

Artesia Weather
Fair today and Monday. Continued mild temperatures, moderate afternoon winds. High today 70, low tonight 45.

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Parades, Services, Parties Highlight Christmas Week

Christmas will hold full sway in Artesia this week, highlighted by religious services and a parade on the observance of the birth of the blessed Jesus only a week away. Artesians are putting the finishing touches on plans for the pageant parade scheduled for Thursday night at 7:00 p.m. and will form at the high school on Richardson facing west at an hour earlier. From there it will proceed to 13th street, east on Main to Second street, south to Quay, then west to the date 12 of the 14 floats during the Nativity have been ready. There will be no judging of the Junior High School art display before each float — telling the story of the Nativity.

Jan. 2
The Daily Advocate will not be published on Dec. 26 nor on Jan. 1. These churches have scheduled Christmas week services: First Methodist, the Rev. H. L. McCrester, pastor, Christmas program tonight at 8 p.m. followed by a social gathering in Fellowship Hall; Father and Son banquet Tuesday 9:45 p.m. Fellowship Hall; Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Christmas Day; Church services 11 a.m. Christmas Day with special music.

H. McClendon, pastor, Christmas program Wednesday 7:30 p.m.; Christmas morning children's service 10:45 a.m.; Christmas services for Sunday school 10:45 a.m. Christmas. Nazareth, the Rev. Keith E. McClendon, pastor, the play 'In Bethlehem' tonight at 8:45 p.m.; the play 'Out of Darkness' Christmas Day at 5:00 p.m. St. Paul's Episcopal, Evening service tonight at 8:00 p.m. with Mrs. Watson as lay leader, with a program by the children of the congregation followed by a Christmas tree gathering; Christmas Day at 8:00 p.m.; communion with the Rev. A. Babbitt.



MORE THAN 3,000 CHILDREN were treated by Santa Claus Saturday at the annual Christmas party staged by the Artesia Rotary Club at Morris Field. When Santa drove into the field in his jeep-sleigh the children made a mass rush for the treat line. (Advocate Photo)

Doctor Cautiously Skirts Second Term Issue In Report

By DOUGLAS B. CORNELL
GETTYSBURG, Pa., — Heart specialist Paul Dudley White pronounced President Eisenhower "out of danger" from his September heart attack yesterday but cautiously skirted the second term issue. The chief consultant on the President's case told a news conference that with average luck and common-sense care, "it is possible for the President to live for years and be fully active." Yet he said that "the future is in the lap of the gods."

Demos List Top 10 Items For Campaign

WASHINGTON — The Democratic National Committee yesterday listed "Ten Top Issues for 1956." The issues, not counting foreign policy differences, were listed as: "Falling farm income, tax favoritism for the rich, the public power giveaway, favoritism to big business, misconduct in government, the rising cost of living, small business failures, GOP antilabor policy, the school crisis, and the growth of monopolies."

Artesia Woman Surprises Pair Of Young Prowlers

Mrs. Rose Miller, 1014 Ray, reported to police yesterday that she surprised two teenage boys prowling around her house about 2 a.m. Saturday. It was also reported to police by Santa Fe Railroad officials Saturday that someone has been sleeping in boxcars parked on siding north of town and that one car had been damaged by fire.

Frank Comments

by Frank Gardner
A newspaper's responsibility to readers and its friends often is determined by what is carried in its news columns—often determined by what is not carried. Every week there are justifications for a bit of information is labeled for release at a certain time and date. There are occasions when a firm or individual will ask, with good reason, that information not be released until certain conditions are met.

Senator Issues Challenge To Veto Red China

WASHINGTON — Sen. Knowland (R-Calif.) challenged presidential aspirants in both parties yesterday to pledge an American veto for any move to admit Communist China to the United Nations. In what was regarded as a preliminary blast in his expected campaign for the Republican presidential nomination, Knowland criticized the Eisenhower administration for what he said was its "acquiescence" to a package deal by which 16 nations were taken into the U. N. earlier in the week.

Artesia Student Reaches Contest Semi-Finals

Don Collins, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Buster Collins, 810 West Dallas, is one of 5,000 high school seniors who have gained the semi-finals of a nationwide scholarship contest.



Don Collins

Charge Reuther Seeks To Handpick Demo Candidate

LOS ANGELES — Rep. Edgar W. Hiestand (R-Calif.) has charged that union leader Walter Reuther is "a socialist" who seeks to handpick the 1956 Democratic presidential candidate. The accusation brought a sharp retort from Reuther's United Auto Workers union.

Bank Examiner Refuses Five Loan Licenses

SANTA FE — The state bank examiner has turned down five applications for small loans licenses and approved two. The seven were submitted by Pacific Finance Loans of California.

Eddy 4-H Members Honored Saturday

An Eddy County 4-H Club achievement program was held at the Carlisbad High School yesterday at 7:30 p.m., at which achievement and contest awards were made and 4-H year pins were given out to members.

They Made Christmas — King Herod

By DR. J. CARTER SWAIM
Director, Department of the English Bible, National Council of Churches
EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the first of a series of seven stories on the people in the Biblical report on the birth of Christ, written by a leading authority on the English Bible. The ancient world had no better way of fixing time than by reference to the reigning monarch. Luke (1:5) dates the birth of Jesus "in the days of Herod, king of Judea." In a frantic effort to get rid of any who might take his throne, King Herod "killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under" (Matt. 2:16). But that was not an unprecedented example of his cruelty; he had already murdered two of his own sons, suspected of plotting against him.

Narcotics Suspect Hangs Self In Carrizozo Jail

CARRIZOZO — Sheriff William Bradley said one of three men he charged Friday night with possession of narcotics was found hanged in jail Saturday morning. Bradley identified the man as Leopoldo Olguin, 24, originally from Watrous but lately of Denver. Olguin, Anthony Gallegos, 22, and J. B. Mingo, 22, both also of Denver, were charged similarly.

Artesia Tax Nearly \$5 Above State Average

By JOHN B. CURTIS
AP State Capital Correspondent
SANTA FE — The average tax rate in New Mexico for the fiscal year ending next June 30 has been compiled by the State Tax Commission at \$31.289, Chief Commissioner Clarence Forsling said Saturday. This means a tax of \$313.289 on each \$1,000 assessed valuation. It compares with an average tax rate of \$30.279 for the preceding year and \$28.215 the year before that. The rate includes state, county, municipal and school taxes, but does not include utilities and other budgeted items for which no tax levy is made.

Days In Artesia
2,051
Fatality - Free

Sooner had the claim been ordered than Portales Editor Gordon Greaves came up with information that the Peatix Center has not had a traffic fatality within its city limits since 1948. At any rate the Artesia record is an enviable one and we as Chief of Police Frank Powell are hoping that it is never broken. At midnight last night the record reached 2,051 days without a traffic death.

Car Hurt Most In Crash With Cow Friday Night
A car driven by J. L. Long, 2135 1/2 W. Dallas, Friday night struck a cow about one-half mile south of Artesia on Highway 285 and apparently did more damage to the car than to the cow.

An estimated \$100 damage was done to one side of the car and the cow escaped without serious injury. An estimated \$100 damage was done to the car. The cow was killed. The car was damaged. The cow was killed. The car was damaged.

6 SHOPPING DAYS TILL CHRISTMAS

Artesia Tax Nearly \$5 Above State Average

is the main factor in the rise of the average tax rate, a commission expert said. Jal, with a tax rate of \$61.078, stands at the top of the list in tax rate among the cities, towns and villages. Grady, with a rate of \$16.788, is the lowest. The Albuquerque rate is \$53.971, broken down as follows: State purposes, \$6.426, county \$14.865, school district, \$9.675 and municipal, \$23.005. Similar breakdowns for other major cities included: Artesia: State, 6.426, county, 7.756, school, 16.570, municipal, 3.747—total \$36.699. Santa Fe: State 6.426, county, 10.377, school, 6.940, municipal, 7.361—total \$31.104. Raton: State 6.426, county, 10.632, school, 4.350, municipal, 7.361—total \$31.004. Portales: State, 6.426, county, 11.296, school, 9.750, municipal, 9.203—total \$36.675. Roswell: State, 6.426, county, 12.859, school, 10.260, municipal, 6.484—total \$36.029. Silver City: State 6.426, county, 9.627, school, 5.705, municipal, 11,000—total \$32.758. Las Cruces: State, 6.426, county, 10.852, school, 10.670, municipal, 9.743—total \$37.691. Hobbs: State, 6.426, county, 9.990, school, 22.190, municipal, 15.422—total \$54.028. Alamogordo: State, 6.426, county, 12.267, school, 10.820, municipal, 7.264—total \$36.777. The average tax rate of \$31.289 will raise \$27,530,186, which is \$1,375,211 more than the net amount to be raised after deduction of \$64,938,647 in credits from state-county-school-municipal budgets totaling \$91,093,622. Bernalillo County again is in second place behind Lea in net assessed valuation — \$86,015,625 locally assessed and \$31,582,069 in corporate valuations for a total of \$117,597,694. Total net assessed valuation of other counties includes: Chaves \$43,760,674; Colfax \$18,843,893; Dona Ana \$54,311,276; Grant \$41,937,937; Otero \$14,038,414; Roosevelt \$15,892,778; Santa Fe \$33,500,873. The overall gain of \$56,115,312 in assessed valuations is accounted for by a jump of \$39,294,153 in corporate valuations and \$16,821,157 in locally assessed valuations.

Finance Board Takes Tough Stand On 'Buys'

SANTA FE — The State Finance Board has taken a tough stand on purchases dubbed "emergency" which can be made by state agencies without competitive bids.

The board, in 1-23 fashion, rejected request after request for "emergency" purchases without advertising Friday at its wind-up session.

Gov. John F. Simms said the whole thing was a "constantly perplexing problem."

He told the board the only thing to do was adopt a policy, spelling out what can and what can't be purchased without bids and advertising for bids.

To that end, he named State Rep. Jack Campbell - sharpest critic of the practice at the meeting - and L. C. Wright, banker member, to aid Purchasing Agent Charles F. Horne in drawing up such a policy.

Newspapers have criticized the practice of "emergency purchases by which state agencies specify they need a particular type of merchandise, available from only one dealer.

The firm of Southwestern Stationers, Santa Fe, has been the chief target. Southwestern, owned by State Democratic Party Treasurer H. Paul Huss, has received much business from state agencies which have specified only merchandise handled by Huss.

Latest was a controversial request of the Bureau of Revenue which the Finance Board turned down. It was for some \$3,360 worth of modular furniture, specifying Globe-Wernicke brand. Huss' firm has the franchise on that brand.

The Finance Board, after hear-

Hagerman Driller To Play Santa Claus To 800 Navajo Children On Arizona Reservation

ROSSELL — About 800 Navajo Indian children will receive Christmas candy, fruit and food as a result of efforts of H. J. Steinberger, Roswell, of the Steinberger Drilling Co., and other individuals and companies interested in uranium exploration development and mining on the Navajo reservation.

Deliveries will be made Monday and Tuesday by a fleet of jeeps and at least one plane to isolated hogans and inaccessible hogans located in remote portions of the colorful but menacing canyons of the painted desert of the Navajo reservation in Arizona and New Mexico.

Steinberger said here that over \$1,000 was contributed which made fulfillment of this project possible. "The original plan was just a small idea that snowballed," he said. He added, "I'm sure that many of these youngsters will be receiving these seasonal gifts of candy and fruit for the first time in their lives."

He also stated that the bulk of the 50-pound packages are made up of staple foods for practical purposes.

Area of the Christmas operation—which has gone unnamed to date—includes parts of Coconino and Navajo counties in Arizona. Hub of the 75-mile radius of operations will be the Cameron Trading Post located about 100 miles west of Gallup.

Steinberger related that he began obtaining small free will contributions for the project of supplying Christmas packages for the Navajo children in cooperation with Mr. and Mrs. Bud Richardson, co-owners of the Cameron Trading Post.

He constructed a miniature Navajo hogan at his shop in Hagerman and flew it up to the Cameron Trading Post, Steinberger's account continues.

This little hogan was placed as a part of a typically Navajo Indian scene around it within the trading post with a card requesting that small donations be inserted through the small hole left in the top of the tiny hogan.

Steinberger said that the display and the purpose of the fund aroused considerable interest and caused much favorable comment.

Steinberger grinned musingly as he recalled that somewhere along this point he mentioned the project to some of the men who own or manage the firms for whom Steinberger Drilling Co., has been carrying on core drilling operations in the area.

The drilling contractor said these friends agreed with him that contributions to this project offered an opportunity for them to return a small portion of the profits they have obtained or plan to take out of the area in uranium.

Over 200 families will be supplied with the 50-pound packages. Steinberger said in Roswell on the eve of his departure that local chiefs will accompany the crews in four jeeps for deliveries to be made at central points in each chief's territory.

When all possible deliveries are completed by jeep, the prepared project map will be checked and Steinberger then plans to fill in with deliveries by air at the most inaccessible spots by means of drops from his plane at points where jeeps could not make it.

The mapping of the operation took place last week by air when Steinberger and his crew flew the area and pinpointed each hogan in the area on the map.

Aside from the Steinberger Drilling Co., other participating firms in the project include Rare Metals Corp., of Salt Lake City, a subsidiary of El Paso Natural Gas Co.; the B. C. Associates, of Salt Lake City; the UT Company, a uranium corporation of Salt Lake; Folley Bros., of Cameron, Ariz.; Southern Utah Oil Co., of Salt Lake; Mescalero Mining Co., of Midland; Carl Frick of Cameron, Ariz.; L. E. Lassiter, Flagstaff, Ariz.; Cameron Trading Post, Frost Geophysical Co. of Albuquerque; and the Cachin Uranium Corp. of Salt Lake.

Just prior to his departure on this Christmas venture Steinberger said that there was a balance left over from the funds raised after making up all the packages set for delivery this year.

He stated that when the contributors were together last, they agreed to spend this balance as a fund to keep one Navajo Indian youth in school during the coming year.

Washburn Asks New Trial On 67 Reasons

WACO — Harry Washburn, convicted of slaying his former mother-in-law, filed an appeal yesterday listing 67 reasons why his lawyers believe he should be given a new trial.

Washburn was given a life sentence Dec. 9 on conviction of slaying Mrs. Helen Harris Weaver Jan. 19 by placing a dynamite bomb in her car in San Angelo.

The appeal took exception to all the state's exhibits, said Judge D. W. Bartlett should not have overruled 14 objections the defense made to his charge to the jury and asserted he made prejudicial statements before the jury.

It also claimed all testimony by Harry Weaver, husband of the slain woman about a 1951 incident was inadmissible. Weaver testified Washburn broke into their ranch home with two pistols, made threats and forced Mrs. Weaver to sign a suicide note.

The appeal also objected to the type of questioning of Andrew Nelson. Washburn's attorney said the state's questions were charged rather than questions. Nelson answered none, claiming 5th Amendment immunity. He is a convict also charged in the case.

Fire Takes 11 Lives In Sweep Across Country

By The Associated Press

Fire struck tragically across the continent yesterday. At least 11 persons died.

Numerous others were injured, and scores were driven from their homes.

In Beaumont, Texas, fire ripped through a nursing home for the aged. Four women perished as the flaming roof collapsed on them.

In Maspee, Mass., two men—both Air Force sergeants—burned to death in a fire that destroyed the historic Attaquin Hotel.

Two other men and a woman were injured in 2½-story leaps from hotel windows. The blaze cut electric circuits before an alarm could be sounded.

In Ottawa, Canada, a mother and three of her five children died in flames that destroyed their two-story frame dwelling. The father rushed out screaming, then tried to re-enter, but a neighbor held him back.

About 70 people fled outside in freezing weather as a three-alarm fire swept a six-story brick building in Springfield, Mass. Four persons suffered smoke poisoning. A score of people escaped on fire department ladders.

In Philadelphia, Mrs. Charlotte Mary Heffner, 37, died from burns and shock she suffered last Tuesday in a vain effort to save three of her children from burning to death in their home.

In Oakland, Calif., a mechanic, Gerald Cronwell, 33, admitted to authorities he poured gasoline that exploded and burned his former girl friend and a recently discharged airman to death as they slept.

