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Tibo J. Chavez For Lt. Governor

State Senator Tibo J. Chavez of Valencia county, 36-year-old Belen attorney, formally announced his candidacy this week for the Democratic nomination for lieutenant governor of New Mexico, subject to the party primary election June 6.

His announcement came at a hometown rally in his honor when the first "Hibo Chavez for Lieutenant Governor" club was organized by local friends of the rising young political figure. The first of such clubs formed in support of his candidacy is headed by Filimon Chavez of Belen, long-time friend and associate. Members of the home-town committee backing his candidacy include Mayor Earl Peter, Belen merchant; Filo M. Sedillo, Valencia county Democratic chairman and former state attorney general; Carter M. Waid, editor of Chavez' hometown newspaper, the semi-weekly News-Bulletin.

Chavez is not new in public life. Twice city attorney of Belen, he also has served as assistant district attorney for Valencia county; is presently a member of the Board of Regents of the University of New Mexico; spent Statement of of the U.S. Department of State in Santiago, Chile from 1943 through Carnival, Jan. 11

As a freshman senator in the las session of the state legislature, Cha vez quickly assumed an infulentia position. He was chairman of the powerful Senate judiciary committee was a leader for enactment of a sev erance tax, co-sponsored the Fair Em ployment Practices Act and was later selected as chairman of this new state commission; was co-sponsor of an additional tax on cigarets to raise badly needed funds for old age assistance and for the home of the aged at Las Vegas.

Chavez a native of Belen, is mar ried and a member of the Lions civic club. As a youth, he was active in Scouting, receiving an Eagel Scout

badge. In announcing his candidacy for lieutenant governor, Chavez declared that he felt that he should take a stand on current issues facing the people of this state. Proposing an 11point platform, Chavez called for:

the state for means of eliminating waste and duplication in performance of state governmental functions.

Taxation-Protection of the

its meeting every two years.

reclamation and water needs.

tunity to earn a livelihood regardless reported twice a year.

of creed, color, race or national origin. 7. Additional aid to the needy of 156.25 of the total in December. the state, particularly the aged and unfortunate ones.

and public carriers.

9. Expanding the work of the new ty Act.

11. Calling of a Constitutional Con- per person. vention in the near future to study changes needed in the State Constitu- ies "E" bonds five years or more old be lugging a basketful of money. For tion for submission to the people of that they accrue more than 4 per cent at all concessions they were literally New Mexico.

A Million Thanks

those who could not come but still 1944"-4.41 per cent. Few investgave us a contribution to let us know ments involving no risk, such as U were willing to help. Our next home in interest. game will be a week from rFiday, Jan. 27 with Weed. There will be two games and we hope you will all be SCOUT COURT OF HONOR out to support our team again.—Stud- TO BE HELD AT HOPE MONDAY ent body of Hope high school.

YOUR TAXES CAN BE CUT and perfumes, Canada has given us people more money to spend. Learn what taxes Candad has reduced and how we can cut ours too. Its in The zine distributed with next Sunday's Scouts and scouters as possible at the tionalist in the field of psychology. FOR SALE-One folding bath tub; Mountain Park; James Mayhill, May-American Weekly, that great maga. Court of Honor, in order to encourage is at present minister of the First Los Angeles Examiner.

First National Bank Re-elects All Officers

All officers of The First National Bank were re-elected at a meeting of directors Thursday night and a fifth assistant cashier was named.

The officers who were retained for another year were: President, Ross Sears; vice presidents, L. B. Feather and Fred Cole; cashier, Doyle Hankins; assistant cashiers, C. F. Hammett, Martha Broocke, George H. Ferriman, and Vernon

Clayton Menefee, a teller, was named assistant cashier in the note collection department.

All of the directors of the bank were re-elected by shareholders at the annual meeting Tuesday of last

They were President Sears, Vice Presidents Feather and Cole, and Emery Carper, Jesse I. Funk, Clyde Guy, Charles R. Martin, Russell Rogers. J. B. Runyan, T. J. Sivley, J. S. Ward, and Neil B. Watson.

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-	Fishing	\$13.5
1	Pop Corn	4.6
e	Hot Dog	15.8
,	Live Target	10.4
-	Bingo	25.3
-	Guess Weight	
r	Basketball throw	6.3
9	Penny Pitch	3.9
-	Fortune teller	
y	Boxing	
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1. Economy—A thorough study by Bond Sales Increase in Dec.

state's natural resources through es. zL. B. Feather, chairman of this tablishment of permanent severance county's U.S. Savings Bonds commit- direction across the hall and see tax, applying particularly to natural tee, announced that residents of this people in stitches of laughter. Young Zeph. 3:16. county invested \$48,156.25 in Series faces or old, it was the same open 3. Creation of a full time legislative "E", "F" and "G" bonds during De- expression of joy and excitement. reference bureau to prepare an agen- cember. This is compiled for reports Your reporter, who witnessed the da for the legislature in advance of from Federal Reserve Banks and whole show, and who is an ex- of a 4. Formation of a board or commis- residents of this county who are mem- events felt that it was his civic duty sion to survey and develop our state's bers of the Armed Forces. Neither to go and pretend to be happy. Tho, Hope 40 years ago. At that time there 5. Education-Equal educational federal civilian employes through the windows and in all earnestness, we facilities for all children in the state. payroll savings plan. Purchases by laughed until we ached. 6. Fair Employment-Equal oppor- these two groups are compiled and

Series "E" bonds attracted \$38,-

in November by \$7500. The total in- who held down the various jobs of froster, cool breeze, chrome wheel Bros., of Denver, who are to work on 8. More rigid regulation of utilities vested in all three series in December is \$15,800 more than in November.

