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## Total Of 77 Merchants Sign Up For Artesia Trade Days

Luther E. Sharpe, secretary-manager of the Artesia Chamber of Commerce announced Thursday morning that already 77 merchants have signed up for participation in the monthly Artesia Trade Days, the first of which will be Wednesday, April 13.

A number of the merchants have offered special prizes, which will be given away at 4 o'clock in the afternoon of the initial Trade Day on Main Street between Roselawn Avenue and Fourth Street.

Manager Sharpe said prizes valued at more than \$500 had been offered by merchants.

The majority of merchants have been contacted and asked to participate in the Trade Days program, but Manager Sharpe asked that any who have been missed, call the chamber office, phone 192 and they will be asked to join.

Under the program participating merchants will give a ticket for every \$1 in a cash purchase or on account. Each is to be signed by the purchaser and dropped in a box at any of the participating places of business between now and Trade Day, on which they will be gathered and put in a large box for the presentation of gifts.

It is hoped that by Saturday, when people make purchases in Artesia stores, they can ask the various merchants for tickets.

Initial distribution of tickets will be made at the monthly luncheon of the Chamber of Commerce, which will be Friday noon in the basement of the Masonic Temple.

Every member of the chamber or anyone not a member who is participating in the Trade Days program was urged to attend the luncheon.

And all planning to attend the luncheon were asked to call the chamber office as soon as possible, not later than 5 o'clock this afternoon, to make reservations, so arrangements can be made for feeding a specified number of men and women.

J. D. Smith, president of the Chamber of Commerce, announced a good program is planned for the luncheon, at which it is hoped to work out final plans for the Trade Days program.

Other subjects pertaining to progress of the community will be discussed at the meeting, the president said, in asking that there be a good attendance.

## State's Artificial Dairy Breeding Assn. Organized

New Mexico's only artificial dairy breeding association was organized recently at Carlsbad, according to E. E. Anderson, extension dairy specialist. Name of the organization, which is also the first combination testing and breeding association ever organized in the state, is the Eddy County Dairy Herd Improvement Association.

The association will employ a full-time technician to test the milk, keep production records, and do the artificial breeding.

"The formation of this association represents a very progressive step in the improvement of dairy herds in the Carlsbad area," Anderson said. "We hope that this is just a beginning and that, before long, other areas will use this method of herd improvement, where practical."

"For if New Mexico dairy products are to compete with those from other states, we must use the up-to-date methods which are used elsewhere."

Anderson pointed out that nearly 2,000,000 cows are now being bred through 1000 artificial breeding associations in 42 states.

Members of the board of directors of the Eddy County Dairy Herd Improvement Association are Ray Howard, president; Wallace Johnson, vice president; Alfred Walterscheid, secretary-treasurer; Joe Bryan and O. C. Bell.

Agents make big money selling plastic table cloths, U. S. Pat. Plastic Aprons, Magic combination of purse and shopping bag. Also other items. Sells on sight. Samples free. Schneider, Products Co., 83 Atlantic Ave., Revere, Mass. adv.

## Facts About Turkey Production Costs

"I'm not going to raise turkeys this year—poults and feed are too high, and things are too doubtful." Such is a commonly heard expression when talking with turkey growers.

Perhaps there is some basis for this statement, but let us consider a few of the facts. It is not so much what it costs to raise a turkey, but what will be left when the bird is marketed that counts. We can expect high poult prices, feed costs always seem high, and labor and miscellaneous costs do not change rapidly from year to year. Briefly, then, it looks like the total cost of raising a turkey would not be any higher than it was during 1948, and there is a very good chance of it being substantially lower.

The selling price of turkeys has a great bearing on profits. In 1948 fewer turkeys were raised, storage stocks are relatively low, and it is expected there will be a high consumer buying level during the holiday months. These factors all make for high priced turkey meat.

Turkey growers raised about 82 per cent as many turkeys in 1948 as they did in 1947. A short crop is always advantageous from a selling price standpoint. Almost every year when there was a decrease in the number of turkeys raised, there was an increase in market price. These figures are not proportional, but they do represent the trend: when turkey numbers are down the price is up.

The ability of consumers to purchase turkeys is also a criterion of the probable price. When payrolls are high, more turkey meat is consumed than when they are low, and at the present time everything points to high wages and a high level of buying power.

Consider some of the production costs of raising a turkey. Poults prices have increased. Labor, fuel, depreciation, and other miscellaneous costs should remain about the same this year as they were last.

Feed represents the biggest cost item in raising a turkey. Generally it comprises about 60 to 65 per cent of the total cost. Thus, if costs of production are to be reduced, this is the item where substantial savings can be made. Some growers worry and fret about how they can save by using a different litter, yet forget all about the tremendous feed wastage through improperly fed and managed birds.

It is especially desirable and practical to cut down feed costs through the efficient use of feed itself. One of the basic feeding principles is that early gains take fewer pounds of feed than later gains. Feed tables show that during the fourth week a turkey grower would have to furnish only two pounds of feed to get back a pound of meat, but during the 20th week, he would have to feed 4.2 pounds, while during the 34th week, he would have to feed 14.8 pounds of feed. This tells a story in itself. Anything the grower can do to speed the growth of his turkeys and get them to market at an earlier age, will be very beneficial, profit-wise.

Gains of turkeys reach their maximum point during the middle of the growing period, and after the 21st week drop off rather rapidly. At the same time, the feed consumption increases very rapidly after about the 20th or 21st week. Thus, with lower gains and higher feed intake, gains produced late in the growing period are very inefficient. Turkey feeds cost less per pound during the latter part of the growing period than they do the earlier part, but this difference in cost can hardly offset the great increase in feed consumption.

In order to conserve feed and produce a lower cost pound of meat, turkey growers should do everything possible to produce rapid growth during the early weeks. This not only means an efficient feed and one which will produce rapid growth, but it also means securing poults which will grow rapidly, and seeing that turkeys have ample feed and water space, sufficient room and plenty of range or confinement porch floor, and the right environment from day-old to market. It also means preventing disease, because diseased birds not only lose the grower money through mortality, but the entire flock loses out

on 2 or 3 weeks of growth, thus delaying maturity and increasing feed costs.

