

This Is Artesia

One of the first rules of good neighborliness is to go visiting when a neighbor invites you. That applies to towns and cities, too. Maljamar Day is next Saturday. Many Artesians will drive over for the evening, but there'll be room for plenty more.

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Artesia Weather

Partly cloudy afternoons and early evenings otherwise generally fair through Wednesday. Little change in temperature. Low tonight 68, high Wednesday 95. High yesterday 90. Low last night 61.

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Persons Dead, Including Civilians in Flaming, Wrecked Homes

MUJUG PLANE CRASHES IN HOUSING AREA



ARTESIA MARKSMEN—Members of Artesia's Battery C, 697th AAA AW Bn, are pictured by the Advocate photographer in part of their days activities at Orogrande Firing Range during the two weeks of annual National Guard summer camp. In top photo 40 mm gun crew under S-Sgt. Jerry Dominguez blast away at target plane. Next 50 caliber automatic gun of the Artesia unit spews thousands of rounds. An army crew on its stomach and Battery C members are getting the best during the camp period. And at day's end (bottom) Artesia guardsmen head for the pup tents and well-earned rest.

Sharpshooting Artesia Guardsmen Scoring High

Supply of Target Planes Dwindles Under Hot Fire

by RICK RAPHAEL
Advocate Editor

OROGRANDE FIRING RANGE, Aug. 22—A wall of thundering high explosive fire erupted from the hot desert floor and seconds later, a wildly twisting, darting target plane literally disintegrated under a direct hit by a 40 mm shell from one of the many belching guns of the New Mexico National Guard.

Shrilling whistles signaled the "cease fire" and as the light desert breeze drifted the stench and smoke of high explosive ammunition back across the firing line, a whooping cheer rolled along the two-mile bristling picket of anti-aircraft guns.

This was the start of the second week of firing for the 697th AAA AW Bn of the New Mexico National Guard and the scene here at Orogrande range was being duplicated by the other two battalions of the

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No Clues Found In Burglary of Nelson's Market

Police investigation continued today into the \$1,277 burglary Saturday night of Nelson's Super Market, 603 W. Main st., with no leads as yet to identify the burglar.

Police officers and sheriff's deputies were questioning all employees of the store in a routine procedure. Chief of Police Powell said there is thus far no suspicion directed at anyone.

When Christie Davis arrived to open the store for cleaning Sunday morning, he found the front door standing ajar. Then it was discovered that \$777 in currency and cash and about 500 in checks had been taken from a hiding place.

Owner C. C. Nelson surmised that someone watched him hide the receipts Saturday night, then concealed himself and allowed himself to be locked in the store. Nelson said the checks were some that had been returned by banks because of insufficient funds but that most of them were collectible.

Committee Feels Jubilee Income To Meet Expenses

Confidence that Artesia's Golden Jubilee celebration would break even financially, or show a small profit, apparently was borne out in the first tentative financial report on the event.

The report, presented at a meeting yesterday of the 50th year celebration executive committee in the Hotel Artesia dining room, showed receipts from all sources of \$1804.10 thus far. Expenditures up to the present total \$1014.48.

Still to be paid are bills amounting to \$1,728.41, the report indicates, but committee members said there are enough receipts due to pay them, with perhaps a small surplus.

Overall cost to the committee of the jubilee thus figures as \$2,743.29.

Artesian's Dad Dies in Texas

The aged father of an Artesian died in Olton, Texas, last Wednesday, and funeral services were held Thursday, Aug. 19 at Odessa. He was C. C. Gaskins, the father of Charles T. Gaskins, who returned Sunday night from attending the funeral.

The elder Gaskins was almost a centenarian, having reached his 96th year at the time of his death. Although living in Texas, he is well known in Artesia, having made his home with his son here in previous years.

FENDER SKIRTS
Barry Mason, of 310 W. Grand ave., reported to police today that a thief removed the fender skirts of his automobile while it was parked near his home.

MAIL VANDALS
Postmistress Mrs. Bill Dunnam notified authorities here today that vandals had knocked down three mail boxes in the Cottonwood area. She reported they belonged to James Buck, Floyd Howard and Tom Frink.

Ike Pledges All-Out Assistance To Flood-Ravaged East Coast

By The Associated Press

New hope came today for flood-scarred Northeastern states as President Eisenhower pledged "everything that is possible" in federal help—even to convening an extraordinary session of Congress.

"If necessary, I shall call a special session," he said after an aerial survey of the stricken region and a conference with state governors.

