



## SEMINOLE MAY HAVE OIL TEST IN THE CITY LIMITS

Reports coming from Seminole are to the effect that assembly of lease ownership on town lots in the vicinity of Seminole is accepted by some oil operators that preparations are shaping up to drill at least one wildcat test in that town. American Petroleum Corporation and Atlantic Oil Producing company are credited with efforts to obtain the town lots.

The western portion of Gaines county is only one of the West Texas Permian Basin territories scheduled for exploration and drilling within the next few months.—Lovington Leader.

## NEW MEX. COTTON MAKES HIGH GRADE

The first report on cotton classed from the southwest irrigated section, which includes the states of Arizona, New Mexico, California and Texas, district 1 (that section of Texas west of the Pecos river) was released Monday at the El Paso office, division of cotton marketing.

More than 98 percent of the cotton classed to date has been strict and good middling in grade. New Mexico leads this week in the proportion of cotton classed as good middling, with 71 percent, followed closely by Texas with 66 percent, California 61 percent, and Arizona 39 percent. No cotton classed below middling has been received to date.

The most important feature of this report is the large percentage of the longer staple cotton which is showing up this year. The combination of good planting seed and a good growing season has brought this about. Almost 90 percent of the cotton classed this week has been 1 1/16 inches and longer, and about 30 percent has been 1 1/8 inches and longer. No cotton shorter than 1 inch has been received. Texas and New Mexico lead in cotton 1 1/8 inches and longer with 35 percent, followed by California with 30 percent and Arizona with 17 percent.

## ELEVEN HIGHWAY PROJECTS AWARDED AT CAPITAL FRIDAY

SANTA FE—Cook and Ransom of Ottawa, Kansas, were the successful bidders on four of eleven projects awarded Friday by the state highway commission. The projects and successful bidders: Curry county between Clovis and Portales, U. S. 70, 6,252 miles, grading, drainage and top course surfacing, to George W. Orr, El Paso, \$95,939.01.

Quay county, municipality of Tucumcari, 4,272 miles, grading, drainage and triple asphalt surfacing, Ernest Everly, Albuquerque, \$132,000.78. (Includes substructure for railroad underpass).

Bernalillo county, municipality of Albuquerque, 0.721 miles, New Mexico Construction Co., Albuquerque, \$23,730.30.

Union county, between Clayton and Grenville, U. S. 385, 27,262 miles, triple bituminous surfacing, Armstrong and Armstrong, Roswell, \$140,066.39.

Dona Ana county, between Las Cruces and Alamogordo, 18,863 miles, Lee Moor Construction Co., El Paso, \$47,091.00, double bituminous surfacing.

Bernalillo county, between Albuquerque and Laguna, state road 6, 1,077 miles, cement concrete pavement, New Mexico Construction Co., Albuquerque, \$47,271.12.

Bernalillo and Valencia counties, between Albuquerque and Laguna state road 6, 12,447 miles, minor and major drainage structures, Cook and Ransom, Ottawa, Kansas, \$159,671.35.

San Juan county, between Aztec and Cedar Hill, state road 19, 10.0 miles, single bituminous surfacing, Cook and Ransom, \$13,061.25.

Socorro county, between Socorro and Magdalena, U. S. 69, 23.0 miles, single bituminous treatment, Cook and Ransom, \$56,122.70.

Colfax and Harding counties, between Springer and Mosquero, state road 39, 44.0 miles, single bituminous surfacing, Cook and Ransom, \$124,199.20.

Sandoval county, between Cuba and La Ventana, state road 44, 0.8 miles, triple span timber bridge and approaches, Wheeler, Carrico and Silver, Albuquerque, \$7,646.16.

## MADE THE ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF PUBLICITY

Orville Ricketts of Farmington, editor of the Farmington Times-Hustler, has been made associate publicity director of the state republican-progressive organization, it was announced at Santa Fe Tuesday by P. L. Rapkoch, state republican chairman.

## 5,000 SHEEP DAILY IS STATES QUOTA UNDER FED. PURCHASE PLAN

DENVER—Uncle Sam is becoming the greatest shepherd since Abraham in bringing more than \$76,000 a day to sheepmen of the west whose ranges are parched and water holes dried up by the drouth.

Never since Biblical times, and probably not then, has there been so great a sheep roundup, Harry Petrie, chief of the cattle and sheep division of the AAA, said Friday in announcing a temporary buying quota of 38,000 daily for 11 western states in the drouth relief sheep buying program.

This quota, he said, includes only those sheep purchased for shipment to processors and does not include those condemned and killed on ranges or those slaughtered by state relief agencies.

He said he would not have complete figures on these additional phases of the programs for a week when additional reports are received.

The daily quota for the western states, subject to change, is as follows: New Mexico, 5,000; Montana, 6,000; Oregon, 1,000; Texas, 12,000; Utah, 2,000; Wyoming, 6,000; Colorado, 1,000; North Dakota, 1,000; South Dakota, 1,000; Nevada, 2,000; and Nebraska, 1,000.

Petrie said that the four states of Texas, Montana, Wyoming and New Mexico, were expected to supply about one half the sheep to be purchased under the complete program which will operate in 21 states designated as emergency drouth areas.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bramblett and Mrs. G. B. Kerwin have moved to the Louie Heck ranch east of Dexter.

## FERA COUNTY ROLLS CUT FIFTY PERCENT EFFECTIVE SEPT. 17

A drastic reduction has been made in the ranks of the Eddy county FERA, M. W. Evans, county project manager, said Monday. The FERA roll was reduced fifty percent, the only active projects left north Eddy were the garden projects and the Lake McMillan dike project. The order received here Saturday night affects 350 men. With the exception of the Hope-YO road, no other projects are expected to be undertaken here until after the Christmas holidays.

—Artesia Advocate

## HAGERMAN FACULTY MEMBERS INTRODUCED AT MEN'S CLUB MEET

The business men's club held one of the liveliest meetings of the year on Tuesday evening at the school house in the dining room of the domestic science hall.

Frank McCarthy, president, introduced Robt. Cumpsten as leader of the singing. Mr. Cumpsten then announced the opening song, and the assembly sang "Smiles." Rev. Hedges gave the invocation.

The meeting, which was a banquet for the wives of the members and teachers of the school, was held in the dining room of the domestic arts rooms, the assembly was seated at three long tables, the dinner was baked chicken menu.

After the dinner Mr. McCarthy introduced Mayor J. T. West, who made an address of welcome to the teachers present. Mrs. Price Curd sang a solo. Miss Frances Welborne played a piano solo, and Mrs. Ramon Welborne played a violin solo.

