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Surveyors Here And Gone

Last Friday the state highway surveyors left for Santa Fe having completed their job of surveying a "reasonable" route through Hope for Highway 83. The route as now surveyed eliminates five curves and can be constructed at a very moderate cost. The right of way will cost the state or county nothing, the town of Hope will see to that. By this we mean the portion of the highway that is in the city limits.

It took the people of north Eddy county 40 years to get a new bridge over Eagle Draw. Will it take that long to get the sharp curves ironed out? We know that for the past 10 years surveyors have appeared every two years and surveyed a route to eliminate the curves. We have soared into the sky with the thought that "now surely we are going to get something done" only to have our hopes dashed to the earth after election. Nearly everyone says "that will be the way this time." But I keep "living in Hope even if I die in despair."—W.E.R.

Sage and Cactus

by

doughBelly Price

The presidential campaign of vain promises and high hopes is on under a full head of steam, each one trying to out promise the other one. Lower taxes. More old age pension. In fact dear voter, your troubles is now my worries (if elected). I will walk with you through the valley of the shadow of death (for a fee); your cup of joy will run over. I will annoy your head with oil (bought with your money) and feast you in the presence of your poor relations (that voted wrong). Bill collectors will annoy you no more. I will stay with you till death (if I have to conk you on the noggin myself). You shall have no mercy on them that voted wrong, they shall be counted as your enemies. I will give you the wisdom of Solomon and the patience of Job. In my party there will be no corruption and honesty will prevail. If you want to dodge the income tax collector call on me for I am with you (for a fee). I will have the sun and the moon to stand still so your days will be longer, and if you use any man working in the hot sun revile him, for you know he voted wrong, you will move to the capitol, for where I am, there you may be also, you will eat T bone steak while the wrong voters eat beans. Your automobile will have diamond headlights and wheels of pure gold. I will personally chauffeur you (for a fee). Your airplane will be a jet bomber so you can blast the wrong voters. I will be the pilot. (for a fee). and all this will not stop, dear voter, till you run out of the fee. and by that time you will have entered the pearly gates (maybe), where there will be no poloticans.

P. S. According to the AP Harry has not had time to get his laundry in order since his whistle stomp tour. It sounds like Harry has to do his own washing.

For All Good Men, NOW Is the Time—

A Constitution had just been written. As Benjamin Franklin left Independence Hall, a woman asked him, "Mr. Franklin, what kind of government have you give nus?" He answered, gravely, "A Republic, madam, if you can keep it!"

As they drew up the Constitution there was ever present the fear of old-world tyranny and oppression. They designed the American way in the hope of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

Under that social compact the condition of even the lowliest citizen in the new Republic soon became a magnet to attract men and women from ever ypart of the world. The prospect was so inviting that immigration walls had to be built higher and higher. The only country with an immigration wall, however, could not build the wall high enough to keep out the ideologies of the countries from which our fathers fled. Today, the urge to regiment, to place dependence upon the State, is all too prevalent. This, despite the accepted fact that everywhere today, man—the individual—is submitting to various degrees of enslavement through regimentation by the State.

A free man is one who can "elect" to do this or that.

November approaches. It provides the test as to whether the citizen can keep the Republic.

Have we the enlightened self-interest to choose representatives who live and feel deeply the real America?

Can we choose men who, when our institutions are attacked, our traditions belittled, experience a physical pain as if struck a physical blow?

Facing critical times, how vote? Prayerfully and reverently, with divine help, to choose real representatives, state, local and national.

Washington on the eve of crossing the Delaware—an earlier crisis in American history—issued an order of the day. It is something to take to the polls in November 1952. Washington said simply, with no diplomatic gobbledook, "Put none but Americans on guard tonight."

The representative you elect will shortly quote you. By his word and vote—or even by his silence, he will say, "I am speaking for John Doe. I represent him. He has made me his agent and what I say, or do, binds him."

Why not make sure now, before Nov. 4, that he will not mimsrepresent you.

Of all the freedoms, the freedom to elect is still the top freedom. Ask the millions on the earth's surface today to whom it is denied.

Life on the American Plan of popular representation is still worth preserving. It is better than promise of free room and board on any European Plan of direction and control by the State.