Last Hour Work Nears Completion On Highway Job

The last city water department valve access installations and sewer manholes in the roadway of the new \$500,000 urban highway project were to be made today.

Workmen under the overall direction of City Engineer Doug Fowler have been racing the last few days to get their part of the First st. project completed. The completion of their task brings to a close one of the busiest periods the department has ever experienced.

And it will be only a matter of days until Contractors Longenbaugh Coe put the final touches to the roadway itself, leaving only intersections and the surfacing of the central strip to finish before the big job is listed as done.

Engineers for the contractors were loath to set a definite completion date, pointing out that rain and other unforeseen factors could delay it. "Nobody can be sure of the weather," a company spokesman said, "but we ought to be done in a very short time."

Carlsbad Ball Player Shot In Bar Brawl

CARLSBAD. (AP)—Pedro Osorio, first baseman with the Carlsbad Potashers of the Longhorn League was shot in the shoulder last night in a tavern fight.

The fight started over "allegations as to Osorio's race," Asst. Dist. Atty. Charles Feezer said.

Feezer said he was preparing charges of assault with a deadly weapon against William Jones, part owner of the Saloon Bar where the shooting took place at 11:00 p. m. last night.

Feezer said statements from four or five witnesses gave the following account of what happened:

Osorio, a dark complexioned Panamanian, and Frank Dominguez, 22, a veteran recently returned from Army service, went to the bar. A "question of service arose" and Jones allegedly told the waitress to stop serving Osorio, Feezer said.

A fight ensued in which Osorio allegedly threw a glass of beer at Jones, drenching his shirt but inflicting no injury, and Osorio was struck on the head and shot, Feezer said.

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Red Feather Fund Appeal Chief Sought

Marshaling of forces to conduct the annual Community Chest drive for funds, scheduled for some time in October, was under way today.

Nominations for a drive leader were considered at a breakfast meeting of the Council of Social Agencies board at the Hotel Artesia this morning and preliminary lists of drive staff members were formulated. Names of this year's fund army will be announced soon, according to the Rev. M. E. O'Neill, Jr., vice chairman of the Council.

Sharing in benefits of the Community Chest this year, as the program is presently set up, are the Girl Scouts, the Heart Fund, the USO and the Artesia Welfare Center. Last year the drive netted approximately \$10,000.

The goal for this year will be set after budgets of the participating agencies are submitted and studied. Deadline for submission of these budgets to Mrs. H. R. Patton, chairman of the budget committee is Sept. 1, Rev. O'Neill said.

Hagerman, Artesia Tax Refunds Due

Today winds up the list of names of New Mexico taxpayers who have refunds coming from the federal government, and among them are found three Artesians and two taxpayers from Hagerman.

The Artesians are Richard M. and E. D. Vaughan, and Same Wane Jr., 204 N. First St., Robert and F. M. Walston, general delivery. Hagerman are also listed as having unclaimed refunds.

Flying Boxcar Cuts Swath Of Fire, Death

CHARLESTON, S. C. (AP)—A flaming C-119 flying boxcar crashed, exploded and burned in a Negro residential area near the Charleston Air Force Base today, killing nine or more airmen and civilians.

The base public information office said five of the 11 crew members were killed. None of the six survivors was believed injured critically.

Bodies of four civilians were found shortly after firemen and policemen were able to probe into the wreckage of the plane and three houses it hit in the densely populated Liberty Park community. Flaming debris was hurled over a wide area. The plane was on a routine night flight.

The C-119 was attached to the 456th Troop Carrier Wing of the 18th Air Force. It had taken off with another military transport ship. A North Charleston fireman said he heard both planes and saw two tremendous flashes of fire from the one that crashed about 2 a.m. EST.

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Wounded U. S. Pilot Freed By North Korean Commies

KUMHWA, Korea (AP)—Lt. Guy H. Bumpas, an Air Force flier shot down by Communist gunners a week ago, walked unaided across a small bridge near the Korean truce line today—free after a week in Red hands.

A bandage covered his right eye and the right side of his forehead.

The Communists also delivered the body of Bumpas' observer-passenger, Army Capt. Charles W. Brown, West Louisville, Ky.

The shooting down of the plane Aug. 17 touched off an angry exchange. The Communists said the light trainer was spying. The United Nations Command charged "trigger-happy" gunners fired on it when it was lost.

Bumpas wouldn't talk to newsmen.