As an honored guest, Mrs. Harry Cowan, the first teacher in Hagerman, was present, and gave some memoirs of early school days in town, mentioning that the first school opened September 23, 1895, with 85 pupils present. On the school board at that time were W. E. Bowen and Harry Cowan, both men serving for a long term of years afterward. School at that time was only six months, and she was paid by bonds. The second year several pupils came from Hope, there being no school here. They lived in tents in the neighborhood in order that they might attend the school. Trains only went as far as Roswell, and the first teachers association was held in Pecos, Texas, in 1896. Others who dwelt on early school days were Ernest Bowen and Frank Wimberly. E. A. White introduced the teachers present, and included Frank Wimberly of State College, a graduate of Hagerman high school, and who is now state supervisor of vocational training.

In Mrs. Cowan's talk, she paid a tribute to W. E. Bowen, saying that he served on the school board from the first in 1895 to only a few years ago, and during all those years of service, he was always eager and interested in the best for all who were connected with the schools.

The banquet ended with everyone present reporting one of the best meetings ever attended.

## 12-HOUR SCHEDULE FOR PRIVATE DUTY NURSES

At a meeting of the Graduate Nurses association, district No. 5, embodying Eddy, Chaves and Lea counties, held at Artesia Friday evening, a schedule was adopted by the assembly, establishing a maximum period of 12 hours per day for private duty, in conformity with the schedules in effect in all progressive communities. It is established that better and more efficient service can be rendered during a 12-hour period than in a 20-hour period as has been the custom heretofore with some of the nurses in this district.

This schedule is to be presented to all hospitals and to all physicians and surgeons, within the district, for their sanction and cooperation for the welfare of the patient, whose interest is paramount.

## TRACK SIDING STARTED AT RED BLUFF, TEXAS

Work has been started on a 1,000 foot siding of the Santa Fe railroad to serve the construction of the Red Bluff (Texas) dam, it was announced last week. Two section crews and ten extra men are working on the siding.

Work on the electric power line from Pecos, Texas, is expected to start about September 22nd.

## FIRE DESTROYS NOME THE FAMOUS ALASKAN MINE CENTER MON.

NOME, Alaska—Roaring flames destroyed this famous Alaskan mining city late Monday leaving an exhausted populace facing a food shortage and bitter weather.

Starting from an undetermined source about noon (6 p. m. EST) the flames raged before a strong northeast wind, the same wind that Tuesday night nipped bitterly at citizens who watched the smoking ruins of their city.

Sweeping from the business district the angry flames tore on into nearby residences while the city's 1,500 citizens and firemen fought hopelessly. Dynamite which leveled buildings not yet reached by the flames failed to halt them. All the residents could do after that was save what personal belongings they could and watch their homes and businesses fall.

Tuesday night there were but two buildings standing in the smoking business district. A few scattered warehouses and some homes untouched by the flames merely added to the scene of destruction.

The warehouses and unharmed houses were thrown open Tuesday night to those whose homes were destroyed. More than 250 persons were reported homeless. The citizens made plans Tuesday to appeal for aid to the federal government which already has dispatched coast guard cutters to the stricken city.

No accurate total of the loss could be made immediately. The figures of businessmen and firemen varied from \$750,000 to more than \$1,000,000. A belief the latter figure might be greatly exceeded was seen in the fact huge stocks of supplies were destroyed and that material for nearly everything built here must be brought in by steamer.

## WORK TO START SOON ON HOPE YO ROAD

Improvements on the Hope YO Crossing road, a FERA project, held up for several weeks until an estimate and a survey could be completed, will be started at an early date, it was learned Monday. Nine miles of the new road has been surveyed and the new road will be surfaced with crushed rock. It was also learned that the stretch of highway 83 from the Reeves hill to the Otero county line has been surveyed and the project is expected to be up to be contracted at an early meeting of the State Highway Department.

STATE POULTRY ASSN. ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

The New Mexico Poultry association Monday in a meeting held at Roswell elected C. B. Gamble of Tucumcari, president. W. H. Hortenstein, Roswell, was elected vice-president, and W. M. Ginn, Las Cruces, was re-elected secretary-treasurer. The board of directors will be composed of O. T. Catman, Aztec; R. R. Wilson, Clayton; F. E. Wimberly, Las Cruces; W. H. Hortenstein, Roswell; Gordon Wicks, Clovis; M. N. Cunningham, Carlsbad; C. B. Gamble, Tucumcari.

## FAVORS OIL CONTROL

WASHINGTON — Secretary Ickes Tuesday appeared before a House committee for federal oil production control legislation, suggesting the government be empowered to allocate production between units within the states in cases where the latter are "unable or unwilling" to make such allocations.

## ENROLLMENT AT N. M. STATE COLLEGE IS 475

Enrollment at the New Mexico State College has reached a total of 475. An increase of nearly 100 students over that of last year. With 190 freshmen registered the first year class is the biggest in several years.

## LARGE PORTION OF PUBLIC DOMAIN IN N. MEX. WITHDRAWN

ALBUQUERQUE — Oscar L. Chapman, assistant secretary of the interior, announced Friday that withdrawal orders are being drawn for a large portion of the public domain in New Mexico for inclusion in grazing districts under the Taylor law.

Chapman's announcement made at the conclusion of a conference of livestockmen, conservationists, game experts, state officials and interior department representatives on the provisions of the Taylor law, brought cheers from approximately 500 persons who gathered in the University of New Mexico gymnasium for the meeting.

The exact boundaries of the two proposed districts included in the new orders, Chapman said, cannot be announced until officially published in Washington. They were said, however, to include portions of Grant, Hidalgo, Luna, Socorro, Sierra, Catron, Lincoln, Otero, Chaves, Eddy, Dona Ana, Valencia, McKinley, San Juan, Rio Arriba, Lea, De Baca, Torrance and Sandoval counties.

No announcement was made as to whether the interior department is considering another request from New Mexico that the public domain be leased to stockmen in isolated tracts in Colfax, Union, Harding, Curry, Quay, Roosevelt, San Miguel, Taos, Mora, Bernalillo, Santa Fe and Guadalupe counties.

Chapman's announcement regarding the withdrawal orders, however, answered a request made last month by New Mexico that certain areas be withdrawn pending complete organization of grazing districts associations.

## OPEN SEASON FOR PRAIRIE CHICKENS

The open season on prairie chickens in New Mexico will be from September 21 to 25 inclusive, this fall, it has recently been announced by the state department of game and fish. Recent surveys in the state have shown the prairie chicken to be very hard hit by the drouth, further states the department, and hunting is likely to be poor due to reduced numbers of birds. Although the season has not been closed, it is the hope of the game department that sportsmen will voluntarily limit their hunting this year. Heavy hunting, in addition to the drouth can do heavy damage.

## LOCALS

Little Miss Rose Blanche Lation was sick last week.

Frank Wimberly of State College visited in Hagerman several days this week.

Miss Elizabeth McKinstry left Sunday morning for Abilene, Texas, where she will enter Simmons University.

Miss Vera Godwin left on Monday for Canyon, Texas, where she will enter West Texas Normal University for her second year.

Friends of Mrs. Birdie Bible, who recently underwent a serious major operation, report that she is recovering nicely and will soon be able to be out again.

