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This Is Artesia

Members of Artesia Community Concert Assn. are being urged to renew their memberships before final concert of the season March 21. Goal for the 1955-56 campaign is sale of 900 tickets.

THE ARTESIA ADVOCATE

Artesia's First Newspaper—Founded in 1903

Artesia Weather

Partly cloudy, windy, and warm today, turning cooler late today and tonight. Low tonight 36, high Wednesday 60. Past 24 hours: At Southern Union, high 85, low 50; at KSVP, high 85, low 32.

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Dulles Asserts U. S. Will Use Tactical A-Weapons in Formosa If Necessary

Okayed for Use If Communists Attack Formosa

WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary of State Dulles said today he imagines the United States would use tactical atomic weapons if it becomes engaged in any major military clash anywhere in the world. Dulles told a news conference he could not say offhand whether such weapons would be used in defense of Quemoy and the Matsus if the United States decides to assist the Chinese Nationalist forces in holding those islands. He indicated, however, that if the Chinese Communists made a major effort to take the islands and the attempt was also clearly aimed at conquest of Formosa—the United States might well intervene with sea and air forces equipped with atomic weapons. By law, a decision to use atomic weapons may be made only by the President. Also, President Eisenhower has said he would reserve to himself alone any decision on the use of U. S. Forces in defense of the Nationalist held islands.

Dulles said the atomic missiles he had in mind were tactical weapons such as a new type of shell or bomb of small dimensions and posing no problem of radioactive fall-out. He said they are for use against military targets upon which they would exert a far greater destructive effect than the standard bombs and shells of the past.

As for weapons of mass destruction, Dulles said he thought the likelihood of the use of the most powerful weapons—obviously referring to hydrogen bombs—according to page 4

Welfare Official Resigns, Position To Be Abolished

SANTA FE (AP)—Dee Sturges has resigned from the state welfare department and state welfare Director Murray Hintz said he will recommend Sturges' post as institutional coordinator not be re-established. Sturges was acting director of the welfare department until last week when the board appointed Hintz as the new director. The post of institutional coordinator was newly-created when Sturges took it last April.

Hintz said "considering the financial condition we are in, I thought we could do without" the post. In response to a reporter's statement that former welfare Director Richard Strahlen had set up the post ostensibly to increase efficiency, Hintz said "a lot of things were set up that don't make sense to me."

Hintz said other economies are likely in the welfare department. Staff and administrative overhead will be reduced wherever consistent with sound administration. No salaries will be cut, he said, "unless it's absolutely imperative."

Tourist Bureau Satisfactory, Governor Says

SANTA FE (AP)—Gov. John Simms says he has no plans for changes in the state tourist bureau. Simms, who will gain jurisdiction of the bureau under a law passed by the Legislature, said he would retain Joe Bursey, the present tourist bureau director. The agency presently is under the state highway commission.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER

Partly cloudy north, generally fair south today, tonight and Wednesday. A few snow flurries in extreme northeast today and in the northern mountains tonight and Wednesday. Gusty winds today. Cooler east and extreme north today. Colder over the state Wednesday. High today 45-55 east and extreme north; 70-80 southwest. Lows tonight 20-30 northern border; 35-45 southern border.



PLANNING 1955 work schedule for the Southeast New Mexico Girl Scout Area Tuesday were, seated left to right, Mrs. W. M. Siegenthaler, district chairman from Artesia; Mrs. Dick Kimbrough, first vice-president from Hobbs, and Mrs. E. W. Renker, council president from Hobbs. Standing are Mrs. W. R. Hughes, second vice-president from Roswell, and Mrs. Roy Norton, regional nine chairman, from Roswell. (Advocate Photo)