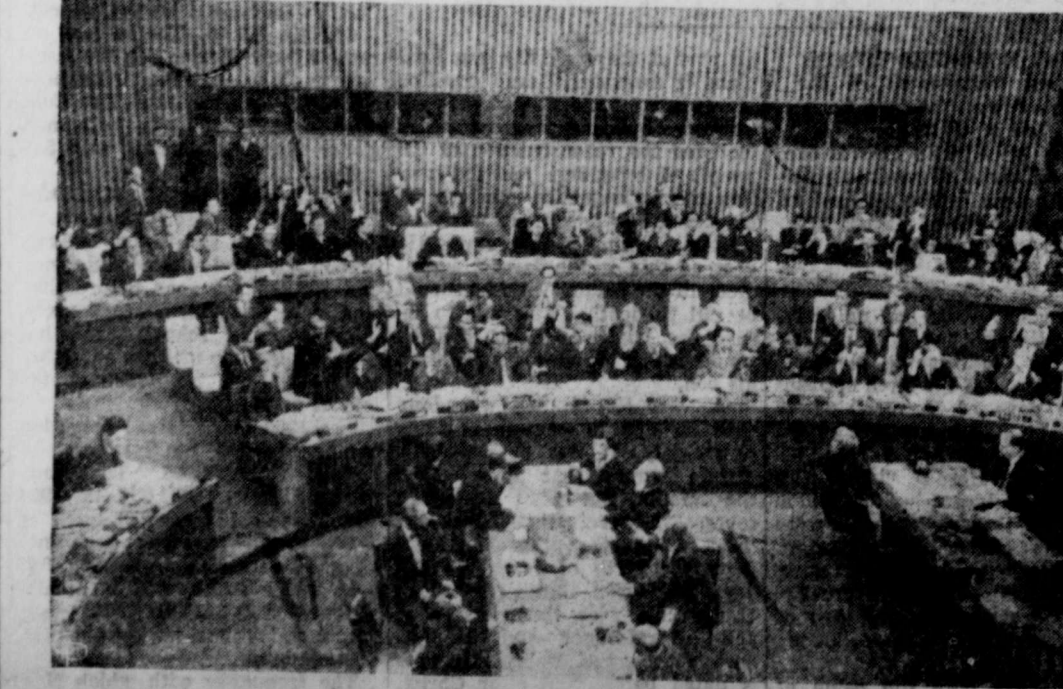
One acre out of every 10 planted in the United States still is lost to insect damage.

Buried Body Here



FORMER CONVICT Henry Rushkowsky, also known as Harvey Lee Rush, points to spot on Cleveland map as he tells police in Los Angeles where he buried body of a girl he said he killed in 1952. Police say he believes he is telling the truth, but they are not convinced his story is true. Police say he may be referring to Beverly Potts, 10, who disappeared in August, 1951. (International)

UN HANDS GO UP IN FAVOR OF IKE'S 'OPEN SKIES'



HANDS GO UP in a 53-5 vote as the UN Political committee passes President Eisenhower's "open skies" plan, a four-power resolution in the UN. Plan calls for free air lines. (International)

OCC Receives Varied Views On Oil Industry

SANTA FE — The New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission gets the industry's views each month on market conditions and how much production the oil companies think there should be the following month.

Does the commission follow the industry's recommendation? Hardly ever.

The OCC also has the benefit of the ideas of its own engineers, who also submit recommendations. Rarely do the views of the commission staff jibe with those of the industry's spokesman.

"It's news when any one company agrees with the recommendations of the staff, or vice versa," says Oil Conservation Commissioner William B. Macey.

"It's seldom that the two agree. Basically, I'd say the industry would like us to curtail production a little bit, while the staff usually likes to hold the line and that's about the way we are proceeding at the present time."

Macey said the practice of having the industry submit its ideas was originated about four years ago. At each regular monthly hearing of the commission, one particular company will be assigned the job of putting on its production ideas to help guide the OCC in setting the production allowances for the next month. These schedules of appearances are drawn up a year at a time.

The amounts of oil which purchasing companies signify they intend to purchase - known in the industry as "nominations" - help guide officials in setting the figures.

Macey said he believed the industry spokesman system had grown out of recommendations by various operators.

"The plan works very satisfactorily," he said. "We like to get their viewpoints and see their side of the picture. The fact that our final action seldom agrees with what the industry suggested means nothing serious. If we were to agree with them every time, there wouldn't be much point in asking for their views."

A regular monthly OCC meeting, at which the allowable is set, among other things, requires presence of at least two commission members.

So the decisive negotiations on the future of this rich coal and steel producing area will be among France, West Germany and the Saar.

Kefauver Seeks Head Office, Nothing Less

PHILADELPHIA — Sen. Kefauver (D-Tenn.) said yesterday he would not accept his party's vice presidential nomination under Adlai Stevenson or any other.

Kefauver, who announced Friday that he was a candidate for the presidential nomination, told newsmen:

"I've made up my mind that I want to be president and I won't accept an alternative. If I am not successful in getting the nomination, I want to go back to the Senate."

The senator said he has made up his mind whether to oppose Stevenson in the Pennsylvania primary. Stevenson, who was the unsuccessful Democratic presidential nominee in 1952, has also announced his candidacy.

Kefauver said that except in California he hasn't made up his mind what primaries he will enter. Stevenson has said he will enter the primaries in California, Pennsylvania, Minnesota, Florida and Illinois.

CHILD, 3, KNIFED

ALBUQUERQUE — Albert Astaas, 30, has been bound over to federal court on a charge of knifing his three-year-old son. Lodged in the county jail in lieu of \$500 bond, Astaas of Shiprock is accused of assaulting his son while intoxicated.

JIM: Hi, Bob.

What're you carrying?
BOB: A gas range.

JIM: A gas range? Say, Boy!

Is that one of those miniature gas range banks from Southern Union Gas Company? My wife told me about this special offer!

BOB: So did mine!

And every time the biscuits burned or scorched she reminded me of it! She says it's a Christmas gift the whole family will enjoy—and that it's so easy to buy!

JIM: How do you know which range she wanted?

BOB: That's easy—the certificate on this little range bank says she can pick out the one she wanted!

Get the miniature range bank with the gift certificate today!

at Southern Union Gas Company! Hand it on your Christmas tree—the gift of a lifetime!

That's all you do!

catch the beam in her eye when she discovers it. She has the pleasure of choosing her own gas range, too, after Christmas.

Only \$1.00 down

and 9 years to pay! So hurry in now for your gift certificate and miniature range bank from Southern Union Gas Company.

ROBINSON

The ball mouthed Artesia's Carlsbad!

Inside WASHINGTON

MARCH OF EVENTS

Today's Business Outlook | Record Sales for Stores, Full of Christmas Cheer | Commerce Department Says

Special to Central Press Association.

WASHINGTON—All indications point to a continued bright economic outlook and government sources look for a "very Merry Christmas" for the nation's retailers. Stores, the Commerce department predicts, are likely to have "the best Christmas sales in history."

Administration officials believe employment figures are going to mount still higher through November and December. The number of adult workers—the breadwinners—has already reached an all-time record high.

The same is true for manufacturing sales, and government officials note that at the end of September manufacturers had a backlog of \$52.6 billion in unfilled orders. That's an increase of \$80 million in a month.

So, barring some unexpected financial crisis, this year is expected to produce one of the brightest Christmas seasons on the economic front.

FARM PROBLEMS

The general state of economic well-being hasn't spread to many of the nation's farmers. Cotton and hogs are the greatest problems facing government planners at the Agricultural department today. Both are in great surplus, and both are selling at low prices.

In the case of cotton, a 65 per cent drop in exports during the first three months of fiscal 1956 and the harvest of bumper crops in other exporting nations has made the problem acute. In the case of pork, huge over-production of hogs has sent prices on a rapid decline.

Agriculture Secretary Ezra Benson says the nation must find a new approach to cotton—one that will allow United States prices to drop to the world level.

He's a bit more hopeful about hogs since the \$85 million pork and lamb buying program has been launched. It also looks as though next year's big crop may show a decline.

However, both problems will be around for many months—probably right through the 1956 presidential election, when the farm vote may prove decisive.

ALASKAN STATEHOOD

Alaskans are so irked over the long delay in granting them statehood that there is talk of going ahead with elections for members of Congress without further ado.

The reports circulating in Capitol Hill are that the Alaskans may elect two senators and a congressman without waiting for the Senate and House to adopt a statehood bill.

This would be nothing new, say old-timers. Several other territories in the past have done this and the officials thus "elected" exerted powerful influence in Washington on behalf of statehood legislation. Of course, they were not permitted to serve in Congress until after the legislation became law.

RED TRADE

The experts don't look for very much in the way of expanded export business despite a relaxation of controls on trade with Iron Curtain countries. Officials point out that the Commerce department action simply makes it easier for American businessmen to avoid red tape when selling to the Communists.

Since tight restrictions were clamped on such sales in 1948 American shipments to Iron Curtain countries have been only a negligible proportion of total exports. Actually, we have been buying about 10 times more, in dollar volume, than we have been purchasing. That's primarily because we buy great quantities of fur from the Reds.

Officials say that even with some red tape cut the traditional business pattern with the Soviets will remain virtually unchanged.

HOUSE OF TIME

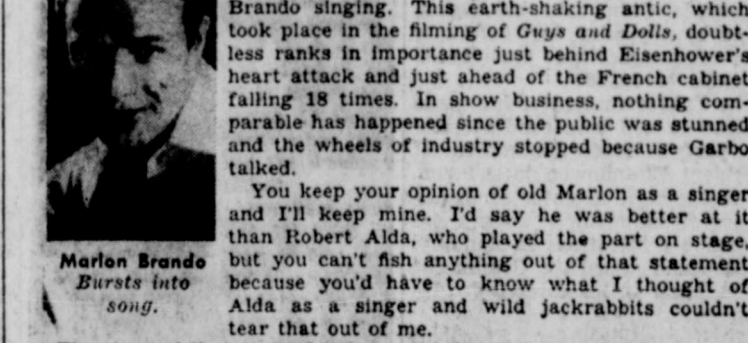
The Magic of Christmas Rings

No gift captures the exciting magic of Christmas as well as the gift of a ring! See our array soon and choose the ring to make this someone's most thrilling Christmas... Shop now!

Booker Bldg. Artesia, N. M.

my new york

BY MEL HEIMER



NEW YORK—I should imagine that in a week or two, when the nation's editors sit down and vote on the 10 biggest news stories of the year, somewhere near the top will be the story of Marlon Brando singing. This earth-shaking act, which took place in the filming of *Guns and Dolls*, doubtless ranks in importance just behind Eisenhower's heart attack and just ahead of the French cabinet falling 18 times. In show business, nothing comparable has happened since the public was stunned and the wheels of industry stopped because Garbo talked.

You keep your opinion of old Marlon as a singer and I'll keep mine. I'd say he was better at it than Robert Alda, who played the part on stage, but you can't fish anything out of that statement because you'd have to know what I thought of Alda as a singer and wild jackrabbits couldn't tear that out of me.

The story of the great adventure was sketched for me today by Jay Blackton, an amiable little man who rose from the lower East Side ("It's no coincidence that so many of us from the East Side prospered mildly in later life; actually, I think our parents just took us down there to be born, because it was the accepted procedure to become successful afterward") to the job of music supervisor of *G. and A.* More important, Jay taught Marlon how to sing. He thinks he did, anyway.

"REMEMBER THE FIRST TIME all of us on the picture got together with Marlon," Jay said, grinning. "Nobody brought up the subject. Nobody said flatly, 'Listen, kid, can you sing?' Marlon just sat there and when the little talk was over, somebody said to him, 'Well, we'll see you later,' and that was it." Later, a pianist was assigned to Marlon and they went off into a room to rehearse. Breathlessly, the pianist was grilled.

"Gee, I don't really know if he can sing or not," he told his bosses. "He goes off into a far-off corner of the room when he practices and I can't hear him. He seems like a real nice guy, though. And I think he can keep time."

Finally, Jay plunged into actual work with Brando "and was pleasantly surprised to hear he had a very serviceable voice, even though he claimed he sounded like a dying yak." They worked a couple of hours every day for four weeks.

"The gains often seemed slight," Jay recalled, "and Marlon used to get dissatisfied with himself—but in the end, I think, the results were worth the long work and great effort. I don't know, though; I'm not objective. I'm like the proud father of a child."

JAY ALSO TAUGHT JEAN SIMMONS to sing the *Sarah Brown* role. Here he was blandly sneaky. Goldwyn had dropped by to hear five girls auditioning for the role of Simmons' voice dub, one afternoon. When the five had sung, Jay—who had been teaching Jean the songs, so she could mouth them acceptably on screen—said casually, "Jean, why don't you sing one song?" After she had, Goldwyn came bursting out of the sound room like—well, a dying yak. "What do we need a voice dub for?" he exclaimed. Blackton just smiled furiously and allowed as to how maybe they didn't.

When Jay got Jean and Marlon together to rehearse their duets, the scene was almost hilarious. They approached each other sheepishly, a couple of top-drawer dramatic stars who had sung only in the bathtub—and finally burst out into giggles and guffaws about the whole thing.

Bulldog Cagers Down Twice Succession

Artesia Bulldogs folded in second half last night to lose second verdict in as many games going down before Lovington 64 to 53.

Artesia night Carlbad's full press proved too much for Bulldogs, who had won three straight games, and the Artesians lost their first game of the season.

It was a case of too many mistakes. Standing 6'4", Carlbad controlled the boards in the second half and took time out to rest his team. Lovington led the Bulldogs 55 to 45 at the half. Carlbad's only bright spot of the night was the shooting substitute Charles Snow. He was off the bench to mesh 10 points.

The Artesians led at the end of the first half 38-37 but were held to 53 points in the third period. Lovington scored 18 to take the lead and never surrendered.

Charles Robinson led the Artesians with 15 points. Clyde McKay notched 13. Bob Cerny got Max Ratliff nine. Cole five. Max Ratliff nine. Cole five. Max Ratliff nine. Cole five.

The Bulldogs held the lead at the end of the quarter but the Cavemen, champions for the last two years, took over in the second period and led the rest of the way.

Carlbad led the Artesia effort with 13 points. Chaney got 12. Robinson 10. Cole five. Ratliff four. Crockett two.

Yarborough and Mutton each tallied to lead the Cavemen.

SPORTS

Sports In Brief

Baseball
RICHMOND, Va.— Ed Lopat, crafty lefthander, who pitched on five world championship New York Yankee teams, was named manager of the Richmond Virginians of the International League.

Football
EVANSTON, Ill.— Ara Parseghian of Miami (Ohio) was named head coach at Northwestern.

Basketball
CHICAGO— San Francisco defeated Marquette 65-58 for its 30th straight victory.

Golf
SANFORD, Fla.—Sammy Snead shot a par 70 to retain a one-stroke lead with a 134 at the halfway mark of the \$15,000 Sanford Open.

Racing
MIAMI, Fla.— Rare Music (62) scored an upset in the feature at Tropical.

NEW ORLEANS—Golly (\$6.40) captured the Delta Purse at the Fair Grounds.

SAN BRUNO, Calif.— Flyfosta (6.50) took the top event at Tanforan.

Fights
NEW YORK— Madison Square Garden—Ludwig Lightburn, 137½, British Honduras, outpointed Ralph Dupas, 138½, New Orleans, 10.

High School Scores

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
St. Mary's 53, Navajo Mission 47
Albuquerque 47, Alamogordo 39
Clovis 63, Valley 46
Espanola 63, Santa Fe Indians 44
Bernalillo 58, Tierra Amarilla 38
Wagon Mound 57, Roy 48
Highland 53, Portales 52
St. Mike's 49, Santa Fe 45
Jojoaque 58, Santa Cruz 38
Western Silver City 51, Las Cruces 31
Carlsbad 62, Artesia 53

St. Louis Plans PGA Golf Meet

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 17—Preliminary plans to bring a \$25,000 PGA open golf tournament to St. Louis next summer were announced today.

The tourney would be the largest money golf event in St. Louis in recent years.

Two courses reported under consideration for the tourney site are Westwood, where the '52 Western Open was held and Norwood Hills Country Club.

RANGERS' RIOT - - - By Alan Mayer



LOU FONTINATO, OF THE NEW YORK RANGERS, THE 22-YEAR-OLD DEFENSE MAN HAS BEEN BRINGING THE FANS TO THEIR FEET BY KNOCKING HIS FOES OFF THEIRS.

HIS SPIRITED PLAY HAS SYMBOLIZED THE RESURGENCE OF THE BLUEJAYS—UNFORTUNATELY, THE OPPOSITION HAS SCORED TOO OFTEN WHEN LOU'S ENTHUSIASM FOR 'MAKING CONTACTS' HAS PUT HIM IN THE PENALTY BOX.

