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## What Transpired At Santa Fe

1. The State Board of Education placed the Hope high school and all other North Eddy county schools in the district with Artesia. Since there are not enough children to maintain municipal standing here and since they felt the benefits of an Artesia alliance would be greater than those of a county tie-up.

2. Artesia is to be given a recommendation the high school in Hope be left as it is for at least one more year after the present one, as a 4-year accredited municipal school.

3. No action is to be taken upon the removal of the Hope high school until a thorough study has been made of bus routes and positions of bus children. This is to be made by Artesia, Mr. Wiley, one member of the board and Mr. Reece.

4. The binding recommendation that this high school be left at its present site was made because of the extreme distances the children would have to travel. The state board is of the opinion that 1½ hours is long enough for children to be on the road.

January 9, 1953

Mr. Ralph L. Lea,  
Superintendent of Schools  
Hope, New Mexico

Dear Superintendent Lea:

After taking the matter of holding an election for your municipal school board members under advisement, I find that because of the enrollment you do not meet the requirements as set up by law. It is best, therefore, not to hold an election.

By allowing the election to go by default the present membership on the board will continue to serve until such time as the municipal school district becomes a rural school district.

The consolidation with Artesia cannot, in my way of thinking, be affected until the district automatically is dropped to the status of a rural district and then by consolidation be made part of the Artesia Municipal school district.

I hope the foregoing gives you the information you desire.

Sincerely yours,

Tom Wiley,

Supt. of Public Instruction.

## Basketball News

We won! The Hope Yellow Jackets "A" team challenged the Cloudcroft Bears on the home court Friday, Jan. 16 and defeated them 66-38. The Bears stayed fairly close in scoring the first half, but the ndropped behind. David was high point man with 21, Joe was right on his heels with 20, following were Dolph with 10, Robert 8, Bobby 5 and Trent 2.

The Junior High lost 28-37. Gregorio was high point man with seven points. Billy Stephens did not suit out until the last half.

The Weed "A" and Junior teams will play here Friday, Jan. 23. There will be two games, 7 and 8 o'clock.

The following night, Jal will play one game here Jan. 24. They were

formerly scheduled to play at Jal but plans have been changed.

Let's see everyone out for these two games! We need some backing and support for these boys. The last few games there have been more from the opposing teams than from Hope. Let's show we are interested in the school and its activities.

## Important Changes Due Government

Everybody realizes that important changes in the conduct of the government will begin to take place as soon as President Eisenhower moves into the White House. But it's probably true that a relatively small proportion of the American people realize just how sweeping those changes are likely to be. Here, in capsule form is what will probably happen, based on Eisenhower's appointments, on statements made by him and close advisors, and on the opinions of people whose business it is to weigh and assess and forecast the course of events in Washington:

**EXECUTIVE OFFICE.** As U. S. News & World Report put it, Eisenhower "will reorganize the Executive Office of the President from top to bottom. This will be one of the first and most significant acts of his new regime." When F. D. Roosevelt moved in, there were just 95 people employed by the office, including servants. Now there are close to 1200. Eisenhower objectives will be a thorough streamlining job, more efficiency, less confusion and conflict within his personal establishment. Governor Adams, whose role will be that of a chief of staff, will be the coordinator and he will have broad authority. In essence, the new set-up will be on military lines.

**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.** It is a well known fact that Eisenhower believes there has been much waste here, that often we haven't received a dollar's worth of result for each dollar spent. Secretary Wilson, who left one of the highest paid positions in industry for his new job, will follow a firm line with the military people. Frills will be cut out, duplication of effort within and between the services eliminated. Maximum defense for minimum money will be the goal.

**DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR.** A mapor housecleaning is in the cards. The theorists and social planners will no longer be the big influences. Secretary McKay will emphasize state and local rights, responsibilities and obligations—he is strongly against the "big government" idea that dominated the Roosevelt-Truman regimes, and was particularly marked in Interior. On the polic ylevel, all the faces will be new.

**DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY.** Here too there will be changes all along the line—conservative changes, based largely on the classical economic theories. The debt will be reduced, the tax system re-examined, particularly as it affects the ability of business to expand, and everything possible done to fight further depreciation of the dollar. And here too practical, experienced men will make the policies, and there will

be little room for the theorists.

**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.** A Wall Street Journal feature article, signed by Angus Deming, had this to say: "A coldly critical scrutiny is in store for the government's \$2,000,000,000 farm-price-propping operations . . . The probable line of attack: Attempt to improve marketing and distribution to such an extent that increased consumption will take care of most surpluses, thus do away with much of the Agriculture Department's expensive price-support activities." The idea will be to solve agriculture's problems through a business-like approach, with less reliance on government and the Treasury.

So it will go, all down the line. President Eisenhower will not be able to accomplish miracles overnight—he is, after all, inheriting the deficits and the governmental structure created by 20 years of Fair Deal-New Deal rule. But the new brooms will be put to work once with instructions to sweep hard and thoroughly.

## Hope to Retain High School

After a rousing mass meeting held last Thursday at the high school, the patrons of the Hope school decided to send a committee to Santa Fe to meet with the state school board and the state school superintendent. The following committee composed of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Clements, Orris Cleve, George Casabonne, Mrs. Anderson Young, Tempe Cox and Charley Barley, went to Santa Fe on the 19th and met with the state board. Personal appeals by the local committee for the continuation of the Hope high school did not make much impression with the members of the state board, but the long distance the children would have to travel from their homes in Chaves and Otero counties to Artesia and back, forced the state board to keep the high school in Hope for 1953 and 1954, at least and perhaps longer.

