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NOMINATIONS MADE FOR NEW OFFICERS AT CLUB MEETING

Nomination of officers for the coming year occupied the major portion of the business session of the Men's club last Tuesday night.

The following officers were nominated and will be voted upon next Tuesday night:

President, Frank McCarthy. Vice-president, J. E. Wimberly and Charles Michelet. Secretary-treasurer, Harold Dye. Cheer leader, Bob Cumpsten and E. A. White.

Whip, W. A. Losey and C. G. Mason.

Directors: Jack Sweatt, E. S. Bowen, A. A. Bailey, Jim Michelet, J. T. West, Lloyd Harshey, R. W. Conner and J. V. Brown.

It is desired that all men who wish to become members of the club give their names to the secretary by next Tuesday night. The membership fee is two dollars. W. A. Losey, J. E. Wimberly and Harold Dye were appointed a committee to solicit members before next Tuesday evening.

The club gave a rising vote of thanks to W. A. Losey and J. A. Buford for their work in the CWA program. The club also voted to stand solidly behind the town council in their efforts to get further public works money for this community, and a road to the Y-O crossing over which a star mail route and the school bus would pass was recommended as a suitable project.

Word was received from Senator Carl Hatch to the effect that the town's application for public works money had been found in Washington and would be acted upon immediately.

TARRANT FREE ONLY SHORT TIME

W. H. "Buzz" Tarrant, who was freed Thursday from the state penitentiary after serving eighteen months of a seven year sentence for shooting Deputy Sheriff Jim Williamson of Hagerman near here, was at liberty only a few hours. He was arrested as he stepped from a bus in Roswell on charges of firing on officers near Roswell in April, 1932.

THE BANK DEPOSITS SHOW LARGE GAIN OVER FORMER TALLY

WASHINGTON—A gratifying jump in deposits, more assets and a higher total of loans were reported for the national banks of the country over the week end by the treasury.

While officials made ready to put the federal deposit insurance system in operation they announced figures compiled from the bank call of October 26 and said that as compared with the last such tabulation of June 30 virtually all items changed in the right direction.

Between those two dates, deposits increased \$281,093,000 to reach a total of \$17,055,208,000. Assets rose from \$20,860,000,000 to \$21,198,649,000. Loans and discounts were \$140,965,000 higher, the total being \$3,257,937,000. The figures were on a basis of 5,057 banks operating unrestrictedly on October 25 as compared with 4,302 on June 30.

Walter J. Cummings, chairman of the insurance corporation, has said he believed the insurance plan would serve to increase deposits and loans with the banks freed from all fear of runs.

The banks, however, particularly the larger ones, have expressed the feeling that it was an imposition to assess them for money which would be paid to depositors of some institution less efficiently conducted.

COTTON MEETING TO BE HELD SATURDAY

A meeting of all interested in cotton raising will be held in the school house next Saturday night and it is desired that a large group of local farmers attend.

W. L. Elser and L. H. Hauter, of State College, will be present to discuss the cotton reduction plan. Both men are experts in agriculture and will give in their interesting talks the prospects for the future of cotton raising in this valley.

A similar meeting was held in Dexter last night and several local men attended.

MASONIC INSTALLATION HELD DECEMBER 27TH

The following officers were installed in the Masonic lodge Wednesday night, December 27:

C. O. Holloway, master; W. A. Losey, senior warden; W. T. Marx, junior warden; R. W. Conner, treasurer; C. G. Mason, secretary; W. F. Kerr, senior deacon; G. R. Lang, junior deacon; J. T. West, senior steward; E. S. Brown, junior steward; L. F. Wortman, tyler; H. Russell, chaplain; E. E. Lane, marshal.

Isaac F. Wortman acted as installing officer and E. E. Lane as marshal.

Last night the Masons and wives enjoyed a banquet in the undercroft of the Methodist church.

1,500 CATTLEMEN EXPECTED TO ATTEND MEETING JAN. 10--12

The convention of the American National Live Stock Association will meet in Albuquerque, January 10, 11 and 12 and will probably have a record attendance. More than 1,500 cattlemen from all parts of the west are expected to attend this meeting and the conventions of the New Mexico Wool Growers' Association and the New Mexico Cattle Growers' Association.

These two state associations will meet jointly January 10 to petition for the formation of a Federal Production Credit Agency for the state with \$1,000,000 capital. Floyd Lee, president of the Wool Growers' Association, declared that formation of the credit agency, which will handle all federal livestock loans in the state, depended only upon the presentation of the petition to the farm credit administration, a representative of which will outline functions of the new agency at the convention.

Livestock men are being urged to attend the national convention, iron out conflicting views and present a united front in demanding a recovery program for the cattle industry which is facing a great crisis, due to overproduction and poor market prices.

A plan recommending the prohibition of all imports of canned meats in the United States for a period of two years and that the federal government purchase \$75,000,000 worth of beef for distribution among the needy, recently endorsed by the New Mexico and Texas Panhandle Associations' executive committee, will probably be among the major resolutions to come before the convention.

The annual membership drive for the national association will be climaxed at the coming meeting. To date, more members have paid their annual dues and more applications for membership have been received than had been received at the same time in 1929.

DONA ANA FARMERS ASK SPECIAL MEET OF N. M. LAWMAKERS

LAS CRUCES—The ABC farm bureau local for Dona Ana county has gone on record as favoring adoption of a direct primary law for the state at a special session of the state legislature.

