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The School Situation

In this article we wish to give the people of Hope and community the facts about the status of the Hope school. Four years ago the Hope Board of Education appeared before the State Board of Education and asked them to allow Hope a four-year accredited high school, we based our plea on the hope that the enrollment would increase.

The State Board of Education granted us our request and we have had an accredited high school for the last four years. The enrollment did not increase, but has decreased.

This fall, the State Board of Education made a survey of the county for the purpose of combining all the schools of North Eddy county. They recommended that all of the North Eddy county schools be united into one unit. The Hope Board of Education again appealed to the State Board of Education to allow Hope to remain an independent school. The State Board of Education cited Section 55-813 of the school laws of New Mexico which stated that if a municipal school has fewer than 100 pupils in daily attendance for two years in succession that school shall become a county rural school.

The State Board of Education then said that there was no way that Hope could remain an independent school, since all of the other schools of Northern Eddy county have asked to be joined into the Artesia district.

We would like to make it clear to the people that the Hope Board of Education had no choice in this matter, but we do believe that under the circumstances it is better to join the Artesia district than to become a rural school. The Artesia school assumes the responsibility of providing Hope with a modern grade school.

When the State Board of Education joins Hope into the Artesia district, Hope will have a modern grade school, but all high school pupils will be transported to Artesia. This action is by the State Board of Education and neither the Hope Board of Education nor the Hope people have any authority to change it.—R. L. Lea.

6th, 7th and 8th Grade News: We lost three students to other schools during the holidays. The Bishop twins, James and Gene, returned to their home in Midland, Texas. Hazel McCabe moved to Artesia. Elaine Miller, an 8th grader has transferred from Vallecitas to Hope. Don Posey from Chama is starting to school here. He is an 8th grader. Several students visited in other towns during the holidays. Christine Seeley went to Crossrocks and Artesia. Billy Madron visited in Ozono, Texas. Charlotte went to Blackwell, Dub Cox visited in Austin, Nancy Cano went to Roswell and Jerry Harris went to Roswell. We all had a nice Christmas. Several of the students caught colds over the holidays. Melissa went to the doctor to have her eyes tested and she has to have glasses.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Lea spent two days this week in El Paso and visited Mr. and Mrs. Darell Parker while there.

The Way Things Look to Me

(By the Editor)



Here it is the first of the new year and I am going to try and write a column under the above heading each week. How long I will continue this, remains to be seen. So here goes:

I have just finished dreading a story entitled, "The Left Hand of God," by William E. Barrett. It is a story of a Catholic mission in China. It is well worth reading. Another story is, "The High Ceiling," by James Street. Baptist people will enjoy reading this story. Both of these books can be secured at the Hope Library, and can be kept for a period of two weeks.

What would we do without the Artesia public library? The new quarters in the basement of the city hall are a big improvement over the old location. New books are being received every week. Books are available for adults and juveniles.

The new year was ushered in by a Ford car bearing South Dakota license plates, overturning at the Selman corner, one mile east of Hope on Highway 83. The car was practically demolished. How the occupants escaped from being killed is a miracle. How long is the State Highway Department going to let this condition exist? By constructing one mile of highway, five corners can be eliminated. That's something to think about!

Wednesday, a meeting was held by the members of the Hope Water Co., Inc. The articles of incorporation were signed by the officers of the company. A formal application for the \$50,000 loan was made. Mr. Siegenthaler of Artesia and Mr. McAllister of Carlsbad were present. Mr. Siegenthaler is the attorney representing the water company and Mr. McAllister represents the government. The next thing to be done now is to raise \$5,000 to be on deposit in a bank in Artesia. Then a drilling firm can be contacted and work started on drilling a water well.