Anything which tends to speed the onset of maturity, either breeding, management, disease prevention, or feeding will tend to make for more efficient feed utilization. The turkey which matures at 20 pounds at 28 weeks, will take less feed per pound of turkey meat than one which matures at 20 pounds in 32 weeks. If your feeding program, or even your management and sanitation program, is capable of cutting two weeks off the growing period, then you will find that it has taken fewer pounds of feed to produce a pound of meat. In other words, anything you as a grower can do to cut down on the length of the growing period will materially lessen the amount of feed it takes to produce a pound of meat. These facts are true because early gains take less feed than late gains.

Converting this into the amount of turkey meat that 100 pounds of feed will produce shows that if turkeys are prime and can be marketed during the 25th week, about 26.5 pounds of turkey meat could be produced on 100 pounds of feed when the birds are managed well and range raised. However, if the birds were held until the 34th week, one could expect only a little over 18 pounds of meat per 100 pounds of feed even though the birds are larger. This difference is the result of the decreased feed efficiency as turkeys grow older. Under no conditions, however, should birds be marketed before they are prime. These figures are worth a great deal of consideration and study and their application may mean the difference between profit and loss on many turkey enterprises.

Thus, rather than stating exactly how much it will cost to raise a turkey, we have given information to show you how you can cut down on production costs, and produce a pound of meat more economically. "Feed and manage well and save feed" should be your program. Such a program will cut down your production costs and make you more money.

Plan to attend the meeting to be held at Hope High School at 7:30

## School News

1st and 2nd grade news—Lewis Edward Wells is back in school after a trip to Texas. He found his class had finished their reader and was way over in a new book. Jeri was sick Monday but he didn't miss so much. We think our rhythm band was a great success. People admire our Dutch border and our samples of penmanship also. We were so excited we didn't do so well on our spelling test of 60 words. Only Patsy Bush, Shirley Stephens and Elam Parker made 100 on it. Manual and Lyndell have finished two more books. That makes 10 for Lyndell and 6 for Manuel. But Manuel is ahead on swallowing bees. Mr. Lea calls him the Bee Martin.

3rd and 4th grade news—We enjoyed cutting out pictures of appetizing foods for breakfast and planning breakfast menus. We are trying to drink more milk so that we will be whistlers instead of whiners. We made tulip posters by using scrap material for the tulips. We made monkey pen wipers of felt. It was the first sewing some of the boys had tried and we are quite proud of their stitches. We put up our penmanship papers that we made the first day of school and one that we made last week. We were glad that several of our parents came to the P. T. A. meeting Friday night. From April 24 to 29 the school will be collecting clean clothes and any kind of shoes, except high heels, to send to the Navajo Indians. Anyone having old clothes to donate send them to the school house.

5th and 6th grade news—Patsy Wells was absent last week. She went to Dallas, Tex., to see her grandmother who is ill. Bobby Keesee has moved to Artesia. We are sorry to lose him. Joe Carson went to Lovington to see the dentist Monday afternoon. Don Harris was absent Friday. He went to see his grandmother at Dexter. We have started to play baseball. We really enjoy it, too. We 5th graders have finished our Arithmetic books. We are reviewing this week and will begin working in our new work books next week. In 6th grade English class we are outlining stories and reports. It is hard for some of us as we have never done it before. Most of us are improving our Daily Care Score Sheet. We are anxious for the county health nurse to see how clean we are.

Freshman News—Most of the high

school thinks it wouldn't be a bad idea if the Junior sponsor would read over the Junior news. They seem to be getting news out of their class. Some of the Junior boys are getting too personal in other class affairs. We are sorry to lose one of our freshman girls, Miss Keesee. She has moved to Artesia. Poor Raleigh. I think the class has forgotten to pay their last month's class dues. Better pay up.

7th grade news—We elected a new reporter today. They are Sammy Eugene and Reeva Jeanne. Last week we were all present four days out of five. That was strange. We have started out this week by being present so far. We lost another pupil Monday. Jeral Keesee has moved to Artesia. There was a party at Carol's house Thursday night. None of us were present. The rumor was that the candy might kill you. The ones that went from the other grades did not get sick though. My, My, isn't it terrible when people talk all the time. The study hall sounds like a convention this morning.

8th grade news—We are all looking forward to Friday, because we do not have to go to school. Allan Stirman was absent from school Tuesday. Edward Madron was absent Monday and Tuesday. We are giving oral book reports in history. Some of us do not have our book read and we only have until Thursday. We are finding volumes of spheres in our Math class. It is a little hard for some of us.

Sophomore News—We think the junior news is getting a little too personal. I think it should be stopped; after all the school news should not be a gossip column and that seems to be what it is turning into.

## EDITORIAL—

Tuesday was clean-up day in Hope and quite a few loads of rubbish were hauled away. Mr. Nelson also joined in and assisted in getting rid of several loads of old wire, tin cans and bottles. As a result of this clean-up campaign Hope should be a cleaner place in which to live. We know that it will look a lot better to the home folks and also to the tourists.

One of the filthiest habits that we know of is this practice of spitting on the sidewalks or in the ditches. This spreads disease and especially in Hope this practice should be stopped as much as possible. Down in Tucson, Ariz., there is an ordinance against spitting on the streets. The ordinance has teeth in the form of a heavy penalty and jail sentence.

Last Saturday a couple of boys said to be from Artesia came to Hope and drove around the streets and shot a 45 automatic. They also were in at the Llano Cafe brandishing the gun around rather carelessly. No one seems to know their names. This kind of foolishness should be stopped. If anyone knows the names of the boys please report it to the authorities.

In reading the Hope school news we notice every once in awhile some of the pupils go away on a visit to some other state and remain away for a week or two. It is nice to take a trip like that but the parents should realize that every time you take a child out of school in the middle of the term he or she gets behind in their studies and it also lowers the average daily attendance.

On Tuesday night, about 12 o'clock, three boys went around Hope knocking at doors and inquiring if anyone had seen a woman that they said had robbed a cafe up in Mountainaire. These boys should have been arrested and given sleeping quarters in the town jail. The idea of waking everyone up in the middle of the night.

## News From Hope

Mr. Chandler of Mayhill was through Hope Friday with a whitefaced thoroughbred bull in his pickup which he had secured near Tatum.

Mrs. Monroe Howard of Capitan is here visiting her sister Mrs. Mary Hardin and Mr. and Mrs. John Hardin and family.

Mrs. Julia McEmore was here for a few days this week visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Rood and Mr. and Mrs. John Hardin and family. She left Monday afternoon for Phoenix, Ariz. She came here from Austin, Texas, where she had been visiting relatives for the past several months.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Hardin and their granddaughter, Clara Cain, were here Saturday visiting Mrs. Mary Hardin and Mr. and Mrs. John Hardin

and girls. They spent Saturday night at Duncan visiting Mr. and Mrs. Bill Watts. Charlie has recently returned from Rochester, Minn., where he had gone for medical treatment. We are glad to state that his health is much better.

