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## FIRST NATIONAL BANK BUILDING To Be Opened Wednesday, Dec. 15

Business of the First National Bank of Artesia will be moved to the splendid new building between Third Street and Roselawn Avenue on Quay Avenue next Wednesday, with an opening from 2:30 to 6:30 o'clock in the afternoon, it was announced this morning by Ross Sears, president.

At that time customers and friends of the bank, as well as the general public, are invited to visit and inspect the new building, one of the finest of its kind in the Southwest, built at a cost of about \$130,000, without fixtures.

The lock boxes have been moved from the old bank building to the new, and various departments will be moved to the new location between now and the opening. However, business with the public will continue at the old location until next Wednesday noon.

President Sears asked that the public anticipate banking needs and bank at the old building before Wednesday noon, as it is not planned to do any banking business in the new building during the opening. Regular banking hours will maintain starting next Thursday.

The new building, which has entrances on both Roselawn and

Third, is of terra cotta and brick construction, one story high, but with a foundation constructed so as to be able to carry additional stories in the future if their need is indicated.

This can be accomplished with a minimum of disturbance to the bank's business, President Sears said. Space for stairways has been provided for such an addition, which would not involve a major operation.

The building has approximately 7500 square feet of floor space, of which the lobby comprises about 1250 square feet.

The interior is finished in walnut wainscoting, window seats, and doors, while the front of the row of tellers' wickets along the north and counter adjacent to officers' quarters on the south is finished in marble. The lobby floor is terrazzo.

The officers' offices on the south side are floored with rubber tile, while the tellers' cages and the workroom have cork floor covering. Space has been provided for six tellers, in addition to note tellers.

The workroom, which is entered through either of two doors behind the tellers cages, is unique in that it is fire and pilfer proof, eliminating the necessity to move the records in and out of the bank vault at the opening and close of the day's business. The room has approximately 2500 square feet of floor space.

The inside entrance doors, as well as the tellers' wickets, are constructed of stainless steel.

East of the tellers' cages is the vault sufficiently large to accommodate the lock boxes, as well as the bank's strong boxes and safes. It is built of 18-inch reinforced concrete and has a door of seven-inch stainless steel.

President Sears said it is planned to install a grill in the vault to separate the public's lock boxes from the bank's strong boxes, as soon as the need and arrangement are worked out.

The building is heated by means of a hot water plant, the boilers and unit for which are in the basement. Likewise, much storage space has been provided.

The bank is furnished throughout with new and modern bank furniture.

A feature unavailable in Artesia heretofore is a night depository, the small door of which is in the Roselawn entrance.

The First National Bank at this time has deposits of about \$8,500,000.

At the conclusion of a meeting of shareholders of the bank Tuesday, at which 80 per cent of the stock was represented, it was unanimously voted to increase the capital and surplus to \$200,000 each through the sale of \$50,000 in capital stock at two for one pro rata to present shareholders.

The bank president said it is presumed all shareholders will exercise their right to purchase the stock.

At a meeting of the board of directors a dividend of 6 per cent was declared on stock outstanding as of record Dec. 6.

President Sears also announced the "Second National Bank"—the Saturday afternoon accommodations maintained during the cotton season—was discontinued for the year last Saturday.

## Austin Reeves Golden Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Reeves celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Tuesday at their home on the Rio Penasco, where they have lived more than 61 years before and since their marriage.

A beautiful three-tiered wedding cake and yellow chrysanthemums decorated the outdoor table. There were many beautiful gifts received by the couple.

Two barbecued heaves and two lambs with all the trimmings were served to about 230 guests.

Among those sharing this happy occasion were their 10 children and their families. The children are: Mrs. Ernest Harwell, Mrs. George O. Teel, Lonnie Reeves, and Loren Reeves of Hope; Mrs. Lincoln Cox of Hayhill; Mrs. Charley Shull of Cloudcroft; Mrs. Howard Hendricks of Roswell; Mrs. Francis Yearwood of El Paso; Mrs. Robert

## NOTICE!

The old location of the First National Bank will be closed at noon Dec. 15. Please anticipate your banking needs before that date.

Ledlow of Portales, and Mrs. W. S. Hogsett of Artesia. Three brothers and three sisters of Mr. Reeves and a niece of Mrs. Reeves were able to attend.

Mrs. Reeves came to Penasco as Miss Eula Wootson with her parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. John Wootson in 1885.

Mr. Reeves came in 1887 with his parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. George Reeves.

They were married on the Penasco above Elk by the late Rev. J. C. Gage Dec. 7, 1898.

