

Follower of Western Romance Hears Again From a Real Hero, Captain B. C. Mossman

(That Capt. Burton C. Mossman of Roswell and the Turkey Track Ranch is a colorful figure of the West as it was at the turn of the century is generally known. But a word picture of him written about Mossman in The Kansas City Star by E. R. Schaffler probably describes him and his character better than has been written before. Schaffler's story:)

The Star recently published an article about various persons said to have been the original of "The Virginian," by Owen Wister, among them Capt. Burton C. Mossman of Roswell, N. Mex. It told how Mossman silenced an over-talkative stranger one night by narrating a tall story of a prairie dog, cut clean in two by a high-powered bullet. According to the story, half of the prairie dog ran down one hole and the second half down another.

Captain Mossman, seeing the yarn, sent a note to the writer. "Had not thought of it before," he wrote, "but am now convinced that the vitality, as well as the intelligence, of the prairie dog compares favorably with that of the new dealer."

It was a characteristic Mossman comment. Thirty years ago the writer knew Captain Mossman and visited his great ranch in South Dakota. It was an eye-opening experience to one at the hero-worshipping stage.

Mossman won his title as captain when he was a captain of Arizona rangers, in the days when Arizona still was a territory. The southern part of the state, along the Mexican border, was a favorite field of operations for cattle thieves and train robbers. They committed crimes in Arizona, then ducked across the international border to Mexico to hide out.

Among these outlaws was a particularly tough and elusive Mexican named Chacon. One day Mossman was talking to the governor of Arizona.

"Well, Mossman," said the governor with a smile, "you are a pretty good captain of rangers, but I notice Chacon is still at large. A little too big a fish to land, eh?"

A Plot to Trap an Outlaw
There was enough truth in the remark to pique the young ranger captain. He began to think, as he often had before, how he might trap the wily Chacon. Across the border, a few hours horseback ride away, was a log cabin where two American train robbers lived. Mossman told his men that if he disappeared they were to shoot the train robbers on sight. Then he rode over the border to their hide-out.

"Hello, Mossman," said the train robber who was outside. "You've got a lot of crust to figure you can come over here by yourself and gather me up."
"I don't want to gather you up," the ranger captain replied. "I want to talk to you. And by the way, while we're talking, I wish you'd have your pal pull that rifle in. He might go to sleep and lean on the trigger."

The outlaw laughed. Then Mossman outlined his proposal. He desired to be introduced to Chacon as an outlaw. In return, he would see that the indictments in Arizona against the two Americans were dismissed. They came to an agreement and Mossman returned to his camp. A few days later a message came, telling him to be at a designated place on the border on the next day.

Warning of Double-Cross
There the two Americans met him with Chacon. Mossman was introduced to the big Mexican as an outlaw from Montana, looking for a business opening, and the four of them, accompanied by a Mexican servant, rode south across the border. They failed to find water for a camp that night, but Mossman made an interesting discovery in the course of the ride. Throwing his arm around Chacon's back, as they rode down an arroyo, seeking to learn whether the Mexican carried one or two revolvers, he discovered a pair of handcuffs sewed up in the Mexican's coat. Apparently the idea was to handcuff Mossman, tie him up, and leave him for the coyotes and the desert sun to finish.

Presently one of the Americans found an opportunity to speak to Mossman confidentially.

"Listen," the man said, "you've been double-crossed. My partner has told Chacon who you are, and they are going to kill you. Me, I'm going to duck out. But I wanted to give you a chance for your life."

That outlaw disappeared into the sunset as the group made a dry camp, saying he believed he knew a place nearby where there was water.

Mossman spent the night with three hostile men, two determined to kill him. He did no sleeping, lying under his blanket, propped up on one elbow, with a revolver in one hand. Next morning the servant built a campfire, and cooked a little bacon and some

coffee. There was some fencing around about opening the glass jar of bacon. Nobody wanted to take his eyes off the other two long enough to take the lid off. Finally somebody smashed the jar on a rock.

Quick on the Draw
When breakfast was over, the American rolled and lit a cigarette, while Chacon watched Mossman. Then Mossman, watching both, rolled one. He picked up a smoldering stick from the fire, lit his cigarette, threw down the piece of wood and in the same movement brought out his .45.

"All right," he said. "Stand up, both of you. Now, Smith, lower one hand, very carefully, and unhook your pistol belt. Unhook Chacon's. Kick them over this way. . . All right, Smith. Get out a knife, cut those handcuffs out of the back of Chacon's coat and put them on him."

At that the Mexican wilted. It looked like magic to him, for a man to know he had handcuffs sewed up in his coat.

Mossman tied a rope around the neck of one outlaw and the waist of the other, got them on their horses, and drove them ahead of him back to American soil. There he flagged a Southern Pacific train and took his prisoners to Phoenix. The train robber who had played square with him profited; the charges against him were dismissed.

That was long ago, in the gay nineties.

Good luck took me to the million-acre ranch that Mossman was renting from the Bureau of Indian Affairs in South Dakota in 1909. This ranch was eighty-five miles long, twenty-five to thirty-five miles in width, and was part of the Cherokee Indian reservation.

