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Observations have been made by... the supper honoring Gov. L. Mechem, to be held at 6 Thursday, Sept. 13, in the Temple.

Margaret Gore, daughter of Mr. Edward T. Gore is going to the University of Mexico, where she will be a sophomore this year.

Miss Ruth Adams and Frances M. Adams of Salt Lake City, Utah, arrived Wednesday, Sept. 5 to visit the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. P. man.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Williams of San Diego, Calif., arrived Wednesday, Sept. 5 to visit their sisters, Mrs. L. Trigg and Mrs. Robert Parks.

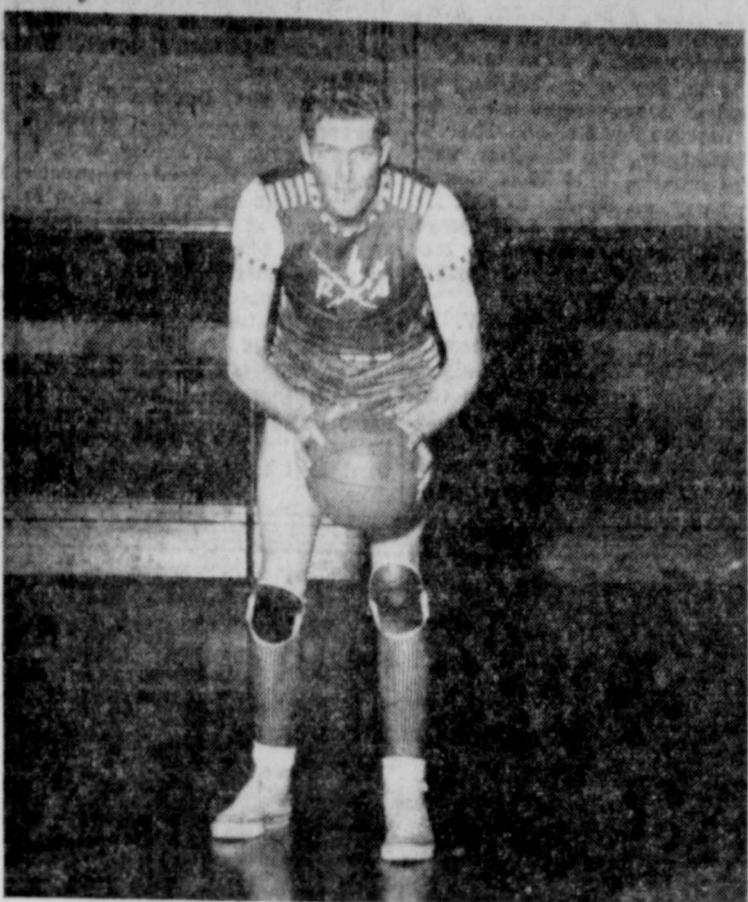
Mr. and Mrs. Everett Crume and Mrs. Harlan, took their daughter Betty, to Portales Sunday to enroll in Eastern New Mexico University.

Miss W. W. Adair, Jr., 1104 West Central, was in Hobbs Wednesday and Thursday of last week on business.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Mitchell, son of Mr. J. E. Mitchell, three miles east of Artesia, returned to the bride base at San Diego, Sunday, Sept. 9, after a 10-day leave.

New member of the Artesia Post Department, assigned to night duty, is Calvin Whitworth. He joined the department Sept. 1.

Extra Voltage for Travelers



DON HEATHINGTON

Soft-spoken, drawing, but fast thinking and moving, big Don Heathington, forward, was a powerhouse last season on the Artesia REA Travelers basketball team.

REA Travelers Tune Up Power For Entry Into Major Cage Loop

Big-time bang-up basketball will be brought to Artesia as the baby team of the National Industrial League squares off in its first season in that loop, opening against Stewart Chevrolet of San Francisco.

Red Goodwin, manager of the local quintet, said Friday, that definite arrangements had been made for the use of the Artesia High School gymnasium for some of the league games.