"A Republic, madam, if you can keep it!"—W. Alton Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Hibbard and children took a picnic lunch and went to the White Sands. They came back through Cloudcroft and had supper at a safe before returning home.

Artesia Writer Defends Petticoats

Dear Editor: I have been reading a copy of the Penasco Valley News and after reading the letter, signed "Earl Miller" I feel that I too, would like to express a few opinions. Thank God, we still have freedom of speech, but, after reading so sarcastic and critical a letter, it makes one wonder just how much longer we shall have it. It certainly won't be through the help of such characters as that, if we are to keep freedom of speech and other phases of freedom.

May I ask a question? Is this person who signs himself "Earl Miller" a real person, or is that a fictitious name used to provoke good, clean, decent people into such a rage as to want to eliminate such characters from civilization. As for the remarks in one of Mr. Miller's letters about pitying or laughing at the petticoats—I really think he should have a mental examination. They don't need pity—or his type of sympathy. They need cooperation from its town citizens and if Mr. Miller and people of his satirical disposition would try a little pleasant laughter, I'm sure they would find life was a much better thing. "Hope" can mean so much—it depends on how the word is used. "To Hope for cooperation from town citizens is too much to expect from people who don't know what the word means." Laughter makes the world sing of better things to be found, and if Mr. Miller enjoys his bitter laughter, then the Petticoats have accomplished one thing and that job was to make a bitter man a better laugh and he should thank them kindly for that. It seems that I am as critical as your character using the pen name, but I do not intend this to be sarcastic. If there were pleasant letters in the paper, Mr. Editor, don't you think you would have more readers who enjoyed reading your paper more?

It seems to be a bad influence on people to read such bitter and horrid letters. It tends to cause one to pity the pen pal who writes such letters. One can't laugh at that, and it's really pathetic to think of such people roaming loose in even small places like our neighboring town of Hope, because who knows, if there were so many of that type of characters just think of all the rotten contamination their presence could cause.

Could you give your correspondent a hint to make his letters worth reading by making them of a more pleasant nature? If he rates so high in everyone's book, as he seems to think, why isn't he still in office there? It seems that a few months ago I read where he was Mayor or something. There are enough people to have elected him if he had been well enough liked by the town citizens. After all, if he isn't satisfied and pleased to stay there, why doesn't he go elsewhere? I'm sure no one would mind. This doesn't just apply to one person, it applies to anyone of those who can do nothing but cause trouble in any town no matter where it is. It

is still a free country and the U.S.A. covers a lot of territory, so please Mr. Editor ask the pen pal to come forth with some good reading for your subscribers and to make the people feel that the world is full of happiness and fun instead of satire and brimstone. Let people work and pull together for a unity which, when properly applied, will make your little community again into the friendly, prosperous place it was a few years ago. Remember the phrase, "Together we stand, divided we fall."

In closing my comments, may I say "More power to the Petticoats and people like them, and down with the renegade who spreads discontent among his fellowmen."

Sincerely yours,

Anita Downey, Artesia, N. M.

Hope vs Lake Arthur Basketball Game Friday, Oct. 31

The Hope Yellow Jackets have completed four weeks of hard practice, getting ready for their first game of the season with Lake Arthur, Oct. 31. They will be sporting two teams, the varsity, and Junior high.

There isn't too many boys out for basketball this year, but they hope to have a good season with the material they have. They look pretty good on offense and they seem to be in fair condition, some of the boys are expected to be able to go the entire game. The boys need to sharpen up more on their defense and then they should be able to go all the way, with plenty of competition.

They have an 18-game schedule, plus two tournaments, most of the games this year are scheduled for the week end, Friday and Saturday nights.

Hope Extension Club Meets

The Hope Extension club met at the home of Mrs. John Bush on Oct. 15 for an all day meeting. Luncheon was served to the following members: Mmes. Charley Cole, George Casabonne, Felix Cauhape, Jr., John Ward, Lincoln Cox, Loren Teeves, Fred Martin, George O. Teel, Ida Prude, Guy Crockett, Russell Lee, Lewis Weddige, and to one guest, Mrs. Oris Cleve, by the hostess, Mrs. John Bush.

