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## Hope Election Before and After

The results of the Hope election has been given wide spread publicity. It has been quoted from Fort Worth, Texas, to Los Angeles, Calif. and all intermediate points. Personal letters from partys at Gilbert, Ariz., Santa Fe, N. M., and Los Angeles, Calif., have been received all predicting wonderful things for Hope under the new administration.

Before the election took place, the Artesia Advocate came out as follows:

"We are breathlessly awaiting news of the Hope town election today. If it goes one way, it may be the citizens of the Artesia community will have to get on their toes. And we must warn our friends at Hobbs, too.

"Five women are running for public office in Hope, one for mayor and four for the town board.

"And they have a complete platform the first plan of which is:

"To work to the end that Hope will become the oil center of New Mexico, instead of Hobbs and Artesia."

"Frankly, we hardly think the women if elected, could bring that about.

"They undoubtedly are thinking about deep oil, which, if it should be discovered in the Hope area, would certainly make our little neighbor to the west boom. And we are all for that community, for should Hope have oil prosperity Artesia would prosper further as well."

Personally we don't think so much of that plank about the oil. We don't want to be the oil center of New Mexico, we would be satisfied for Artesia to be the oil center, if we could get a good water well that would give us all the water we need for domestic purposes. A good water well for Hope would triple the size of Hope in two years time and you can readily see what that would do for Artesia as well as Hope.

After election the El Paso Times expressed themselves thusly:

"Five women plus a lone man—a newspaper man, at that—who somehow managed to slip into office, were elected to the town government by a vote of nearly 6 to 1 in the town's election Tuesday.

Headed by Mrs. Ethel Altman as mayor, the five women soundly defeated five men candidates. Mrs. Altman won over W. H. Hatler, a truck gardener who headed the ticket.

Office holders would be sworn in at their first monthly meeting Thursday night and that she thought a little party might be arranged for them.

No, she said, the women certainly would not pick up the check. (But they did).

The new lady mayor is the wife of the owner of the town telephone company. She declines to give her age but said she was born in 1895 and came to Hope in 1910.

The women ran on a published platform which boasted that "women could handle affairs better than men in this chaotic world of men's ancient rule" and pledged themselves to prove the point by "not being content to just sit and sit."

The lone male? He is W. E. Rood, publisher of the town weekly newspaper. The underhanded fellow slipped into the job of police judge on a write-in campaign.

The women when they drafted up their platform made a mistake, believe it or not. What they meant to say was: "not being content to sit and spit." Just a typographical error, that's all.

## Extension Club To Give Party

The Extension Club is sponsoring a party at the school Friday night, April 21 at 7:30 o'clock. All kinds of card and domino games will be played. We extend an invitation to everyone to come and play the game of your choice. Bring the children, there will be entertainment for them too. Refreshments will be served. A free will donation will be taken.

"The Magnificent Sophie Tucker."  
Meet Sophie Tucker, the greatest of the red hot mammas, who still holds audiences spellbound! After her performances she sells books and record albums and donates the proceeds to charity. Up to now she has given away about half million dollars! Read her story in The American Weekly, that great magazine distributed with next Sunday's Los Angeles Examiner.

R. N. Thomas of Carlsbad was up Tuesday politicking.

## High Announces Candidacy For Sheriff Of Eddy



W. L. (BILL) HIGH

W. L. (Bill) High, deputy county treasurer, has announced his candidacy for Eddy County sheriff on the Democratic ticket in the June primary election. High is a former deputy sheriff and former county treasurer.

"In making my announcement for this important office," High said in a statement, "I am not asking for an office that is strange or new to me, as I have had six years' experience as a deputy sheriff." He was a deputy sheriff for four years under Howell Gage and two years under Fred Hill.

"With this experience," High said, "I feel that I have the qualifications to fill this office honestly, courteously, efficiently and impartially. If elected, I will do so." His experience in handling the financial affairs of the county as treasurer, he said, "will help qual-

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## Town Board Holds Meeting

Last Thursday night the newly elected members of the village council took the oath of office and slipped into the easy chairs vacated by the old board.

The new steel filing cabinet was received which all of the members are so proud of.

Being socially inclined we served coffee to our predecessors which was not the thing to do. Next morning they were all cross and ill because the coffee kept them awake all night. So after all the ladies did pick up the check. As they said good night they gave us encouragement and good wishes for success in all our undertakings. How to build finances seems to be the main topic just now and several suggestions were offered on ways to make money.

Our first efforts to increase the bank account will be a barn dance on May 13. Following that on May 26 will be a play, entitled "Ghost Bird" a 4-act mystery comedy. The play is being directed by F. M. Russell, who at the present is in Ancho, N. M.

For our first donation to our funds we extend our thanks and appreciation to Ezra Teel and Lawrence Blakeney who kindly donated their services as judges of election. Thanks to Mr. Marable for his valuable assistance with the books.—Mrs. Ethel Altman, Mayor.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Clements left last Friday for Yorkville, Calif., where they will attend a sheep show at the K. T. Mallard Ranch.

## FARMERS AND RANCHERS ATTENTION

Compare the following rates with your present policies or with any other company.

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Automobiles: 25,50,000 P. L. and \$5,000 P. D. only \$24.74. 50/100,000 P. L. and \$5,000 P. D. only \$25.10.

For Dependable Insurance see the LOVING INSURANCE AGENCY, Booker Bldg. Artesia Phone 451-J

## Frank Alford Seeks Re-Election To Legislature

I have lived in New Mexico for 33 years, 17 of which I work for the Santa Fe Railway Co. I am presently employed by the U. S. Potash Co. I am not now or never have been a member of the CIO.

I am a life-long Democrat. I served in the 17th and 19th Legislature from the 19th District. I am not ashamed of my record. I have tried to the best of my ability to represent all the people.



FRANK A. ALFORD

I fought such legislation as the gas tax. I also voted to retain our primary law and am opposed to class legislation and am greatly interested in our schools. I am for better highways. I don't think that Eddy and Lea Counties have had their portion of highway construction. Since Eddy County is third in taxation, I see no reason why we are not entitled to better roads. I am especially interested in building a decent highway to Hope, which is the gateway to those beautiful playgrounds in the Sacramento Mountains. I think Eddy County is entitled to this highway and I promise if elected, I will work for this cause.

I am interested in the little businesses and the farmer, rancher and all the people who toil. These are the people who never seem to get the proper representation. These are my people and I pledge myself to them. I am a member of the First Baptist Church of Carlsbad, also a Mason. I only say this to be identified.

I am open for all suggestions and I beg you people to come to me with your problems and I will do everything in my power to help you solve them, as I consider myself your humble servant.

## School News

1st and 2nd Grade News—Our Easter party has come and gone. We had 17 visitors, 112 eggs, baskets we had made for everyone, cookies, candy, punch and a grand time. Mrs. Harris sent the refreshments, Cecil and Eula Madron furnished the yard and Mrs. Bill Madron herded the children while Mrs. Wilson and Mr. Hardin furnished the cars. Now we have settled down for hard work. The 2nd grade is adding columns of three and four numbers and doing simple multiplication. The first grade is doing subtraction and reading lots of books.