There are 11 quintets in the National Industrial Basketball League of which the Artesia REA Travelers is the newest club. They are: Phillips 66, Bartlesville, Okla., eight-time champion — 1940 and 1942 to 1950.

Blue and Gold, Oakland, Calif., 1949 champions. Stewart Chevrolet, San Francisco, 1951 champions. Denver Chevrolet.

REA Travelers, Artesia. While the skill of the Travelers is on a near-professional basis there is nothing professional about the team.

Five New Mexico Frosh Gridsters On Texwest Squad

With only 10 lettermen on hand, freshmen will play a key role in Freshmen Western College's 1951 football fortunes.

Play-Off for Grid Title Plan Gets Only Lukewarm Reaction

Advocates of a proposed football play-off in the New Mexico high schools, to settle the championship without any ifs, ands, or buts, didn't get much encouragement from the talk at the District Five sports council recently held at Artesia.

Talk indicated no definite desire for such a set-up. Nor was there much more interest manifested, at least according to a report of a preliminary poll, on a definite in-demand set-up for junior high athletics.

Game Association Seek More Members

A membership campaign is underway by the North Eddy County Game Protective Association, which will be climaxed with a barbecue at 7 p. m., Nov. 1, in the high school cafeteria in Artesia.

Memberships are \$2.00 for adults, \$1.00 for boys and girls of high school age. For the barbecue members may attend, and if wives are also members, the entire family is eligible.

- Dec. 29 — Golden Dukes at Artesia. Dec. 30 — Golden Dukes at Albuquerque. Jan. 1 — Goodyear at Akron, Ohio.

- Jan. 3 — Air Gens at Dayton, Ohio. Jan. 5 — Allen Bradley at Milwaukee. Jan. 6 — Caterpillar Diesel at Peoria, Ill.

Wilson said, in speaking of the proposed salary hike, that when an A team played a B team, the higher scale for A would apply.

Executive Secretary of the New Mexico High School Athletic Association, Ward, made a talk in which changes, told of new equipment, he explained some football rules, commented again on the sound and fury caused by the point system, and gave some basic gridiron definitions.

Ward said that the down was the index of a football game; defined Team A as the one that puts the ball into play; said there was a distinction between fumble and muff.

Commenting on Ayers' speech, in which the radioman had said "let's have more sports," Brown said he would make it "better sports," and Emerson added that he inclined to Ayers' view, of both "more" as well as "better."

Interests were indicated in a separate deal in athletics for junior high schools, apart from senior, but decided by the junior schools. Talk earlier at the meeting indicated that few junior high schools were interested in whether there was a separate set-up for junior high schools or not.

issued copies of the May 28 district bulletin, conducted introductions, asked for those present to sign a register.

Mimes of the last meeting were read by Clayton Meares, district secretary-treasurer.

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They came back to the cafeteria and John Brown, Alta Vista principal, Carlsbad, and chairman of the group, led the report.

Also advocated was shortening time and distances in junior high athletics, for example, substituting 75 yards for the 220-yard dash, because junior high boys were not sufficiently physically developed to run the longer distance without danger of injury.

Don Riddle, junior high principal at Artesia, said the group favored using "officials in our own communities to supervise games, certified officials if available, if not, officials agreeable to both schools."

Howard O. Miller, Artesia tennis coach, spoke in favor of permitting a player in both district and state tournaments to play in both singles and doubles, and of allowing the district runner-up to take part in the state contest.

Master of ceremonies at the sports forum was Travis Stovall, District Five vice-president, and Artesia High School principal. He



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WILL ROBINSON

presence on the campus of the University of New Mexico of representative of American doing research work for the that signs his checks, at some attention this week, very much, until it was ed that natural gas was in horizon.

state is now very much gas and this interest was a week or so ago by the that the deposits of the land illuminating agent, are gest in the United States thaps in the world.