Las Vegas Pulls Out Stops For Cowboy Hall of Fame

LAS VEGAS (AP)—Famed already in the lore of the "Rough Riders," this city pulled all stops today in welcoming a five-man Cowboy Hall of Fame committee. The committee, including Albert K. Mitchell, New Mexico rancher and banker, is touring 10 cities in 10 Western states chosen as possible sites for the Cowboy Hall of Fame. "We definitely want the \$350,000 hall of fame for Las Vegas," said Ernie Thwaites, chairman of the local committee. "And we intend to make a lasting impression on that committee if nothing else." Gov. John F. Simms and part of his staff arrived this morning for the ceremonies. Thwaites said letters were sent to mayors of all New Mexico's towns and cities and he said many are expected to be on hand. "Not only do we have endorsements from many of the mayors already," Thwaites said, "but we have in hand endorsement from between 50 and 60 businesses, groups and organization about the state."

Members Urged To Buy Renewals In Concert Drive

Telephone committee for Artesia Community Concert Assn. is calling members this week urging them to renew their memberships by mail or at the final concert on March 21. If members will spend five minutes to mail their checks for membership renewals, they will save campaign workers time to concentrate on new prospects. Checks should be mailed to Miss Juanita Denton, Box 308. Mrs. Hugh Parry, co-chairman of the membership campaign, is in charge of the telephone committee and has appointed the following to assist her: Mrs. Glenn Caskey, Mrs. V. P. Sheldon, Mrs. D. F. Lowery, Mrs. Grady Brooker, Mrs. Rex Wheatley, Mrs. Ralph Petty, Mrs. Cecil Waldrep, Mrs. John Cochran Jr., Mrs. Jack Shaw. Mrs. Nell Hamann and George Currier were the first members to pay concert association dues for the 1955-56 season. Other members who renewed last week were Mr. and Mrs. Emery Carper, Dr. and Mrs. Louis Hamilton, Mrs. Leah McDonald, and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Shugart. Last year the association had 750 members—goal for this year is 900.

Mine-Mill Union May See Labor 'Unity' Meeting

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP)—President John Clark hints that his independent International Union of Mine, Mill, and Smelter Workers wants to affiliate soon with other unions for more "labor unity." "We will be willing to talk turkey to some of these organizations on unity," Clark said in an address of welcome that started Mine-Mill's 50th annual convention here yesterday. The Mine-Mill union was expelled from the CIO in 1950 on grounds it allegedly followed the Communist party line. Clark spoke sharply of attacks against Mine-Mill, said he was sure "our organization will be vindicated in the near future," and brought up the name of turnabout witness Harvey Matusow. "It was public knowledge that this man (Matusow) lied long before our organization started its investigation," Clark said. "We didn't come into it until September when we heard definitely that he lied about our organization."

Late Bulletins

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP)—A "substantial wage increase" and "Just time insurance" were proposed today as the two top bargaining demands in 1955 of the International Union of Mine, Mill, and Smelter Workers. NEW YORK (AP)—The Stock Market rebounded with a great rush of buying today, and a portion of yesterday's major break was retraced. Prices in the early afternoon were up 1 to 3 points in many cases. Losses usually were held below a point. WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. McCarthy flung fresh charges of "conspiracy" at White House and other administration officials today in the Senate's new investigation of the Maj. Irving Peress case. Sen. McClellan (D-Ark.) presiding at the Senate investigations subcommittee study, launched the inquiry with a statement accusing the Army of conduct that shows it is "unwilling to disclose all the facts."

CHAIRMAN Mrs. Hugh Parry takes time from house work to head telephone committee of Artesia Community Concert Assn., seeking renewals by March 21. (Advocate Photo) TRAFFIC TOLL DECLINES SANTA FE (AP)—The New Mexico highway death toll — now 55 compared to 87 at this time last year — continued to decline last month with only 16 deaths compared with 35 in 1954. State Police said Bernalillo and Curry counties topped the February list with three each.

NEWMAN GETS JUDGESHIP TUCUMCARI (AP)—George Newman has been named probate judge for Quay county by the County Commission. He succeeds C. C. Davidson who died last week.



