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Cloudy, moderately windy
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Rabies Epidemic Hits Caverns Bats

By ED MARTIN
SANTA FE (AP)—Rabies, possibly
smitted from the dreaded vam-
bat, has been discovered
the millions of bats at
Caverns.
The death of hundreds of
Cavern bats in August and
ber of last year, the State
ment of Public Health re-
el.

No human was reported bitten
by a rabid bat during the epidemic
at the famed caverns, the depart-
ment said. For that matter, no
visitor to the Caverns has ever
reported being bitten by a bat.
But the department cautioned
New Mexico residents not to pick
up a dead or dying bat or handle
one. It advised anyone bitten by
a bat to seek prompt medical at-
tention.

The flight of the millions of
Carlsbad Cavern bats at dusk has
long been a tourist attraction. The
department said the bat colony
there is one of the largest known.

Last Aug. 20, officials of the Na-
tional Park Service at Carlsbad,
noticed dead and dying bats in
increasing numbers. They were
found on the floor of the caverns
and in its entrance. Ranchers in
the area also found dead bats.
At that time it was thought that
extensive insecticide spraying
might have caused the deaths dur-
ing the 10-day epidemic.

But tests by the U. S. Public
Health Service found no evidence
of this. Instead, tests were begun
to see if rabies had caused the
deaths.

Lt. Col. Kennet Burns, chief of
the veterinary virus laboratory at
Fl. Sam Houston, Tex., collected
specimens of dead and dying bats
for examination while the epidemic
was going on.

Virus examinations by Burns re-
vealed the presence of rabies in
more than 50 per cent of the speci-
mens, the department said. In
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Dimes March Fund Passes \$6,500 Mark

Although Mothers' March col-
lections last night reflected the
generally smaller contributions as
compared to last year, the Artesia
March, of Dimes fund today was
over the \$6,500 mark.

Mrs. Frances Currier, drive
chairman, said the Mothers' March
gathered \$1,170, boosting collec-
tions to \$6,521. The \$1,170, she
said, does not include money col-
lected in the Cottonwood area.
Those funds were to be turned in
later today.

The drive chairman also point-
ed out that dimes placed in coin
boards in taverns throughout the
city and in coin collectors have
not yet been collected and count-
ed.

The 1955 March of Dimes saw
more than \$10,000 contributed in
Artesia.

The 1956 campaign came to an
official close last night, the clim-
ax of almost a full month's ef-
fort.

Near Cold Wave Seen For City

Near cold wave conditions have
been predicted for Artesia to-
night.

The weatherman said it would
be moderately windy tonight with
snow this afternoon, tonight and
again Thursday. It was to be con-
tinued cold tomorrow.



COMPLETING 74 months of 10-year sentence, Mrs. Iva Toguri D'Aquino, "Tokyo Rose," is released from Alderson, W. Va., prison. (International)

Grand Jury To Probe Beating Of Vice Sleuth

CLOVIS (AP)—Dist. Atty. Richard Rowley said today a grand jury will be recalled Monday to investigate the alleged beating of a Loving on minister who says he was hired to investigate vice in Clovis.

Rowley said he has subpoenaed Harold Gress, Lovington, who was hired by the Curry County Civic League, which among other functions is the anti-liquor organization in dry Curry County.

Others subpoenaed included (Continued on Page Four)

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Police Warn Drivers Of Icy Conditions

SANTA FE (AP)—The State Highway Department today reported all major highways open to traffic although motorists were urged to use extreme caution in most of northern New Mexico.

In general, an overnight storm left slick or snowcovered roads north of a line represented by Highway 60 or in some cases north of Highway 66, the department and State Police headquarters said.

Both state highway headquarters and Santa Fe district road headquarters advocated that persons traveling northern roads today have chains with them.

State Police said Highway 66 was icy or snowpacked across the breadth of the state.

State highway headquarters said its reports included:

Las Vegas, three to four inches of snow, hardpacked; Raton Pass, slippery, chains probably required; Corona, one and a half inches snow, traffic moving but clear throughout the rest of the Roswell district and storm moving east; west of Albuquerque, expected to clear up during day; Tucumcari, light snow and cold; snowing and blowing on State Road 58, Springer to Clayton, and U. S. 64, Raton to Clayton; 13 inches of snow in Zuni area, eight inches at Cuba.

Conditions were variable ap the situation could change considerable in an hour's time, the department said.

Santa Fe District Highway Engineer John Fairly said crews were at work throughout his district, salting and sanding bad spots and plowing out the roads.

His reports included: (Continued on Page Four)

Burglars Loot University Safes Of About \$26,500

ALBUQUERQUE (AP)—Burglars who "evidently knew the combinations" stole approximately \$26,500 from three safes in the University of New Mexico business offices last night.

University Police Capt. Albert Owen said the loss was discovered when business office employees reported to the administration building this morning.

Owens said whoever opened the safes evidently knew the combinations and there was no evidence that the office doors had been forced.

Three women employees of the office said the safes were locked when they left yesterday at 5 p.m. (Continued on Page Four)



WAVING TO NEWSMEN, President Eisenhower prepares to enter White House with Britain's Prime Minister Anthony Eden for conferences on world problems. (International)

Eisenhower, Eden Wind-Up Three-Day Peace Conference

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower and British Prime Minister Eden wind up their talks today amid signs they will call for an all-out effort to make peace in the Middle East.

U. S. officials tended to discount the idea of employing troops under United Nations auspices to keep the peace, although briefing spokesmen said the two leaders and their advisers discussed the possibility yesterday and left it open for further consideration.

The Britons advanced the suggestion that the U. N. be asked to put a force into the demilitarized zone between hostile Israeli and Arab forces, restrained now by an uneasy truce.

Eisenhower and Secretary of State Dulles were described as cool to the proposal.

Problems of the tense, oil-rich Middle East have had a top place in the talks because of Soviet moves to build Communist influence there.

Several possible measures for peacemaking in the Israeli-Arab dispute, are understood to have been considered. These include a new public declaration stressing the vital importance of peace, and (Continued on Page Four)

115 Inches Of Snow Reported In Cumbres

By The Associated Press
Snow fell throughout north-eastern and northern New Mexico today and prospects for a good spring runoff out of the mountains were the most favorable in months.

Weather specialist temperature conditions on irrigation water runoff by warning that the period from now to April 1 will "tell the story."

Water has been which has been and at least of the main runoff of the past two weeks.

Today's runoff is expected to be the most favorable in months.

Weather Bureau reports 115 inches of snow on Cumbres Pass. The greatest depth on record for this date was 128 inches in 1916; the average depth for Jan. 31 is 48 inches.