## Law Enforcement Training School

Chief of Police O. T. Lindsey of Artesia, New Mexico, has announced the opening of a Law Enforcement Officers Training School to be held with the cooperation of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

This training school will begin in Artesia on Dec. 13, 1948, with sessions being held from 2 to 4 p. m. each afternoon through Friday, Dec. 17, 1948. All classes will be held in the assembly room of the City Hall in Artesia and all law enforcement officers in this area being invited to attend.

Chief Lindsey states that subjects covered during the training period will include Public Relations, Burglary Investigations, Various Phases of Traffic Accident Investigation, and Proper Testifying by the Officer in Court. Lindsey advises that the subject of Public Relations will be discussed by Mr. D. K. Brown, special agent in charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation at El Paso, Texas.

The chief hopes that there will be a large turnout of officers representing the law enforcement agencies in this section of the state. He believes that the importance of police training cannot be over-emphasized and that every law enforcement officer, no matter what his experience, can benefit from such training.

## Basketball

The Hope high school basketball teams won two games from Cloudcroft with both games being won by a very close margin. The "B" team won their game from Cloudcroft 18-15. The Hope varsity won their second game of the season by outscoring Cloudcroft 34-33.

The Hope varsity led the Cloudcroft five by a 4 to 5 point margin until the final moments of the game, when Cloudcroft tied the score, then took a one-point lead before W. G. Madron, Hope guard, hit a basket in the final minute of the game, to put the Hope team out in front by the score of 34-33. W. G. Madron, freshman guard, captured high point honors by scoring 12 points. Blaine McGuire and Linn Harrison scored six points each, Kent Terry scoring 8 points with Alvin Melton scoring 2.

Ray Jones led the Hope "B" team by scoring 10 points with Junior Newsom scoring six and Robert Wood two. Dale Young, Tommy Joy, Eugene Bates, Harvey Taylor also saw action with the "B" team.

The Yellow Jackets will journey to Roswell Friday night for two games with the first game at 7 o'clock and the "A" game at 8 o'clock. The Hope teams will make their appearance in the local gym on Saturday night, Dec. 11, against Monument in the last home game before the Christmas vacation.

The Hope high school teams journeyed to Carrizozo last Saturday night winning the first game over their B team by the score of 37-29. B. McGuire Hope guard, captured high-point honors by scoring 12 points.

The Hope varsity lost their game to the Carrizozo A team 38-28. After a 4-hour bus ride and a hard fought game with Artesia the night before the Hope varsity was definitely a cold ball club against Carrizozo. The Yellow Jackets missed enough shots inside the free throw line to easily out-score their opponents. The Hope team attempted 17 free throws and made only five which shows that the

team was not playing up to par. Kent Terry, Hope center, led the scoring with 12 points. Glenn Harrison, Junior Newsom and C. Forrester all scored four points each. Linn Harrison and W. G. Madron scoring two points each with Alvin Melton scoring one point.

## Hope Defeats Artesia

The Hope high school Yellow Jackets upset a highly over-confident Artesia basketball team on the Bulldogs' home court by the score of 35-33. This was the first victory of the season for the Hope varsity, this victory being the sweetest of them all, since it was over Artesia, our big town neighbor. The Hope "B" team lost their game to the Artesia B's by the score of 38-27 in the first game of the evening's program.

Coach Luke Toyobo's Yellow Jacket five, playing the best game of the season thus far, outplayed a larger Artesia team and succeeded in holding the ball the last two minutes of the game after they had pulled away to a four-point lead. However Artesia scored in the last minute pulling up to within two points of the Hope team before the final whistle ended the game. The Hope varsity started the Artesia game with four freshmen and one junior in the starting lineup.

W. G. Madron, Hope freshman guard, led the scoring for the inspired Hope team by scoring nine points. Little Linn Harrison, another freshman, scored seven points, with Kent Terry scoring six, Alvin Melton scoring six points, Glenn Harrison scoring six points, and Junior Newsom scoring one point.

Harvey Taylor led the "B" team scoring with nine points. Thomas Harrison, was close behind with eight points, C. Forrester scored five, Ray Jones scored three, and Eddie Tunnel one point. Harvey Taylor and Thomas Harrison turned in outstanding game performance for the "B" team.

The Hope Yellow Jackets will have another busy week playing three games. The Hope team will play at Cloudcroft Tuesday, Dec. 7; Roswell, Friday, Dec. 10 and will play at home on Saturday night, Dec. 11 with Monument. This will be the last home game before our Christmas vacation and we urge all Hope fans to come out and support the team this coming Saturday night.