Mr. Feather reminds holders of 10. Increased insurance benefits unthey may exchange proceeds of their you, eye to eye, and tell you with uthe west into and it has expected that this section der the state's Compensation Disabili- series "D's" for series "E's" without most sincerity of the great things regard to the annual limit of \$10,000 which should and would happen in

He further reminds holders of serper annum if held to maturity. For raking it in. example, series "E's" purchased in 1941 wil learn 4.12 per cent of the re- readable of success of the affair as demption value or 5.33 per cent of the your ABC's, excepting that unpre- Coales Service Station from E. O. Van of the recreational area. The people original purchase price, if held to ma- dictable Luke. And yet, he carried Winkle. Tom is going to catch the of Cloudcroft object to this and it is ple of Hope who came out to our car- in 1942 wil learn interest at the annival recently and made it a wonder- nual rate of 4.21 per cent; series "Eful success. We would like to thank 1943"-4.31 per cent and series "Ethey were interested in our cause and S. savings bonds, will return as much

the Boy Scout Gateway District will meeting here. The date has been set DR. SALISBURY-Nation wide poul- the conclusion of the meeting a correction be held at Hope School at 7:30 o'clock for January 29 through Feb. 3. There ry service. McCaw Hatenery, 13th and mittee was named to work out By slasring luxury taxes on jewels Monday night, Jan. 23, it was announce will be preaching every evening at 7 Grand. Artes a ed by Bill McRee, field executive. trict be represented by as many Boy Rev Therman Harris, once an educa- the Orland Parker family.

Started in County

state reassessment program, headed pleted by June 30, 1950.

Re-Valuation Work

to make appraisal of real property in all of the 31 counties, for a consideration of about one-half million dollars. Donnell won the contract in 1947 but completed only 8 counties in the two years. The law was amended to provide a mandatory revaluation of property in all counties, with the exception of corporation and personal properties. The Donnell appraisals are mandator yupon all assessors at the same time, as soon as all valuations are completed by the contracting company and upon no one county until the valuations are in effect in all counties.

The field crews zone each municipality and classify the property within each zone. The zone is not connected with any local zoning law, but accordin gto the actual use of property by areas. Within each zone, each parcel of property is measured and improvements are appraised on the basis of square feet contained in buildings type of structure, age, condition of walls, foundation and roof and other detailed data. This data is fitted into a formula that produces the appraisal

A Carnival With a Kick

as one should have to write this unus- is 15 cents a month has been brought ual event. I must say that it beats in for four months and we have prosanything I've seen in showmanship, pered to the amount of \$9.70 after teamwork, cooperation or school unity our expenditures of \$4.10. of spirit and devotion.

From the time one entered the well arranged carnival broadwalk to the Hope News very last exhibition, it was all a hilarious guffaw. We would look any

The announcer over the public address system, each concessionaire. each individual, from the little stinkshowmanship. Nothing was amateuryour future life.

And today some school official must

Every teacher's expression was so takes to make it. And we must admit Sacramento Stage Line. that Luke has it, too .- Ben Marable.

To Visit Hope

A Court of Honor for all troops in Harris, who is to conduct a revival team to Eunice Saturday. the new Boy Scout troop at Hope. | Methodist Church in Portales.

Basketball Season Coming to a Close

this week. This is done under the day night, Feb. 4, the Yellow Jackets Grand, Artesia. will travel to Monument. Then the fol- . Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Hunter and Chilby Dee Donnell of Artesia and Santa lowing three games wil lbe played at dren and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hunter Fe. This appraisal should be com- home. Lake Arthur here on Feb. 10. were visitors in Artesia Monday. Dee Donnell & Associates contract- Feb. 17. Then the last game before the hospital last week. He will have ed with the State Tax commission un- the tournament will be at Dexter on to be care ful for about three months der authority of 1947 and 1949 laws, Feb. 18. The district tournament takes and not work too hard. place on Feb. 23 and 25.

School News

Third, fourth and fifth grade news-We are happy to have Paula Given grade. Betty Madron, Charles Nunnelee and Barbara Seeley have given oral book reports this week. Pupils who have made 100 on every spelling test this year are: Gary Crockett. Charles Nunnelee, Charles Parham, Patsy Young, Alice Wilkinson, Bobby Parker, Betty Madron, Melissa Jones, Phyllis Bush, Barbara Seeley, Jackie Alexander, Shirley Stephens, Christine Seely, Georgia Lee Seely, Charlotte Wilson, Orlene Parker and Paty Bush. Paula Allison made 100 on hed mid-term spelling test. We have and Mrs. Hiliary White, Sr. received many interesting letters from pupils in other schools. This is a big help to us in our letter writing, spellng and language

6th, 7th and 8th grade news-There will be a clas sparty Thursday night at Barbara Madron's house. There will be refreshments and we will play games. There was a dance at the Mark Fisher home Saturday night. All of the boys went to Eunice to play basketball but the six people that were there had a wonderful time. There will be a 4-H recreation Friday To those who were not present last night at 7 o'clock in the school gym. week at the school carnival, the writ- All parents and children are invited er wishes to impress upon you that to be present. The 8th grade class has you really missed one of the best written to the department of educaschool programs which in my know- tion for facts pertaining to the govledge has happened in many years in ernment of New Mexico. The 6th, 7th and 8th grade clas shas quite a bit of Not having a great reportorial flare money on hand. Our class dues which

A verse for today: "Fear thou not let not thine hands be slack,"-

Plains, Mont., and their son, Dr. H. G. Crecelius of Phoenix, were here Crecelius is in charge of the state laboratories in Arizona. FOR SALE-1948 Plymouth De Luxe,

Equipped with heater, radio, fog lights ers who fought in the arena with 5 white-wall air ride tires, sun vsior, This exceeds the amount so invested those big brown gloves on, to the ones plastic seat covers, electris clock, deimportance, it was all one spirit of covers, grill guard, seafoam rubber the road bed in Bailey and Mexican pad. Free demonstration. Terms to Canyons, on the approach to Cloudish. Madame Svengali, the dark and strictly responsible parties. Inquire croft. This company is equipped with Economic Development Commission. Series "D-1940" savings bonds that beautiful fortune teller, could look at News office at Hope, N. M. Adv. extra heavy, large road machinery

tesia, N. M. Phone 79.

and Mr. and Mrs. Anderson Young.