Here is Jimmy Walker—the merry monarch of New York's millions, the love sick swain, the happy honey-mooner, the embattled politician—as seen by his friend, the famous author Gene Fowler. To know the real Walker, his joys, his hopes and heart-breaks read it in the American Weekly, that great magazine distributed with next Sunday's Los Angeles Examiner.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Corder of Portales visited with Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Lea, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mason Graham of Lovington were here the first of the week visiting Mr. and Mrs. Joe Garson.

Mrs. Joe Young returned Monday from Altus, Okla., where she went to be with her mother, Mrs. Kate Cone, who was ill. Mrs. Cone returned with Mrs. Young and is now improving in the Artesia Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. George Graham and daughter, Janene, of Santa Fe, and son George of the N.M.M.I., at Roswell, were here Sunday visiting Mr. and Mrs. Joe Garson at their ranch east of Hope.

Mr. and Mrs. Keesee who have been operating the Llano Cafe have moved to Artesia.

The pump at the Llano tourist court went haywire. The rods will have to be pulled and new rubbers will replace the old ones.

At a school board meeting held last week the price of water secured at the school was reduced to 5c per barrel. The public is thankful to the school board for this reduction in price.

Mrs. John D. Graham, mother of Mrs. Joe Carson, was here Sunday visiting at the Garson home.

FOR SALE CHEAP—5 room house and four lots in Hope, \$650.00 cash. See Ruby Babers, Cactus Courts, Cabin 16, Carlsbad, N. M., or write General Delivery, Carlsbad, adv.

It is reported that Joe and Ann are to be married in June. It will be the biggest event of the season. Several members of the "smart set" are planning several "pre-nuptial" events in their honor.

Mrs. A. A. Smith, Mrs. Penn Trimble and Pilar Ordunez were shopping and transacting business in Artesia Monday.

Mrs. Janie Richards has been visiting relatives in El Paso the past few weeks.

George Teel was a visitor in Hope Tuesday.

Charlie Cole took a load of wool to market Monday.

Mrs. Ruby Babers wants to sell her residence in Hope. If anyone is interested contact the editor of the Penasco Valley News.

Wallace Johnson is getting up in the world since he left Hope. He has been elected vice-president of the Eddy County Dairy Herd Improvement Association.

Rev. E. A. Drew took a load of posts down to his residence at Artesia Wednesday morning. Evidently he is going to have a garden.

Mrs. Monroe Howard, Mrs. Mary Hardin and Mrs. John Hardin were in Artesia Wednesday on business.

The Farm Bureau will meet at the school the second Wednesday in April. Everyone is invited to attend these meetings.

The Town Board will meet Thursday, April 7. This is the regular meeting. All members are urged to be present. These meetings are open to the public.

Plans are being made for a regatta to be held at Elephant Butte Lake in 1950.

The census bureau has reported that 14,540,345 running bales of cotton from the 1948 crop were ginned by the end of the 1948 ginning season.

Forty-eight nations have agreed to sign a 4-year world wheat pact despite the withdrawal of Russia. Soviet delegates left the parley after they unsuccessfully sought assurances for a 75,000,000 bushel contribution. Russia reportedly has a bumper wheat crop.

Three distinguished Americans have launched a drive for a federation of Atlantic democracies so powerful "that the Kremlin could not hope to start a war with any prospect of success."

An all-girl rodeo will be given at Fort Stockton, Tex., April 30 and May 1, when three performances will be presented.



**Ain't It So**

Women jump at mice as well as conclusions.

Can a man be so busy fighting his own faults that he never gets anywhere?

A sense of humor is of little account if you have no one to whom to exhibit it.

An executive must expect some work not done quite so well as he could do it himself.

It is often very difficult to get even with people who owe you money.

Perhaps there will be a new shade to be known as "fingernail red."

For sale cheap: Odd lot of unused Mah-Jongg Jokes.

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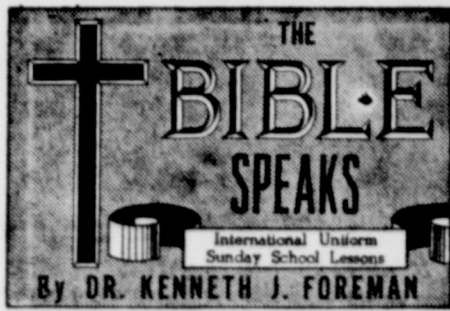
**For You To Feel Well**

24 hours every day, 7 days every week, never stopping, the kidneys filter waste matter from the blood.

If more people were aware of how the kidneys must constantly remove surplus fluid, excess acids and other waste matter that cannot stay in the blood without injury to health, there would be better understanding of why the whole system is upset when kidneys fail to function properly.

Burning, scanty or too frequent urination sometimes warns that something is wrong. You may suffer nagging backache, headaches, dizziness, rheumatic pains, getting up at night, swelling. Why not try Doan's Pills? You will be using a medicine recommended the country over. Doan's stimulate the function of the kidneys and help them to flush out poisonous waste from the blood. They contain nothing harmful. Get Doan's today. Use with confidence. At all drug stores.

**DOAN'S PILLS**



SCRIPTURE: Mark 7:24-37; Luke 7:11-16.  
DEVOTIONAL READING: Acts 10:34-45

**The Race Question**

Lesson for March 27, 1949.

JESUS DID NOT know there was a race question. That is to say, there was no question for him, though he well knew that his neighbors found the race problem a hot one. All the germs of any race problem, even of race riots, were there in Palestine as in all of our world today.

First there was the feeling of racial superiority. Few, if any, peoples think of themselves as an inferior race. Nobody would mind being kicked around if he thought he deserved nothing better. The Jews, to which race Jesus belonged, were no exception to the rule. They felt themselves the superior of any race on earth.



Dr. Foreman

**Two Sides of the Question**

IN JESUS' time the Jew of Palestine was in the middle. The Romans, having conquered the land, were top-dog in Palestine. With the Romans, the Jews saw the under-side of the race question. But there were other races, much less pure than the Jews, races called "Canaanite" for want of a better name. These people were kicked around by the Jews, just as the Jews in turn were kicked around by the Romans. Looking at the Canaanites, the Jews saw the race question from the top side.