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Tony Trabert Ranked Nation's Best Tennis Singles Player

NEW YORK — Tony Trabert, who won the United States, British Wimbledon and French National Tennis championships and virtually every other tournament he entered, has been given the No. 1 men's singles ranking for 1955 by the U. S. Lawn Tennis Assn. ranking committee.

If the rankings are approved by the USLTA annual meeting in San Francisco Jan. 21—usually a mere formality—Trabert will replace Vic Seixas of Philadelphia, to whom he was second last year.

Trabert now is a professional. The rankings are based on 1955 amateur performances.

Hamilton Richardson, a Davis Cup team member from Baton Rouge, La., and Westfield, N. J., was dropped from third place to seventh; veteran Gardnar Mulloy of Denver, the No. 1 player in 1952 and fifth last year, was unranked because of "insufficient data" and the retirement of Davis Cup Capt. Bill Talbert of New York was signaled by omitting his name entirely.

The No. 1 player of 1950, Art Larsen of San Leandro, Calif., moved up from fourth to third, followed by Bernard Bartsen, San Angelo; Edward Moylan, Trenton, N. J.; Gilbert J. Shea, Los Angeles; Richardson; Herbert Flam, Beverly Hills, Calif.; Sam Giammalva, Houston, and Tom Brown Jr., San Francisco.

Bartsen, runnerup to Trabert in

the National Clay Courts Championship and victor over him in the final of the Tri-State Western tournament, moved up from eighth place, Shea from 10th and Flam from 11th.

Giammalva, tabbed by Trabert as the most promising young prospect for the Davis Cup team, was ranked 16th a year ago. Since then the powerful 20-year-old Texan has won the Eastern Grass courts championship—polishing off Seixas, Denmark's Kurt Nielsen and Shea on the way—then went to the quarterfinals at Forest Hills before losing to Australia's Lew Hoad in four sets.

The U. S. Davis Cup doubles team, Trabert and Seixas, retained its No. 1 doubles ranking. Next came William Crosby, Los Angeles, and Robert Perez, Encino, Calif.; and Gerald Mose, Modesto, Calif., and William Quillian, Seattle.

The No. 1 ranking in father and son's doubles went to Dr. J. A. Crane and Michael Crane of Berkeley, Calif.

Below the top ten, the singles were ranked in the following order: Sidney Schwartz, Brooklyn; Grant Golden, Wilmette, Ill.; Hugh Stewart, Pasadena, Calif.; Harold M. Burrows Jr., Charlottesville, Va.; William Crosby, San Francisco; Edward Kauder, San Bernardino, Calif.; J. Allen Morris Jr., Atlanta, Ga.; Johann Kupperburger, South Africa; Whitney Reed, Alameda, Calif., and William Quillian, Seattle.

Reconstruction Of Road 285 Waits U.S. Action

Reconstruction of Highway 285 from Artesia to Roswell will have to await action by Congress on additional Federal Aid highway funds before steps can be taken to program action, L. D. Wilson, chief highway engineer, said in a letter received by Paul Scott, Chamber of Commerce manager, here Saturday.

Wilson's statement came in reply to a letter written by Scott Dec. 9 inquiring into the status of the project.

From Artesia to the county line, north, is one of the most heavily travelled roads in the state, Scott said. It is also in bad condition. About 15 miles at each end of the stretch from Artesia to Roswell is destined for four-lane construction as soon as the program gets under way, he said.

Wilson stated also that the construction of about one-half of the unpaved stretch of State Road 83 between Mayhill and Elk. The rest of the section will be paved next year when more forest highway funds become available, Wilson said in his letter.

Abilene, Neches Capture Texas Grid Champ Posts

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
 Abilene and Port Neches won state championships while Hillsboro smashed into the finals of Class AA in Texas schoolboy football Saturday.

Abilene crushed Tyler 33-13 for the Class AAA title in a game played at Fort Worth.

Port Neches came from behind at Garland to topple Garland 20-14 and take the Class AAA title for the second time in three years.

Hillsboro beat Weslaco 20-7 and will meet Stamford for the Class AA championship. Stamford advanced Friday afternoon with a 20-12 triumph over New London.

Finalists in Class A were determined Friday night as Stinnett beat Chillicothe out on penetrations in a 20-20 tie and defending state champion Deer Park whipped Luling 33-14.

The Class AA and Class A finals will be played next weekend.

Undeclared champions in two classes are sure. Abilene hasn't lost in 23 games.

Port Neches lost two contests early in the season.

Stamford is unbeaten but Hillsboro has lost once.

Both Stinnett and Deer Park are undefeated but have been tied.

The Class A championship game between Deer Park and Stinnett will be played at Berger Friday night. Stinnett won the toss in Amarillo Saturday and elected to play the game at that site, Berger is about 10 miles from Stinnett.

Titchenal, Assistant To Get Balance Of Salary Due Them

ALBUQUERQUE — Comptroller John Perovich of New Mexico University said Saturday recently fired head coach Bob Titchenal and his line coach, Marty Feldman, will be paid the balance of their contract after Jan. 1.

Titchenal's salary is \$8,000. Feldman's is \$5,500.

Perovich said that although contracts for the two coaches run until the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 1956, the two coaches will be officially released from the university payroll when they get the balance of their salaries.

The Albuquerque Tribune said the unearned portion of salaries paid the two would be paid from private sources.

The Tribune said a university spokesman said Titchenal, ousted recently by University President Tom Popejoy, and his assistant are free to look for jobs elsewhere—not compelled to stay at the school until the school year end as other faculty members, whose contracts are not to be renewed, are.

Little Known Episode In State's History To Be Aired On Video

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
 "Ferdinand Meyer's Army," a drama of a little known episode in New Mexico territorial history, is scheduled to be presented Sunday night over a nationwide television network, the "Frontier" series.

The locale is the old Sangre de Cristo Land Grant, the time 1871. It is described as a true, but somewhat fictionalized story of one of the "little people" who helped build the west, a Jew who led an army of Spanish-American friends and neighbors in battling the attempt of a land company to take over an enormous area of land around Las Costilla, N. M.

Ferdinand V. Meyer was a rancher, trader, and civic leader at Las Costilla in 1871. Thirty years earlier he had been driven out of Northern Bavaria by persecution against the Jews. He came to America, made his way west and settled down in Las Costilla, where he started a small general store.

There, in the words of historian Herbert O. Brayer, "his education, keen intellect, and economic position made him a leader in the community." A book by Brayer, until recently Colorado's state archivist, tells about the dealings of William Blackmore, a British land speculator, in trying to secure many thousands of acres of rich land around Pa Costilla.

Blackmore complained that, had it not been for the stubborn opposition and "agitation" of Ferdinand Meyer, the company could have easily achieved its aims. But Meyer knew what the land company's scheme would mean to his Spanish-speaking neighbors, who had been grazing their sheep and cutting timber on the land for over twenty years.

They were nearly all poor, small-scale subsistence farmers and ranchers, who had only the vaguest notion of the legal technicalities involved. They unanimously chose Meyer as their leader in their fight to defend their interests.

Meyer tried in vain to get Blackmore's group to negotiate an acceptable settlement. After a committee of his townsmen, during his absence, had signed an agreement which Meyer charged was a complete giveaway, he had them repudiate it on the ground they understood little English and did not know what they were signing.

Meyer's next step was to enlist

North, South All-Stars Open Drills Monday

MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 17 — The North and South College All-Star football squads will start training Monday for their clash Dec. 26 in the Orange Bowl and it seems a sure bet coaches on both sides will look first to their air duels.

A brilliant passing attack is almost certain to develop in view of the fact the Rebels will have the nation's No. 1 thrower, George Welsh of Navy, the Yankees will field sharpshooting Freddy Wyant of West Virginia.

Bernie Crimmins of Indiana, one of the North coaches, confesses "We'll throw 30-35 passes, maybe more." And he adds he'll be surprised if South Coach Wally Butts of Georgia doesn't call for "at least that many."

Yarborough, Two Others Share Golf Lead

SANFORD, Fla. — (Porky) Yarborough, Dick Mayer, and Dow Finckel jumped into the lead of the Sanford Open Golf tournament after 45 holes yesterday when Snead slipped into a tie for second.

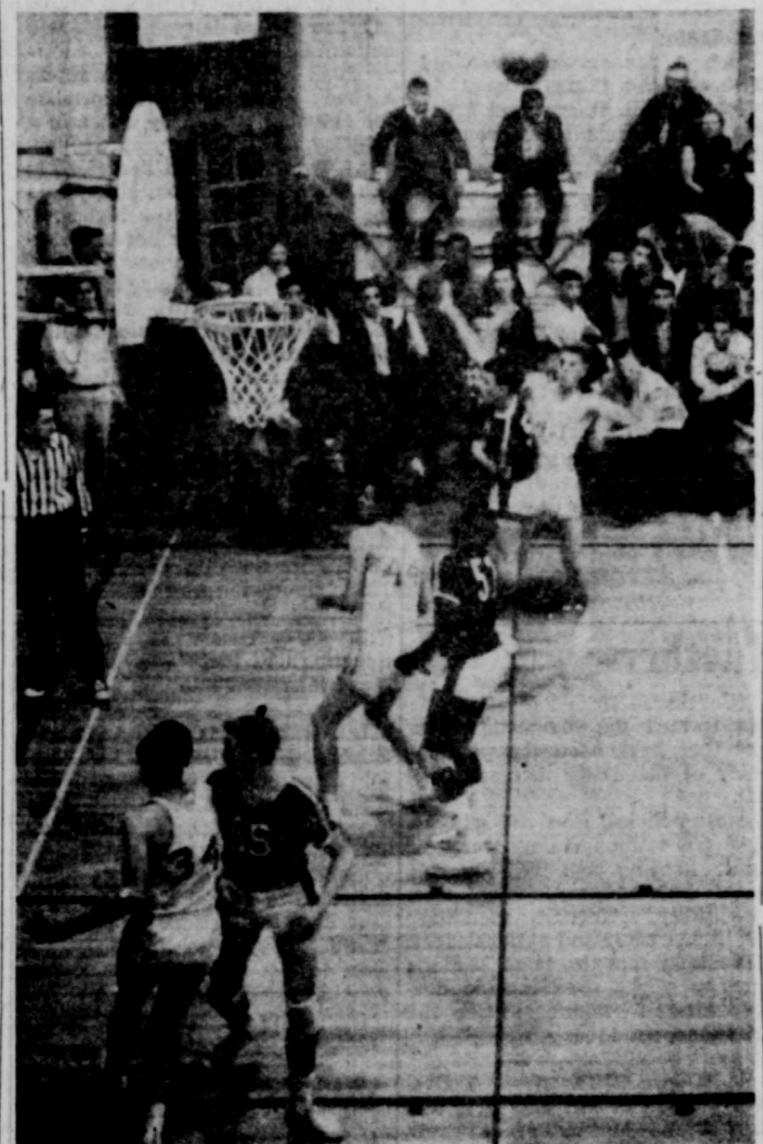
While others were manhandling the Mayfair Inn Country Club's 36-34.70, Snead had to settle for a regulation 36 on the front nine, taking a rare—for him—double bogey.

Yarborough, of Lemont, Ill., and Mayer of St. Petersburg, Fla., each had five strokes off par on the back nine in perfect golfing weather.

Finckel, of Bedford Heights, Ohio, had a four-under-par 32.

Walker Inman Jr. of Augusta, Ga., and Leo Biagetti of Willoughby, Ohio, fired 34s on the front for totals.

Yarborough led at 170 with Snead, lead after the first and second rounds were Don Fairfield of Memphis, Ill.; Mike Souchak, Grosport, N. Y.; Billy Maxwell, Dallas, Tex., and Al Balding, Ontario, Canada.



ARTESIA'S RATLIFF, 45, lifts a high, arching ball toward the hoop during Friday night's game against the Cavemen. The Bulldog's Snow, 44, moves in under the basket in front of Carlsbad's Kelley, 57. Bulldog's Robinson, 34, slips in past Carlsbad's Crider, to get at the rebound. (Advocate Photo by Natural Light)

White Sox, Cards Plan Exhibitions

CHICAGO — The Chicago White Sox and the St. Louis Cardinals will play a series of nine exhibition baseball games next week.

The Pale Hose and the Cardinals will make a junket from their Florida training bases for games starting at Albany, Ga., April 5.



ROBINSON of Artesia takes a free throw during Friday night's game with Carlsbad. The ball arches high over the heads of the crowd while other players watch it open-mouthed and ready to take the rebound. In the foreground is Carlsbad's Skipworth, 64; Artesia's Chaney, 55; Caveman G. Yarborough, 58; on the far side, Artesia's Cerny, 54; Carlsbad's M. Yarborough, 61; and an unidentified Bulldog. (Advocate Photo by Natural Light)

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One State Magazine

THE STATE GOVERNMENT has received a proposal for the merger of Sun Trails Magazine and New Mexico Magazine... In 1948 the state spent \$8,000 for the magazine.

Senate-

(Continued from Page One) President Eisenhower has said his administration will work against admission of Red China to the U. N.

Demos-

(Continued from Page One) "tax cuts for the rich." On the other hand, the Democratic publication points to: 1. The Democratic majority's "successful fight in Congress" for the Eisenhower foreign trade program.

Remember When...

50 years ago Beulah, Blanche and Beatrice, three little daughters born unto Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Green in Artesia, last Christmas morning are celebrating their first birthday this year.



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Safety Hearing May Drag Out Another Week

SANTA FE (AP)—A hearing on the accident record of Ferguson-Steele Motor Co. was in week-end recess Saturday, after introduction of voluminous records stalled its finish.

Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa: I would like to get a horse and some guns for Christmas, and a ball and a whip to play cowboys. My name is Joe Rivera, I am ten years old, third grade Central School.

Doctor-

(Continued from Page Five) dent to live for years and be fully active — as many have others among my own patients who have recovered similarly at this stage of their convalescence.

Ruether-

(Continued from Page One) man termed the socialistic measures that have been the political policy of the newly merged AFL-CIO.

AT THE THEATERS

SUNDAY, DEC. 18 LANDSUN Randolph Scott in "TALL MAN RIDING" OCOTILLO Rory Calhoun in "THE LOOTERS"

Advertisement for 'DON'T WORRY ABOUT AFTER CHRISTMAS BILLS' featuring 'LOAN' and 'CASH' services. Includes 'INSURED Repayment PLAN' and 'ARTESIA INVESTMENT COMPANY'.

Advertisement for 'ECONOMY BOOSTED' featuring 'THE WESTERN PHILLIPS "66" SERVICE' and 'OCOTILLO'.

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Advertisement for 'K S V S TV BANNEL 8' featuring 'FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16' and 'SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18'.

State Republicans Organizing To Contest Races In Each County

SANTA FE (AP)—New Mexico Republicans are organizing a drive to put up candidates for the legislature in every county next year, State Chairman Merrill B. Johns said yesterday.

Oil Allowable Increased To 41 Barrels-New Top

SANTA FE (AP)—The oil allowable for January has been increased to 41 barrels, highest since April. The Oil Conservation Commission set the increased allowable after taking into consideration high allowables set by some neighboring states.

Personal Mention

W. W. Atwood left Friday for his home at Pasadena, Texas, after spending several days here visiting his daughter and family.

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15. belladonna
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18. repeat
19. former
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23. tiger
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11. remain
12. check
16. mature
21. Arctic exploration base
22. variety of magnetite (var.)
23. flaxen, as hair
24. Ireland
26. solar disk
28. cozy retreat
30. killing
31. not prepared
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Christmas Comes Once A Year ... To The Post Office



Lines like this one at the parcel post window are the rule rather than the exception these days, with Christmas rapidly approaching.



Tommy Kuykendall, parcel post clerk, takes in packages at the window, weighs them, calculates the postage and stamps them.



John Edward O'Black comes to the Post Office with his father, Raymond O'Black, bringing packages of mail for Christmas.



Gilbert E. Perry, superintendent of mails at the Artesia Post Office, lends a hand sorting packages into sacks destined for delivery to terminals across the nation.



Kuykendall turns from the window to weigh a parcel and Eva Alaniz puts stamps on packages, equivalent to the amount Kuykendall had marked them at the window.

Preparations for the Christmas rush began back in November. There wasn't too much that had to be done; arrangements were made with the Soil Conservation Service to borrow a couple of their pick-up trucks. One extra clerk was taken on for the Christmas season and two substitute carriers were lined up for the last hectic week before the holidays.

A little later on, a representative of the district manager's office at Albuquerque came down to Artesia, as he did to all Post Offices in the District, to help out with Christmas plans.