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it is accepted as probable e terrain contains much of pe from which dry ice is which was first found just of Estancia. This hooks right

up with the other great source of subterranean wealth, crude petro-

Maljamar Field

It has been something like 40 years since natural gas was encountered in the Maljamar field in Eddy county, and still more of it in Lea, west of Jal a ways.

In the scramble for oil very little attention has been given to natural gas, which is perhaps a good thing as the state has been strangely indifferent to the conservation of this phase of underground wealth, allowing it to be drawn upon almost without restraint from as far away as San Francisco and New York.

Of course, it were only a matter of time until such prodigality will result in the partial or entire depletion of the supply, but that may be a life-time again. This particular smeller doesn't seem to worry about the time of overdraft, and admits that the guess of 90,000,000 cubic feet now subject to call may be a metrial under-guess. Really, it is difficult of exact determination as the contents of the grease reservoirs down thar.

Mineral Wealth
There is a good deal that is staggering about the mineral possibilities of New Mexico, so that the admission that there is danger in the threat of the over-draft on the sup-

ply of sulphur in these United States.

It has been thought that the deposits under the Louisiana swamps were sufficient for all time, but this disclosure would seem to indicate that it is too doubtful for dependency that the supply may not give way at almost any time.

New Mexico may be in the picture here. Pure sulphur deposits have been found at many points, there being one layer in Northern Eddy county that is alleged to be 20 feet thick.

There may be some way of fencing off the artesian water that has always prevented any attempts at exploration.

Of course, there is no such difficulty attending the almost unlimited stars of 40 per cent sulphur rock along the south edge of Eddy county, around Oria and known to extend well into New Mexico. This source is easily tapped and reduced to purity, so that we may have a big source of values.

Some time science will find a way to make use of the globulated gypsum, west of Alamogordo, which means the "White Sands," that will make this snowy treasure house reachable at less cost than the 90 per cent gypsum around the little post office of Acme in Chaves county.

However, gypsum is one of the commonest minerals in the world, and it may be a long while before the "White Sands" will have any value except as an attraction for tourists.

The list really includes the wealth of abrasives found on Mount Taylor and in other parts of the state.

Flotsam and Jetsam
Sometimes there are varied flashes of the human lights that cross the campus of the University of New Mexico.

A recent one is an AP story that tells how Jason W. Kallahin, originally of Roswell, and the last few years of Albuquerque and Santa Fe, has been named as legal advisor and examiner to the oil con-

servation commission at a pittance of \$6,000 a year. And the ink was hardly dry on his sheep skin!

George McFadden II has the sport desk a few feet away from this writer, and is making good as a sports editor for the university. He grew up in Roswell and his daddy, George McFadden II sells tile and other building junk there. His wife, Jean McNay of Albuquerque, has a desk at the air base offices.

Mrs. Elizabeth Rue, chief clerk at the Elite Jiggershop across the street from the university for four years, is enjoying her vacation. She was born on the Sim Newman school section east of Roswell, and lived in the best town and the mountain rim for years. She is a "Gold Star" mother.

Thomas B. Kelton, who was dug out of a mine at Dawson, is now the chief lump in the largest coal mine in the world, in Nova Scotia. Wandering over the U campus the other day, and never met up with a person he knew except one ancient mariner not an alumnus.

May Rees, for decades a school teacher at Las Cruces and other points in the state, now retired, is putting the finishing touches to a book on the life and works of Elizabeth Garrett, which will be printed along about the first of the year. It is a labor of love participated in under her direction by others who knew the wonderful daughter of Pat Garrett.

R. B. Sotham of the American Book Concern, was among the drop-ins at the university the past week, as a result of which his daughter may be one of the year's co-eds.

He will soon quit his job, as he sees the collapse of the book business. "Readers simply can't pay from \$3.00 to \$5.00 for a book worth not over \$1.50. As soon as inflation is over there will be a reaction that will demolish the trade as we now know it," he declared.