ATE School Supt. Mrs. Georgia Lusk chats with Hermosa school principal C. A. Stalcup following her introductory address for new Hermosa elementary school (Advocate Photo)

School Chief Asks Balance For Discipline

ing the balance between control of our child one of the country's big educational problems, Mrs. Lusk, state school superintendent, said in Artesia last night. Lusk spoke to about 200 teachers and students at dinner and open house ceremony of Hermosa school. She said a Denver, Colo., engaged to attend. "Our children are to enjoy our freedom of freedom of food, they must have a firm foundation of knowledge and discipline," she said. "It is up to the schools to provide the children's needs—intellectual, physical and emotional." Lusk said the new Her building was another step in development of a school that will "prepare our children for the future."

Parent-Teachers Meet Officers For Current Year

Hermosa Parent-Teachers Assn. had new officers last night and March 25 as the date for its annual meeting. Mrs. M. A. Mapes Jr., was elected president, succeeding Mrs. Ray Fagan. Mrs. C. H. Johns was named vice president and Mrs. Howie Lewis, second vice president. Mrs. Vern Hass took over as secretary.

Senators Nearing Showdown Vote On Tax Cutting

WASHINGTON (AP)—Republican lines bent somewhat as the Senate headed today toward a showdown vote on a Democratic proposal to cut individual income taxes. Sen. Young (R-ND) disclosed he had notified GOP leaders he is reserving the right to support the Democratic move. It has been offered as a substitute for an administration-backed bill to extend present corporation and excise tax rates a year beyond April 1.

No Parking Zone Set Up By City Near Nursery

The city has established a no parking loading zone at 607 West Grand in front of the Robertson Nursery. City officials said the zone was set up so children at the nursery could enter and leave with greater safety. FORMER SENATOR DIES ALBUQUERQUE (AP)—A former state senator from Bernalillo county, Robert C. "Bob" Miller, has died in Albuquerque after a brief illness. The 53-year-old Miller, prominent in local Democratic circles, was a state senator in 1941. He also was a past commander of the Disabled American Veterans.

New Mexico Traffic Toll THE ASSOCIATED PRESS Today's 1955 traffic toll: 55 Last year on March 15 87

CVE Wins Finale 87-77

Have Artesia Wednesday for Every Games

Travelers made their final appearance for this and other seasons a good one with a 77-87 victory over Goodyear's hosts of Akron.

National Industrial Basketball League game, the Travelers only a slim 43-38 halftime lead, but pulled ahead in a six-third quarter.

It was their final home before disbanding, last contest leaves the Travelers two more games on the schedule—Wednesday noon they'll leave Denver and two games with Air Force base Thursday Friday.

They'll mark time until the playoffs begin Monday in Denver. Pairings will be made in Denver Sunday.

Schedule ahead perhaps explains the complete lack of drama in the Traveler dressing room following last night's game. For the who wandered back to hear the final words might be pronounced, there was only disappointment.

Red Goodwin briefly inducted his players to be at work at 8 a. m. Wednesday, ready to depart for Denver at noon. One or two players slapped teammates affectionately for the game.



DON HEATHINGTON (No. 22) was fouled going up for this shot, made his two from the foul line instead. Altogether he scored 34 points last night on 10 field goals, 14 free throws to lead individual scoring in Travelers' finale game with Akron. (Advocate Photo)

THE GAME The Travelers held a lead at every 10-minute interval, ahead 17-12 at the end of the first ten. Artesia scored 22 in the third quarter against Akron. That gave the Travelers a 65-54 lead going into the fourth quarter.

Last night's game gave Artesia a record in the National Industrial Basketball League, against 2 mark for Goodyear.

Don Heathington with 34 points, next high was Goodyear's Walls with 20.

Travelers far outshot Goodyear at the free throw line. Artesia made good on 33 of 43 attempts for a strong 70 per cent.

