

Upper Cottonwood

(Mrs. D. A. Bradley)
Lovely was a party last Tuesday afternoon at the Methodist parsonage in Lake Arthur, when Mrs. W. S. C. Society honored Mrs. Moore with a lovely "hankie" shower. Mrs. Moore, who has been an efficient president the last two years, has moved to Carrizozo and her many friends at Lake Arthur will miss her. The gifts, all wrapped in lovely packages, were presented to the honoree by the pastor's wife, Mrs. Chester Rogers. After presenting the gifts, the business meeting of the society was held, at which time officers for the year were elected: President, Mrs. Chester Rogers; vice president, Mrs. Redman Pate; secretary, Mrs. Murphy; treasurer, Mrs. John Lane. During the social hour, the hostess, Mrs. Rogers, and co-hostess, Mrs. Clyde Nihart, served light refreshments.
Mrs. Mervin Worley and Mrs. Paul Robinson were charming hostesses at the Worley home on Upper Cottonwood last Tuesday afternoon, when the Cottonwood Community Extension Club held its regular January meeting with the president, Mrs. Fred Chambers, in the chair. The meeting was opened with group singing. Rollcall was answered by members giving proper comments. The program committee Mrs. Glen O'Bannon, and Mrs. Barney Green, rendered a very fine program. Those who took part were Mrs. Melvin Mayberry, Mrs. King, Mrs. O. A. Pearson, Mrs. D. A. Bradley, Mrs. Henry Lamb, Mrs. B. E. Green, and Mrs. Mervin Worley. At the conclusion of the program, an interesting business meeting was conducted by Mrs. Chambers. During the social hour the hostess served refreshments to Mrs. Chambers, Mrs. Pearson, Mrs. King, Mrs. Green, Mrs. Douglas O'Bannon, Mrs. Glenn O'Bannon, Mrs. Mayberry, Mrs. Shumake, Mrs. May Buck, Mrs. Bradley, Mrs. Lamb, Mrs. Woody, and Miss Mary Frances O'Bannon, members, and Mrs. Orval Worley, a visitor.
Mr. and Mrs. Sid Allen and son, Dickie, were guests at a lovely dinner Sunday at the home of their son and brother and family in Carlsbad.
Ralph Pearson is repairing the house on his farm in which Mr. and Mrs. Fred Chambers live.
Mr. and Mrs. Sid Allen received word this week that their son at Carlsbad has been called to the Army and that another son, John Allen, in Arizona has volunteered

for the service. This will be four of the Allen boys in service. The son at Carlsbad will leave for duty Monday.
Sgt. Aubry Laman, who has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Laman, 30 days, left Monday for Longview, Tex., where he will report back to the Army hospital.
Rita and Betty Ann Phillips returned home to Roswell Friday after visiting their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Bradley, a week.
Geneva and Shirline Worley have returned home from Carlsbad, where they spent several days visiting in the home of their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. V. W. Worley.
Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Crenshaw, who have lived on the Ed Taylor farm several years, have moved to a farm north of Artesia.
Mr. and Mrs. Barnett have moved from near Artesia to one of the Glenn O'Bannon farm, where Prosper Montgomery lived before moving to Texas.
Junior Martin, who has been working in Artesia for some time, resigned his job there and will work with his father on the Roy Ingram farm this year.
Mr. and Mrs. Mervin Worley and Mr. and Mrs. Orval Worley and little daughter were on business in Roswell Wednesday.
Mr. and Mrs. Wade Lane of Carrizozo are the parents of a son, Alfred Gene, born Jan. 12, weight 7 pounds 4 ounces. He is a grandson of Mrs. Emma Lane of Lake Arthur.
Kenneth Allen, 18, who is in Navy training in San Diego, Calif., came home Monday of this week for a visit of a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sid Allen of this community.
Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Howard received word from their daughter, Mrs. Donald Vaughn, Saturday night, saying her husband, Sgt. Donald Vaughn, who has been in a hospital several months, has

received a medical discharge and that they will leave the hospital in Pampa, Fla., Saturday. They will visit a few days with Sergeant Vaughn's sister, who is in college at Austin, Tex. From there they will visit in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Howard, and then plan to make their home in Artesia.
Mrs. Delois Jones and little son, Kenneth Leroy, left by bus last week for Albuquerque to visit her sister, Mrs. Wheeler. Mrs. Jones will remain with her sister's three

children, while Mrs. Wheeler goes for a short visit with her husband, Sergeant Wheeler, who is stationed in Wisconsin.
Mr. and Mrs. Orval Worley were hosts at their home last Thursday night, honoring with an enchilada supper, Mr. and Mrs. Zeph Risley and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Host and daughter, Barbara Kay, of Artesia.
A county council meeting of all Eddy County Extension Clubs will be held in Carlsbad Friday, Jan.