After talking things over with Supt. Ralph Lea, members of the School Board and patrons of the Hope school, it seems the sentiment is leaning toward consolidation with the Artesia school district. The situation is this: On account of lack of attendance, we are going to lose our high school. Everyone is sorry about this, but to maintain a high school we must have a certain number of students enrolled each year. Therefore next fall we must send our high school students to Artesia. If we continue as a rural school we will have to send our high school students to Artesia anyway. Therefore why not join the Artesia school district now? It is reported that Supt. Mayfield of Artesia has

said that if the Hope district will join into Artesia, they will build a new school building in Hope large enough to accommodate the first eight grades. This building to be strictly modern in every respect.

But here is a thought that comes up—if our students are to be hauled to Artesia and back each day, what is the Artesia school district or the State Board of Education going to do about Highway 83? The sharp corners have long been designated as traffic hazards. Are we going to let our boys and girls run a chance of being killed or crippled while on their way to or from school? That's all for now.

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Preaching second and fourth Sundays.

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Psalms 40:1-4: "I waited patiently for the Lord and He inclined unto me and heard my cry."

He brought me up also out of a horrible pit, out of the miry clay and set my feet upon a rock and established my goings. And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it and fear, and shall trust in the Lord. Blessed is that man that maketh the Lord his trust and respecteth not the proud, nor such as turn aside unto lies."

The individual who has found the Lord his refuge can testify to these truths.

Extension Club

The Extension club will meet with Mrs. John Ward, Wednesday, Jan. 21 for an all-day meeting. The demonstration will be ball-point painting. Bring something to practice on. Mrs. Nelson Jones, reporter.

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Brother Noble and wife and daughter have returned from Oklahoma, where they enjoyed Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Newsom were in Artesia Tuesday. Their pump has broken down.

Funeral Is Held Saturday for Ezra R. Teel

Funeral services for Ezra Reeves Teel pioneer Southeastern New Mexico resident, were held Saturday afternoon in the Hope Methodist Episcopal church.

Mr. Teel was 79 at the time of his death last Thursday in Artesia General hospital, where he had been confined through an extended illness.

He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Marion Teel, and was born Aug. 16, 1873, in Anderson county, Texas. He came to New Mexico in 1916.

Mr. Teel was a trail driver during the early days in New Mexico. He at one time left the state to spend 16 years in Arizona, but came back to start a cattle and feed business.

He is survived by three sisters and a brother. They are Mrs. Janey Richards, San Diego, Calif.; Mrs. Pearl Wilson, El Paso; Mrs. Esther Cole, Hope; and W. Newt Teel, Hope.

Acting as pallbearers in Saturday's services were Elmer Teel, Houston Teel, Andy Teel, George O. Teel, all nephews of Mr. Teel, and Lawrence Blakeney, a close friend.

3rd, 4th and 5th Grade News: We enjoyed giving our operetta "Off to Santa's House" and we were glad to see so many relatives and friends at the performance. We were so excited over our Christmas tree and all of the gifts that it was hard to wait. We enjoyed it the most and what a good popping good time the boys all had when they received pop guns off the tree. We were so noisy that several people came to see if we were shooting fire crackers, but we decided Christmas was the one time of the year when we could have fun. We appreciated the apples from Mrs. Dick Carson, walnuts from Mrs. George O. Teel and candy bars from Mrs. George Teel of Artesia, but formerly of Hope. We had fun in filling our own sacks this year. We were happy to paint tin cans and fill them with candy and goodies for our parents, for we are trying to learn that it is better to give than to receive. Mrs. Lea told us all good bye and said that she would see us "next year." But decided she meant after Christmas. (Too late for last week).

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Lea spent several days last week at Temple, Texas where Mrs. Lea went through the Scott and White clinic. The weather was cold and damp while they were there and they were glad to return to Hope where the sun was shining. They returned by way of Carlsbad, where they spent the night with Mr. and Mrs. Byron Marlar, Sarah May and Al who is home on leave from the Navy.

LANDSUN

FRI. - SAT.

"Five Fingers"

James Mason

SUN. - MON. - TUES.