We would like to thank all the peo- turity. Similarly, series "E's" bought a poker face throughout. But his motorist coming or going, "Red" Van thought that this matter can be ironed little stinkers have the "it" that it Winkle wil Icontinue to operate the out in a few weeks. Announcement-At the last town

that all who owe water dues must pay discussing ways and n or be passed up by water.-Town vice for Ruidoso and surrounding a Eoard.

o'clock and everyone is very cordial- Mr. and Mrs. Joe Thomas Wood of a telephone cooperative. Some of the He urged that all troops in the dis- ly invited to attend these services. Artesia and family spent Sunday with members of the committee wr J. C.

office at Hope.

Insurance at its best. If you are in need of insurance of any kind, why not see Pete? Come in and let us discuss your insurance needs. Lov-Friday night, Jan. 27, Weed basket- ing Insurance Agency, Booker Bldg., Richard Westaway, county assessor, ballers wil lmake their appearance at P. O. Box 546, Artesia, N. M. Adv. has announced that revaluation of the Hope gym. On Tuesday night, Jan. REMEMBER-Merit Feeds get best property in Eddy county would start 31, Hagerman will be at Hope. Satur- results. McCaw Hatchery, 13th and

Alamogordo on Feb. 11. Tularosa on Bert Weddige came home from

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The dairy inspector was in Hope Allison, a new pupil, in our third the first of the week looking over the local situation.

> Mr. and Mrs. Lee Glasscock were here Tuesday. They were enroute to the E. P. Cox ranch.

Mrs. A. A. Smith and Pilar Ordunez were in Artesia Monday.

Dr. Puckett, district health officer. paid a visit to the Hope schools Tues-Mr. and Mrs. Herschell Bragg and

son were here Tuesday visiting Mr. Bill Weddige was in the hospital

a few days last week suffering from a severe cold.

FOR SALE-Bundle feed and hay, Bryant Williams, Hope, N. M. Adv.

Editorials---

Last Saturday the editor not having too much to do took a ride with E. O. Van Winkle on the Sacramento stage line to Alamogordo and back. It is a trip well worth taking. Leaving Hope about 9:30 A. M., you follow the Penasco River up to Mayhill. Here you take the James Canyon road to Cloudcroft, and then on to Mountain Park and Alamogordo. Cloudcroft is getting ready for the completion of highway 83 from Alamogordo through to Cloudcroft. The road contractors are working on the last section now and they should have this finished by early summer, we hope. Cloudcroft will benefit by the large increase in tourist travel as well as Mayhill, Elk, Hope and Artesia. This will not only be the scenic route of the southwest but it will open up a vast timber area as well as making is possible for the public to reach the apples and Dr. and Mrs. H. A. Crecelius of cherry acreage. We must not forget to mention the vegetable produce that is raised here every year. The comdoes not include purchases made by good many years experience in such last week calling on old friends. H. pletion of the chighway into Cloud-A. Crecelius practiced medicine in croft will make it possible for produce trucks from El Paso and other places does it include purchases made by all pretension was thrown out the were four doctors in Hope. H. G. in the southwest to come and load up with the finest vegetables and fruit that is obtainable anywhere.

> The contract for construction of been driven about 18,000 miles. highway 83 from Toboggan to the east limits of Cloudcroft, where it will join the present dirt highway, was Sacramento Mts. Also for sale, of the highway will be finished by ranches in other sections of state June 1, possibly sooner. The conand farms in the Pecos Valley. Dons' struction of the highway through the Real Estate, 314 Carper Bldg., Ar. Village of Cloudcroft is being held Adv. up until an agreement can be reached Mr. Tom Young of Estellene, Texas between the Village Council and the is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Joe Young County Commissioners over the right of way. The route as staked out now This week Tom Dean subleased the takes the highway through the center

Last week a mass meeting w board meeting, it was recommended held at Ruidoso for the purpose of Rev. Therman Harris to July 1, the end of the fiscal year proving and expanding telephone ser--Adv. P. B. Hendricks manager of the E Mr. and Mrs. Luke Toycho and tric Cooperative at Cloudcroft was The Hope Methodist Church is mak- Sharon and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Lea present and s'ated that he was real ing plans to receive Rev. Therman accompanied the Hope basketball to give every assistance possible in forming a telephone coorara ve. 6-10-tf details on how to go about to fo Read, Cloudcroft; Forrest Chambers, one kitchen sink. Inquire at News hill; Billy Gage, Pinon; and Eldo Lewis of Weed.