In Palestine the wounds of race quarrels were made worse by the vinegar of religious differences. In those days it was taken for granted: Different race, different religion.

**What Jesus Did About It**

THE TWO STORIES in our lesson (see the Scripture references) show the astonishingly simple way in which Jesus walked straight through those walls as if they did not exist. He passed no resolutions, denounced nobody; he simply treated all races alike. He helped the Roman army officer and the Canaanite woman precisely as if they had been Jews. (By the way, his remarks to that woman should not be misunderstood as rude. She did not take them that way.)

He was the last person to fancy that all human beings are alike. But he was the first to give all an equal chance. He took people as human beings, not as "Romans" or "Canaanites."

He neither cringed to the Romans nor bullied the Canaanites. He looked at all men and women with level eyes, seeing not their skins nor their clothes, but their hearts.

**What We Can Do**

OUR NORTH AMERICA is also criss-crossed by walls of prejudice—racial, political and religious. In Canada (for example) there is the friction between Canadians of French and those of English or Scotch descent; in the United States (not by any means confined to the South) between Negroes and white people, or between Japanese and white people; between the "old stock" and recent immigrants; and so on. Those walls look pretty solid, but a Christian will find that if he follows Jesus' example he can walk right through them. Last winter a national interdenominational organization challenged its 28 million members and through them the Christian world, with one of the most sweeping declarations of human rights ever drafted by an American church body.

Hitting at every type of discrimination—racial, political, social, economic, religious—the group has challenged the Church to work for the creation of a non-segregated society "as proof of their sincerity."

Yet the real breakdown of human prejudices, hatreds and contempt, with the injustices growing out of these, does not come at one stroke by resolutions. It comes only by degrees, as Christ-inspired individuals make their own bright doorways.

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**KATHLEEN NORRIS**

**Torture at Home**

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By KATHLEEN NORRIS

DESPITE THE FACT that David and I are deeply in love with each other," writes Janet Harrison from Toledo, "ours is a disturbed and unhappy home, and I am writing to ask your help in solving what has become a real problem.

"Two years ago, at 26, I married my office boss. I had been divorced, and have one child, Ann, who is 5. David also secured a divorce and also has a daughter, Pamela, who is 8. Pamela's mother has already married again and gone away, not even sending the child a card at Christmas.

"My first husband and his people are devoted to Ann, who goes to them for a week end twice a month, returning loaded with presents and stories of good times. Under the circumstances I can hardly ask them to include Pamela in these affairs, and as David often takes me on short business trips, we leave his daughter with my old Mammy here at home. But this is hard on Mammy, who has family and church interests of her own.

**Sensitive Little Thing**

"Naturally, David loves his own child deeply, and so do I. But she is a shy, sensitive little thing, and has made only one friend, a crippled boy of 10 in the adjoining apartment, whose parents are about to move back to their Philadelphia home.

"This is the problem. They adore Pamela, and she is quite as devoted to them. Bob, the son, never will walk and they tell me he has never found so congenial a companion as Pam. They want to adopt her. On investigation I have



... a congenial companion ...

learned that they are fine people, have a big house, a boat, and so on. "They don't want half measures. It must be full adoption or nothing. Pamela's mother, to whom I wrote, agrees to the plan and David is influenced by the fact that with the atmosphere here so much eased I would be glad to have another child or two, a responsibility I am certainly not willing to face as things are now.

"Knowing that you advise many other younger couples as to marital problems, we come to you with the confidence that whatever you say will be actuated by a desire to do the best for all parties. And that is all David and I want."

**Give Up Pamela**

Since you ask me, Janet, my advice would be to surrender Pamela completely to the care of this family that has apparently discovered the real child under the confusion and dismay that must so often have flooded her little heart. Betrayed by her mother, precipitated into a totally strange environment, where she was by the very nature of things unimportant and superfluous, subjected to constant contrast with a more attractive and beloved child, one can only congratulate her upon this opportunity to escape from as selfish and callous a household as it has ever been my experience to meet.

Infinite harm has probably already been done this child's spirit. But since she is gentle and shy, she is perhaps not hardened as yet and may bloom like a little flower when she gets into the sunlight.

As for you and her father,—well, you didn't ask me for a lecture on parental morality and responsibility, not to mention common decency and humanity. But I marvel that so many intelligent men—and women more often than men,—can assure themselves fatuously that by uprooting one domestic set-up they are qualified blandly to begin to build up another. You take your Ann away from her father, lightly assume the care of another small girl, this one motherless, and are confident that you are a fit person to bring other children into the world.

**Albino Horses**

While cases of albino horses are known, ordinary white horses are not born white.

Horses of certain colors, particularly dappled grays, become lighter as they grow older—until they become pure white. Such horses do not give birth to white colts which are so rare that they are virtually unknown.

Many Arabian horses are light gray at birth and become pure white at the age of four or five years.

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# Are You Interested in Making more Money?

A general meeting of all the Hope community will be held Tuesday, Mar. 29, at the Hope school at 7:30 p. m., to look into the possibilities of-----

## Broiler, Turkey and Dairy Production

### Covering the Production Program and Market Outlets

Films and Open Discussion. This is a community improvement program!

This meeting is sponsored by Altman's, Musgrave's Buckner's and Stirman's stores in Hope

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Remember the Date: Tuesday, March 29, 7:30 p. m. at Home Ec Room, Hope school

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WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

Red Personnel Shakeup Stirs World As Nations Ponder Meaning of Act; Time Running Out on Rent Controls

(EDITOR'S NOTE: When opinions are expressed in these columns, they are those of Western Newspaper Union's news analysis and not necessarily of this newspaper.)

MOLOTOV PROMOTED?

World Speculates on Premier Stalin's Plans

Out of the welter of world speculation on the significance of Russia's naming Andrei Y. Vyshinski as foreign minister—replacing Vyacheslav M. Molotov—the British appeared most confident of their interpretation. Senior British diplomats had no hesitancy in declaring that Molotov is being groomed to step into Stalin's shoes whenever the Red dictator dies or retires from the scene.

INFORMATION from London was to the effect that the opinion apparently is based on reports which British Ambassador Sir Maurice Peterson had sent from Moscow. They said Peterson warned against expecting any change in Russian foreign policy as a result of Molotov's release as foreign minister. Andrei Gromyko, the "walking man" of the United Nations setup—so called because of the many times he has walked out of U.N. sessions—became Vyshinski's assistant.