Artesia was able to convert only 32 for 53 per cent.

CVE made 48 per cent converting 27 of 56, while Akron up 42 per cent on 30 of 72.

Score for the game:

	FG	FT	PF	TP
Artesia	0	0	1	0
Goodyear	2	2	3	6
Artesia	0	0	1	0
Goodyear	1	6	1	8
Artesia	10	14	5	34
Goodyear	4	2	0	10
Artesia	3	4	2	10
Goodyear	2	0	2	4
Artesia	3	5	3	11
Goodyear	2	0	1	4
Totals	27	33	19	87
Artesia	6	0	5	12
Goodyear	1	1	3	3
Artesia	5	1	4	11
Goodyear	1	1	2	5
Artesia	0	1	2	1
Goodyear	3	1	4	7
Artesia	5	10	5	20
Goodyear	2	0	1	4
Artesia	1	2	2	4
Goodyear	—	—	—	—
Totals	30	17	28	77

by 10-minute periods:

Artesia	17	43	65	87
Goodyear	12	38	54	77

Bulldog Tennis Opens March 16

Top-seeded Jerry Cranford and Larry Brewton of the Bulldog tennis squad were getting in their kinks Monday as Coach H. O. Miller ran his men through routine workouts.

During the afternoon, Gordon Goddard, junior, moved up to third place on the squad by beating Glen Plemons 6-0 in a practice set. Plemons is now in fourth place. Bobby Branson holds number five spot on the squad and DeWitt Tidwell is number six.

Junior, Senior High Baseball Skeds Revealed

Schedules for Junior and Senior high school baseball games have been released by coaches.

Junior high opens a 10-game schedule March 18 with Alta Vista at Carlsbad. The home opener will be March 25 with North Roswell entertained at Artesia.

Also on the schedule are Eisenhower of Carlsbad, South Roswell and Loving. The season extends through April 23.

Senior high opens its 1955 season March 25 by hosting New Mexico Military Institute here, with a game at NMMI the following Tuesday, March 29.

The schedules runs through May 1 and includes two double-headers.

Others on the schedule are Roswell, Carlsbad, Hobbs, Clovis, and Portales.

Schedules for both Junior and Senior high are as follows:

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

March 25	NMMI	here
March 29	NMMI	there
April 5	Roswell	there
April 11	Carlsbad	there
April 15	Hobbs	here
April 19	Roswell	here
April 23	Clovis (Dbl)	there
April 26	Carlsbad	here
May 3	Hobbs	there
May 7	Portales (Dbl)	here

JUNIOR HIGH BASEBALL

March 18	Alta Vista	there
March 25	N. Roswell	here
March 26	Eisenhower	there
April 1	S. Roswell	there
April 2	Loving	here
April 8	Eisenhower	here
April 9	Alta Vista	here
April 15	N. Roswell	away
April 22	S. Roswell	here
April 23	Loving	away

U.S. Pan-Am Entries Display Strength in Field

MEXICO CITY, (AP)—The powerful United States Pan-American Games team stood far in front of their 21 rivals today and a continued display of strength seemed in store for followers of this Western Hemisphere prelude to the 1956 Olympics.

A newcomer to reknown, Rosslyn Range, with a sensational broad jump of 26 feet 4 1/8 inches, and such established stars as Parry O'Brien of the shotput ring and high jumpers Ernie Shelton and Herman Wyatt have already racked



Dick Little Eagle vs Bernard Hjar
Arturo Merjil vs Jack Crawford
Tickets at Drillers Cafe

Membership Okay Of NCAA Plan On TV Expected

CHICAGO, (AP)—Membership approval of the NCAA football television program for 1955 got off to a quick start yesterday with an okay from the powerful Big Ten conference.

A few hours after the plan had been announced, the Big Ten stamped its approval at a meeting of athletic directors and faculty representatives.

The new plan offers 13 football dates—eight to be televised nationally and five regionally.