26. The clubs in the south part of the county will be hosts to all the other clubs at a luncheon at the Presbyterian Church at noon.
The Ladies' Aid Society is meeting today at the home of Mrs. D. A. Bradley with Mrs. Fred co-hostess.
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Chambers were transacting business in Carlsbad Monday.
Mrs. Juliette Aucoin of New Orleans left a war job with Higgins Aircraft to begin basic training in the WAC at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga. Her husband, Joseph, blind since birth, will travel with her as far as Chattanooga, Tenn., where he plans to work as a machine operator — taking his wife's place in war industry.

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Pecans		33c
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	Pkg.	
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Veal	Lb.	
TONGUES		28c
Bulk	Lb.	
PURE LARD		18c
Bulk	Lb.	
MINCEMEAT		18c
Beef Fresh	Lb.	
LIVER		35c
Beef Grade A	Lb.	
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FBI Laboratory Performs Many Tests Aiding Local Law Officers

The FBI Laboratory in Washington, D. C., has completed twelve years of service to law enforcement officers in this area.

In making that announcement today, R. J. Untreiner, special agent in charge of the El Paso office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, said the Laboratory opened Nov. 24, 1932, with one technician and a single microscope. Today it has scores of technicians and equipment valued at \$1,000,000.

Director J. Edgar Hoover has said that the FBI's facilities place a modern scientific crime detection laboratory at the command of every law enforcement agency in the United States, Untreiner said.

The FBI technicians are specialists in many fields. They handle each examination impartially and from a scientific viewpoint. When conclusions are reached, the local officers are advised. If required, the FBI technicians appear at the trail of the local cases, bring photographs or charts to illustrate their findings. This assistance does not cost the state or local courts anything. It is an FBI contribution to more effective law enforcement.

Untreiner said the FBI Laboratory will handle any technical problem arising in connection with criminal investigations. He added that many agencies in the area already have obtained free expert assistance.

"The FBI Laboratory has been busy with war work, but it has handled the technical problems of local officers throughout the emergency period," Untreiner said. "The laboratory has the men and the equipment to handle any kind of problem met by law enforcement organizations in their criminal investigations."

Texas police investigating a safecracking found a pair of shoes in the home of a suspect. The shoes were muddy and since the safe had been opened at a spot where the ground was wet, soil samples were sent to the FBI along with dirt from the suspect's shoes. The two samples were found to be identical. The suspect confessed and admitted that he had been involved in a number of other similar safecrackings.

In another Texas case, a business man received a letter threatening to "blow up" his establishment unless he paid \$1,000. A suspect was developed and in his home was found a tablet of paper. On a sheet was found some trace of indented writing. This sheet was sent to the FBI Laboratory, where special handling enabled technicians to "bring out" the indented writing which proved to be identical with that on the extortion note. Two persons were tried in

NATION'S FARM PRICES HIT HIGH LEVEL

Prices paid farmers are at the highest level since September, 1920, the USDA reports. The farm product price index, now 200 per cent of the 1909-14 average, rose four points during the month ending Dec. 15. Farm product prices as a whole now average 117 per cent of parity.

The major upturns were in fruit, truck crops, and poultry and eggs. Corn, wheat, cotton, hay, and peanut prices were still below parity in December.

connection with this case and both were convicted.

A New Mexico man picked up a package left at a spot designated in an extortion note. He likewise claimed ignorance, but his handwriting specimens proved that he had written the threatening letter. After an FBI agent testified to his findings at the trial, a jury deliberated approximately five minutes before returning a verdict of guilty.

Technicians in the FBI Laboratory frequently can gain a great deal of information from small bits of evidence. The dried saliva on a cigarette butt, dirt scraped from a shoe sole, soil particles from trouser cuffs, fingernail dirt, or a chip of paint from a hit-and-run scene may provide the missing key to a solution.