At a recent meeting the organization instructed its secretary to advise Gov. A. W. Hockenull the bureau desired him to call a special session of the legislature for the purpose of providing for a direct primary law for nominating candidates (not delegates) for public office. The letter also was to contain a request for a new revenue measure to substitute for the loss of revenue occasioned for the 20-mill levy limitation amendment.

GRAZING RATE EXCESSIVE

ALBUQUERQUE — Alleging that valuations placed on grazing lands by the state tax commission were unlawful and in excess of their value, the Fernandez Cattle Company of San Mateo, N. M., filed suit against the commission in Santa Fe late Friday requesting an injunction to restrain the commission from certifying the value of the lands to county assessors.

The action also asks the court to determine the actual value of the land for taxable purposes and of all other similar grazing land in the state.

Mrs. Blanch Hughes spent Tuesday afternoon in Roswell shopping.

Mr. and Mrs. John Clark were Roswell visitors on Tuesday afternoon.

President Delivers The Annual Message

HOPE STARTS NEW YEAR WITH 2 FIRES AND STORE ROBBERY

Hope started the new year with excitement. On the morning of January 1st fire completely demolished two frame dwellings and the Van Store was robbed on the previous night. The two story residence of John Prude in the west part of Hope caught fire about 6:00 o'clock Monday morning and was burned to the ground. About the same time a two story frame dwelling on the Riley farm, three miles northwest of Hope caught fire and was also burned to the ground. Both houses caught from the roof. The loss in both cases was said to have been due to defective flues. Neighbors living near the Riley residence discovered the blaze in the roof and informed Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Buchanan, who were living in the house of the fire. The blaze had gained too much headway to be checked. A small amount of household furniture was saved. Loss on the building was partly covered by insurance. Loss on both dwellings was estimated to be in the neighborhood of \$7,500. The Prude residence was also partly covered by insurance.

Robbers entered the Van Store at Hope some time Sunday night and took \$7.00 or \$8.00 from the cash drawer and a suede coat. Entrance was made into the store building by breaking a glass in the front door of the store.

TEN BEST STORIES IN 1933

NEW YORK—Managing editors of leading newspapers made these selections for the ten outstanding news stories of 1933:

- 1—Roosevelt recovery program.
- 2—Hitler's rise to power in Germany.
- 3—Repeal of the eighteenth amendment.
- 4—Recognition of the U. S. S. R.
- 5—American bank holiday.
- 6—Attempted assassination of President-elect Roosevelt and mortal wounding of Mayor Cermak.
- 7—Akron disaster.
- 8—California earthquake.
- 9—War on kidnaping. (Returns received after the Brooke Hart kidnaping-murder and lynching specifically mentioned this story).
- 10—Death of former President Coolidge.

TOTAL WHEAT PAYMENTS

WASHINGTON—Wheat payments totaling \$17,578,053 made to 232,759 farmers were announced Friday by the farm administration under the cash benefit plan of acreage reduction. New Mexico growers received \$167,307.

Roy Slade left for McMurry College Sunday after spending the holidays here.

Pres. Roosevelt Pleased With Accomplishments of National Recovery Plan; Hits at the High Powered Financiers.

WASHINGTON—In a vigorously worded, personally delivered message, President Roosevelt yesterday pointed an enthusiastic congress toward his conception of a permanent recovery on a new basis.

Shouts, lusty and long, rose from both sides of the house chamber when the president entered on the arm of his tall son, James, to address the joint session.

Members of his cabinet walked in just ahead, blinking in the glare of klieg lights. In the galleries sat Mrs. Roosevelt and other members of the president's family; near them were diplomats and other celebrities—and some well known persons waited outside in the corridors, unable to obtain entrance.

Mr. Roosevelt's message was in general terms. Specific recommendations, including one that probably will ask for the right to negotiate reciprocal tariff treaties, are to be made later.

The president thrust deeply toward some of the recently disclosed practices of big business in the banking and speculative fields.

He told the joint session of congress that the nation is "definitely in the process of recovery," and proposed a permanency of the principles of his monetary, agriculture and industrial programs.

For new fields of immediate effort, he asked "stringent preventive or regulatory measures" in the nation's business affairs and a governmental and public war against organized crime.

"I am speaking," said the president in raised voice, "of those individuals who have evaded the spirit and purpose of our tax laws, of those high officials of banks or corporations who have grown rich at the expense of their stockholders or of the public, of those reckless speculators with their own or other people's money whose operations have injured the values of the farmers' crops and the savings of the poor."

"In the other category, crimes of organized banditry, cold blooded shooting, lynching and kidnaping have threatened our security."

"These violations of ethics and these violations of law call on the strong arm of government for their immediate suppression; they call also on the county for an aroused public opinion."

The president left no doubt that he wanted the emergency recovery program continued with necessary modifications and announced he would direct federal relief pending the restoration of private employment.

MEASUREMENTS TO BE USED IN COMING N. M. HEALTH SURVEY

ALBUQUERQUE — Nutrition measurements to be used in the forthcoming health and tuberculosis survey have been supplied by the American Child Health Association. This nutrition index was worked out by the American Child Health Association in 1933 and its use in the health survey is thought to be the first time the standard has been applied in this state.

In the counties chosen for the intensive part of the survey, from 250 to 1,000 children will be given these nutritional measurements. This part of the survey will take place on the third day of each clinic. The children will be given the tuberculin test on the first day, and adults will be examined on the second and fourth days.