"Is Your Telephone Tapped?" How can you tell if you have an unknown guest on your telephone wire? Should a new wire-tapping law be enacted to prevent a recurrence of the famous Nancy Choremi case? Don't fail to read this absorbing story which appears in the American Weekly, that great magazine distributed with next Sunday's Los Angeles Examiner.

## School Notes

Freshman News—We are very proud of the boys in the Freshman class who fought so hard to win the Artesia game. We are also glad they were such good sports about losing the game at Carrizozo. All of the girls in the freshman class are taking great interest in the pep squad.

5th and 6th Grade News—We enjoy singing Christmas carols every morning during our opening exercise period. Our Christmas border is made up of angels, candles and stars that we made in our art class. We have exchanged names for our Christmas party. We plan to have the party before school is dismissed for the Christmas vacation. Letha Mae Newbill left for Monroe, Ore., this week. She plans to be gone until after the vacation. We want to thank Mrs. Nora L. Johnson for the beautiful blotters she sent us.

7th and 8th Grade News—We had our hobby fair Monday. Almost all of the pupils brought their hobbies. Some of the hobbies were sewing, post cards, coin collection, ammuni-

tion and crocheting. Edward Madron was absent from school Monday. Lee Mack and Oleta Melton were absent from school Friday.

We had six people out of school Tuesday. That's the most we have ever had out at one time. We hate for them to miss because they get so far behind. Bobby Madron had a birthday Monday. Now everyone has passed his 6th birthday. The Bluebirds have finished their tenth book today. Monday all of the first graders go into a big book called the Primer. Johnny Hidalgo is ahead in our reading race with 18 books. Barry Teel and David Swinford have both read 15 books. Every second grader made a star in spelling last week. They can write nice sentences with capital letters and periods. They know how to write all their capitals except E, G, K, Q and Z. Mrs. Lea brought us a pinata from Old Mexico and we have it hanging right in the middle of the room. It's so pretty but it's hard to describe. So you come to see it. Did you see our letters to Santa Claus down town?

Third and Fourth Grade News—We have made Christmas cards, fancy Christmas trees from paper doilies, bells and Santa's faces from paper plates, trimmed with cotton beard and fur. We have hung up our Mexican Pinata and have read the story of the Mexican Christmas. Alice Wilkinson has been absent from school several days with the measles. We hope she will recover soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Linsett and son took a ride to Alamogordo Sunday and visited with Mr. and Mrs. John Moore.

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3. How long does a dollar bill remain in circulation?
4. How many casualties did the U. S. suffer in World War II?
5. In what state is divorce not obtainable for any cause?
6. How many presidential candidates have failed to get a majority of electoral votes after receiving the largest popular vote?
7. What is the temperature of a match flame?
8. Was the Declaration of Independence originally written in English?

### The Answers

1. It is a pinkish violet.
2. Jupiter.
3. Only nine months.
4. According to latest figures, 948,418.
5. South Carolina.
6. Two. Samuel J. Tilden and Grover Cleveland.
7. About 2,300 degrees Fahrenheit.
8. No, it was written in French.

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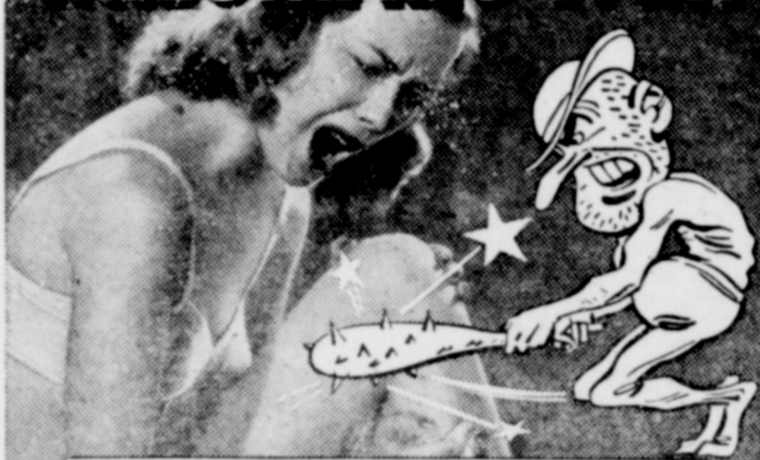
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### Letters in the Bible

Lesson for December 12, 1948

A LETTER in the mail! Those are exciting words. It was so when the Babylonians chipped open their dried clay envelopes, it is so when we rip the end off our paper envelopes, it was so when the marooned and homesick Timothy broke the seal on the papyrus notes that his old friend and teacher Paul sent him. Most letters reach the wastebasket, and we know that some of Paul's did. But fortunately his friends thought enough of about a dozen of his letters to save them and copy them and file them with some others and pass them around.