Identification of suspected blood stains, matching of hairs and feathery bits of fibers, classification of various body fluids, handwriting comparisons, and bullet identifications are among other day-to-day problems for the FBI Laboratory. The technicians recently received several automobile tires from which the serial numbers had been cut. The figures were restored, enabling local officers to identify the tires as stolen property.

As a result of these modern feats of magic, many criminals are caught each year who otherwise would remain free to commit additional illegal acts.

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LATEST NEWS EVENTS

CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE CITY OF ARTESIA, NEW MEXICO

WATER FUND				
	7-1-44	Receipts to Date	Disbursements to Date	Balance 1-1-45
Water Fund	14,995.29	28,388.83	23,647.51	19,736.61
Revenue Bonds	5,518.65	1,825.90	2,596.25	4,748.30
	\$20,513.94	\$30,214.73	\$26,243.76	\$24,484.91

GENERAL FUND				
	Balance 7-1-44	Receipts to Date	Disbursements to Date	Balance 1-1-45
General	3,472.86	17,016.19	18,701.21	1,787.84
Sinking	1,654.08	3,614.56		5,268.64
Interest	1,432.00	.61	225.00	1,207.61
	\$ 6,558.94	\$20,631.36	\$18,926.21	\$ 8,264.09

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STUDY CONSERVATION FOR SCOUT RANCH

Soil Conservation Service workers are studying conservation plans for the 127,000-acre Philmont Scout Ranch near Cimarron, a gift to the Boy Scouts from Waite Phillips, Tulsa, Okla., oil man.

Phillips stocked the ranch with buffalo, elk, mountain sheep, deer, antelope, bear, and other animals, and the Scouts are carrying on his plan for the protection of game and birds.

A patient came to a field hospital with the complaint that he was unable to sleep at night. The doctor's advice was for the soldier to eat something before going to bed.

"But, doctor," the patient reminded him, "two months ago you told me never to eat anything before going to bed."

The good doctor blinked, and then in full professional dignity replied, "My boy, that was two months ago. Science has made enormous strides since then."

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF EDDY COUNTY, STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF HARVEY L. MUNCY, ALSO KNOWN AS H. L. MUNCY, DECEASED.

No. 1185

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTRIX

Notice is hereby given that the Last Will and Testament of Harvey L. Muncy, deceased, together with the Codicil attached thereto, has been admitted to probate in the Probate Court of Eddy County, New Mexico in the above styled and numbered cause. Notice is further given that Lois Laverne Williams has been appointed Executrix of said Last Will and Testament of Harvey L. Muncy, deceased, and has qualified as such, and all persons having claims against said decedent are notified to file the same within six months from January 18, 1945, as provided by law, or said claims will be barred.

DATED this 16th day of January, 1945.

Lois Laverne Williams, Executrix. 3-4t-6

NOTICE OF SUIT PENDING THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO. TO: HENRY THOMAS PARKER, DEFENDANT.

GREETING:

You are hereby notified that an action has been commenced against you in the District Court of Eddy County, State of New Mexico, No. 8736 on the Civil Docket of said County, wherein Bonnie Lee Parker is Plaintiff and you, Henry Thomas Parker, are Defendant.

That the general objects of the action are to obtain a decree of divorce and a judgment that all property in possession of the Plaintiff is her separate property and to restore Plaintiff's former name of Bonnie Lee.

Neil B. Watson, Artesia, New Mexico, is Plaintiff's attorney. You are further notified that unless

you enter your appearance in said cause on or before February 15, 1945, judgment will be rendered in said cause against you by default.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of said Court this 29th day of December, A. D., 1944.

(SEAL)

Ethel M. Highsmith, Clerk of the District Court. 1-4t-4

NOTICE STATE ENGINEER'S OFFICE

Number of Application RA-1511 Santa Fe, N. M., Dec. 29, 1944.

Notice is hereby given that on the 24th day of November, 1944, in accordance with Chapter 131 of the Session Laws of 1931, Ralph Pearson of Lake Arthur, County of Chaves State of New Mexico, made application to the State Engineer of New Mexico for a permit to change location of shallow groundwater well No. RA-1511 from present location in the Southwest Corner of Lot 10, Section 2, Township 16 South, Range 25 East, N. M. P. M., to a location in Lot 13, Section 2, Township 16 South, Range 25 East, N. M. P. M., where applicant proposes to drill a shallow groundwater well 15 inches in diameter and approximately 200 feet in depth for the purpose of perpetuating rights already established under License RA-1511.