Miss Evelyn Lane left on last Saturday via Santa Fe for Kansas City, Missouri. She will visit in the home of Dr. Lane in that city and later will enroll in Park College for her freshman year.

Miss Margaret Slade left last week on Tuesday in company with Misses Hall of Capitan for Fort Worth, Texas, where they will enter T. W. C. They were accompanied by Rev. Slade. The Misses Hall are cousins of Rev. Bryan Hall.

Friends of Wallace Goodwin will be interested in knowing of his recent promotion in the business world. He has accepted a position as bookkeeper for Standard Brands of Cooperative Concerns, and will be located in Abilene, Texas. Wallace is another of Hagerman high school's boys who have made good. He graduated from the local school in 1929 and since then has been working and paying his way through a business school in Abilene.

## EDUCATORS ASK CONTINUE SALES TAX

SANTA FE—The executive committee of the New Mexico Educational Association, it was learned Monday, has recommended the state sales tax be continued. Under the present law it expires June 30 next year.

The committee's recommendation is favoring "continuance of the present sources of revenue" to finance education, "to be supplemented in sufficient amount to provide an adequate educational program in each county."

## WATER LEVEL HOLDING UP

The water level of the artesian basin is holding its seasonal level according to Clifford Smith, well inspector, who was here on an inspection trip Saturday.

## POLITICS WARMING AS TIME NEARS FOR STATE CONVENTIONS

### It Seems Certain Chavez and Cutting Will Fight It Out for Long Term U. S. Senate While the State Ticket in Doubt.

Interest in state politics is beginning to warm up as the time approaches for the selection of the state tickets for both parties. After Monday the voters will know who's who on each ticket.

On the democratic ticket, Clyde Tingley and John Simms, both of Albuquerque, are conceded to have the inside track for governor. Both are considered good vote getters, but the fact that the two candidates are from the same city might cause a dark horse to be nominated. Dennis Chavez, present congressman at large, has the nomination for U. S. senator long term if he wants it, while Senator Carl Hatch of Clovis, is expected to have no opposition for the short term. There are several likely candidates for congressman at large. E. K. Neumann, present attorney general, will be a candidate and will make a strong bid for the place, but some party leaders think the nomination will go to a candidate in a doubtful county as a matter of political strategy. James McCall of Carlsbad has been mentioned as a candidate for attorney general since Carlsbad has endeavored to establish a precedent in furnishing the attorney general. H. R. Rodgers, present county superintendent, has been prominently mentioned as a candidate for state superintendent. Rodgers is regarded as a strong man and a vote getter, but whether Eddy county will be able to furnish two candidates for state offices, in the event McCall pushes his candidacy for attorney general, is something for party leaders to settle.

On the republican-progressive side, former Judge Carl Dunifon of Silver City, is being discussed along with P. L. Rapkoch of Las Cruces for governor. Rapkoch, however, has said he would not accept an office, but the development of conditions may cause Mr. Rapkoch to change his mind. Senator Bronson Cutting is the undisputed choice for the long term of United States senator. R. C. Dillon, former governor, appears to have the spotlight for the short term. Two other names have come in for discussion in the governor's race. These are Jaffa and Prager Miller. The candidacy of Hugh Williams of Deming is also being talked of for governor. Manuel B. Otero, collector of customs at the port of El Paso, is being mentioned as a candidate for congressman at large.

## DUKE CITY GAS COMPANY SUED

Suit for \$125,000 against the Southern Union Gas company was filed Saturday in the United States district court for Albert T. Woods of Artesia by two Carlsbad attorneys.

Woods alleges in the petition that the gas company agreed to pay him \$100,000 for the sale of \$500,000 in stock of the Albuquerque Natural Gas company and \$25,000 for a Las Vegas gas franchise which he held.

He alleges that he sold the stock and assigned the franchise to the company but received no payment.

He alleges that the Albuquerque company was formed as a subsidiary of the Southern Union company, a Delaware corporation, and that the Delaware corporation controlled and managed the New Mexico company.

## LINDBERGH AT ROSWELL

Col. and Mrs. Charles Lindbergh paid Roswell an unexpected visit Saturday afternoon, landing at the Roswell airport about 4:15 p. m. The purpose of the visit of the famous pair was to confer with Dr. H. A. Goddard of Clark University, Worcester, Massachusetts, who is conducting experiments with rockets.

Spending the night in Roswell the famous pair took off late the next morning for an unannounced destination, which later proved to be Blythe, California.

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**LAKE ARTHUR ITEMS**  
Miss Ella Ohlenbusch, Reporter

Thelma Robertson of Hagerman spent Sunday afternoon with Ella Ohlenbusch.

Mrs. Johnny Doyle left Saturday for Texas where she will visit her parents.

Max Walden was taken to the Eddy County Hospital Monday to have his tonsils removed.

Supt. and Mrs. C. R. Bernard and Mrs. John Havens made a business trip to Roswell Monday.

C. F. Tressler of Hagerman visited at the home of his nephew L. E. Dohner and family Monday.

Joe Funk and Miss Mary Funk of Artesia visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kersey Funk Sunday.

Mrs. I. R. Funk of Carlsbad visited at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Bradley Tuesday.

Tom Derrick and Bob Merritt attended the meeting held in Albuquerque for the livestock men of this state.

Frank E. Wimberly, state supervisor of the U. S. D. A. was visiting the Lake Arthur agricultural class Tuesday.

The Methodist league enjoyed an outing Sunday evening by taking their lunch to the Pecos river and enjoying an outdoor picnic.

Rowland Frazier and Miss Orenta Wallace were married last Thursday evening. Mr. Frazier and Miss Wallace are both of Lake Arthur.

The Lake Arthur school held their first assembly Tuesday. The first and second grade youngsters entertained the school mostly by readings and songs.

Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Vesley of Silver City visited with Mr. and Mrs. Don Riddle Monday while en route to Athon, Georgia, where Mr. Vesley is a law student at the university.

The Lake Arthur baseball team played the Hagerman team Sunday afternoon. Lake Arthur defeated Hagerman 7 to 4. The game was played at Hagerman.

The sophomore class entertained the freshman class of the Lake Arthur high school with a party on the river Friday night. Games were played and refreshments served. The classes were sponsored by Miss Emmarie Perce and Mr. and Mrs. Don Riddle.

**HEALTH COLUMN**

**Fear**  
Fearlessness is natural. Fear is a contagious disease.

"I am going to earn a nickel," said my five year old to his mother. "How?" his mother asked him. "Another boy has promised me a nickel if I jump off the stable roof."

Now the stable roof is full fifteen feet above a hard, hard ground. His mother urged that if he broke an arm or a leg it would cost more than a nickel to repair them.

"But I've jumped off the roof before," he objected, "and I didn't break myself at all!"

He has not yet caught many fears, this youngster. He will catch some, alas, as he grows older: fears of accident and sickness and death, fears which are so widespread that few of us can escape them.