Dr. Foreman

### Yesterday in Television

THESE letters that have come down to us from so long ago are not only keenly interesting, they are immensely valuable. An honest informal letter is like an open window. We see into the writer's mind and life, we see the life of his times. Any historian feels lucky when he lights on a packet of old letters. Here is yesterday in television.

The letters of the New Testament, especially Paul's, are not propaganda literature. Paul was not writing for publication or for posterity. He would be bothered by a problem; he would think and pray about it, and then he would sit down and write about it.

However trivial the problem might seem, such as a local church quarrel, Paul never wrote trivially about it. He would pour out his mind on papyrus, usually dictating his letters to a secretary and sometimes so fast that the secretary obviously had a hard time keeping up.

If you want to know how an Apostle's mind worked, here it is. If you want to know how an inspired religious genius, one of the great of all time, planned and grieved and hoped and rejoiced, read these letters.

### Friend to Friend

THE letters in the New Testament are of various kinds. The letter to the Philippians from Paul was written, from prison, to some of his best friends. Recently they had sent him not only money but a man named Epaphroditus to stay with Paul and help him, Paul being in constant bad health. But Epaphroditus himself had fallen ill, and when he grew better he was still homesick.

Paul, generous as always, decided to send his sick friend home to convalesce, and by his hand sent the letter which the Philippian church loved, saved and copied, so that it eventually made its way into the New Testament collection.

There is some high theology in the letter; but there is also some warm human friendship, and some of the best advice Paul ever gave. It is in this letter we discover Paul's secret of happiness. I have learned (he wrote) in whatsoever state I am, therein to be content. (See chapter 4.)

When you read those paragraphs, simply glowing with happiness, remember they were written by a sick man, in jail, facing a serious charge on his forthcoming trial. Paul had actually discovered a joy which is trouble-proof.

### Father to Sons

PAUL knew he would not live forever on this planet and could not live everywhere. So he spent much effort training helpers and successors.

His letters to Timothy are personal, but they are more than that. They are advice from an older minister to a younger one, from a veteran missionary to a fresh recruit.

In I John we have another kind of letter, from an old, perhaps retired minister to a congregation he knows and loves. Again in I John the reader gets the impression of reading a family letter from father to sons and daughters.

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**WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS**

**President Hints Controls on Way As Cost of Living Drops Slightly; Western Mutual Aid Pact Prepared**

By Bill Schoentgen, WNU Staff Writer

(EDITOR'S NOTE: When opinions are expressed in these columns, they are those of Western Newspaper Union's news analysts and do not necessarily of this newspaper.)

**DILEMMA: Sharp-Horned**

Perched uncomfortably astride a dilemma having the sharpest horns ever to plague a sitter, President Truman ponders ways and means of getting off. The situation is as clearly defined as it is bothersome.

IN SHORT, the president must work the seemingly impossible miracle of knocking prices down while keeping wages and farm prices up. Mr. Truman is indubitably committed to the former, and it was a great majority of opinion that he could do just that which helped account for his victory. That he will also do the latter is a campaign pledge he must exert every effort to keep.

No less a personage than Henry Ford II has sharpened one of the horns. The industrialist touched off the "fourth round" of wage increases, with consequent high-prices maintenance, when he announced a wage hike for all his workers. Then, Mr. Ford delivered himself of the observation that wages generally must go up and that prices must do likewise.

THE PATTERN is clear. Industry raises wages and the cost of its products goes up. Wages must increase if these products are to be purchased. Labor comes in to ask for more money in order to buy these products. And so the circle continues.

Meanwhile, it is obvious that Americans expect the President and congress to do something about getting the cost of living within reasonable bounds—and to do it quick. On the other hand, labor, which backed Mr. Truman at the polls, and farmers, who generally supported him, are expecting action as swift on legislation favorable to them.

As administration leaders sought a course of action to satisfy all groups, congress said little for public consumption. Methods of price control, if any have been conceived, have not been discussed.

ONE THING, however, is clear. The situation poses the major test of how effective in solving the problem will be the cooperation of congress and the President.

From Capitol Hill came persistent whispering that Mr. Truman's tumping victory did not necessarily arm him with the equivalent of a magic wand which he might wave over congress to bring about legislation in any form he may desire.