All these diplomats agreed that Stalin would remain the No. 1 man in Russia even if he should quit the post of prime minister. His supreme position, they speculated, would be safeguarded by his personal prestige and his post as Communist party secretary general and politburo member.

THEY CONCEDED, however, that Stalin, 69 and ailing, may wish to be free of administrative chores.

Informants made it clear that Ambassador Peterson himself did not make an outright prediction that Stalin contemplates retiring from the prime minister's job. They said the sense of his reports merely led British diplomats to think that is a possibility.

The interesting thing, however, was the wild and widespread speculation set off in the world by a change of Russian personnel at high policy level. This reaction served to emphasize world jitteriness in the "cold war" with the Soviets.

RENT CONTROL:

Tik-Tok, Tik-Tok

With the continuing tie-up of business in the senate because of a filibuster on a rules procedure, congress had been racing against the clock in the matter of rent controls.

RENT CURBS were due to expire March 31. Congressmen generally were agreed that unless they were extended by that date, nothing more could be done this session to save or renew such controls.

Meanwhile, Republican sentiment in the house was that rent controls should be taken out of federal hands and turned over to the respective states. A mass meeting of GOP members of the house overwhelmingly supported the idea of ending federal rent control.

It was reported that Republicans favored only a 90-day extension of curbs and many wanted all controls to end with the fixed expiration date. They also took the position that if any controls were continued, the house first should adopt an amendment by Democratic member Paul Brown of Georgia providing that landlords, as far as practicable, should be "given a reasonable return on the fair value of their property under rent controls."

MANY CAPITOL observers expressed a conviction that the apparent trend toward relaxation of rent curbs was stemming from the effective lobbying of rental property owners and their organized groups.

But whatever was to be done to protect the public from gouging on the part of some landlords would have to be done fast. Time was swiftly running out.

MEXICO:

Oil for U. S.

Mexico had relented, the animosity of the old expropriation days was over, and American interests were to set up again in the oil business "south of the border."

Antonio Bermudez, director of Petroleos Mexicanos, announced that a drilling contract had been signed with a group of California oil men formed by Edwin W. Pauley and two American oil companies.

Senor Bermudez said the U. S. group's chief job would be drilling of wells in Tabasco and Veracruz states.

Under terms of the agreement, the U. S. group will not be paid for dry wells.

The Mexican organization would set aside the proceeds of the sale of 50 per cent of the production obtained from wells drilled by the mentioned companies to pay off their expenses in drilling productive wells.

Stalin's Man



This is a recent portrait of Andrei Y. Vyshinski, who has been elevated to the position of Russian foreign minister.

CHURCHMEN:

50 More Seized

More churchmen in countries behind the "iron curtain" were coming to know what it means to suffer for the Cross.

Bulgarian security police had seized approximately 50 more Protestant clergymen.

THE LATEST ROUNDUP was disclosed as 15 other Protestants were sentenced on charges ranging from treason and spying for the United States and Britain to black market money transactions. All 15 had pleaded guilty.

By now the pattern of church conflict in Soviet-dominated countries was becoming clear. The Russians would not tolerate a setup where the church might act independently of the state.

It mattered little whether the faith being prosecuted was Protestant or Catholic—the aim was the same, subjugate it and its adherents to the will of the state.

THE KREMLIN could not risk men having other gods than Stalin, could not risk continuance or spread of a thesis built upon the dignity of the individual and his oneness with his Creator.

The most terrible thing was that there was nothing anyone could do. Christian nations could not make war on the Soviets for religious persecution, however extensive such persecution might grow.

For the moment, men of good will could only pray for divine aid, hoping that retribution would finally overtake the agency which was subjecting Christian men to torture and imprisonment.

RICH MEN:

One "Fed up"

"I found something was wrong with the wealthy class and I think a whole lot of them would be better off if they had to work."

JOSEPH E. UHLEIN, 73, a senior member of one of the nation's wealthiest brewery families was fed up. Delivering himself of the above statement, he went on to say that he was resigning immediately as a director of the First Wisconsin National Bank so no one connected with the institution would be embarrassed by his actions.

Uhlein's consideration of his co-directors was understandable. For the former vice-president of the vast Schlitz brewing company was planning to devote his full time to the unionization of "white collar" workers in the United States.

"I believe five to six million can better their lot by joining white-collar unions," Uhlein declared. "I am not in it for any honor for myself, but only through a desire to help the working classes."

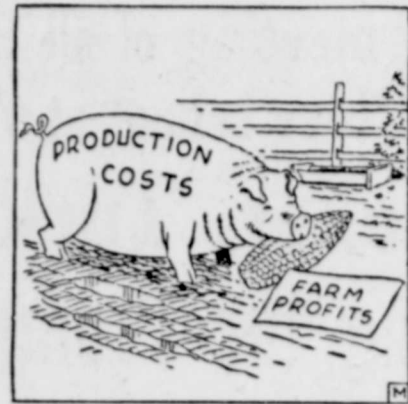
CONTINUING, he explained that "I have been thinking about this for about 15 years."

Joseph and his brother Erwin, now president of Schlitz, have been at odds recently over Joseph's suggestion that the brewery establish a million-dollar annual welfare fund for its employees by contributing 25 cents for each barrel of beer sold.



Improvement of Land Cuts Production Cost Margin Between Return, Expenses Is Narrowing

Higher production costs now biting deeper into farm profits emphasize the need for farmers to get their land in shape to produce more bushels at lower unit costs per acre, the Middle West Soil Improvement Committee points out. The margin between what a farmer gets for his crops and what it costs him to produce them is narrowing steadily. Commodities



used in farm production have more than doubled in price since 1939. Prices of grain and field crops have declined steadily since early 1948.

The committee declared that "greater crop producing efficiency is the answer to lower farm prices and higher production costs."

Crop production can be increased by "put back" soil management methods and "holding" operations. "Put back" methods include rebuilding the soil's organic matter supply by growing deep-rooted legumes in rotation. They include replacing phosphate and potash drained off by constant row cropping. They also include putting all barnyard manure back on the soil and plowing under corn stalks, straw and other left-overs.

"Holding" operations can include contouring, grass waterways and terracing where necessary.

Wire Recorder Check

When a pure-bred white leghorn climbs into a nest on the Heisdorf and Nelson breeding farm at Kirkland, Wash., it is, in its own way, making poultry history.