After lunch, the meeting was called to order by Mrs. John Ward, president. The minutes were read by the secretary, Mrs. George Casabonne. Members were asked to attend the program planning committee for 1953 for the Eddy County Extension clubs in Artesia on Oct. 20. After the business meeting, Miss Marjorie Howell, extension agent, gave an interesting talk and demonstration on meal planning for company and family meals.

The next meeting will be held on Nov. 19 at the home of Mrs. Charley Cole.

Mrs. Charlie Crockett accompanied Mrs. Jesse Buckner and family to Albuquerque to spend a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Wood.

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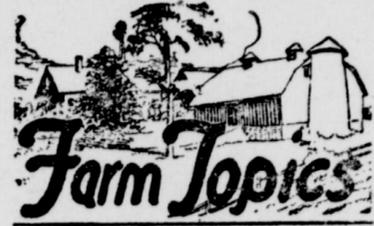
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November 19-22

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Heavier Fertilizer Applications Noted Corn Yields Raised By Increased Use

Many midwestern farmers report they have doubled or tripled their corn yields by changing from "salt and pepper" applications of fertilizer to "shovel" or heavier applications.

University of Missouri agronomists disclose that in one test, 25-bushel corn land produced 124 bushels per acre when 1,100 pounds of nitrogen, phosphate and potash fertilizer was plowed down before planting and a complete starter fertilizer was added at planting time.

These soils men report that full fertilizer treatments are the most profitable. They have demonstrated that the kind or type of soil is less important than the management methods used. When poor Ozark soils were fed a full ferti-



lizer treatment, they yielded within eight bushels per acre of the top production from the best farm land in that state.

What's true of fertilizing corn is true of other crops, says the Middle West Soil Improvement committee.

"In Wisconsin, the use of 700 to 1,000 pounds per acre of 0-20-20, 0-9-27 or 0-10-30 fertilizer, has boosted alfalfa hay yields 2 to 2½ tons per acre. The full-fertilized fields have produced ample forage and high quality hay."

In many instances, says the committee, the heaviest fertilized applications are the most economical.

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Southern States Suffer Drought

Crop Loss Estimated At About \$1 Billion

The southern part of the United States, which produces two-thirds of the nation's cotton, one-fifth of its corn, four-fifths of its tobacco, three-quarters of its citrus fruits, half of its beef, and a third of its milk, suffered one of the most severe droughts in its history this summer.

For six long weeks there were only scattered thundershowers over a great portion of the south, an area composed of 14 states. The drought wrought vast damage to crops and reduced livestock grazing grounds to virtual deserts.

Here are some state reports: In Kentucky, half the state's tobacco crop, usually worth \$220 million, was burned.

In Virginia 25 per cent of the tobacco and corn crops and 20



The shaded area on the above map shows where the drought wilted millions of dollars worth of crops. The government declared Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, Tennessee, Missouri and Arkansas "disaster loan areas." Crop damage was estimated at approximately \$1 billion.

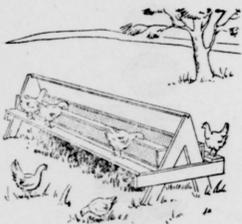
per cent of the hay crops were lost. In Alabama the state agricultural commissioner said: "The corn crop is destroyed."

In Tennessee forced sales of cattle, for lack of feed, pushed prices down \$2 to \$3 a hundred pounds.

In Georgia many cities were threatened with a milk shortage.

Department of Agriculture officials made no estimate of the total loss, but unofficial sources said it was about \$1 billion.

Peck-Proof Feeders



The above portable, dry mash feeder may be the answer to the poultry producer's feeding problem. A reel mash feeder, which gets its name from the revolving piece of 1" x 2" lumber mounted on spikes to keep the hens from perching over the trough, are 4' long, 21" high and 16" wide. Tempered preswood is recommended for the trough portion. A piece 4' long and 1 1/2" wide is needed. Other material required: one piece of 1 by 6 lumber 7 1/2 feet long, a 1 by 4 of 8-foot length, another that is 7' long, and a 1 by 2 that is a half inch longer than 4'; a half pound each of eight-penny and four-penny nails.

