it-
self the patterns which they have
woven on the loom of poetry."
Mrs. Mitchell will be remem-
bered as the one most responsible
for the formation and success of
the Hagerman Woman's Club. In
this book is a sonnet by Mrs.
Mitchell, "The Happy Pilgrim," on
which she won a prize in some
New Mexico contest. It is well
worth reprinting. It was written
in Hagerman.

The Happy Pilgrim

I still salute you, Life, send what
you may
Of sorrow's sheaf, the rough hour
and the dark.
For I do cherish yet a potent spark
Of Youth's spent beacon, flaming
yesterdays,
Brightness of little casual joys
astray,
Fresh violets, enchanting rain—
that lack
At Heaven's gate—and memories
that mark
With morning gleams the mile-
stones of my way.
Nothing can daunt the spirit given
to Mirth,
No crashing tower of dreams, no
cause forlorn,
Nor imminent "Halt" where the dim
outposts are
Edging the last grim barriers of
Earth.
Send Storm! Send night! Joy's
henchman, bred and born,
Needs but the tiniest rift to see a
star.
—Lula W. Mitchell.

STATE CLUB ENROLLMENT REACHES ALL-TIME HIGH

New Mexico 4-H Club en-
rollments have risen to a new peak
in numbers enrolled and projects
carried in 1939. This year, accord-
ing to reports of county extension
agents, there are both agricultural
and home economics clubs orga-
nized in practically every rural
community in the state.
There are 7,503 club members
carrying 8,215 projects, as com-
pared to 7,095 club members car-
rying 8,152 projects in 1938. The
girls slightly outnumber the boys
in the 485 clubs that are orga-
nized.
This year club members are en-
rolled in 44 different projects with
beef calf, pig, dairy and poultry
as the most popular crops pro-
jects; woodcraft at the top in handi-
craft projects; and clothing and
foods at the head of the list for
home economics projects. The
largest enrollment in any one pro-
ject is 2,161 in the clothing pro-
ject. 1,212 club members are en-
rolled in the foods project and 848
in the woodcraft work.
Mrs. Stenson Andrus visited
home folks over the week end.

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C. R. BLOCKER, Publisher Artesia, New Mexico

A. C. BUSH Editor

A newspaper, in its local columns, gives undue prominence to the city folk. In Hagerman we talk about the residents of Hagerman and must continue to do so, even more than formerly if possible. But the people who make the country go are the farmers who live around the town. Because they are out of sight most of the time, they do not have the attention in newspaper local columns that the town people do. The sale of a truckload of cattle or hogs is more important than a social visit by the family. If some way could be worked out by which these and similar items of farm news could reach the newspaper, the newspaper would be more interesting and more useful.

Our Own Corner

It costs \$2.50 for a marriage license in New Mexico now. It was formerly \$1.50. On the tenth of June, the fee was raised to \$2.50. For the benefit of the prospective bridegrooms, we must add that there are other expenses following close on the securing of the marriage license.

Believe it or not—Harry Jaffa of the Roswell Dispatch, in his column of "Observations," gives us the following:

We read of a Minneapolis movie theater advertising that on a certain day it would admit anyone free upon presentation of a four-leaf clover at the box office. The theater admitted 6,500 with four-leaf clovers, while more than 9,000 were turned away. The management reported one cash customer for that day.

Texas high school basketball coaches are experimenting with a new convex backboard, much smaller than the present plane-surface board. It is distinctly surprising in its possibilities.

A week end in the mountains is a revealing experience to a newcomer in New Mexico. Two or three hours in a good car and you pass from irrigated gardens and surrounding desert to towering hills and mountains. At first, these mountains are bare and arid. Then the cedars, followed by the pines. Mountaintops covered by the most wonderful growth of trees it has been our privilege to see. Clouderoft on the very top of a mountain is crowded with people from many states, occupying cottages and homes that should satisfy the most exacting, 9,000 feet above sea level and only three hours out of Hagerman. A week end in these mountains is like a vacation in another country. We usually fail to appreciate the thing that is close to us. Try your own mountains more often, but take some heavy clothes.

At the fiftieth anniversary celebration of the Masonic lodge at Roswell last week, A. A. Keene, grand secretary of Masonry in New Mexico, was present. He has held his present post for 53 years, having issued the charter to Roswell lodge 50 years ago. It was noted that every charter member is now dead, but the youthful secretary is still going strong.

Masons from Hagerman attending the celebration were: Howard Russell, C. G. Mason, C. O. Holloway and Mr. Wyman.

Paul Franklin, who is assisting around the office of The Messenger, reports the addition of eight baby chicks to the family yard. Five were hatched on Monday and three came along on Tuesday. The only trouble with this lot is that they are bantams and will never add much to the family table. Paul reports the "bantie" mother makes more fuss about these eight new ones than is made about all the others on the place. Oh, yes! They are yellow.

P. E. Stoes, one of our successful young farmers, spent the week end at Clouderoft, where he found relief from the heat but got little sleep because of affairs not con-

THE CHURCHES

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Rev. Harold Morris, pastor. 9:45 a. m., Sunday school. Oscar Kiper, superintendent. 10:45 a. m., morning service. 7 p. m., N. Y. P. S., Miss Ruby Roodes, president. 8 p. m., evening service. Evangelistic message. 8 p. m., Wednesday, mid-week prayer service.

METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Arthur Shaw, pastor. 10 a. m., Church school. Howard Menefee, superintendent. 11 a. m., divine worship. 7 p. m., Epworth League, Miss Dean Conditt, president. 8 p. m., Evening service. 7:30 p. m., Wednesday. Mid-week service. 8 p. m., Thursday, choir rehearsal.

"The church with a full program that touches life" invites the public to attend its services and join its fellowship.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

C. A. Strickland, pastor. Feno Bramblett, superintendent. Sunday school, 10 a. m. Morning message, 11 a. m. Evening service, 7 p. m. Young people's service, Thursday evening at 8 p. m. Prayer meeting, Tuesday, 8 p. m. Come and you will find a hearty welcome.

BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. R. E. Harrison, pastor. W. F. Sadler, superintendent. Mrs. O. J. Ford, associate superintendent. R. M. Middleton, B. T. U. director. Sunday school 9:45 a. m. Morning service 11 a. m. B. T. U. 6:30. Evening service 7:30. Prayer meeting each Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock. Women's Missionary Societies and Brotherhoods meet each Monday evening at 7 o'clock.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH "Church of the Warm Heart"

Sunday, July 2 At the First Presbyterian Church on Sunday morning at the 11 o'clock service, the minister will speak on "Waiting," from the text: "The very night before Herod meant to have had him produced. Peter lay asleep between two soldiers; he was fastened by two chains, and sentries in front of the door guarded the prison."—Acts 12:6.

Sunday school commences at 9:45. There are classes for adults and children of all age groups. Joe Ed Wimberly is the superintendent. Junior, Intermediate and Senior Christian Endeavor meetings at 7 p. m.