Cumbres Pass and Wolf Creek Pass, both close to the Colorado-New Mexico line, contribute a major share of the Middle Rio Grande Valley's surface water supply.

G. F. Von Eschen, state climatologist for the Weather Bureau, said conditions are almost identical to those in 1952. In that year, dry weather prevailed after January. This resulted in a fair runoff but still below normal.

"We have a good start," Von Eschen said. "If we could get normal moisture from now on, there would be a good runoff this spring. We could have a very favorable year."

Light snow fell overnight and today at most points from Albuquerque westward, south as far as (Continued on Page Four)

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Teen-Age Wife Found Slain With Butcher Knife In Chest

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The nude body of a teen-age wife, a bent butcher knife in her chest, was found by her young husband when he returned from work yesterday. Officers said there was no sign of a struggle in the bedroom where the victim, Mrs. Barbara Jean Jepson, 18, an expectant mother, was discovered. "I can't figure out who would do such a thing," the husband, Joseph Earl Jepson, 20, said repeatedly. He told investigators his wife had not been feeling well when he left for work as clerk at the California Air National Guard and he had not called home all day. Officers confirmed that Jepson had been at the guard office, a 10-minute drive from his home. An all-points description of a young blonde youth was broadcast by police after neighbors reported having seen such a man loit-

ering in an alley behind the Jepson's San Fernando Valley apartment. Officers said the bed was not disarranged. The girl's clothes were on the floor, except for one stocking which was knotted around her right wrist. Bloodstains in a closet of the one-room apartment indicated the slayer pawed through clothing in search of something, police said. Van Nuys Police Lt. Ernest Johnson said Mrs. Jepson, who was to become a mother in July, may have been surprised by the killer as she changed clothing after a shopping trip. Neighbors said she went out in the early afternoon. They did not see her return but heard angry voices and a radio blaring in the apartment at 3:30 p.m. The Jepsons were married last July.

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AT THE MOTHERS' MARCH headquarters in the First National Bank, June Waters, left, chairman of the Mothers' March, receives contributions collected by Mrs. Clyde Guy, 705 W. Grand, a district captain. The Mothers' March netted the campaign \$1,170, with one district still unreported. (Advocate Photo)



THE MOTHERS went from house to house, wherever porch light were left on, in one last effort to boost lagging contributions. Here Mrs. O. R. Loving, left House No. 8, Conoco Colony, calls on Mrs. E. E. Gillespie, House No. 1, also of the Colony, to pick up Mrs. Gillespie's contribution. Mrs. Loving reported collections of \$14.50 from the 12 houses of the Colony. (Advocate Photo)



POLICE OFFICER ALTON POSEY cranks the fire alarm which started Artesia mothers marching from door to door at 7 p.m. yesterday in the final drive of the March of Dimes campaign here. The signal sent approximately 200 Artesia Mothers on their way to visit every house in the city with porchlights burning or with a lamp or candle in a front window. (Advocate Photo)



LORRAINE GILMORE, left in charge of the Park School area, receives contributions collected by Mrs. James D. Wall, 1303 Merchant, right. Seated in between, is Kathryn Fanning, March of Dimes chairman. The Mothers' March brought contributions to \$6,521 for the entire campaign, with some collections as yet unreported. (Advocate Photo)

State Champion Is Award Winner In National Wool Sewing Finals



Champions in the art of sewing with wool, Norma Jo Thigpen (left), 17, of Lake Arthur and Nancy Ann Ford, 20, of Estancia, are seen in Fort Worth after representing New Mexico in the National Fashion Revue. Climaxing the ninth annual "Make It Yourself with Wool" contest, the revue brought together top needle-and-scissor experts from 15 Western states. With the New Mexico girls are Mrs. Frank McWilliams of Carlsbad (right) and Mrs. Earl Powell (seated) of Puerto de Luna.

FORT WORTH, Texas.—New Mexico's senior sewing champion in the ninth annual "Make It Yourself with Wool" competition has won a coveted national award in the national finals of the contest in Fort Worth.

She is 20-year-old Nancy Ann Ford of Estancia, a junior at the University of New Mexico. Miss Ford has been named the winner of fourth prize in the contest's national senior division, and receives a \$100 U. S. Savings Bond, presented by the Producers Livestock Marketing Association of Ogden, Utah.

Miss Ford and Miss Norma Jo Thigpen, 17, of Lake Arthur, the state's junior sewing champion, joined the champions of 14 other Western states in modeling their home-created fashions in the National Fashion Revue, the \$85,000 prize contest's annual climax.

Miss Ford won her award with a peacock blue dress of Botany's pure-wool crepe. Superbly styled, the dress has a modified mandarin collar, V-neckline, cuffed sleeves and a full, gathered skirt.

Miss Thigpen's entry is an ensemble of Forstmann's moss green wool tweed, including a full coat and tailored dress. The coat has a rounded collar and small cuffs, and the collarless dress, a deep V-neck and three-quarter length sleeves.

The two state home sewing champions received all-expense-paid trips to Fort Worth to participate in the famous National Fashion Revue, and to be the guests at the 91st annual convention of the National Wool Growers Association. They traveled to and from Fort Worth as guests of the F. W. Woolworth Company.

Designed to create interest in the art of sewing at home with wool and to foster wider fashion knowledge among girls of high school and college age, the contest is held each year throughout the Western wool-growing empire. It is open to all girls from 14 through 22 years of age. Those from 14 through 17 enter the junior division; those from 18 through 22, the senior division. More than 7,000 young women enter the event each year.

The New Mexico Wool Growers Association sponsors the "Make It Yourself with Wool" contest each year throughout New Mexico, with the cooperation of the Women's Auxiliary of the National Wool Growers Association and the Wool Bureau. Mrs. Thomas Burns III of Chama is state promotion chairman for the event, and Mrs. Frank McWilliams of Carlsbad was state contest director during 1933.

Parents Place Doomed Child's Fate "In The Hands Of God"

CHAMA, N. M. (AP)—As far as Laura Lee Vermillion's future is concerned "we're leaving it up to God," her tearful mother said Tuesday.

Laura Lee, just four months and three days old now, is another doomed baby, doctors have indicated to her parents.

"But we haven't given up hope," said Mrs. Harrie Vermillion. "We pray every day. We haven't been to church recently but if God thinks it will help we are going down there to the church and pray some more."

Laura Lee's mother, wife of a Chama service station and grocery store operator, described her baby daughter's condition as "just the same" as that of Kathy Lee of

Denver. Kathy was born without a bile duct between her gall bladder and intestinal tract. Bile backing up into the liver is slowly destroying that organ. Doctors have said Kathy can live only a few months more.