Any person, firm, association, corporation, the State of New Mexico or the United States of

America, deeming that the granting of the above application will be truly detrimental to their rights in the waters of said underground source, may protest in writing the State Engineer's granting of approval of said application. The protest shall set forth all protestant's reasons why the application should not be approved and shall be accompanied by supporting affidavits and by proof that a copy of the protest has been served upon the applicant. Such protest and proof of service must be filed with the State Engineer within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of the notice. Unless protested, the application will be given final consideration for approval by the State Engineer on the 9th day of February, 1945.

Thomas M. McClure, State Engineer. 2-3t-4

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Predicts Peak Sales for Automobile Dealers in State When War Ends

Automobile retailers in New Mexico will smash all previous records by selling approximately 16,000 new cars in the first year of unrestricted production after the war—62 per cent more than were sold in the peak year of 1941.

That prediction was made by Joseph W. Frazer, automobile executive, who said his figures for that state are computed on the basis of nationwide estimates developed by his organization.

"Our study shows that during the first year of automobile production the state's new car market will total approximately \$19,914,000," he said, "and the total volume for the next four years should exceed \$65,716,200."

The executive estimated that 6,000,000 passenger cars will be sold in the nation during the first 12 months of unlimited output and that dealers will enjoy a "series of ten-billion-dollar years" in the postwar period.

During the first year, he said, "aggressive selling" of automobiles and trucks will create a national advertising expenditure of approximately \$160,000,000—a 30 per cent increase over the record-breaking outlay of 1941. Of this amount, he estimated that 50 per cent or \$80,000,000 will be allocated to newspapers.

Frazer forecast "hot and heavy" competition among dealers in the state, "particularly in the second year of full production, when new companies with unique models will undoubtedly enter the field." He cited his company as "at least one concern which will depart from conventional design and build a postwar automobile utilizing plastics, light metals, and other recent wartime developments."

In addition, businesses in New Mexico indirectly associated with the automobile should experience a boom in the postwar years when the nation embarks upon an era of touring unprecedented in the nation's history. For example, Frazer predicted that the state's tourist and resort businesses will experience an all-time high.

Southwestern Livestock Show To Be April 5-9

El Paso's sixteenth annual Southwestern Livestock Show and eighth annual Southwestern Championship Rodeo dates have been changed to April 5-9, according to an announcement by the show officials. Both events were originally scheduled for a week earlier, which is Holy Week and Easter Sunday.

Top-ranking contestants of the Cowboys' Turtle Association will ride, rope, and bulldog the rugged rodeo stock of Don Nesbitt and Verne Elliott, world-famous rodeo producers and directors.

The Livestock Show of 1945 is inviting breeders of registered Hereford, Aberdeen-Angus, and Shorthorn cattle to exhibit there for the first time. A division un-

Lower Cottonwood

(Ora Buck)

A large crowd attended the Kersey Funk sale Wednesday of last week. Lake Arthur Methodist ladies served lunch at noon. Mr. and Mrs. Funk have moved to Lake Arthur, where they will operate a store.

The Cottonwood Ladies' Aid served lunch at the Ed Taylor sale Monday. A good report was made of the sale and lunch.

A Mr. and Mrs. Watkins of Texas recently moved to this community and are living on one of the H. V. Parker farms. They have two sons, one of whom is serving with the Army.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Renshaw, who have been living on Section 4, are moving to a place near Artesia.

Marie Vandagriff was on the sick list last week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Martin and family, who live on the Roy Ingram farm and who planned to move to Artesia, have decided to remain on the farm and rent their home in Artesia.

R. N. Thomas of Carlsbad was at Cottonwood School last Thursday. He brought supplies for the school and announced there will be a school board election Feb. 5.

The Eddy County nurse visited Cottonwood School last week for general supervision and weighed the seventh and eighth grade pupils.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Martin entertained with a party at their home Saturday night.

Houston Christian has enrolled in Cottonwood School. He moved to this community from Hagerman with his parents and lives on the Ralph Pearson farm.