**Solution?**

Then there was a break on the inflation front. Americans who had come to accept the inevitability of the high cost of living raised their eyes with surprise over the development—although it amounted to only the merest chink in the price barricade.

TWO THINGS happened almost simultaneously:

President Truman ordered administration agencies to work out a "definite" anti-inflation program to be presented to the Democratic congress in January, and the bureau of labor statistics reported a dip of one-half of 1 per cent in its cost-of-living index for October.

The significance of Mr. Truman's proposal for anti-inflation legislation was established; it was something to look forward to. But how much real importance should be attached to the almost infinitesimal break in the price line would remain to be seen.

FOR ONE thing, the price dip—unless it grew to miraculous proportions—would not cancel out any anti-inflation measures, such as "standby" price control and rationing, which might be imposed.

Edwin G. Nourse, chairman of the President's council of economic advisors, opined that a lowering of prices, washing out the need for drastic controls, would be "swell." But he didn't predict it would happen.

Another top fiscal official said he believed inflationary forces still had the upper hand. And Chester Bowles, one-time OPA boss, stated that congress "unquestionably" would act against inflation.

The precise nature of the program President Truman will lay before congress in January was not yet known—probably not yet determined. Its general outline probably will be made public when he delivers his "State of the Union" message in January.

But there was little doubt that a return to more or less stringent economic controls was in the cards for 1949.



**Global Christmas**

People of the nations of the earth are going to see Christmas from an American viewpoint this year through the medium of typical American Christmas greeting cards being sent by the state department to U. S. embassies and consulates throughout the world. Here Miss Frances Kane, state department employee, sits below an enlarged photograph of the cards.

**TREATY: Mutual Aid**

The cold freeze being turned on Russia by the western nations plummeted several more degrees when Great Britain, France and the three Benelux nations, after long negotiations, agreed on a 17-point mutual assistance pact.

THAT the U. S. is involved in the agreement goes almost without saying, for without American sanction and at least an implied willingness to help out militarily in the event of aggression no western Atlantic treaty would be worth a "whereas" or even a "hereinafter."

Primary proposal in the plan calls for a pledge of mutual armed assistance by the U. S., Canada and the five western European nations in case one or more of them should be attacked.

SECONDLY, it provides that the pact be left open to membership of certain other nations. It calls, also, for the setting up of military and political boards—immediately after the pact's signature and ratification—to make the treaty operate.

Containing 17 points in all, the program of "agreed opinions" has been presented to the U. S. and Canada for consideration. There was no immediate reaction from the two governments on the matter, but it seemed logical to presume that the idea for such a treaty had received their prior blessings.

Although the pact in its present form refrains from designating a fixed period of years for its life, it does recommend "a long duration." Actually, the five European governments have been thinking in terms of a 50-year period, but the decision on that is being left to the last stage of negotiations.

RUSSIA as a nation—peaceful or belligerent—is scrupulously ignored in the document. Nowhere is any mention made of the Soviet Union.

Nevertheless, the treaty itself offers grim proof of the fact that the western democratic nations have seen fit to construct the nucleus of a great regional defensive alliance against Russia and the spread of communism.

**PEACEABLE: Party Line**

The official "line" of the Communist party has gone off on a new tangent in a tactic described as a "peace offensive" by U. S. intelligence authorities who reported the switch.

WORD IS that the Kremlin has ordered peace propaganda and demonstrations of various kinds as the official party line for all Communist parties, organs and front organizations. The intelligence boys claimed that this ostensible about-face would become apparent in the near future.

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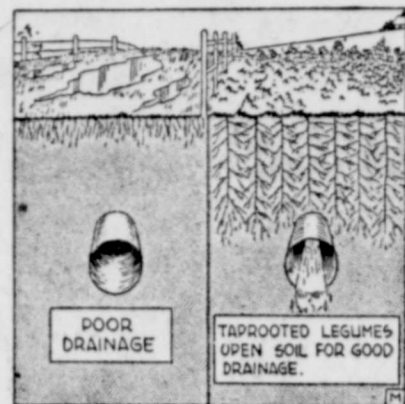