The flier and Brown's body were taken by helicopter to an Army hospital near Inchon, west of Seoul.

The Communists had announced that Bumpas, of Jackson, Miss., suffered a fractured skull in the crash.

He was examined shortly after being freed but there was no announcement of his condition.

The release site was the center of a small bridge straddling the armistice line, midway between Red and Allied lines in the 2½ mile-wide neutral zone.

The Reds have insisted Bumpas

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French Armor Columns Hit Rebel Berbers

CASABLANCA (AP)—Armored French columns under fighter plane cover struck today in overwhelming strength at the mountain strongholds of Moroccan tribesmen who launched an insurrection Saturday.

Heavy reinforcing columns set out last night from Rabat and Meknes to join the already strong French forces cutting off the Kasba Talda area east of Oued Zem.

French officials would not disclose the number of troops employed but said, "when you go into those mountains, you don't do it with 50 men."

Although the operation was characterized as a "punitive expedition," French officials said there would be no "repression," which in French military terminology means no mass executions.

The main targets of the expedition are the 4,000 Berber tribesmen, formerly friendly to the French, who ride out of the hills to raid Oued Zem, where about 80 Frenchmen were slaughtered and mutilated.

Although no official figures for the still growing weekend death toll were available, French officials acknowledged privately it might reach 1,000 in Morocco alone. In Algeria, hundreds more casualties were reported.

Scott Back After State Meeting

Paul W. Scott, manager of the Chamber of Commerce, was back on duty at the Chamber offices today after attending a one-day meeting at Alamogordo of the New Mexico Chamber of Commerce Managers Assn.

Scott, who is secretary-treasurer of the association, aided in making plans for the three-day conference and workshop of the association to be held in Alamogordo Oct. 13, 14 and 15.

10 Children Killed In Crash

SPRING CITY, Tenn. (AP)—A long freight train, its whistle tooting shrilly, rammed into a loaded grammar school bus here yesterday, killing 10 youngsters and injuring 30 others and the bus driver.

The yellow-painted bus was midway across the downtown grade crossing when the 100-car train smacked into it at an estimated speed of 45 miles an hour.

Bystanders, some with children aboard the bus, stood horrified as the little bodies were flung along the tracks.

The children, all white and ranging in age from 6 to 12, had just begun the second week of school. All were killed or injured. At least 5 of the 21 hospitalized

overnight were in serious condition. Nine others and the bus driver, Raymond Moore, 39, were treated and released.

All the victims were thought to have lived in the Back Valley community just northwest of Spring City, a town of less than 2,000 residents between Knoxville and Chattanooga.

Moore, who started driving a school bus only last week, said he stopped at the crossing but his view was blocked by four parked cars.

"When I started across the tracks I saw it (the train) and heard the engineer blowing his whistle," he said. "I prayed I would make it but I knew I was too late."

Moore was charged with manslaughter and released on bond at nearby Dayton.

Walter Boles, 10, one of the less seriously injured pupils, said: "I remember turning a couple of flips in the bus but that's about all. I don't remember hearing the train whistle blow. It was over so quick I just don't know how it happened."

Gene Crisp, a television repairman, said he reached the tragic scene seconds after the crash. Shattered glass and school books lay among the mangled bodies.

"My two boys came running toward me out of the dust, hollering 'Daddy, Daddy.' I was never so glad to see anybody in my life."

Crisp's sons, Robert, 7, and Francis, 8, required only first aid treatment.

Paul Gilles, engineer of the Southern Railway train, also was charged with manslaughter, highway patrolmen said.

Spring City schools, as in many other rural Tennessee areas, start classes in August to allow a harvest-time recess.

Gov. Frank Clement ordered an immediate investigation.

The crossing was equipped with automatic warning lights. State Highway Patrol Sgt. Cecil Strader quoted Moore as saying the Signal device was not working. Strader said several bystanders reported the lights were working properly.

Seesaw Ballgame, Twice Tied Up, Goes To Potashers, 8-7

SPORTS

Four Homers Clear Center Field Boards

A seesaw ballgame that was twice tied up, tipped in favor of the Carlbad Potashers here last night as they edged the Artesia NuMexers 8 to 7.

After tagging NuMexer starting pitcher Eddie Locke for eight hits to twice lock the game, the Potashers belted Locke off the mound in the seventh with four more hits good for three runs.