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Use of the recorder has resulted in huge savings of time and money, and records have never been so



Bert Nelson, partner in Kirkland, Washington's famous Heisdorf and Nelson chicken breeding farm, reads the number on the leg band on a chicken and speaks it into the microphone of a wire recorder.

accurate, according to Art Heisdorf, who with his wife, Mary, and the Nelson brothers, Bert and Clifford, operate the farm.

It was Art's brainchild to use the recorder in "running traps"—checking up on the hens to find out which ones are laying and which ones are "lying."

It's done this way: Four days a week the trap is set. When the hen crawls in a nest a trap door closes behind her. She can't get out until one of the partners lets her out. Each hen then is given a number which is on a metal tab placed around her leg. When anyone "runs the traps," he wears a small microphone, presses the small mike button and states the number of the bird's tag, and then gives the number of eggs laid and any other pertinent information about the bird.

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With youngsters raiding the cookie jar, it's sometimes hard to keep it filled, so bake in large quantity. If you reserve cookies for entertaining, make two or three of your best varieties and pack them in those attractive tins, between layers of waxed paper, and serve right from the tin. They'll be pretty enough.



#### \*Walnut Dreams (Makes about 36 squares)

**First Layer:**  
 1/2 cup butter or shortening  
 1/2 cup confectioners' sugar  
 1/2 cup sifted cake flour

Cream butter until fluffy; add sugar and flour and mix until thoroughly blended. Pat mixture into a baking pan, about 12"x8"x1". Bake in a moderate (375°) oven until golden brown. While still warm, top with the following:

**Second Layer:**  
 2 eggs, well beaten  
 1 1/4 cups brown sugar  
 1 cup moist shredded coconut  
 1 cup chopped black walnuts  
 2 tablespoons pineapple marmalade  
 2 tablespoons flour  
 1 teaspoon vanilla

Mix these ingredients in order given. Top first layer and bake in a moderate (375°) oven until golden brown, 20-25 minutes. Remove from oven, let cool slightly, then frost with

**Third Layer:**  
 1 cup confectioners' sugar  
 1 teaspoon butter  
 1/2 teaspoon grated orange rind  
 1/4 cup finely chopped black walnuts

**Orange Juice**  
 Blend together sugar, butter, orange rind and enough juice to spread easily. Cover layer two, then sprinkle with walnuts. Press walnuts into icing lightly. Cut into squares.

Do you like chewy, butter-scotch brownies? Here's the easy recipe which makes them:

**CHILDREN** will particularly like these rich, peanut butter cookies which go well with anything:

**\*Peanut Butter Cookies  
(Makes 5 dozen)**  
 1/2 cup shortening  
 1 cup granulated sugar  
 1 cup brown sugar  
 2 cups peanut butter  
 2 eggs, well beaten  
 2 teaspoons soda  
 1/4 cup boiling water  
 2 1/2 cups sifted flour

Cream shortening; add the sugar. Add peanut butter and blend well. Add eggs, then flour alternately with water. Form into balls and

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flatten on an ungreased cookie sheet with the tines of a fork, making a cross design. Bake in a moderate (375°) oven for 10-12 minutes. If desired, these may also be shaped with a cookie press.

**\*Butterscotch Brownies  
(Makes 16)**  
 1/2 cup butter or shortening  
 1/2 cup dark corn syrup  
 1/2 cup brown sugar  
 1 egg  
 3/4 cup flour  
 3/4 cup chopped pecans or walnuts

Cream together butter and sugar; add corn syrup, well-beaten egg. Fold in flour and nuts. Pour into a square pan and bake in a moderate (350°) oven for 20-25 minutes. Cut in squares. Dust with confectioners' sugar if desired.

These ice box cookies are good with a glass of milk or a dish of ice cream and simply wonderful for parties or desserts:

**Butterscotch Icebox Cookies  
(Makes 5-6 dozen)**  
 1 cup butter  
 2 cups brown sugar  
 2 eggs  
 1/2 teaspoon soda  
 1/4 teaspoon salt  
 3 1/2 cups flour  
 1 cup chopped nutmeats

Cream the butter and sugar. Add soda to eggs; mix with butter and sugar. Add salt, flour and nutmeats. Work into a roll. Wrap in waxed paper and let stand in refrigerator overnight or until needed. Slice thin. Bake in a moderately hot (400°) oven for 10-12 minutes or until golden brown.

**\*Tutti-Frutti Cookies  
(Makes 5 dozen)**  
 3/4 cup chopped maraschino cherries  
 3/4 cup chopped candied pineapple  
 2 tablespoons chopped candied orange peel  
 1 1/4 cup sifted cake flour  
 1 teaspoon baking powder  
 1/4 teaspoon salt  
 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon  
 1/4 teaspoon cloves  
 3/4 cup butter or shortening  
 3/4 cup brown sugar, firmly packed  
 2 eggs, unbeaten  
 3/4 cup chopped walnuts  
 1/4 cup milk

Combine cherries, pineapple and orange peel. Let stand in a tightly covered jar for 24 hours.

Sift flour, add baking powder, salt and spices. Sift together three times. Cream butter, add sugar and cream until light. Add eggs, one at a time, beating thoroughly after each addition. Add fruit and nuts. Fold in flour alternately with milk. Mix thoroughly. Drop from a teaspoon on a lightly greased baking sheet and bake in a hot (400°) oven for 10 minutes.

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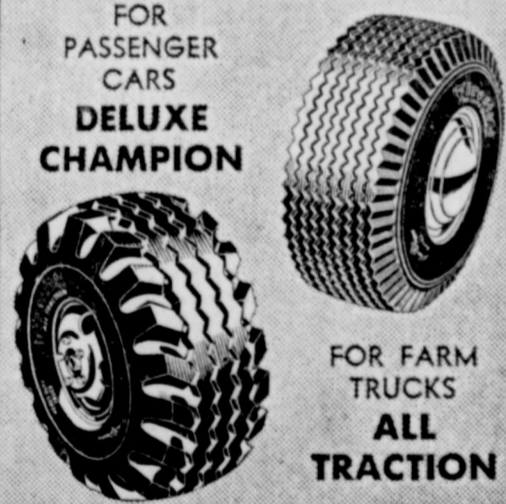
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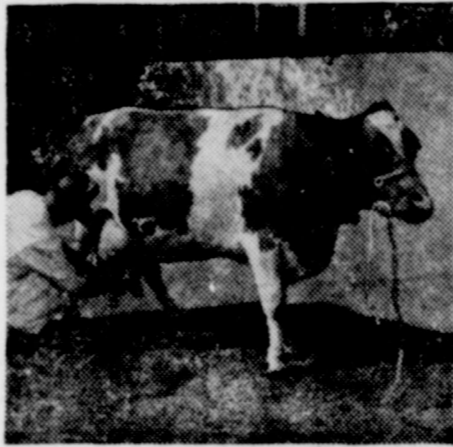


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"Joe," he says, "I believe the stand is almost more important than the produce. We get five times more customers than we used to when we had the old one."