Laura Lee had her first operation in an effort to correct the condition when she was only five weeks old.

Two weeks ago she underwent another operation in an Albuquerque hospital.

Her parents brought her home again Monday.

"She's a normal, happy little baby—not a whiney, sickly thing. That's what we can't understand," her father said today.

But the parents know only too well her condition is grave.

"Her skin has turned yellow and her eyes are yellow, too," the mother cried this morning.

Laura Lee eats "real good," her parents said. She is limited to skimmed milk and a few other non-fattening foods.

"She cries only once in a while," her mother said, "but she's really a sweet little girl—so good." And she added again:

"We have hope—and we're praying every day."

Carol Channing Star But Knows Feeling Of Flop

By BOB THOMAS HOLLYWOOD (AP)—You're always reading about Broadway hits. So what's it like to have a flop?

Carol Channing now knows. She was the toast of Broadway in two consecutive hits, "Lend an Ear" and "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes," then toured triumphantly in "Wonderful Town."

But a month ago, she closed in "The Vamp" after a six-week run. Although she was lauded by the critics, the musical was panned and ended up a \$300,000 loss. Broadway's loss is Hollywood's gain, because she bounced here for her first film role in RKO's "The First Traveling Saleslady."

Her first day's work was a cinch. All she had to do was slumber on a couch in a hotel lobby. When she finished this arduous chore, the big girl with the little voice relaxed in her dressing room and discussed the late "Vamp."

"It was a rugged experience, especially when you've always had hits before," she observed. "But I actually learned more from one flop than I did from the hits."

"For one thing, I learned who my friends were. It is amazing how people wanted to help. When we opened in Detroit, Billy Rose flew out to give advice. In New Haven, I knew we were in trouble and put in a call for Deane and Martin. They came up that night and stayed up two nights talking to me about the show. Josh Logan helped us too."

Despite all the expert advice, the show, a travesty on silent movie days, couldn't get into shape.

"When we opened in Detroit, the show didn't make much sense, but it had a lot of fun," she remarked. "By the time we got to Washington, they had fixed up the plot, but all the fun had gone out of the show."

"We were getting new lines right up to opening night in New York. There was nothing I could do about helping the production. When you're in a show, you have to devote all your energies to working on your own character. You don't have time for anything else."

What else did she learn from the experience?

"Never to start a show without a finished script and to insist on a longer tryout period. We had only six weeks."

Loco Hills Club Pack Registered At Friday Meet

A Cub Scout meeting was held at the Loco Hills school Jan. 27 for the purpose of re-registering the pack. Garel Westall was retained as Cub Master and Jack Case, Sr., was appointed assistant Cub Master. The pack will be sponsored by the Loco Hills Community club. The den mothers will be appointed later. George White, Dewey Strickland and C. G. Clark, Scout executives of Artesia, attended the meeting.

The Cub Scouts told of the boats they have made which was their project for the month. Cub Master Westall presented awards to the following: gold and silver arrows to Ray Westall; silver arrows to Bobby and Roy Collins; gold arrow to Darryl Jones; wolf and bear badges to Joel Foster, and wolf badges to Jimmy Parrish and Jack Case, Jr.

Others attending the meeting were Marion Blanton and son, Jerry Don; Mrs. Jack Case, Sr., and daughter, Deborah; Mr. and Mrs. Raymond D. Jones; Mrs. Garel Westall; Mr. and Mrs. Sam Rutledge and son, Tommy; Mrs. Frank Collins; Mrs. Alan McElvane; and son, Bobby; Jiggs Parrish; Freddie Malone; Arthur Bartley and Virgil Standard.

Refreshments of donuts and coffee were served.

Nice for a snack: Start by washing and coring a red-skinned apple. Cut the apple into 1/4-inch rounds and dip in pineapple or orange juice. Make sandwiches of two apple rounds and one round of cheddar cheese. Serve with salted nuts and good hot coffee.

SOCIAL CALENDAR

Thursday, February 1
Executive board of Christian Women Fellowship of the First Christian church, meeting in home of Mrs. Norman Stewart, 304 Carper drive, 9 a.m.
The Woman's Society of Christian Service, meeting in Fellowship Hall, 2 p.m. with a short prayer retreat, 1:30 p.m. Leslie Martin will be guest speaker. A nursery is provided.
St. Anthony Altar Society, meeting, rectory, 7:30 p.m.

Return Of Small, Well-Fitted Waist Tops Paris Fashion Show

By NADEANE WALKER PARIS (AP)—The return of the small, well-fitted waist, confirmed again by the Jean Desses show today, continues to be "the big event" of the current Paris fashion season.

After seasons of slack middies and shapeless middies, it comes as a surprise that this time you can almost count the mannequins' ribs.

The cone-shaped flaring skirt is pushing the straight sheath for top popularity this spring. There are pleats in profusion. What Desses calls his "disciplined line" continues "both seasonal tendencies."

This designer gives his waistline a lifted effect with more short jackets, details under the bust, curved-down backs, belts and basques, and what he calls a

"wateau" pleat. This turns out to be the box panel behind that has already become familiar in earlier shows, but Desses does it with a difference. By beginning it just above the waistline, he creates a sort of backward infant's line.

Plenty of pleats for fashion, 1934. Besides plain pleated skirts, panels of fancy pleats, and diagonal pleats, there are even intricate horizontal pleats interwoven with vertical pleats for a basket weave effect.

Desses also likes drapery, particularly across the hips, but also across the shoulders or bust. Some of his most stunning formals are tightly ruched sheaths of jeweled or embroidered chiffon, covered up by vast trained capes. Other formals are retail skirted.

Hagerman News Briefs

The Hagerman Garden Club held its initial meeting of the year January 20 at the home of Mrs. Edith West.

The president, Mrs. Oscar Cave, conducted a routine business meeting with the secretary-treasurer, Mrs. L. E. Hinrichsen, reading the minutes, and making the treasurer's report. Correspondence was read and dispensed with.

Mrs. Cave distributed the club's year books which she had made.

Mrs. Cave presented the lesson from an article entitled "The Giant Wisteria of Sierra Madre, California." She pointed out that the Giant Wisteria was started as a seedling in the year 1892 and is now the largest blooming plant of the world, and is named one of the seven gardening wonders of the world.

A short lesson and discussion was held on the various cactus plants in New Mexico, and the fact was brought out that New Mexico has more varieties of cacti than any other state, including Arizona.