The Big Ten and the Pacific Coast conferences were in favor of regional television and were vigorously opposed to a "Game-of-the-Week" plan such as used last year.

LICENSE COST CUT

ALBUQUERQUE (AP)—A law recently signed by Gov. John Simms will cut the cost to about one-third for hunting and fishing licenses for many servicemen stationed in New Mexico. The law waives the six-month requirement for servicemen to buy resident licenses.

Pitching Woes Pile Up Early for Lou Boudreau In First Season as Manager of KC Athletics

By SHELDON SAKOWITZ
The Associated Press

Pitching woes are piling up early for Lou Boudreau in his first season as manager of the transplanted Kansas City Athletics.

Unless the onetime "boy manager" can pull off a miracle and the A's profit by their change of scenery from Philadelphia to Kansas City, the plight of the club appears serious.

Top-Seeded NIT Cage Clubs Survive Early Quarter-Finals

By ED WILKS

NEW YORK, (AP)—With half of the quarter-finals out of the way, the National Invitation Tournament still has its seeded teams alive and kicking — although Cincinnati's fourth-seeded Bearcats are in the semifinals on borrowed time.

Top-seeded Duquesne, still playing deliberately to conserve itself in the face of a weak bench, clicked off a 74-66 victory over Louisville with fundamental precision last night. But Cincinnati, which figured to be the guest of honor at a second-half wake, had to arouse itself to overcome Niagara 85-83 in a pair of overtime periods.

Duquesne and Cincinnati, a two-time loser to the Dukes this season, will meet in one of the semi-final Thursday at Madison Square Garden. The other semifinalists will be decided in tonight's double-header of St. Francis (Pa.)-Holy Cross and St. Louis- Dayton.

Niagara, looking like the best team in the tournament, took a 54-50 halftime lead over Cincinnati. But Cincinnati's Jack Twyman and Phil Wheeler warmed up in the second half and the 6-7 Dave Plunkett flipped his lid completely.

Twyman sent it into overtime at 78-78 with four points in the last three minutes. And after an 82-82 standoff at the close of the first extra period, Frank Nimmo put the Bearcats into the lead for the first time with a set shot with 30 seconds gone in the second overtime.

Bill Lammert and Tommy Hemans of Cincinnati exchanged foul shots and that was it.

Plunkett topped Cincinnati with 22. Niagara's Charlie Hoxie had 28 and Ed Fleming 19.

Duquesne looked like it was in a spot when All America Dick Ricketts stumbled into his third personal foul six minutes before the half, but the Dukes went into precise control ball while Coach Duddy Moore put Ricketts on ice on the bench. It paid off. Si Green was the only one trusted for a shot in that interval and he made two and sank a foul for a 36-35 halftime edge.

Boudreau arrived in West Palm Beach, Fla., full of optimism. He even admitted in the opening workouts that he was impressed with the spirit and hustle of his squad.

But with the grapefruit season now five days old, he would be willing to trade some of the aggressiveness for a sound Bobby Shantz.

Shantz came down with a sore and stiff left arm yesterday to dim his comeback aspirations. Club officials hope the ailment is not a recurrence of the injury that sidelined him most of last season.

Boudreau's miseries yesterday also included a 9-3 drubbing by the Chicago White Sox, fourth loss in as many exhibition games. The pitching staff has allowed 37 runs, or slightly more than nine per game.

Virgil Trucks, Chicago ace, blanked the Athletics for four innings, while Chicago battered four Kansas City pitchers—Bob Trice, Art Ceccarelli, Sonny Dixon, and Carl Duser—for 13 hits.

The A's are the only major league club without a victory. The New York Yankees shaded the Milwaukee Braves 12-11 for their first Grapefruit league win.

Mickey Mantle broke out of his slump with four hits, including a grand slam homer, and batted in six runs.

Stan Musial and Red Schoendienst found the batting range as the St. Louis Cardinals tripped the Detroit Tigers 3-1. Musial went four-for-four and Schoendienst collected three hits.