3rd, 4th and 5th Grade News—We enjoyed the Easter egg hunt last Thursday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Young. Christine Seeley received a candy rabbit for finding the most eggs. Rose Ella Madron received a candy rabbit as she found only one egg. J. W. Cox received a large candy rabbit for finding a prize turkey egg and Jackie Stephens received an Ever-sharp pencil, sent by Mrs. Goy Crockett as he found another prize turkey egg. Mrs. Ira Brown and Mrs. Floyd Green took the pupils in their pickups to Mrs. Young's home. Mrs. Joe Young served Kool-Aid and rabbit and chicken cookies. Mrs. Greene served bubble gum, peanut and candy rabbit. Mrs. Lea sent each of us a yellow candy chicken. We had a delightful time and want to say "Thank You" to each one who made it so. We received our report cards Wednesday and most of us were pleased with our grades. Elva and Charles Parham brought us a new fish bowl for our gold fish. We sent a package of native shrubs to Port Washington, N. Y., this week.

A big Easter dinner was enjoyed at the Ezra Teel home Sunday. Fried Chicken was the principal item on the menu.

## Jess Funk Is Candidate For County Sheriff

Jess I. Funk, 56, prominent Cottonwood farmer and rancher, this week announced as a candidate for sheriff of Eddy County, subject to the Democratic primary, Tuesday, June 6.

In fact, he was the first in line when the county clerk's office opened at 9 o'clock Tuesday morning when the first filings for county and state offices were acceptable. The place was held for him by "sit-ins."

The first 15 minutes after the office opened 10 candidates for county offices and one for state representative filed their nominating petitions.

Funk served as an Eddy County commissioner two terms, for which he was elected in 1936 and 1938.

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## News From Hope

Miss Wilma Joe Young, a freshman at Abilene Christian College at Abilene, Texas, spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Young, from the same school, freshman Nona Glasscock of Artesia, Francine Chandler of Mayhill, Sophomore Glenna Lee Stevenson of Pinon and Betty Fowler of Carlsbad enjoyed their holidays.

Miss Betty Zane Teague, freshman at Eastern New Mexico University at Portales, spent the Easter holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Teague.

Geo. O. Teel and Supt. Lea attended a budget meeting in Carlsbad Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Weindorf and baby from Tucson, Ariz., have been here this week visiting Mr. and Mrs. Clem Weindorf. Kenneth is attending the state university at Tucson.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Beyer have returned from El Paso where Mr. Beyer had gone to have his eyes treated.

Cecil Coates has finished a water well. A big flow of water was struck at 190 feet. This is the best well that has been drilled in the valley.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Young are spending this week with their youngest son, Foy, and his family on Cavern Hill.

Mrs. W. E. Rood, her brother Bern Schmidt and Richard Schmidt toured the Carlsbad Caverns Wednesday.

Street lights have not been burning for the past month. Something more for the "Petticoat Government" to look into.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Mullins of Loop, Texas, took advantage of the Easter holidays and visited Friday and Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Cox and family. They were accompanied by their four sons, J. E., a football coach at Valley Mills, Texas; Don, a junior in the same high school and Jerry and Kenneth, students of Abilene Christian College.

Mr. and Mrs. Odeal Walters and son Tommy of Roswell spent the week end at the home of Mrs. Tom Harrison.

Mrs. W. E. Rood returned Monday night from Corpus Christi, Texas, where she had attended the funeral of her brother-in-law, Hubert LaRose. Accompanying her were her brother, Bern Schmidt of Faribault, Minn. and his grandson, Richard Schmidt. They spent a few days in Hope before returning home via the Carlsbad Caverns.

Mr. and Mrs. Luke Toyebó and Sharon, spent Easter at Mountain View, Okla., visiting relatives. They reported the wheat country looked very dry in Oklahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln Cox, J. W. and Shirley were shopping in Roswell Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Lea visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Byron Marlar in Carlsbad Saturday.

The Artesia Advocate of April 11 carried a group picture of the crew leader and the enumerators that are taking the census in north Eddy county under the direction of Mrs. Charlotte Hardin of Hope. Shown in the picture are: William H. Stagner, Artesia; Mrs. E. R. McKinstry, Loco Hills; Mrs. Ned Martin, Artesia; Mrs. Leroy Cranford, Artesia; Mrs. James B. Thigpen, Cottonwood; Mrs. Harry B. Gilmore, Artesia; Mrs. Ray Williams, Artesia; Mrs. Charlotte Hardin, Hope; Mrs. H. C. Allen, Artesia and Mrs. J. H. McClendon, Artesia.

The young man over in Iowa that was accused of choking his sweetheart to death was acquitted by the

jury. I wonder how he will like to live with his conscience the rest of his life.

The editor of the News has been wearing a new shirt this week, the gift of Bill Keys of the Keys Men's Wear Store at Artesia. Bill said, "If those women in Hope get elected, I'll just give you a brand new shirt, one of the latest models." And he did. That goes to show that Bill don't know his politics especially when it comes to figuring how strong women are in politics. Bill is now a sadder but wiser man.

## Political Announcements

RATES:

CASH IN ADVANCE	
State Offices	\$30.00
District Offices	25.00
County Offices	20.00
Senator and Representatives	15.00
Probate Judge	15.00
Surveyor	15.00
County Commissioners	15.00
Precinct Offices	10.00

The following candidates submit their announcements subject to the action of the Democratic primary:

For Sheriff:  
ED PRICE  
Carlsbad.  
JESS FUNK  
Artesia.  
W. L. (BILL) HIGH  
Carlsbad.  
For County Commissioner, Dist. 2:  
W. T. (Doc) HALDEMAN  
Artesia.  
For Representative  
FRANK A. ALFORD  
Carlsbad

## Basketball Banquet Given By Pep Girls

The Hope Pep Girls gave a banquet in the Home Economics room last Wednesday evening honoring the boys basketball squad. The girls were assisted by Mrs. Anderson Young, Miss Grace Harris and their sponsor Mrs. Luke Toyebó. The room was attractively decorated with orange and black streamers from which large orange balloons and yellow jackets were flying. The tables were elaborately decorated with orange and black table runners. Basketballs were used as centerpieces and on either side large megaphones were placed with yellow jackets swarming about. The two trophies which were won this year were also used as table decorations. The favors were small gold basketball tie clasps fastened on black napkins which were decorated with an orange basketball and the letter H. Place cards carried out the black and orange motif and the nut cups were orange basketball shoes. The menu consisted of tomato juice, chicken, dressing, green beans, potatoes, salad, rolls, butter, coffee, milk, nuts, mints, ice cream and cake. Those appearing on the program were Invocation by Rev. Edgar Cooper; welcome, Carolyn Young; response, Lynn Harrison; toastmaster, Ralph L. Lea; song by Pep Girls, accompanied by Mrs. Anderson Young; introduction by Coach Luke Toyebó and address by Mr. Al Garten, director of athletics at E.N.M.U. at Portales. Out of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Davis (Mr. Davis is athletic director at Artesia). Other guests included Al Garten, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Lea, Mr. and Mrs. Luke Toyebó, Mr. and Mrs. Anderson Young, Rev. and Mrs. Edgar Cooper, Mr. Ben Marable, Ben Baird and Miss Grace Harris.