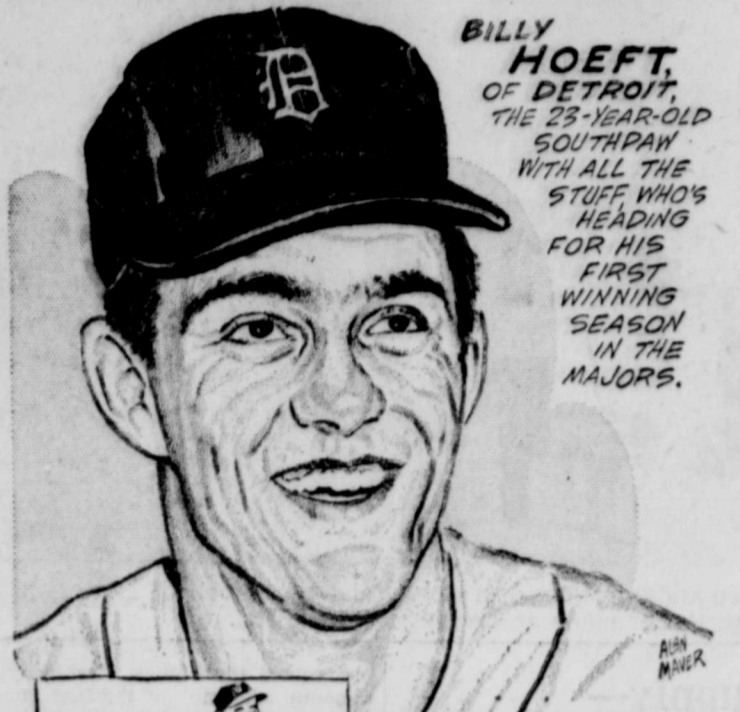
But fall guy of the evening was reliever Tommy Buford who came into the 7-7 deadlock to replace Locke and then gave up one hit in the eighth to Potasher centerfielder Therman Tucker for the winning run. Buford took the loss on the record book. Duke Henderson made the deciding tally on Tucker's single after he got on base on a duster that Buford hurried to him at the plate.

Centerfield fence must have been moved into the infield because four round-trippers, a pair for each team, vanished into the darkness over the boards.

Sunday night the NuMexers had won, 12-1, on the tight pitching of Harry Young.

THE BOX - Carlbad vs Artesia. AB R H O A. Carlbad: Henderson 4 1 1 3 0, Cossio, rf-p 5 0 0 0 0, Tucker, cf 4 2 3 5 0, Gholson, 3b 5 1 1 1 1, Hardy, 2b 5 2 3 1 2, Jackson, 1b 5 1 4 6 0, Burns, ss 5 0 0 1 3, Brito, c 5 0 0 10 0, Nunez, p 1 1 1 0 0, Chriscio, p-rf 2 0 0 0 0, Totals 41 8 13 27 6. Artesia: Boyd, c 5 1 2 8 0, Bascom, cf 5 0 0 2 0, Dolkowski, 3b 5 2 2 1 1, Jordan, 1b 4 1 4 4 1, Howard, rf 5 0 0 3 0, Locke, p-rf 4 1 1 3 1, Gallardo, 2b 4 0 0 2 0, Wilson, lf 3 1 1 2 0, Cossia, ss 4 1 1 3 0, Buford, p 1 0 0 0 0, Totals 40 7 11 27 5.

LEARNS WINNING WAYS - By Alan Mavor



BILLY HOFFT, OF DETROIT, THE 23-YEAR-OLD SOUTHPAW WITH ALL THE STUFF WHO'S HEADING FOR HIS FIRST WINNING SEASON IN THE MAJORS. DESPITE HIS YOUTH THIS IS BILLY'S 4TH SEASON IN THE MAJORS, BUT UP TO THIS YEAR, HE HAD LOST TWICE AS MANY AS HE WON. BILLY, OF THE HIGH POTENTIAL, STILL BLOWS HOT AND COLD, HAVING BEEN BELTED OUT OFTEN, BUT 4 OF HIS FIRST 10 WINS WERE SHUTOUTS.

Austin College Bans Athletic Scholarships Under New System

SHERMAN, Tex. (AP)—The boy who can hit a gnat in the eye with a football and kick it a country mile will be just another student at Austin College Sept. 1.

President John D. Moseley, who says it is "an experiment to cure the financial and other ills of athletic professionalism that have plagued so many schools so many years."

Cowboy Ellis Grapples McKay At Grace Center

George McKay, one of the great favorites at Our Lady of Grace Center, will return from California to meet Cowboy Bob Ellis in this Wednesday night's weekly wrestling matches.