At the close of the meeting refreshments of fruit cake, chocolate drop cookies, nuts, coffee or tea, were served to the following members:

Mrs. E. S. Bowen, Mrs. L. E. Harshey, Sr., Mrs. Oscar Cave, Mrs. L. E. Hinrichsen, Mrs. Mary Mason, Mrs. A. A. McCleskey, Mrs. John L. McLure, Mrs. H. J. Steinberger, Mrs. Edith Stine, Mrs. Eva West, and the hostess, Mrs. Edith West.

The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. H. F. Steinberger, at which time Mr. Bob Falls of Roswell will show some slides on insects.

The Hagerman Lions Club will again sponsor the Boy Scout Troop No. 20 for the ensuing year, according to Harry Boggs, neighborhood commissioner. The club has sponsored the troop ever since the Lions Club here has been in existence, some 10 years.

The "Explorers," or boys who have reached fourteen years of age are as follows: Lee Roy Barnett, Richard Barnett, Tommy Bledsoe, Milton Brown, Frank Elliott, Calvin Graham, Richard Long, Frank Rhodes, Lawrence Ridley and David Wyman.

The younger members of the troop are Bill Gregory, Tommy Knoy, Jimmy Mayberry, Larry Scarberry, Jerry Troublefield, Donald Troublefield, Kemper West and Benny Whitt.

Assisting with this year's work will be the following: A. D. Menoud, chairman of local committee; H. R. Menefee, institutional representative; Harry Boggs, neighborhood commissioner; Horace Freeman, explorer advisor; Hillard Watson, scout master, Dillard Irby, assistant scout master, and committee members, T. A. Bledsoe, D. C. Dennis, Walter P. Elliott, Dacus Parker, and Dr. J. P. Voute.

EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY

We have an opening for a young married man, age 25-37. He will receive an attractive guaranteed monthly income during a one-year training period. He will be trained and develop his business here in Artesia. This is an excellent opportunity to build a real future. If you cannot foresee good advancement and increase of income in your present employment, we welcome your inquiry. No previous insurance experience is required. Contact Mr. Harvey Jones, Farmers Insurance Group, 129 So. Rose-lawn, Artesia, Phone SHERWOOD 6-2961.

Wise Mothers Please Daughters With Simple To Make Dresses

By DOROTHY ROE Associated Press Women's Editor
Every little girl loves to "get dressed up for a party, and wise mothers have found that it's simple and thrifty to stitch up pin-size party costumes on the sewing machine.

Local sewing center experts suggest that you make a Little Bo-Peep costume of crepe paper, for a Valentine party or a spring birthday party. Crepe paper is inexpensive and easy to stitch on the sewing machine, and it takes only a few minutes to make a dress, since you need no hems.

A gay color combination for the costume is a pink skirt with blue pinnies and a black bodice. For the skirt of a costume to fit a 6-to-8-year-old you will need a fold of pink crepe paper cut about 14 inches deep. With the aid of the gathering foot of your sewing machine, gather the crepe paper fold completely around the top to fit the child's waist, then stitch to a band of ribbon.

To make the pinnies on either side of the skirt, cut a 20-inch square of blue crepe paper. Fold in half with the grain and round off lower corners. Open out and gather slightly all around the curved sides, to create a puffy effect. Then gather top straight edge and stitch to side of skirt at waistband. Follow same directions to make second pinnie.

The bodice for the costume is a piece of black crepe paper 10 by 22 inches, folded in half lengthwise with bias binding stitched to each end for extra strength. Holes are punched in the bias tape and

ribbon is threaded through to make the lattice-work tie. A ple white blouse is worn for top.

Set six or seven fluffy bows around bottom of the skirt and three or four about a yard and a half of ribbon. Make the bow by looping loops of ribbon about 12 inches long, tying in the middle and pulling out loops to make a rosette.

You can make a Bo-Peep's head and body from two strips of wire coat hangers cut together. Leave the curved end of one hanger for the top and the whole thing with one strip of pink crepe paper, with one strip diagonally until all was covered. Tape a large light sashben bow at the top of the neck.

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Hospital Notes

Admissions Jan. 31—Mrs. L. ne'h Ford, Van Horn, Tex.; Adria Ford, 408 1/2 W. Main; Mrs. F. M. Smalley, 103 W. T. Dismissed Jan. 31—Mrs. M. Sharp; Mrs. Earl Neatherly; Births—Jan. 31—Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Ford, Van Horn, Tex. daughter, 9:10 a. m., 6 pounds ounces; Mr. and Mrs. H. A. num, son, 10:13 p. m., 7 pounds ounces.

The Cape of Good Hope is the oldest of the provinces which make up the Union of South Africa.

Clarence Harshey and children and Mrs. Anna Lang.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Herring and children visited Mr. Herring's brother, Willard Herring at Austin, Texas, over the weekend.

The Fifth Sunday Dinner of the Presbyterian Church was held in Hedges Chapel Sunday after the morning services. Attending the dinner were the Rev. Harry Cox, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Cumpsten, the Robert Utterback family, the Lindon Jenkins family, the Jack Langenecker family, the Walter Elliott family, Mrs. Richard Lang and children, Mrs. Jack Nail and son, Mr. M. D. Menoud, Mrs. B. W. Curry, Mrs. H. J. Steinberger, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Lane and Miss Johnson, sister of Mrs. Lane.

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Chambers and Jim Chambers of Nebraska were dinner guests Wednesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Cumpsten.

Mrs. James Breitenbach has accepted a position in the office of the Southern Union Gas Company of Hagerman.

Members of the Hagerman Parent-Teachers Association met at the City Hall Monday evening to participate in a March of the Campaign. Soliciting for donations were Mrs. Jim Langenecker, Bill Langenecker, Mrs. John C. ner, Mrs. Lloyd Kirkpatrick, Bill Knoy, Mrs. Horice Press, Mrs. H. R. Menefee, Mrs. B. Oglesby, Mrs. Roy Chat, and John Garner.

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Miss Jean Elliott gave a report at the morning services of the Presbyterian Church on the Ecumenical Conference which she attended in Athens, Ohio, during the Christmas holidays. Miss Elliott went as a delegate from New Mexico A and M. College at Las Cruces.

Mr. and Mrs. Clinto Nail returned by bus from Albuquerque, Saturday, where Mr. Nail had been in the Veteran's Hospital for the past six weeks.

Jack Herring is now employed by the Hagerman Irrigation Company. Mr. Herring was previously salesman for the American National Insurance Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Wakeman and children of Carlsbad were the weekend guests of Mrs. Wakeman's mother, Mrs. Edith West.

Mrs. M. D. Menoud accompanied her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Eugene Menoud, to Grants, last Thursday morning. Mrs. Menoud is expected to return the latter part of this week. While she is there she will also visit her daughter, Mrs. Al Vingling.