The scope of the survey depends upon the amount of money raised from the 1933 Christmas Seal sale, which has been closed. Committee chairmen point out that the money is to be used in this definite New Mexico project, and that support of the seal sale at this time is particularly desirable.

With government aid in so many projects, voluntary financial help could not be better given than to the survey, active workers say. From the findings of the survey, according to Dr. Carl E. Buck, director of field studies of the American Public Health Association, who will be in charge of the work, a program for both official and voluntary health agencies for years to come is expected to be outlined.

SILVER COINAGE RULES ISSUED BY TREASURY

WASHINGTON—Acting Secretary Morgenthau Saturday issued detailed regulations to govern the coinage of silver under President Roosevelt's proclamation and required all persons delivering the metal to federal mints to make monthly reports on production.

"The regulations prescribe forms of affidavits to be made by the person delivering the silver, with supporting affidavits by the miner," the treasury said.

"In the case of silver of wholly domestic origin, the affidavits will set forth that the silver to be received has actually been mined from natural deposits in the United States or a place subject to its jurisdiction, subsequent to the date of the proclamation (December 21).

Dennis Harris and Raynal Cumpsten left yesterday afternoon for Chicago where they will enroll in the Coyne electrical school.

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NOW IS THE TIME TO PLANT MORE TREES

Sixty-five Chinese elms grown by the town of Hagerman have been planted along the streets by order of the town board by Frankie Davis. Residents may obtain these trees by making application to the mayor.

Now is the time to plant trees. Since the last year freeze killed most of our cottonwoods, Hagerman will need these replaced by the more hardy and beautiful Chinese elms. All citizens are asked to cooperate with the movement and to beautify their places of residence and rent house grounds. One of the greatest assets which any city or town might have, is beautiful trees.

WANT SPORTSMEN TO AID IN PASSING THE STAMP DUCK BILL

WASHINGTON, D. C.—While duck hunters, conservationists, naturalists and others equally sincere are debating as to whether there are more ducks or less ducks than last year, or the year before, and so on, the American Game Association, the Izaak Walton League of America, and other organizations are working for the consummation of the first really constructive act to restore wildfowl—the Duck Stamp Bill, officials declare.

The Duck Stamp Bill, now pending before Congress, simply asks the privilege of selling duck stamps at \$1 each to be affixed to state hunting licenses of those desiring to hunt waterfowl. These contributions, which, it is estimated, will amount to approximately \$1,000,000 a year, are to be used in restoring the vast breeding grounds of wildfowl, creating sanctuaries along the migratory flyways, for scientific research to better their conditions, and for administration of this huge system. Not less than 75% of the monies are to be used to acquire breeding grounds and refuges.

Incidentally, delightful amazement over these efforts is developing in official Washington. When everybody else, it seems, is trying to develop ways of wriggling out of numerous taxes, come now the hunters of the United States, some seven million strong, humbly asking the powers that be to allow them to assess themselves or those of themselves who want to hunt waterfowl, a dollar-a-year to aid the waterfowl! Washington can hardly understand it.

Aside from the sentimental motives, the duck hunters obviously want to increase the supply so that it will afford more sport to more of them and insure this sport for future generations.

"Well, what's the catch, what is this going to cost the government?" one cagey official asked. "Not one red cent!" an official of the association told him. "The bill provides for the payment of all expenses out of the proceeds."

"Mister, you sportsmen are unique," he said in amazement, "you can count on my help."

In the meantime other officials of the association are trying to determine, as accurately as is humanly possible, the exact status of the wildfowl. Most species have decreased in the last few years, but to what extent none seems to know. In any event, officials said, the sportsmen must do everything possible to aid the waterfowl to increase their numbers.

STATE BANK CONTROL RETURNED TO STATES

WASHINGTON — President Roosevelt, in a proclamation Saturday night, returned to the state banking authorities sole supervision of the non-member banking structure.

He amended proclamations issued last March whereby all banks were brought under supervision of the administration when the banking emergency was declared.

The proclamation in the previous regulations pertaining to the holding of gold, hoarding, and dealing in foreign exchange, were continued in Saturday night's order.

Owing to the fact that measles and chicken pox were visitors in some twenty homes in the community, school was postponed for another week, and all the teachers were wired by the school board to continue their vacation a few more days. School will re-open Monday.

Misses Lucy McIntosh and La Vergne Campbell have returned from Abilene, Texas, where they spent several days visiting.

MRS. W. J. ALTER DIED FRI. MORNING OF HEART FAILURE

Mrs. W. J. Alter, one of Hagerman's best loved residents for a score of years, died at her home here suddenly Friday morning about five o'clock.

Thursday night Mrs. Alter played with the girls until bed time, and during the night became sick with a minor stomach ailment. She took some mild medicine for the illness, but near morning became violently ill. Mr. Alter left for the doctor, but in the meantime his wife had died. Her two foster daughters were the only ones present at her bed.

A coroner's inquest held Friday morning returned a verdict of death from heart failure. Mrs. Alter had been the victim of high blood pressure for many years.

Mrs. Alter was 62 years of age at the time of her death. She was born in Brooklyn, New York, February 18, 1871. She became the bride of W. J. Alter forty-two years ago.

Short funeral services were held in the family home here Saturday morning with Rev. C. W. Gardner in charge. A large group of Hagerman friends accompanied the body to the depot where it was shipped to Richland, Iowa, for burial beside the body of the only child of Mr. and Mrs. Alter, a son, Cecil, who died in a San Antonio army camp in 1918.