To enter this backwater of the old frontier, you detrained from the Minneapolis & St. Louis Railroad at a town called Le Beau, where the tracks ran out and stopped. There a fat man named Bennett ran a hotel with an incredibly bad table. There were two saloons in town, one run by Phil Du Fran, a one-eyed French Canadian, and the other by the mayor of Le Beau.

It was certainly a surprising town to a tenderfoot of 19, who had read the Owen Wister classic without realizing that every word of it was true, not in factual detail, but in spirit. There was a remittance man from Scotland who used to get drunk every time his remittance arrived and hide his horse on the sidewalk and make gun plays down at Phil Du Fran's saloon. Nobody paid any attention to him, because residents of Le

Beau knew that was just "Dode's" way, and that he meant nothing by it. But one day Phil got a new bartender, who didn't know about "Dode," and before anyone could explain to him, he had shot and killed the remittance man.

There were endless miles of treeless, rolling plains, across which one rode on horseback, gathering cattle from the little pockets in the hills where they grazed, assembling the beef herd, to drive to Le Beau, take across the river by ferryboat, and load on trains for Chicago.

Bluffing an Amazon

Down on the Cheyenne River lived a picturesque hag of Amazonian stature and temperament. She was part Sioux Indian, part Canadian, a dash of Mexican, and 100 per cent hell-cat. My host rented a furnished ranch house from her, but she had formed an irritating habit of removing the furnishings, a piece or two at a time whenever she was in a foul humor about something. As her foul humors were fairly frequent, and as the little Missouri girl who was housekeeper at the ranch lived in terror of the old squaw, the ranch house rapidly was getting no better.

Captain Mossman told me the next time his landlady came over to carry off something, not to let her do it, and I promised glibly. "It sounds easy to you," he said, "but you have never seen her. She is 6 feet tall and 3 feet wide, and it will do no good to treat her like a lady." Nevertheless, I was successful in bluffing the old woman off the place. With my heart in my mouth, I took her by the shoulders and pushed her out of the house. I had a peculiarly intimate stake in the matter, since her heart's desire that day was the bed in which I was sleeping every night. The little housekeeper was very much impressed. It never had occurred to her that this demon squaw could be bluffed.

"Why," she said, "if you can do it, so can I."

And, sure enough, she did. The next time the old girl arrived, the housekeeper ran her off the place with a rifle, and we were troubled with her no more.

Those were grand days for a romantic youngster. The best of all were the ones when I could drive with my host, who was forever going somewhere across the prairie miles that were as uninhabited as the wide Atlantic ocean. When the notion took him, he would reminisce delightfully.

Mossman met Alfred Henry Lewis, writer of Western stories, once in Washington. It developed they had been in the same part of

the Southwest at the same period. Mossman mentioned a little town, and told how he had gone to sleep there one night. The hotel man did not believe the noise from the barroom would keep him awake. As soon as he had blown out the lamp, two bullets came up through the floor.

Bullets Prelude to Friendship

"I was young then," Mossman said, "and given to acting first and reflecting afterward. So I picked up my gun, and fired six bullets through the floor in response. There was a good deal of noise downstairs, broken glass and running feet, but after that I was not disturbed."

"Why confound you," Lewis said, "I was in that barroom. I never stopped running until I was 300 yards out in the brush. I had a window sash around my neck."

It was the beginning of a beautiful friendship.

Captain Mossman was born on a farm in Illinois. His father moved to Lake City, Minn., when the future captain was a small boy, and in 1881 to Southeastern New Mexico. There young Buron grew up in the cattle business. In 1901 he became the first captain of the Arizona Rangers, whose business was to discourage cattle rustling along the border. He did a thorough job of it. Captain Mossman still is actively engaged in livestock growing. He raises both cattle and sheep, in New Mexico and Montana.

Mr. and Mrs. John Simons and children had as their guests the latter part of last week Mrs. Tony Pothast, niece of Mrs. Simons, and Mr. Pothast and his sister, Miss Maxine Pothast, of Hull, Ill. Accompanying the group was Mrs. Herman Clarkson of Mason, Mo., aunt of Mrs. Simons. Mrs. Simons joined the party last Thursday for a trip through the Carlsbad Caverns. Leaving Friday, the visitors expected to drive to the West Coast. Mr. and Mrs. Pothast were on their honeymoon.

ENGRAVING—THE ADVOCATE.

Farmers, Ranchers Cooperating More Freely in State

Conservation Program Is Attracting Greater Numbers Than Before

Farmers and ranchers throughout the state of New Mexico will cooperate in the conservation program in 1939 in greater numbers than ever before, says J. Minor Beene, chairman of the state agricultural conservation committee.

Beene made this statement after a check of reports from all counties of New Mexico the latter part of May. According to the county reports at that time, 21,515 farmers had signed their intention to cooperate in the program in 1939. The reports showed that this number has increased slightly since the state committee early in the year estimated that 22,000 farmers in New Mexico should file farm plans and estimate sheets for 1939, a close estimate.

The county reports also show that more ranchers will cooperate in 1939 than ever have cooperated in any previous year's program. The latest tabulation from all

counties in the state shows that 3,166 ranchers have signified their intention to cooperate in the range conservation program by filing their applications on form WR-315.