A. L. Nail was honored at a birthday dinner given by Mrs. Nail at their home Sunday. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Dub Andrus, Mr. Al Wise, Mrs. Chestnut, sister of Mr. Andrus, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Michelet, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Lang, Mr. and Mrs.

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New Furniture Designs Make Homework Easier

By EDWARD S. KITCH AP Features CHICAGO (AP)—The homemaker's yen for simple elegance in home furnishings is being met with many versions of design, including the use of more color and the new, low line.

"She has been exposed to many new things and her taste is improving fast," says designer Sanford Wallach.

An effort to meet her demands was seen at the International Home Furnishings Market. Designers have borrowed influences from around the world, but Italian Provincial is the most important style trend today. The low, straight line predominates.

Waxed and naturally finished teakwood in oil and wax surfaces mark a sharp turn away from the bleached oak woods seen previously.

A new contemporary styling is a combination of modern and traditional. It is called transitional by designers. Although it has a touch of rounded shapes, it is without ornateness and Victorian trim.

New materials such as plastic tops for tables, cabinets and counters are finding a permanent place in furniture. Metals are used freely as accents. Gold, silver brass and pewter are used for hinges, legs and pulls.

Prussian blue is the new decorator color. The trend in hues reflects the Oriental influence in subdued tones accented with gold and yellow.

"What is going to help the use of blue is the fact that it is a deep blue. Where you can use black, you can use this blue," says Edward Wormley, designer.

The new, sophisticated look is captured by designer Harold Isidor with a low built, 32-piece combination units that set on six and nine-inch legs.

The units are furnished in modules of 5-foot 6-inch sections. Of quartered teak wood in a brilliant wax-polished finish, the warm brown complements the orange-colored sofa sold by the foot, so the customer can order it in any length.

The storage units are designed for setting against a wall and include a roll-top, formica-lined bar and a television set that swings for many-angle viewing.

The comfortable old captain's chair is given a new elegance to match its newer surroundings. An occasional chair version of it designed by Dan Johnson features the curved back of brass used in combination with back and seat of white plastic and legs and frame of Nubian black finish.

Another designed by Sanford Wallach retains the original shape but treats it as a high-styled piece of furniture. Wallach also shows a scaled china cabinet in smoky walnut finish. It features a symmetrical arrangement of shell space to add interest.

Still Champion CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP)—Wyoming's state women's tennis champion is a grandmother.

Mrs. Roberta Thomas of Cheyenne won the crown in 1954. A couple weeks later her daughter gave birth to a son.

Mrs. Thomas retained the championship for another year when no entries showed up for the state women's tournament in 1955.

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SPORTS

Dons Push College Cage Mark To 41 By Defeating San Jose

By ED WILKS
The Associated Press

That San Francisco winning streak is just like money in the bank—gaining interest and getting bigger all the time.

The Dons, No. 1 in the nation, extended their major college basketball victory record to 41 games as expected last night, converting to a 67-40 victory over San Jose State.

At this rate, San Francisco will have a 51-0 mark when it opens its season of play. It is the only team in the nation to have won all its games.

The Dons' record is the longest in the history of college basketball. The team's record is the longest in the history of college basketball.

SPEED DEMON

By Alan Maver

ARNIE SOWELL,
INDOOR SENSATION OF 1955, WILL DO MUCH OF HIS RUNNING AS ANCHOR FOR THE PITTSBURGH RELAY TEAM THIS WINTER.



Russian Olympic Athletes Stopped For Second Day In Row—American Hockey Team In Upset

By TED SMITS

CORTINA D'AMPEZZO, Italy (AP)—A five-foot Swiss milkmaid and three fair-haired Finnish girls won gold medals in the winter Olympic games today, stopping Russia's collection of championships for the second straight day.

Madeleine Berthod, netite Switzerland farmer's daughter who had been plagued by bad luck in the two slalom events, tore down the Tofano course like a rifle shot to win the women's downhill championship on her 25th birthday.

She had the sensational time of 1 minute, 40.7 seconds on the approximately mile course, a lightning-straightaway with no gates as in the slalom.

America's chief hope, Mrs. Andrea Mead Lawrence of Parshall, Colo., a double gold medalist in the 1952 games at Oslo, was thwarted in her third bid for a skiing title. She finished well back in the slow time of 1:55.2.

A sturdy blonde miss, Siiri Rantanen, came from behind on the last leg of the women's 15-kilometer ski relay race to bring Finland an upset victory over Russia in this event.

At the end of these two championship events, with 15 of the 24 now completed, Russia held to its unofficial team lead with 94 points, followed by Austria with 48 1/2, Norway, 44, and Sweden, 43.

The United States, expected to win the men's figure skating today and the women's title tomorrow, trails with 9 1/2 points. American hopes picked up with the standout performances of its figure skaters and the Yanks' upset 4-1 hockey victory last night over the Canadians.

The powerful Russian girls, who swept the first two places in the individual ski championship last Sunday, led at the two-thirds mark of the nine mile, 564 yard race through the Ampezzo Valley.

Then Finland's Siiri Rantanen, a sturdy little blonde, sped through the valley to overtake Russia's Radja Eroschina in the anchor leg of three miles, 188 yards, to win by 100 yards.

The Finns were overjoyed at winning their second gold medal of the games.

Finland was timed in one hour, nine minutes and one second. Russia was second in 1:09:28 followed by Sweden, Norway, Poland and Czechoslovakia.

The U. S. had no entries in this race.

Mrs. Lawrence's failure to do better took some of the joy from the American rosters, still rejoicing over Uncle Sam's upset triumph over Canada in hockey last night, 4-1, and the one-two lead of Tenley Albright and Carol Heiss in the first half of the women's figure skating championships.

The rock-ribbed American hockey team, which pulled the biggest upset of the games to date by whipping defending champion Canada 4-7 yesterday, could go right on to the championship. Coach Johnny Mariucci's team meets Sweden tomorrow, then clashes head-on with tough Russia.

Miss Albright, the Newton Center, Mass., stylist, also takes the ice tomorrow for the free skating portion of the women's figure skating championship. She's far out front as a result of the compulsory figures section.

The Yanks even might get a medal a bronze one, in the men's giant slalom as a result of a dispute. They have 14 days to produce pictures proving that Japan's Chiharu (Chick) Igaya, veered off course.

Igaya got second place behind Austria's Toni Sailer. If American Coach Robert Sheehan can back up his protest, Igaya will be penalized, and Brooks Dodge of Gorman, N. M., will move up to third place, meaning he'd be the first U. S. medal winner.