The books that are now held at such high prices, have been since

Francis Roosevelt puffed the printing business as to books, will have to subside to a fair figure. That means many publishers will go broke."

H. B. Costerville of Everett, Wash., a neophyte at the U back in the time of Prexy E. McQueen Grey, wandered around over the campus like a lost soul for a couple of days this week. He was kidnapped by the University of Colorado before he signed up at Albuquerque.

E. B. Johnson, of the staff of the New York World, after many years service on the staff of Cornell University, stopped over at Albuquerque on his way to see the Caverns at Carlsbad. Fine looking old scout, gray hair and everything.

Dr. C. C. Edwards, bug catcher of the University of Tennessee, was here the past several days

studying the invasion of worms from the desert to the Southwest. Come the cheering information that the crawlers will be effectively halted by the river. Such visitations only last a year or two, he says.

Highest tie football game in history was played between the Hardin-Simmons University Cowboys and the College of Pacific Tigers. The score was 35-35 in a game played in the 1948 Lodi Grape Bowl.

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Baseball an industry? Yes. And even though the 125 stockholders lost money and the Drillers ended in the cellar, the first season of professional baseball in Artesia closed on a successful note.

During its short season, baseball brought a \$50,000 payroll into Artesia. This figure includes payment for lights, keeping of the grounds, hotels, ushers, ticket takers, score keepers, announcers, baseballs and bats and many other miscellaneous items. This money has all been spent in Artesia, which means the Drillers operated on approximately \$8000 per month. In addition to this, there have been 70 home games, during which the other clubs in the league paid their own expenses while in Artesia. Up to \$10,000 were spent at hotels, eating establishments and service stations during the baseball season by out-of-town teams.

The cost of operating Artesia's baseball club was borne by issuance of stock, gate receipts, concessions, advertisements on the scoreboard and fence, sale of baseball players and miscellaneous sources of income. The stockholders paid \$27,000 for the Driller's franchise, equipment and title to ball players. The team was purchased from Dr. Martin Dykes of Borger, Texas. It was formerly located at Ball-

enger, Texas.

A late start, under-financing, little organization, construction of a non-existent ball club and training of personnel, did little to form a favorable box office opinion, but from the standpoint of the directors, it was a successful season and with the knowledge of the past year, further operations will be expected to run smoother.

Intangible aid to Artesia derived from owning a baseball team can be listed as follows:

1. Amusement and entertainment. Baseball has become the leading sport in America and many Artesians were given a chance to see their first professional baseball game. Along with this, is the erection of the beautiful park, city owned, but leased by the ball club.

2. Individual profits. The increase of interest in baseball, no doubt, led to the increase in sales of sporting goods. Hotels, eating establishments and motels pro-

vided, not only from league clubs but also from transient salesmen and tourists who stay in Artesia to see the ball game.

3. United the community. Baseball has provided a topic of conversation, pro and con, since the beginning of the season. "Hello" and "Good Bye" neighbors spent hours over the backyard fence discussing the Drillers.

4. Good Will Builder. North and South Eddy County baseball fans forgot their old differences and became fellow boosters of the local baseball team. This was evident in the sale of out-of-town season tickets.

5. Regional and National Publicity. Baseball clippings carrying result of Driller games have come from such metropolitan newspapers as New York City and The Sports News, St. Louis weekly. (the baseball fan's Bible) carried all the results of the 140 Driller games.

6. Aids Juveniles. There were

2000 signed members of the "Knot Hole Gang" for the season. This one feature, in the opinion of many, justifies every cent it might take to operate the club as it reduces juvenile delinquency.

A meeting of the stockholders and any interested fans has been set for Sept. 25, with the place to be designated later, for the purpose of making a complete report on the trials and tribulations of baseball, 1951 and recommendations for next year. "If the Club is brought back."