Evening worship begins at 8 o'clock with the singing of familiar songs. The subject of the sermon is "All You Need," taken from Phil. 4:19. "My God, out of the greatness of his wealth, will fully satisfy your every need, through your union with Christ Jesus." What a wonderful day we should experience on Sunday if every member was in his or her own place, both morning and evening. Let's try it! Strangers and visitors from here and elsewhere warmly welcomed.

Harry Cox, Minister

REVEREND STRICKLAND TO VISIT IN CALIFORNIA

The Rev. C. A. Strickland, pastor of the Assembly of God Church, and wife will leave this week for a vacation in California, where they will visit their eldest son, who is a building contractor at Van Nuys, Calif. They will be joined at Artesia by Houston Henderson and family and the two families will drive through together.

The Rev. Mr. Strickland will be gone two weeks and in his absence the church services will be in charge of Brother Ed Gassaway.

Mrs. Oscar Kiper is attending a meeting of the Nazarene Women's Missionary Society in Clovis this week.

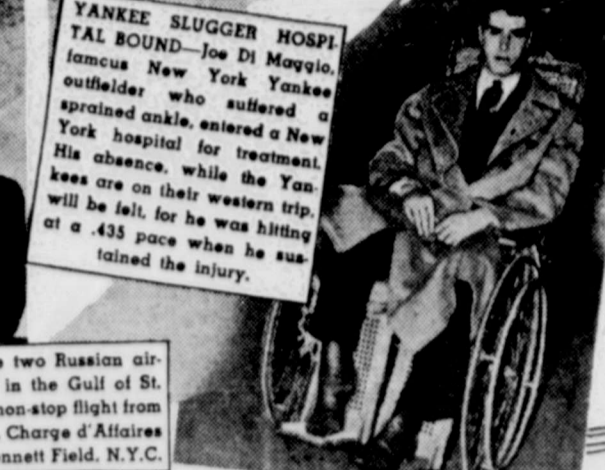
ected with the weather. Maybe we might say he had a cool week end but a warm time.

The Rev. Arthur Shaw claims that The Messenger has underestimated his ability as a painter when we stated that his training was not sufficient for him to do lettering. Moreover, he has proven his contention. The names of all contributors to the paint fund of the Methodist Church are now to be seen on the southwest quarter of the south side of the church. The lettering is perfectly legible. The contributors: George Weaver, Earl Stine, E. A. Paddock, B. F. Gehman, Mrs. Stella Palmer, C. G. Mason, B. L. West, L. E. Hinrichsen, Mrs. L. E. Harshey, Mrs. Van Arsdol, Mrs. J. W. Wiggins, A. S. Key, Mrs. Royce Lankford, C. W. Curry and Miss Marian Key.

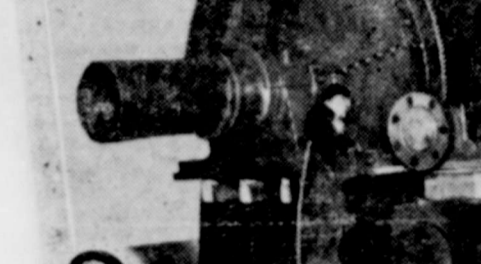
In The WEEK'S NEWS



RUSSIAN AVIATORS ARRIVE IN NEW YORK—The two Russian aviators who were rescued from lonely Miscou Island in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, where they were forced down while on a non-stop flight from Moscow are pictured with Constantine A. Oumansky, Charge d'Affaires at the Soviet Embassy upon their arrival at Floyd Bennett Field, N.Y.C.



YANKEE SLUGGER HOSPITAL BOUND—Joe Di Maggio, famous New York Yankee outfielder, who suffered a sprained ankle, entered a New York hospital for treatment. His absence, while the Yankees are on their western trip, will be felt, for he was hitting at a .435 pace when he sustained the injury.



BIGGEST AIRPLANE CARGO—This huge grinding mill weighing 51,000 lbs., for grinding gold bearing ore, was recently shipped by Allis-Chalmers from Milwaukee to a gold mine in the primitive interior of Nicaragua. It had to be designed in sections so it could be flown from ports of entry to its final destination.



WISCONSIN MARKS CHEESE ANNIVERSARY—Diamond jubilee of cheesemaking in Wisconsin was celebrated by Charlotte Muller, state "Dairy Queen," and Phil Evans. Goodyear farm news commentator. They are shown proffering a sample to a real connoisseur just before Evans interviewed Miss Muller on his program.



\$18,000,000 SUSPENSION BRIDGE OPENED—An aerial view of New York's \$18,000,000 suspension bridge from the Bronx to Whitestone in Queens which was opened recently. The bridge, the fourth in length among the world's famous suspension bridges, is a link in greater New York's belt parkway system.



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NAZARENE ASSEMBLY CONVENES AT CLOVIS

The local Church of the Nazarene was well represented at its district assembly which was held at Clovis this week. Dr. Goodwin, general superintendent, was the presiding elder. The entire assembly was one of inspiration. The presence of the Lord was manifested throughout. The business sessions were never too busy for songs and shouts of praise. The assembly will be held at Artesia next year. Those who attended from the local church were: the Rev. and Mrs. Morris, Mr. and Mrs. George Weaver, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Kiper and Miss Ruby Rhoades. Richard and Billy Sweatt of Roswell are spending the week visiting relatives in Hagerman. Mrs. R. B. Mathews, Wanda and R. B. of Dexter were Hagerman visitors Monday. Miss Oma Dene Graham of Dexter spent Sunday with Miss Letha Green.

REGISTRATION NOTICE

Registration of voters under the new registration law will begin on Monday, July 3, as provided by the terms of the law. Registration clerks for precinct 5, Hagerman: C. G. Mason and J. E. Wimberly, Box A (East of railroad), and Earl Stine and Mrs. G. R. Hams, Box B, (West of railroad). Both sets of clerks will maintain offices at the town hall for convenience of voters, and on Saturday, July 8 and 15, clerks will be on duty all day. Each voter is required to register individually. 29-2tc-30

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

GENERAL LAND OFFICE at Las Cruces, New Mexico, June 22, 1939. NOTICE is hereby given that James W. Pelton, of Roswell, N. Mex., who, on September 11, 1931, made homestead entries No. 044473 and No. 044474, for S 1/4 Section 24, N 1/4 Section 25, Township 10 S., Range 29 E., N. M. P. Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make 3 year Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Joan Savage, United States Commissioner, at Roswell, N. Mex., on the 10th day of August, 1939. Claimant names as witnesses: Ed. Crossland, Jesse Isler, Wes. Chumley, Lester Richardson, all of Roswell, N. Mex. PAUL A. ROACH, Register 26-5t-30