Pep Girls included Dorace Teague, Carolyn Young, Anne Young, Beverly Beverage, Nancy Raley, Ella Sue Nunnelee, Eula Marie Cox, Oleta Melton, Carol Munson, Ann Van Winkle, Reeve Jeanne Wood, Wilma Seely, June Madron, Alta Ruth Young and Bonnie Brown.

Basketball boys included Frankie Melton, Eugene Bates, Dale Young, Pete McGuire, Frosty Forrister, Kent Terry, Glenn Harrison, Lynn Harrison, Robert Woods, David Sanders and Dolph Jones. Ray Jones was absent due to mumps. Mothers and friends who so willingly helped in the kitchen were Mrs. Tom Harrison, Mrs. Roy Bell, Mrs. Raleigh Newbill, Mrs. Levi Blakeney, Mrs. Bill Madron.

The girls who served were: Dorothy Cooper, Josephine Blakeney, Patsy Wells, Ruth Ann Cox, Letha May Newbill and Martha Fay Steen.

WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

# Accused 'Spy' Ridicules Charges; Johnson Says U.S. Defense Okay; Britain to Cut Purchases in U.S.

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

## LATTIMORE: 'Pure Moonshine'

Owen Lattimore, mustachioed, mild-mannered United Nations employee, was the big news of the Communist expose which Senator Joseph McCarthy had instigated and of which the highlight was McCarthy's charge that Lattimore was Russia's top spy in the United States and that he was in the employ of the U.S. state department.

IN AFGHANISTAN on a U. N. mission, Lattimore when informed of the charge, cabled a press association that McCarthy's "rantings" were "pure moonshine."

It appeared that McCarthy was put on the shakiest limb of his political life. Loudly asserting that he would base his entire case against the state department, which he charges was infiltrated with Communists, on the truth or falsity of the Lattimore case, the senator appeared to be off on the wrong foot at the start.

Lattimore was working for the U.N., not the state department. He had not been connected with them for five years, the state department said. His lawyers hung a libel suit threat on McCarthy, contending that when McCarthy named Lattimore as the "top Red spy" in a private session with newsmen, he was outside senatorial immunity.

LATTIMORE expressed pleasure that McCarthy was basing his whole case upon him for, he said, when he returned to Washington and testified, McCarthy would "fall flat on his face."

Meanwhile, there was much controversy over whether FBI files should be opened to the committee studying McCarthy's charges. McCarthy contended the proof he needed were in these files and in other confidential files. FBI Chief J. Edgar Hoover argued that the files should not be open because of the bad effect it might have on "many innocent people" and the fact that it would destroy FBI usefulness in many ways.

## BRITAIN:

### Less Buying

Great Britain, stipulating many "ifs," planned to cut purchases from the United States and other dollar countries by as much as 25 per cent in the period from July 1, 1950 to June 30, 1951. By this action, the government hoped to cut its annual gold-dollar deficit in half by mid-1951.

THE DESIRED GOAL could be reached only under the following conditions, the government said:

1. Continued good business in the United States.
2. The lid is kept on wages, prices and dividends in Britain.
3. British productivity goes on improving with no sharp increases in costs.
4. Exports to dollar markets increase sufficiently to offset the cut in the value of the pound last September for \$4.03 to \$2.80.
5. Gold-earning exports to South Africa can be stepped up.
6. THE DOLLAR NATIONS demonstrate readiness to accept imports and to invest capital in non-dollar areas.

## JAPAN:

### Treaty Urged

With Gen. Douglas MacArthur and U.S. roving Ambassador Philip Jessup agreed on the desirability of the move, strong pressure was building up inside the Truman administration for an early peace treaty with Japan.

THERE IS conflict on the issue. It is a group principally within the state department which seeks an early treaty, while many others believe that the treaty project should be shelved in order to prolong indefinitely the present American control.

Added strength was given the treaty proponents when Great Britain urged months ago that a treaty should be completed.

AS might be expected, the Russians had to put their oar in. Moscow insists that there be a big power veto over all treaty terms, but the trend in Washington seems to be for the western powers to proceed by themselves if Russia should refuse to join in under acceptable conditions.

The Japanese treaty is seen by proponents as one line of action the United States could take to strengthen its position in that quarter of the globe.

## Named to AEC



Thomas E. Murray, mechanical engineer who holds more than 200 patents and is an important figure in the auto and banking worlds, has been named by President Truman to succeed David E. Lillenthal on the U.S. atomic energy commission.

## DEFENSE:

### How Adequate?

The people, themselves, would have to decide who was right in the controversy on how adequate are our national defenses in the event of another war.

Two highly important gentlemen in the defense setup had disagreed on the status of American defense strength.

General Dwight D. Eisenhower, supreme commander of Allied forces in World War II, had declared publicly that he feared United States defenses had "fallen below the danger point."

THE GENERAL'S REMARK stirred a wave of apprehension in many quarters and set some congressmen on a road which may lead to another look at military budget paring.

But, Louis Johnson, U.S. defense secretary, didn't agree with General Eisenhower. After a long conference with President Truman, he emerged to assert that our national defenses are "sufficient . . . unto the needs of the moment."

Just what Mr. Johnson meant by that was not clear, but it was quickly apparent that there could be read into the statement a conclusion that we are safe "at the moment" because no war has been declared. But those jumping to conclusion would immediately query: "How sufficient are these defenses at some other moment—say in the next six months, or next year—if war should come?"

JOHNSON SAID he had not discussed the situation with Eisenhower since the general's statement concerning defense and declined to discuss specific quotations from the Eisenhower speech. Asserting that he was in no "controversy with Ike," he pointed out that the present defense budget was put together by the joint chiefs of staff, Eisenhower is chairman.

General Eisenhower has been asked to tell congress what he thinks of the current defense setup and Johnson said: "When he appears before congress I don't want it to appear that I talked with him and tried to influence him in any way."

## NEW 'BRAIN':

### Great Things

Factory workers may become obsolete in the future if a new mechanical brain—resembling a pin ball machine on a jackpot ramp—will do what its inventor claims it will.

THE DEVICE, described as capable of operating an entire factory without human aid, is designated officially as the magnetic-drum-digital-differential analyzer. The inventor, 31-year-old Floyd Steele calls it Maddida for short. What Maddida can do was demonstrated at the opening of a three-day conference on computing machinery at Rutgers university.

Steele, who is also an aeronautical engineer at Manhattan Beach Cal., said the machine was the forerunner of the completely automatic factory—where goods will be produced without help from the human hand or the human brain.

## BIG THREE:

### GOP Advisor

John Sherman Cooper, Kentucky Republican, former U.S. senator and now U.S. representative to the United Nations general assembly, was signally honored by the national Democratic administration. He was chosen by U.S. State Secretary Dean Acheson as one of his principal advisors during a series of major meetings in London in which the western nations will chart strategy in the cold war.

THE MEETINGS will consist of a session of the 12-nation North Atlantic council and separate conferences of the "Big Three," Acheson, British Foreign Minister Bevin and French Foreign Minister Schuman. All the meetings will deal with various aspects of the struggle of the western powers to build up their strength against Soviet communism in Europe and Asia.

Selected, too, as an advisor was U.S. Ambassador-at-Large, Philip Jessup, who was accused by U.S. Sen. Joseph McCarthy of having an "affinity" for Communist causes, a charge Jessup hotly denied.