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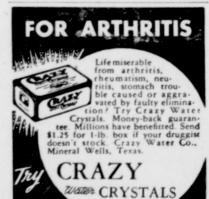
Measure Master-Mix into a mixing Measure Master-Mix into a mixing bowl Stir in the dates and nuts. Mix egg, sugar and milk together. Add, all at once, to the dry mixture. Stir gently only until the flour is moistened—the batter will look lumpy. Fill greased muffin pans % full. Bake at 425° F. (hot oven) 15 to 18 minutes. Makes 1 dozen 2-inch muffins. If plain muffins are desired use the Date Nut Muffin are desired, use the Date Nut Muffin recipe but omit the dates and nuts

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By DR. KENNETH J. FOREMAN SCRIPTURE: Acts 6:1-8:4.
DEVOTIONAL READING: I Peter 1

First to Fall

Lesson for January 22, 1950

TROUBLE IN THE CHURCH can start anywhere. Sometimes it starts with the women. That was the way the early church found it. The experiment in fellowship which they tried ran into snags, for not even the first Christians were

perfect. The church in Jerusalem was in a inter -racial. sense Some were born and bred in Palestine, and there others from were the outside, with Greek names,

speaking Greek as Dr. Foreman their native tongue -Hellenists they were called. There was argument: Were the Hellenist widows getting their share of the church's help?

Committee Chairman

THE APOSTLES, being called on, refused to straighten the tangle themselves. Let the church elect a committee, they said. First on the list was a man named Stephen. He turned out to be most famous for being the first Christian martyr, but when he fell unconscious beneath that shower of stones, there died no ordinary man.

To begin with, he filled the bill as chairman of that Committee on Grievances. Not many men, then or now, could fill all three qualifications the Apostles required: reputation, spirituality, and wisdom.

It takes a very tactful man to settle a difficulty in which women are concerned; it takes tact to handle any committee; it takes tact to manage an inter-racial situation; it calls for wisdom to handle funds.

Debater

SOME MEN THINK themselves bigger than their jobs. Some men really are bigger, and Stephen was one of these. He spilled over, so to speak; he had even more energy and ability than the job called for. We hear of him debating around the synagogue circuit particularly in the synagogues which were used by Jews from other parts of the world.

We have no details of those debates, but we know how they always came out; Stephen got the decision. We can guess, from his great speech in the hour of his death, what his general line must have been.

Many Christians in Jerusalem at that time had little or no idea that Christianity was actually a new religion; even the name "Christian" had not been thought of.

Scholar

STEPHEN'S SPEECH at his trial (Acts 7) may sound dull to some now, but it was not dull to the audience. No man makes a dull speech on the brink of death. Further, it was that speech that got him killed. His listeners may not have liked it, but they certainly did not think it dull!

Speaking without notes, he reviews the history of close to 2,000 years in a 10-minute talk, and yet brings out the main points. Only a real scholar cau do that, a man who is both historian and prophet. The most important peaks in Israel's history were God's revelations to them; and Stephen shows that these revelations had never been tied to a house or a book.

No institutions and no place is indispensable to God. The same God who had wrought new things in the past had now wrought a new thing in Christ.

STEPHEN'S AUDIENCE was not convinced. Seeing murder in their eyes, Stephen knew his time was short. In a few stinging last words he reminded them that murder was an old story in that Temple.

You can silence a man but you cannot silence truth. When the world goes against her, the Church should remember that now as then, "the blood of the martyrs is the seed of the Church."

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-WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS-

U.S. Formosan Intervention Urged; Drive Is Launched to Trim Budget Group to Press for Child Welfare;

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

FORMOSA:

Shall We Intervene?

As the agitation for U.S. intervention in Formosa grows, many Americans will have a sharp flashback of memory to the days when Anthony Eden and others were urging boycotts against Mussolini and the Japs as campaigns of conquest were getting underway.

Now, there are many important U. S. officials and ex-leaders who argue that the United States must step in to keep Communist China from swallowing up Formosa. Use of armed force, if necessary, is recommended to stop that move-

LATEST TO JOIN with those advocating intervention in Formosa was Herbert Hoover, former president of the United States. He contended that such a policy was necessary to safeguard this country's own security.

Hoover argued the U. S. should use its naval power to protect not only the big island stronghold of Formosa but also lesser islands which Chiang Kai-shek's forces were seeking to defend along the south China coast.

He declared such a step would "erect a wall against communism in the Pacific" and offer a "continued hope of some time turning China into the paths of freedom

HOWEVER, the decision was further complicated by a British stand that American China policy would strain Anglo-American relations. Indications were that Britain was just about ready to recognize the Chinese Communist regime.

Always the practical realist, Britain moves wherever her own best interests dictate, or where she thinks they dictate. Hence, for the U.S. to lash out at the Chinese Reds just when the British were trying to woo the Communist business apparently wasn't going to sit well with Great Britain.

BUDGET:

Drive for Balance

According to house Republican Leader Martin of Massachusetts, United States government should be able to live within its income without raising taxes. That of course meant that the U.S. ought to be able to balance its budget.

MARTIN joined forces with Sen. Robert Taft, of Ohio, who is on federal budget could be balanced house because of the controversy in fiscal 1951. The two lawmakers are united in a drive to attempt to schools. force the government to live within its income.

The project obviously had more merit than chance for success, for with congress predominantly Democratic, there would be little probability of any great tax changes in the matter of reduced operating

All indications were that while there might not be any tax increases, there certainly would be little of tax reductions, despite administration claims that the government couldn't operate without more tax revenue. Where the balancing-up will come is problemat-

TAFT and Martin outlined their views as congress reconvened. Both declared they would oppose vigorously any administration request for increases either in corporation or high-bracket income taxes.

Taft said he would not object to a deficit of about two billion dollars in 1951 if he were sure the government would get back into the black in fiscal 1952. The deficit this year is expected to run about 5.5 billion dollars.