Dexter News

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Sumner and daughter, Sylvia, old-time residents of Dexter, now of Peoria, Ill., are visiting Dr. and Mrs. E. J. Hubbard. Mr. and Mrs. A. Durand entertained Mr. and Mrs. Sumner and Sylvia at dinner this week. Others present were: Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Durand and Earlene and Mr. and Mrs. Roger Durand of Artesia. Miss Ella Yeager, school nurse for Dexter, Hagerman and Lake Arthur, will leave Friday for Thorndale, Tex., to visit her home there. Work on the Dexter sewer is progressing rapidly. Five hundred feet of main was laid Tuesday. Mr. Stevenson, deputy state game warden, caught a catfish in the Pecos that weighed 40 pounds. Miss Ethel Roberts and Bennie Price were married at Artesia. Miss Roberts was from the Greenfield neighborhood. The McAdoo Drug Co. of Hagerman was advertising fireworks supplies. Mrs. Harrison McKinstry and Mrs. R. L. Collins entertained the Presbyterian Ladies Aid Society at Lake Van club house. Continental Oil Co., had completed drilling a well 4,000 feet deep, 18 miles east of Hagerman. The highway from Dexter to Lakewood was to be surfaced and oiled. While an Irishman was gazing in the window of a bookstore the following sign caught his eye: DICKENS' WORKS ALL THIS WEEK FOR ONLY \$4.00 "The divle he does!" he exclaimed in disgust. "The dirty scab." Mrs. Joyner, case worker for the Public Welfare Department, was in Hagerman Monday. Belva Jean Walton of Carlsbad is visiting this week with Mrs. Stella B. Palmer. Miss Dolores Bartlett of Artesia, came up Sunday for a few days with Miss Nellie Lange. Miss Oma Dean Graham of Dexter was an over night guest of Miss Letha Green Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Graham of Dexter were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Green Sunday. Quincy Rhoades of Tatum visited this week with his son, Jim Rhoades and family.

undergo an operation for appendicitis and the son is to be treated for rheumatism.

Hagerman MESSENGER 10 Years Ago

The Hagerman Bang gave a concert at the band stand. The Messenger was loud in its praise of the music rendered. A party was given for the Boy Scout troop on the lawn of the Presbyterian manse. M. Stevenson, deputy state game warden, caught a catfish in the Pecos that weighed 40 pounds. Miss Ethel Roberts and Bennie Price were married at Artesia. Miss Roberts was from the Greenfield neighborhood. The McAdoo Drug Co. of Hagerman was advertising fireworks supplies. Mrs. Harrison McKinstry and Mrs. R. L. Collins entertained the Presbyterian Ladies Aid Society at Lake Van club house. Continental Oil Co., had completed drilling a well 4,000 feet deep, 18 miles east of Hagerman. The highway from Dexter to Lakewood was to be surfaced and oiled. While an Irishman was gazing in the window of a bookstore the following sign caught his eye: DICKENS' WORKS ALL THIS WEEK FOR ONLY \$4.00 "The divle he does!" he exclaimed in disgust. "The dirty scab." Mrs. Joyner, case worker for the Public Welfare Department, was in Hagerman Monday. Belva Jean Walton of Carlsbad is visiting this week with Mrs. Stella B. Palmer. Miss Dolores Bartlett of Artesia, came up Sunday for a few days with Miss Nellie Lange. Miss Oma Dean Graham of Dexter was an over night guest of Miss Letha Green Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Graham of Dexter were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Green Sunday. Quincy Rhoades of Tatum visited this week with his son, Jim Rhoades and family.

WHAT'S WHAT In NEW MEXICO

News Briefs of the "Sunshine State." Gleaned from Many Sources

A succession tax of \$18,742.35, representing 1 per cent of a total estate of \$1,874,235 was paid to New Mexico by Mrs. Ruth Hanna McCormick Simms of Albuquerque, mother of John McMill McCormick, scion of the Chicago publishing family. Young McCormick and Richard Whitmer of Albuquerque lost their lives a year ago in a mountain climbing accident near Albuquerque.

Earl Stull, chief of the state police registration station system, said automobile caravans which take advantage of New Mexico's leniency are costing the state legitimate revenue. Under a new law, New Mexico no longer stops tourist cars, and Stull said, automobile caravans are splitting up in the state, passing through in the guise of tourist cars without paying the legal transportation fee. New Mexico inspectors, Stull said, now are "fully qualified to stop tourist cars, if necessary, without irritating anybody," and steps will be taken to regain the lost revenue.

The "fellow who knows a fellow" in the satchel gets just the same treatment from the Bureau of Revenue as the man who has no influence, Director G. S. Carter of the school tax division said. Commenting that "the stiffened policy we are following under the direction of Commissioner J. O. Gallegos is getting results in sales tax collections," Carter said: "The results we are obtaining are directly traceable to the fact that the governor and the commissioner are allowing the executive and field personnel of the school tax division to collect the tax from all taxpayers on the same tax basis. The time has passed when the 'fellow who knows a fellow' in the satchel can make arrangements for the cancellation or reduction of tax due the school tax division."

New Mexico's wheat acreage allotment for the 1940 harvest will be 357,895 acres, an increase of 41,206 acres over the allotment last year, the state conservation committee announced.

A statuette of the Blessed Virgin rested last week in the Rosario Cemetery Chapel, Santa Fe, where it remained until Sunday, when it was returned by devout Catholics to the St. Francis Cathedral. The image was taken to the chapel by several hundred parishioners, keeping a promise made by General Don Diego de Vargas as if he was successful in subduing the Pueblo rebellion of 1680, the statue of the Blessed Virgin would be carried through the streets of Santa Fe once a year.

More than 21,000 New Mexico farmers are expected to cooperate in the 1939 program of the state conservation committee, Chairman J. M. Beene said. He said that more ranchers than ever before would cooperate in the range conservation program, applications already being filed by 3,166 up to last week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Patterson, former residents of Hagerman, spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Losey and Miss Jean Losey were present at the Yucca Theater in Roswell Sunday afternoon.

Professor and Mrs. E. A. White and sons, Bruce and Gene, left the first of the week for Corpus Christi on a fishing trip.

Jim Corley, who has been visiting in the home of Jimmy Lockhead, left Monday for Toledo, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Perry announce the arrival of a baby girl, born June 18. Both mother and baby are doing nicely.

Dean Conditt and Doris Hinrichsen attended an Epworth League council meeting in Artesia Sunday afternoon.

Jimmy Brown came up on the train Wednesday to spend several days with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim King.

Roswell and the country south and east for two or three miles received a good shower Tuesday evening.

Betty Rues West of Littlefield, Tex., is visiting this week with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Noah West.

Frank Matney, who lives at the Mineral Wells apartments, is entertaining a grandson, George Lotspeich, this week.

Social Security forms and systems—The Messenger.

