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Artesia Weather

Fair today, tonight, and Tuesday  
with little change in temperature.  
Low tonight 48, high Tuesday 84.  
High Sunday 84, low last night 43.

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WATER METER resolution is worked on by (left to right) Joe Bill Funk, Francis Tracy and K. J. Williams. The original resolution was tossed out and two new ones drawn up by the special three-man committee Saturday at the Farm Bureau meet in Hope. (Advocate Photo)

## Water Well Metering Plan Again Stirs Up Controversy

Everything was going in an orderly fashion Saturday when Eddy County Farm members were passing resolutions to be presented this week at the state meeting until the final resolution on water meters came before the group. Then the disputes started. After 40 minutes of furious controversy, the original resolution was tossed out in favor of two new resolutions which were compiled during the meeting. The resolution tossed out stated that the Eddy County Farm Bureau should oppose any movement to put meters on wells in the Pecos Valley. Those supporting the met-

## Anderson Calls for Disposal of All Surplus Farm Produce

The Secretary of Agriculture said he "compelled" by farmers' disposal of all surplus and stored farm commodities, according to Clinton P. Anderson's Saturday speech to members of the Eddy County Farm Bureau during their annual meeting at Hope. Anderson said surplus commodities hanging over the market would injure not only farmers but the United States government. He suggested most farm surpluses be traded with other countries, giving the U.S. certain products which have heretofore been purchased with cash.

## Greer Buys Ball Club at Roswell, Named as Manager

ROSWELL — Officials of the Roswell Baseball Club, Inc., announced the signing of Hayden "Stubby" Greer as manager for 1955. Greer bought out his partner, Pat Stacey, over the week-end and will manage the team himself. Patsy Allen, president, said that future plans on the Rockets' operation in 1955 will be announced later. Stacey indicated that he may retire to his farm near Big Spring, Texas, but also said that he wouldn't turn down a good proposition in baseball next year.

## Even Patrolmen Cry on Occasion—With Tear Gas

How can a man be disgusted and crying at the same time? State Patrolman A. J. Smith was in that predicament Saturday when he went to get his patrol car which had been left at a local garage for a wash job. Upon opening his car door, Smith was met with a familiar odor—tear gas. Smith investigated and found an inquisitive wash boy had fired his tear gas gun inside the car. For one full day Smith applied all the modern and some of the old devices used for ridding an area of tear gas.

## Artesia Future Farmers Return Home With Honors

After capturing second place in national livestock and meats contests in Kansas City, Mo., six members of Artesia's FFA chapter returned home this morning with their two silver plaque awards. The Artesia chapter represented the state of New Mexico at the national meet, with all participants being Artesia high school students. They were Harry Shaw, Paul Terry, Richard Buchanan, Larry Brewton, Perry Zumwalt and Harold Dunn.

## Mayor Declares Majority At Hope Want High School

The majority of people in Hope and the surrounding country want a high school continued at Hope and will fight to maintain it, Mayor Ethel Altman told The Artesia Advocate this weekend. "I don't believe in defeat," Mayor Altman said. "If it is right and we believe, there is no obstacle that cannot be removed." With determination, Mrs. Altman said, "If we sit still and let our school system be destroyed the next objective will be our churches. No one wants to live in a community without churches and schools. People will move away. Then businesses will close." "Last of all, we will get a letter from Uncle Sam saying, 'We regret to inform you that your post office is closing.' This bleak picture confronts us. We will make every effort not to let this happen. We appeal for new people who have creative ideas, who will not be stilled by defeatists and who can possibility of the land here and will work. We have great land and great possibilities." Asked what backers of the movement to save Hope high school will do if a forthcoming survey rules against the school, Mrs. Altman said, "There is nothing we can if the state takes it away from us."

## Hungry Grocery Store Burglars Eat on Spot

Some Sunday night burglars were apparently starved to death when they broke into the Hannah Grocery and Market via the back door. According to police, the burglars stole pop and candy, but did not bother to tote it off. They had their feast right in the store, leaving the mess to be cleaned by the owner. Police said this morning there was little doubt that the "job" was done by juveniles.

## PTA Legislative Expert to Speak Before PTA Here

An expert in legislation benefiting children and schools will speak before a joint gathering of Artesia Parent-Teacher associations open to the public tomorrow night. She is Mrs. Eugene Callaghan, scheduled to speak here at 7:30 Tuesday night in Central school gym before Artesia parents, teachers, and the general public. Her address, "Your Legislature and Your Child," will follow a brief period of community singing.