The host of Hagerman friends sympathize deeply with Mr. Alter in his grief.

PLATEAU SINGERS TO MEET AT LAKE ARTHUR

Next Sunday the Plateau Singing Convention will be held at the Baptist church in Lake Arthur. It will be an all-day affair with a basket dinner on the grounds at noon. A violin choir, special solos and special duets are among the features of the convention. The public is cordially invited to attend and bring a well filled basket.

The entire address of Supt. E. A. White which he made before the P. T. A. section of the New Mexico Educational Association in Albuquerque was printed in the last issue of the New Mexico School Review.

FARM CREDIT SYSTEM DEVISED TO MEET OVER PRODUCTION

WASHINGTON—The twin problems of agriculture, debt and commodity surpluses, bore the brunt of government attack in 1933.

To solve the surplus problem, the agricultural adjustment act was passed, providing for crop control and marketing agreements. To meet the debt situation, the farm credit administration was set up, and lending agencies that had been scattered under the old federal farm board, treasury, reconstruction finance corporation, and department of agriculture, were grouped under one head and broadened.

Department of agriculture figures show that in 1932 farm mortgages indebtedness was about \$8,500,000,000. For the year ending last March approximately 38.8 farms out of every 1,000 were involved in transfers for debt.

Four types of credit are provided under the new setup by the federal land banks, production credit corporations, intermediate credit banks and banks of cooperatives in each of 12 regions.

By issuing \$2,000,000,000 in bonds, with interest guaranteed, the federal land banks were permitted to assume farm mortgages held by private agencies in order to stop foreclosures.

Nearly half a million farmers applied for \$1,700,000,000 in mortgage loans between May 12 and December 1.

Geared to grant loans which amounted to only \$27,569,000 in 1932, the land banks stepped up their lending from \$3,985,000 in July to \$58,352,000 in November, or a total of more than \$110,000,000 in the five months.

CARLSBAD TEACHER DIES

Glenn R. Plummer, age 28, head of the science department of the Carlsbad high school, died at Carlsbad Monday following an attack of appendicitis. Plummer had been in the Carlsbad schools the past five years.

SCHOOL DAYS By DWIG



MUTT AND JEFF And When There's An Admiral Around A Captain Hasn't Got A Chance by Bud Fisher



MARKETS

N. Y. COTTON
(Furnished by courtesy of Artesia Alfalfa Growers Association.)

(March Option)		
	Open	Close
December 29	10.28	10.26
January 1	10.38	10.42
January 3	10.46	10.42

The depreciation of the dollar has greatly improved the position of the American cotton grower in competition with cotton grown abroad. The dollar has gone down more than the currencies of competing cotton countries with the result that while the American grower receives the higher prices for his cotton, competitor growers in other countries have not received such increased prices. At the present time the price of American cotton in Liverpool is about what it was a year ago today, while our price is twice the level of a year ago. At the prices our competitors are receiving for their cotton there seems no great danger of them growing too much cotton, or taking our cotton trade from us.

The present move to establish a devaluated dollar is meeting with approval of the agricultural sections but is not so well liked among others. Yet the assistance rendered to agriculture has caused an upward trend of all business which we think is quite likely to continue with normal reactions in all markets.

Cotton, having broken out of its rut on the top side, is now likely to continue higher by easy stages. A 25 million acre crop will not be the least of the assisting factors.

TO LAY GAS LINE
Materials have been assembled for the construction of a twenty-mile extension from the Paso-Tex gas line in south Eddy county to the refinery of the United States Potash Co., it was announced at Carlsbad last week.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD
"Come thou with us and we will do thee good."
We bid you welcome to the Assembly of God church.
David L. Laughlin, Pastor.
Rev. Lee R. Miller, Evangelist.

WELL INSPECTION UNDER WAY
T. S. Cox, well inspector for the south end of the artesian basin, stated Saturday he had completed inspection on about forty wells. Mr. Cox expects to inspect about sixty wells per week until the survey is completed, which will be about February 1st.

Loose Leaf Binders, Special Ruling and Stock Forms—The Messenger
CARBON PAPER—The Messenger

FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE IN EFFECT
Ninety-seven percent of the nation's bank deposits are now insured under a federal law. The new deposit law affects 13,423 banks and insures the individual deposits up to \$2,500.

ARTESIAN LOAN UNDER CONSIDERATION
The application of the Pecos Valley Artesian Conservancy District for a \$75,000 loan to repair and plug a number of leaky and abandoned wells was under consideration by the public works board at Washington, Thursday, it was announced.

Calling Cards, 100 for \$1.75, on best grade paneled or plain stock.—The Messenger.

The Einstein Theory
The theory of relativity covers ten pages in the encyclopedia, and even then is understandable only to a person versed in higher mathematics. Only a dozen people are said to be capable of understanding the theory.

Treason in "Paradise Lost"
Milton found trouble and difficulty in getting a license to publish his "Paradise Lost." One particular phrase, "in the noble simile of the sun in an eclipse," the authorities thought looked treasonable!

Moon and Earth Around Sun
The moon, being a satellite of the earth, and revolving around and accompanying it in its orbit around the sun, requires the same time to go around the sun as the earth requires—one year.

Fetch on the Ideas
"When we are perplexed," said Hi Ho, the sage of Chinatown, "we wait for a man with an idea. When he arrives thousands of us begin showing how we think we can better it."

Still There's More to Follow
The government's conscience fund—contributed by anonymous persons whose consciences make them believe they have cheated Uncle Sam—now totals more than \$900,000.