The Cooper appointment obviously was designed to improve relations between the state department and congress and to build a backfire against Republicans who have been assailing Acheson and his policies.

WHAT THE APPOINTMENT would do to Cooper's standing in his own GOP ranks was something which only the future would divulge. It was logical to assume there would be some GOP stalwarts who would feel that Cooper had "sold them out" by accepting the assignment from Acheson, when they were trying their best to get Acheson out of the government.

And with Cooper a potential gubernatorial candidate in Kentucky in 1951, it would be interesting to see whether his connection with Acheson and the Democrats would imperil his chances in that state, should he elect to make the race for governor.

## TRUMAN:

### Won't Open Files

President Truman has refused flatly to surrender federal loyalty files to congress in the current spy investigations, but he was establishing no precedents. Neither was he in any hazardous position in indicating he would ignore congressional subpoenas commanding him to surrender the files.

In fact, so far as could be ascertained officially, no President of the United States ever has honored a similar congressional subpoena.

SO, it would seem that congress could fume and stew all it pleased, but it wouldn't get the files it wanted until President Truman changed his mind. Nevertheless, following the President's announcement that he would not surrender the files, the senate group investigating charges of communism in the state department promptly issued subpoenas for the records.

The President's action, in a way, would provide sort of an "out" for Sen. Joseph McCarthy who touched off the state department spy hunt with charges that Russia's "top spy" was connected with the department and that it was infiltrated with persons with Communist sympathies.

CHALLENGED to produce proof, McCarthy countered that evidence to support his charges was locked in federal loyalty files and in the files of the FBI. With both files closed to him and the investigators, McCarthy might still be in a technical position to continue his charges and claiming that official action in high echelons was preventing him from proving them.

## Off-Season Santa



Herman F. Luhrs, Detroit, chairman of the American Legion public relations committee, presents a toy to a French boy who manages a smile despite the unwieldy brace he must wear as a result of a broken neck. The toys being distributed are some of 42 tons donated by American children and collected by the American Legion for European children.

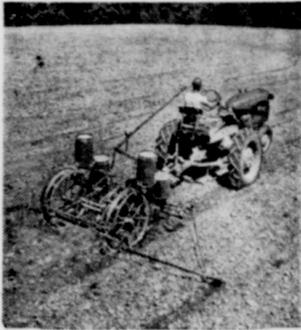


## Time of Planting Loss Curb Factor

### Earworm, Other Damage To Crops Avoidable

Earworm damage to field and sweet corn and to other vegetation can be reduced by the time of planting. Early tomatoes and string beans and alfalfa foliage, particularly in the late summer, are also damaged by earworms.

In this research it was soon observed that damage to early plantings by the earworm was related to the time of planting. This led to a series of studies on different varieties of field and sweet corn to determine the optimum time of



Here a farmer sets to work planting at the proper time—a practice that can curb earworm damage to field and sweet corn and other vegetables.

planting for least injury by the insect.

Recent observations have shown that the critical stage of injury is the silking date. It was learned that three-fourths of the earworm eggs laid on corn silks were deposited on fresh silks before the silks started to wilt.

Dates of planting field corn in the midwest that are recommended as a result of this research are May 1 for field corn; May 1 for sweet corn varieties requiring long growing seasons; May 15-18 for varieties of sweet corn needing medium growing seasons.

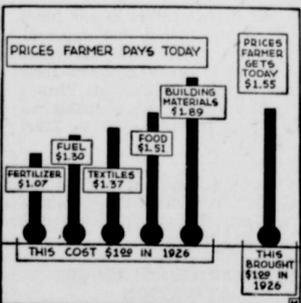
## IPC, New Weed Killer, Showing High Promise

The new alphabetical weed killer, IPC, that was humorously hailed as the eventual successor to the lawnmower in press releases because of its grass growth control possibilities, is in reality showing a tremendous promise as a selective grass killer in a variety of crops.

Virgil Freed, associate agronomist for the Oregon state college agriculture experiment station, reports this to be the case after experiments with the weed killer.

Conceding that work with IPC as a lawn grass growth regulator is still in its earliest experimental stages, Freed points out that IPC's uses as a weedy grass killer in legumes, seed crops, vegetable crops, strawberries, orchards and perennial grasses are advanced enough to tab the chemical nearly as valuable as 2,4-D.

## Fertilizer Is Bargain



How much you get for a dollar you spend today as compared with what you could have got back in 1926, depends on what you buy with that dollar.

U.S. bureau of labor statistics show that building materials that could have been bought for \$1 back in 1926, cost \$1.89 today. Food that would have cost \$1 back in those days, now costs you \$1.51. A dollar's worth of textile at 1926 price levels, today costs \$1.37. Fuel and lighting materials cost \$1.30.

## CLASSIFIED DEPARTMENT

### AUTOS, TRUCKS & ACCESS.

DE SOTO-Plymouth agency and garage in rich wheat farming center of central Kansas, well worth looking into. Must sell on account of health. Phone Sullivan 2831 or write H. L. Carson, Rt. 2, Box 24, Denver 7, Colo.

### BUSINESS & INVEST. OPPOR.

WASHERY, only one in Florence, Colo. Doing good business. Priced to sell. Hiram Jarrett, Penrose, Colorado.

FOR SALE—Complete watch repair shop. Watch master crystal cabinet. Only watchmaker in good town of 3,000. R. E. Wall, Spearman, Texas.

### FARM MACHINERY & EQUIP.

WANTED—New or used Farmhand Loaders. Also mountings. Also adjustable front axle for H or M Int. Tractors. Write or Phone 527J, Norman Stamp, Longmont, Colo.

### HELP WANTED—WOMEN

WOMEN DEMONSTRATORS AND UNIT MANAGERS for party plan sales of Plastic Products, which is sweeping the country. Big money can be made in your spare time. We are opening up this territory. Communicate with us at once. MARGY PLASTICS, INC., 4147 Olive St., St. Louis 8, Mo.

### MISCELLANEOUS

ROLL DEVELOPED—Overnight Service. 8 High Gloss Prints, all Sizes 25c. 2 prints each negative, add 10c. REPRINTS, 5c each.

FOX STUDIOS, Billings, Montana

LOOK! LOOK! LOOK! Just A Minute It Took A PRESS OF THE THUMB From Bottle Ketchup Does Come, Send \$1 for Dispenser. MARSHALL JOHNSON, Box 277, Falconer, N. Y.

### PERSONAL

Do You Have Something To Say? Then put it in writing—jokes, human interest experiences, facts, stories, anything. This notice, pasted to a penny postcard will bring you facts on writing for profit. Also, this notice and \$2 will bring you 104 Ways To Make Money By Writing (regularly \$1.20) plus a whole year's subscription to the best writers' magazine, Author & Journalist. Mail at once to Author & Journalist, Denver 19, Colo.

### POULTRY, CHICKS & EQUIP.

Here's How Hy-Line Chicks Boost Profits. Amazing Hy-Lines, first chicks bred like hybrid corn, increase your profits by laying more eggs at lower feed cost! Hy-Lines generally lay 2 to 6 dozen more eggs per year than standard-bred farm flocks, and require 2 pounds less feed per dozen eggs produced. In recent test 202 Hy-Line farm flocks in 11 states averaged 212 eggs per hen housed. Send for free Hy-Line Chick Catalog today! Paul C. Jamieson & Sons Hatchery, 4439 So. Delaware, Englewood, Colo.