The stunning American hockey victory over Canada was the main topic of conversation among the officials almost 24 hours after it happened. No one seemed to know just how it came about. Least of all the Canadians, who had been beaten only once before in the history of the Winter Olympics.

Baker, Jackson Near Top Of Ring Rankings

NEW YORK (AP)—Bob Baker and Tommy (Hurricane) Jackson, who meet Friday night at Madison Square Garden are ranked No. 2 and No. 3 in the new February boxing ratings in Ring Magazine.

Archie Moore, the light-heavyweight king, also is listed as the No. 1 challenger to heavyweight champ Rocky Marciano. Following Baker and Jackson, in that order, comes Johnny Holman of Chicago who moved up on the strength of his victory over Bob Satterfield. Cuban Nino Valdes was placed fifth.

Willie Pastrano of New Orleans has been placed among the heavies as No. 6, graduating from the 175-pound class.

Other fighters advancing are Mi- to Savage of Salt Lake City to No. 1 among the middleweights and Ludwig Lightburn of British Honduras to No. 5 among the lightweights.

A newcomer among the ranks of rated boxers is Paul Jorgensen, University of Houston freshman, who takes the place of Lauro Salas in the featherweight division.

During the month of January, two champions successfully defended their titles. Sandy Saddler defeated Flash Elorde in a rough featherweight championship match and Pascual Perez defended his lightweight title.

Dulio Loi of Italy, No. 1 lightweight contender, and Mario D'Agata, No. 1 bantam challenger, strengthened their positions by important victories. Loi won over Orlando Zulueta and D'Agata trounced Little Cezar of Manila.

Buck Weaver, Of Scandal Fame, Dies On Chicago Street

CHICAGO (AP)—George (Buck) Weaver, former Chicago White Sox third baseman who maintained to the end his innocence in the Black Sox baseball scandal, died yesterday at the age of 64.

Weaver, a star for the Sox from 1912 through 1920, collapsed on the sidewalk of a South Side street, where he was found by police.

Weaver fought a losing cause through the years in attempting to clear his name of charges that he and seven other Sox players conspired to throw the 1919 World Series to Cincinnati for \$100,000.

Cincinnati won by taking the fifth game of a nine-game series. The Sox won three.

Weaver hit 300 for the Sox in 1917 and 206 in 1919—both pennant years—and 233 in 1920. In the 1919 series, Weaver had 11 hits in 34 at bats for a .324 average and scored four runs. He played errorless ball in the field, making nine putouts and 18 assists.

Weaver and the seven other Sox players were acquitted by a jury in Chicago in August 1921 of charges of conspiring to throw the series.

Nevertheless, all were barred from baseball by Baseball Commissioner K. M. Landis.

The other Sox players involved were Joe Jackson, Oscar (Happy) Felsch, Eddie Cicotte, Claude (Lefty) Williams, Charles (Swede) Risberg, Chick Gandil and Fred McMullen.

Finished in organized ball, Weaver turned semipro until he finally moved out of the baseball picture. In recent years he had been a mutual clerk at Chicago race tracks.

He is survived by his wife Helen and a brother, Luther, of Stowe, Pa.

Swaps May Go In Santa Anita Handicap Today

ARCADIA, Calif. (AP)—If Santa Anita's racing strip has dried sufficiently by today's second race, Swaps will make his first start since he was injured last summer in a match race against Nashua.

The Kentucky Derby winner stepped three-eighths yesterday in :36.35 and Trainer Meshach Tenney was impressed with the work out because Swaps was eager to be turned loose.

"I want to see how the track is before I start Swaps," he said, "and I'll make up my mind after the second race today. If it is fast or good, Swaps will run in the San Marcos Handicap."

The San Marcos is at 7-furlong for a purse of 24,700 and 14 horses have been entered. Swaps was as signed top weight of 129 pounds with Willie Shoemaker as his jockey.

Catcher Signs

CHICAGO (AP)—Clyde McCullough, 37, has signed his 1956 contract with the Chicago Cubs, marking the start of his 22nd season in professional baseball.

Cinderella Razorbacks Have Reason To Fear SMU Mustangs

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Arkansas Razorbacks, the Cinderella team of the Southwest Conference, should have reason to fear that Southern Methodist may turn the golden carriage in which they have been riding back into a pumpkin.

The SMU Mustangs, who have yet to be defeated by a Southwest Conference team this season, smashed Baylor, 92-72, Tuesday night and grabbed the loop lead with a 5-0 mark. The high stepping Mustangs polished off Texas Christian, 105-64, Saturday night after an 18-day layoff for final exams.

The Hogs take on Texas Christian at Fort Worth Wednesday night and if they get over that hurdle face their big test Saturday when they meet the Mustangs at Fayetteville.

The Hogs, who entered conference play with a lusterless 2-8 season mark, began playing like champions as soon as the chips were down. They won four straight

and before the Mustangs forged ahead Tuesday night with the win over Baylor, the Hogs were tied for first honors.

The Hogs bowed to the Mustangs in early season play and the Saturday night game will show if the rejuvenation the Hogs have undergone is sufficient for them to be able to turn the tables on the Ponies, now rated 17th in the nation in the Associated Press Poll.

In other Saturday night games the cellar-dwelling Texas Longhorns meet Baylor, now tied for next-to-last place, at Austin while third ranking Rice plays Lamar Tech at Beaumont in a non-conference game.

Hitting an astounding 60.3 per cent of its shots from the field, the Mustangs went on a scoring spree in the second period to leave the Baylor Bears far behind. Jim Krebs, SMU forward was the high scorer of the evening with 30 points while Louis Estes of Baylor was second with 28 points.

Jimmy Carter Must Look Good Against Andrade

CHICAGO (AP)—Jimmy Carter, who has won and lost the lightweight title three times, must prove his worth tonight against classy Cisco Andrade if he hopes to get another shot at the crown.

The 10-rounder at Chicago Stadium will be the 100th fight for 32-year-old Carter, who has been idle since Oct. 28. It was then that the left-hook specialist from New York failed to regain the 135-pound championship from Wallace (Bud) Smith in Cincinnati.

Carter, an 8-5 favorite over his Compton, Calif., foe, first won the title from Ike Williams. He lost it to Lauro Salas, regained it again, lost it to Paddy De Marco, and again recaptured it in a rematch. He lost it for the third time to Smith.

Andrade, 26, is a smart, shifty fighter who was unbeaten until clever Ralph Dupas outpointed him Jan. 1, 1955. Salas also defeated him a year ago but Andrade won in a return bout.

U.S. Captures First Olympic Gold Medal

CORTINA D'AMPEZZO (AP)—The United States won its first gold medal of the 1956 Winter Olympic games today with two brilliant performances in men's figure skating.