No doubt, said Beene, these numbers will be increased slightly when a final check-up as of June 1 has been made by the various county offices and the state AAA

office. Participation by ranchers has gone beyond what was anticipated by the state committee early in the year. At that time the committee estimated that approximately 2,700 ranchers would cooperate. The committee is very much pleased that its original estimate was under the number that reports show will cooperate in the program in 1939, Beene said.

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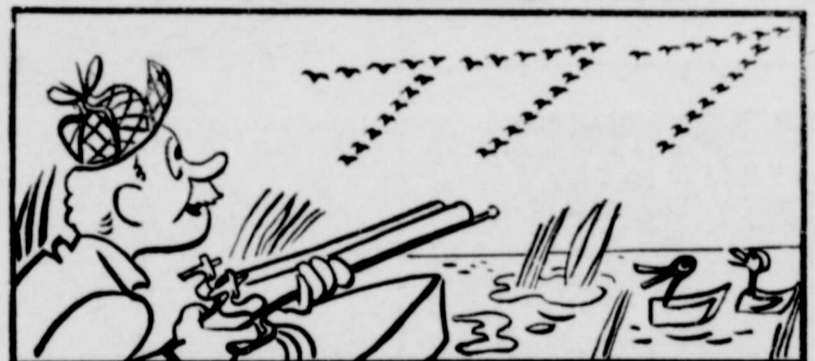
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Mrs. Ruth E. Morley and her daughter, Miss Dorothy, sister and niece of Mrs. A. B. Coll, arrived by automobile Monday and expect to visit in the Coll home until after July 4. This is the first visit here of Mrs. Morley, a former resident of Artesia, in the last twenty-five years.

LOCALS

Garland Rideout went to Cloudcroft Friday to visit Mrs. Rideout, who is residing there this summer. Mrs. Christine Tomlinson was in Carlsbad last Thursday attending to business.

Eddy and Chaves Four-H Clubbers Start Camp Today

The opening today of the annual 4-H Club encampment at the Methodist Assembly Camp at Weed in the Sacramento for members and leaders from Eddy and Chaves Counties marks the beginning of continuous camps until Aug. 20 somewhere in the state for 4-H boys and girls of twenty-three counties.

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Joel Welch of Hobbs, nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Bynum, is visiting in the Bynum home. Mrs. Horace Dunn, sister of Mrs. J. R. Attebery, is ill in a Lovington hospital.

LOCALS

Mrs. Phyllis Bartlett, Laura Lou DeLouche, La Juana Frazier, Dorothy Bob Company, Darleen Frazier and Shirley Bartlett drove to Rocky Arroyo Monday for swimming. Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Bond of this city are parents of a daughter born Friday night at St. Francis Hospital in Carlsbad.

LOCALS

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Stroup had as their guests Mrs. Stroup's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Gault and daughter, Miss Helen, of El Paso the early part of this week. While here Mr. Gault, Mr. Stroup and Owen Haynes went to Red Bluff Dam for fishing.

Tourist Travel Is Running Behind Figures for 1938

Bursey Gives Summary of First Five Months of Year
Tourist travel through New Mexico for the first five months of this year was slightly under that for the comparable period of 1938, Joe Bursey, state tourist director, announced.

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LEGION INSTALLATION TO BE HELD JULY 10

The regular monthly meeting of the American Legion, which usually is on the first Monday evening, has been postponed to the second Monday, July 10, because next Monday falls just ahead of the Fourth of July.

LOCALS

Mrs. M. C. Black and little son of Santa Ana, Calif., and Mrs. Murry Clark of Clovis arrived Saturday to visit indefinitely at the home of the women's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Whitted.

LOCALS

George Long of Eldorado, Tex., a former Artesia resident, came Tuesday and left this morning, looking up old friends and acquaintances here. He left many years ago, prior to the opening of the oil fields.

LOCALS

W. F. Daugherty, who returned home Sunday of last week from Amarillo to attend to business, left for there again Friday to complete his visit with his daughters, Mrs. Ellen Walling and Mrs. Clara Biglow, and their families.