Football Ticket Sales to Start Late This Week

Ticket sales for the 1955 season of the Artesia Bulldogs start this week, coinciding with the drive of the Quarterback Club for a membership of 500 to boost the football program at the High school.

Waco Takes Lead

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS. Waco's hustling Pirates had made the long haul Tuesday—they were in first place in the Big State League.

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Kaline's Lead In AL Batting Cinch for Top

NEW YORK (AP)—Detroit's Al Kaline, only 20 years old and playing his second big league campaign, had the American League batting title all but sewed up today.

With less than five weeks of the season left, Kaline holds a 37-point lead over runner-up Vic Power of Kansas City. The Tigers' outfielder gained three points to 351 in last week's games. Power, meanwhile, dislodged Harvey Kuenn of Detroit from the No. 2 spot.

Seixas Looks Like Key Man In Davis Cup

FOREST HILLS, N. Y. (AP)—Vic Seixas, the 32-year-old U. S. champion, today loomed as the key man in the defense of the Davis Cup against Australia starting Friday.

Archie Moore Needles Marciano With Boast He Will Take Title

By MURRAY ROSE. NEW YORK (AP)—If Rocky Marciano belts his sparring partners around with extra vigor in the next few days, they can blame it on Archie Moore.

Football Team Boosters Group Meets Thursday

An organization meeting of the Bulldog Parents and Boosters Club will be held in the High School library at 7 p. m. Thursday.

Colts Whip Big Spring, Now 4 Games in Front

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS. The San Angelo Colts Tuesday had a tight grip on the Longhorn League lead as the ymved four games ahead of second-place Artesia with an 11-4 victory over Big Spring Monday night.

Dukes Pull Even With Amarillo In WT-NM League

Rain took a hand Monday night in the West Texas-New Mexico League and left Amarillo and Albuquerque in a dead heat at the top of the standings.

Hot Streak May Decide Race in American League

By ED CORRIGAN. The Associated Press. The race for the American League pennant has become the race in the fantastic pennant race.

Major League Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE. W L Pct. GB. New York 73 47 .615 --, Boston 73 46 .613 1/2, Chicago 74 48 .607 1, St. Louis 70 51 .579 4 1/2, Detroit 62 60 .508 13, Philadelphia 49 74 .398 26 1/2, Kansas City 42 76 .356 31, Baltimore 37 80 .316 35 1/2.

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IRBY DRUG DRIVE-IN PRESCRIPTION SERVICE. This Smoke Signal Spells Prosperity. Those living in a radius of 30 miles or so from the smokestack at the Chino Mines Division smelter in Hurley look upon the 500-foot chimney as a business barometer.

MAGNIFICENT MCKAY vs COWBOY ELLIS. ELEPHANT BOY vs REGGIE SIKI. CHARLIE MARTINEZ vs BARON POWELL. Advance Tickets at Drillers Cafe.



NEWS for FARMERS for RANCHERS



Russian And American Farmers Profit From Exchange Visits

Luncheon Foods Developed By Agricultural Research

WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary of Agriculture Benson praised the visiting Soviet farm chiefs at a farewell luncheon as "good ambassadors" of peace—and gave them a pep talk on the virtues of the American free enterprise system.

The visitors were wind up a six-week tour of American farms. "Our harvest in America promises to be a rich one this year," he said. "In a sense it is richer because you, our Russian neighbors, have come to see it. Your presence here is a symbol that in this harvest there is hope not only of plenty but peace as well.

"The broad interests Americans have shown in your visit to our country comes from the hope they share with all people that there may be peace in the world—peace that must come in large measure from increased trust and understanding between the American and Russian nations."

Research Food
Benson's talk was prepared for a ham and potato salad luncheon made up of foods developed in the laboratories and field stations of the Agricultural Research Service.

He voiced hope the Russians can apply to the Soviet Union's farms many of the agricultural ad-

Shade for Dairy Cows Desirable

The temperature of the air apparently has a decided effect upon the fat percentage in milk, says County Agent Richard Marek. It has been found that cows of all breeds tend to give milk lower in fat as the temperature rises, particularly in the ranges from 30 to 80 degrees, he says.

Fat content has been known to decrease as much as 2 to 3 percent for each 10 degrees increase in temperature. Because of the effect of temperature, cows at the same stage of lactation tend to give richer milk in winter than in summer.