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Plymouth's Sales Up in January

Sale of Plymouth cars during January was the greatest for that month in Plymouth's 27 year history. It was reported heretofore that Thad Cox of Cox Motor Co. and F. C. Hart, Hart Motor Co. said Plymouth cars are in greater demand than ever before at this time of the year.

Nationally, Plymouth retail deliveries for the month totaled 52,122 and were 63 per cent above the same month last year. This compares with 31,900 Plymouths delivered at retail in January 1954.

Plymouth's biggest pre-1955 January had been in 1953 when 49,221 units were delivered. During January new orders received were ahead of shipments by 35 per cent, despite production schedules exceeding 3,000 units daily.

The dealers pointed out that Plymouth began a schedule of overtime work the first of February, increasing production to meet public demand for the all new Plymouth cars.

net operating income for 1954 was \$43,989,176. This compared to a net railway operating income of \$75,108,908 for 1953. Total income from other sources during 1954 was \$75,464,283, compared to \$86,062,641 during the previous year.

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Applicants must be 18 but not over 70 years of age, with waiver of these age limits to veterans.

Further information and application forms may be obtained from the Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners, Walker Air Force Base, Roswell, New Mexico or from the Civil Service Representative at the Artesia post office.

Santa Fe Earns \$64 Million

The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Co. has announced its

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REPAYS BROTHER'S 'MERCY DEBT'



MRS. LILLIAN NELSEN, 23, a polio victim, goes about her Brooklyn, N. Y., neighborhood in a wheelchair enlisting housewives as volunteers in the Red Cross drive. Mrs. Nelsen said she was hoping to repay her "brother's debt of gratitude" to the organization for saving his life in a German prison camp. Captured in the Jattile for Tunisia, he was kept alive by Red Cross parcels for two years, she says. With her are her two children, Dorothy, 5, and Walter Jr., 4.

NO MORE GO



OUT ON HIS KNEES, bantamweight title challenger Chamrern Songkitrat of Thailand is apparently unseeing as referee Fred Apostoli holds up fingers to show the count in San Francisco's Cow Palace. Songkitrat finally got to his feet, but after a few more punches from world champion Raul Macias of Mexico in this 11th round. Apostoli stepped between the two to give the fight to Macias. (International Soundphoto)

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Serious Wind Erosion Conditions Through West Reported in Latest Soil Conservation Survey

U. S. department of agriculture today reported that wind erosion conditions still exist in the southern Great Plains, (western Texas, eastern New Mexico, western Oklahoma, western Kansas, eastern Colorado, southwestern Nebraska and southeastern Wyoming).

The information is based on reports received regularly by soil conservation service. Severe dust storms and land damage occur again this spring.

Drought has persisted over much of this region for four or longer. Last spring the most widespread and severe soil blowing since 1938 occurred. General conditions have deteriorated still further.

This does not necessarily mean that dust storms and wind erosion will be worse when the normally high winds of March and April come. That depends to a large extent on the velocity and persistence of the spring winds, and on the amount of rain and snow that falls. Recent storms have narrowed the area vulnerable to potential damage.

SCS reports show that more than four million acres of land have been damaged by wind erosion this winter. Most of this soil blowing occurred during December. Wind velocities were lower in January than during December. Hence, dust storms were not so frequent, and land damage was much less severe.

Nevertheless, soil conditions are such that the usual high spring winds can bring damaging dust storms. If above-normal winds come to the region this spring, as they did last spring, farmers probably will have a serious dust problem.

The department of agriculture is prepared to aid in such emergencies. USDA agencies are working closely with people in the states toward a long range solution of these dust storm and wind erosion problems of the southern plains.