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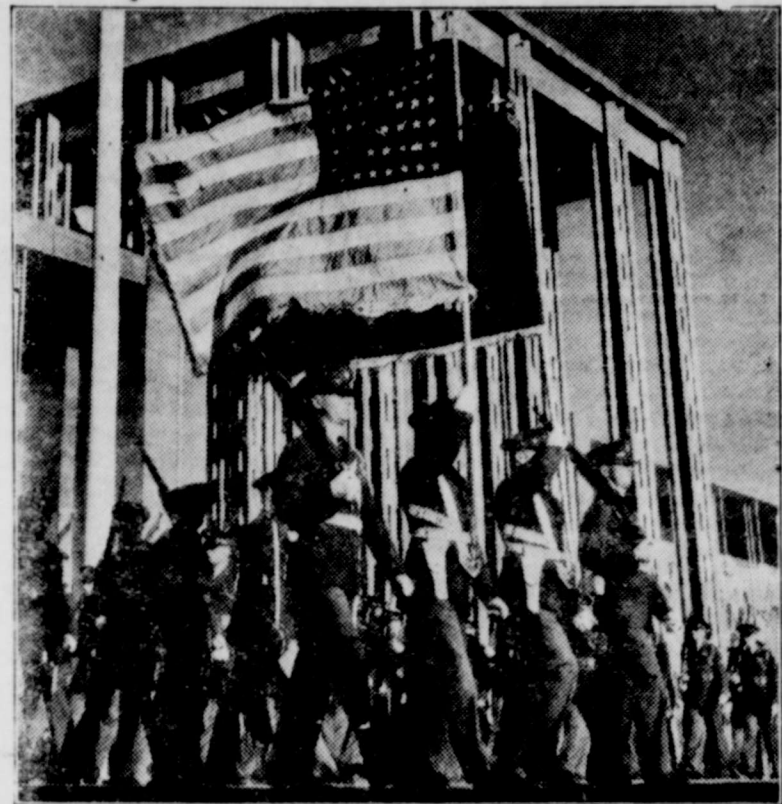
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WARRANTY DEEDS—
 George Frisch, et ux to Borden C. Aaron, S½SW¼ sec. 1-18-26, \$9,000.
 George Frisch, et ux to Lamar H. Johnson, N½NW¼ sec. 11-18-26, \$7,000.
 Pecos Valley Trust Co., to J. D. Legg, lot 11, blk. 138, Mesa Add. to Carlsbad.
 Ewin B. Haver, et ux to W. F. Vaughn, lots 13 and 16, blk. 23, Morningside Add. to Artesia, \$1 &c.
 W. A. Moore, et ux to J. R. Smith, 10 acres in SE¼SW¼ sec. 2-22-26, \$10 &c.
 George S. Westfall, et ux to Helen B. Irby, lot 2, blk. 180, Westfall's Subd. to Carlsbad, \$10 &c.
 Harold W. Brubaker, et ux to Emmett Barron, et ux, lots 33 and 35, blk. "B," Sunset Heights Add., \$1 &c.
 Pecos Valley Trust Co. to Ida Stogner, lot 5, blk. 140, Mesa Add. to Carlsbad, \$10 &c.
 J. T. Collins to Clyde Guy, lot 1 and E½ lot 3, blk. 6, Blair Add. to Artesia.
 B. H. Nelson, et ux to Roy L. Fry, S½S½ sec. 11; N½NW¼ sec. 14; E½NE¼ sec. 15-16-24, \$6,560.
 Elec Ireton, et ux to S. Boone Barnett, lot 15, blk. 12, Artesia Imp. Co.'s Add. to Artesia, \$10 &c.
 P. P. Doss, et ux to Maud Rowan, lots 4 and 6, blk. 27, Artesia Imp. Co.'s Add. to Artesia, \$1,950.
 M. Alice Morgan to Lola M. Baird, et al, NW¼SW¼SE¼ sec. 2-24-26 and lot 16, blk. 15, town of Malaga.
 J. M. Jones, et ux to Marshall Jones, part lot 3, blk. "C," Happy Valley Farms, \$1 &c.
 Pecos Valley Trust Co. to Felin H. Jones, lot 2, blk. 87, Lowe Add. to Carlsbad, \$10 &c.
 Cornelia E. Talaferro to L. S. Watson, East 36 feet lot 9, blk. 11, Greson's Add. to Carlsbad, \$10 &c.
 Mrs. A. C. Middleton to George W. Vernon, center 55 feet lots 1 and 3, blk. 12, Greene's Highland Add. to Carlsbad.
 V. L. Gates, et ux to Thelma Miller, north 50 feet lots 8, 10 and 12, blk. 9, Orig. Town, Artesia.
 Jesse F. Cook, et ux to Mrs. Lee Battie, lots 1 and 3, blk. 18, Forest Hill Add. to Artesia, \$25.
 Deciderio Perez, et ux to William R. McWood, S½NE¼ sec. 26-25-24, \$10 &c.
 Milta Newman, et al to Mrs. Vena Newman, lots 1 and 3, blk. 20, Clayton & Stegman Add. to Artesia, \$10 &c.
TAX DEEDS—
 State Tax Commission to Phillip Kranz, lots 1 and 3, blk. 11, Chisum Add. to Artesia, \$125.
 State Tax Commission to Gail S. Bell, SE¼NE¼, NE¼SE¼ sec. 31-21-26, \$46.23.
 State Tax Commission to J. S. Covert, S½NE¼, N½SE¼ sec. 22-17-23, \$160.
 State Tax Commission to J. S. Covert, SE¼SW¼ sec. 21-17-23, \$40.
 State Tax Commission to Elizabeth and Gilbert Herrera, N½ lot 14, blk. 16, Orig. Town, Artesia, \$169.52.
QUIT CLAIM DEEDS—
 Ralph A. Shugart, et ux to Geneva F. Ross, W½ lot 4 and all lot 6, blk. 24, Artesia Imp. Co.'s Add. to Artesia, \$300.
 O. A. McGary, et ux to T. J. Lane, lot 25, blk. "F," East San Jose, \$175.
 Myrtle Jackson to A. A. Kaiser, W½NE¼SW¼, sec. 7-18-27, \$1 &c.
 Myrtle Jackson to Geo. E. Kaiser, W½E½SW¼ sec. 7-18-27, \$1 &c.
 Myrtle Jackson to J. T. Collins, E½NE¼SW¼ sec. 7-18-27, \$1 &c.
 Myrtle Jackson to B. F. Kaiser, E½E½SE¼SW¼ sec. 7-18-27; W½SE¼SW¼ sec. 7-18-27, \$1 &c.
 Gilbert and Elizabeth Herrera to J. S. Ward, N½ lot 14, blk. 16, Orig. Town, Artesia, \$25.
 Em. Koehler to Edmond C. Koehler, S½W½NE¼NW¼ sec. 1-22-26, \$1.
LAND PATENTS—
 United States of America to Rush Coates, NW¼ sec. 14-18-23.
 United States of America to Grinnelle Gilmer, NE¼ sec. 14-18-23.
CLAIMS OF LIEN—
 Bureau of Revenue vs. John Boren, bda Liberty Barber & Beauty Shop, \$16.07.
 J. F. Little vs. Ray Hunt, et al, SE¼ sec. 11-17-28. For labor, \$217.50.
DISTRICT COURT—
 No. 6946. Emma Evans vs. J. E. Evans. Divorce.
 No. 6947. Henryetta Cosper vs. Alvie Cosper. Divorce.
 No. 6948. Levers Bros. vs. Lucile Clement. Suit on account, \$211.
 No. 6949. Mills Novelty Co. vs. Soda McLaughlin. Suit on note, \$313.17.
 No. 6950. J. E. Potts vs. Montgomery Transportation Co., et al. Compensation.
 J. O. Garcia, state motor vehicle commissioner, pleaded for "sane and sober driving as he warned New Mexicans that July—the most dangerous month for motorists—lay immediately ahead. For the last five years, he said, July accidental tolls have been 27 per cent greater than the average month.