Build the Nation



In these days of uncertainty and miserable leadership in Washington, the people of the United States, by exercise of a free ballot on November 4, will have an opportunity to clean up the mess in Washington by electing as President Dwight David Eisenhower.

It is not enough to elect "Ike" Eisenhower president. We must support him by electing Republican candidates to the United States Senate and House of Representatives. Only with a cooperative Congress can Eisenhower be successful in solving the many pressing problems which confront all of us.



PATRICK J. HURLEY
U. S. Senator



HOMER J. BERKSHIRE
U. S. Representative



ED GUTHMANN
U. S. Representative

Build New Mexico

Confronted with a similar mess in Santa Fe two years ago, the people of New Mexico elected Governor Edwin L. Mechem. While the Governor is the center of state government, help Governor Mechem continue his program of good government during his second term by electing these candidates to State Offices . . .



EDWIN L. MECHEM
Governor



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VOTE REPUBLICAN NOVEMBER 4



Dairy Profit Future Bright for Farmers

Production of Milk Level for 10 Years

Profit prospects are reported the brightest in years for dairy farmers who boost milk production per herd and cut output costs.

Some dairy specialists are predicting scarcities of fluid milk in many markets this fall, with rising price trends.

Milk production has shown practically no increase in the past 10 years, whereas the nation's population has increased by more than 20 million.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's bureau of agricultural



Good pastures make full milk pails. It is the one means available to the American farm to increase the nation's static milk supply.

economics points out that the output of milk per person has reached a record low of about 730 pounds for 1952, compared with the 1935-39 average of 820 pounds. For every 5 farmers selling milk or dairy products in 1945, only 4 farmers were selling these products in 1950.

"All things considered, dairy farmers who keep operating costs low should make money in months to come," say dairy specialists of the Middle West Soil Improvement Committee.

"One of the best opportunities for cutting milk production costs lies in good pasture management. Economists figure that feed represents about 50 per cent of the cost of producing milk. Pasture is the cheapest feed a farmer can grow.

"Getting succulent, cow-filling pasture involves several steps. Liming, where needed is the No. 1 step."

Farm Notes

Check on Herd Health

Only a healthy, high-producing dairy herd should be stabled for winter milk production. Check on the health of all animals, including heifers added to the herd.

Clean Air Cleaner

Working in dusty fields is hard on the tractor. Cleaning the air cleaner will aid efficient operation.

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FRI. - SAT.

Double Feature Program

"Two Weeks to Live"

Lum and Abner
and

"Stagecoach Driver"

Whip Wilson

★—————★

SUN. - MON. - TUES.

"Kangaroo"

Peter Lawford
Maureen O'Hara

★—————★

WED. - THURS.

Wed Check Night

"Loan Shark"

George Raft

OCOTILLO

FRI-SAT

DOUBLE FEATURE PROGRAM

"Texas City"

Johnny Mack Brown

—o—

"Yes Sir, Mr. Bones"

60 Minutes of Mirth
and Melody

★—————★

SUN-MON

TUES-WED

"Jumping Jacks"

Dean Martin

Jerry Lewis

★—————★

THURSDAY

"Yo Soy Tu Padre"

Circle B Drive-In

FRI-SAT

"Stars in My Crown"

Joel McCrea

Ellen Drew

★—————★

SUN. - MON. - TUES.

"My Friend Irma
Goes West"

Marie Wilson

Dean Martin

Jerry Lewis

★—————★

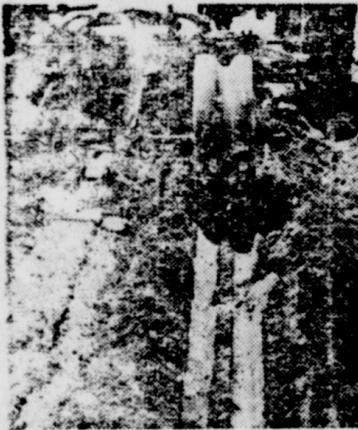
WED-THURS

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"The Big Lift"

Paul Douglas

Tubeless Tire



A recent innovation is this tubeless tire, designed to improve the farmer's efficiency in planting corn and cotton.