Jiu-Jitsu Expert Knows

Jiu-jitsu is an ancient art of overpowering brute strength by skill alone. An expert knows many parts of the body when struck lightly, causing temporary paralysis. The expert tries to stop an opponent's turns its direction, through opponent off balance and falling or breaking a joint. It once was taught only to women of the best character cause it can cause serious injury to an opponent. To kill an opponent means "Middies" at Annapolis. G-men are two groups who jiu-jitsu in the United States.

Relief in Athens In old-time Athens there to earn their own living, the lame and crippled, ready daily subsidy from the state, bring shame upon the city, for the necessities of Rome of emperor days were more numerous in the population than in the cities. 320,000 males beg one time, as getting some bounty, without which they could not exist.

Mapmaking an Old Art Mapmaking is centuries of ancient Babylonians outlining country in clay. And cartographers (mapmakers) of those days any too particular about the facts before they made maps. There was the Greek, for example, who measured distance between two towns from that calculated the distance from earth!

Marconi's First Patent Marconi (1874-1937) was two years old when he got patent for a practical wireless telegraphy in England's country. In 1895 pressed Europe by Spain channel to establish France contact without wire. His full experiment of sending a S across the Atlantic came.

Admiral Dewey's Training Admiral Dewey received training at Annapolis. He pointed to the naval academy, established in 1819, and was in 1858. He directed the Manila bay from his flag, Olympia, and the Olympia the procession of American ships into the bay.

Cleanliness Not a Virtue Cleanliness wasn't always a virtue. Back in the 18th century tongues wagged if a sought attractiveness by their face too often. Once twice a week was permitted as advisable.

Louisiana Sugar Cane Industry Almost two centuries old, Louisiana sugar cane industry introduced into the western shore by the Jesuit monks followed La Salle and other explorers into the rich Mississippi lands.

Phrase Credited to Wellington The duke of Wellington is credited with first use of the phrase "circumstances over which I have no control," in reference to complications with which he was involved in 1839 or 1840.

The Druses The Druses are a religious warlike sect dwelling in the mountains of Syria. Religion dates from the Eleventh century, and is an outgrowth of hammedanism.

Ancient Staircase A historic house in Alexandria, Va., has a staircase which was originally painted white. Later it was removed from the middle treads and the natural wood varnished.

Nail Marks Boundary Line A hotel near Maidenhead, England, has a nail driven in center of its counter. This the boundary between Buckinghamshire and Berkshire.

Napoleon Rejected Telegraph A patent on the first electric telegraph, invented by Sommering, offered to Napoleon I but refused as a "German notion."

Obverse of a Coin The obverse of a coin or medal is the side containing the principal device, the front, or side means displayed.

Mt. Vesuvius' Height Varying Owing to the effects of erosion the height of Mt. Vesuvius varies much as several hundreds of feet.

Place de la Concorde Architects rank the Place de la Concorde, Paris, as among handsomest squares in the world.

Two Cherry Varieties Now Grown The 600 varieties of cultivated cherry trees originated from European species.

Hats Worn in Ancient Greece In ancient Greece hats were worn only by youths, workmen and slaves.

Groundhog Same as Woodchuck The groundhog in this country is the same as the woodchuck.

Scotland Once Caledonia Caledonia was the ancient name of Scotland. Messenger Want Ads Get Results

Flower of Western Romance Hears Again of a Real Hero, Captain B. C. Mossman

That Capt. Burton C. Mossman of Roswell and the Turlock Ranch is a colorful figure of the West as it was in the turn of the century is generally known. But a word of him written about at Annapolis in the Kansas City by E. R. Schaffler probably describes him and his character better than has been written before. Schaffler's Star recently published an account of various persons said to be the original of "The Lone Ranger" by Owen Wister, among them Capt. Burton C. Mossman of Roswell, N. Mex. It told Mossman silenced an overbearing stranger one night by telling a tall story of a prairie dog clean in two by a high-velocity bullet. According to the story, the prairie dog ran one hole and the second half of the prairie dog ran the other.

Captain Mossman, seeing the note to the writer, thought of it before, "but am now convinced of the vitality, as well as the significance, of the prairie dog story favorably with that of a characteristic Mossman story. Thirty years ago the great ranch in South Texas. It was an eye-opening experience to one at the heronry stage.

Mossman won his title as a captain when he was a captain of the Texas Rangers, in the days when Texas was a territory. The Texas part of the state, along the Mexican border, was a favorite field of operations for cattle and train robbers. They hunted across the international border to Mexico to hide out.

Among these outlaws was a particularly tough and elusive Mexican named Chacon. One day Mossman was talking to the governor of Texas.

"Well, Mossman," said the governor with a smile, "you are a very good captain of rangers. I notice Chacon is still at large. A little too big a fish to be caught, eh?"

"There was enough truth in the story to pique the young ranger. He began to think, as he had before, how he might get the wily Chacon. Across the border, a few hours horseback ride away, was a log cabin where two American train robbers lived. Mossman told his men that if he appeared they were to shoot the robbers on sight. Then he crossed the border to their hide-out.

"Hello, Mossman," said the train robber who was outside. "You've got a lot of crust to figure you out. Come over here by yourself and gather me up."

"I don't want to gather you up," the ranger captain replied. "I want to talk to you. And by the way, while we're talking, I wish you'd have your pal pull that rifle out of the trunk and let me see the trigger."

The outlaw laughed. Then Mossman outlined his proposal. He decided to be introduced to Chacon as an outlaw. In return, he would be allowed to hunt for Chacon in Arizona against the two Americans who were dismissed. They came to an agreement and Mossman returned to his camp. A few days later a message came, telling him to be at a designated place on the border on the next day.

Warning of Double-Cross
There the two Americans met with Chacon. Mossman was introduced to the big Mexican as an outlaw from Montana, looking for a business opening, and the two of them, accompanied by a Mexican servant, rode south across the border. They failed to find Chacon for a camp that night, but Mossman made an interesting discovery in the course of the ride. Showing his arm around Chacon's neck, as they rode down an arroyo, Mossman asked whether the Mexican carried one or two revolvers. He discovered a pair of handcuffs sewed up in the Mexican's coat. Apparently the idea was to handcuff Mossman, tie him up, and leave him for the coyotes and the desert sun to finish.

Presently one of the Americans had an opportunity to speak to Mossman confidentially.

"Listen," the man said, "you've been double-crossed. My partner told Chacon who you are, and he is going to kill you. Me, I'm going to duck out. But I wanted to give you a chance for your life."

That outlaw disappeared into the sunset as the group made a dry camp, saying he believed he was a place nearby where there was water.

Mossman spent the night with three hostile men, two determined to kill him. He did not sleep, lying under his blanket, propped up on one elbow, with a revolver in one hand. Next morning the servant built a campfire, and Mossman cooked a little bacon and some coffee. There was some fencing

around about opening the glass jar of bacon. Nobody wanted to take his eyes off the other two long enough to take the lid off. Finally somebody smashed the jar on a rock.