Hope Items
(Marjorie Johnson)

Mr. and Mrs. John Tomlinson of Hobbs were visiting friends in Hope Tuesday.
 John Runyan of Artesia was a business visitor in Hope the latter part of last week.
 Max Johnson was a Roswell visitor Wednesday and Thursday of last week.
 Frances Johnson of Carlsbad spent Saturday night in Hope visiting her mother, Mrs. Nora L. Johnson, and brother, Max.
 Mrs. Nora L. Johnson and son, Max, motored to Buckeye, N. Mex., Sunday to visit their daughter and sister, Mrs. H. J. Dunne, who is ill at her home there.
 Mr. and Mrs. Bob White of Lubbock, Tex., spent several days here this week visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Parks, on the Parks ranch.
 Ranchers who were attending to business in town this week were Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Hunter, Ernest Bunting, John and Lit Prude and Mr. and Mrs. Hilary White, Jr.
 Mrs. Carl Lewis of Artesia and Mrs. Finn Watson of Hobbs returned to their homes Saturday, having spent several days at Bullice Ranch visiting relatives.
 Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Sanford and children left Friday for James Canyon, where they will make their home. The Sanfords have resided at the Mark Brewer residence for the last two years.
 Mr. and Mrs. Dewey McClellan and son, Jack, of Lubbock, Tex., spent the week end here visiting Mr. and Mrs. Bryant Williams and Mr. McClellan's foster parents, Mr. and Mrs. McKeven Johnston.
 Leland Miller returned to his home in Engle, N. Mex., last Thursday, having spent several days here with his father, Harve Miller, who suffered a paralytic stroke the first of the week.
 J. V. Autrey motored to Mineral Wells, Tex., the latter part of last week to bring Mrs. Autrey home. Mrs. Autrey has been receiving treatment and visiting relatives in Mineral Wells for several weeks.
 Mrs. R. B. Jones and son, George, left Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Rannel Jones for Flagstaff, Ariz., where they will spend several weeks visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rannel Jones and another son, Allen Jones.
 Mr. and Mrs. Christian and daughter, Helen, arrived here the latter part of last week from Los Angeles, Calif., to spend two weeks visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Berry, who reside on the Williams farm.
 Mr. and Mrs. Clem Hodges and children, of Coalingo, Calif., arrived here Tuesday from Hurley, N. Mex., where they were called due to the death of Mr. Hodges' father, who died after receiving injuries in an automobile accident.
 Mrs. Hodges and her mother, Mrs. Ida Prude, and two sisters, Mrs. Carl Lewis of Artesia and Mrs. Finn Watson of Hobbs, motored to El Paso Friday to take Mr. Hodges to leave for his home in Coalingo. Mrs. Hodges will remain here for

Army Parades At S. F. Fair



Stationed at Camp Hunter Liggett for the duration of the California World's Fair is the Treasure Island Company and Band, a crack unit from the 80th U. S. Infantry. The precision drills, dramatic retreat ceremonies, drills to music, parades and formal military honors paid to visiting dignitaries form a colorful part of the Exposition. Here the Treasure Island company parades in front of the Federal Building and the magnificent Colonnade of States. The ceremony is a daily feature at the Fair.

a visit of a month at Bullice Ranch.
 Mrs. J. P. Parks and daughter, Mrs. Bob White, motored to Las Cruces Wednesday to meet their daughter and sister, Betsy Parks, who will spend a month here visiting on the Parks ranch. Miss Parks just received her degree from Arizona State Teachers' College at Flagstaff and is now employed as secretary of schools at Holbrook, Ariz.
 The first test for oil was spudded in on the Walter Coates field southeast of Hope Saturday at noon. Edward A. McAuliffe and Walter Coates are the promoters of the test, which is known as Coates No. 1 well. Indications are favorable for oil in this locality. Citizens of Hope, Artesia and Carlsbad motored to the field, where a covered dish luncheon was served to celebrate the occasion. Among out-of-town people who attended were Col. A. T. Woods and Cy Bunting of Artesia and State Policeman and Mrs. Charles Eagleton of Carlsbad.