BRITISH:

No, Thanks

Miffed because the world bank wanted to know too much about its operations, Great Britain's colonial development corporation withdrew its application to the international bank for a loan of five million dollars.

The 280-million-dollar government corporation, set up in 1948 to foster colonial development, said it wanted the loan to buy "indispensable" American-built land-clearing machinery

THE CORPORATION would have been required to submit its detailed budget to the bank for some years ahead and would have had to make quarterly statements showing total assets, liabilities and expenditures of each of its multiple operations.

Atomic 'Advances'



David E. Lilienthal, atomic energy commission chief, told news conference that there have been "several secret advances" in the development of atomic energy. He said these are comparable to the "breeder design" in 1949.

EDUCATION:

Money & Health

The needs of education in the nation apparently were to be well looked after in Washington, as far as interest and stressing of necessity were concerned.

The American Parents' Committee announced a nine-point program in the child welfare field for consideration at the current congress session. THIS COMMITTEE was organ-

ized three years ago to work for a national program to benefit children.

Legislation the committee will press for will be:

The national school-health-services bill for an annual 35 million dollars grants-in-aid for school health examinations and treatment for all school children. This measure has been passed by the sen-

The public - school - construction bill, asking five billion to match state funds for a nation-wide survey of needs, and other sums for emergency school construction, which have been approved by the senate

THE federal aid - for - education bill, which would provide 300 million for grants-in-aid to the states under a formula which gives a larger proportion of funds to the needier states. This bill passed the record as saying he believes the senate but was blocked in the "services" to parochial

The national child-research bill, which asks 7.5 million annual for research in child life and develop-The bill on social security re-

visions, asking increased benefits for dependent children. The local public-health units bill,

which would increase health safeguards for children. AN INCREASE in funds for the

Children's Bureau. Increased school lunch appropria-

COFFEE:

\$11 More

The recent zoom in coffee prices, which jammed food stores with excited crowds of economy-conscious shoppers, will add a little over \$11 to the average American household's coffee bill for 1950 unless fewer or thinner cups are drunk this year, says the family economics bureau of Northwestern National Life Insurance company.

The retail rise in the United States, averaging around 22 cents a pound from mid-summer to mid-December, parallels an almost equal climb of approximately 21 cents a pound in Latin-American prices on green coffee, according to the bureau.

AMOUNTING to over 38 times the cost of the coffee price rise, or approximately \$425 per year, is the average U.S. family's share of the 20-billion-dollar increase since 1939 in our government's annual non-military expenditures, the bureau points out.

A yearly saving of \$86, directly and indirectly, would be the average family's share in the four billion dollars which it is estimated can be saved each year merely by modernizing and streamlining government operations; this saving would pay for the average house. hold's entire annual supply of 51 pounds of store-bought coffee, even if the price went to \$1 a pound, and still leave \$35 for sugar and cream, the bureau calculates.

FOREIGN AID:

Appeal to Reason

It was impossible at the moment to evaluate its effect, but the fact that Sen. Tom Connally (D., Tex.) chairman of the senate foreign relations committee was urging a reduction in foreign-aid spending was certain to carry some weight in congress

CONNALLY forecast a "sizeable" cut in funds for the third year of the European recovery program, and explained that he meant anything up to a billion dollars." Congress voted more than 3.75 billion for the program in 1949.

The most rabid supporter of the aid-to-Europe program would have to concede that there has been no little visionary treatment of the problem, with the top-drawer dogooders finding it hard to restrain themselves when it came to giving away the American taxpayers' money

There had been plenty warning and admonitions from men in government qualified to talk about the situation, but for the most part their authority wasn't sufficient to permit their interfering. However, with Senator Connally on the side of a reduction in the program, the situation took on a new aspect.

THERE WERE PLENTY observers who felt that unless the United States took a determined stand in insisting that Europe begin now to do something to re-habitate itself, the drain on American funds would not only continue indefinitely, but might even increase.

The Texas senator might have had some such idea in mind when he talked ERP fund reductions.

It was a little more difficult, however, to understand his position with regard to Spain. Connally urged that the United States exchange ambassadors with Spain immediately and to call off its diplomatic boycott of Generalissimo Francisco Franco. He wanted "strategic" Spain in the North Atlantic pact,

ECONOMICS:

Stability Urged

In the field of U. S. economics, there was pulling and hauling that would hold some measure of amusement were it not for its basic grimness. With President Truman previously committed to a tax increase, and some of his cabinet members advising against it, the no-tax-hike group found important support in the President's council of economic advisers.

THIS GROUP, reporting to the President on the general economic situation, steered clear of any definite tax stand, but did not hold an olive branch to business. And it hinted that some changes in the present tax structure should be made in order to meet what it called a "need for more stability" in government actions affecting the

well-being. That word "stability" was the tip-off. It meant, anyone could reasonably assume, that the council felt U. S. business must have some assurance that it is not going to be confronted continually with an ever-shifting government tax policy. This coupled with Commerce Secretary Sawyer's suggestion that excise taxes be repealed, could be regarded as a definite switch in high-level thinking on tax matters. THE COUNCIL explained it this

"While we should aim in the long run for reasonable stability in tax

policy, the great changes in the tax structure over the most recent years and the double reversal of economic trends in 1949 may make it necessary to alter the tax structure somewhat before a basis of stability in future years will have been laid."

This new course launched the council on a course its former chairman, Edwin G. Nourse, repudiated-that of making recommendations directly to congress on matters of the administration's economic policy.

Margolis Quits



William N. Margolis (left, above) has resigned as assistant to federal labor conciliation service director Cyrus Ching (right). Margolis planned to open offices in Washington and New York as a labor relations consultant.

