

This Is Artesia

Artesia merchants are to be congratulated for their warm display of friendship to the city's potash workers...

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Artesia Weather

Generally fair with little change in temperature today, tonight and Wednesday...

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Employment Rises To High of 4,400

Non-agricultural employment in Artesia has risen to a high of 4400 total employment to a whopping 7650...

Employment will continue to rise over the next 30 days. The increase can be chiefly attributed, he said, to increases in retail trade and contract construction activity.

Police Officer Gets Fired for Hitting Youth

LOVINGTON — A Lovington policeman has been discharged as a result of an altercation in which he allegedly struck a 14-year-old Hobbs youth.

Joanne Wheatley Concert Program Released Today

Tentative program for the "pop" concert to be given Oct. 11 by Joanne Wheatley was released this morning, subject to change by the soloist, a former Artesian.

Attend Meeting of Motor Carriers

A meeting of the legislative policy committee of the New Mexico Carriers Assn. in Albuquerque recently was attended by three Artesians.

Committees Named By City Educators

Committees to serve the Artesia Education Assn. in the 1954-55 school year have been appointed by Pres. Floyd Davis.

Farmers to Discuss Program to Meter Irrigation Wells

North Eddy county farmers will meet tonight to discuss the controversial proposal that irrigation water wells in the Pecos Valley Artesian conservancy district be metered.

Isabelle Clarke Dies in Roswell

Funeral arrangements for Isabelle Ann Clarke, 11-months-old daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. J. Clarke, Jr., Artesia, are pending following the baby's death early this morning at St. Mary's hospital, Roswell.

Estimated Fourth Of Cotton Crop Already Is Picked

Ginning report for the county as of Sept. 29 shows a continued rise in cotton bales in the area over that marked down last year.

A breakdown of gins in the north end of this county shows the Farmers Co-op, 1,410; AAGA Mill, 1,625; AAGA at Atoka, 1,448; AAGA at Espuela, 1,338; Cottonwood, 1,520; with the week's total from last Tuesday night, 3,418.

According to county agent Dick Marek, it looks as if the county will finish getting in all the cotton much earlier this year than it did last year.

State Conference Of DAR to Open Here Thursday

Artesia Mary Griggs chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution is hostess to the state conference to be held in Artesia Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Young Democrats To Plan Drive On Registration

A meeting of Young Democrats is set for tonight to take up methods of pushing a get-out-an-vote drive in and around Artesia.

Annual Kiwanis Kids' Day Plans Are Announced

Schedule for Kiwanis' annual Kids' Day Saturday was announced this morning by Wayne Dougherty, chairman for the event.

James Street Collapses, Dies

CHAPEL HILL, N. C. — Auther James Street collapsed at a meeting here last night and died shortly afterward.

State Police Surround Escaped State Prison Inmates North of Albuquerque

Stockton Says Impressed With Aid to Navajos

By The Associated Press Alvin Stockton said today help for Navajo Indians is coming from both outside and within the tribe.

He spoke of a "feeling of responsibility by officials" and said it was even more important that "capable young leaders within the Navajo tribe who are willing and eager to take on the job of overseeing the destiny of their people" are being developed.

Before his visit to Farmington, Stockton addressed a women's GOP group in Roswell and outlined his reform plans.

Marek also reminded farmers in this area that cotton marketing cards can be obtained from the SCS office every Wednesday in Artesia and any day in the county office at Carlsbad.

Magazine Picks Anderson Over Mechem in Race

ALBUQUERQUE, (AP) — Sen. Clinton Anderson (D-NM) is listed as leading Gov. Edwin Mechem, his GOP candidate, in the fall elections campaign by Fortune Magazine in its current issue.

Optimists to Hold Organizational Meeting Tonight

Another organizational meeting of the Artesia group hoping to start an Optimist club in the city will be held tonight at the educational building of the First Methodist church, 7 p. m.

Colorado, Clovis Breeders Share Fair Swine Honors

ALBUQUERQUE — A Colorado breeder will take home with him the rosette of the grand championship in the open swine show of the 1954 New Mexico State Fair.