There always will be dust blowing in the Southwest in dry years as long as bare surfaces of light soils are exposed to high winds. The land in most part is privately owned and privately controlled. If the land could be used so as not to leave it bare during the blowing season, the problem would be eliminated. Good farming practices in this area have shown evidence of this. Through the agricultural conservation program service, soil conservation service and extension service these types of land uses have been encouraged.

There have been and are now ACPs funds available to encourage permanent improvements to protect the soil in this area. The problem is extremely important to the people in the area and it has and will continue to receive the best planning the department of agriculture has to offer.

The United States department of agriculture is keeping in touch with developments in the Great Plains area. The department has held operating meetings in various regions involving ACPs, SCS, FIA, and extension service. It has had representatives of USDA committees in from the drought states. It has held a series of meetings of its drought committee in the department and has benefited from Congressional advice on drought matters.

The problems created in the area by wind erosion are under constant scrutiny. Agencies of the department are now operating in the area and are in readiness to extend their operations within the limits of departmental resources, should the problem further intensify.

Low Grasshopper Infestation Seen For State in '55

Expected grasshopper infestations in New Mexico will be lessened in 1955, if predictions made by the USDA come true.

The most serious spots in the state are in the eastern part. An area of over 300,000 acres west

Farmers' Aid Is Sought in Fight On Khapra Beetle

The U. S. Department of Agriculture and state Agriculture officials are asking farmers and grain handlers to help them locate an insect pest which is capable of causing great damage to stored grain if it succeeds in establishing itself in this country.

County Agent Richard G. Marek says. The Khapra beetle, a native of India, Ceylon, and Malaya, is new to this country. It has been found in stored grain in California. It may have spread unnoticed to other parts of the country. Agriculture officials hope to find it and wipe it out before it becomes firmly established all through grain-producing areas.

The insect can be spread from place to place in grain, feed, seed, or used sacks. It will probably only be found indoors, in warehouses, storage bins, feed mills, or in railway cars or trucks used to transport grain, Marek explains. The Khapra beetle is usually first noticed because of the presence of its fuzzy larvae, one-eighth inch long, or their cast skins, in clusters around the corners of grain bins, or in used sacks. The beetle itself is only one-sixteenth inch long, and is harder to detect, though it can usually be found in the vicinity of the larvae and their cast skins.

Like the rice and granary weevils, it can attack sound kernels of grain. The county agent suggests that, if you find unidentified, small fuzzy larvae or their skins in your grain, you may be able to plan an important part in locating new infestations of the Khapra beetle so that they can be destroyed before the pest spreads further.

Take specimens of both larvae and beetles to your county agent. He can help you forward them to the proper authorities for identification.

Quick butterscotch frosting: empty a 15-ounce can of sweetened condensed milk into the top of a double boiler and add a third of a cup of firmly packed brown sugar and a couple of tablespoons of butter or margarine. Cook and stir constantly over hot water until thick enough to spread. Cool and beat well. This will make enough frosting for the top and sides of two 8-inch layer cakes.

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Khapra Beetle Quarantine Put in Effect

An interstate quarantine against the spread of the Khapra beetle was placed into effect Feb. 21, and infested feed and seed establishments are now required to have federal certification on all commodities being shipped across the state line.

R. C. Dobson, state entomologist at New Mexico A & M college, announced today. New Mexico has an interstate quarantine paralleling the federal quarantine which requires all feed and seed establishments to certify all material which leaves their premises.

Both quarantines have been set up to prevent the spread of the Khapra beetle into new areas, Dobson said. Federal inspectors are stationed at Clovis to implement enforcement.

Dobson also announced that shipment of feed and seed into Mexico must be certified by the plant pest control branch, U. S. department of agriculture. Shippers who are moving material through El Paso may obtain certification at the federal building.

Following the discovery last November of this pest in the United States, USDA entomologists surveyed grain warehouses in the western part of the United States uncovering other infestations in New Mexico, California and Arizona. Three infestations were uncovered in New Mexico—two in Curry county and one in Roosevelt county. No additional infestations have been found in subsequent inspections by the plant quarantine service of New Mexico A & M college, the entomologist said.