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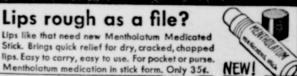


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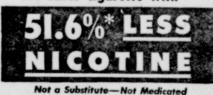


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Teen-Agers' Breakfast

IN THE HUSTLE and bustle of school work and social activities, teen-agers are apt to short-change themselves on the food they eat. Their stomachs aren't going empty; but, considering between-meal snacks of candy bars and soft drinks, the kind of food they eat is apt to be off the track as far as good nutrition is concerned.

At this age, the phrase "You are what you eat" is all-important, for personality de-

velopment, the capacity for work and play, well health, are dependent in considerable measure on good nutrition.

Also, this is the time when boys and girls are forming food habits that will follow them through life. Let's consider the first meal of the day-breakfast.

By studying teen-age habits in this country, we have turned up the interesting fact that two-thirds of our teen-agers feel that everyone should have a good solid breakfast. But, in this same survey, it was discovered that thirty per cent of the boys and girls in this age group were skimping on breakfast. What causes the gap?

Consider the wide range of foods offered in this basic breakfast of fruit, cereal, milk, bread and butter. Canned,

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Upside Down Oat Muffins (Makes 1 dozen)

1 cup rolled oats cup milk 2 tablespoons fat

4 cup sugar egg, beaten 1 cup sifted all-purpose flour

1/2 teaspoon salt teaspoons baking powder 4 tablespoons honey 12 drained cooked apricot

halves Combine rolled oats and milk; let stand five minutes. Cream together fat and sugar. Add egg and beat. Add oat mixture. Sift together flour, salt, and baking powder; add to first mixture. Stir only until mixed. In each well-greased muffin pan place one teaspoon honey and an apricot half with cut side up. Fill 3/3 full and bake in moderate oven (350-375°) 25 to 30 minutes. Turn out fruit side up. Serve hot. prunes, apricots and nuts.

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Beverage Peppermint Ice Cream \*Recipe Given

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2 cups whole bran 1/2 cup molasses

11/2 cups milk

1 egg, beaten 1 cup sifted all-purpose flour 1/2 teaspoon salt

1 teaspoon soda Soften whole bran in molasses

and milk (5 to 15 minutes). Add egg to first mixture. Sift together flour, salt, and

soda. Combine with bran mix-Fill ture. greased muffin

pans % full and bake in moderately hot oven (400°) about 20 minutes. \*Corn Flake Honey Rolls

(Makes 1 dozen)

2 cups sifted all-purpose flour 3 teaspoons baking powder 1/2 teaspoon salt

1/4 cup fat 3/3 cup milk

3 tablespoons melted butter 3 cups corn flakes

3/3 cup seedless raisins ½ cup honey

Sift together flour, baking powder and salt. Cut in fat until a coarse even texture is obtained. Add milk, stirring enough to make a soft dough. Turn onto lightly floured board and knead about 30 seconds. Roll dough to 1/4 inch thickness. Brush with melted butter. Combine slightly crushed corn flakes, raisins and honey; spread over biscuit dough, roll as for a jelly roll and cut into one-inch slices. Place slices on greased baking sheet. Bake in moderately hot oven (400°) about 15 to 20 minutes.

Oatmeal Fruit Bread (Makes 1 large or 2 small loaves)

4 cup fat 1/2 cup firmly packed brown

sugar 1 egg, well-beaten 1/2 cup chopped Brazil nuts,

pecans or walnuts cup cooked diced prunes 1/2 cup cooked diced apricots 1 tablespoon grated orange

1 cup rolled oats 2 cups sifted all-purpose flour

2 teaspoons baking powder 34 teaspoon soda 1½ teaspoons salt

11/4 cups buttermilk or sour

milk

Cream fat; add sugar gradually. Add egg to creamed mixture. Stir in nuts, prunes, apricots, orange rind and rolled oats. Sift together flour, baking powder, soda and salt. Add dry ingredients alternately with buttermilk to creamed mixture. (To make sweet milk sour, add 1 tablespoon vinegar to 11/4 cups sweet milk.) Turn into greased loaf pan, 9x5x3 inches and bake in moderate oven (350°-375°) about 1 hour. Cool on rack. If desired, decorate the top of the loaves

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Driving home along a country road amid the scenes of his youth, Homer Croy-older, wiser now-recalled the people he had known, the friends he had hae as a child. A prodigal son of northwest Missouri, he remembered happy times with the Kennedys-Newt, th kindest man he'd ever known; Mrs. Kennedy; their two daughters, Ida and Lucy; their son, Harlan, his childhood playmate. Then he remembered the Adventure-the time Newt, returning from town in his two-wheeled, one-seated cart, saw a mover wagon in the road ahead. The movers were people returning from western Nebraska where "cheap land," unimproved claims could be bought for little or nothing.

#### CHAPTER V

But we knew that next fall, or the next, or the next the movers would come back-"hailed out," or 'droughted out," but never rained out, for there was never enough rain on the western Nebraska hardpan. But nothing ever discouraged them in their quest for "cheap lands"; the next time they would try South Dakota, North Dakota, or the valley of the Little Big Horn.

the wagon was pulled off to the side of the road. Resting the team, maybe. But as he came closer, three children ran into the middle of the road and joined hands as if to keep him from passing. One of the children was sobbing, all were gesticulating wildly and repeating over and over, "Ma! Ma!" They were unusually ragged and dirty, even for mover children; there was no doubt something was wrong.