Shade should always be provided in pasture during hot weather if at all possible, Marek said.

A little denatured alcohol applied with a brush will remove stubborn tobacco stains from copper or brass ashtrays. Rinse with hot water after cleaning.

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Palace Drug Monthly News

A message from Fred and Jim, 'Your Pharmacists'

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ONLY A PHYSICIAN is learned enough to properly advise you what medicine to take.

ONLY A PHARMACIST is taught the complete knowledge necessary to compound medicines, and how to best preserve and protect medicines so that they are potent when you get them.

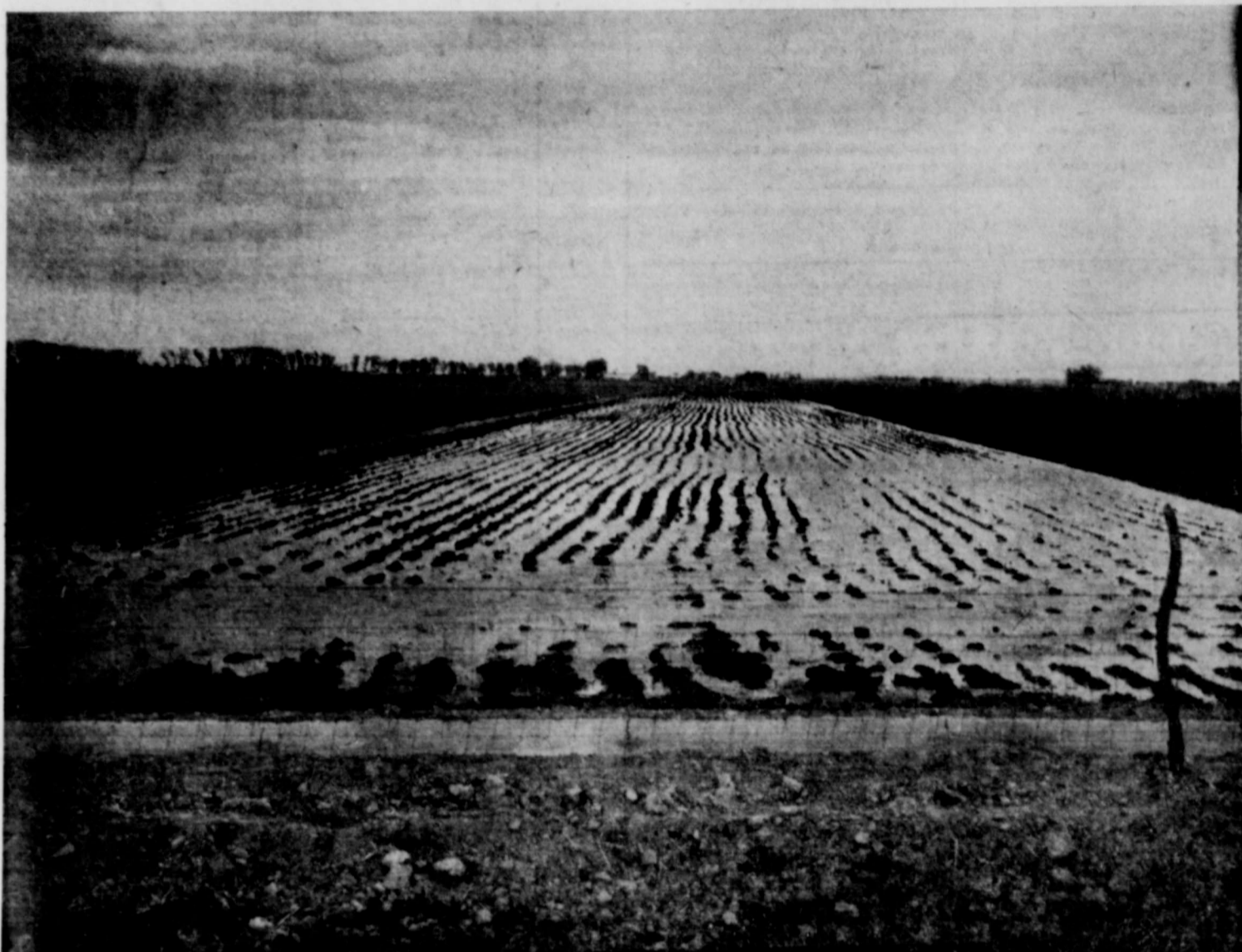
ACCORDING TO A MOST PROPER LAW it is not only a moral, but the required legal duty of every Pharmacist to make certain that any medicine you get from him is a safe medicine to take.