The additional work at Christmas time is being handled mostly by regular personnel under a regulation that has been in effect for two years now. By letting Post Office employees work overtime the Office actually saves money because it is not necessary to train new and less efficient workers.

The Post Office remained open this Saturday, all day, and will be open today from 2 p. m. to 5 p. m., for parcel post deliveries only. Next Saturday, Christmas Eve, it will remain open all day. Meanwhile, route carriers will be working into



Postal clerks, John Terpening and W. C. Leaf, sort parcels for delivery in the office.

the night making house to house deliveries and the residents to leave their porch lights on for them.

During the first 13 days of the actual Christmas season from Dec. 1 to 13, the Artesia Post Office showed a 11 per cent increase over the previous year. During this period, 2,136 packages were mailed, 11 per cent increase over last year.

During the Dec. 1 to 13 period this year Post Office receipts were \$5,314 compared to \$5,012 a year ago. The increase in Christmas mail is not necessarily indicative of a trend over the years. Last year, in fact, the volume was actually lower than the previous year.

The Christmas rush is being taken in stride and handled smoothly and efficiently, but there is little doubt Post Office personnel will be happy to see Christmas Day roll around and the rush slack off.

(All Advocate Photos)



Route carriers, Henry G. Chavez and R. L. Vogel, having sorted the mail for their routes, leave the office to make deliveries.



Letter carriers sort the mail for delivery on their routes. Their burden, too, is heavy during the Yule season. Left to right, Robert L. Vogel and Jack L. Crow, city carriers, and John M. Smith, a rural carrier.



Operation of the Artesia Post Office at Christmas time, as during the entire year, centers around Mrs. Marion S. Dunham, acting postmaster, above. She is assisted by James A. Stuart.



Parcel post carrier, Curtis Teel, sorts parcels for delivery locally.



JAMES RAY COLLIER, Bill Denton and Robert Denton, sit before the Christmas tree in the den of the Charles Denton home.



THE LARGE decorated Christmas tree in St. Paul's Episcopal church with Phoebe Jane Welch and Karen Vandiver standing beside it.



KAREN VANDIVER and Mrs. Marion Welch, 813 Hermosa, standing in front of the mantle with a Christmas tree on each side, and a very old clock on the mantle.

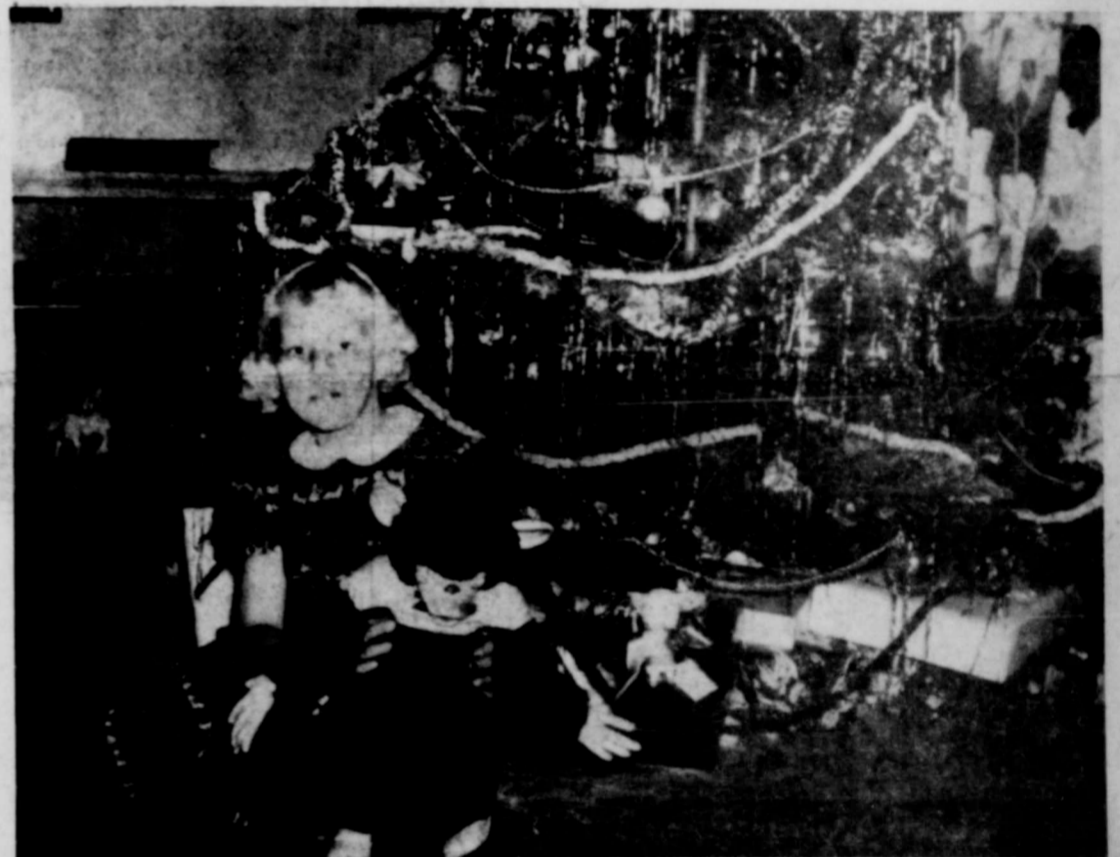


ELSON AND MARTIN MUNCY and their dog, Pinnocchio, seated in front of the fireplace in the den at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. N. Muncy, 801 Mann Ave.



FOR a look into the homes of some Artesians as Christmas approaches, the Advocate takes you on a camera tour across town.

Christmas trees and decorative mantle scenes, packages under the trees and children with happy faces, these things all contribute to the Christmas theme.



PATRICIA RUPPERT and her monkey sitting under a beautifully decorated Christmas tree in the living room of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Ruppert, 804 Runyan.



STANLEY ROGER CARPER, eight-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Carper, 611 W. Quay, seated by the Christmas tree in the Carper den, and wondering what it's all about.



ADMIRING the beautifully decorated Christmas-tree in the living room of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Hall, 1102 Washington, is their young daughter, Jerri.



MRS. LUCY R. WOLFE, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Rowland of Artesia, has been chosen as one of the 10 finalists in the world-wide Miss Air Weather Service contest.

Miss Darla Jones Becomes Bride Of Garland Funk, Lake Arthur

Miss Darla Ethel Jones, daughter of Mrs. J. W. Brown, became the bride of Garland Ray Funk, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Funk, Lake Arthur, at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon in the First Baptist Church.

Dr. Bunch Named Head Of Knife And Fork Group

Artesia Knife and Fork Club met Wednesday afternoon at Cliff's Cafeteria and elected officers for 1956.

Cottonwood Club Holds Christmas Party Friday

Cottonwood Woman's Club held its annual Christmas dinner at the home of Mrs. Orval Gray, Friday.

Brownies Feted At Christmas Party Thursday

The Brownies of Troop 10 were feted with a colorful Christmas party Thursday evening. The party was at the home of Mrs. Troy Rhoads.

Sunshine Rebekah Officers Are Guests Of Mrs. Chipman

Mrs. Mildred Chipman, noble grand of Sunrise Rebekah Lodge Number Nine, entertained her officers with a party Friday evening in her home.

Mrs. M. A. Waters Entertains Club

The Thursday Night Bridge club met in the home of Mrs. M. A. Waters for a buffet supper and an evening of bridge.

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MR. AND MRS. J. B. WEBER who were married Dec. 3 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Swift. Mrs. Weber was the former Miss Billie Jean Trimble.

Hospital Record

Admissions Dec. 16—Mrs. L. P. Aaron, 610 W. Washington; Mrs. D. E. Booker, Loco Hills; Georgia Haynes, Route 1.

Christian Women's Fellowship Holds Joint Yule Party-Meet

A general meeting of Christian Women Fellowship of the First Christian Church was held Thursday afternoon.

T.E.L. Class Holds Yule Party

T.E.L. Sunday School class of the First Baptist Church held a regular business meeting and Christmas party Thursday evening in the home of Mrs. L. E. Folkner.

Carlsbad, Roswell Youth To Be CYF Guests Tomorrow

Christian Youth Fellowship of the First Christian Church are hosting the youths of Carlsbad and Roswell Monday at 7 p.m. at the church for a Christmas party.

BPOE Does Name Mrs. Rains President For 1956

Mrs. Kathryn Rains was elected president of the BPOE Does at a meeting held Wednesday evening in the Elks building.

Lakewood Club Yule Party Held

The Lakewood Extension Club met Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Will Truitt for a regular business meeting and Christmas party.

Sewing Dozen Meets Thursday

Sewing Dozen met Thursday evening for a Christmas party in the home of Mrs. Denzil Nelson.

PEO Chapter J Meets Friday With Mrs. Yates

P.E.O. chapter "J" met Friday afternoon in the lovely home of Mrs. Harvey Yates.

Advertisement for Howard Music Co. featuring a piano and the text 'Say Merry Christmas with a beautiful Story & Clark Piano'.

Advertisement for Thompson-Price Christmas Gifts, featuring the slogan 'IN ARTESIA YOUR Christmas Gifts HEADQUARTERS IS THOMPSON-PRICE'.

Advertisement for Gifts for Her! featuring Munsingwear and Trimfit.

Advertisement for Helen Harper sweaters and Bena costume jewelry.

Advertisement for Daniel Green house slippers.

Advertisement for Gifts to fill your Christmas, featuring Van Huesen, Swank, and Paris.

Advertisement for Buckskin Brand wool shirts and Haggar slacks.

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Advertisement for Howard Music Co. with address 518 W. MAIN and phone number PH. SH 6-4804.

HAGERMAN NEWS SOCIAL CALENDAR

Mrs. Byron Oglesby

The Order of Rainbow for Girls meeting was held in the Masonic Hall at Hagerman Monday at 7:30 p. m.

Peggy Cumpsten, worthy advisor, presided over a regular business session, with other officers serving as follows: Associate Worthy Advisor, Betty Troublefield; Charity, pro-tem, Doris Ferguson; Hope, Barbara Carter; Faith, Jodelle Freeman; Love, pro-tem, Teresa Oglesby; Religion, Jeannette Lee; Nature, pro-tem, Kathleen West; Immortality, pro-tem, Leslie Moore; Fidelity, pro-tem, Barbara Maberry; Patriotism, Mary Shipman; Service, pro-tem, Kay Hampton; Drill Leader, pro-tem, Phyllis Jumper; Treasurer, pro-tem, Pat Johnson; Chaplain, Loretta Creek; Recorder, Verena Greer; Confidential Observer, Sharla Menefee; Outer Observer, Ginger Graham; Organist, Jeannie Bob Hart and Choir Director, Cindy Welborne.

It was announced that a Christmas dinner, party, and gift exchange will be held Dec. 21. This is to be a covered dish supper. A committee appointed include Mary Shipman, Phyllis Jumper, Betty Troublefield, Loretta Creek and Peggy Cumpsten.

Jim Blevins son of J. C. Blevins of Hagerman was injured Thursday evening when he fell from a horse, and was admitted to St. Mary's hospital in Roswell. He received chest injuries, a broken foot and other injuries.

The brother and family of Mrs. William Turner arrived in Hagerman Friday night from El Paso. They will accompany the Turners to Horn Lake, Mississippi, to visit relatives and friends over the holidays. Miss Wanda Wallace, taking her car, will also travel in the party as far as Ardmore, Oklahoma, where she will spend the holidays.

The Hagerman Thursday Club met Thursday for its annual Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Edith West.

A covered dish luncheon was served buffet style and the Christmas theme was carried out. A Christmas tree was very decorative and other decorations were used about the house.

Present were one visitor, Mrs. J. D. Williams, and the following members: Mrs. B. W. Curry, Mrs. O. J. Ford, Mrs. L. E. Hinrichsen, Mrs. E. F. Lane, Mrs. A. A. McCleskey, Mrs. J. K. McLaure, Mrs. H. R. Menefee, Mrs. H. L. Nelson, Mrs. D. L. Newsom, Mrs. Jack Sweat, Mrs. H. W. Ware, Mrs. J. W. Wiggins, Mrs. Mattie Willough-

by, Mrs. A. A. Evans, and the hostess, Mrs. West. Cindy Welborne, Teresa Oglesby, Billy Ray Andrus and Kemper West attended the "Kool Kats" Christmas party at the Roswell Woman's Club Thursday evening, sponsored by Mrs. Zelma McEvoy. Dickie Harshey, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Harshey, Jr., is ill with mumps. Lou Ann Harshey is just over the mumps.

The Belle Bennett Circle of the First Methodist Church, Hagerman, met Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Bob Coons.

Mrs. Lee Roy Rhodes, president, presided over the business session, and Mrs. Bobby Williams, Secretary, read the minutes of the previous meeting.

Mrs. H. H. Menefee, chairman of the furniture committee, reported that living room furniture had been purchased for the parsonage, namely a living room suite, a coffee table and two end tables. Some reupholstering on some of the present furniture is planned for the near future.

Final plans were made for the annual Christmas dinner for Belle Bennetts and their families which will be held Dec. 21 at 7 p. m. A gift exchange will be held and each family is requested to bring the same number of gifts as there are members in their family.

It was voted to send a donation to the Navajo Methodist Mission located at Farmington, N. M.

Mrs. A. D. Menoud was the program leader. She presented the program "We Would See Jesus."

Refreshments of Christmas cake, topped with whipped cream, and coffee were served to one guest, Miss Vanada Little of Woodson, Texas, and the following members: Mrs. Lee Roy Rhodes, Mrs. Bobby Williams, Mrs. Frederick Heitman, Mrs. A. L. Ackerman, Mrs. Stanley Utterback, Mrs. H. R. Menefee, Mrs. Barney Green, Mrs. Lloyd Edgar Harshey, Jr., Mrs. A. D. Menoud, Mrs. T. A. Bledsoe, and the hostess, Mrs. Coons.

The Hagerman Lions Club held its annual Christmas Party, Ladies Night and gift exchange in the undercroft of the Methodist church Tuesday night.

A covered dish supper was served at 7:30 p. m. The tables were decorated in the Christmas theme with Santa Claus miniatures and Christmas tree candles.

The meeting was conducted by the president, Wayne Graham, with H. R. Menefee secretary pro-tem, reading the minutes of the previous meeting. It was announced that the local Lions club is first on the list of ratings for the district out of 25 clubs. Rating is based on attendance, membership, (new members and keeping old members) club reports being mailed in on time, number of directors' meetings, etc. etera.

It was reported that Santa Claus will be in Hagerman Dec. 24, at the Christmas tree in the town square with treats for the children.

A time-limit auction was held, with A. D. Menoud receiving the special gift which was auctioned off. This money is to be used for the convention fund, to help defray expenses of a delegate to National convention.

Bob Cumpsten made a very interesting talk on the Hagerman Post Office, pointing out that it is the only second class postoffice in New Mexico to have a cost ascertainment office. He also gave pointers on Christmas wrappings, and the mailing of packages and cards.

Guests included Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Harshey, Dr. and Mrs. J. P. Vouite, Dr. and Mrs. Bonne and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Sims, and the following members and their wives:

Mr. and Mrs. Howard H. Menefee, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Graham, Mr. and Mrs. Horice Freeman, Mrs. T. A. Bledsoe, Mrs. W. E. Knoy, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cumpsten, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Wafford, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Utterback, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Williamson, Mr. and Mrs. Robert, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Menoud, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Garner, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Welbourne, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Ackerman, Mr. Dillard Irby, Betty Wafford, Linda Menefee and Peggy Bledsoe.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Hart and daughters, Jeannie Bob and Susan Clyde, have purchased a home in Artesia and will be moving in January. Mr. Hart is employed there.

Vanada Little, sister of Mrs. W. E. Knoy who is visiting here at the Knoy home, has been ill the past several days but is improving.

The Hagerman-Eunice basketball game at Eunice was attended by T. A. Bledsoe, Mrs. Louise Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Byron Oglesby and Bart, and the following cheerleaders, Angie Barnett and Della Finch of the Senior High group, and Ginger Graham, Teresa Oglesby, Verena Greer, Sharla Menefee and Linda Richardson of the Junior High group. W. E. Knoy and Coach William Turner took the basketball teams in their cars.

Thurman Mayberry and James Breitenbach went to Portales Tuesday night to get another load of furniture. The Freitenbach family will live in the Oscar Kiper rent house near the City Park. Mrs. Breitenbach who has been employed with a Portales newspaper, and two little sons, age 5 and 3, will join Mr. Breitenbach in Hagerman next week. Mr. Breitenbach is the band and choral director of the Hagerman School.