Beacon Is Rated Third Newspaper In State Contest

The Artesia Hi Beacon, bi-monthly newspaper published the last school year by members of the journalism class of Artesia High School, placed third in the first annual high school newspaper contest sponsored by New Mexico State College.
 First place went to The Demon Tattler, Santa Fe, and second to The Union, Union High School, Las Cruces.
 In the second division, for mimeographed high school papers, the first place award was given to Tiger Trax, Alamogordo.
 The Ram's Tale, published by Portales High School, took first place in the third division, schools publishing pages in the local or the county papers.
 A fourth division, with a single entrant, was added to the contest,

when Carlsbad High School submitted its lithographed newspaper, The Caveman Pow-Wow.

Cocktail Lounge Is Being Added

The Smoke House is being enlarged in order to accommodate a cocktail lounge, to be opened Saturday, when the new law which allows serving by the drink goes into effect.

A partition has been moved towards the back, permitting the additional space, which will be furnished with cocktail tables.
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Oil Activity—

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Plains Production Co., Swearingen 1, NE sec. 14-18-31.
Drilling at 4,020 feet.

Rhoades Drilling Co., Swearingen 2, NE sec. 14-18-31.
Drilling at 2,860 feet.

W. K. Royalties, Turner 3, NW sec. 16-17-31.
Total depth 3,806 feet; hole full of water; shut down for orders.

George Quillin and Carper Drilling Co., Quillin 1, NE sec. 12-19-31.
Total depth 2,835 feet; hole full of water; shut down for orders.

Underwood & Sanders, Miller 1, NE sec. 5-18-29.
Total depth 2,620 feet; shot with 220 quarts nitro; fishing for bit after shot; top of pay 2,520 feet.

Martin Yates, Saunders 1, NE section 12-18-29, in new sand area.
Total depth 3,200 feet; cleaning out after shooting.

Me-Tex Supply, Stroup and Yates, Yates 1, SW SW section 5-18-29.
Total depth 2,360 feet; 7-inch casing standing cemented at total depth.

Me-Tex Supply, Stroup and Yates, Ballard 1-B, NW NW section 8-18-29.
Drilling at 1,690 feet.

Underwood & Sanders, Langford 1, SW section 9-18-29.
Total depth 2,565 feet; plugged back to 2,495 feet; shot with 120 quarts of nitro; preparing to swab.

Continental, Brainard 1, NW section 11-18-29.
Drilling at 2,520 feet.

Underwood & Sanders, Guy 1, NW NW section 10-18-29.
Drilling at 2,280 feet.

Continental and Yates, Travis 1, SE SE section 3-18-29.
Drilling at 750 feet.

R. W. Fair, State 2, NW NW section 36-17-29.
Location.

Allen, Fair & Pope, Snowden-McSweeney 3, SW NW section 36-17-29.
Drilling at 580 feet.

Carper Drilling Co., Simon 2, SE NE section 29-17-32.
Location.

Fred Turner, Cave-Nickson 1, NE NE sec. 30-18-26.
Total depth 540 feet; lowering 10-inch casing.

Republic Production Co., Robinson 3-B, SE SE sec. 35-17-29.
Drilling at 335 feet.

Premier, Beeson 2-F, SW SW sec. 31-17-30.
Location.

Edward S. McAuliffe, Coates 1, SE NE section 3-18-23, Hope. Spudded in.

Gene Burke, State 1, SE SW section 36-16-24.
Drilling at 850 feet; show of oil.

Red Lake, Reid 1, NE NE section 20-17-28.
Location.

Barney Cockburn, Graham 1, NE NE section 16-18-31.
Location.

Franklin, Ballard 2-A, NW SE section 1-18-29.
Location.

Franklin, Ballard 1-B, NE NE section 1-18-29.
Location.

Carper, Robinson 4, SW SE section 26-16-31.
Location.

W. A. Tarbet was ill at his home a few days last week from a throat ailment, but he is able to report for his work this week.

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STATE CLUB ENROLLMENT REACHES ALL-TIME HIGH

New Mexico 4-H Club enrollments have risen to a new peak in numbers enrolled and projects carried in 1939. This year, according to reports of county extension agents, there are both agricultural and home economics clubs organized in practically every rural community in the state.

There are 7,503 club members carrying 8,215 projects, as compared to 7,095 club members carrying 8,152 projects in 1938. The girls slightly outnumber the boys in the 485 clubs that are organized.