Disposition Not Included
"When a man tells you he never said anything he's sorry for," said Uncle Eben, "it don't necessarily show he has a good disposition. It only proves dat he's forgetful."

U. S.-Canadian Comparison
With the same age, area, and natural resources, the wealth and population of the United States is twelve times that of Canada.

Indians Farmed in Ohio
The Indians once had about 400 acres of cultivated land within the present boundaries of Delaware, Ohio.

Traces of Lost Race Found
The discovery has been made of a lost race of Eskimo hunters on the barren coast of East Greenland.

Two Republics in California
There have been two distinct temporary republics of California.

Redstart an Attractive Bird
Outstanding among the warblers is the redstart, its brilliant blue-black feathered back, and salmon-orange wing, body and tail feathers, making it appear like a wind-blown firebrand as it lives up to its reputation for being birddom's best example of perpetual motion.

Cousins "Once Removed"
The meaning of the designation "once removed" in the relationship of cousins means a difference of a generation. For example, the offspring of cousins bear the relationship of first cousins once removed to the cousin of their parent.

Those Story Claws Absent
Jud Tunkins says the work of the police would be a whole lot easier if the people who commit crimes would be considerate enough to leave behind the same kind of clues that the detective story writers use.

British Tennis Players Lose
In ten years of Davis cup play, British tennis players have been beaten nine times by continental nations—four times by France, twice by Germany, and once each by Spain, Italy and Denmark.

Public Vehicles Regulated
The speed of ambulances and fire engines in Washington, D. C., is limited to 30 miles an hour on highways. The vehicles are prohibited from going through traffic lights before stopping.

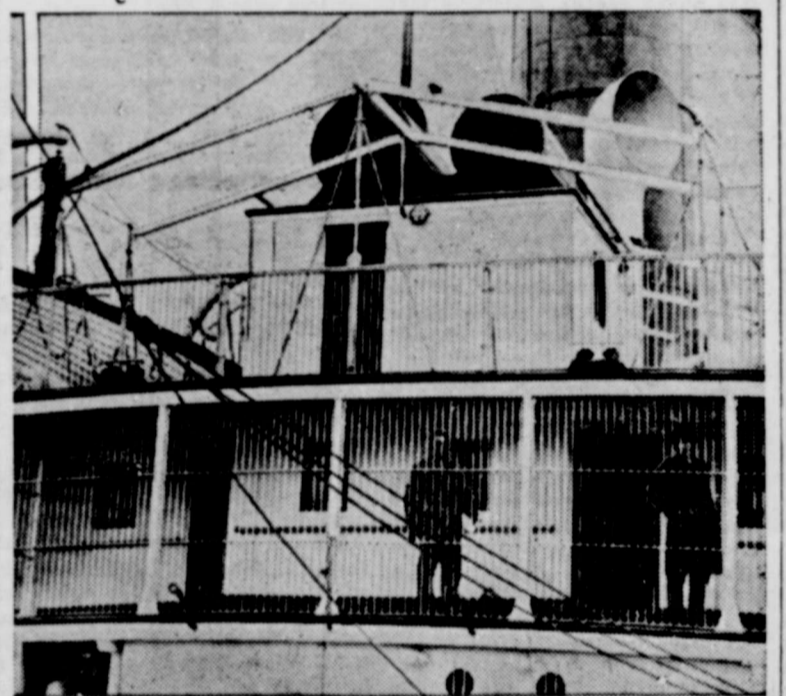
Canada's Banks
While Canada's banks appear to operate more to the safety of the depositors, they do not attempt to live up to the American idea that a bank is a means of financing business.

Glass Bricks Practical
Glass building bricks, plain or colored, have reached a practical stage. Used in industrial and other buildings they permit infiltration of light, and offer unusual effects.

Formal Procedure
Every person called to the witness stand in this country is sworn to tell the "truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth."

No Chance to Straddle
There was a law in some of the old Greek republics that every citizen must take one side or the other in an insurrection.

Built to Foil Chinese Pirates



Chinese pirates won't have much chance to board the S. S. Yochow, which was built at Cardiff, Wales, for passenger service between the East Indies, China and Japan. Grills with revolving spiked tops are placed across the ship to protect the cabins, and an adequate supply of arms is carried.

UNUSUAL FACTS REVEALED—by "Movie Spotlight"

THE COLUMBIA STUDIOS HAS A NEW METHOD OF TESTING A MYSTERY PLAY. ALL BUT THE LAST PART OF THE STORY IS READ TO A SELECTED AUDIENCE AND IF MORE THAN 10% GUESS THE CULPRIT THE STORY IS REWRITTEN

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by resolving to always look your best.

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Shaves20c

Bowen Barber Shop

PANTS
TO MATCH YOUR \$
COAT & VEST
for one dollar!
WITH EACH SUIT ORDER
C. E. HOYT
Alfalfa Growers Office
Hagerman, New Mexico

MALAGA-STATE LINE ROAD COMPLETED

The oiling of the highway from Malaga south to the state line has been completed, it was announced last week. Surfacing the highway was finished earlier in the year. This road supplies an important unit in a hard surface highway connecting Eddy county with Pecos, Texas.

BANK SERVICE CHARGES HELD UP

Service charges to be instituted by banks of the Regional Clearing House of District 3, have been held up pending the approval of the national banking code by the national recovery administration.