The wagon had two thin, halfstarved horses, a weather-beaten canvas top with crude patches, and there was a chicken coop roped on

He mounted a hub. Writhing on a soiled feather bed on the floor of the wagon was a woman. "Help me!" she moaned pitifully when she saw Newt. Another paroxysm seized her. He rushed to the nearest house,

but there was no answer to his knocks or his shouts. Then began the busiest, the most demanding, the most breathless hour of his life. For he opened the door, went in, piled wood into the stove, heated water, snatched up rags, cloths, soap and whatever he could find and raced back to the mover wagon. At last, it was all over.

He tied his horse and cart behind, got the children into the wagon, and picked up the lines.

Later Mrs. Kennedy and the children saw a mover wagon coming down the road. This was not unusual. They looked again. The man sitting in front seemed a bit like But, of course, this was possible. The team plodded closer. Then, to their utter astonishment, the man on the seat waved.

"Good land!" gasped Mrs. Kennedy. "That's your father!"

The wagon came steadily on. In

front of the house it stopped. "We've got company!" called Newt cheerfully, for now the strain was

over and he could relax. Mrs. Kennedy looked at the dirty, half-starved, unkempt children, then climbed up on the hub and peered

"What do you think we ought to do. Minnie?'

"We must get her into the house," she said unhesitatingly.

The problem of getting the woman into the house was accomplished by putting her into a rocking chair and

At last it was over. The woman was asleep and so was the baby. Down the road came the doctor's

buggy; behind was a man on horseback with a black, flopping, soiled hat on his head. The doctor and the man had only to follow the wagon The doctor came in and set his

black satchel on a chair. He added to the things Newt and Mrs. Kennedy had done. But, in the main, Newt had done a good job. "She'll have to stay where she is for some days."

Newt and Mrs. Kennedy glanced at each other. Well! What had they let themselves in for?

#### The Tom Daveys

carrying her.

#### Take Their Leave

The man-Tom Davey, his name turned out to be-was chiefly a misfit; in spite of having already had three children, he did not seem to be able to do anything to help with the new one. When the baby cried at night, Mrs. Kennedy was the one who took care of it; and of the woman, too. "I was just never real

handy at such things," said the man.
Instead of crying less, the baby seemed to cry more. The family became fretful and snappish. Tom Davey said he felt real sorry to be so much trouble, but guessed there wasn't nething anybody could do about it.

Newt talked to the man about | cheap land. There wasn't any such thing, Newt said. That day was gone; and cheap land had never been a success. But the old tradition of the pioneer West was too strong for Tom Davey. There was still cheap land left. He was goin' back to Illinois, get him work for a year or two, then head west again and try his luck.

"You'll be droughted out," said Newt. "Try to get you a black loam farm, even if you have to start in a small way. Stay in the corn belt section. That's where the money is."

Tom shook his head, "I'm goin' back and I'm goin' to try 'er again. I'll have me a big cheap-land farm

Came the day of going. The woman was on the spring seat beside Tom, the baby in her arms. Tom picked up the lines and shook them over the still mangy, rack-ribbed sway-backed team. "Well, you folks sure been awful kind to us. We ain't goin' to forget it soon. When I pull west again, maybe we'll come by and say howdy. Get up!" The team leaned in their collars, the wagon went What did make it unusual was that creaking into the highway.

Mrs. Kennedy stood looking after the retreating wagon, touched and moved and stirred by their going. Monday night was the night Newt



Ida would sit up here. "I know one that's going to be."

all dreaded for the night to come, yet we wouldn't have missed it for anything.

He was "neighborhood correspondent" for our country weekly. For this he received a free subscription and fifty cents a week.

I was thrilled to be so close to someone who could put words on paper and then, a few days later, have them appear magically in print.

#### 'One-Horse Farmer' Gets Some Inspiration

He was the best correspondent in the paper, for he not only told the news but put fun into the items. He had a vein of true humor and managed to get this into his neighborhood news. Most correspondence was stodgy, but not Newt's. At the end he put a poem; everybody remembered them and quoted them, or they expressed just what we be-

All correspondents signed names; they used such names as "The Listener," "Aunt Polly," "Blue Eyes," "Sunbonnet Sue," "Ben-Hur," and so on. But not Newt. He signed himself "The One-Horse Farmer"; this made everybody laugh, for it would take three horses at the very least to operate a farm; five would be bet-

Newt's correspondence made him important in town on Saturdays. People would come up to him and tell how they had read something by the One-Horse Farmer. He would stand, pulling at his big brown hands, immensely pleased, but pretending he hadn't written the item. "That sounds interestin'. I'll look it up when I get home."

When it came time to write up the neighborhood news, a dramatic ceremony would take place. All the family would be in the sitting room, Grandpa in the corner, his gnarled hands locked in his lap. Newt would turn up the wick, haul out his pocket knife and sharpen his pencil, then carefully arrange his writing tablet in front of him. There he would sit looking at the tablet. Then he would gaze up at the ceiling and down into the coal scuttle and at the floor, all the time scowling fearfully. "Dog-gone it! I can't think of a thing. I tell you nothing's hap-

pened. Nothing a-tall," he would say mournfully.

"Has anybody died?" Grandpa would ask. He was always thinking about people dying.

Newt would shake his head. "Not a soul," he would say mournfully. "Has anyone gone anywhere?" Mrs. Kennedy would ask. Nobody had.

"Is there anybody sick?" Grandpa would ask.

Newt would shake his head again. "There hasn't been a doctor in the neighborhood all winter."

"Is there any news about the teacher?" Mrs. Kennedy would ask "Not a thing," Newt would say in the same gloomy, despondent voice. Grandpa would unlock his hands, then lock them in a new position,

"Any Bang's disease?" "I want to get-something a little more cheerful than Bang's disease, Pa. Any marriages?