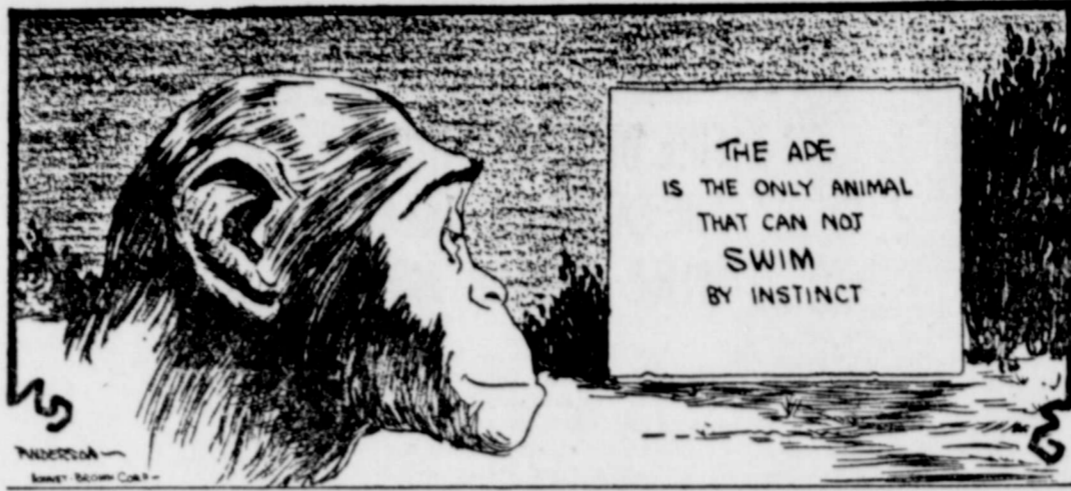
Fear is irrational. Reasonable precaution in the face of danger is not fear. The child who looks both ways before he steps into the street is not afraid of automobiles and is not in danger. The child who rushes into the street, sees an automobile and at once is stricken with terror behaves irrationally and is in very great danger.

Children catch fear less from what is told to them than from the tone of the voice, the expression of the face, the shrinking away from danger. If you tell your child that you are afraid of spiders he will probably just feel sorry for you. But if he sees your eyes grow wide and hears you scream when a spider walks down the bed he will become afraid of spiders too.

Courage is more than fearlessness; it is that part of the personality which controls fear, without which fear controls the personality.

Courage also is contagious.

**Odd—But TRUE**



**PAGEANT OF BEAUTY TO OPEN EASTERN N. M. STATE FAIR OCT. 3**

ROSSELL, New Mexico—Starting promptly on Wednesday morning, October 3, at ten o'clock a pageant of beauty will pass in review before the thousands at the opening day of the Eastern New Mexico State Fair to be held in Roswell October 3, 4, 5 and 6. On gorgeous floats prepared by commercial firms, organizations and communities, each unit will compete for the honor of naming the queen of the fair. The judges will select the most beautiful float—and the lady on the winning float will become queen of the fair. The large cash prizes offered in this competition are attractive but it is the honor of naming the queen which is stimulating the interest among the contestants.

"Never before have we had such widespread interest in the fair," said Harvey Poorbaugh, president of the organization. "Despite the fact we have for years been trying to get over the idea that this is for all eastern New Mexico, not until this year has the interest approached anything like our ambitions. From every part of the territory come most encouraging reports—that farmers and stockmen are planning exhibits, that organizations and communities are planning booths and entries in the big parade. Likewise the interest in the Roswell area is greater than ever before. With our greatly improved grounds and facilities, the directors are confident of the greatest fair in our history."

Old timers are making big plans for their annual reunion, parade and barbecue on Friday of the fair. Every man and woman

**Smilin' Charlie Says—**



**"Th' cheerful guy is a popular bloke whether he amounts to anything or not"**

who has been in the state since 1904 or longer is eligible to participate and is urged to enjoy the fun and meet old friends from all parts of New Mexico.

An amateur rodeo each afternoon, special carnival features and other entertainment has been provided for each afternoon and evening.

**\$83,342 PAID TO NEW MEXICO BY AAA FOR HOGS**

WASHINGTON — The AAA's check writers Sunday had reached nearly a \$4,000,000-a-day mark in payments to farmers participating in the corn-hog program.

Payments up to September 13 by states included: Arizona, \$17,168; Colorado, \$138,178; New Mexico, \$83,342; Oklahoma, \$245,239; and Texas, \$743,210.

Payments by counties to September 13 and not previously announced included: New Mexico: Harding county, \$17,233; Lea, \$3,433.

**MARKETS**

**N. Y. COTTON**

(Furnished by courtesy of Artesia Alfalfa Growers Association).

	Open	Close
September 13.....	13.03	12.98
September 14.....	12.99	12.90
September 15.....	12.90	12.81
September 17.....	12.82	12.91
September 18.....	12.99	12.83
September 19.....	12.79	12.71

**M. E. CHURCH SOUTH TO HOLD MEETING IN LAS CRUCES**

Las Cruces will be host October 31 to November 4 to several hundred delegates to the New Mexico conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. The conference embraces the area extending from El Paso to Denver.

Bishop Hiram Boaz of Fort Worth, Texas, will open the conference. Early registration figures show that 87 pastors will be present as well as lay delegates representing 116 congregations in the conference.

Reports will be given by the following presiding elders: Rev. H. G. Scoggins, Las Cruces; Rev. W. H. Coleman, El Paso; Rev. N. L. Linebaugh, Roswell, and Rev. F. L. Meadow, Albuquerque.

Prominent speakers to be heard include Dr. K. Vivion, president of Southwestern University, at Georgetown, Texas; Dr. T. W. Brabham, president of Texas Woman's College, Fort Worth; Dr. C. Q. Smith, president McMurray College, Abilene; and Dr. Charles G. Selegman, president Southern Methodist University, Dallas.

**Dick's Interfering Muse**

By MILDRED WELLS

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WHEN Dick Williams decided to try his luck at short-story writing, he made just one mistake. He told Margie.

Margie was his very charming next-door neighbor.

Dick's mother, with whom he had lived in the house where he had been born twenty-six years before, was away on a month's visit to a sister. And when the managing editor of the paper on which Dick was a reporter told him to take a day off the next week in celebration of the completion of a good series of interviews Dick had written, felt that he must talk over his idea with someone.

"You see," he said to Margie the evening before the great day, "I know I could write if I had a chance—anyway I think I could. Fiction, I mean. So when old man Elwell passed out this day off to me, I just decided I'd try my luck. I'll just begin early in the morning and work right on. If I get a good story under way, all right. If not, then that's all right, too. I'll feel better to have had a chance to try."

After an early breakfast next morning, Margie, the maid, started happily forth with an unexpected day off before her.

"Peace and quiet," sighed Dick—"and no interruptions." Then he made ready for work by a cheerful living room window—and the telephone rang.

"Is Margie there?" came a rich burred voice.

"I'm sorry, but she's off for the day," answered Dick, still cheerful. "Anything I can do?"