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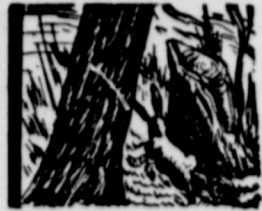
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# No Sand is Free

By W. T. PERSON



Tired of working as a clerk in a hardware store for 20 years, Andy Ives suggests to his wife, Kate, that they move to a grant of free land in the flat, black cotton country of southern Arkansas which is parceled out to those who pay a small fee and agree to live on the land for two years, making certain improvements. Andy's family, consisting of his son, Dave, daughter, Hope, and mother-in-law, Granny, heartily approves of the idea of modern pioneering. Hope rejects a proposal of marriage by Wall Harbison, son of a wealthy banker, and looks forward instead to her life as a "modern Priscilla," looking in the wilderness for her "John Aiden."

## CHAPTER III

It was the cutting loose from what had been home for so many years. That was it, she told herself. The big truckload of household things was a jumbled symbol of the home she and Andy had made.

She didn't realize that Andy was beside her until his big hand caught hers and he said: "Stop it, Kate! I feel kind of bad too. It's still the right thing we're doing. Don't cry."

"I'm not," she said, still swallowing hard against the lump.

Granny turned back into the house. "I'll check each room," she said briskly, "and see that nothing has been left." The rooms had already been checked by every member of the family.

"I'll help you," Hope offered quickly, following her in.

Dave went to the old car and raised the hood, occupied himself thereunder.

It was a time for Andy and Kate to be alone, and the others knew it. But now that they were alone, there seemed nothing to say. They just stood there, Andy holding her hand, and watched the truck make its way to the street and turn south. It disappeared around the corner.

Granny's and Hope's footsteps rang hollowly in the rooms and hallway as they returned to the front door. Hope's eyes were suspiciously red.

"We'll go over to Sue Tatum's now," Granny said, taking charge of things. "It's cold in the house; the front door has been open all this time."

At one thirty of that day they were at Whisper, a village less than fifty miles from Newcastle. From there on, it was low country, and they were beginning to see gaunt, brown cypresses hung with gray moss. The streams were flat-banked, sluggish.

"Does it get worse than this near our place?" Kate asked after a while.

"No worse," Andy told her. "And not better, either. It's swamp land where we're going."

"How on earth will you and Dave ever clear enough ground to make a crop on?" she asked worriedly.

"We'll have axes and mattocks and a crosscut saw. We'll cut and dig and burn. We'll get ground cleared. Don't bother about that."

They caught the truck a bare five miles this side of Newcastle, an old county seat town where class cleavages were sharp, where opinions were as deep-seated as the belief that the old land-owning group should have the authority over all others; where what one did was less important than one's background.

### The Family Leaves For Ives' Acres'

They followed the truck down the main business "drag": old brick stores with show windows that were changed monthly by the more progressive merchants.

"I don't like Newcastle," Hope said as they crossed the tracks. "Look how ugly it is over here!"

"They put their best street forward!" Granny told her. "What a difference between this and the one we came in on!"

The street they were crossing now paralleled the railroad—a dismal stretch of little grocery stores, taverns, pressing shops, cafes, filling stations and dry-goods stores.

They were going out of town now, passing between two rows of close-packed shacks occupied by Negroes.

They were quickly out of town, for it ended abruptly at the bayou woods not far beyond O'Grady's Filling Station and Garage. They were driving between two great stretches of cotton fields, both still white with the unpicked crop. All were quiet now, like people at a play, waiting for the curtain to rise. It was not far to the place where they would stop and unload the truck and begin a new life, and each of them was intently studying the countryside.

Andy passed the truck and drew away from it, staying a quarter of a mile ahead. "We turn off not far from here," he said. "The car will have to lead the way. The road's

kind of winding out through the woods."

This was rank understatement. After they had turned off the highway, the road was not only tortuous but rough and poorly bridged. That is to say, the better part of it was, for they did have gravel for a mile and a half after leaving the concrete. When they turned right, off the gravel, they followed a woods road that was dim in places, low-hung with great branches that had to be raised by one of the colored boys while the other drove the truck beneath them.

### Emerson Eliot Welcomes the Ives

The land was flat, except for shallow depressions that had been sloughs, the bottoms of which were thick-veined with cracks and curly with flakes of fresh deposit that had cupped as it dried in the hot fall sun. Here and there a dim road led off into the tangled woods. "They go to the places of our neighbors," Andy said. "There are the beginnings of farms scattered through there."

Finally they reached a rough bridge across a low stream. There were no railings on the bridge, and



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the heavy planks groaned and popped loosely as the truck eased over them. It was Lost Bayou, so Andy said.

Kate was pale now, her heart pounding. She hadn't dreamed that it would be this much of a wilderness! Hope's eyes were wide, and her lips were parted and dry. Dave looked puzzled. Granny sat very straight, ready for anything.

They eased around a curve where the road was so narrow that berry vines and thorn-tree limbs made scratchy sounds on the sides of the car.

"Yonder it is!" Andy announced.

"See our house?"

They looked and saw a leaning shack on a slight rise. Huge oaks and pecans towered above it. Saplings and briars grew at each end. A sad-looking stick-and-mud chimney stuck up from the west end. Its top, which had once been square, was now crumbled and broken and ragged. Through the roof near the east end of the structure, a rusty joint of stovepipe reached up leaning northward, either in mute testimony to the south wind's strength or in a desperate effort to point the direction in which civilization lay.

"The land we've taken up lies south of the house, mostly," Andy told them. "The timber's not as big down that way."

Kate wanted to say something bright and encouraging, for she knew how eager Andy was for them to like it; but for the life of her she could think of nothing that would sound just right. There was a heavy, cold feeling deep inside her.

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Granny said, "I think it's lovely!" Andy backed around between two big pecan trees, out of the way of the truck, and they piled out. The women started for the shack; Andy and Dave waited for the truck to complete its cautious backing as the driver lined the rear end of it up with the small entrance of the cabin.

Finally, the back end of the truck was in position, about six feet from the door. The driver cut the motor, and they began unloading.