This year club members are enrolled in 44 different projects with beef calf, pig, dairy and poultry as the most popular crops projects; woodcraft at the top in handicraft projects; and clothing and foods at the head of the list for home economics projects. The largest enrollment in any one project is 2,161 in the clothing project. 1,212 club members are enrolled in the foods project and 848 in the woodcraft work.

Ho! Hum! They're Still Undefeated, Are the Conocos

With monotonous regularity the Conoco Oilers won two more softball games the last week to maintain their perfect season record and top the league. But it took two hard fought battles to stay there, last evening against Malco, when Conoco won 7 to 6, and Monday evening when the High School team took the lead in the first inning, only to fall behind later, giving the Oilers the game, 10 to 6.

In the first game last evening the Lake Arthur CCC team defeated High School 9 to 2, although the Bulldogs were rated five hits to six for the CCC boys.

The Conoco team in the second game of the evening was given seven hits and charged with two errors, whereas Malco made three hits and two errors.

The games Monday evening were won by Conoco and Dr. Pepper over High School and Phillips 66, respectively, in two hotly fought contests.

In the first game, the High School lads, who have been unlucky in a number of games, again ran into hard luck against the tough Conoco Oilers, although they started the game off in the lead, getting 3 to 2 runs for Conoco in the first inning and another in the second with no opposition as to scoring. But Conoco jumped ahead in the third, to lead the rest of the game and to win 10 to 6.

Gray, High School pitcher, did not allow any walks, according to the scorebook, but his two opponents, Bynum and Reid, allowed two each. The Oilers got eight hits and were chalked up for seven errors, to 5 and 10, respectively, for the Bulldogs.

The second game was close, the Dr. Peppers winning 9 to 8 over Phillips 66. The Docs made four hits, took seven walks and made eight errors, whereas the 66ers made six hits, walked once and made five errors.

Only one of the games Friday evening was a league game, the other being between Artesia and Roswell, won by Artesia 14 to 11, with only six hits to nine for the visitors. The Artesia boys batted around in the third inning.

In the league game, the Dr. Peppers beat the Lake Arthur CCC team 3 to 1, in one of the closest clashes of the season. The CCC boys made their single run on a walk and a hit. They had three hits to six for the Docs and each team had four errors.

Mrs. Lawell Van Antwerp and daughter, Phyllis, of Oklahoma City arrived Saturday to visit Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Richards, Mrs. Harold Bruton and Mrs. Nora B. Clayton. Mrs. Van Antwerp left Tuesday to return home. Miss Phyllis remained in Artesia to visit in the home of Mrs. L. P. Evans for a few days.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to those who assisted us so faithfully in any way during the illness and following the death of our brother and father, Dr. E. P. McCormick. Especially do we thank those in the East for donating so many flowers.—Horace, his brother, and Lof-ten McCormick, his son. 26-1tp

Farmers in Eddy To Get \$422,861 In ACA Program

Eddy County farmers will receive a total of \$422,861.14 for co-operating this year in the agricultural conservation programs, according to figures released from the county ACA office Wednesday.

Of this total, \$239,701.33 goes to farmers on land outside of the Carlsbad irrigation project, including the Artesia and Cottonwood areas, and \$183,159.81 to farmers within the project, it was said.

Two separate payments will be made to make up the total. The first is the 1939 parity payment, for all producers complying with the 1939 ACA program, figured at .016 a pound on the total base production of the farm.

The second quota is the agricultural conservation payment for 1939, which is 2 cents a pound of the base production of the farm. This payment also includes the soil-building payment.

TAKES COURSE IN POULTRY DISEASES

Jack McCaw, who operates the McCaw Hatchery here, has returned from Lubbock, Tex., where he attended a special course in poultry diseases. The training course was especially designed by a nationally known laboratory to enable managers and poultry service representatives of hatchery and feed stores to render a more useful service to poultry raisers in this community in handling poultry problems and improving flocks.

The school consisted of five full days of intensive study and training in poultry management, sanitation and disease prevention. First aid methods of disease control, post-mortem work and vaccination by use of government licensed bacterins and vaccines were demonstrated and explained.

McCaw said he never knew there was so much to learn about the "working parts of a chicken." The training is offered through a trained traveling staff carrying full equipment for demonstration purposes.

Mrs. L. P. Evans and daughters, Mary and Helen Jean, had as their guests at their cabin at the Artesia Sacramento Camp over the week end Miss Mary Katherine Woods, Miss Phyllis Van Antwerp, of Oklahoma City, Miss Jessyle Cunningham, A. C. Sadler, Bill Ivey and Rell Johnson.

Cottonwood Crops Suffer from Hail, Other Fields Flood

Cotton Damaged on 300 Acres—Water Two Feet Deep Across Pecos

A severe storm last Thursday afternoon flooded many acres on the east side of the Pecos River and north of the bridge, then moved across the Pecos and up the Cottonwood, where about 300 acres of cotton was damaged.

The destruction of the hail was not as bad as was at first thought, some of it coming out of it and now appearing not badly damaged. Cotton on the J. S. Taylor and V. M. Crutchfield places was most damaged.

Others understood to have suffered losses included Ed Taylor, I. P. Johnson, Bob O'Bannon, V. L. Gates and Carl Manda.