Hayes Alan Jenkins of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Ronald Robertson of Long Beach, Calif., skated to an extremely close finish in points scoring.

Their performances were so close that it appeared judges would be some time in figuring which would be first and which second.

Jenkins is the world champion men's figure skater. Robertson is runner-up.

Sports In Brief

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Racing

MIAMI, Fla.—Royal Lark (\$119,700) scored a surprise victory in the Playmate Purse at Hialeah.

NEW ORLEANS—French Blue (\$30,800) came from behind with a strong finish to capture the feature at the Fair Grounds.

ARCADIA, Calif.—Grey Tower (\$5,500) took the \$10,000 feature at Santa Anita.

Fights

OAKLAND, Calif.—Johnny Gonsalves, 138, Oakland, outpointed Henry Davis, 139 1/4, Honolulu, 10.

MIAMI BEACH, Fla.—Jimmy Beecham, 158, Miami, outpointed Georgia Johnson, 159 3/4, Trenton, N. J., 10.

HOLYOKE, Mass.—Jimmy Soo 135, Philadelphia, knocked out Nazzarano Vitale, 38, New Haven, 4.

TAMPA, Fla.—Armand Savoie-Johnny Busso bout postponed.

The African Lammergeier is also called the bearded vulture because it has a tuft of bristly black feathers hanging down like a beard from the base of its bill.

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Nashua May Washout 'Harem'

By GAYLE TALBOT

LAM (AP)—There has been considerable whispering around that syndicate which paid more than a million dollars for Nashua's services do so without having had assurance that the gelding could earn a large part of its cost back as a stallion.

The price tentatively placed on the services is \$10,000 per live foal and the general expectation is that Nashua will run more than full season before he is sold. Under those circumstances, the syndicate just can't help doubt that his lovely money would all go to Nashua's in the ladies.

After having spent two months in close communion with the colt at Hialeah and after tending him as he resumes racing, one member of the syndicate that the syndicate did take the gamble all the way. They put their money into the receding without knowing whether Nashua has a latent interest in the sterile if he does have it, should prove a washout in the syndicate, they stand to lose.

Robertson, who has been the animal's groom since he was a yearling, is positive his hasn't noticed the lady's vet.

He's interested in now if he's running," Al said. "The thing he might take some of now and then is a pony several colors—a pinto. It's been tested for sterility the same time, you get the idea that all those around Nashua Sunn Jim Fitzsimmons to the lowliest of his 40-odd wives, fully expect the great to prove as disinterested as his own nappu, Nasrullah, pretty much adore the animal and can't conceive of his failing anything.

"It's a wonderful horse," said Fitz as he watched Nashua cooled out. "He's got the things a great horse must have—heart and brain. A man has the lungs and the but they don't have the what makes them want to

Eastern Again Mats McMurray

ARTESIA (AP)—Eastern New Mexico University, for the second time in a row, tripped up the mat from McMurray University basketball. The New Mexico team took a 77-67 victory Tuesday night after trimming the McMurray team 89-84 on Monday.

The score in Tuesday night's game at the half was 35-34 in favor of ENMU after the lead had changed hands several times in the first half.

McMurray's Bob Harris was followed by ENMU's Dennis Bell with 18.

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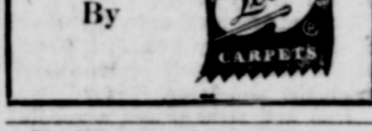
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Harriman Asks Record Budget For New York

By HENRY LEADER
ALBANY, N. Y. (AP)—Gov. Averell Harriman asked the Legislature today to approve a record-high \$1,501,000,000 state budget, which he called "tight," and recommended an immediate 40-million-dollar income tax cut favoring persons in the lower brackets.

building program. The governor set aside \$508,000,000—more than a third of his entire budget—for education. It represents a rise of \$67,400,000, or 15.3 per cent, over last year. It is the fifth consecutive billion-plus budget in this state. Former Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, Harriman's Republican predecessor, submitted the first three.

To help pay for his proposed boost in spending, Harriman will have revenue of \$88,400,000 in excess of what he estimated when he tendered his first budget a year ago. The governor broke his budget down into three main sections: \$786,200,000 for local assistance, an increase of \$95,600,000; \$534,000,000 for state purposes, a boost of \$51,100,000, and \$174,500,000 for capital construction, a rise of \$26,900,000. These three total \$1,494,700,000, to which Harriman added \$6,000,000 from the capital construction fund for "first instance advances" (loans) and \$400,000 from the general fund surplus for the state's "rainy day" reserve funds.

The governor, an "inactive" candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination, devoted a chapter in his message to proposals for helping people with small incomes. His recommendations also included: 1. A \$300-a-year salary increase for state employes and a reduction of four hours in the work week of the state's institutional employes. 2. Income tax cuts in 1957 totaling an estimated 10 million dollars for persons over 65, the blind, working mothers and people with heavy medical expenses. 3. A "substantial increase" in capital construction expenditures for the state university in the next few years, "without recourse to a bond issue."

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ARTESIA BUSINESS AND INDUSTRIAL REVIEW

Santa Fe Asks Stock Split

President F. G. Gurley, of Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company, announced the board of directors of the company today proposed a five-to-one split of common and preferred stock.

The Santa Fe board is filing an application with the Interstate Commerce Commission authority to issue five shares of par value stock in place of one share of \$50 par value stock outstanding, including both common and preferred. The stockholders in their meeting on April 26, the change will come effective as of August 1.

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Oil Big Factor Under Talks On Russian Threat To 'East'

NEW YORK (AP)—Oil is the big factor underlying the talks of President Eisenhower and British Prime Minister Eden this week over what to do about the Russian threat to the Middle East.

Two thirds of the world's proved reserves of petroleum lie under the sands of that area—nearly 100 billion barrels, one of the world's richest prizes.

There is keen rivalry between American and British companies operating in the Middle East.

Western Europe relies more and more on Middle East oil to meet its fast-growing demand for power to run its industries.

And Russia doubtless eyes the area with keen interest—not only as a peacetime prize but also because military experts believe that Middle East oil might prove a prime essential to her in another world war.

Some 22 American oil companies are interested in the Middle East.

British, Dutch and French companies operate in the region.

The daily output approaches 2 3/4 million barrels. The annual take is around one billion dollars.

Western Europe, which once looked to the Western Hemisphere for most of its oil, now get about four fifths of its supply from the Middle East. If this should be cut off, either by Community penetration or by war, Western Europe would be hard put to find a quick alternate source.