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Irrigation's Effective When Land Is Level



IDEAL IRRIGATION PRACTICE is illustrated above in a scene typical of the valley's better farms. The parcel of land being irrigated is level and the water is evenly distributed so no portions are slighted and none over-watered. In the foreground is a concrete-lined irrigation ditch. The view is an object lesson in what the Soil Conservation Service is attempting to achieve wherever possible.

Experts Give Answers to Queries On Social Security for Farmers

A number of conditions affect farmers' coverage under the new Social Security law, advises County Agent Richard Marek. While the law is compulsory for farmers and their employees, the ways farmers receive their income is important if coverage is to be assured.

If a landowner farms his land individually, either by doing the work in whole or in part by himself, or by hiring all the farm work done for him, the result is coverage as a self-employed person. He pays 3 percent tax on his net profit when he files his income tax return, at the end of the year.

If a landowner rents his farm for cash or a share of the crops, the resulting income does not qualify for social security coverage.

If a landowner is in legal partnership with his mature son or other person, coverage of his share of the profits will qualify under the self-employment rule. Informal partnerships do not count for social security. A husband and wife partnership must be true and legal for coverage of both parties. Otherwise the husband gets the coverage.

\$1,500,000 Hoard

76-YEAR-OLD Mrs. Delores Vasquez, who said she was a former nurse in Pancho Villa's army in Mexico, summoned officials to her bedside in Imperial Valley hospital, San Diego, Calif., and told them of five places in Texas in which a gold hoard of \$1,500,000 is hidden. She thought she was dying, but is recovering. She said she was a colonel in Villa's army and one of his trusted aides, and that the gold was left by the revolutionary. (International)

No. 1
Question: How will a farmer or rancher get information about the social security law as it affects him and his employees?
Answer: This paper is beginning a series of "questions and answers" articles which will discuss social security as it applies to farmers, ranchers, and their employees. This series will cover most problems which will arise in connection with the law. For more specific information on social security the following should be contacted in person, telephone, or by letter:
1—SOCIAL SECURITY TAX MATTERS—Write to the Director of Internal Revenue, Albuquerque, N. Mex.
2—ACCOUNT NUMBERS, BENEFITS, AND GENERAL INFORMATION—Contact the Social Security Administration office, Roswell, N. Mex., or see a representative of that office when he is in this area.

No. 2
Question: How are farmers affected by the 1954 Amendments to the Social Security Law?
Answer: The amendments extend social security protection to most farm families. Beginning January 1, 1955, people farming for themselves are under social security provided they make as much as \$400 profit in a year from their farm operations.
These self-employed farmers will contribute toward social security while they are working and when their earnings stop because of retirement or death, payments are made to the farmer and his dependents or his survivors.
Within a period of two years farmers who are now age 65 or will attain 65 by the end of next year and who have net income from their operations that amount to as much as \$400 in 1955 and \$400 in 1956 will have built up a possible eligibility to social security benefits.
Did you know that Eli Whitney made his first cotton gin with wires from a bird cage?

High Foliage Often Hazard On Highways

Trees, weeds, bushes, and tall crops that obstruct vision are a serious traffic hazard at this time of year. Too often these obstructions make it impossible for drivers traveling on the highway to see farm vehicles about to enter the road.

Farmers should know how to figure "sight distances" necessary for safety. County Agent Richard Marek gives these suggestions for finding out what obstructions to remove in order to avoid possible accidents:
1—Park your car in the driveway, with the bumper 10 feet from the nearest edge of the pavement of traveled portion of the road.
2—Pace off 700 feet along the highway to the left on the same side as the driveway entrance and place a marker at the edge of the pavement.
3—Set another marker down the road in the opposite direction, but on the side of the road across from the driveway entrance. If a heavy, slow-starting truck or tractor uses the driveway, set the markers at 830 feet, or 332 paces, instead of 700 feet.
4—Go back to your car and sit in the driver's seat. If you can't see the markers, clear any obstructions away until you can see them. Even though "sight distance" is adequate at your farm entrance, always make a full stop and look both ways before you enter the highway.

Dehorning Beef Cattle Is Urged

Horns and choice beef carcasses do not go together. Feeders buying horns don't feed out as well as de-horned cattle, says County Agent Richard Marek.