### REAL ESTATE—MISC.

65,000 EGG capacity chicken hatchery equipment with battery brooder. A bargain at \$2,000. FORT COLLINS SHEET METAL WORKS, 226 Walnut, Fort Collins, Colo.

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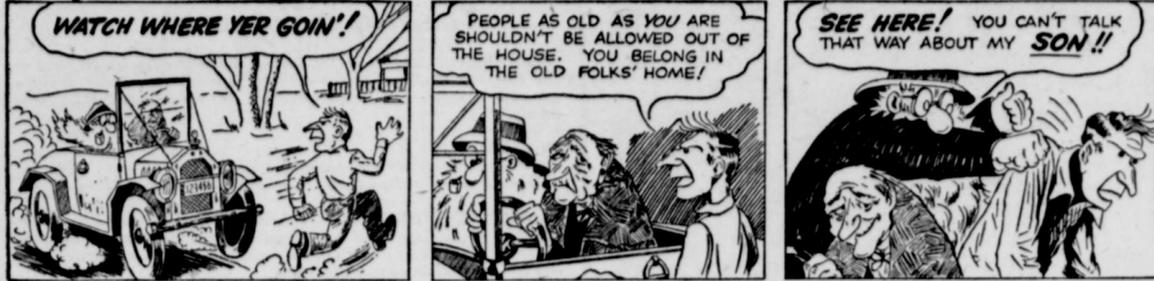
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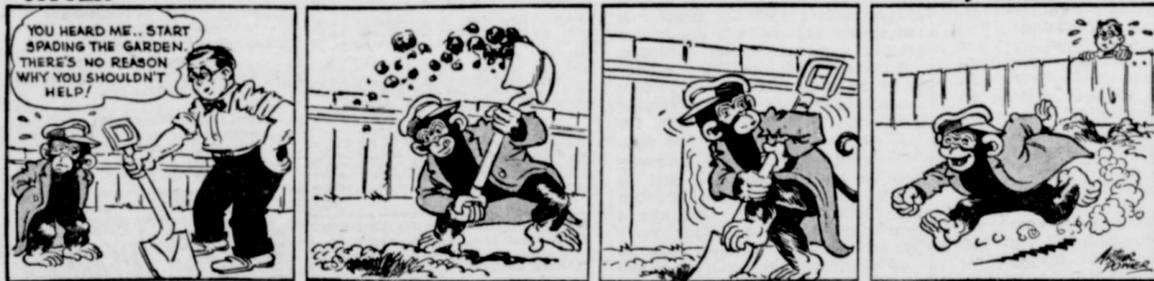
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DEVOTIONAL READING: Psalm 42:1-4.

**Rugged Prophet**

Lesson for April 16, 1950

DON'T MAKE the mistake of thinking that the "minor" prophets of the Old Testament were less important than the "majors." The 12 men whose writings end our Old Testament are in no way less important than Isaiah, Jeremiah or Ezekiel. They are called "minor" only because their writings cover fewer pages. First in point of time came Amos.

**Ranch-Hand Preacher**

AMOS WAS NO city preacher, in fact not a preacher at all. He would not even call himself a prophet. He was a ranch-hand from the back country, more like what we would call a hired hand than a farmer on his own. He had no prestige, no backing, no social or official position, no money, no high education, no national reputation, in fact none of the things that make us "take notice" of a strange speaker.



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He had no lecture bureau, had no luncheon-club, he could not even hire a hall.

But the Lord had spoken to him and he knew it. He was determined that the wealthy people who crowded the temple yard in Bethel should hear him.

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**Roll-Call of Doomsday**

"FOR three transgressions of Damascus, yea for four... I will not turn away the punishment thereof," he began. Damascus was capital of Syria, for generations their country's bitter and all too successful enemy. So when Amos predicted a crash for Syria, you may imagine the applause would be loud.

**Too Close Home**

EVERYTHING Amos had said was true, and came true; every nation whose downfall he predicted collapsed just as he said it would. But that was not the main reason he had tramped all the way to Bethel. He had some things to say to the very people before him, something about themselves and their own country. So when he had his audience in the palm of his hand, just as they were gloating over the terrible fate of the nations they hated, Amos dropped his bomb on their complacent heads.

"Thus saith the Lord: For three transgressions of ISRAEL, yea for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof." The roll-call of doomsday includes every sinful nation. God has no pets, he plays no favorites. His laws are the same for all men. Naturally, Israelites could well believe that God hated the sins of their enemies.

Amos plunged from being the most popular sidewalk preacher of his day to being the best-hated man in Israel. In fact, because he dared to name the king as sinner number one, he was accused of treason.

**"One Man With God Is a Majority"**

AMOS WROTE OUT his prophecies at some later time and they have been handed down to us, with all their fire and force, in the book that bears his name.

We shall see in later lessons some of his great messages. What stands out here is this: Truth is sometimes popular, sometimes not, but the living power of truth has nothing to do with the number of people who believe it, or whether it is pleasant, or with the prestige of the man who proclaims it. If it is God's truth, it will live even if the only man who believes it is banished, as Amos was.

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**Gems of Thought**

The trouble with doing nothing is that you can't stop and rest.

Around Christmas time, trees are not the only things that are lit up.

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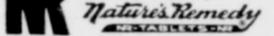
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One thing hasn't changed—soldiers still like to eat.

**'UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA'**

**'New Army's' Training Program Is Keyed to Character Guidance**

By Joseph W. LaBine

WASHINGTON — Democracy has conquered the United States army. Several million young men and women, who spent four years under Prussian-type leadership during World War II, are going to smile faintly at the idea of democratizing the army, but it's being done.

Remember your own days in the army, when only officers were gentlemen and enlisted men were made to feel like so many trucks or guns—just another part of the expendable equipment?

Well, officers are still gentlemen, but the army has at long last recognized that enlisted personnel, too, are human beings. It's undergone during the past two years an amazing transformation to become what one writer has called the "university of America."

This designation is remarkably apt. The army is no longer just another rough and tough fighting machine, as in the day of horse cavalry and flatfooted infantry. Instead, it's a great technical institution where scientific skill in mathematics and mechanics have replaced brawn and muscle.

Along with such changes in the army's purpose, there had to come changes in its method of doing things. It soon became apparent, for example, that a technically trained enlisted man doing highly specialized work deserved something better than a hard-bitten old-time top sergeant to guide his destinies. The new top sergeant, therefore, is trained to lead men—not to drive them.

But there was an even more basic reason behind this change. After World War II, when we determined that America must have a larger peacetime standing army than ever before, the military had to choose between making itself an institution that would attract high-calibre men, or reverting to the pre-war idea that only misfits and ne'er-do-wells made a career out of the army.

By 1946, as America rushed back to peace, the military had begun to sink back into pre-war unrespectability. Discipline was relaxed, and with it came a lowering of the army's moral standards. It was at this point that the chiefs of the services, alarmed to realize they were heading straight for chaos in an era that required a strong army, took the step that is now revolutionizing our military life.

Asked the Chaplain Significantly, they went to the chief of chaplains for advice. His recommendation was swift and to the point: Adopt a program that will raise the army's moral standards, that will make self respect, good citizenship and character formation a dominant feature of army training!