"Lydia Bailey"

Dale Robertson
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Wed Check Night

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FRI-SAT

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and

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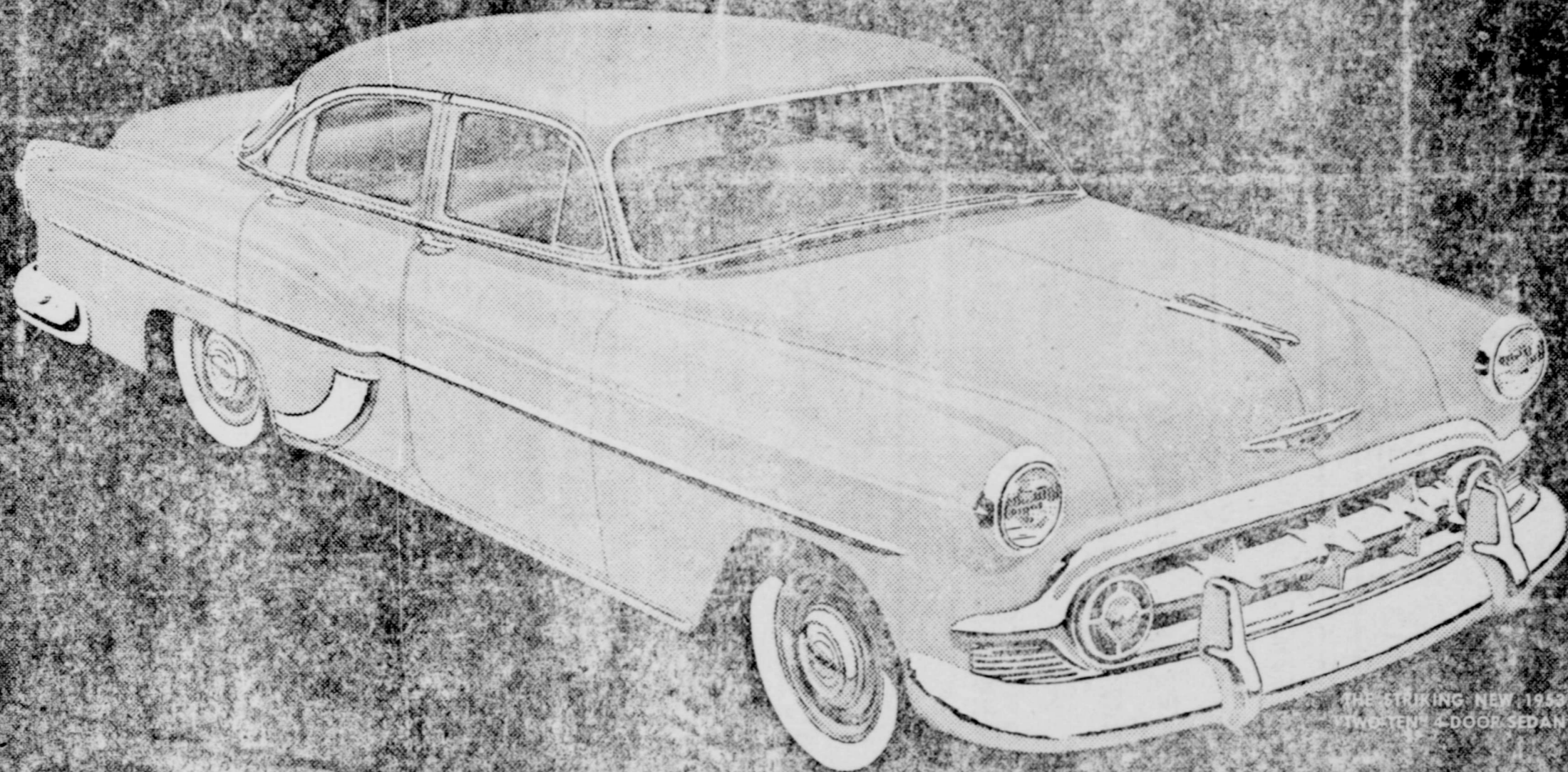
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