According to Fred Brainard, vice president of the baseball club, organizations and individuals who have been of help to the club are too numerous to mention, but the directors want to sincerely thank them for their loyal support and the work they have done. Special thanks go to the Chamber of Commerce, the REA for lights and poles and the city of Artesia for their help in making the baseball field available.

In spite of losses incurred through the operation of the club, overall benefits derived will justify the opinion of the directors and other far-sighted citizens.

(Information courtesy Fred Brainard)

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Taxes Attain Zenith, Expert Says in Article

A 100 per cent tax on all taxable incomes over \$4,000 would be required to meet the bill for the additional \$10,000,000,000 revenue which the Treasury Department contends it needed under the new Federal budget, says Roswell Magill, former Under-Secretary of the Treasury.

He makes this estimate in an article entitled "How High Can Taxes Go?" in the current issue of *The Saturday Evening Post*, out today. His observations are made as the Senate finishes its work on a tax bill designed to yield \$7,200,000,000 on top of the \$80,000,000,000 that taxation already takes from our pockets — which the Treasury insists is inadequate.

Magill, who is president of the Tax Foundation, a non-profit research organization, and chairman of the Committee on Federal Tax Policy, points out that corporations, the well-to-do, and the moderately wealthy have already been squeezed pretty dry, taxwise.

Thus, he says, the burden must be passed on to the average citizen taxpayer, the man (or woman) in the lower brackets who already is paying more to Uncle Sam than he realizes because of hidden taxes.

The total tax bill on a family with an annual income of \$3,500 is estimated at \$908. And a sobering note is injected into the picture by a Department of Labor survey which shows that the budgets of families across the land contain very little fat from which these extra taxes can be extracted.

Incentive Demolished
Magill decries the steady rise of taxes to meet the mounting Federal budget is destroying the incentive to earn money because the risk is all with the individual. If his income rises, he makes a larger contribution to the income tax collector. But when a loss results, the burden is entirely upon him.

The issuance of bonds to pay Government bills instead of collecting enough taxes to balance Federal expenditures is held directly responsible for the inflation which makes a dollar now worth slightly more than 50 cents. This has got to stop, Magill asserts, otherwise the dollar bill will go the way of the franc and the mark.

"One way to keep from going into debt is not to spend so much," Magill writes. "The Federal Government could try that plan, but it's very hard to do, for we have become used to thinking the other way. Everything ought to grow bigger and bigger—we've got plenty of money."

"Bigger government departments, with more divisions and bureaus and sections, so that half a dozen or fifty or one hundred people are working on everything anyone can think of."

The only way to cut the budget down to size, he says, is to wipe the slate clean—to wipe off the old lush peacetime authorizations

and start over again with a shorter list of items and a smaller total—a total that can be afforded in times like these. "It has been shown," Mr. Magill writes, "that seven to ten billions can be cut out of the budget without any real damage."

"If the Federal budget is cut that much," he adds, "we won't have to have any new taxes. But you'll have to do without some governmental frills. You'll have to get along without that new yacht basin in Bureau Creek, and maybe there won't be a Federal job for Johnnie or Mary."

Magill explains the impact of proposed taxation further by noting that Congress proposes to take 94.5 per cent of the top earnings of some, making the rates of Federal and State levies a little over 100 per cent. Only the fact that the Federal Government permits deductions of State income taxes prevents the big taxpayer from having to turn over more than he earns.

In the calendar year 1950, it is shown, United States tax receipts gobbled up about 29 per cent of the national income, and the point is made that a study supported by experience in Great Britain, Italy, Japan, Finland, Switzerland, and Denmark shows that a 25 per cent levy on the national income is the critical point where inflationary forces come into play.

If the proposed Federal tax bill is passed, it will take about 32 per cent of the prospective higher national income. Magill concludes that under the circumstances, the Federal tax load has just about reached its limits.

The Hardin-Simmons University Cowboys have played three tie games in four seasons, 1948, 1950, 1926, and 1923.

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