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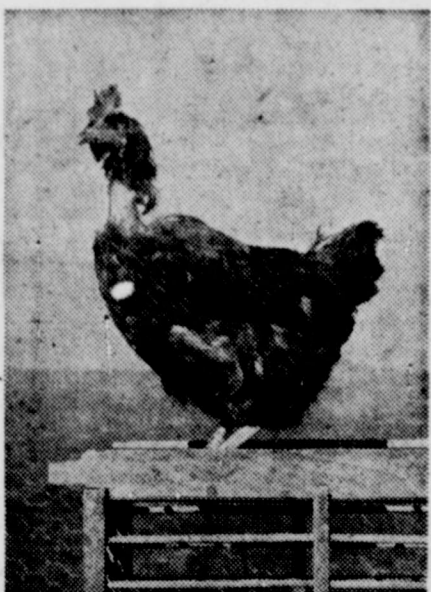
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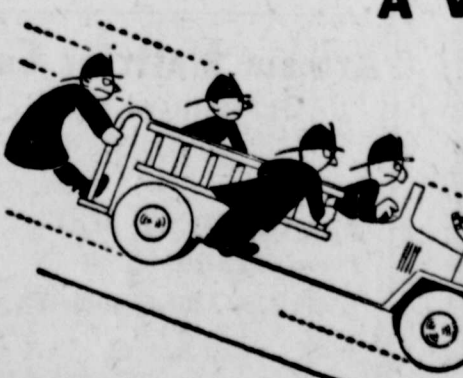
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# Peppertree Inn

By JEAN RANDALL

**SYNOPSIS**  
The loss of their family fortune is accepted stoically by the Bristol family, including Professor Bristol, invalid archeologist; his daughter, Rosemary, and Simmons, a family "fixtured." The only property salvaged is Peppertree Inn, a Southern California hotel. To settle their dilemma, the Bristols move to California to operate the inn. Rosemary learns an innkeeper's problems from Bob Elliot, who has been managing the inn temporarily, and from actual experience. In the midst of a hectic day she receives a wire that Kent Standish, her childhood sweetheart who had planned to manage the inn, has been delayed because of a broken arm.

**CHAPTER VIII**

"Bad news?" inquired Ellen sympathetically.

For answer Rosemary handed the yellow slip to the other girl.

"That settles his driving out here. I suppose it settles his managing the inn, for a while anyway. Bob might as well be trying to get somebody else."

"You, darling! The inn has got you, hasn't it? You're more concerned about losing the new manager than you are about his accident."

Rosemary looked remorseful. "It did sound like that. But you see his mother says it's not serious, and goodness knows the situation here is serious enough. You were right about Bob's hating this place. He'd turn his back on us in a minute if his conscience would let him. I loathe being a duty but after yesterday I'm anxious to keep him here on any terms. You could help me if you would, Len. Make him fall in love with you and then he'll want to stick around."

Ellen regarded her salad with discouraged eyes. "Make him? What do you think I've been doing—or trying to do for years? I told you the very first day you came that I'm crazy about him."

"I thought you were joking." "I'm not," she said briefly. "I fell in love with him when I was fifteen and he was nineteen. I was riding and my horse threw me. Bob picked me up. . . . well, that seemed to be all that was necessary. He's been picking me up for one reason or another ever since but nothing seems to come of it as far as he's concerned. If I was a Fuerte now—"

"What on earth is a Fuerte?" "It's the best kind of avocado to grow in this part of the country. Don't ask me why; and don't ask Bob either unless you really want to know. He can deliver a regular oration on that subject."

Rosemary was not interested in avocados. She was wondering how Bob would take the news of Kent's broken arm. As it happened, she chose an inopportune time to break it to him. She hurried through her meal and went out to the desk to speak to him before the other guests finished dinner. She found him in conversation with Mrs. Halverson—if it could be called conversation when one person did all the talking.

"Either that artist or I will have to leave the inn, that's certain! Artist! He's no more artist than I am! Has anybody seen him painting or drawing or whatever he claims he does? You know very well he doesn't do a single thing but loaf around and wear those abominable clothes. However, I'm not objecting either to his laziness or his slovenliness. I suppose he has a right to look like a tramp if he wants to. But I certainly am objecting to his habit of whistling in his room." Her voice was rising and Rosemary, coming up behind her, laid a hand on her arm.

**Rosemary Meets Artist Guest**

"I'm sure it's bad for you to get so excited," she said soothingly. "You know what the doctor said. Don't you think you'd better go and lie down for a little while? Mr. Grahame is still in the dining-room and when he finishes dinner, I'll try to keep him out here. And I'll ask him not to whistle any more than he has to. It's a cheerful sound, though, don't you think?"

As she talked she was leading the distraught woman away. A few minutes later she returned to the desk and spoke cheerfully.

"Between us we can handle her, you see. Sometimes I think of the right thing and sometimes you do."

"Not for me any more, thank you! I'm all out of the right answers. Tim tells me you got a telegram a while ago. I don't mean to be inquisitive, but was it from Standish?"