Pump Efficiency Key to Proper Irrigation Cost

How was your pump doing the last irrigation season? Did the flow drop or surge during the heavy pumping season?

Perhaps you need to lower the bowls to reach the water table or perhaps also deepen the well first, County Agent Richard Marek points out. Your pump may be at fault when the flow drops and the water level is still high on the bowls. It may need new impellers, bearings, column, or shaft.

A call to your pump repair man for a check on efficiency will give him a chance to determine if an overhaul job is needed, or if you need to go down for water, Marek advises.

How about the power costs on your motor or engine? Is it running efficiently? An overhaul job may be needed, or a new unit in stalled if you have to lower the bowls.

If you buy a new pump or power unit, be sure they are designed to fit your well in capacity and lift, and the power unit is the right size for your pumping job. The county agent explains that an oversize unit costs more to operate, while undersize units won't stand up because of the strain.

Sheep Shearing Preparation Is Urged By Agent

"It's time to get ready for sheep shearing," County Agent Richard Marek reminds wool-growers. "Remember last year how you promised to fix that broken panel, or that hole in the shearing floor to avoid breaking a sheep's leg," he asks. "Does the wool packing stand need strengthening, or nails removed that have been tearing the wool bags? Do it now, and avoid a loss that could have been prevented. There are many little ways to increase the efficiency of the shearing crew and helpers."

This year, all wools will compete on the open market under the new wool act and the incentive payment is based upon the woolgrower's net return, the county agent points out. To realize the highest possible returns, the wool grower is advised to prepared his

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Six-Inch Pima Spacing Gives More Lint, Early Maturity

Plant spacing experiments at USDA's cotton field station, State College, have provided evidence that 6-inch spacing of Pima S-1 American-Egyptian cotton on both light, sandy type soil, and medium heavy soil results in earlier maturity and more lint cotton per acre.

Increased grower interest in the new Pima S-1 variety prompted USDA agronomists A. R. Leding and John R. Cotton to obtain information on the spacing practice with the new Pima S-1 which is a different growth habit from the older varieties such as Pima 32 and Pima 7-42.

In 1954, they conducted two experiments, one on a light, sandy type soil at the cotton field station and the other on a medium heavy soil at the New Mexico experiment station agronomy farm, in which unthinned plants and single plants spaced at 6, 12 and 18 inches were tested.

wool for market in the best possible manner. Furnish a good shearing platform with a trip board to keep from dragging on dirt and to aid the shearer in throwing the sheep. Marek recommends. Furnish a "sweeper" to keep the floor clean and to see that tags are not taken up with the fleece. Bag staple wool separately from clothing wools, and fine wool for coarse grades. Keep the clip in indentifying lots.

If you have black-faced sheep or any black sheep, shear their last, or clean the shearing floor of loose black fibers, before shearing the other sheep. "Order wool bags and twine too," the county agent adds.

The agronomists said that the 1954 experiments with Pima S-1 gave similar evidence to that obtained in earlier work with Pima 32 and Pima 7-42, which indicated that too close spacing is not desirable for American-Egyptian cotton under New Mexico conditions.

However, instead of the 12-inch spacing, the 6-inch was indicated as the most desirable, not only in comparison with the unthinned plants, but with the 12-inch and 18-inch as well.

As to earliness, as indicated by the percentage of the total crop obtained at the first picking, the tendency was for later maturity among the unthinned plants, although the statistical differences were not significant in all cases in both experiments.

The lint percentages were similarly influenced by close spacing, although the figures were not consistent throughout. The data for boll size were more consistent and favored the wider spacing.

Details of the spacing experiments are to be released soon in a new press bulletin, Leding said.

Good sauce for shrimp: a can of mushroom soup mixed with a half cup of milk and seasoned with grated onion and soy sauce. Serve over rice mixed with green peas.

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