The new tire, developed by B. F. Goodrich engineers, is the first successful application of the tubeless tire principle for farm implements. It has a smooth V-shaped tread and is constructed with high shoulders and a low center—similar in appearance to the contour type planter tire introduced by the company several years ago to replace steel press wheels in corn and cotton planters.

Designed to press the earth uniformly around the seed, the tubeless planter tire has been successfully tested on farms whose soil conditions are typical of those throughout the country, the manufacturer says.

Farmers who tested the tire report uniform planting depth in all soil conditions. The contour shape, they said, allows planting in wet soil and reduces sideslip on hillside planting. Quicker germination and a more uniform stand results from the tire's consistent pressing action of the earth against the seed, they added.

Be Sure and
Vote on Tuesday,
Nov. 4th, 1952

Vote for the
Candidate Whom You
Think is Best Fitted
For the Office

**THE LOW DOWN
FROM HICKORY GROVE**

I will discuss in my scholarly manner today the subject of "Prosperity"—we ooze with same. Is it the real McCoy—will it last, and how long—or is it just "show business." Is it "make believe prosperity." We gotta make up our mind quick—in the next month or so. There is no need getting mad and upset and vexed next March 15 as we again plod our weary way to the income tax man's collecting agency. Now is the time to get nosy.

At Govt. expense we have overseas hundreds of "experts" from our agriculture dept. telling 'em in India how to raise hemp—in So. America, how to raise coffee—in Africa, ba-

nanas. While here in our land we tamper and fiddle with our own agriculture buzz-saw and are in a continual sweat. All this—here and abroad—costs heaps. But while it lasts, foldin' money circulates in abundance—business is grand. It may fool some of us simpler souls.

I say the culprit is the Govt.—a too big and overgrown spendthrift Govt. The Govt. is a tax collector—not a tax payer. Anybody—fat, lean, long or short—if he could dip into a money drawer, day and night, like Sambo does, could be prosperous, too. To get the Govt. on a half-way even keel, I figure we gotta sell or throw in the river, 500,000 Govt. swivel chairs—occupants included—or better still,

600,000.

Yours with the low down,
JO SERRA.

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Seed quality and seed-holding ability are important factors in new varieties under study. In tests in the South last year, new strains proved superior in seed quality and seed-holding ability to Ogden, a variety grown on 1½ million acres in that region.

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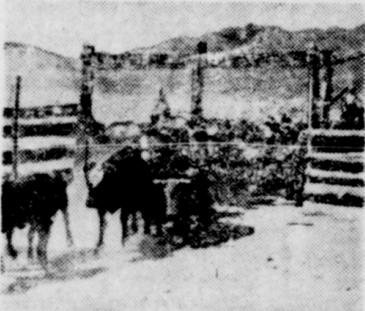


Mexican Livestock Freed From Ban Foot-Mouth Disease Menace Is Defeated

Mexico is free of foot-and-mouth disease. The announcement means that prohibitions against the importation from Mexico of cattle, sheep, other domestic ruminants and swine, and fresh, chilled, or frozen beef, veal, mutton, lamb, and pork are removed for the first time since December, 1946.

At the same time, quarantine lines within the country of Mexico, established between the quarantined zone and the free zones, are abolished.

The Mexican-United States Commission for the Eradication of Foot-and-Mouth Disease has been abolished. Secretary of Agriculture Charles Brannan stated. However,



These cattle, raised on a ranch in the Sierra Madre mountains of northern Mexico, were among the many that moved across the border when the U.S. government removed its eight-year quarantine on Mexican cattle.

A small group of workers from the United States and Mexico will continue greatly reduced activities under the direction of a newly formed Mexican-United States Commission for the Prevention of Foot-and-Mouth Disease. These workers will be available to inspect animals and diagnose symptoms that resemble foot-and-mouth disease.

Livestock importation from Mexico will be governed by slightly more stringent regulations than applied before foot-and-mouth disease was identified there.

Mr. Nelson from Wichita, Kan., Mr. Anderson from the New Mexico State College, visited all the dairies in the Hope area Tuesday. They ate dinner with Charley Barley. In the evening, they showed pictures at the school.