Quick on the Draw
When breakfast was over, the American rolled and lit a cigarette, while Chacon watched Mossman. Then Mossman, watching both, rolled one. He picked up a smoldering stick from the fire, lit his cigarette, threw down the piece of wood and in the same movement brought out his 45.

"All right," he said. "Stand up, both of you. Now, Smith, lower one hand, very carefully, and unhook your pistol belt. Unhook Chacon's. Kick them over this way. . . All right, Smith. Get out a knife, cut those handcuffs out of the back of Chacon's coat and put them on him."

At that the Mexican wilted. It looked like magic to him, for a man to know he had handcuffs sewed up in his coat.

Mossman tied a rope around the neck of one outlaw and the waist of the other, got them on their horses, and drove them ahead of him back to American soil. There he flagged a Southern Pacific train and took his prisoners to Phoenix. The train robber who had played square with him profited; the charges against him were dismissed.

That was long ago, in the gay nineties.

Good luck took me to the million-acre ranch that Mossman was renting from the Bureau of Indian Affairs in South Dakota in 1909. This ranch was eighty-five miles long, twenty-five to thirty-five miles in width, and was part of the Cherokee Indian reservation.

To enter this backwater of the old frontier, you detrained from the Minneapolis & St. Louis Railroad at a town called Le Beau, where the tracks ran out and stopped. There a fat man named Bennett ran a hotel with an incredibly bad table. There were two saloons in town, one run by Phil Du Fran, a one-eyed French Canadian, and the other by the mayor of Le Beau.

It was certainly a surprising town to a tenderfoot of 19, who had read the Owen Wister classic without realizing that every word of it was true, not in factual detail, but in spirit. There was a remittance man from Scotland who used to get drunk every time his remittance arrived and hide his horse on the sidewalk and make gun plays down at Phil Du Fran's saloon. Nobody paid any attention to him, because residents of Le Beau knew that was just "Dode's" way, and that meant nothing by it. But one day Phil got a new bartender, who didn't know about "Dode," and before anyone could explain to him, he had shot and killed the remittance man.

There were endless miles of treeless, rolling plains, across which one rode on horseback, gathering cattle from the little pockets in the hills where they grazed, assembling the beef herd, to drive to Le Beau, take across the river by ferryboat, and load on trains for Chicago.

Bluffing an Amazon
Down on the Cheyenne River lived a picturesque hag of Amazonian stature and temperament. She was part Sioux Indian, part Canadian, a dash of Mexican, and 100 per cent hell-cat. My host rented a furnished ranch house from her, but she had formed an irritating habit of removing the furnishings, a piece or two at a time whenever she was in a foul humor about something. As her foul humors were fairly frequent, and as the little Missouri girl who was housekeeper at the ranch lived in terror of the old squaw, the ranch house rapidly was getting no better.

Captain Mossman told me the next time his landlady came over to carry off something, not to let her do it, and I promised glibly. "It sounds easy to you," he said, "but you have never seen her. She is 6 feet tall and 3 feet wide, and it will do no good to treat her like a lady." Nevertheless, I was successful in bluffing the old woman off the place. With my heart in my mouth, I took her by the shoulders and pushed her out of the house. I had a peculiarly intimate stake in the matter, since her heart's desire that day was the bed in which I was sleeping every night. The little housekeeper was very much impressed. It never had occurred to her that this demon squaw could be bluffd.

"Why," she said, "if you can do it, so can I."

And, sure enough, she did. The next time the old girl arrived, the housekeeper ran her off the place with a rifle, and we were troubled with her no more.

Those were grand days for a romantic youngster. The best of all were the ones when I could drive with my host, who was forever going somewhere across the prairie miles that were as uninhabited as the wide Atlantic ocean. When the notion took him, he would reminisce delightfully.

Mossman met Alfred Henry Lewis, writer of Western stories,

once in Washington. It developed they had been in the same part of the Southwest at the same period. Mossman mentioned a little town, and told how he had gone to sleep there one night. The hotel man did not believe the noise from the barroom would keep him awake. As soon as he had blown out the lamp, two bullets came up through the floor.

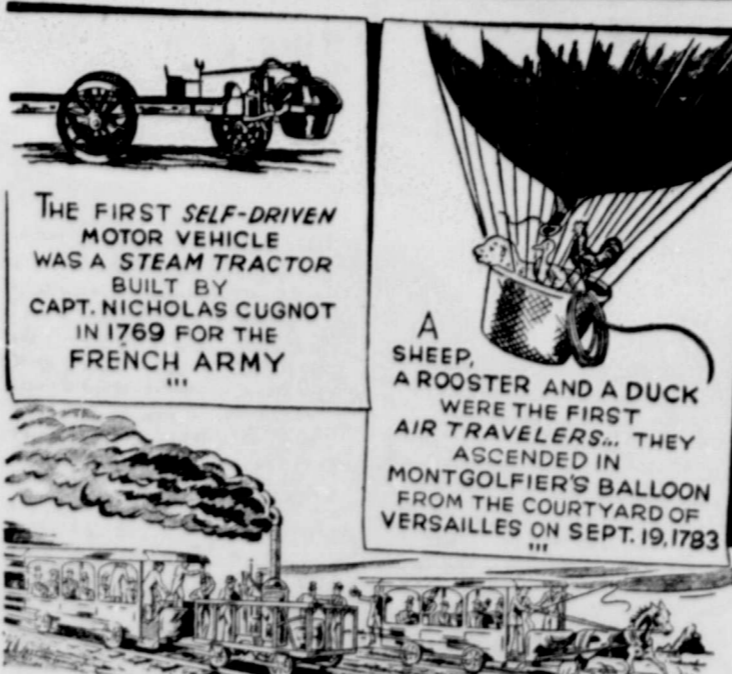
Bullets Prelude to Friendship
"I was young then," Mossman said, "and given to acting first and reflecting afterward. So I picked up my gun, and fired six bullets through the floor in response. There was a good deal of noise downstairs, broken glass and running feet, but after that I was not disturbed."

"Why confound you," Lewis said, "I was in that barroom. I never stopped running until I was 300 yards out in the brush. I had a window sash around my neck."

It was the beginning of a beautiful friendship.

Captain Mossman was born on a farm in Illinois. His father moved to Lake City, Minn., when the future captain was a small boy, and in 1881 to Southeastern New Mexico. There young Burton grew up in the cattle business. In 1901 he became the first captain of the Arizona Rangers, whose business was to discourage cattle rustling along the border. He did a thorough job of it. Captain Mossman still is actively engaged in livestock growing. He raises both cattle and sheep, in New Mexico and Montana.