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AT THE PRESENTATION of sheep to Mark Stroup, member of the Artesia FFA, Tuesday, were Elmo Uxer, FFA instructor, Bill Holes, advertising manager of Sears, Ed Harroz, manager of the Carlsbad Sears, Bob Setterlund, Sam L. Williams, from whom the sheep were purchased, Mark Stroup and Howard Stroup.

Finance Board Postpones Decision on Health Budget

SANTA FE, (AP) — The state finance board has postponed decision on increasing the health department's budget until State Health Director Gerald Clark and State Comptroller Edward Hartman have talked it over.

Special \$5 Offer Wins Advocate New Readers

Scores of new subscribers have joined the Artesia Advocate's family of readers as the result of a special subscription campaign in which one-year Advocate subscriptions are being sold for \$5.

Furniture Given By Williams

An upholstered chair and divan have been presented Artesia General hospital by Williams Furniture Co.

Fröst Forecast For Northern Parts of State

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS Fröst is forecast for some portions of northern New Mexico tonight.

Thirty Carlsbad Students Attend Wisconsin School

CARLSBAD — Thirty Carlsbad high school students will leave Friday by train for Kenosha, Wis., where they will attend Mary Bradford high school for two weeks, staying in student homes.

Think Fleeing Convicts Holed Up in Area

SANTA FE, (AP) — Two convict trustees who kidnapped a prison guard and released him six hours later were believed surrounded today in the Pena Blanca region north of Albuquerque.

State Police Capt. Joe Black said about 12 state police cars and 15 men, reinforced by state police observers in two airplanes, had circled off the Pena Blanca area.

"We feel the men are holed up in there," Black said. "They could not have gotten out last night. We will flush them out of there some time today."

The guard, Martin Gonzales, was not hurt, he said the convicts kept him tied up from the time they fled from here in an antiquated state truck similar to those used by milk delivery men.

"IT'S A PLAIN case of kidnaping if I ever saw one," said Prison Warden Morris Abram.

The convicts were Robert E. White, 22, serving 2 to 3 years from 1950s for breaking and entering, and James W. Perkins, 23, Wichita Falls, Texas, serving five years from 1950s for larceny.

For Abram, it was the second case of trouble hand running. At about the time the two trustees were reported taking off with the guard and truck, Abram was announcing 30-day suspensions for two guards on negligence charges.

The charges stemmed from the capture, inside the prison, of Byron K. Patterson, a convict who had been missing nearly two days and who had been reported by the prison as an escapee.

ABRAM said Gonzales was seized about 4 p. m. yesterday, when it was time for him and the trustees to start back to the prison from the highway department sign shop to which they were assigned.

The shop is in buildings on prison property at the wartime Japanese internment camp on the west edge of Santa Fe.

Road blocks were thrown up throughout northern New Mexico as soon as the prison detected the men's absence. The state police said they were notified about 5:05 p. m.

About 11:30 p. m. Abram announced Gonzales had called him from Pena Blanca, saying he had (Continued on Page 4)

Guard Is Plenty Scared During Kidnap By Cons

SANTA FE, (AP) — Martin J. Gonzales, a 28-year-old prison guard, said today he was "plenty scared" for more than seven hours while he was kidnaped and held captive by two state penitentiary trustees last night.

Gonzales, who was left still tied up about 9 p. m., released himself, and phoned for help from the village of Pena Blanca.

He was returned here at 3:15 a. m. to join his worried wife, mother of a two-year-old child and expecting another in a month.

The young guard, with the prison 18 months, told reporters in the office of Warden Morris Abram how the trustees in his charge kidnaped him yesterday.

Gonzales, who is only 5 feet 5 inches tall and weighs 118 pounds, said he is interested in staying on at the prison, but would prefer another job to the one of riding herd on bigger convicts.

Thirty Carlsbad students attend Wisconsin school. Carlsbad high school students will leave Friday by train for Kenosha, Wis., where they will attend Mary Bradford high school for two weeks, staying in student homes.

A similar number of Kenosha students will pay a similar visit to Carlsbad in November. The students exchange trip was arranged by officials of the two schools.