CROPS BRING DOUBLE VALUE

Crop values more than doubled this year on 445 farms totaling 25,055 acres under the Carlsbad irrigation project, L. E. Foster, superintendent of the reclamation bureau at Carlsbad, announced last week.

SCARLET FEVER

A case of scarlet fever in the lower end of the county has been reported by the Eddy county health department. No serious outbreak is expected.

TYPEWRITERS
Portables and Standards
\$20.00 to \$102.50
The Messenger

Mrs. A. C. Harter of Los Angeles, California, left for home last week after visiting friends in Hagerman and attending to business matters here. Mrs. Harter was a one-time resident of this community and owns the Meadow Crest farm northwest of town.

Wedding announcements, printed or engraved.—The Messenger.

THESE ARE OUR EVERYDAY PRICES

- Sugar, 10 lbs.....50c
- Mrs. Tucker's Shortening 8 lbs.....58c
- No. 1 Dry Salt Bacon, per lb.....12½c
- East Texas Ribbon Cane Syrup, per gal.....75c
- Irish Potatoes are going up! Now 100 lbs.....\$1.65

Hamill's Service Station
McGaffey and Main
Roswell, N. M.

To You, Our Friends

Of Hagerman, we want to wish each of you a Prosperous and Happy New Year.

MABIE-BOWREN HARDWARE CO.
Roswell, New Mexico

JUDGE US BY OUR PAST

Its USEFULNESS to those it serves is the real measure of value of a public utility institution.

This is the rule by which we hope you will judge our service of the past year.

Southwestern PUBLIC SERVICE Company

Security

Safety

The Ability To Concentrate

CONCENTRATION upon one fundamental feature of banking has been practiced by this bank since its foundation. It has put all its energies into building a safe financial institution. Upon that one, single idea it has concentrated and the result has been success—it has attained safety.

THOUSANDS of years ago a Hindu sage made the homely remark that "He who has but one hog makes him fat." Concentration upon one thing will accomplish many things.



First National Bank OF HAGERMAN

Satisfaction

Service

LAND MARK MAY BE RESTORED

Restoration of the old Wells Fargo-Butterfield stage coach station near Guadalupe peak on U. S. Highway 62 will be carried out if efforts of the Carlsbad chamber of commerce to that end are received satisfactorily by the civil works administration, it was announced last week.

The chamber's hopes were set out in a letter to John G. Meem, prominent Santa Fe architect, who has been named to membership on a national committee for hearing requests for CWA funds for the restoration of pictorial preservation of historically valuable homes, buildings and bridges which are threatened with destruction.

All that remains of the station at present is two walls, each about eight to ten feet in height and not more than 100 feet from the highway, about 20 miles in Texas.

The site of the station was marked several years ago by Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe P. Conkling, El Paso, at their own expense, in a ceremony attended by a large group of citizens from El Paso.—Carlsbad Current-Argus.

A bear cub is growing up in Yellowstone park that should make a good taxi driver of the horn-blasting variety. Rangers investigating the cause of a deafening motor-horn solo in the vicinity of the hotel near the canyon found the driver's seat of a small car occupied by an enterprising cub who was getting all he could out of the horn. Even his mother appeared impressed by his performance.

NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS

The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank of Hagerman, N. M., will be held in the directors' room of the said bank at 2:00 p. m. the second Tuesday of January, (January 9th) 1934, for the purpose of electing a board of directors and the transaction of such other business as may be properly presented at that time.

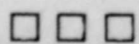
W. A. LOSEY, President.

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Curry Service On The Corner

Garden of Delight

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THERE was to be a fete that night in the open-air restaurant of the Russian grand duke. A screen of canvas was drawn across the gate.

But that meant nothing to Ivan Storogev, the successful gigolo, who, at three o'clock in the afternoon, had crawled from his comfortable bed. A year ago he had been a waiter, a loyal member of the commonwealth of Russian aristocrats under the leadership of the dead czar's cousin in that place. He made his way through the house, saw Princess Irina Petrovna hanging paper lanterns on the shabby pergola and marched quickly to her side.

"You!" she said lightly. "How nice of you to come."

He said thickly, "Why don't you answer my letters?"

Irina continued to put the candles in their sockets with a steady hand. "If you're not going to help me," she said, "you're badly in the way."

He said, "I can't and won't stand the way in which you're treating me. Do you hear? I regard myself as engaged to be married to you."

Irina assumed an anger that she did not feel. "You bore me, count," she said. "You know the way to the gate."

Ivan stamped his foot, and the two red spots of rage were even redder now. He cried out, "Has the degradation of this cursed place dulled your moral sense? Why not say that you're in love with some one else? You think that I've lost caste by dancing at the hotel. I have. But so have you. I've seen you looking at Shakovskaya, that peasant with his 'magic' violin. If you and he have any idea of going to our church on the hill, I tell you this in cold blood here and now; there'll be murder in this Garden of Delight and suicide as well. As God's my judge, that's true."

He turned on his heels and left. With the disturbing vibrations of his presence removed, the restaurant, with its huge, charming trees, resumed its cheerfulness. General Igorvitch, the head cook, and Prince Vladimir Dionisievitch, the xylophonist of the orchestra, were singing to themselves as they arranged the little tables.

Paul Shakovskaya, peasant and violinist, was tying pieces of colored paper to the pergola. If Ivan had seen Irina's eyes as Shakovskaya passed, murder and suicide would immediately have turned the Garden of Delight into a Garden of Despair. She loved him. But to Shakovskaya she was the grand duke's daughter—as far removed as though she was a star.