The Hope school closed Wednesday noon to allow the teachers to attend teachers meeting in Albuquerque.

Mrs. Raymond Parnell (Billie Crockett) and children Michael, Patricia and Billy Rae arrived Thursday to spend some time visiting with her father, Henry Crockett and her sisters, Lee and Jang.

Mrs. Ragsdale and children of Roswell spent Monday night with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Bates.

Today's Meditation School News

"Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep." Romans 12:15. Read Romans 13:8-10.

Sympathy is one of the loveliest of all Christian virtues. What a difference there is between one who is self-centered and devoid of tender feeling and one who always thinks and feels for others! To share the joy of one into whose life some new happiness has come increases his joy. To enter into the feelings of one who is suffering is to make his suffering less distressing.

Although sympathy means feeling with others in all their experiences, both joyous and grievous, the word has come to refer usually to sharing the burdens of those in affliction. Some appear to have more of this than others.

The grace of sympathy, a divine quality, can be cultivated by all. The Incarnation and the Cross show how fully God has entered into this life of ours. It is a Christian's duty to foster and exercise it, for all around us are those who need our sympathy—our practical sympathy. The more we feel for others, the more Christlike we become.

PRAYER

We thank Thee, O God, that Thou knowest us better than we know ourselves. Help us to bear our afflictions with patience, courage, and faith, remembering that in all our afflictions Thou art afflicted. In the name of Christ, who sent the Comforter to remain ever with us. Amen.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

By our deeds of love we prove our faith.—W. I. Northridge.

Hope News

The Women's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church had a session of the book study, "Home Missions and Human Rights" at the church Tuesday. Everyone was invited to attend. The members studied "How Is Education and Legislation Helping Win Human Rights?" The members attending were Mmes. Newt Teel, George O. Teel, Lincoln Cox, Jack Noble, Felix Cauhape, Fred Martin and the leader, Mrs. Jane Pitt.

"My Real Mistake at Leyte Gulf" . . . "Bull" Halsey tells for the first time the inside story of the biggest naval battle in history. While he admits his mistake, Halsey denies that he endangered General MacArthur's invasion of the Philippines. Read it in The American Weekly, distributed with next Sunday's Los Angeles Examiner.

We would like to show you our line of stationery, cards, household articles and novelties, books and toys for the children. Also Christmas tree ornaments and many other articles.—Penasco Valley News, Hope.

Our Christmas cards, thank you and all occasion cards, stationery and novelties will please you. Come and look them over.—Penasco Valley News.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Cox spent the week end in the mountains.

Irving Cox was in Artesia Monday. The dance last Saturday night was attended. Every had a nice time.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Cole returned home Tuesday from a trip to Texas where they secured a bull.

Mrs. Joe Clements was in Hope Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Lea spent Sunday at Clouderoft.

Ray Silkwood was the guest of Rev. and Mrs. Jack Noble for Sunday dinner.

Third, Fourth and Fifth Grade News: Marta Hibbard read her quota of books and received a treasure box prize with a doll, some clothes and other trinkets. Now we are all trying to read our quota of books in order to see what our surprise will be. We are making designs in our room and some of them are very neat and attractive. The fourth and fifth grade boys have been playing basketball in the gymnasium at noon. David Sanders and Mr. Silkwood are the coaches. David has named us the Yellows and the Skins. Mildred Miam brought some cotton bolls to school for us to observe, since we are studying a unit about cotton. Mrs. Lea finished read us the book called "We Four Together." The teachers are spending the latter part of this week attending teachers' meeting at Albuquerque, while the pupils are having a vacation. Barry Teel saw the show "The Half Breed" his week end in Artesia. Bill Watson attended the show "Wild Bill Elliott." Bobby Madron went to the show "Rope of Sand."—Barry Teel, reporter.