"No, it's nothing very important," answered the voice. "Just tell her to call cousin Annie tonight!"

Dick hung up and went back to his desk and began to plot his story. Hero's name—Stanley Weymouth. Heroine's name—well, what! Margie seemed to fit best. Yes, Stan and Margie. He'd lay the story in—the front doorbell rang.

Five minutes later, after an argument with the laundryman, Dick was back to his table.

Colorado, that was the place for his story. He put down some notes about how his characters looked. "Margie—small, brown, soft eyes, fluffy hair." And then there was a knock at the back door. The butcher's boy and chops.

Dick's muse was a coy one, and after he had answered the telephone to talk for ten minutes with a friend of his mother's, had gone again to the front door to frown crossly at a boy soliciting magazine subscriptions, had gone to the cellar to let in the gas meter man—by that time Dick's muse was distinctly upset.

Pattering footsteps on the side porch.

"Well, darn!" exclaimed Dick mildly. He went to the door.

There was Margie, a basket on her arm. It was then he realized it had been a mistake to tell Margie his plans.

"Oh—" she said. He looked tired and irritated and uncomfortable. "Well, anyway, here's your lunch. Were you going to have any?"

She pushed her way past Dick and laid out a tempting lunch.

"I've been watching your house this morning, and it seemed as if every Tom, Dick and Harry's been here to bother you."

"You don't know the worst. Telephone's been going the whole darned day. Gosh, this tastes good."

"It's cold," said Margie.

"Oh, hang it," exclaimed Dick. "Guess I've let the furnace fire go out."

"You shouldn't try to write and keep house too," said Margie. "I suppose you think I'm another bother. Good-by. Just settle down to work again and try to forget all the bothers."

He didn't notice that the side door didn't slam shut. And he didn't hear Margie's investigating steps into the cellar. But five minutes later she slipped quietly back into the room, a log and some kindlings in the basket on her arm. "Furnace is all right," she said reassuringly. "I've opened the draughts. Just stop worrying." And she put the kindlings and log in the fireplace, touched a match to the paper under them, and, when they were blazing, cleared up the lunch things and then sat down quietly beside the fire with a magazine.

The afternoon went amazingly well. It seemed, to Dick, the most natural thing in the world to have Margie there—answering doorbells and telephones and keeping the details of worries from him.

At six he stretched his long legs under the table, clasped his arms behind his head and looked across the room to Margie, still sitting quietly by the fireplace.

"Margie," he said rather awedly, "I think I've got it. I mean, I think it's a real story. And it's due to you. Not just keeping away the interruptions—more than that."

"Well—" said Margie.

"Margie, the heroine's like you. She's little, and brown, with soft eyes, and fluffy hair and—Margie. In the end Stan's going to marry her!"

"Is he?" said Margie softly. "I don't mind."

**HIGHWAY LINKS U. S. WITH MEXICO CITY**

**Opens Up Southern Neighbor to Tourist Travel.**

Washington.—Mexico is pushing forward its greatest highway project—an improved road linking the United States border at Laredo, Texas, with its capital, Mexico City. The federal highway commission states that this 770-mile section, opening up northeastern Mexico to tourist travel and trade, will probably be ready for through traffic in June, 1933.

A bulletin from the National Geographic society describes the chief cities and scenic features along this picturesque route, which will be a part of the proposed 10,000-mile Pan-American highway linking Washington, D. C., with Buenos Aires, Argentina, and other Latin American capitals.

"Motorists seeking new roads to conquer will find that this 'farthest south' for a continuous highway journey from the United States is a roadway of spectacular variety," says the bulletin. "The route traverses deserts, mile-high mountains, ranch country, lush tropical jungles, and in places runs through deep canons where the highway is a mere scratch on the steep mountainside."

**Ties Up With United States.**  
"From San Antonio, Texas, a paved road southward to the twin border cities of Laredo and Nuevo Laredo ties in the new Mexican highway with the improved road system of the United States. Nuevo Laredo, in the Mexican State of Tamaulipas, and the first city to be reached after crossing the Rio Grande, has developed amazingly in the last two years, since pavement was completed to Monterrey. This 153-mile section compares favorably with the best American highways. One stretch runs 45 miles across the desert without a curve."

"Monterrey, the capital of the state of Nuevo Leon, is surrounded by mile-high peaks, the most conspicuous being its famous Saddle mountain (Monte de la Silla)."

"An improved gravel road leads from Monterrey over the mountains to the west of Saltillo, capital of Coahuila, a region of ranges where long-horned cattle graze. This eventually will be part of a through route to Mexico City via San Luis Potosi."

"The main highway today, however, strikes south to Ciudad Victoria. This 180-mile section is about a quarter paved and the rest is all-weather gravel. Here the road winds through one of the chief 'cult-raising sections of Mexico, Paradise for Hunters."

"From this point to the little town of Valles, in the state of San Luis Potosi, the road surface alternates between gravel and graded earth. This region is a paradise for hunters—wild boar, deer, raccoon, quail and turkey being plentiful. Coffee, cotton, rice and vanilla beans are the principal crops."

"In the rugged mountain section between Valles and the village of Jacala, in the state of Hidalgo, construction work has been moving forward slowly since April, 1931. Here the road climbs from the dense tropical jungles and swamps along the Tamulin river, where parrots fly overhead, and gorgeous flowers and banana groves border the highway, to the tableland."

"From Jacala southward an improved highway will carry the route through Pachuca, an important silver mining town, into Mexico City. Rapid progress has been made here in recent months, and what some travelers once characterized as the 'most dangerous road in the world' may soon be a modern boulevard, a monument to engineering skill. Near Pachuca are great basaltic formations sometimes called the 'Giant Causeway of America.'"

"From Mexico City modern roads are branching out in all directions. The longest, of all-weather gravel construction, extends over the Old Spanish Trail to Acapulco. Another carries the Pan-American highway southward to the city of Puebla."

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—The Messenger.

**Crowds Enjoy New Mexico Fair Exhibit**



This is a typical scene in one of the corners of the New Mexico state exhibit in the Hall of States at the World's Fair. It is estimated that more than 6,000,000 people from all parts of the nation will have viewed this unique exhibit before the Fair closes October 31. It presents the resources and historical development of New Mexico in one of the most beautiful, faithful and all-embracing pictures of a state that could be arranged, in the opinion of Rufus C. Dawes, president of A Century of Progress.

**THE CRIMINAL FAMILY**

Changes in services, subject in The Messenger... church announcements... send them in... and Lake Arthur desired.

**CHURCH**

Morning... Evening... Everybody is... attend any... usual services.

**CHURCH OF**

Rev. E. L... Sunday school... Morning... Junior and... Evangelistic... Prayer meeting... day, 8 p. m.

**CHRISTIAN**

F. H. Evans... Sunday school... We especially... people to attend... school and extend... to all to come.

**BAPTIST**

W. C. Gar... The preacher... both morning and... next Sunday, Sept... For a few weeks... Garret will also... Arthur Baptist ch... month; preaching... on the 1st and... at Hagerman... 4th Sundays. We... also to conduct a... at Hagerman sun... or early winter.