During the fete that night Shakovskaya watched his chief with affection and deference. Turning to Irina, he said, "A master of men, princess. One whom it is a joy and an honor to serve." And because he was happy at the fullness of the garden he took her hand and raised it to his lips.

Excited, too, that the hitherto almost empty place was now filled with laughter and talk, Irina bent forward so that her curls touched one of the high cheek-bones of the peasant's face. She was startled at the effect it had on him.

"Oh, my God," he said beneath his breath, withdrew his hand, clicked his heels, seized his violin and stuck it beneath his chin. And, when, hardly able to pull herself together, Irina took her place in front of the platform to sing, there was a tremor of so great a joy in her voice that it hushed the conversation and brought forth bursts of applause.

And at the back of the garden, in the shadow near the gate, stood Ivan Storogev with madness in his brain and a revolver in his pocket, all according to fate. Irina's heart was to be his target, not that of Shakovskaya.

He had made up his mind to hear Irina sing once more, and as the last echo of what was to be her swan song died among the trees to send her out of the possibility of belonging to another man and then follow after her.

The orchestra went softly into the opening bars of "Le Bon Temps Viendra" which Shakovskaya had set to a haunting melody. And as the loyal peasant drew his bow across his strings he caught the gleam of Ivan's weapon and saw with horror and amazement that it was not aimed at him but at Irina—Irina who was standing, wholly unaware of impending death, a few feet to his right. With a sort of divine inspiration he flung himself quickly in front of her.

There was a loud report. He fell with a crash at her feet.

And while the startled diners crowded together with screams, a second shot rang out.

Ivan had put the barrel to his head. Chaos, the crush of running people at the gate, the startled movement of the grand duke to the platform with his faithful friends, the crumpled figure of the wasted gigolo lying on his face. And to Shakovskaya the knowledge of a hot sting in his left shoulder and Irina's lips on his mouth in that Garden of Delight.

GENERAL NEWS BRIEFS

Morgenthau Treasurer WASHINGTON — President Roosevelt Monday gave evidence of his satisfaction with the progress of the administration's financial and monetary programs under the direction of Henry Morgenthau, Jr., by giving his old friend and neighbor the title as well as the responsibilities of secretary of the treasury.

After more than a month as acting head of the department, Morgenthau was promoted to full membership in the cabinet following the resignation of Secretary Woodin, who went on leave of absence in mid-November to seek rest and recovery from a persistent throat infection.

Holiday Dead Number 175 About 175 persons lost their lives as the new year opened in accidents, wrecks, bad weather and spats, shootings and suicides, a preliminary report showed.

The greatest tragedy occurred in California where 30 were killed in a flood, 19 were missing, hundreds were injured and thousands were made homeless as waters raged through lowlands in the southern rural sections. There was 8 inches of rainfall in 24 hours.

Auto accidents as usual claimed the largest part of the total fatalities, and accidental gunshot wounds contributed a large share. A number of persons died after falls downstairs, one was electrocuted, two died in a mine cave-in, and a number drowned.

The tabulation by causes was: auto 63; drownings 36; guns 22; miscellaneous 30.

Registrations Increase ALBUQUERQUE—New Mexico during 1933 had 50.63 per cent more automobiles registered than in 1932, but consumed less gasoline. National automobile chamber of commerce figures released yesterday revealed 76,679 cars registered last year as compared with 50,905 in 1932. Gasoline consumption totaled 38,530,342 gallons for 1933 as against 39,077,018 gallons in 1932.

New Liquor Bill WASHINGTON—The new liquor tax bill designed to bring in \$470,000,000 in revenue at rates low enough to discourage bootlegging in wet states will be brought up today in the house for speedy action.

Completing the measure yesterday, the ways and means committee formally reported it to the house with the statement that it believed the rates "will return the maximum amount of revenue without incurring the dangers of perpetuating illegal liquor traffic by excessive rates."

BIGGEST LIE IN 1933 CHICAGO—Here's the cream and crust of 1933's bumper crop of lies:

"My grandfather had a clock that was so old that the shadow from the pendulum swinging back and forth had worn a hole in the back of it."

This "whopper," submitted by B. Ceresa of Langeloth, Pennsylvania, was awarded the prize-winning medal given annually by the Burlington, Wisconsin, National Liars' club.

Ceresa's yarn was selected from 2,500 entries from 40 states, Canada, the army and the navy, and he was acclaimed as the "First Liar of the Land."

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WANTS KEAN'S TOGA?



Mayor Frank Hague of Jersey City, N. J., long-time Democratic overlord of that city and of the state as well, is, according to reports, thinking of entering the lists for the Democratic nomination for United States senator in the spring primaries. The seat now occupied by Senator Hamilton F. Kean, who won his toga in the 1928 Hoover landslide, will be at stake, and it is declared for Frank that he believes he would have an excellent chance of defeating Mr. Kean in the election.

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Lights of New York

By L. L. STEVENSON

A huskily built colored man wearing a ten-gallon hat is a familiar figure to New Yorkers and visitors. He makes his living by selling snakes and has been in that business for the last ten years. He works all over the city, picking up dimes down in the financial district, uptown and in Harlem. He does a lot of business among his own race in Harlem. Some believe his snakes are lucky. Others believe they bring bad luck. The first buy them for charms for themselves. The second buy them to give to enemies. His snakes aren't real. He makes them himself, whittling out the pieces and doing a two-color paint job. To customers, he tells a tale of learning the art of stringing pieces of wood together so that they wriggle, while doing a six-months stretch for drunken driving. Privately, he admits that it is merely a bit of color to speed up the snake selling business. His name is Jim Dixon and he came here from Dallas, Texas. Hence the hat, which cost him \$50 in Fort Worth.