Henry Hall, petty officer third class, who has been in the Navy about three years, is in a hospital in California, according to messages from him to friends here. He did not disclose the nature of his illness, but said he has been in the hospital two months and is somewhat improved.

der the sponsorship of the local chapter of the American Rabbit and Cavy Breeders Association has also been added as a new feature. All classes of former shows—fat calves, swine, sheep, poultry, quarter horses and Palomino horses—are again appearing in the premium list.

NEWS OF OUR MEN and WOMEN IN UNIFORM

Two 17-year-old volunteers for the United States Navy from Artesia have been enlisted at the main recruiting station in Santa Fe. They are Raymond E. Bellows, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Bellows, and Raymond Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Jones. Both are graduates of Artesia High School, and enthusiastic athletes. The former participated in boxing and football, and the latter in football, winning his letter during the last two seasons. Both men have also been recently employed by the New Mexico Asphalt & Refining Company. Sworn in as apprentice seamen, they were transferred immediately to a naval training center.

First Lt. Charles A. Denton, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Denton of Artesia, New Mexico, has been assigned to duty at Kirtland Field as an instructor in the B-24 Transition Pilot School. He was transferred there from Victorville (Calif.) Army Air Field, where he was sent after his return from Italy. Lieutenant Denton was graduated from Artesia High School in 1936 and later attended Long Beach (Calif.) Junior College, Long Beach, Calif. His brother, Jack, is in the Navy.

Cpl. Francis L. Clowe, 29, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Clowe, of Artesia, has arrived overseas and is awaiting his first combat mission with a heavy bombardment squadron. He is radio operator and waist gunner on a 15th AAF B-24 Liberator. Corporal Clowe graduated from the Artesia High School in 1934 and worked for the Continental Oil Company until he entered the service on Feb. 5, 1943. His sister, Margaret, is serving with the Waves in the States, and his brother, David, is serving overseas as an engineer-gunner on a B-17 Flying Fortress. His wife, Edith, and their daughter, Kathleen, aged 4 years, reside in Artesia.

"Not what we give but what we share" was the theme of a Christmas celebration enjoyed by a unit of American WAC's assigned to the XII Air Force Service Com-

mand including Sgt. Mary I. Lynde of Artesia, sister of Mrs. Oscar Samelson, when they entertained as their guests at a Christmas dinner thirty orphans from a Methodist Episcopal orphanage in an Italian city.

To the orphans of a war-torn country, the party symbolized all they had heard of benevolent America, and the "American ladies" were angels in olive drab, for they could remember no other Christmas. True, every Christmas they had gathered in a circle and had sung the Italian song that welcomes "Papa Noel," the bearer of gifts, but never had the Italian Santa appeared. Then came the "American ladies" to work in offices and to adopt an orphanage as their own. And when "Natale" came this year, there were games, prizes, a turkey dinner, candy, and toys. The toys had come from the States, for the women months ago asked friends to substitute toys and red mittens and warm stockings for the cosmetics and perfumes that would ordinarily be sent. The goodies were candy rations that had been saved for weeks so that for once the Italian children could have all they desired.

To the WAC's, it was the highlight of the Christmas season, for it brought to their barracks in Italy a touch of home. The wide-eyed children became the kid sister or brother at home, and every WAC knew that the gifts and goodies that she had shared had brought the light of belief and hope into the eyes of children whose eyes had seen on other Christmas days only the light of flares to path the way of home destroying bombs.

In the words of the English speaking matron of the orphanage,

"Thank you, American ladies; they have never known Christmas before. The Lord bless you and watch you and all Americans."

In the words of the commanding officer of the unit, Lt. Jacqueline Walther of Philadelphia, "My platoon has had a Merry Christmas. In preparing for the party, we spent many a happy evening. One needs children and toys and littered paper and candy wrappers to make Christmas complete, and we were as thrilled as the children."

But Sgt. Gwendolyn Huatt of Roswell, New Mexico, told the story in a few words as she looked at the quickly policed day-room and commented, "Funny, the whole gang pitched in and cleaned up the dayroom in nothing flat, and not a one had a gripe about doing it."

Pfc. Lawrence R. LaBadie, son of Mrs. Mary LaBadie of Orange, Calif., formerly of Artesia, has been awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge for his participation against the enemy at Bougainville. Private LaBadie, an automatic rifleman, is with front-line troops of the Americal Division and has been overseas 11 months. The division fought on Guadalcanal, until that island was secured in Feb-

ruary, 1943. On Bougainville, the division distinguished itself in the battle for Hill 260.

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