Badly bruised carcasses are usually found in shipments of horned cattle. These bruises detract from the appearance of the carcasses and lower their sale value. Aside from the damage done to the meat, the hide is frequently damaged as a result of cattle goring one another.

In general, dehorned cattle usually command a better price in the market place than horned cattle of similar quality and condition, the county agent points out. "Best time for de-horning operations is when the calf is one month of age, depending on the method used," Marek says. "Some operators de-horn calves at the same time they castrate."

LESS MACHINE PICKING

Although the proportion of machine harvesting increased in Arkansas, California, and Missouri, it decreased in all other states except North Carolina and Tennessee. Percentage of machine harvesting remained the same in these two. California showed the largest proportion of mechanically harvested cotton in 1954 and Tennessee, the smallest.

\$100,000 REA LOAN

The Rural Electrification Administration has approved a loan of \$100,000 for the Roosevelt County Electric Cooperative at Artesia, N. M. The money will enable the borrower to help finance members' purchase and installation of various electrical appliances and equipment and irrigation facilities. A. A. Killion is president and Glenn M. Ezell is manager of the Roosevelt County Cooperative.

MONKEY BUSINESS UP

NEW DELHI, India, Aug. 20. (AP)—The demand for Indian monkeys, used in the manufacture of Salk polio vaccine, has boosted their price to a record \$4 each. That's about 40 cents more than they brought last year and \$250 more than in 1953.

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U.S. Farmers Find Russians Have Only Bare Necessities

By TOM REEDY

BERLIN (AP)—The U. S. farm delegation to the Soviet Union headed homeward advocating more such exchanges of visits between Americans and Russians.

"They have the most to gain by exchanges now, but later we might gain considerably," said the leader of the group, Dean W. V. Lambert of the University of Nebraska Agricultural School.

The party of farmers, educators and newsmen stopped in Berlin after a month's tour of Soviet farmlands in Russia, the Ukraine and Siberia. They split up here, some remaining in Berlin for a few days, some flying home directly and others stopping in other West European cities.

Dean Lambert said he was sure "we made some friends in Russia and the tension we first felt when we went there did not exist when we left."

Tremendously Isolated
"Similar exchanges would be desirable to break down the barriers," he continued. "These people are tremendously isolated, anything we can do in this direction would be helpful."

Another of the group, Ferris Owen, of Newark, Ohio, said the Russian peasant has only the bare necessities of life—a roof over his head and enough clothing for simple food. But "they all felt they have it better now than ever before," he added.

The farmers said everywhere they went "the simple Russian was friendly." Dr. William Reed, dean of the Agricultural Technical College at Greensboro, N. C., said the average Russian "has no conception of capitalism."

American 'Poverty'
He thinks there are a few poor people in the United States, but that the rest of Americans live in poverty, he said.

The Americans left behind, a frank, 14-point program for improving Soviet agriculture. He recommended that the Russians use more machinery, and less central control, and that they agree with the United States for an exchange of experts in technical publications.

Moscow radio said today the Soviet government greatly appreciated the visitors' criticism of its agricultural methods.

Bumper Melon Crops Insure Lower Prices

The August harvest of vitamin A-rich melons, home-grown and shipped-in, are on the produce counters in plentiful supply. A late spring and fluctuating temperatures have caused the harvesting of melons to run well behind normal schedules in Arizona, California, New Mexico and Washington.

The late summer cantaloupe crop is estimated to be 4 percent greater than last year, and the watermelon crop is 30 percent greater than average. Supplies of both types of melons should remain plentiful throughout August, the prices attractive to the consumer.

Melons having the deep red or orange-colored flesh are a rich source of vitamin A, a good source of vitamin C. All melons offer the calorie-counters good eating at low cost.

Quality in cantaloupes is determined by flavor, texture, and sweetness of the flesh. They attain their highest flavor and quality only when harvested vine-ripe. With present day refrigerated methods of transportation, cantaloupes can be harvested vine-ripe, as well as hard-ripe and be shipped long distances satisfactorily. The scar at the stem end should be slightly sunken and calloused of a cantaloupe harvested at "full slip" or vine-ripened. Over-mature cantaloupes are usually soft, water, in insipid. This condition is generally indicated by a very pronounced yellowing of the rind.

Usually ripe watermelons of good quality are firm, fresh, with a velvety appearance to the rind; the lower side is yellowish in color. Immature melons usually present a hard greenish, unripe appearance. The underside is usually white or pale green. However, the outside appearance is not a sure guide for selection for quality of melons.

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