The American Legion Auxiliary held its annual Christmas party and gift exchange Monday at the home of Mrs. Dub Andrus with Mrs. Stanley Utterback and Mrs. John Shockley as co-hostesses.

The meeting was called to order by the vice-president, Mrs. Richard Harshey, in the absence of the president, Mrs. Lloyd Edgar Harshey, Jr. Mrs. Jeannette Michelet read the minutes of the previous meeting and gave the treasurer's report. Reports were also given by the various committees and bulletins read. Final plans were made for the Christmas dance to be sponsored by the Auxiliary which will be given December 23 at the American Legion Hall in Hagerman.

A gift exchange was held after which refreshments of carrot cake topped with whipped cream, and coffee, were served to the following members:

Mrs. Max Wiggins, Mrs. L. E. Harshey, Sr., Mrs. Jeannette Michelet, Mrs. Jim Laneneger, Mrs. Roy Chout, Mrs. Charlie Marchbanks, Mrs. Homar Mayberry, Mrs. Charles Lathrop, Mrs. Dub Hardin, and the hostesses, Mrs. Andrus, Mrs. Utterback and Mrs. Shockley.

Theta Rho Girls Initiate Four

Four girls were initiated into Theta Rho Girls at a meeting and Christmas party Thursday evening in IOOF Hall.

Miss Jeannette Phillips, president, was in charge of the initiation ceremony. Those initiated were Linda Boyce, Karon Boruta, Cykeith Aaron, and Bonnie Van Curen. Mrs. Effie Wingfield, advisor, presented each member with a gift and the girls in turn presented her with a lovely gift. Gifts were exchanged among the girls.

The refreshment table was centered with a dozen red carnations and fern. Fruit cake topped with whipped cream, mints, nuts and spiced tea were served.

TABBY TACKLES TAX
PORTALES — A man here has written the Internal Revenue Service requesting "another copy of the Quarterly Federal Excise Tax Return 720." He writes: "I am sure the cat got the first one ... as I cannot find it."

ODLUM LAUDS MERGER
ALBUQUERQUE — Floyd Odium, president of Atlas Corp., says a proposed merger of his huge investment firm with Albuquerque Associated Oil Co. "will mean a pool of capital and expert management will be hitched to" the New Mexico firm.

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 19
Beta Xi chapter of Beta Sigma Phi, meeting and Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Charles Kidd, 909 W. Richardson, 7:30 p. m.

Sunrise Rebekah Lodge, meeting IOOF Hall, 8 p. m.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20
Reception for faculty Artesia schools, 1106 Quay, school warehouse, 3 - 5 p. m.

Business and Professional Women's club, dinner and Christmas party at Artesia Country club, 7 p. m.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21
Artesia Junior Woman's club, Christmas party at the home of Mrs. J. O. Cosper, 1:30 p. m.

Artesia Extension club, Christmas party and installation of officers, home Mrs. Mack Reasner, 2 p. m.

SOMETHING NEW



GOING TO A PREVIEW of next season's fashions in London, Princess Margaret turns up with some new items herself, a brushed wool hat, velvet coat and star-spangled veil. (International)



COOKING IS FUN
By CECILY BROWNSTONE
GO - ALONGS HELP MAKE MENUS interesting. A tray of temptingly tidbits - whether they are condiments for curry or relishes for hamburgers - always seem festive.

If you want to give such a tray a special touch, consider the following ways to deal with dill or sour pickles, green asparagus, beets, and olives. In each case, extra seasonings are added, lids are replaced on the original jars or bottles, and the snacks are refrigerated to mellow before serving.

Serve these snacks with hamburgers, with roast meat or poultry, or with fish that has been broiled, baked or fried. Guests will enjoy helping themselves to the alluring array.

CRISP PICKLE SLICES
Ingredients: 1 jar (1 pint and 6 ounces) dill or sour pickles, 3/4 cup sugar, 3/4 teaspoon celery seed.
Method: Remove cap from jar of pickles; save cap. Drain liquid from pickles. Remove pickles from jar and cut them into thin crisswise slices. Put one-third of the pickle slices in bottom of jar. Sprinkle over 1/4 cup of sugar and 1/4 teaspoon of the celery seeds. Add another third of pickle slices. Sprinkle over 1/4 cup sugar and 1/4 teaspoon celery seeds. Add the remaining pickle slices. Sprinkle over remaining 1/4 cup sugar and 1/4 teaspoon celery seeds. Replace cap tightly. Store in refrigerator for five days before serving. Turn jar upside down several times during storage period.

CRYSTALLIZED BEETS
Ingredients: 1 jar (1 pound) of pickled beet slices, 2/3 cup sugar, 3/4 teaspoon caraway seeds.
Method: Remove lid from jar of beets; save lid. Drain liquid from beets. Turn out beets into a bowl. Put one-third of the beets in the bottom of jar. Add one-third of the sugar and 1/4 teaspoon caraway seeds. Add another third of beets, another third of sugar and 1/4 teaspoon caraway seeds. Add remaining beets, sugar, and 1/4 teaspoon caraway seeds. Replace lid tightly. Store jar in the refrigerator for five days before serving. Turn jar upside down several times during storage period.

Utah has 763 miles of railroad.

AND MRS. L. C. POUNDS are announcing the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Miss Verna Joyce, to Dean Owens, son of Mrs. Nellie Owens. Wedding vows to be read at 2 p. m. January 2, in the First Baptist church, Artesia, with the Rev. S. M. Morgan, pastor officiating. (Photo by Leone)

Sunshine Class Christmas Party Held At McAlester Residence

Sunshine Sunday School Christmas party was held Friday evening in the home of Mrs. H. L. McAlester. Curtis Sharp and Mrs. Roger were co-hostesses. Turkey dinner was served, and followed by a short business session presided over by Mrs. Callahan, president. Members of the party to fill a Christmas tree for a needy family for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Menefee, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Kinder, Mr. and Mrs. Reed Brainard.

Also John A. Mathis, Sr., Miss Esther Ekstrom, Mrs. A. L. Neatherton, Mrs. George Tell, Mrs. Tonnie Cole, Mrs. Florence Wathen, Mrs. C. R. Blocker, Mrs. Clem Ratliff, Mrs. Nellie Hartell and Mrs. C. R. Baldwin.

Guests were Mrs. Owen Haynes, Mr. and Mrs. George Thalman, Jr. Total money transactions in the United States total about six billion dollars a day, on about 10 percent transacted in currency, the rest in bank checks.

Indiana University will assist the University of Peshawar in Pakistan to establish science courses for its new Khyber Medical College.

The panda has a body like that of a bear, feet like those of a cat and a face like a raccoon.

Sharon Bennett Party Hostess

Sharon Barrett held a party Friday evening in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert P. Barrett, 1101 Runyan.

The group played games and enjoyed dancing throughout the evening. Refreshments of cookies and lemonade were served.

Those present were Sharon Barrett, Malinda Smith, Dorothy White, Sharon Wood, Nell Hicks, Gayle Jetton, James Birch, James Long, Jimmy Gill, and Dennis Tidwell.

Artesia Woman's Club Studies Christmas Topics At Meeting

Christmas topics were studied at the December meeting of the Study group of the Artesia Woman's Club. The club met Wednesday morning in the home of Mrs. Earle McDorman, 509 W. Centre. Mrs. McDorman was assisted by her daughter, Mrs. Tom Avery.

Refreshments of apple pudding, assorted nuts, candied fruits and tea were served.

Mrs. J. R. Miller discussed "No Room For Him at the Inn;" Mrs. Ray Fagan, "Christmas is a Time for Trees;" Mrs. Ed Thompson, "First Christmas" taken from the Bible first Luke; Mrs. H. L. McAlester, "One Solitary Life," and Mrs. L. F. Hamilton, "The Carol

That Never Was Sung," by Alfred Hassler.

Mrs. Carl Lewis offered "A Christmas Message" from Harry Emerson Fosdick; Mrs. Earle McDorman, "Let's Keep Christmas," by Peter Marshall; Mrs. R. L. Cole, "The Skimstone Tree;" Mrs. George Teel, "The Greatest Story Ever Told," and Mrs. F. L. Bays, "Christmas Tree" by Edward Shillito. Mrs. Bays also showed pictures and read an account of her daughter, Mrs. Kyler Allison's sixth birthday at Christmas 1934.

Guests present were Mrs. Jean Pitt, Mrs. Roy Richardson, and Mrs. Tom Avery.

Loretta Young To Return To Television Show Christmas

HOLLYWOOD — Loretta Young will have a special joy this Christmas. She'll return to her TV show Christmas night.

The actress was stricken April 10 with peritonitis. For months she was hospitalized, and Hollywood was concerned for her life. Now she has completed the long road back to health and is once again making films for her popular Sunday night show. But there's a difference.

"This time I'm appearing only every other week," she reported in her dressing room on the Goldwyn lot.

But she denied that the stiff filming schedule of her previous two years caused her illness. "It could have happened to anyone," she remarked. "While I was in the hospital, two other women were admitted with the same thing; theirs had not been caused by overwork. But it's true that I was run down and didn't bounce back with the vigor that I might

have."

Her weight dwindled to around 90 pounds during the illness. Now she's up to a healthy 117 and is mighty proud of herself.

"I never thought I could do it," she said. "Why, I never eighed that much in my life. I always averaged around 110 pounds."

"I'd like to get up to 120, but I don't know if I can make it. It's hard for me; I've never been much interested in food."

How did she accomplish her weight gain? By hourly malted milks and other "forced feedings." And by giving up cigarettes.

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Backstage New Mexico

By The New Mexico Staff Of the Associated Press

Santa Fe taxpayers are all too familiar with the locked door as a reason why they can't attend the meetings of various public agencies. But now a new discouragement is keeping the public in the dark.

The Board of Public Health recently held a combination Saturday night social-business meeting at the home of Health Director Stanley Leland, some miles out in the country.

Leland entertained board members at a dinner at which Santa Fe Mayor H. Paul Huss, longtime board secretary who resigned, was honored. Later the board went in to what some people regarded as its most significant meeting of the year from the standpoint of public interest—the division of nearly \$2 million dollars of hospital construction money. But no private citizens or newsmen were present.

The board for years has held its meetings mainly on Saturday night, an awkward time for both taxpayers interested in news reporters who might inform them. The result has been that the board's meetings sometimes have gone by without much attention.

The reason given for the Saturday night sessions is inability of a couple of doctor members to attend at any other time.

One state capital student of government said he supposed there is nothing in the law to guarantee explicitly a citizen's right to go before a meeting of any of the public's boards. But he added a belief that "a presumptive right to appear at any such meeting is certainly implied."

The public health law merely stated that the original organizational meeting should be held at the capitol. It did not say anything about the place of subsequent meetings.

With many state boards and commissions, no foolproof manner of keeping the public aware of times and places for meetings has yet been devised. Only a comparatively few board or department officials volunteer such data to the public. Very few boards have regular meeting times. The result is that no one knows how many meetings go by unnoticed. Formal minutes report official actions but omit most details.

The manner in which the public is advised of coming board meetings is getting attention from a legislative committee now making a study of more than a score of boards of the licensing-examining type.

When Gov. Simms flew to Roswell for the cattlemen's meeting, he had also been invited to do a little quail hunting on the side. So when he alighted from his plane he was carrying a 16-gauge shotgun in its case.

Simms was met by Jack Campbell, who told him in mock alarm: "Governor, things ain't so bad down this way that you have to bring a gun."

Land Commissioner John Walker, who is ineligible to seek that job or any other state elective office next year, is sending out a Christmas card with this rather pertinent message attributed to a poet named Gibson:

"Next year the daffodils will bow,

"And lambs will frisk and bleat;
"But I'll not feel the brazier's glow,
"Nor any cold nor heat."

THERE'S A WAR raging in eastern New Mexico which probably won't be settled until the Census Bureau's nose counters make their rounds again in 1960.

Roswell contends it's grown bigger than Carlsbad, and by gum it should have the "3" prefix on license plates, awarded by population size to the various counties. Santa Fe gets No. 1 prefix because they make 'em.

Carlsbad has been staunchly defending its right to the "3". The battle entered a new phase this week when Al Stubbs of the Roswell Record declared Roswell was not only bigger, but richer. He challenged Carlsbad to a "Cadillac war" suggesting each town start out lining up its Cadillacs bumper to bumper heading toward each other. He theorized they'd meet about 35 miles south of Artesia, about a mile from the Carlsbad city limits.

The Carlsbad Current-Argus modestly disclaimed any wish to ostentatiously wish to the Cave City's wealth, but warned "there simply won't be room for the Roswell jalopies that usually clutter up the blacktop."

Elmo Traylor, state game conservation officer stationed at Clayton, spent a long time in south-central New Mexico. He and artist Peter Hurd of Piecho, west of Roswell, became close friends. Traylor says Hurd "speaks, sings and lives Spanish," and he tells this story of the famous Western artist:

"Pete went along with us once while we were rounding up antelope. He was doing a painting for an arms company. One night at camp he was plinking a guitar, and pretty soon all the Spanish-American cowboys were gathered around. Finally we decided to hit the hay, and someone suggested a nightcap. Pete looked at the bottle and asked 'What's that?' 'Whisky,' somebody said. 'No for me!' Pete said. So they rounded up some tequila for him, and he took that. Then, a little while later they discovered his bed hadn't been touched. I told them I bet I knew where Pete was. I went to a nearby windmill, and there Pete was, curled up in a bedroll. He lives with windmills. You will find most of his paintings have windmills or shadows of windmills in them."

FRANK HARTLEY, Harding County rancher, sticks his tongue in his cheek and wholeheartedly agrees with people who tell him they don't like New Mexico. Traylor listened to Hartley once when a group of Texans were running down this state. "He agreed with them all the way," Traylor said, "and when they got through he offered to sell them his ranch. Said he wanted to get out of this state. I know Frank likes his country, and I asked him later what he said that for. Frank told me, 'We've got too darn many people in New Mexico. Let's get 'em out.'" Hart-

ley listened with a twinkle in his eye as Traylor told the story. Then with a straight face, he said he still thinks it's a good idea. "Discourages 'em from cluttering up the place," he said.

Hartley kidded Traylor about an accident the Game Department man had a few weeks ago. He still carries his right arm in a sling. Traylor wouldn't explain what happened, but Hartley said: "Lots of riders get hurt when they get thrown off a horse, but not many get hurt while they're leading one. I had a real good excuse once. I told the boys I fell off. Then I found out they hadn't seen me until I was trying to catch my horse again. But it was too late to change my story then."

TRAYLOR SAYS he believes better predatory animal control and better law enforcement have led to a great increase in the number of deer in the mountains of south-central New Mexico. He's especially conscious of the area because he grew up on a ranch there. He says he recalls that, as a boy, "when we'd see a deer along the Honda it was something big, but now the area is filled with them." He says big forest fires in the area apparently also have had something to do with the increase because feed the deer like grows up on the fire-scarred mountain slopes.

The three sons of State Game Director and Mrs. Homer Pickens all plan to be enrolled simultaneously for one semester at New Mexico A&M College after the new term begins following the holidays. They are Homer Jr., and Jimmy, currently enrolled, and Jack, who has just returned from a two-year hitch with the Air Force.

THE TOURIST BUREAU is offering travel editors a wide selection of New Mexico photographs in 16 different categories. Director Joseph A. Buryse has prepared a form letter, making it easy for the editors to check their desires. The categories include mountains, streams, fishing, pack trips, cattle roundups, rodeo, national monuments, Carlsbad Caverns, and the following under Indians: Pueblos, Navajo, Apache, dancers, pottery making, jewelry, rugs and weaving and individuals.

"It would be possible, but highly impractical, to raise ostriches in New Mexico. It is almost equally impractical to raise pheasants here."

That comment by Levon Lee, chief of game management for the Game Department, may carry a hint on future policy on the extensive birds. While sportsmen generally were described as well pleased with the 1955 season, the department indicates it is not satisfied. It says 5,000 birds were raised and planted and the returns in the form of birds bagged by hunters, "were by no means proportionate to the cost."

"It becomes more and more evident that farm-raised birds cannot survive in the wild for any appreciable length of time," the department says.

An article entitled "Pheasant Fiasco" is to appear in the January issue of New Mexico Magazine.