On the east side of the Pecos the water from a virtual cloud burst poured down from the fringe of hills, flooding the whole district to a depth of two feet, and as much as three feet on the level in places.

J. B. Muncy, whose place skirts the hills, said it poured for an hour and twenty minutes and that water knee deep ran off of the hills several hours. An outlet for the water was found at Dog Canyon. So swift was the flood a small patch of about twenty acres of cotton belonging to Muncy was destroyed, but he said the good done by way of irrigation in the region far offset the damage.

Dozens of jack rabbits and other wildlife, including snakes, were washed against fences, until debris gave the water something against which to push and fences were laid down.

Muncy said at one place the

water broke over a hill from one draw and flowed into another a mile away. The flood raised the Pecos to about half bankful.

Heavy rains in the Hope community where cattlemen were worried because of lack of water for stock, have replenished the supply there.

Women of County Plan Style Show

Extension clubs in Eddy County are looking forward to a county-wide style review to be held Saturday evening, July 8, at the Crawford Hotel in Carlsbad.

Two Cottonwood clubs are preparing for the event. The Cottonwood Community Club members modeled dresses for the show at a meeting in the Cottonwood gymnasium Wednesday, and the Cottonwood Woman's Club women plan modeling of their dresses at the home of Mrs. W. T. Haldeman next Thursday, July 6, at a joint meeting with the Atoka club.

The dresses are to be taken to Carlsbad by Miss Vernita Conley, county home demonstration agent, for judging by Miss Dee Maier, state extension specialist, who is to arrive in Carlsbad the day prior to the county show.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bruton and son are moving to the Fred Spencer residence on Texas Street the first of June. They are now in the Stevenson residence on Fifth Street.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our appreciation of the many kind deeds and thoughts our neighbors and friends have shown us in the illness and death of our beloved mother and grandmother, Mrs. N. J. Mobley.—Mr. and Mrs. John Mobley and family; Mr. and Mrs. Newt Mobley and family; Mrs. Bessie Dale and family; Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Shely, and the other grandchildren. 26-1tp

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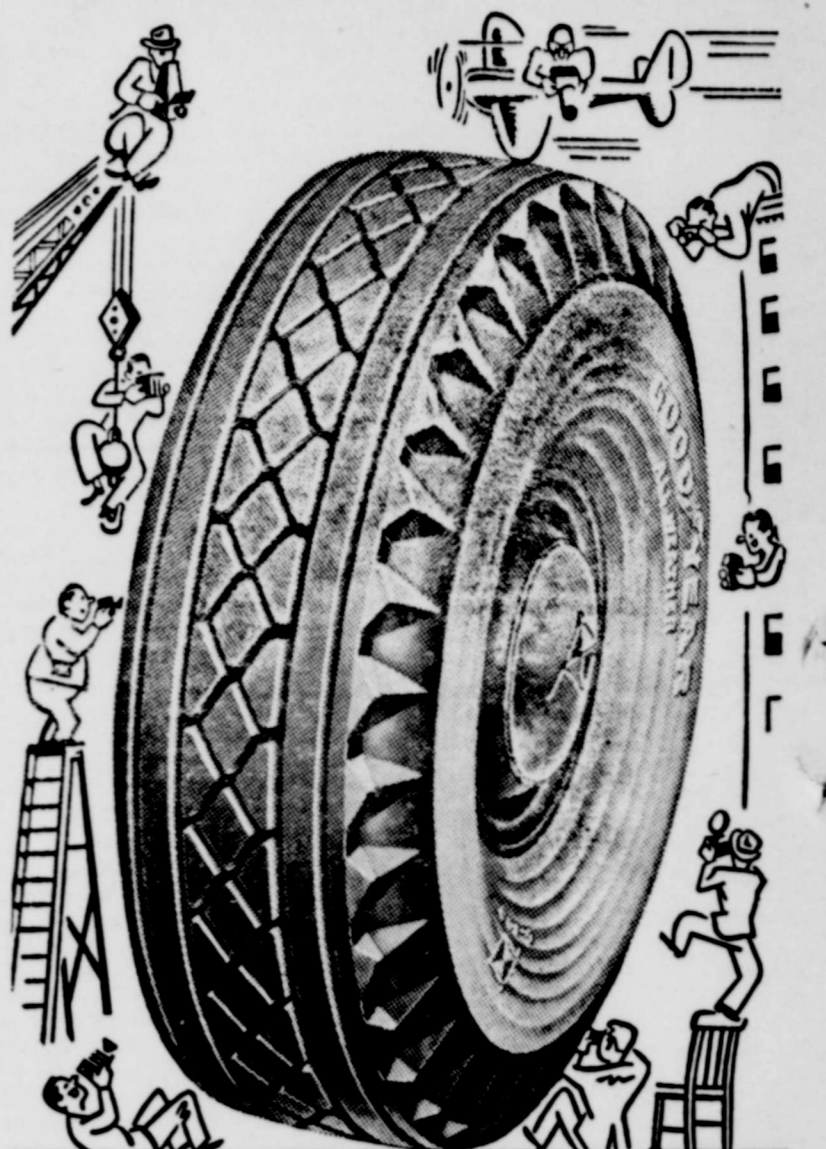
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