GLOBE TROTTING - - By Melville



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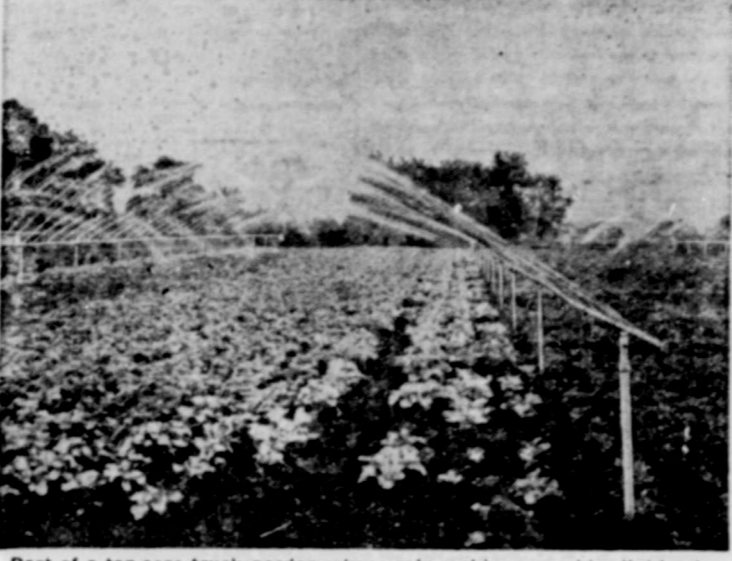
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By IRA MILLER
Rural Electrification Bureau
THERE is scarcely a humid area in this country that does not experience at some time of the year—and most frequently during the growing season—a drought of greater or less magnitude and duration. As a result, many of the more tender crops are practically total losses and the yield and quality of the more hardy are seriously affected.

Because droughts have occurred with increasing frequency in so many sections, more and more farmers—especially those whose sole or principal incomes are derived from truck—have turned to crop insurance in the form of irrigation. To a lesser but steadily-growing extent, irrigation of numerous field crops as well as pastures and orchards also is undertaken by many farmers.

There are three general types of irrigation employed at present: Surface, sub-surface and spray. The first of these is subdivided into furrow, flood and porous pipe methods; the second into ditch and pipe systems; and the last into revolving sprinkler, low-pressure perforated pipe, overhead pipe sprinkler and eyelet hose types.

As space does not permit a discussion of the methods and merits of these various plans, it is sufficient to say that the contour and area of the land to be irrigated, the texture of the soil, the kind of crop to be irrigated and the availability and quantity of the water supply will determine which system is the most efficient and economical in each particular case.

Detailed information on the various systems of irrigation, the conditions under which each is to be preferred and whether or not you can use it as a profit, can be obtained from the U. S. Department of Agriculture, your state college or university, your power company or the manufacturers of irrigating and pumping equipment.

Where high-line electricity is available, an electric motor is the ideal source of power for irrigation, as it is economical, dependable, quiet and requires little or no attention. On those farms which do not yet have electric service, a tractor can be used if it is not much too powerful for the job at hand. Otherwise, to avoid extremely high power costs and rapid deterioration of equipment, a gasoline engine of the correct size—either vertical or horizontal, new or from an old passenger car or truck—should be installed. Whatever the power, the use of irrigation for crop insurance should receive the careful consideration of every farmer whose income is affected by droughts.

Mrs. Ben Jack West was in Roswell Tuesday shopping and attending to business.

Mrs. Herbert Lange and children left last Saturday for their home in Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Ford and children have gone to Marelton, Ark., for a month's vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. John Clark were business visitors in Roswell Tuesday.

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Farmers, Ranchers Cooperating More Freely in State

Conservation Program Is Attracting Greater Numbers Than Before

Farmers and ranchers throughout the state of New Mexico will cooperate in the conservation program in 1939 in greater numbers than ever before, says J. Minor Beene, chairman of the state agricultural conservation committee.

Beene made this statement after a check of reports from all counties of New Mexico the latter part of May. According to the county reports at that time, 21,515 farmers had signed their intention to cooperate in the program in 1939. The reports showed that this number have signed farm plans and estimate sheets with their respective county committees. The state committee early in the year estimated that 22,000 farmers in New Mexico should file farm plans and estimate sheets for 1939, a close estimate.

The county reports also show that more ranchers will cooperate in 1939 than ever have cooperated in any previous year's program. The latest tabulation from all counties in the state shows that 3,166 ranchers have signed their intention to cooperate in the range conservation program by filing their applications on form WR-315.

No doubt, said Beene, these numbers will be increased slightly when a final check-up as of June 1 has been made by the various county offices and the state AAA office. Participation by ranchers has gone beyond what was anticipated by the state committee early in the year. At that time the committee estimated that approximately 2,700 ranchers would cooperate. The committee is very much pleased that its original estimate was under the number that reports show will cooperate in the program in 1939, Beene said.

Helen Goodwin is spending a few days in Lake Arthur with friends.

Cottonwood Items

Ed Taylor and Noah Buck were transacting business matters in Carlsbad Monday.

A number of folks from Cottonwood enjoyed an outing at Lake McMillan Tuesday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Cline of Cottonwood visited friends in Artesia Friday afternoon.

John Havins of Lake Arthur was a business visitor here and at Carlsbad Friday.

The Anderson lease in 17-15-27, six miles east of Lake Arthur, had a showing of oil at 1,680 feet.

Mrs. A. V. Flowers of Lake Arthur was shopping in Artesia Saturday morning.

Jim Elliott of Cottonwood received a painful injury on his hand while working in his blacksmith shop Tuesday of last week.

A number of young folks from Cottonwood attended a young people's league meeting at Lake Arthur Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Bradley of Cottonwood motored to Artesia Monday afternoon, where Mrs. Bradley consulted a doctor.

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Army Parades At S. F. Fair



Stationed at Camp Hunter Liggett for the duration of the California World's Fair is the Treasure Island Company and Band, a crack unit from the 30th U. S. Infantry. The precision drills, dramatic retreat ceremonies, drills to music, parades and formal military honors paid to visiting dignitaries form a colorful part of the Exposition. Here the Treasure Island company parades in front of the Federal Building and the magnificent Colonnade of states. The ceremony is a daily feature at the Fair.

WORLD NEWS

BRIEF FORM

From Near and Far, Some Timely, Some of Human Interest

The Census bureau has announced the nation had its lowest death rate last year. The 1,380,986 deaths in 1938 made an average of 10.6 per 1,000 population, shading the 10.7 record of 1933 and contrasting with the modern high point of 18.1 in the influenza year of 1918. One reason for the lower rate was a better record of saving babies. The mortality rate of infants under one year of age was reduced to an all-time low of 50.9 per 1,000 live births. Forty-five states and the District of Columbia shared in cutting down the death rate. Lowest ratios were 7.4 in North Dakota, 7.8 in Oklahoma and 7.9 in South Dakota. Highest death rates were 14.5 in Arizona, 14.0 in New Mexico, and 12.7 in the District of Columbia.

Guess what Policeman Donald Swope of Lancaster, Pa., did on his vacation. He donned a uniform each night and played the role of a policeman in a drama. His only line: "Okay, chief."