Experiment Proves Bees Help Increase Pima Cotton Crop

Recent experiments carried on by S. E. McGregor and Frank E. Todd of the USDA Beekeeping and "rsec" Pathology Laboratory at Tucson, Arizona, showed that Pima S-1 cotton aged with bees produced 25 per cent more than Pima S-1 with bees excluded. The increase in production was the result of more bolls being set with more seeds and lint per boll.

Views Differ On Depletion Allowance

WASHINGTON — Sharply divergent views on the oil depletion allowance have been expressed before a congressional committee looking into tax policy. Federal tax laws for many years have permitted oil producers to deduct 27 1/2 per cent on the gross income they receive from oil production. Moves to reduce the percentage have gotten nowhere in Congress.

The question was explored this week by a subcommittee of the Joint Committee on the Economic Report. The subcommittee will report to the full committee. It will issue a report which may be used as a guide by the tax-law writing committees of Congress.

Here's what some who met with the committee had to say: Prof. Horace Gray, University of Illinois—"The depletion allowance has degenerated into a lucrative, generalized, and largely functionless subsidy, the benefits of which accrue primarily to a few large corporations."

Scott Lambert, Standard Oil of California, said oil today is many times more difficult and costly to find than when percentage depletion was first established.

"It would be unrealistic to ignore the consequences of a possible depletion law revision that would put a check on the oil producers of our country," said Lowell Stanley, director of Monterey Oil Co. "Most independent operators would, without laws which recognize such extraction or sale of property... not only lack resources for development and exploration, but also be driven by the tax laws to sell their properties outright, and leave operations to new purchasers who would then be entitled to new 'cost' depletion which would approximate, and in many cases substantially exceed, the amount of percentage depletion now available to the original holder."

Prof. Arnold Harberger, University of Chicago, said it is not "too far fetched to imagine the corporate income tax rate being reduced over the years to 35 per cent, the percentage depletion provisions repealed and the capital gains rate held at 25 per cent."

VA Officials Believe Vets Loans To Rise

WASHINGTON — Veterans Administration officials today optimistically forecast that the GI home loan guaranty business will continue at a near-record level of 650,000 applications in 1956.

They drew that picture despite administration moves in some fields to tighten credit but with encouragement from a slight easing this week in the Federal Home Loan Bank's limitations on loans to savings and loan associations.

Last July what are described as "moderate" restrictions were placed on both VA and Federal Housing Administration housing credit there are indications these may soon be modified to again allow 30-year maturity loans. The maximum term of such loans was cut to 25 years July 30.

But there has been no indication of any easing in the federal reserve rediscount rate, which has been boosted four times this year until at 2 1/2 per cent it is at the highest level in 20 years.

Thomas J. Sweeney, director of VA's loan guaranty service, said VA is expecting some 650,000 GI home loan applications next year. Such applications are filed after a private lender has entered in to a contract to make a loan with VA guaranty of a portion.

Such a volume in 1956 would equal the record 650,000 estimated for this full year. It would compare with a previous top of 630,000 in 1950 and 528,000 in 1954.

VA's home loan guaranty business began booming in April 1954. Officials attributed the boom to a May 1953 ruling raising from 4 to 4 1/2 per cent the maximum permissible interest rate on GI home loans.

They conceded the increase has meant that some 950,000 veterans have committed themselves to pay as much as 551 million dollars more in increased interest costs than if the rate had been 4 per cent. But they said that without it few loans or houses would have been available to veterans.

Redwood Library, built in 1747 in Newport, R.I., is the oldest continuously used library building in America. It is open daily.

Similar tests with A-44 cotton and acala cotton similar to 1517 showed no difference in total production, but bolls in the bee cases matured earlier. Bees helped the plants set their maximum load earlier and in areas with a short flowering season, an increase in unland cotton production would probably be obtained with bees.

Cross-pollination of cotton flowers by bees prevents decreased productivity of many varieties. Assuming that undesirable qualities would not be contributed by other nearby varieties, planting seed produced in fields where pollinating insects are abundant should produce more cotton than seed from fields where pollinators are scarce.

Although present information does not warrant advising cotton growers to pay rental fees for colonies, the bees that are often present in cotton fields should be protected. Harmful insects may be controlled without serious damage to pollinators if the right insecticides are used with proper precautions. Sulfur, toxaphene, DDT, and demeton (Systox) will control most insect pests present in cotton. Most other insecticides are too poisonous to be used safely when bees are present.

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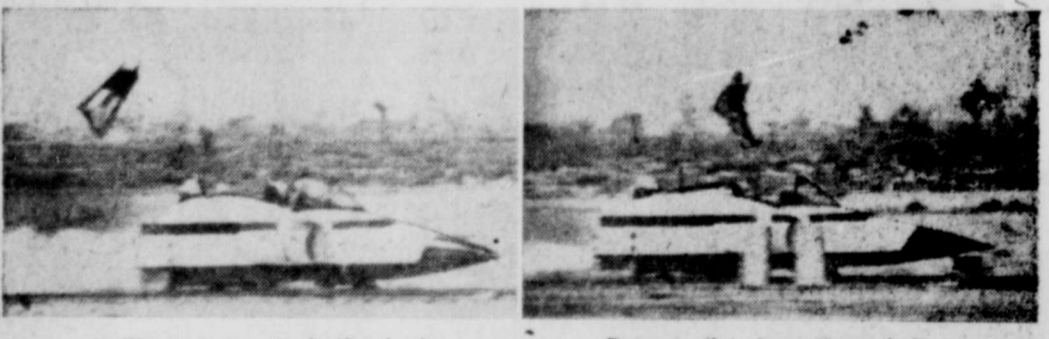
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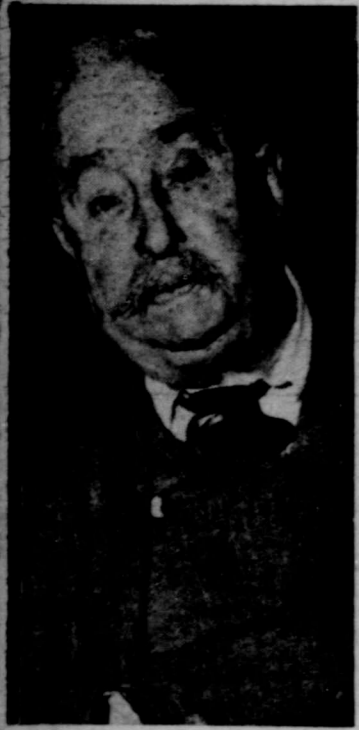
Cap Mossman, One Of State's

Cap Mossman, One Of State's He-Men Can Only Sit Now

By ROBERT A. BARNES
Associated Press State Editor
ROSWELL, N.M. — An old man with white hair sits in a wheel chair in front of a blazing fire, a green robe across his knees.

Looking down on him is a priceless oil painting done in 1828. It shows a cabin beside a rushing mountain stream. The sky is cloudy, the scene peaceful. Other paintings, done by his friend Frederick Remington, the famed artist, hang about the snug sitting room.

This is Cap Mossman, one of the most rugged men the West ever produced. Capt. Burton C. Mossman, who organized and ram-rodged the Arizona Rangers. Cap Mossman, who took over the trem-



Cap Mossman

endous Hashknife spread of Arizona and tamed the outlaws preying on it.

Sitting here is the man who built up the biggest ranch of its time in New Mexico—the Turkey Track which ran for 40 miles south of Roswell. He is the man who established and ran the greatest cattle ranch South Dakota has ever known. It is he who turned down a chance to manage what would have been the most gigantic cattle operation in the world—in Brazil—had it materialized.

He is one of the few men living now who used to play poker with Pat Garrett, the sheriff who killed Billy the Kid. Mossman knew many of the leading men of the Old West.

He is one of the key men in the history of the West.

Now, at 88, he sits and muses on days gone by. His body wracked by arthritis, he is confined to his wheel chair all day. From a life more active than most men ever know, he has been forced by age into the most inactive of lives.

His big mustache quivering with emotion at times, Cap Mossman can hold a listener enthralled. He speaks slowly, with long thoughtful pauses between sentences. He is a master storyteller. For example:

"In South Dakota," he relates, "I had the biggest ranch ever put together in that state." Through leasing of Cheyenne Indian land and other lands he and his associates had well over a billion acres, all under fence.

"I was a white man, a new man, and the Indians had been running the territory, they thought. There was a half-breed. His father was a Frenchman.

"He was smart. And very mean. Considered very dangerous by everybody except me. I never saw a dangerous man; I've always felt they thought they were. Some fellows would think they were dangerous for a while, but they'd soon get that wiped out of them.

"I had many rumors this man would kill me; that the time would come. Well—when it came he didn't kill me. I didn't kill him either. I didn't have to."

Mossman drove into town one Sunday and stopped behind a saloon. "I heard chips rattling, so I started in the back way. The first room I came to, I saw my friend, the half-breed, on the floor. I never saw him drunk before nor afterward in 40 years around there.

"I couldn't resist the temptation as he had played so many little tricks on me. I kicked him gently in the ribs. I weighed 160 pounds, he about 185. I got such a thrill of satisfaction that I kicked him again. He was out like a lord; there was nobody around to see it. I took quite a satisfaction driving my boot into his ribs. Then I got an idea.

"I took my pocket knife and I cut out the seat of his britches. I took them around and tacked them on the front door of the saloon. It was a big building, too." Later he inscribed the man's name on the door with chalk. Laughing, Mossman says he never was bothered again by the man.

Mossman says Pat Garrett told him Billy the Kid had never killed over seven men — "and that was giving the Kid the breaks, such as when a man was killed in a fight where the Kid and another man were both shooting at him." Legend has it that the Kid killed 21 men.

Mossman's big house in Roswell was bought from the estate of John Poe just after he died. Poe was the deputy sheriff who was with Garrett when the sheriff shot the Kid.

Asked whether there is any chance the Kid is alive, as is sometimes claimed, Mossman says: "Not with a man like Pat Garrett. And Poe."

At the age of 21 Mossman became foreman of a ranch in New Mexico with 8,000 head of cattle. When he was 30 he became general superintendent in 1896 of the Hash Knife, whose 60,000 cattle roamed a range 100 miles long from Navajo Springs east of Holbrook, Ariz., to Flagstaff, Ariz.

Thieves and rustlers—some of them on the Hash Knife payroll—were putting the huge outfit on the rocks; after 14 years in business it had already gone into receivership when Mossman took over. It probably was the second biggest cattle ranch in the United States, behind the XIT ranch of West Texas. He fired about half of the 84 riders within 30 days after he arrived. He branded 16,000 calves his first year. Mossman cleaned up the rustlers and put the ranch back on a firm footing until weather and low prices forced the owners to liquidate.

State's Farms —

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animal labor decreases. Kkch machines as corn pickers and forage choppers, which were almost unknown in New Mexico a few years back, are a more and more common sight.

In 1955, about 82 percent of New Mexico farms were electrified, and 28 percent had telephones.

In 1901, after helping write the law establishing the Arizona Rangers, Mossman organized the first Ranger company. He delights in telling about an incident which took place while he was trying out a new man.

"I had made a rule that 10 words was enough for any telegram. If a man had anything to say, he could generally say in it that. Well, I told this new man that there had been a series of one-man holdups down at Tucson. The holdup man always got away with the crowds that drifted out of he gambling halls.

"The robber would go into a place; there might be 10 men or 30 men in there. The best way to hold a man is with his face to the wall; either that or make him lie down with his face to the floor. That's what this man was doing in these holdups.

"I told my new man to go to Tucson; that I had inside information that a robbery was being planned on a great gambling place. I said, don't get acquainted with the sheriff or anybody. And don't stay around the bar room very much. Do the best you can.

"About four or five days after that, I was eating my breakfast and I saw a boy come out of the telegraph office. He was running; I knew then he had something from my new man."

Mossman chuckled at the recollection. "The telegram read: 'One man holdup legal tender 2 a. m.' inquest 4 p. m.' It was signed 'Wheeler.' He had kept it neatly within 10 words!"

Rather than leave the western ranges he loved, Mossman once turned down an offer by a British syndicate to become general manager at \$50,000 a year of a seven-million acre cattle operation proposed in the estate of Sao Paulo, Brazil.

There aren't many folks around whom Mossman knew in his earlier days.

"Once in a while some old bird drifts in who was a boy when I came to this country," he remarks.

He has little use for television, seldom turns on the set in his sitting room. It's just "foolishness," he says. "It's all right for children."

What about Western movies? "They don't know how it was done!" he snorts. "What do they know about it? They weren't there!"

Does he regret the passing of the old days? This brings an impatient gesture and a brief reply with words of meaning behind it.

"This house is better than the tent that probably stood here once."

More than 60 percent had running water. Only 19 percent of New Mexico farms were electrified in 1940. Further expansion of electrification is planned by co-ops and public utility companies next year — J. L. Dirnberger, agricultural engineer.

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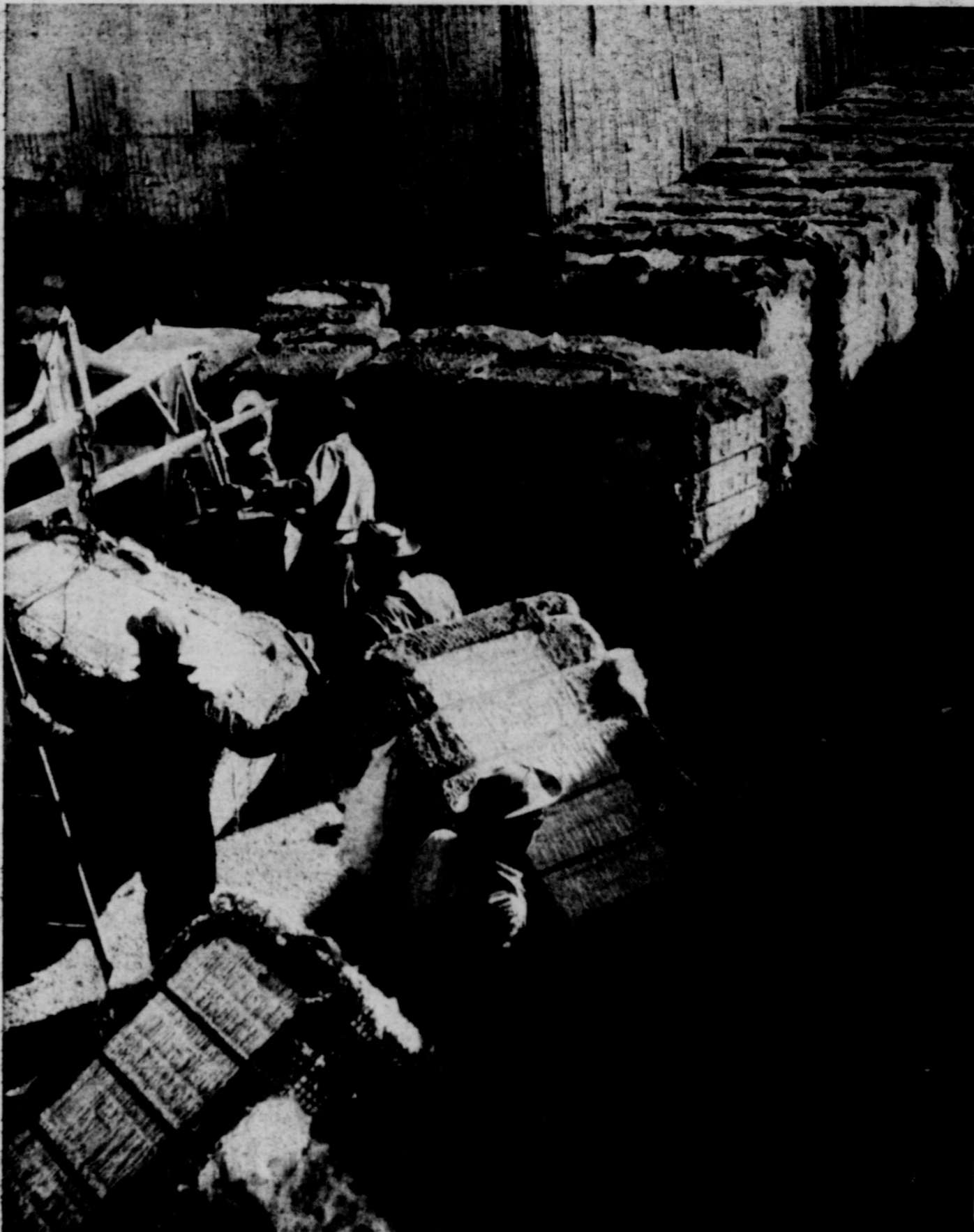
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Section Three



... one of the important roles in the Artesia area's cotton picture is played by the Artesia Compress Co. Located north of the city, it is a complex and interesting operation. An up-to-date look at the compress is presented on pages six and even of your Farm - Ranch and Home section. There are also two other important, worthwhile features for you enjoyment. One is by John White of New Mexico A&M and concerns our state's agriculture and its outlook for 1956. The other is an enjoyable yarn by Bob Barnes, state editor of the Associated Press, concerning Cap Mossman—one of the men who made the west what it is today. Don't miss any of them.