**PRESBYTERIAN**

James A. He... Sunday school... Morning... Subject of... "Facing the Fact... Christian Endeav... Mid-week serv... 7:30 p. m.

**METHODIST**

J. W. Sh... Announcing the... as follows: Epworth League... Church 7:30.

**LOVINGTON FAIR**

NATIONAL... The Lovington... Commerce last... resolution favoring... of the proposed... trees into Lea county... line with the recon... Dr. Knapp of the... that the proposed... moved into New... forest service has... planting of a tree... across the United... the Canadian line... panhandle, but the... tively selected wood... within 150 miles... New Mexico line.

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### FAMILY NEXT DOOR

Changes in services, subject in The Messenger Tuesday of each members of church announced in this column and Lake Artesia desired.

CHURCH (Continued)

Morning worship 8 o'clock.

Evening worship 7:30. Everybody is invited to attend any and all usual services.

CHURCH OF CHRIST, Rev. E. L. ...

Sunday school 9:30. Morning services 10:30. Junior and Senior Evangelistic prayer meetings 8 p. m.

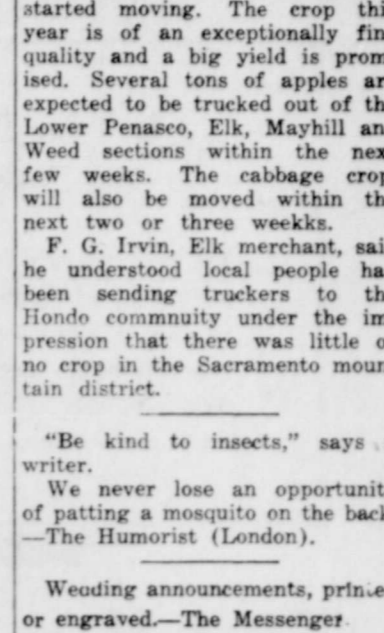
W. M. S. meetings 2:00. ...

CHRISTIAN ...

F. H. Evans ...

BAPTIST ...

of the Tucumcari ...



### Zat So?

The mountain apple crop has started moving. The crop this year is of an exceptionally fine quality and a big yield is promised. Several tons of apples are expected to be trucked out of the Lower Penasco, Elk, Mayhill and Weed sections within the next few weeks. The cabbage crop, will also be moved within the next two or three weeks.

F. G. Irvin, Elk merchant, said he understood local people had been sending truckers to the Hondo community under the impression that there was little or no crop in the Sacramento mountain district.

"Be kind to insects," says a writer.

We never lose an opportunity of patting a mosquito on the back. —The Humorist (London).

Wedding announcements, printed or engraved.—The Messenger.

**THE LEAGUE FINALS**

Texas, Steers, and Brainard, Arto to the Galveston pennant play-off at Dallas by 2. Beaumont to the race at the San Antonio to determine which of the winners of the Dixie won Saturday but had previously to Galveston at

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### FOREST NOTES

**New Type of Dam Construction**

There has not been enough rainfall in the La Luz canyon to form any idea whatsoever of the efficiency of the more than 2,000 dams placed on that watershed in the erosion control work last winter by the La Luz CCC boys.

There has been considerable run-off of water in the Sacramento river area and the dams have held fine. Many of the upper dams have been filled with silt to the top when water hardly ran over the top of the dams lower down.

Many of the dams in the Capitan area did not hold satisfactorily. While few if any went out water ran around the sides. This was on account of the nature of the soil, which seems to melt down instead of pack. Also instead of a number of small floods as normally, there were no floods from the time the dams were built until heavy ones which found the dams not packed.

Hereafter where the character of the soil demands a burlap apron saturated with asphaltum will be used.

In general it may be said that the CCC erosion dams have worked satisfactorily thus far, justifying the great work and expense.

**High Rolls-Cloudcroft Road**

Ten days ago we thought we were assured of immediate repair on the first mile of road this way from Cloudcroft. Just as we were ready to start, Washington officials notified FERA officials in Santa Fe that there had to be retraction on road work so our project went into the discard. However, we still have a ray of hope; this week C. E. Mauldin, member of the highway commission, from Clovis, came over and inspected that road and W. R. Eccles, district engineer, gave it another time over.—Alamogordo News.

**TYPEWRITERS**

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The Messenger

### IF YOU GO TO CHURCH IT WILL HELP YOUR HOME

Everybody who shares the fellowship of a home ought to go to church.

The entire family ought to avail itself of the opportunities to establish the go-to-church habit. It is a foregone conclusion, and axiomatic too that all parents seek earnestly the best things for their homes and families. Every natural father and mother strives for the best food, the most suitable clothing, the most seasonal shoes, and the best shelter that can possibly be procured for their offspring. Education is remembered also by these same parents, and social opportunities likewise. So elemental, and so deeply rooted in parenthood, is this desire for the best possible things for the children of the home that it often leads mothers into envious competition with other mothers' children for social preference, and it not infrequently prompts fathers to a faster pace or a shifty turn in business to secure the coveted funds for their children. But all this simply shows how inherent in parenthood is the desire to secure the best things possible for the home.

But, suppose these same fathers and mothers would support in every way the go-to-church habit. Why isn't religion as good for the home as other things? Parents will find, if they go to church, that it helps them in their homes. It breaks up the humdrum monotony of housewife and of workingman. Its associates will broaden life. Its preaching, teaching, praying and singing will fortify them against aggravations and despondencies. To go to church will offer new things for a family to talk upon about the family table. For parents to succeed in establishing their children in the habit of going to church would be one of the most valuable things those parents ever procured for that home. And what for the young people?

If young people will go to church it will help them in the home. One of the best traits any young person can manifest is to desire to share whatever good thing they have with their parents. The church also gives to young people big things to think about. To go to church will give boys and girls, young men and women, new ideas and ideals. Every young person owes it to the home to try to make it a happy place for the parents. Without young people knowing it the go-to-church habit will do this.

Suppose, parents, you add religious effort to those other things (the best things) you are trying to get for the home.

Suppose, young people, you add to the satisfaction of the home life as best you can.

The go-to-church habit will help the home!

Find your place in some church in Artesia next Sunday and every Sunday! If you choose to attend our church you will find a hearty welcome.

**MORE HOME LOANS CLOSED**

Local loans placed with the federal home loan owners corporation are being closed here since a number of offices over the southwest have been either closed or the office force reduced. S. W. Gilbert of the Artesia Abstract Co., advises. Loan applications are still being received and about twenty-five or thirty loans have been closed, he says.

**Messenger Want Ads Get Results**

**Lemons for Rheumatism Bring Joyous Relief**

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THEY HAD TO HOLD 10 YEAR OLD BOB DUNCAN IN THE BOAT - BUT HE LANDED THIS KEY WEST TARPON!

You don't have to invent a mouse trap to have the world make a path to your door. Just fail to pay your bills.