The Highland Park fire department, near Detroit, to demonstrate its new equipment, dug an 85-foot ditch, filled it with oil and gasoline, and then tried for two hours to light the fuel, but the flames fizzled. "We're paid to put out fires, not start them," sadly remarked Chief C. F. Baker when the stunt finally was abandoned.

If you're hard of hearing you don't get a job with WPA crews clearing a bed for Grand Coulee Dam Lake in Washington. Workmen kill an average of 30 rattlesnakes daily.

Because they tended to business and didn't lean on their shovels, more than 100 WPA workers were feted last week by merchants of Austin Street in Forest Hills, Queens, N. Y. The merchants are grateful for the speed with which the WPA completed a street widening job in front of their stores and gave the men all the beer and eats they wanted.

Jimmie Akehurst, 12, thought he'd hooked a champion catfish when a husky tug nearly yanked him into Brandywine Creek, near Wilmington, Del. Hauling hard, he dragged in his catch—a two-foot alligator. The alligator turned out to be "Oscar," missing from the local zoo, to which he was hastily returned by a park guard, and Jimmie went back to the boring business of catching just catfish.

Near Tahlequah, Okla., Harmon Reeder, deaf cobbler, was struck by a train. But he didn't sue—he apologized. "I didn't think a train ran at that time of night. I want to apologize for being on the track," he wrote the locomotive engineer.

A likeness of General John J. Pershing, who will be the most distinguished guest of The American Legion at its twenty-first national convention in Chicago Sept. 25 through 28, will adorn the official convention badge.

There's hardly been an up or down in the saddle making business in 56 years for S. L. Robertson, 80, of Springtown, Tex. He's never been idle and his saddles are bought as fast as he can make them, even in this machine age. All of his 56 years of saddle making have been spent in the same store on the public square.

A Minneapolis movie theater advertised that on a certain day it would admit anyone free upon presentation of a four-leaf clover at the box office. The theater admitted 6,500 with four-leaf clovers, while more than 9,000 were turned away. The management reported one cash customer for that day.

Believe it or not, but a Masonic copper identification coin which Carl Glave lost 21 years ago, in going over the top in the Argonne

Forest, with the 32nd Division, has just been returned to him! The coin was found by M. J. Tracy of Minneapolis in France. Tracy turned it over to the secretary-treasurer of the Michigan Grand Lodge. That official finally located Glave and restored the coin, much to the amazement of the former doughboy, who had forgotten all about the 1918 loss.

O! Demon Rum is proving handy in combatting the startling nuisance at Wauwatosa, Wis. Alderman Edward Ehmke disclosed that residents, annoyed by flocks of the birds, are feeding them liberal quantities of oats soaked in alcohol. When the birds fall stupefied to the ground other species are weeded out and the starlings meet their doom in an incinerator.

Explaining absence of the proprietor at mid-day, a large sign on the door of a Lexington, Ky., restaurant advised: "Out, closed for lunch, open later."

Oil Activity

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Drilling at 580 feet. Carper Drilling Co., Simon 2, SE NE section 29-17-32. Location.

Fred Turner, Cave-Nickson 1, NE NE sec. 30-18-26. Total depth 540 feet; lowering 10-inch casing.

Republic Production Co., Robinson 3-B, SE SE sec. 35-17-29. Drilling at 335 feet.

Premier, Beeson 2-F, SW SW sec. 31-17-30. Location.

Edward S. McAuliffe, Coates 1, SE NE section 3-18-23. Hope. Spudded in.

Gene Burke, State 1, SE SW section 36-16-24. Drilling at 850 feet; show of oil.

Red Lake, Reid 1, NE NE section 20-17-28. Location.

Barney Cockburn, Graham 1, NE NE section 16-18-31. Location.

Franklin, Ballard 2-A, NW SE section 1-18-29. Location.

Franklin, Ballard 1-B, NE NE section 1-18-29. Location. Carper, Robinson 4, SW SE section 26-16-31. Location.

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IN SOCIETY

METHODIST CHURCH NOTES

July 4, annual day for patriotic expression, falls on Tuesday of next week. The Sunday morning service will be in keeping with the season. Sermon subject: "Christianity's Supreme Rival." There is one loyalty, above all others, today, disputing with the Christian religion for the supreme devotion of men throughout the world. It is a conception that is becoming a religion in itself in many sections. Do you know what this force is and how it acts? You are invited to worship at the Methodist Church Sunday morning and face this issue with the congregation.

FOUR-H GIRLS GIVE PROGRAM

The Hagerman 4-H girls gave a program at the high school Monday night to raise funds for a trip to the mountains soon. They were greeted by a large and appreciative crowd and gave a program of readings, songs and other musical numbers, including tap dancing. The program was in charge of Mrs. Ernest Greer and Mrs. Jack Menoud.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY KIDNAP BREAKFAST

The Cowan home was the scene of a lovely kidnap breakfast by the Methodist Missionary Society Tuesday morning. Those who were kidnapped were Mesdames L. W. Garner, Martin, Brannon, G. R. Hams, Fletcher Campbell, F. G. Campbell, O. J. Atwood, Jim Williamson, J. T. Condit, William Goodwin, B. J. West, Flora West, Elmer Graham, Lloyd Harshey, Floto, F. J. McCarthy, Earl Stine, Stella Palmer, Lela Ridgley and Miss Sammy Nan McKinstry. The proceeds of the breakfast are to be used in redecorating the parsonage kitchen.

DOROTHY DEVENPORT GIVES PARTY SATURDAY

On Saturday night, Dorothy Sue Devenport was hostess at a party honoring her cousin, Kelton Newman of Silverton, Tex. Lively games were played on the well lighted lawn and punch and cookies were served throughout the evening. Present were Loreta Davis, Wilene Andrews, Gladys Graham, Mildred White, Polly Cumpsten, Jeanne Marie and Lucille Michelet, Rosella Bassinger, Marie C. Cassabone, Maudine Solomon, Jean McKinstry, Loretha Harrison, Betty Ruth Walters, Lois Jean Sweatt, Jim Bob Crosby, Louis and Philip Heick, Bobby Charles Michelet, George Mark Losey, Merl Kiper, J. W. Langenegger, Robert West, Billy Huckabee, Malcolm Key, the guest of honor and the hostess.

THE HAGERMAN THURSDAY CLUB

The Thursday Club, Hagerman's study club for ladies, has had a meeting to organize for the coming year. The subjects for study will be "Our Foreign Possessions." Hawaii, the Philippines and the smaller islands will constitute the three divisions of the year's work. Mrs. Harrison McKinstry was chosen to fill the one vacancy in the club which is limited to twenty members. Mrs. McKinstry was a former member of the club, but resigned during her editorship of The Messenger. The regular meetings do not begin until fall.

Mrs. R. W. Cumpsten is president and Mrs. Frank McCarthy vice president. Mrs. Sam McKinstry is secretary and treasurer.