## Californian Dies Here of Accident Injury Near Hope

A 62-year-old California man became the 282nd New Mexico traffic victim when he died in the Artesia General hospital Sunday from a blood clot suffered in an accident Oct. 3, 15 miles from Hope. George Washington Baldion of National City, Calif., was thrown 70 feet from his automobile Oct. 3 when he lost control of the vehicle while meeting a truck and dropped off on the shoulder or the road where the car went into a side slide and turned over twice.

## Only Explosion Police Tempers Following Hoax

HOUSTON — Police arrested a 29-year-old man on a drunk charge. The man told police they'd better let him go. He said he'd left a truck containing 20 gallons of nitro-glycerin parked just outside the city and that a slight jolt or failure of the cooling unit could cause a terrific explosion. The only explosion came hours later—after jittery police, sheriff's deputies and state highway patrolmen failed to find the truck and the man admitted his story was a hoax.

## HOME BIDS ASKED FARMINGTON

FARMINGTON — Bids will be opened Nov. 9 at Window Rock, Ariz., on construction of 15 three-bedroom cinder block homes for Navajo trial executives. Each will have 1 1/2 baths.

## Ohio Menaces, Worst Flood Threat Ended

MARIETTA, Ohio. — Flood crest of the rain-swollen Ohio river passed this city today, causing little damage. But it swept on downstream threatening other communities after chasing thousands from their homes in Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia. The state highway patrol reported at 9 a. m. that the river was stationary here at 37.55 feet, about a foot and a half above flood stage. In the Belpre, Ohio, and Parkersburg, W. Va., areas, 15 miles downstream from here and 184 miles downstream from Pittsburgh, the water was rising at dams 17-18-19. But the worst of the flood appeared over.

## Officials Launch Survey of Flood Damage to Artesia

Two officials of the Federal Civil Defense Administration toured Artesia with City Supervisor Doug Fowler and Chamber of Commerce Spokesman William Siegenthaler Saturday in a preliminary check for government aid to the city and public works. According to the FCDA officials, W. C. Igenfritz and Marvin Warren, their organization is coordinating government aid as a result of President Eisenhower's decision to name the Pecos Valley a major disaster area, eligible for government help. The men will return to Artesia Friday for another meeting with city officials at which time concrete plans for federal aid will be made.

## City Supervisor Attending Water Works Convention

City Supervisor Doug Fowler left Sunday for El Paso, Texas, where he will attend the annual Southwestern Water Works Convention. According to Fowler, the convention will take up current water problems faced by municipalities. Fowler said the problems of dropping water tables and lowering wells will probably come before the convention. City repair work will continue in his absence, Mayor W. H. Yeager said, with Alvin Payne handling street repair. Abe Connor taking care of sanitation and Red Vaughn working on the water and sewer lines. Fowler will return Thursday, in time for the meeting Friday with Federal Civil Defense Administrator Yeager told the Advocate this morning that Fowler would probably be designated by the council to handle applications for federal aid. Fowler's wife accompanied him on the El Paso trip.

## Joint Funeral Is Held Here Sunday For Dayton Resers

Joint funeral services were held Sunday afternoon for Ira Dayton Reser and his wife, Audrey Mae, at the Methodist church where Reverends H. L. McAlester and Orvan Gilstrap officiated. Mr. Reser died Oct. 13 at El Paso General hospital. His wife died two days later at the Artesia General hospital. Mrs. Reser is survived by two brothers and five sisters. He was born in Renfrow, Okla., Feb. 28, 1899, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ira S. Reser. He moved to Eddy county in 1919 from El Campo, Texas. Mr. Reser is survived by two brothers and two sisters. She was born in Roswell June 6, 1915, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Troy Robertson. Mr. and Mrs. Reser were married in 1929 and lived in Cottonwood where they farmed since 1934. There were no children. Burial was in Woodbine cemetery.

## BLAST SITE TOUR SET ALAMOGORDO

ALAMOGORDO — The Chamber of Commerce sponsors a tour Oct. 31 of the site of the first atomic bomb explosion, Trinity, between here and Socorro west of the Oscura Mountains. Caravans of visitors will be admitted to the Holloman Air Force Base-White Sands Proving Ground site near Bangham and Socorro.