First and Second Grades: We have had good attendance this fall. Thirteen of us have not missed a day and you can tell it by the way we are learning. The first graders have finished their second book and are beginning to look longingly at the library readers. Mrs. Young thinks we had better not tackle them yet. Second graders have been in their new book for two weeks and they really like it. Pauline Bush has read 25 library books besides her lessons at school. Karen Teel has read 23, Ann Parker 16. They were not told to read them, they just did. Karen and Pauline are not trying to run a race for Karen has picked some very fat books to wag around. So far Ann, Karen, Pauline have made 100 on every spelling lesson and on the six weeks test. Each Monday we have a picture on some childhood classic. Last Monday we had "The Three Bears." We enjoy these shows.

Sammy Teel had a birthday party Monday, Oct. 13. We had ice cream and cake and Sammy was 6 years old. It is the only birthday party of the year so far. On next Friday, we plan to have a Halloween party. We invite the pre-school children, if their mothers are sure they will not be afraid of us. But we are going to be so terrible looking it might not be safe for very young folks.

Then Linda Casabonne and Rosemary Bush have birthdays in December. We will hope they have a birthday party too. The Madron twins, Spencer Lee Henderson and Mary Jean Cano had their birthdays in September. We will have to wait until next year for the rest.

Celebrates 74th Birthday

Mr. Henry Crockett celebrated his 74th birthday Sunday, Oct. 12, with a turkey dinner. His friends and relatives came bearing gifts and best wishes for a long and happy life. Out of town guests were Mrs. George Clements, a niece from Roswell, S. L. Mills, a brother-in-law and an old timer of Hope, Mrs. Frances Melton, a sister-in-law, also formerly of Hope, Mrs. Tom Runyan, another sister-in-law.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Crockett and Gary and Lee Crockett, Mrs. Jane Pitt, Freddie and Suzanne attended of the immediate family. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, a friend and neighbor, came too.

Old Timer Visits Hope

Another homecoming of one who couldn't forget the old town. A 1500 mile trek over blazing desert and grim mountains to unburden a conscience and raise his soul to the heights of a deed well done. Thirty-five years ago, Fred Ross pledged to give \$25 for the building of a new church in Hope. Monday he fulfilled that obligation with a check payable to the Church of Christ.

Fred Ross moved from Hope with his family in 1919. Being the eldest son he assumed the responsibility of a large family and never married until the death of his father in 1945 when his mother broke up housekeeping and moved into the home of her daughter.

Fred arrived in Hope by bus last Monday and spent the day visiting former friends. After introducing himself to the group and drinking coffee, Charlie Cole invited him to lunch and took him out to his old home place on Eagle. The house was gone and only the land remained, but the sight of the surrounding hills brought back many pleasant memories.

In the late afternoon, he accompanied Ethel Altman and Ada Belle Trimble to Artesia where he took the bus to his home in Long Beach. He said, "My jaws are tired, I haven't talked this much in the whole 33 years since I have been gone from here."

The Low Down From Hickory Grove

With the laws as they are on account they say of preserving purity and sanctity in the conduct of a campaign by a candidate, how is a feller or his sweet little helpmate going to be permitted to do their bit toward getting their choice of candidate elected? That is the question. As it is, if you put up 5 bucks to help with the expenses of electing the man you think is honest and best, and the other guy hears of it, he puts you and your name in the paper, same as if you had just finished robbin' the First National Bank. Now that, I say, is overdoing pretended sanctity and purity—and we get legalized scurrilousness of action by any outfit low enough to hid by fair means or foul, behind any legal technicality.

If I choose to donate 4 or 5 or 10 simoleons to helping our present mayor get in again or to get another guy in instead, why should some uncouth guy print, or say, or whisper—with legal protection—"look-it" folks, "look-it" old Josephus, the FBI should be told about the big rascal.

So folks, I conclude as follows. A crook or picpocket, when he gets into close and tight quarters, wiggles his thumb and says, your man went that-a-way. So, you good citizens, get a good nights sleep and then a good breakfast on Nov. 4th—and tell 'em—show 'em you been around.

Yours with the low down,
JO SERRA.

Miss Lee Crockett and Mrs. Raymond Parnell went to El Paso Monday afternoon. Mrs. George Sanders and children Pamela, Sandra and Stephen George returned home with them to spend the week with her father, Henry Crockett.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Cole left Saturday for Estelline, Texas, to receive a bull for which he had had an application for more than 3 years.