The snake business has its drawbacks. The worst is flower pots which drop from window sills. When Dixon first came here a stick fell out of a third-story window, hit him on the head and brought a temporary end to the snake business. He thought the Yankees had it in for him. Later, he learned it was an accident. The woman who had caused it apologized and he was so pleased that he gave her an eight-foot snake. But he doesn't care for elephants. Down in Texas, as a joke, he handed an elephant a plug of tobacco. The elephant couldn't see the joke. Then a white man told him elephants remembered wrongs for 20 years. Recently up in the Bronx, while he was selling snakes, something that looked like a piece of dirty rope reached for the demonstrator. Seeing that it was an elephant's trunk, Dixon told his feet to do their duty, the tobacco incident having taken place only 15 years ago! When the snake business is bad, he tells fortunes and preaches.

Shrill screams coming from a small sedan being driven down Broadway at the height of the morning rush hour attracted the attention of pedestrians who suspected that a girl was being kidnaped. Finally two policemen leaped on the running board and the driver brought the car to a stop. Immediately, a menacing crowd surrounded it. Then it was discovered that the screams came from a crate. In the crate was a big, green parrot all packed for shipment to Chicago. The policemen got off and the crowd fell back, and the driver proceeded with a very red face.

Street scene. Tenement children grouped about an organ grinder on Delancey street. Atop the organ, a wizened little monkey in a gray uniform. The monkey extends a battered tin cup to the children and a couple of pennies drop into it. The monkey doffs his hat and the organ man, with a grin, grinds out a merry tune. The children dance and the monkey, with what looks like a smile, hops about the top of the organ.

Always something to make it tough to keep at a task in New York. For instance, right at the moment, down below in Forty-third street, there is wild music—a violin throbs, cymbals crashing and now and then the thumping of a great drum. Instead of New York it seems like the steppes or the mountains of Hungary, and as I write I vision swart, black-eyed men and dark, lithe women. And the darned street is so narrow that only seven floors up I can't see what's going on down below!

The other day, an organ grinder stopped out in front of the house and played a lively air, "La Marsellais," exclaimed May as she threw down a dime. "Oul, La Marsellais," returned the musician, showing a fine set of dental equipment. And didn't he play it through three times more! I'm wondering what the 124 other families in the house thought.

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Mummy of Indian Child

Boise City, Okla.—A mummy of an Indian child, perfectly preserved, has been dug up in a cave near Black Mesa. School teachers who found the object believe it dated back to the Indian basket weaver era. It was found doubled up on one side under a heavy rock, with beads and corn in the crude grave. The child appeared to have been about eight years old when it died.

Dog Would Adopt Pigs

Breckenridge, Texas.—When Lady, eight-year-old German police dog, lost her litter of pups, she attempted to adopt, by theft, a litter of pigs from Mother Sow. So persistent was Lady in her efforts that her master found it necessary to tie her up to keep her out of the pig pen.

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VET REVIEW BOARDS GIVE REPORT ON CASES PASSED

WASHINGTON—Nearly half of the cases considered by special boards of review, created last August to pass on border line cases of war veterans' presumptive service disabilities, were found to be service connected.

Frank T. Hines, veterans administrator, Monday night made public the consolidated report of the 128 boards which met in 55 regional areas.

Of the 41,213 cases reviewed, 21,955 or 42.87 per cent were found to be service connected. The percentages of allowed and disallowed cases in the several regional areas varies from 23.32 per cent allowed in the Burlington, Vermont, area to 74.68 allowed in the Charlotte, North Carolina, area.

The report indicated that several boards placed emphasis on combat service as a causative factor in the subsequent development of neuropsychiatric and tuberculosis disabilities, Hines said.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK ROSWELL TAKES OVER BANK OF COMMERCE

It was announced in Roswell Saturday the First National Bank of that city had taken over the Bank of Commerce. Checking accounts of the depositors of the Bank of Commerce will be paid in full at the First National. The former bank will be kept open under supervision until the affairs of the bank are closed.

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LOCALS

Mr. and Mrs. Dub Andrus and Mr. and Mrs. Alma Nail visited in El Paso and Juarez over New Year's.

Rev. J. W. Slade and daughter Margaret left Monday for Imperial, Texas, to take Anna Slade back to her school.

Mrs. E. A. White and children who have been staying on the White ranch in the mountains have returned to Hagerman.

Fisher White, brother of Supt. E. A. White, is still suffering with an ailment in his head. Aing crush the present time he is in Wink a tree-day at r car in

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Wheelocker him. have recently been transferred get out from the Pecos Mines at Terrell to the Shafter mines in the Big Bend county of Texas. Mrs. E. A. White and Mrs. Willis Pardee.

Mr. and Mrs. John Henry Slayter left Monday for their home in Clovis after spending the holidays with Mrs. Slayter's parents. Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Paddock. Miss Caroline Paddock left at the same time for Carlsbad where she is teaching school.

LIVESTOCK IN GOOD CONDITION

Livestock over the ranges are laid reported in good condition anetting who grass is fair to good in most state places. Should the weather conports. The ques sprung come, livestock will be 22 highw pulled through the winter in finish said shape.

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