"His mother." She put it into his hand and he read it frowningly. "A broken arm, eh? Well, that needn't keep him from managing the inn. Wire him to fly out and start right away."

"He's not able to travel or he'd have been here by now. He's just as anxious to come as you are to have him. No, Bob, you'll have to captain the ship a little longer. Here comes Mr. Grahame now. Will you speak to him about the whistling or shall I?"

"You. Far be it from me to deprive any man of the innocent pleasure of whistling between his teeth. As a matter of fact, I think I'll ask him to teach me how. It might come in handy—Hello, Grahame! We were just talking of you. Miss Bristol wants to ask a favor. Suppose you take her outside for a few minutes. It's a nice warm evening."

In the next two weeks they tried out three hotel clerks. The first one looked like a movie actor and it turned out he had been an extra. He kept on being one in so far as the job at the inn was concerned. He ignored the desk to play tennis with the prettiest of the girls. He



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was deaf to complaints from elderly guests and far too obliging to those of the younger group. His left hand perpetually settled his tie, his right smoothed his satin-black hair. He lasted four days and then Bob explained to him that the inn would have to worry along without him.

The second was an anxious, harassed looking little man who was efficient enough but whose incessant coughing worried everybody.

The third in the series was jovial by lunch time, alternately belligerent and tearful by dinner.

"I think I'll let your fiancé pick the next one," Bob remarked grimly to Rosemary.

**California Life Enchants Rosemary**

They had better luck with the housekeeper. She was a tall, angular woman of few words; but, as Bob remarked, they were invariably the right words.

Rosemary was now in daily, almost hourly, receipt of news from Kent Standish. His mother wrote; Kent wrote and wired; telephoned. The girl learned from Madre that it required almost physical restraint to keep the invalid from starting at once for Bellevista.

"He had a slight concussion," Rosemary explained to Bob. "The doctors won't let him travel for another week."

The Professor was enjoying himself. Simmons wheeled him into a sunny corner every morning and settled him with books and writing materials.

"We're sleeping and eating good," was Simmons' report.

Rosemary was having fun, too, she thought, though now and then her conscience reproached her. More and more she left the affairs of the inn to Bob Elliot as she made friends with the girls and men of her own age. They were such a gay, light-hearted lot, and always there was some pleasant plan afoot. They rode, they drove, they picnicked. They played tennis, volleyball, they swam. Once they swept her down into Mexico which sadly disappointed her with its dirt and shabbiness.

Bob encouraged these excursions "It's your first visit to California," he said. "Make the most of it. There'll never be another like it."

"Why not?" "Everything is new and different now. Next time you'll know what to expect."

"But I feel guilty leaving you here to wrestle with everything alone."

"I'd have to be here anyway so I might as well handle the whole works. I'm sort of getting the hang

of things anyhow. It was having to stay indoors all day that got me at first. I missed my early morning ride through the groves. I hated like thunder to be cooped up in here in the afternoon when the sun's shining on the trees and you can smell the salt in the wind. Gosh, I don't see how guys stand it to stick in offices year after year."

"I wonder if Kent will feel like that? He's an out-of-doors man, too."

"How?" "Oh, golf and polo and tennis—" She stopped at his elaborate shrug. "Well, it keeps him outdoors just as much as your old avocados do you," she went on defensively. "I think it's pretty fine of him to take a job like this at a salary—By the way, how much is the salary? How much do you get?"

"Not a cent so far," he assured her, grinning. "I told you I came here because the Judge put it as a favor to him. As for your boy friend, I should think he can fix his own wages. I don't imagine they'll loom up very large alongside of Mamma's allowance."

"You're rude." "I know it. Sorry. Guess I'm developing nerves like Mrs. Halverson."

"She's a pill, isn't she? Have you any idea how long she expects to stay here?"

"Forever, I think," he replied gloomily. "We have a new problem to meet, however."

"Oh, Bob, what?" "Madame Chenault will be here before dinner time."

"Who is she?" "Well, I got my information secondhand; from Hetty. Madame comes every year, it seems. She was once a Beauty—spelled with a capital. I gather she still would be something extra in the way of looks if she'd let nature take its course."

"Is that why she's a problem?" "Maybe. I just took Hetty's word for it. When she heard Chenault was coming she sort of staggered and groaned and said, 'Now we're in for it.' I suppose we'll know soon enough—the worst, I mean."

He proved a true prophet. Madame arrived a little after five o'clock, complete with personal maid, secretary (masculine), and cat.