FOUR-H CLUB MEETING HAS BEEN POSTPONED

The 4-H Club of Hagerman, which left in a body for the mountains Thursday morning, will not hold its regular meeting Monday. The group will be at the Methodist Assembly grounds near Weed. They will return Sunday.

SURPRISE BIRTHDAY DINNER

Johnny Mann was given a surprise birthday dinner June 21 by his wife, mother and grandchildren, at the Buffalo Valley Ranch. Gifts were presented by his grandchildren, Johnny and Karma Hanson, who acted as hosts at the dinner served later. Others present were: Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Mann and Mrs. Alan Hanson.

LOCALS

Mrs. L. R. Burck and Miss Esther James returned from Lubbock, Tex. They were accompanied home by Jimmy Burck, who will visit here.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lawing and Bertha Mae, Mrs. Wayne Graham, Jo Ann and Billy Wayne attended the picture show in Roswell Sunday afternoon.

Miss Flora Hughes came in on Tuesday from El Paso, Tex., to spend her vacation with her mother, Mrs. Blanche Hughes and other relatives.

Mrs. Tom McKinstry and her house guests, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Mullen and daughter Marilee of Newton, Kan., are visiting this week in El Paso, Tex., with the Dave Bryants.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Curry, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Curry are in Las Cruces this week visiting with their son and brother, Albert Curry and family.

Miss Helen Curry, principal of the Santa Rita schools and Mrs. Lula Egbert of Silver City are home to spend the summer vacation.

Friends of Mrs. A. M. Mackintosh will be glad to learn that she is recuperating nicely from a severe operation at the home of her daughter in New Hope, Pa.

Al Woodburn left last Sunday for Las Cruces, where he will spend a week attending the state conference of vocational agricultural supervisors.

Mr. and Mrs. Garland Stuart and Garleen spent the night with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence King Saturday. Wilva Jean King returned with them for a week's visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Smith and family left the latter part of last week for their home in Oklahoma City after a visit with Mr. and Mrs. E. M. George and family.

Mrs. Leona Ice, of Phoenix, Ariz., was a guest at the W. R. Goodwin home Saturday. She was en route to Houston, Tex., to visit a brother who is seriously ill.

Mrs. Sanders, at the south apartment of Mineral Wells, had as guests Sunday and Monday, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Sanders of Kansas City. Mr. Sanders is a mail carrier on vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Frankie Davis and "Smoky" and two children, and Mrs. Clyde Cox of Hot Springs returned Monday from a fishing trip at Elephant Butte and El Vada dams.

Miss Edith French and Ernest

Malone of Lake Arthur were guests at a formal dance at Roswell Country Club Friday. The dance was given by Edna and Bayard Malone in honor of Miss Sarita Fort, of Waco, Tex.

R. E. Atkins and his sister-in-law, Miss Bertha Kimmel, from Elksville, Ill., were in Hagerman Wednesday in the interest of the Josiah Schwartz heirs, who own a small tract of land southwest of Hagerman.

The Epworth League entertained Friday night at the Hinrichsen home. Folk games were played out on the lawn during the evening. Refreshments of koolade and cookies were served to the league members and their friends.

L. L. McMullen and family, who have been visiting relatives in the Hagerman vicinity, left last week for El Paso, Tex. Mrs. McKinstry accompanied them to El Paso, where she visited Mrs. Lois Bryant, an old friend.

Mrs. J. C. Wyman visited in Carlsbad Tuesday. While there she assisted in entertaining Mrs. Cox, the Worthy Grand Matron of the Eastern Star. Mrs. Wyman is an officer of the Carlsbad chapter.

Harlice Dorman, of Hale Center, Tex., is visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Menoud and Howard Dorman. Harlice is the nephew of Mrs. Menoud and also of Howard, although Harlice is a few months older than Howard.

R. M. Wade, who lives 5 1/2 miles west of Hagerman, renewed his subscription to The Messenger last week. Mr. Wade has 70 acres in alfalfa this year and is putting in more. He is a farmer who grows a variety of crops, not pinning his chances to any one exclusively.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. White and their children, Jean and Bruce, were at Hamilton, Tex., during the last week for the White family reunion. They were accompanied by the Rex. Harry Cox and Mrs. Cox. Reference to the reunion will be made in our next issue.

A group including the W. R. Goodwin family, W. H. Keeth family, F. W. Sadler, all of Hagerman, and the Lawrence Cummins family of Lake Arthur motored to the Bottomless Lakes for a picnic lunch and swim after church Sunday.

Lois Jean Sweatt, Dorothy Sue Devenport and George Mark Losey entertained last Friday night at the Woman's Club building with a delightful dance in honor of Jim Corley of Terrell, Tex. Punch was served to about thirty young people. Mrs. W. A. Losey, Mrs. R. W. Cumpsten, Mrs. Ray Lockhead, Mrs. Lloyd Harshey and Mrs. Sweatt acted as sponsors.

Phillip Heick is visiting at the Calumet ranch this week.

Belva Jean Walton, of Carlsbad is visiting this week with Mrs. Stella Palmer.

Messenger Want Ads Get Results

Health Column

Conducted by Charles M. Cree, Director, Division of Health Education

"Desert Ice Box"

The coming of the warm summer months brings with it the problem of food preservation in homes which have not been equipped with electric or other forms of refrigeration.

The problem is important from the health and the economic points of view. Spoilage of food in homes of the low income groups may be a matter of the greatest importance financially and the consumption of spoiled food may result in serious illness in the household.

One answer to the problem is offered by utilization of the cooling qualities of evaporation exemplified by what is known as the "desert ice box." These desert ice boxes are quite efficient and are extremely easy to construct.

A fairly stout framework about two feet square and perhaps three feet high is made. A shelf or shelves can be fitted inside the framework and the shelf or shelves serve the dual purpose of enabling food to be placed on them and at the same time strengthening the structure.

A box or stool is placed at the top of the ice box giving the top a somewhat conical appearance. Canvas or sacking is now stretched over the whole, care being taken to allow a doorway to permit food to be placed in and removed from the box.

The canvas or sacking covering should be stretched taut so that flies may not obtain access and then the entire box should be thoroughly soaked in water.

A water filled bucket is now placed upon the conical top and the bottom of the bucket should be pierced with a sufficient number of small holes to permit enough water to leak out of the bucket to keep the sacking wet at all times. The evaporation of water from the sacking will reduce the temperature within the ice box many degrees and food placed in the box will benefit accordingly.

The care and upkeep for a "desert ice box" is very simple, the only necessity being that the bucket of water be kept filled up. A little experimentation will show the length of time necessary for all of the water to leak out of the bucket and refills can be made as necessary. If you have had difficulties in keeping food in previous years you will find the "desert ice box" a great boon in the summer months.

Miss Margaret Slade of Dexter is visiting in the home of Mrs. O. J. Atwood.

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