Kate was positive that the house wouldn't hold their things, but Granny had a solution. "Pile what you

don't need right away in the shed room back of the kitchen; then keep bringing things in until the truck's empty. That's the way you do it."

This was logic, but it was also a threat to the old law of physics which says that complications will develop if two objects try to occupy the same space at the same time.

A rifle cracked sharply in the distance, just as Dave was carefully setting a box of dishes inside the door. He straightened up quickly, grinned at his father. "Squirrel hunter!" he said. "Say, I bet there are gangs of squirrels out here!"

"And at least one more human being somewhere around!" Hope said, low, to her mother, for she didn't want her father to hear. She knew how he would feel if they said much about the dismal, remote surroundings.

"I hear a car," Granny said. "It's coming this way."

They listened. It was a motor. Accompanying sounds in the general noise hinted a serious inner struggle: The cylinders were clearly on very bad terms, each performing at will and without regard for the other three; connecting rods banged out a constant threat of disintegration; there was a steady clanging, as if the fan might be slapping the radiator with each revolution; a series of sharp backfirings machine-gunned the swamp's stillness, then subsided; and beneath and all around these more stalwart noises there was an obligato of rattlings and janglings that grew louder as the car approached.

"What if it blows up?" Hope asked. "Hadn't we better watch out for falling metal? Jalopy flak?"

The crack of the rifle sounded again, barely audible above the cacophony of the automobile. They were sliding the piano toward the end of the truck when the car came into view, appearing out of what seemed to be the woods, with no road to guide it, nosing through brush and switch cane, barely dodging a tree here, a fallen log there. It was a dented, scarred, ancient roadster, once powder blue, the bumper flopping up and down, the right-hand door swinging open and shut as the body swayed. The headlight lenses were gone; steam spurled from the capless radiator; the hood was loose on the left side; the windshield was cracked and taped. There was no top. The roundish, bespectacled face of an elderly man peered around the windshield. It was an owlishly serious face. The man wore a corduroy cap, ear flaps down. He swung the car sharply, just missing a large pecan tree, grazed the bumper of the truck, and came to an abrupt stop by the simple expedient of heading into a hickory sapling. The motor backfired deafeningly as he cut the switch, ran a lick or two as if reluctant to be still, then coughed in sad farewell and was silent.

"Our first guest!" Hope whispered to Granny. "Shall I show him to the blue room?"

The man slid out of the Model A. He was short and slightly on the wiry side, baggily dressed in khaki coat and thick, tough, gray trousers that were generously streaked with dried mud and spotted with reddish-brown stains such as blood leaves. His head was very large for his body; his eyes were bird-bright behind tortoise-shell glasses. His face bore the stamp of good nature, and his ruddy cheeks were lightly seamed as if by laughter.

He came around the truck. "Hello, Mr. Ives," he greeted Andy. "I am Mr. Eliot—Emerson Eliot. Welcome to our fair wilderness!"

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Andy shook hands with him. "I'm Andy Ives— But you know my name already!" he exclaimed. "How'd you know it?"

Mr. Eliot chuckled pleasantly. "Oh, news gets around in these parts." He glanced toward the door, where the three women were gathered, and removed his cap, revealing a bald scalp with a scholarly fringe of graying brown hair. He bowed. "We are delighted to have such a charming family as our neighbors."

"Thank you," said Kate, meeting his dignity. "I'm Mrs. Ives, and this is Hope, our daughter, and my mother, Mrs. Craig."

"And I'm Dave."

"Hello, Dave," said Mr. Eliot. "And now we are all acquainted—" But the crack of the rifle came again, stopping him. "Mr. Flipp," he said, "is getting you some squirrels for supper."

"Well, that's certainly nice!" Andy said, glancing at Kate. "I've told my wife how neighborly the people down here would be."

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Notes**  
FROM A  
WHEEL CHAIR



(By Katherine B. Mabry)  
This is written the day the Legis-  
lature is supposed to adjourn, Satur-  
day, March 12. We do not yet know  
the full results of the work attempted  
here but we can see many good meas-  
ures have emerged—more perhaps  
than many expected.  
We have reapportionment of the  
Legislature, if and when the people  
adopt the proposal. It is perhaps as  
fair as any measure which could be  
gotten at this time. At least, the way it  
passed through both houses—by a  
unanimous vote in both the Senate  
and the House—would indicate that it  
had the general approval of all. It  
shows we can work out our difficult  
legislative problems once we lay aside  
pride of authorship and opinion and  
think of what is best for all the peo-  
ple, and try to fairly calculate what  
the fellow who does not for the mo-  
ment agree with us will accept in  
compromise. Compromise is a great  
vehicle for achieving good. Only we  
must know when to yield further  
weakens the objective and to yield  
less places obstinance above courage  
and good judgment. Courage and good  
judgment, I believe, prevailed on re-  
apportionment.  
I have said before that harsh words  
would be spoken by men of tired bod-  
ies and with jittery nerves. But I  
also said that such hard words spok-  
en under circumstance of the crowd-  
ed closing days would not be remem-  
bered too long. Many hard words were  
passed in the dying hours of the Leg-  
islature but I hope and believe they  
will not be too long remembered.

It is hard to account for the rather  
loose thinking about some issues we  
have heretofore thought of as having  
great moral value; gambling, for in-  
stance. Many good men and sound  
thinkers favored general licensing of  
gambling in the state. To my mind  
that would be unthinkable. But per-  
haps I have too much of the woman's  
and mother's viewpoint.  
New Mexico outlawed open license  
gambling in the year 1907, if my in-  
formation is correct. We have pro-  
gressed a great deal since then. We  
could not go back to those old days  
and make this another Nevada. Lack  
of enforcement of the gambling laws  
in some counties of the state doubt-  
less was the reason so many wanted  
to do away with pretense and adopt  
another, and to their mind, a more  
honest, approach. But we don't abol-  
ish laws against any particular crime  
because enforcement is unsatisfac-  
tory or has failed in places. We try  
to work for better enforcement in-  
stead and keep the law on the books.  
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tions of learning additional aid they  
so much need; and without taking  
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versities and colleges of the state—  
and no one is hurt.  
It came after a hard fight, of  
course. I know how the governor dis-  
liked to have to step in and speak  
so harshly of the potash lobby which  
was trying to defeat severance taxes  
that the schools so much needed. He  
doubtless thought no other course was  
open.  
Next week I shall try to give you a  
review of more of the Legislature's  
work.

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