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Fred M. Shaver, Gen. Mgr. Frank Gardner, Editor
Norman Thomas, Staff Writer and Photographer

DECEMBER 18, 1955

They Didn't Vote

THE VOTE last Tuesday on cotton restrictions was a befuddling one. One of the great privileges of living in our nation is that of casting a ballot, which may well have an important bearing on our future. That holds true whether we are electing a president or making our wishes on crop limitations and government price supports known.

Still only 139 out of about 800 eligible Eddy county cotton-growers bothered to cast a vote as to whether present controls—and therefore parity levels—would be maintained next year.

The side a particular grower stands on—for controls or against them—is not important. The fact his livelihood, and with it a definite part of Artesia's economic structure, depends on the method used for growing and marketing cotton is important.

It is difficult to understand the strong disregard for the cotton ballotting.

In The Corner

With prolonged periods without moisture on the "east side" of New Mexico, soil experts and the weatherman have already warned that dust storms—the plague of the south-west—can be expected at anytime.

While sunny days and warm weather in winter are nice, nothing could be nicer than to gaze skyward and watch huge, water-filled snow flakes dropping earthward.

In glancing through some "old" editions of the Advocate recently we noted a land company boasting "when it doesn't rain let the well run."

Be great if that condition still existed.

* * *

Just about all the cotton ginning for this year is at an end. With the season waning, ginning in the north end of Eddy county stood at 32,141 bales at mid-week, considerably under last year.

In the southern part of the county 20,319 bales have been ginned, making the county total for the year 52,560.

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The following has been listed under the misleading title of "Advice." Decide for yourself.

- If she looks young, she's camouflaged.
- If she looks old, she dissipated.
- If she looks innocent, she's deceiving you.
- If she looks shocked, she's acting.
- If she looks languishing, she's hungry.
- If she looks sad, she's arguing.
- If she looks back, follow her.

—F. J. G.

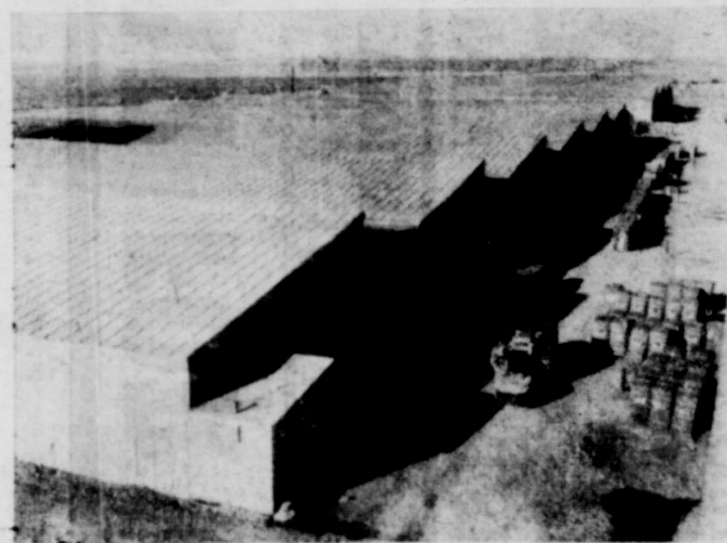
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A small compress where the bales are removed and the bale is tumbled out onto another dolly and carried to the big compress. As it is moved to the compress, a worker sweeps the exposed ends of the bale to clean it of loose dirt and trash that might be adhering to the cotton.

When the bale is positioned in the main compress, a worker throws a lever and 1½-million pounds of steam pressure is exerted on the bale.

Steam pressure is used in an 80-inch cylinder for compression because it permits faster operation than hydraulic pressure. An average of 110 bales an hour are turned out of the compress. Eighty men are required to handle the company's operations at the peak of the season. Work begins at the compress about mid-October and lasts through February.



THE TOP photo shows part of hundreds of bales of cotton stored on the grounds awaiting the compress. The middle picture shows a worker moving a compressed bale, half its original size, from the compress. The bottom photo shows part of the vast warehouse facilities of the Artesia Compress Co. In these warehouses as many as 22,500 bales of cotton may be stored. (Advocate Photo)

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Half Of Pecos Valley Cotton Handled Here

By Norman Thomas

Driving north from Artesia on Highway 285 you see sheet-metal buildings sprawled over several acres of ground by a rail road siding about three miles north of town. Every 30 seconds you see a jet of steam spurt skyward from a tower above the buildings, and that means another bale of cotton has just been compressed to half its original size.

The buildings you see shining in the sun beside the tracks of the Santa Fe, and surrounded by acres of baled cotton, are the operations of the Artesia Compress Co. Through these buildings, pass in the course of a season, about half of the cotton crop grown in the Pecos Valley.

From the gins up and down the valley, from Hagerman and Dexter on the north to Carlsbad on the south, and sometimes from as far south as Pecos, Tex., farmers ship their cotton by truck and rail to the compress. As the bales are unloaded at the docks they are weighed and marked with the gin number and weight. The farmer is issued a negotiable warehouse receipt for each bale and, upon surrender of the receipt, he receives the same identical bale in return.

From the scales the cotton is transported by lift trucks for storage along with thousands of other bales, somewhere on the compress grounds. After dispensation has been established for the cotton it will be moved again. If it is sold, it will be taken inside, compressed and loaded into cars for shipment. If the cotton is going into government loan under the price support

program, it will be compressed and stored inside the vast warehouses of the Artesia Compress Co. It is a requirement for government cotton that it be stored inside. In these warehouses as many as 22,500 bales may be stored.

As long as the cotton remains in the bonded warehouses of the Compress, it is fully insured. Some of it is stored for as much as three years. However, the usual storage time is about six months.

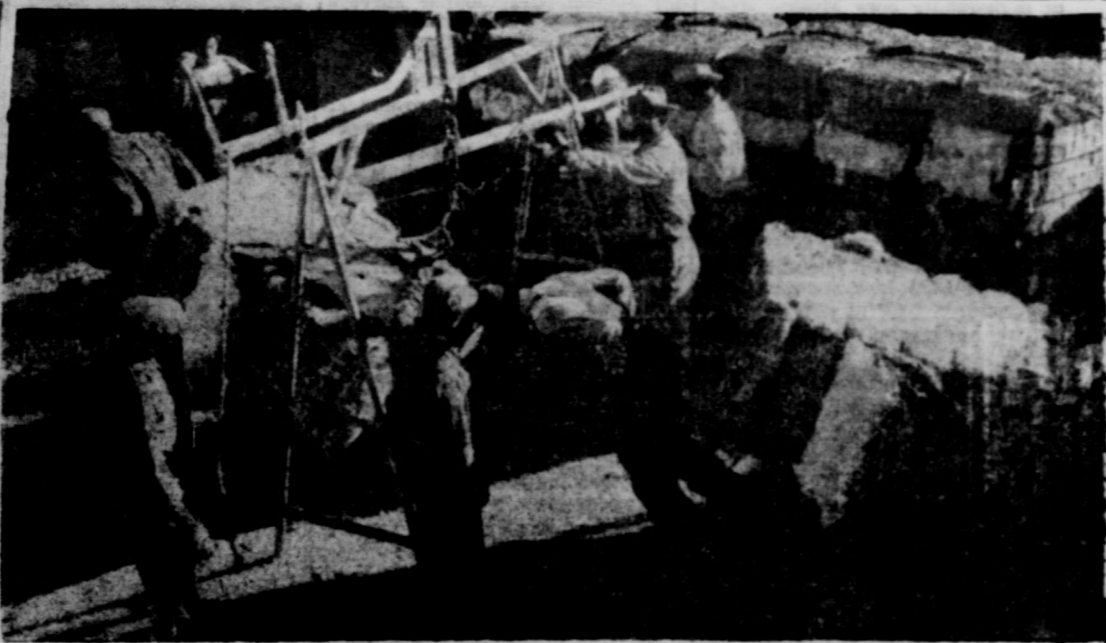
During a season about 55,000 bales of cotton are compressed here. If it is to be shipped to mills in the east it is compressed to about half the size of a normal bale, enabling a freight car to carry from 120 to 130 bales. If the cotton is destined for export it is compressed in two dimensions and comes out about one-third the size of the original bale.

In recent years export cotton has tapered off until this year only 150 bales have been compressed for shipment overseas. This went to Italy.

The Artesia Compress Co. began operations in 1948 under the ownership of Paul Francis and K. H. Francis, his father. Since the senior partner's death, the company has been in the hands of Paul and his brother, W. K. Francis. H. P. Crausby is superintendent of operations.

The company charges \$1.85 a bale for compressing and 43 cents a bale per month for storage. The latter includes insurance.

When a bale of cotton is sold or put into government loan it is moved inside and trundled up to the compress by hand dolly, pushed by a worker. First it is put into



TOP: Cotton bales are weighed in as they are unloaded at the compress. Above: Bales are moved up through the warehouse for compressing. Left: Bales are trundled into the compression chamber. Lower left: A worker prepares to throw a lever that will release 1 1/4 million pounds of pressure on a bale of cotton in the huge machine at the left side of the picture. (Advocate Photos)



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Grasshopper Invasion Expected for 1956

By JOHN DURKIN
Extension Entomologist
New Mexico A&M College

Grasshoppers will infest about three million acres of range cropland in New Mexico in 1956, according to a survey completed recently by federal grasshopper control officials. The survey, supervised by G. F. Fulkerson, Albuquerque, of the Grasshopper Control Project, pinpointed the areas where control operations should be carried out next spring and plans are already under way for a full-scale war against the feed and food destroying pests.

Heavy infestations are expected in the San-Augustine Plains area of Catron and Socorro counties where ranchers sustained heavy losses on drought-stricken ranges in 1955. Officials estimate that approximately one million acres in these two counties will be heavily hit by the 'hoppers again in 1956. Other areas which suffered devastating attacks by the 'hoppers in 1955 and which are expected to be hit even harder in 1956, are Lea, Union, Lincoln and Chaves counties.

More than 600,000 acres of grassland in Lea County will have heavy populations of the 'hoppers in '56. In Union County, the 'hoppers are expected to infest 620,000 acres of rangeland. Another 284,000 acres of range in Lincoln and Chaves counties will have heavy infestations.

Control operations were carried out on 458,000 acres of rangeland in Lea, Chaves, Union and Harding counties in 1955. Although over 90 per cent of the 'hoppers were killed in these areas and rangelands will be free of damaging infestations for several years, this control work made only a small dent in the hopper-infested areas.

Plans for spraying large areas of rangeland with multi-engine aircraft are now being laid out. Ranchers, the state and federal governments will each contribute one-third of the cost for control work. Operations to control the 'hoppers will begin in the spring when the pests first hatch from

the eggs. Ranchers who wish to participate in the control program are urged to form committees for the purpose of organizing spray operation in their areas. Organization should get underway as early as possible, so that equipment and material will be on hand and ready for use when the grasshopper eggs laid this fall begin to hatch next spring.

Although the major trouble spots in the state in 1955 were on rangeland, cropland in several counties were also hit hard by the 'hoppers in 1955. Crops in Taos, Santa Fe, and Mora counties suffered particularly heavy damage. In fact, in some areas in Taos and Mora counties, vegetable and pasture crops virtually vanished with the invasion of the army of 'hoppers.

Farmers in some sections controlled the 'hoppers before too much damage was done, but others who did not carry out control operations suffered heavy crop losses. Looming as the major trouble spot in 1956 are areas of cropland in Bernalillo, Mora, Rio Arriba, San Juan, Santa Fe, Taos and Valencia counties. All told, about 98,000 acres of cropland in these and other counties are expected to be infested next year. And unless the farmers begin their control operations early, damage to crops is expected to be very severe in some areas of the state.

In 1955, a total of 458,003 acres of rangeland were sprayed for grasshopper control at a total cost of \$205,675. Control operations on rangeland were carried out by the Grasshopper Control Project and the lost was divided equally by the ranchers, the state and federal governments.

Approximately 10,620 acres of cropland in the state were treated for grasshoppers in 1955 at an estimated cost of \$8,000.

FARM BUDGETS

In obtaining the vital nutrients provided by meat, Americans this year are expected to eat an average per person of 81 pounds of beef, 66 pounds of pork, 9 1/2 pounds of veal and 4 1/2 pounds of lamb.

GRASSHOPPERS THREATEN NEW MEXICO



Shaded areas on the above survey map indicate the severity of grasshopper infestations on approximately 3 million acres of New Mexico range and crop lands in 1955. These areas are expected to have similar or heavier infestations in 1956.

Pork Production Leads Meat Increase

Pork production took the greatest jump of all meats during the past year with an increase of 11 per cent over 1954, says Ivan Watson, extension animal husbandman at New Mexico A&M College. Pork production this year will likely reach 11 billion pounds.

Beef, which presently accounts for 49 per cent of the American diet, is showing an increase in production over last year of five per cent, and should reach an all-time high of 13 billion 600 million pounds. Beef production has increased 96 per cent since the pre World War II years of 1935-39. Output of lamb in 1955 is expected to reach 750 million pounds, an increase of two per cent over 1954 and veal output will likely show a decrease, moving down to one billion 625 million pounds.

Juicy Salads Of Sorghum Or Corn Silage Perk Up Appetites Of Many Of New Mexico's Cattle

By E. E. ANDERSON
Extension Dairyman
New Mexico A&M College

Tempting juicy salads of sorghum or corn silage will perk up the appetites of hundreds of New Mexico dairy cattle this winter. These salads will be a welcome change from the usual menu of dry winter forage and a new experience in eating for many dairy animals in the state.

But feeding the silage will also be a new experience for many New Mexico dairymen and some are going to be disappointed with the results. I refer particularly to those dairymen who are inexperienced in feeding silage, and who somewhere along the line have gotten the impression that ensiled sorghums and corn are high enough in protein to warrant cutting down on other sources of protein supplements and concentrates. Many do not realize that when silage is fed as the only roughage, it is necessary to increase the rate of grain feeding.

Now please don't get the idea there's anything wrong with silage. There isn't. But it has its limitations. When properly fed it fits perfectly into the roughage program at a time when green feed is not available. This succulent forage has a feeding value that cannot be measured entirely in actual food nutrients. It has a beneficial effect on animals somewhat similar to green feed. Cows fed on a silage and hay ration usually consume more total roughage than cows fed either of these forages alone.

Silages vary a great deal in feeding value, depending upon the crops from which they are made, time of harvesting, condition when

and with what fed. The feeding value of good corn or sorghum silage is normally 30 to 40 per cent that of good hay. Normally we consider that one pound of silage has one-third as much feeding value as one pound of hay. But the value depends on the quality of the two forages. Actually, excellent-quality silage may contain almost fifty per cent as much feeding value as medium to poor quality hay.

On a weight basis, corn that is heavily-eared, has about the same feeding value as well-grained heifer silage, but a little more than Atlas sorgho. On a weight basis, there is probably little difference in the feeding value of Mexican June corn, most of the hybrid silage corn varieties and Atlas sorgho.

The fact that these crops are made into silage has little effect on the proportion of protein before and after ensiling. When such silages are fed along with alfalfa hay in the usual proportion, the protein content of the concentrate mixture should be 14 to 15 per cent. The protein content of the concentrate needs to be stepped up to 20 or 21 per cent when the roughage ration is entirely non-legume.

Due to the bulky nature of silage, most dairymen like to limit the amount fed. A good rule for cows in milk is to feed three pounds of silage for each 100 pounds of body weight, plus all the hay the cows want. Dry cows and heifers can be fed all the silage they want, provided they also have free access to dry hay. It probably is not best to feed silage to calves under three months of age.

While silage is most often fed as I have just indicated, the rate of feeding frequently has to be varied, partially at least, to fit the supply on hand. Some of you may want to feed silage sparingly in order to make the supply last throughout the period when green forage is not available. On the other hand, some dairymen are starting the winter with a large supply of silage and a limited amount of cured forage, or in some cases, none at all. Rather than buy hay, the inclination may be to feed silage as the only roughage.