This made sense, because our postwar army is large enough to be a vital factor in the lifetime training of American youth—about 1,500,000 men and women compared with only 30,000 in 1938. More important, the turnover from

civilian to military and back again to civilian life is so large that the army can have a profound effect on molding character. In 1948, for example, about 700,000 young men put on uniforms, but that same year 480,000 returned to civilian life.

At that rate it won't be long before the majority of our manhood will have had army training. All of which adds up to the fact that the military establishment, which catches young men in their formative years, is in a good position to make or break the moral fiber of America.

The new army had its birth at Fort Knox, Ky., where in 1946 there was formed a universal military training experimental unit. Next the plan was introduced to the third armored division, also at Fort Knox, and to several other units. Its success was so obvious that on January 27, 1947 Robert Patterson, who was secretary of war, ordered it put into effect throughout the army.

Specifically, the army has established "character guidance councils" at all commands from the chief-of-staff level down through the battalion level. Practically, it means that every officer in charge of troops—not just the chaplains, the special services officers or the athletic and recreation officers, but every commanding officer from the sergeants up, are just as much responsible for developing good character as they are for teaching men to do anything else.

Even this elaborate plan, as every veteran knows, could be just so much military hogwash, because the traditional army mind has a convenient habit of setting forth "directives" and having done so—of considering the subject of the directive accomplished without further adieu.

Stress Recreation But this time the army is serious. It has undertaken a sports and recreation program breathtaking in scope, yes, there are boxing and baseball, which used to be considered the "complete" enlisted men's recreational program, but these are minor.

At Fort Riley, Kan., for example, there are at least eight swimming pools for enlisted men, and the golf course there is open to all who come—not just those who belong to the officers' club.

At Fort Ord, Calif., the army erected a club building costing \$1,000,000. There, as at practically all posts, social activities cover the same scope and are on the same plane as similar functions in civilian life. There are hobby shops where service men can keep up their interest in photography, leather-tooling, painting and practically anything else they can think of. Not only are these places available, but men are given the time to use them.

Then there's one more significant change—a substitution of the teacher-student relationship for the old-fashioned officer-soldier relationship.

As one observer stated it: "Our regular officers learned during World War II that the Prussian idea, which we adapted to fit our democracy, is stupid, as well as undemocratic. Our army needs intelligent following as well as intelligent leadership. You can't develop intelligence in men without respecting them as individuals. And you don't get good work from men who do not regard themselves and their work as important and interesting."

**The Way it Happened . . .**

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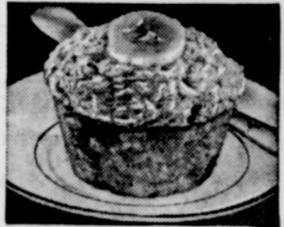
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# WONDERFUL NEIGHBOR

by HOMER CROY

A prodigal son of northwest Missouri, Homer Croy drove along a country road amid the scenes of his youth. As he sees familiar places, he associates them with the Kennedys—Newt, the kindest man he'd ever known; Mrs. Kennedy; their daughters, Ida and Lucy; their son, Harlan, his boyhood pal. He remembers the time all the neighbors of Anton Belinsky, the "foreigner," went to the courthouse to see him naturalized as an American citizen. Then he remembers John Craig, the handsome stranger Newt hired as an extra hand. A careless but a willing worker, he aroused suspicions because he was reported seen in strange and unexpected places.

## CHAPTER XVII

Then it was discovered he had a lockbox at the post office. That did, indeed, get Newt. Never in anyone's experience had a hired hand had a private post office lockbox.

Another thing was reported by a neighbor. He had seen Newt's hand go into the depot telegraph office. There were two telegraph offices; one in the center of town, the other at the depot. Most people went to the one in the center of town. Almost from the very first, romantic, emotional Ida was interested in the new hand. Every meal he sat across the table from her. They played croquet together; then began riding together. All the women and many of the girls still rode side-saddle, but not Ida.

She shut off the other young men. Nobody now counted at all except John Craig.

Newt grew uneasy. "I wouldn't drive too fast, Ida. It's not goin' to harm you to know more about him."

She knew plenty, she said; and another breach widened between her and her father; and her mother, too, for that matter. Poor, foolish, impetuous Ida.

One day, unexpectedly, he said he was going to give up his job and move on. That was the way with farm hands; said he was going to Omaha to see his mother. Then Ida stunned the family by announcing she loved him and was going with him.

The same problem. The more Newt and her mother talked to her, the more determined Ida became. There was no harm in going with him to Omaha and staying with his mother, she said. Then, as soon as it could be arranged, they would be married.

What could Newt do? He must do something. And that's exactly what Newt did. "I've been wanting to go to Omaha and I'll just ride along." Ida didn't like this and John Craig didn't like it; nor, for that matter, did Newt like it. But he was going to do what he could for Ida.

On the platform, as the train pulled out, stood Ida's mother, Lucy, Harlan and old grandpa. They watched the train until it disappeared in the cornfield cut west of town, then started back to the spring wagon and the buggy.

### Ida, Disillusioned, Returns With Newt

The anxious family heard nothing from Newt the next day; nor the following. Three days passed. Then the farmers' phone rang. "If you folks haven't got anything special to do, you might throw the harness on the team and drive by the depot."

In no time at all Mrs. Kennedy and Harlan were in the spring wagon—and, joy to behold, there on the platform with Newt was Ida! Then was revealed the most astonishing story that had ever happened in our section. But Newt must be careful in telling it; mustn't hurt the girl's feelings. As they came close to Omaha, John Craig's front was not quite so confident; in fact, he was evasive. The climax came when he admitted that he did not have a mother in Omaha. Then it came out that their mysterious hired man was a detective. A detective working on a farm! It wasn't so hard to believe when the rest was known. There had been a railroad express car robbery and the detective agency had found that one of the men had an uncle near the Kennedys, and that the suspected man came there, now and then, to hide. John Craig, operating from the Omaha office, had been sent to get a job near by so that he could watch the house and farm. And this accounted for the mysterious post office lockbox and for his trips to the telegraph office. But in the meantime, Ida had fallen in love with him and had promised to go with him to his mother's. But it was all over now; the team was jogging along toward home.

The spring wagon mounted the hill. Newt's heart beat happily, for on the seat beside him was Ida, and there, ahead of him, was his farm. The heavy hand proved too much

for my mother. A telegraph messenger boy came to the rooming house where I was at the university. I knew, as soon as I saw him.

I got on the Wabash train and sat in a straight-backed red-plush seat and looked out the window at the early signs of spring.

I got off at the wooden depot and looked around for my father. Instead, Newt came toward me, wearing his Sunday celluloid collar and the ready-made tie which fitted over the brass collar button. He held out a big brown ham hand.

"Yer Pa didn't feel up to comin', Homer. He ast me if I would mind drivin' in. Naturally I wouldn't."

We went to the buggy at the row of hitch racks behind the depot.

"Yer Pa ast me to acquaint you with some of the details," he said as we jogged along. His voice was hushed and a little choked.