Ida would sit up here. "I know one that's going to be."

"Have they announced?"

"Not yet."

"Can't we say they're going together?" asks Ida. "Everybody is interested in people going together." "Engagements and

what we've got to stick to." Newt would get up and put some coal in the base-burner, then sit

down heavily and despondently. We would all get gloomier and gloomier; the clock on the shelf would tick very loud.

#### Ho, Hum!—Time For Me to Go

Newt throws down the pencil in disgust. "I'm goin' to write and tell him there is no news. I shouldn't ever have undertaken this job."

He runs his hands through his hair; he squirms in his chair, going through the tortures of the damned: "It's the hardest money I earn," he moans. "I wish I'd never got in it." The dog gets up and lies down in

a new place. "I know!" Harlan suddenly ex-

claims. "The wolf hunt!" We all look at one another in astonishment. Why hadn't we

thought of this before? Once or twice a winter a wolf hunt was organized; men with dogs and guns went across the hills and draws until a wolf was turned up. The one who shot him got to take

his ears to town.
"Of course!" cries Newt, delighted. 'That's exactly it. Who's goin'?" He begins to write as fast as he

can; no hair rumpling now. "The shivaree!" Ida calls out, Her father looks at her admir-Of course! Why didn't we

think of that? I can get in some funny touches there. Any window lights broken?"

His pencil flies across the paper

. he is stuck . . . goes on again. Ideas are leaping in the room; even Grandpa can think of something besides who is sick. "Wait! slow up!" cries Newt. "You're going too fast for me.'

He pauses, reads aloud. We all laugh, for no one had the touch he had. Newt beams with pleasure. "I got a good scald on that one, didn't He turns to Mrs. Kennedy, "Minnie, what is that tricky way of spelling fellow, meaning the inside of a tire?"

"F-e-l-l-o-e." "Webster must have had some fun when he thought that up. He turns the pencil from end to end, rubs out a letter and writes in the correct

At last Newt is finished and reads the items aloud; they are a day-byday history of our neighborhood; and there is his own humor and philosophy and there is life as he sees it. His voice has an excited, resounding quality. He pauses. that word just right?"

We discuss the word. I am thrilled. Oh how wonderful-how completely satisfying-it is to have the only word that will do!

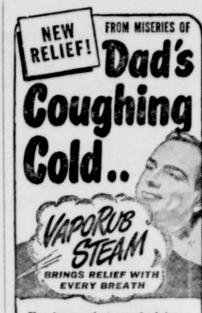
He lays down the pages, almost tenderly, so proud, so vastly pleased. "I think that's the best 'Farmer' I ever wrote." He beams. "A lot of people are goin' to mention it." "You mustn't get your head

turned," says Mrs. Kennedy. "Oh pshaw! I guess I won't," says Newt modestly.

Eats now, cookies and apples. There we sit, looking into the isinglass, an apple in one hand and a cookie in the other, eating as hard as we can. It is nice.

The dog gets up and stretches, first one hind leg, then the other. Mrs. Kennedy is the practical one. "Are the soapstones warm?"

We all look at the soapstones. Time for me to go. Newt puts the pages into the stamped and self-addressed envelope. "Homer, do you mind pushin' this into the mailbox?" Mind? Why, it would be an honor! (TO BE CONTINUED)



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By Thomas & Mabry I have been asked by several in-

the purpose sof the tax survey now underway over the state. This is a pertinent question and should be ex-In a nutshell, we are trying both to equalize the tax burden and to get

on the tax rolls the millions of dolars of property which has never paid anything in support of local and state government. Nothing makes a taxpayer so unhappy as to know that he is paying his fair share of taxes while others may be avoiding payment entirely or paying a wholly inadequate

The work of the survey group, acting under legisltive authorization and direction, has come in for splendid commendation by those who have studied the question. The Taxpayers Association of New Mexico contributed much in working out the formula being used and in securing the needed legislation for the survey.

A quick glance at the state's tax valuations over the past 30 years, will show the need for a new appraisal. In 1920 the total tax valuation for the state was \$403,000,000. But if fell rapidly during the next few years un-1935

of 15 years is difficult to understand, unless we admit partiality or inefficiency in local tax assessment work. New Mexico, we know, has enjoyed consistent yearly growth throughout the entire state. Al ltowns and cities have added to their population an dto their property values. Much of our industrial expansion has come about since 1920. This is especially rue of our oil and potash development. And yet somebody was escaping the burden. When we look at all the building permits which have been issued during the last 30 years, we know the valuations are tremendous; much of this has been left off the tax rolls. There have been some gains, of course. The total valuation in 1949 is almost \$533 000,000; but \$150,000,-000 of this has been put on the rolls in the last three years, under the present administration. In this connection, it is interesting to note that the state tax commission, which fixes valuations only on the utilities, railroads, pipelines, mines, etc., added more than 60 per cent of this gain, while the county assessors added some 40 per cent.

Until two years ago, a majority of the assessed valuation of the state was put on the books by the county assessors. The value of corporate property holdings was then lower. The fact that the major portion of the total assessed valuation is now made by the state tax commission shows that corporate property holdings have increased in value faster than private holdings ,or at least have been placed on the tax rolls faster. It follows, of course, that corporations, while assessed at the same rate, now pay a little larger share of the total property tax than individual property

I would like to point out that the purpose of the re-assessment is not to raise values simply in order to obtain more money from property tax assessments. The purpose is to equalize the valuations and to place properties on the tax rolls which have heretofore escaped assessment and thus to reduce the tax rate for all of us.

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