Under practically all conditions I think you will find it pays to feed some hay even though it has to be purchased. In most cases at least it is best to feed a minimum of 8 or 8 pounds of hay daily per cow. It is seldom that the price relationship between silage, cured forage and concentrates is such that one can afford to eliminate the hay entirely. To do so means that concentrates must be greatly increased especially the more costly high protein portion. Then, too, seem to do better if they have some dry roughage along with the silage.

One of the problems in feeding silage excessively heavy is that it is so bulky it is difficult to get cow to consume a sufficient amount to provide the necessary nutrients. To illustrate, a normal, mature Holstein cow will eat 40 pounds of good alfalfa daily. That, with 8 pounds of good roughage, is enough to provide nutrients for 40 pounds of milk. If fed average-quality Atlas sorgho silage, a cow would have to eat 125 pounds a day, together with the 8 pounds of grain to secure sufficient nutrients for 40 pounds of milk. You will find that silage is to be unusually palatable if the large cow will eat 100 pounds a day. More often it will be near 80 pounds than 100. If she eats 100 pounds she will need pounds of concentrates instead of the 8. But if she eats only 80 pounds of silage, she will need about 14 pounds of concentrate to make the 40 pounds of milk. When the roughage is all corn or sorghum silage, the concentrate mixture should be made up of most one-third high-protein supplement in order to provide sufficient protein.

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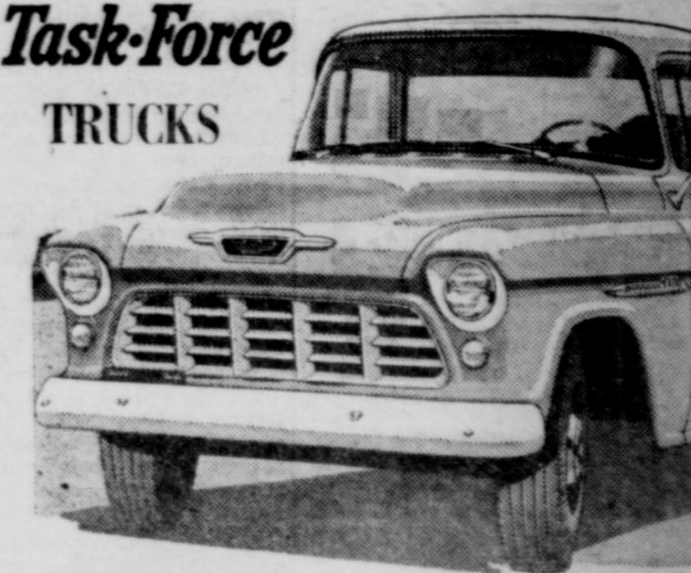
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State's Farms Had Ups, Down In 1955

Editor's note: New Mexico farming has many sides. The complete picture is a large number of smaller pictures. To learn how New Mexico farmers have done the past year, the Associated Press went to John White of the state's Extension Service at New Mexico A&M College. He in turn tapped his sources—men who spend their full time dealing in specialized fields. The following article is one of a series prepared for the Associated Press by experts in their fields to help answer the question: Where does New Mexico stand now?

By JOHN WHITE

Written for the Associated Press. New Mexico agriculture had its ups and downs in 1955, but in the main, the "ups" in production were offset by the "downs" in prices received by farmers and ranchers. Even so, the state's total cash receipts for all farm marketings should not fall far below last year's total of \$188,175,000.

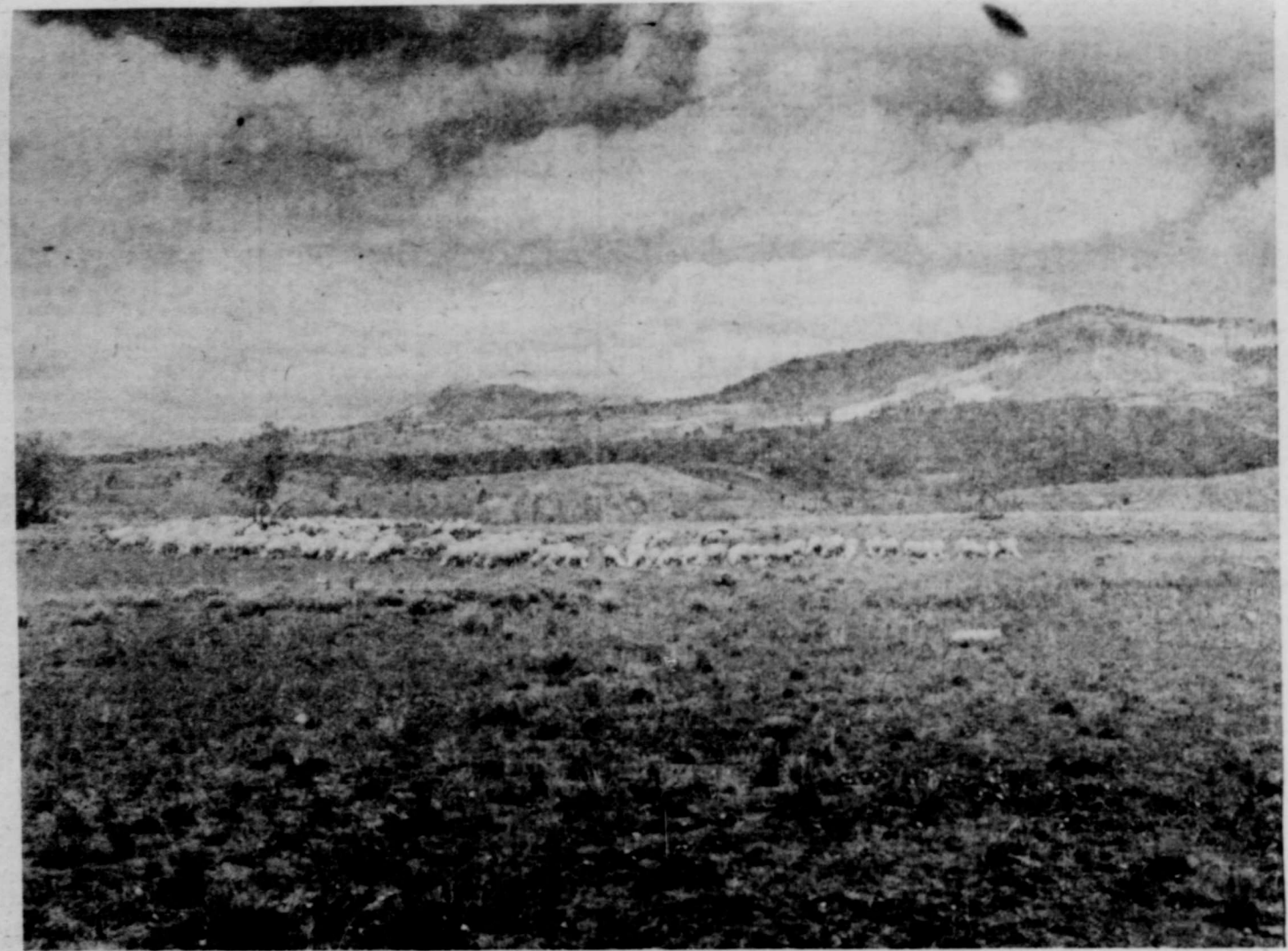
Production was up for grain sorghums, corn, beans, wheat, barley, oats, broomcorn, alfalfa seed, and sudan seed, says John O. Kling, extension economist at New Mexico A&M College. Hogs, cattle and calves, sheep and lambs, and honey also showed increases.

Acreage allotments knocked New Mexico's cotton production down, despite high per-acre yields. Kling points out. The 1955 crop is estimated at 270,000 bales, compared to last year's 316,000 bales. Other crops that fell off in production were apples, peaches, peanuts, and hay.

Here's how other extension specialists at New Mexico A&M College look at the year's progress in their various subject matter fields:

LIVESTOCK: Cattle, sheep, and swine numbers on New Mexico farms and ranches held steady in 1955. There was some indication, in the late fall, of increased numbers of heifer calves and ewe lambs retained for replacement. Livestock producers continued to stress production of meat and fiber per animal unit for a higher net income. Improvement through herd improvement programs and a better range use program have increased the per animal unit rate of production.

Most areas of the state had above-average rainfall in 1955. So, improved range feed resulted in heavier weaning weights for calves and lambs over most of the state, and less winter supplemental feed-



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ing will have to be done this winter than during the previous five years. A high percentage of calf and lamb crop can be expected from the breeding herds, in view of the good flesh at this time of the year.

Income from livestock and livestock products in New Mexico for 1955 may run close to \$100,000,000. Of this, beef cattle will possibly account for as much as 75 per cent. Prices for feeder and stocker cattle and wool have been off somewhat from the previous year and there was a decided drop in the hog market in the fall. Heavier weaning weights than in the previous year and there was a decided drop in the hog market in the fall. Heavier weaning weights than in the previous year have tended to offset the slight drop in prices for certain market classes.

Slightly more New Mexico cattle went to the feedlots in the fall of 1955, compared to the past few years. Lamb feeding in the state has also increased during the past two or three years. This increase in livestock feeding by farmers has been effected to some extent by acreage controls on certain crops, with a resultant increase in acreage of feed crops. — Ivan Watson, animal husbandman.

BEEF CATTLE: Most of the rangeland in New Mexico improved greatly in 1955 because of more rainfall than in the past drought years. Cattle numbers did not increase much, and the ranges are lightly stocked. So, not much winter feeding will be necessary.

A few of the ranges in the states show damage from the drought. With the good feed conditions and light stocking, a good calf crop is in prospect for next spring.

The low price of beef is the most serious problem facing the cattleman at present. Production costs haven't gone down with beef prices. So the "squeeze" is on the cattle grower.

The weight-for-age program, by which high-producing cattle are bred to other high producers, continued to increase the total pounds of beef marketed. The program is sponsored by New Mexico A&M College. — W. E. Flint, beef cattle specialist.

SHEEP AND WOOL MARKET: Domestic wool growers in the 1955 marketing year changed from the wool loan support plan to the incentive level plan. The new plan was devised to increase production of high-quality wool by payments based percentage-wise on

prices received on the open markets.

New Mexico wool growers throughout the year averaged only slightly below the national average for prices received. This speaks well for the quality of New Mexico wools, considering their higher-than-average dirt content shrinkage. Incentive payments to growers on their 1955 wool clip will be better than 50 per cent of the price received on the open market.

Rams produced for sale by growers under the New Mexico sheep and wool improvement program have enabled growers throughout the state to upgrade their herds. So have certification of rams at state ram sales and the showing and judging of range sheep for the first time at the 1955 State Fair.

Something new in wool marketing has been the introduction of sheep jackets for wool protection from dust. Ranchers in windy, dusty areas may reduce marketing costs up to 75 cents or more per head by the use of these sheep coats. — J. R. Stauder, wool market-

ing specialist.

FIELD CROPS: Production-wise, 1955 was a good crop year for the New Mexico farmer.

Favorable fall weather matured the late cotton crop to per-acre yields almost equal to that of 1954, when a record 743 pounds of lint per acre were produced.

The 960,000-bushel winter wheat crop was more than double the 1954 production as a result of increased plantings and a 20 per cent increase in yield.

Sorghum plantings were up almost 20 per cent, even though dry weather late in the season reduced yields by about 1.5 million bushels. The increased sorghum plantings put production about a half-million bushels over the 10-year average for 1944-1953.

Spring wheat, oats, barley, potatoes, beans, and alfalfa also showed increases. Peanut yields were about 15 per cent below last year because of stem blight.

Better moisture conditions in 1955 than in the past few years was the chief reason for increased

plantings and good yields on dry-land farms and, to some extent, on irrigated land too. Increased use of fertilizers and improved cultural practices helped to step up the yields per acre. Fertilizer use in New Mexico in the first nine months of 1955 was 10 per cent above that for 1954.

Growing conditions, as always, will have a great effect on future crop production in New Mexico. But continued use of improved varieties, fertilizers, and improved practices by farmers will probably bring about even greater yields in the future. — Gordon B. Hoff, agronomist.

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES: Fruit growing in New Mexico took another step forward in 1955, when growers in San Juan County put into operation a new fruit-packing plant. All major fruit-growing areas of New Mexico now have organized marketing outlets.

This year, packing sheds in San Juan County, the Hondo Valley, and the Espanola Valley packed and shipped about 65,000 bushels

of high-quality New Mexico fruit. This year's fruit crop in New Mexico is considerably lower than normal because of the freezes which occurred last spring. Early varieties this year brought very high returns to the fruit growers, while later varieties, which went to market after those from the major West Coast fruit-growing areas, sold for considerably lower prices and grower returns were reduced. All sheds operated in 1955 look forward to a larger, more fruitful year in 1956, barring unforeseen weather conditions.

New Mexico produced extremely high-quality crops of lettuce, carrots, tomatoes, onions, and melons again in 1955. Markets were generally good, and growers profited from vegetable enterprises. Several new vegetable "deals" were started in the state this year. Large acreages were given over to tomatoes in the Deming area and to cantaloupes in the Tucuman area. Prospects are that these will continue in 1956 and that New Mexico will provide larger crops of several vegetables during the coming year. — W. J. Willbank, horticulturist.

CHICKENS AND EGGS: New Mexico, poultrymen in 1955 continued to change their operations over to the individual cage system of egg production. Half the counties of the state have shown an increase in the number of large poultry farms—more than 1000 chickens. Number of chickens in the state remains the same—about a million—although there were fewer farms raising chickens. In other words, there were fewer poultry farms, but larger ones, in New Mexico this year.

Right now, the state produces only about 60 percent of the eggs that it consumes. The rest are hauled in from other states and are not as fresh as the locally-produced ones. So there's room for more poultrymen, especially those who can handle several thousand chickens and sell quality eggs at a premium. Most poultrymen in New Mexico are now grading their eggs so that they can sell directly to the stores and again the extra profit from AA eggs.

Turkey production in New Mexico held its own in 1955. More than 50,000 turkeys in the state were marketed before the end of the year. — H. L. Mathews, poultryman.

INSECTS: The spotted alfalfa aphid formerly called the yellow clover aphid hit the state's alfalfa crop pretty hard in 1955 but control measures helped keep the damage down. Grasshoppers moved in again on croplands as usual causing heavy loss to truck crops and alfalfa in northern New Mexico alone. Cost of grasshopper control on rangeland was \$905,674. Codling moths, arachnid mites, and woolly apple aphids took a big bite out of the profits in the fruit-growing areas.

In 1956, more aircraft than ever will be used to keep the bugs un-

der control. Grasshopper surveys on rangelands point to an infestation of 2,750,000 acres next year. — J. J. Durkin, entomologist.

SOIL CONSERVATION: Widespread effects of prolonged drought in New Mexico alarmed farmers, ranchers, and conservationists last year. High winds had caused extensive damage to range and farm lands throughout the state.

Conservation-minded farmers and ranchers saw the need for legislation to provide means of fighting soil erosion. So, this year, the state Legislature approved and passed the New Mexico Wind Erosion Act of 1955, which provides for county-wide wind erosion districts.

Another big step in conservation in New Mexico in 1955 was the completion of final plans for the development of flood control measures to protect irrigated farmland, roads, highways, and towns from certain arroyos which have caused considerable damage in the Hatch Valley.

This is the first of such plans completed in New Mexico under Public Law 566, 83rd Congress 88th Statute 686—better known as the authority of the "Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act." Other areas of the state have also asked for help under the new law.

The Hatch installation will be completed in three years, at an estimated cost of \$184,985. Federal share of the costs will be \$137,261 and the non-federal share is \$47,724. Operation and maintenance costs, estimated at \$1,504 annually, will be borne by the Caballo Soil Conservation District, sponsor of the project. — Robert L. Guice, soil conservationist.

DAIRYING: New Mexico's 52,000 milking cows brought about \$10,000,000 gross income to their owners in 1955. Milk production was up slightly even though cow numbers remained about the same. The feed situation improved very much in the latter part of the year, and the outlook for 1956 is encouraging too.

Many dairymen changed over to bulk tanks for marketing their product. There was also a great increase in the amount of feed put up in trench silos. Artificial breeding of dairy cattle increased throughout the state.

New Mexico now produces enough whole milk to satisfy its own needs, although it still imports milk to make up for its exports. Cheese, butter, and other manufactured products are shipped in from other states. — E. E. Anderson, dairyman.

MACHINERY: More machines of all types were in use on New Mexico farms in 1955, particularly in areas getting their first irrigation water and where crop allotments caused diversification.

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