Some of the newspapers resent the rumor that the wild man hunted over in the Queen section was Bill Robinson.

A judge's little daughter, who had attended her father's court for the first time, told her mother: "Papa made a speech and several other men made speeches to twelve men who sat all together, and then these twelve men were put in a dark room to be developed."

The story is going the rounds about the banquet held in Roswell several weeks ago by the ex-service men for Senator Cutting, but when an actual count was made there were more newspaper men present than ex-service men and they were all trying to get next to the senator, but two of the neighboring boys got too full for "sound or foam" and had to drop out. One old boy who had had plenty and who thought he'd be right friendly with the senator, slipped up and put his arm around him and said "Shay are you a demmocrat or repubian?" The boy never got an answer.

Typewriters for rent at Messenge.

**Make Gas Less Inflammable**

Substances have been found which added to hydrogen gas make it 50 per cent less inflammable, a discovery which may be of utmost importance to dirigibles in countries that do not have helium gas.

**Do Not Eat in Flight**

The bureau of biological survey says that hawks, including the pigeon hawk, do not consume large prey in flight, although of course butterflies and similar food material are swallowed at one gulp.

**Valuable Tusks**

Because of their finer texture and distinctive "old ivory" pallor, the well-preserved tusks of the ancient hairy mammoth are more valuable than elephant ivory.

**Use for Dogwood Timber**

Dogwood timber is used for shuttles wherever cotton, wool or silk is manufactured, and is also used in making spools, brush backs and wood pulleys.

**Long Spell of Mourning**

At Crkvenica, on the Adriatic, the women have been in mourning since the Fifteenth century for their rulers, who were driven out of the country.

**First Copper Mining in America**

The first copper mining in America began in Santiago province, Cuba, in 1524. The mines are now operated under American control.

**Salt in India**

The Mayo salt mine in Junjab, India, has yielded about 4,000 tons of salt with about 8,000,000 more accessible.

New, second hand and factory rebuilt in portables and standards —See us before you buy. Hagerman Messenger.

**HOMESICK?**

**TELEPHONE**

**A White Elephant**

Every merchant, at one time or another, has a white elephant on his hands—something which he can't get rid of.

At his wit's end, he either throws or gives it away, or sells at a loss. But why should he do this when advertising was created for just such a moment?

The only way to rid yourself of a white elephant is to advertise in the cheapest medium, your local newspaper.

For information relative to layouts, costs, phone 17.

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CAMELS ONCE USED IN DESERT COUNTRY

Few people know that camels were introduced into the United States as beasts of burden.

Of the various modes of transportation that have been in Arizona, the most ludicrous and unsuccessful was the camel.

In the year 1854 congress appropriated \$40,000 for the purchase of camels to be used by the army in Arizona.

The camels were landed on the Texas coast May 16, 1856, with Hadji Ali and Greek George as caretakers.

The camels were abandoned to wander over the desert.

The remnant of the camel band, which had been augmented by two additional purchases, was sold to one company and then another, finally being turned loose.

CROP IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION TO MEET IN ROSWELL OCTOBER 3

The New Mexico Crop Improvement Association will hold its seventh annual meeting at Roswell on October 3rd.

The planting seed situation in the state is rather serious just at the present time and it is planned at this meeting to go into the matter quite thoroughly.

CARBON PAPER—The Messenger

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Peter

By DOROTHY DOUGLAS

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PETER, or as everybody called him, Pete, was big and square shouldered with that kind of red hair that seems always to have been ruffled by a stiff breeze.

Pete was as puffy in the hands of Daphne Baker, but no one but he knew it. Daphne was so fragile that he thought she must have stepped from a Watteau canvas.

Sometimes Daphne treated Pete with all the sweetness in the world and sometimes she seemed to regard him as just a big, solid doormat.

Nobody but Peter knew that just outside the city limits on a sunny hill there sprawled a bungalow, with wide lawns and flower gardens.

During these fascinated days Daphne looked at Pete's unruly red hair and his big useful hands and his broad grin with comparisons in her mind that did not bode well for Pete.

He had not worried much about these affairs until the advent, on the screen, of the handsome, soulful-eyed Geoffrey Collins. Daphne simply went wild about him.

He was the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Key, and has resided in the Hagerman community for several years.

Mr. Nash is a prominent business man of Morton, Texas. The young couple left on Thursday for Morton, where they will make their home.

"No," he declared at her protestations. "Girls require more than hearts of lettuce and sardines for dinner. You eat that—all of it!"

"No," declared Pete, adamant in his decision, "I'd rather go fishing than doll up on a hot day like this. You put on your best frock, look your prettiest and have a dozen or so dances with the great Geoffrey."

Daphne was exquisite in a silvery wisp of a dress, and a wide droopy hat shadowing the deep violet of her eyes.

Lightning and Electricity One reason that so many people are afraid of lightning is that they do not understand what it is.

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IN SOCIETY

By MRS. ETHEL M. MCKINSTRY Phone 17

(Items for either this column or the calendar must be turned in by not later than Wednesday noon)

Social Calendar

The Methodist Missionary Society will meet on the 26th, at the home of Mrs. Jim Williamson.

The zone meeting of the Methodist Missionary Society will meet on the 28th, at 2:30 at the church.

The zone meeting of the Methodist Young Peoples Society will meet on the 30th, at 2:30 at the church.

KEY-NASH

On Wednesday evening, September 12th, Miss Mildred Key and Mr. Leon Nash of Morton, Texas, were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents north of Hagerman.

Richly colored autumn blossoms were in graceful clusters throughout the rooms. The soft strains of the "Translation of Venetian Love Song," played by Mrs. Walter Green, was a prelude to the beautiful and impressive ring ceremony read by Rev. J. W. Slade.

The bride was dressed in blue pebble crepe, with silver trimmings, and accessories of gray, and she carried a shower bouquet of pink rosebuds.

Mrs. Nash is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Key, and has resided in the Hagerman community for several years. She graduated from the local high school in 1930, and since then has been prominent in church, social and Girl Scout activities.

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BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR DOROTHY SUE DEVENPORT

Little Miss Dorothy Sue Devenport was ten years old last Friday, September 14th, and in her honor, her mother, Mrs. T. D. Devenport, entertained her friends from four o'clock until six-thirty.

Outdoor games mostly were played and at six o'clock supper was cooked over a campfire. The little guests then went into the house and the gifts which they had presented to Dorothy Sue were opened.

Ice cream and cake were served to Polly Ruth Campsten, Lucile Michelet, Lois Sweet, Lula Fay Colbaugh, Mittie Jean Miller, Roma Ellen Stroud, Marie C. Cassabone, Blanche Lane, Eva Mae Bible of Dexter, Gladys Graham, Temple Bell Hicks, Maurine Keeth, Hannah Burcke and the honoree. One guest, Rose Blanche Lattion was unable to be present because of sickness.