"When you left after Christmas she opined she wouldn't ever see you again. She wouldn't let your Pa write you she was fadin'—thought it'd be disturbin' to you in your school studies. But she was failin' all the time. She would keep watchin' the clock to see when the mailman would arrive. Yer Pa would manage



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to be around the feed lots and'd go to the road and get your letter out of the box and bring it to the house and read it aloud to her. I'm glad you was a good hand to write." My heart choked within me and I was deeply thankful I had written regularly and at some length.

"It was a shock to the neighborhood when the line call went out, although we'd been expectin' it. Nobody in the neighborhood ever had more friends, nobody's goin' to be missed more. You had you a good mother, Homer."

I was so stirred, so moved, I could hardly speak.

"It's goin' to be tough on your Pa. You've got you a good Pa, too."

My heart cried at that, too. I suddenly thought how little I had appreciated him, how rarely I ever gave him any thanks, and I resolved I would say and do things to show how much I loved him.

Half a dozen rigs were in front of the house.

Pa came out to the buggy, looking smaller and more frail than I had ever seen him.

"I've been waitin' for you."

We went in the parlor by the box. There was a sliding panel; he pushed it back.

We stood, silently, side by side, with Phebe at the foot—Phebe with her gold-rimmed glasses, turned up nose and long, slender face, like my mother's.

### Newt Takes Charge Of the Funeral

"I expect you'll want to greet the home folks," Pa said, finally. "They always speak of you with interest."

I went from one to another, shaking hands, receiving words of sympathy, my heart throbbing with the emotion that my boyhood friends and neighbors stirred in me.

The next day, the day of the funeral, Newt "took charge." Little groups of men stood in the drive lot and talked in low voices; when the time came for the preacher to speak, Newt went from group to group, silently motioning the men to come to the house. The windows were open, the men stood in the yard; the women, for the most part, in the house. The horses at the hitch racks shook their harness and whinnied. I feel choked as I set these words down, for it was one of the most poignant, touching moments of my life. When the speaking was over, Newt waved the teams into line and started them in proper order down the road toward Cain's. My father,

Phebe, an aunt and I sat in our spring wagon; my father drove. The line moved away.

Cain's was set on a hill, with cornfields on two sides and a pasture on the other two. As the coffin was being carried in, horses came and looked over the fence.

When the preacher had said the final word, Newt gave a signal to two men and the three got their shovels from behind a tree. At last the grave was heaped and rounded.

We were back in our house which seemed so lonely without my mother in a rocking chair by the window.

There, on the center table, was something that had never been there before. My mother's picture in a frame made of colored yarn. The picture had been on the bureau in my father and mother's bedroom; now it was on the center table. I knew he had put it there.

Some of the neighbor women remained to get supper. Newt said, "I'll stay and help you chore, Amos."

The two marched off to the barn lot. After a while my father came back for the milk buckets. "You needn't help tonight, Homer." And right there was a change; education had made me just about worthless.

Newt poured the milk into the separator, as my mother had done so many times, while my father turned the handle. Then helped crack it.

Finally, he said, "I expect I'd better get down the road, Amos. I hear the calves bawling."

He wasn't quite gone.

"Maybe you and Phebe and Homer'd like to come in an' spend the evening with us tomorrow. A change of pasture'd be good for you."

### Farming Becomes More Specialized

I looked at the Kennedy sitting room with eyes that had seen so many strange sights and new places and new people since I had gone away. The baseburner was down; the zinc was gone. There was a hole in the wall where the stovepipe had gone into the flue. The hole was stopped with a piece of metal which had strips on the side to hold it in place. A new stopper now; it showed a ship at sea.

The warm, the hearty, good-natured, joke-making household lifted us out of ourselves. We played broom, we talked and laughed. Suddenly I would feel guilty for laughing. . . .

Phebe was the best quilter in the neighborhood. Mrs. Kennedy asked her how to make one of the designs and Phebe took the pencil and sketched it on paper.

At last, time to go. Newt lit his lantern, too. "I'll walk down the road with you a piece."

Our home was lonely and deserted, but not quite as lonely as it would have been if we hadn't gone to Newt's.

The next day I started back to school. On the platform of the little wooden sanded depot again. Pa took my hand. "Write as often as you can, Homer. Always glad to hear from you."

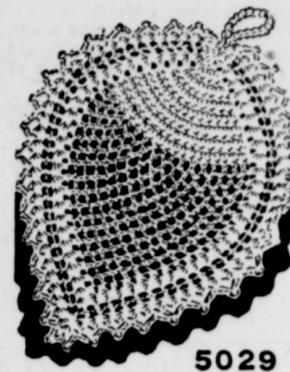
The train pulled out. The water tower fell away.

Specialization was coming among us. In my youth a farmer had been just a farmer and had never dreamed of being anything else. But the coming of machinery and of changed conditions made it possible for a man to be more than a general corn-hogs-and-cattle farmer. A farmer was now a good "livestock man," or a good "corn raiser," or a good "small grain man." Some men were even becoming wheat farmers. But ours was not a real wheat country. As an example, my father, due to poor health, began to specialize in cattle; he became what we called a "cattle man."

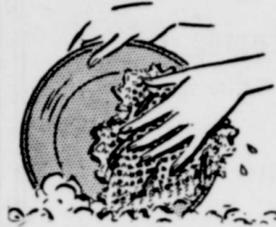
He bought calves, let them grow into steers, then turned them. Sometimes he bought "Westerns"—that is, thin, emaciated, starved-out cattle from the hard-pan section of Kansas or Nebraska—then fed them out. And now, as I was getting farther and farther from the farm and meeting people who didn't know farms, or farm life, I was surprised that many didn't know the difference between a calf and a steer, or a gilt and a gelding. But I was still coming home; still living the life I had known and loved; and seeing the boys and girls I had gone to school with; and listening so avidly to all that had happened to our neighbors. Especially to my favorite, I realized now Newt wasn't well educated; that he made all kinds of grammar slips. But, for that matter, I was still making them, myself. The whole thing had a curious effect. After I had been away and came back, at first I noticed his mistakes in grammar very much. But soon I didn't notice them. His heart and mind and spirit were the same. Yes, he was still my hero.

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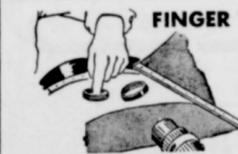
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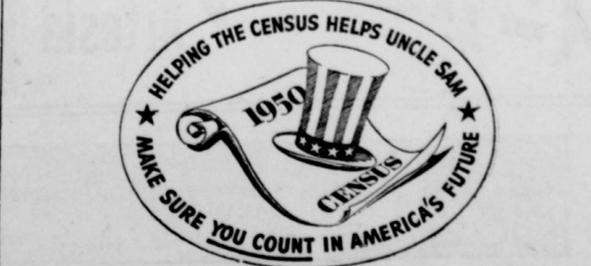
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Wonderful, says the nice old lady, but what do you do if it's raining and you can't measure the shadow?

Oh, shrugged the inmate, in that case I have to look at my watch!

**Getting His Money's Worth**

Sandy had been desued from a watery grave by the local boatman and now stood dripping on the bank of the river.

Said Sandy: I would gie ye a shillin' but I've only got a two shillin' piece on me!

Well, we'll soon square that, remarked the boatman. Just jump in again!

A verse for today: "They cried to God in the battle and he was intreated of them; because they put their trust in Him."—I Chron. 5-20.