American companies profit richly by their peacetime output in the Middle East. But if the source should be cut off by war, the United States could get by easily through speeding up its own production (now held back by state regulations) and by importing more from Venezuela and other Western Hemisphere oil fields.

It's the peacetime development of the Middle East that interests American oilmen most directly.

They have rich oil concessions there. And they have been building pipelines to get oil to the Mediterranean, expanding their oil tanker fleets, and putting up refineries in England and on the Continent to feed the fast-growing demand of European industries for power and European motorists for gasoline.

and other industrial materials are reported in short supply.

The Federal Reserve Board notes that the average prices of industrial materials rose 4 per cent in the last six months of 1955.

There is always a time lag between these rising industrial prices and higher prices at the store. They are beginning to appear now in some instances. Offsetting them has been some price cutting by manufacturers of small appliances as a competitive move.

The United States had a 207,000 net increase in the number of resident aliens last year.

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68,000 Names Purged From New Mexico Voting Lists

SANTA FE (AP)—Just about 68,000 names have been purged from voter lists in New Mexico's 32 counties, a report to the secretary of state's office shows.

Most of the nation's winter wheat belt got some more beneficial precipitation today.

Rain or snow fell over wide areas in the central part of the country. The rain belt extended over eastern Texas and Oklahoma, with snow northward into the eastern Dakotas.

Snow depths across Kansas ranged from seven inches at Dodge City and Salina to nine inches at Russell. Snow started last night in western Kansas and the storm moved northeastward across Kansas with falls from four to eight inches predicted in northern Kansas and northern Missouri tonight.

Sleet and freezing rain pelted southern Kansas and sections of Missouri.

In the rain belt, falls generally were light. One of the biggest amounts was nearly half an inch at Shreveport, La.

Fairly cold weather prevailed in most of the country, with below-zero readings extending across northern Minnesota to southern Wyoming and westward into parts of northern Nevada and eastern sections of Oregon and Washington.

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said he estimated the recent and current purges have probably left about 300,000 registered voters. But he said there will be thousands of new registrations between now and April 9, when registration closes.

At last report, the purge indicated an average of about 15 per cent had been expunged from previous registration totals.

In Eddy County 1,738 were purged and there are 17,562 still registered making an apparent nine per cent purge.

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Residents of Eddy county invested \$825,580 in Series E and H Bonds combined during 1955, according to L. B. Feather, Chairman of the North Eddy County Savings Bonds Committee. The total of these two Series in 1954 was \$770,773.25. Series E Bonds attracted the largest part of the Savings Bonds investments with \$634,580, while \$191,000 went into Series H.

Of a yearly goal of \$902,000.00 set up a year ago, the county was credited with sales of 91.5 per cent of that amount. Residents of New Mexico achieved 98.2 per cent of their \$14,800,000 goal for 1955 or \$14,534,283, an increase of 17 per cent over the total for 1954 and 34.1 per cent over that for 1953.

The crillon is a set of fixed bells usually tuned to the chromatic scale and having a range of three octaves or more.

Benson Tells Farmers Hog Buying Plan Would Hinder

AUSTIN, Minn. (AP)—Secretary of Agriculture Benson told farmers today a government program to buy hogs at supported prices "would hurt you more than it would ever help you."

Benson reiterated on the second day of a swing through the Midwest hog belt that the U. S. government is stepping up its pork-buying program—but that it won't purchase and store vast quantities of meat products to bolster prices.

"There are those who because of ignorance of the problem, mistaken judgment or for well-intentioned political purposes insist that your government go into the livestock buying business," the secretary said in a speech prepared for the Minnesota-Iowa Swine Producers Assn.

"This won't work," he said. "In my judgment such action would hurt you more than it would ever help you."

Benson said he has been told a program to purchase live hogs and

cattle at supported prices "would be good politics—particularly in an election year."

"If we were to raise the price of hogs 5 cents a pound as some suggest, it would cost the government almost a billion dollars a year," he said. "That's just for hogs."

"And, of course, we could hardly deny similar supports to cattle. If we add 5 cents a pound to cattle, it would cost another 1.4 billion dollars."

"Then I'm sure you can imagine the delegations of broiler growers, turkey growers and others who would descend upon us."

If the money and manpower were available, he said, and the government began a direct program for buying livestock, these things would happen:

1. "Pressure would develop for uniform pricing without proper regard for differences in quality. You would be encouraged to produce overfat hogs that would build barriers against your product. You would lose your market for pork; it would be mighty hard to get it back."

2. "It would, of course, stimulate more production. The added hog numbers would soon mean that the government would have to step in and control hog production. Then government would have to ration your right to raise hogs."

He said the government will do this to help the hog farmer:

"We will use every resource to develop outlets for pork, and we'll purchase to the limit of all available outlets to bolster hog prices."

Benson said huge existing surpluses of basic crops have pushed down farm income "by the staggering sum of more than two billion dollars in 1944."

Canada is divided into five natural regions — the Laurentian Plateau, the Atlantic Coast region, the St. Lawrence Lowlands, the Great Plains and the Western Mountains.

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Britain Mapping Law Banning Old Cars From Roads

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Minimum Wage Boost To Keep Prices Rising
By SAM LAWSON
NEW YORK (AP)—Prices continue to creep higher. And ahead lie two things that might bring them from creeping to at least the toddling stage.

These are (1) the rise in the federal minimum wage rate March 1 and (2) the upcoming round of wage negotiations—notably in the basic industry steel.

Consumers may note the result of the first fairly soon. The effects of the second will come along gradually and later.

Iron and steel prices, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, have risen 17 per cent in the last 4 1/2 years. After the wage settlement last summer they went up \$7.35 a ton. Since then there have been creeping advances on various steel products, averaging out at around \$1 a ton.

This trend continues, with some steelmen predicting prices will advance as much as \$2 or \$3 a ton more by summer. What will happen then depends on the outcome of the wage negotiations that will get under way in late spring.

The minimum wage hike to \$1 hour some four weeks from now will affect mostly industries making goods that consumers buy—such as hosiery and clothing. It is estimated that some two million workers will get a raise.

But as one mill owner says, "If I give the man who sweeps out the mill \$40 a week, I must raise the skilled and semiskilled workers too or face trouble."

This might mean pay raises for two or three million more workers in the low-wage industries. Some estimate the total cost to industry could reach two billion dollars a year. Unless consumers go on a buying strike, this increased cost is likely to be passed along in higher prices.

For the consumer there is, however, the prospect that food prices will remain fairly steady.

But for the businessman it's different. Prices of industrial materials have been rising steadily. Two thirds of the purchasing agents polled this month reported a continuing rise in prices, the National Assn. of Purchasing Agents say. A long list of metals

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