L. C. CLUB The L. C. club met on last Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Ernest Utterback.

There was a short business session and a social hour followed. Two kinds of sandwiches, fruit salad and iced tea were served to the following ladies: Mesdames I. E. Boyce, A. M. Ehret, Fred Evans, Lester Henriksen, C. O. Holliday, M. W. Heitman, Ross Jacobs, George Lathrop, M. D. Menoud, E. D. Menoud, Jim Sanders, Marian Woody and the hostess.

On the evening of the day sweet feet Ben called at Barbara's home. With his card was sent up that of Harry Butterworth.

Butterworth told his story. When Ben was at Porto Golfo there was a revolution on—as usual. Inez President Castellon's daughter was in Golfo, about to embark for Panama and safety. The rebel general tried to catch her and hold her as a hostage. She took refuge in the American consulate. The revolutionary general demanded her—she was a native, not entitled to sanctuary. "Oh, you can't have her," said Butterworth, inspired by a happy thought. "She has just been married to this gentleman here, an American citizen. And the wife takes the nationality of the husband."

"It was a lie out of whole cloth—but it went. Inez was smuggled on board the Panama steamer that night and the next morning Ben took a fruit steamer for New Orleans. The fair Inez subsequently returned," concluded Harry. "And is now—what do you think? The wife of the revolutionary general who tried to kidnap her—and the general is president of the stormy republic!"

HAPPY DOZEN CLUB The Happy Dozen club met on Monday afternoon with Mrs. Schuyler Smith in North Hagerman. For the entertainment, Mrs. Smith had a limerick verse contest and a bean guessing contest. The ladies also as is usual helped with the sewing and pieced quilts.

Punch and cake were served to the following members: Mesdames Bert Bailey, Ernest Langenegger, Wayne Graham, Elmer Graham, Fred Evans and the hostess.

International Complications

By H. IRVING KING

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WITH the approbation of her parents, Barbara Holden had become engaged to Benjamin Littlefield. That ought to have settled it; there should have been nothing further except the wedding bells, the old shoes and the rice. But then, on the other hand, had there not been there would have been no story.

Then Canfield Rogers cast his eye upon Barbara and saw that she was fair. Then he investigated her father's financial standing and saw that it was fairer still. Then he began to hunt for points against Ben and stumbled across something which afforded him ghoulish glee.

Rogers and Ben had been in the same class at college and among their classmates had been a certain Harry Butterworth who had been appointed since his graduation United States consul at Porto Golfo, a little banana port on the Central American coast.

The little republic in which Porto Golfo was situated was lively all out of proportion to its size, and Harry wrote Ben such graphic accounts of the tropical scenery and of his own weird experiences that Ben, having nothing to do, took ship and went down to visit his old college chum. Having spent some time there, he came back and, a year later, fell in love with Barbara.

It was after Rogers had gazed upon Barbara and upon her father's financial record and had become filled with a longing to possess them both that he met the former consul at Porto Golfo, returned home and awaiting appointment to a more important post.

"Hello, Butterworth," said Rogers. "Well, how is the rising young diplomat? Got an embassy yet?" "Why, it's Rogers, isn't it?" replied Harry. "Ever see any of the old boys now? Good old Ben Littlefield comes from your part of the country. Do you see much of him? I haven't seen him since he paid me a visit at Porto Golfo. For the last year he has written only at rare intervals. When you see him ask him about his wife. Ask him if he has ever heard of her since they parted at Golfo? Ha! ha! That's a good story. I'll tell you how it was. You see—"

Just then a telegram was handed to Butterworth. "Great Scott!" he cried as he read it, "I must try and catch the next train for Washington. Ask Ben to tell you the story of his dusky bride—Inez Castellon."

Within a few days Rogers rang Barbara's front door bell at an hour when he was certain he would find the lovers together. They received him politely, though not enthusiastically. He was beaming, jolly, full of jokes. "Oh, by the way," said he at length, "I have just got back from New York. Mr. Harry Butterworth at the club. He talked a lot about you, Ben. Told me to be sure and ask you if you had heard from your wife, Inez. Castellon that was, since you parted from her at Porto Golfo."

Barbara sat pale, rigid—her eyes wide and anguished. Ben looked confused at first and then said with a laugh: "Oh, that? It's quite a story."

"Never mind now, old top," replied Rogers. "Some other time." As the door closed behind him, Ben turned and looked at Barbara. For the first time he realized the seriousness of the situation. "Barbara," said he, "what is the matter? You surely don't believe—"

"I don't know what to believe—what to think," she faltered. Ben tried to tell himself that Barbara was unreasonable. But there was she—very? He must furnish an explanation that was clear. He went and worked the long-distance telephone, at last getting what he wanted. Then he wrote a note to Barbara saying that he would not see her again until he had a full and satisfactory explanation to offer which would be within two or three days.

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SCOUT DANCE IS ENJOYABLE AFFAIR

One of the outstanding social events of the season was the dance at the Artesia Hotel roof garden Tuesday night sponsored by the New Mexico Oil Scout Association.

The affair attracted guests from Carlsbad, Roswell, Hobbs, Lovington, Midland, Texas, and Artesia. Approximately 70 couples attended and enjoyed the dancing and music furnished by Tommy Adams and his orchestra of Roswell.

Among the Artesia guests were Messrs. and Mrs. Wendell Welch, J. K. Wallingford, N. M. Baird, S. W. Blocker, Malcomb Mitchell, Lemuel Duffield, Mrs. A. T. Woods, Miss Phoebe Welch, Miss Cogdell, Thebert French of Artesia and Miss Inez Morley of Roswell, Van Welch, Sr., M. E. Baish and C. E. Van Der. Among the Carlsbad guests were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cooper, Merwin Campbell and Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Flint, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Hunter, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stovall and Ralph Koenig.

From Hobbs: Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Bish; of Roswell: Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bedford, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Neil Wills, Mr. and Mrs. Delmar Guinn, Mrs. Max Coll, Rusty and George Eitz, Dave Finley of Midland and Messrs. Anthony and Colb of Albuquerque.

ARTESIA CIVIC BAND WILL GO TO CARLSBAD

The Artesia Civic band tomorrow evening to appear in a joint concert with the Carlsbad municipal band at the Court House. E. L. Harp, director, announced this morning. The public is cordially invited to attend.

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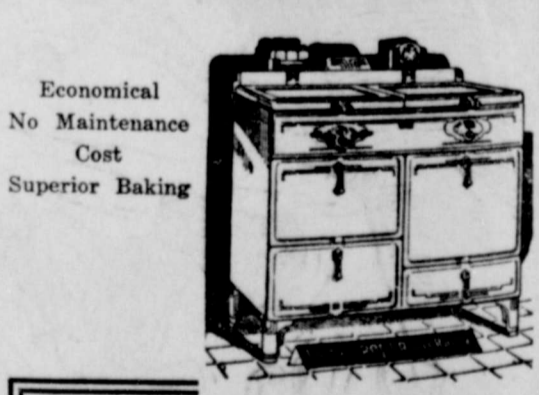
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