**Jess Funk Is Candidate For County Sheriff**

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He was elected a state representative from Eddy and Lea Counties in 1940.

The candidate was born at Bryan, Kan., but has lived in New Mexico since 1906, when he settled in the Cottonwood community. He is married and has three children.

In announcing his candidacy, Funk called attention to his wide knowledge of the county through his many years of residence and his former service in public office.

He said that if elected he will conduct the office of sheriff in an economical and efficient manner and that he will provide well-qualified deputies for all parts of the county.

"I can promise you an honest administration with fairness to everyone concerned in all matters having to do with the sheriff's office," Funk said.

**Really**

Nope, observed the oldest inhabitant, folks round these parts don't try to labor very much. Matter o' fact, I think the laziest man in the state lives right here in this village—name's

**High Announces Candidacy For Sheriff Of Eddy**

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ify me to handle the financial affairs of the sheriff's office."

"All of my experience as an officer of the law, he said, "has been here in Eddy County." If elected, High declared, "there will be full co-operation between my officers and all other law-enforcement agencies."

He added, "I can assure you there will be no extravagancies in the operation of the office."

High served more than two years with the old 36th Division in World War I, and was overseas for one year. He and his wife moved to Eddy County Aug. 14, 1923, and they have been continuous residents ever since. They reared and schooled two daughters and a son here. The son is now a student at the University of New Mexico.

High is a member of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He is a member of the First Baptist Church of 17 years' standing.

High is a member of "The Harmonizers," a Carlsbad barber shop quartet, with which he has appeared several times in Artesia.

"I feel that the juveniles and teen-agers need someone as sheriff that they can go to and confide their troubles," High said. "I will say that I will have a special interest in these boys and girls and will help them in a kindly manner. If elected, I will promise the parents that I will devote a lot of my time in advising and helping teen-agers over many rough and tough spots in their lives."

To the citizens of Eddy County communities outside Carlsbad, High said, "I want to assure you that every consideration will be given you in selecting the officer or officers for your community. They will have to be efficient, impartial and courteous to everyone in every way.

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# HOUSEHOLD MEMOS... by Lynn Chambers



Serve Baked Ham for Special Dinners  
(See Recipes Below)

### Eating-Deluxe!

WHEN YOU'RE PLANNING to serve a special occasion dinner for company or family, isn't it nice to have the menu planned and recipes for everything handy? There's real eating enjoyment in the menu in today's column, and the directions for making these special dishes.

Ham is a mighty economical cut of meat right now, and it makes a nice showing at the table with its rosy pink color and juicy, succulent slices. Then, too, there's good eating from it for several days which makes ham kind to your food budget.

To serve a large number, purchase a half or whole ham. For two or four people, a ham slice will serve as a meal. Ready-cooked ham needs to be heated thoroughly only if you want it hot; cured but tenderized ham requires about 25 to 30 minutes to the pound for roasting at slow (300°) temperature.

FOR BASTING and glazing the ham, use any of the following: honey, corn syrup, molasses, pickled fruit juices or canned fruit juices, red jellies, cranberry sauce or ginger ale.

Smoked picnic hams are similar in flavor and appearance to regular hams, and may be preferred by the smaller families. Here's a handy way to prepare this cut:

**\*Baked Orange Picnic Ham**  
Smoked picnic ham, 4 to 6 pounds

¾ cup brown sugar  
Grated rind and juice of 1 orange  
Whole cloves

Place picnic ham on a rack in a preheated oven (325°). For an uncooked picnic, bake 30 minutes to the pound; heat a cooked picnic 10 minutes to the pound. Half an hour before end of baking time, remove ham from oven and score ham. Mix brown sugar and orange juice together and spread over ham. Using whole cloves, stick a few orange slices and maraschino cherries on ham and finish baking. During the last 10 minutes of baking time, increase the oven heat to 400° to finish browning.

IF YOU WANT a ham dinner for two or four people, a ham slice prepared in this way is delicious, delightful and different:

**South Sea Island Ham**  
(Serves 4)

1 slice, ready to eat ham, ¾ inch thick  
1 banana  
¼ cup brown sugar  
¼ cup coconut  
3 tablespoons vinegar  
2 teaspoons butter

Place ham in a baking dish. Cut banana lengthwise and then in half. Arrange banana sections on top of ham and sprinkle with brown sugar, coconut and vinegar. Dot with butter. Bake in a moderate (350°) oven for 20 minutes.

**\*Mallow Sweet Potato Balls**  
(Serves 8)

3 cups warm, mashed sweet potatoes  
Salt and pepper to taste  
3 tablespoons melted butter

### LYNN CHAMBERS' MENU

Frosted Cranberry Juice  
\*Baked Orange Picnic Ham with Orange Slices  
\*Mallow Sweet Potato Balls  
Buttered Asparagus  
\*Hot Cross Puffs  
\*Molded Cabbage Salad  
Beverage  
Pineapple Nut Cake  
Mints  
Nuts  
\*Recipe Given

8 marshmallows  
1 egg  
1 tablespoon cold water  
1 cup almonds, blanched and chopped

Season potatoes and add butter. Mold potato mixture around marshmallows, forming 8 balls with a marshmallow in the center of each. Beat egg and add cold water. Dip potato balls in egg, then in almonds. Fry in deep hot fat (365°) until golden brown, turning while frying.

THESE PUFFS are made from a beaten yeast batter, and are both quick and easy to make:

**\*Hot Cross Puffs**  
(Makes 24 2-inch puffs)

1 package yeast, compressed or dry granular  
¼ cup lukewarm water  
1 cup milk  
½ cup sugar  
2 teaspoons salt  
¼ cup shortening  
¾ cups sifted flour (about)  
½ teaspoon cinnamon  
½ teaspoon nutmeg  
2 eggs  
1 cup currants  
Confectioners' sugar icing

Soften yeast in lukewarm water. Scald milk. Add sugar, salt and shortening; cool to lukewarm. Add two cups flour, cinnamon and nutmeg and beat well. Add softened yeast and eggs and mix thoroughly. Add enough flour to make a stiff batter. Beat thoroughly until smooth. Cover and let rise in a warm place until light and bubbly (about one hour.) Add currants and stir down. Fill greased muffin pans, one-half full, and let rise until light (about 30 minutes). Bake in a moderate (375°) oven 15-20 minutes. Make a cross on each puff with confectioners' sugar icing.

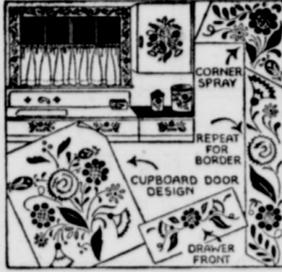
**\*Molded Cabbage Salad**  
(Serves 8)

1 package lemon-flavored gelatin  
1 cup boiling water  
2 tablespoons elder vinegar  
2 tablespoons tarragon vinegar  
¼ teaspoon salt  
¼ cup cold water  
1½ cups finely shredded cabbage  
¼ cup minced celery  
¼ cup sliced, stuffed olives

Dissolve gelatin in boiling water. Add vinegars, salt and cold water. Chill. When slightly thickened, fold in cabbage, celery and olives. Pour into individual molds or large mold. Chill until firm. Unmold on greens and serve with desired dressing.

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