The wreck of her beauty was partly hidden by lavish make-up. She wore clothes whose period was either day after tomorrow or Empire on its way out. Her eyelashes were the longest and blackest that money could buy. She owed the dimples in her thin cheeks to surgery and her accent to a limited course in reading; miscellaneous reading. Here a touch of French and there a lick of Italian, Bob decided, with a strong foundation flavor of the British Isles.

"Ah, ze belle inn!" she cried. "I rathwer thought we'd get here by tea time. Dejeuner will do just as well. Certainment! My usual suite is ready? Bon! Pazienza, my cat, my little one! Hurry up with those bags, boy!"

She swept away followed by her maid, and Tim. The secretary, a small dark man with a perpetually apologetic air, lingered by the desk.

"She's all right, Madame is, if you let her have her own way," he explained to the somewhat bewildered Bob. "Just give her anything she asks for and do everything she tells you to, and you won't have no trouble with her at all. You couldn't ask for no sweeter lady than Madame if she ain't crossed."

"What is she likely to ask for?" Bob demanded. "Name a few."

"Well, her pick of tables in the dining-room. She's sure to want one someone else is holding down. You'll have to give it to her anyway. It's easiest in the long run."

**Madame's Arrival Creates Sensation**

"You don't say so! What else might Madame want?"

"She likes to order her meals in French, or Eyetalian; some kind of foreign language, anyhow."

"But we don't have anybody who—"

"That's all right. Neither does Madame. It comes out meat and potatoes and gravy anyway. And send flowers to her room every day with a different card. Here's enough for a couple of weeks." He handed Elliot a packet of neatly engraved calling cards. "Put it on the bill under 'telephone calls.' Any time she gets real upset all you have to do is tell her she's molto cara, molto simpatica. I don't know what it means but it sure does the work. I learned it from a guy in Chicago. I guess that's all right now. Other things'll come up."

"I'm sure of it," the young manager muttered as the little man drifted away.

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Lon P. Watkins, Carlsbad attorney, has been appointed assistant district attorney, Randolph Reese, of Roswell, recently elected district attorney, has announced. Reese and Watkins will take office Jan. 1.

It is good news coming from Carlsbad. The county commissioners are going to try and get the sharp turns eliminated on the Artesia-Hope highway. This highway was built in the horse and buggy days and has served its purpose, now the sharp turns are really dangerous especially to loaded trucks and motorists who are in a hurry to get to their destination.

Also in the "Little Argus" we read where some of the Roswell politicians are gunning for Mr. White of the highway department. Their reason is that Mr. White did not take an active part in the recent political campaign. That's a pretty poor excuse to get a man fired from his present job. But we do think that Mr. White would do better if he was transferred to another part of the state. For two years now us folks in the Hope district have been trying to get three road signs for Highway 83. One to be erected east of town and one west and one for the sharp left hand turn right in the center of town. But our efforts have been of no avail so far, but we still live in hope even if we die in despair.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Anderson and Miss Jean Kimbrough were in from the ranch the first of the week.

The dairy business is expanding in Hope. Smokey McElroy has his milk house about ready to put into operation. Irvin Miller is also planning to construct a modern milk house and ship milk to Roswell.

### SEEKS MORE MONEY

(From the Little Argus)  
 Randolph Reese of Roswell, who takes over Jan. 1 as district attorney for Eddy, Chaves and Lea Counties, is trying to bring the salaries of his assistants into line with those of the assistants in other counties. The legislature has authorized the expenditure of \$5,500 a year for assistant district attorneys and a secretary in this district, Reese said, where as \$10,500 is allowed for the same purpose in the Santa Fe district.

### ENCOURAGING

(From the Christian Science Monitor)  
 One of the most encouraging statements from President Truman since the election is the support he has given to the work of the Hoover commission on government reorganization, which shortly will make its report.  
 Mr. Truman has been quick to show that he intends to take no casual, patronizing, or partisan attitude toward the findings of the commission. He has repudiated the attitude of some of his "friends" who, after the upset of Nov. 2, were suggesting that the Hoover commission recommendations would hardly get far with the newly elected administration, since it was proposed by two Republicans, enacted by a Republican Congress, and carried out under the leadership of a Republican ex-President whom Mr. Truman belabored in the recent campaign.

That would be the viewpoint of the political minded. There couldn't be more trivial and irrelevant reasons for attempting to belittle in advance the program to improve the machinery of the federal government which the commission soon will put into the hands of Congress and Mr. President. Fortunately, Mr. Truman has made it clear that he understands, will greatly welcome, and will give responsive consideration to the reorganization proposals.

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