But we are now a member of the Artesia municipal school district, with one member of the school board elected from here. The Hope school board signed the document creating said situation without consulting the wishes of the school patrons. Why this was done is a question that is going unanswerable in the minds of many of the Hope people.

Upon their return from Santa Fe, the committee recommended that we not allow the Artesia district to push us around. We should know our rights and stand up for them.

Several from Hope, Chaves and Otero districts have said that if Artesia puts too much pressure on school matters, they will draw their financial support from the Artesia banks and transfer them to Roswell or Carlsbad. That's something to think about.

We have overcome the first obstacle, we are retaining our high school for the next two years and let us meet other problems as they come with a united front.

The committee who donated their

time and trouble to go to Santa Fe should have a vote of thanks from the community.

## Hope Applies for \$50,000 Loan

The members of the Hope Water Corporation, Inc., held a meeting Monday and unanimously voted to file their application for a loan of \$50,000 from the Farm Home Administration. The loan has already been approved, only the matter of making a formal application remained.

But before the \$50,000 can be made available, the town of Hope must have \$5,000 on deposit in one of the Artesia banks. Therefore it is now up to the town board to raise \$5,000.

If there is anyone who has any ideas on how to do this, please come forth with your plan.

We are hoping that there will be enough liberal minded people around so that this \$5,000 can be raised within a month.

Will you help Hope get a water well? We need water so badly. Mail or bring your donations to Ethel Altman, Mayor, Hope, N. M.

## The Low Down From Hickory Grove

Like old Mr. Father Time limps out with his battered scythe, bent back and over-all decrepid-like, forlorn look—as the artists picture him—we now have an actual scene. I fetch this matter up now as a warning—advance notice, and my good turn—to the vigorous, prancing, confident new outfit taking over in its taks of clearing out and away the misfits, the useless, expensive and burdensome fimiddles that have been piled, layer on layer, on the guileless. And to elaborate on "guileless," it is just a degree or two more police than "sucker." We been led down a devious path—we been babes-in-the-woods. We thought we were going elsewhere than where we did go—and are.

And now, like Mr. Washington Irving's Rip Van Winkle, we awake with a start, we find a rusty, broken Govt. in our hand. But at this late date we have lowered the boom on the creaky Govt. we once thought could do no wrong.

Are you driving at something, says Henry. Don't get petulant, I says. This warning and notice is to the New Crowd—it, too, can limp out forlor nand tattered if it figures everything is in the bag, perpetual. Oh! says Henryr. And furthermore, I says, it better show some speed—we been around more—not as simple now as we once were.

Yours with the low-down,  
JO SERRA.

For a change the wind blew again Wednesday. If we had more rain and less wind, this would be an ideal country.

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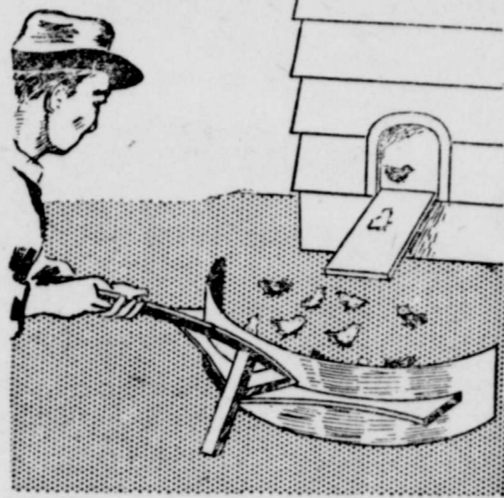
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The editor was sick with the flu last week. Mrs. John Hardin came up from Artesia and helped issue the paper.

M. C. Newsom has been cleaning out the city hall this week. He has been tearing down some of the old outbuildings. There is a "Chick Sale" building left. If anyone wants to buy it, you'd better come around and try it out for size.

### Sage and Cactus

By doughBelly Price

There is not a doubt in my simple mind, but what Ike Eisenhower is a great man. But I believe he has been blown up about enough. Better wait and see how he gets along. He may be called everything but a lady and a gentleman before long. Such has happened before you know. You hear them screaming over the radio every day about the deaths on the highways. I give them the remedy for that several months ago. DONT LET A CAR ON THE ROAD TILL IT IS PAID FOR. no body paid any attention to it. as long as there is fast high powered cars on the roads, there will be deaths. You can call out the army, the navy, and all the marines, legislate all the laws you can put on the books, and machinery is still machinery and not perfect. this speed has become a custom and will stay a custom as long as fast cars is made.

As many cars as there is on the roads today the death rate is not so great. Before automobiles, if there had been as many horses and wagons on the road, there would have been one a day killed. That is about what New Mexico runs, one a day. I think the drivers of today is doing a good job. it is a wonder to me that there is not twenty five killed a day in New Mexico. As I see it the nut behind the steering wheel is doing a

good job. The lawmaking body of New Mexico is ganged up in Santa Fe now to split the jackpot that was left over from the last raid on the taxpayers pocket book. they opened with a prayer, and had to send out and get a Skypilot to say the prayer. the yshould have got a taxpayer, he would have knowed what to aks for, and as soon as the prayer was over adjourn and go home. But that is just another old custom that has got to be it seems. Just a necessary evil.

### RANCHERS! TAKE NOTICE!

I have eight good ranches for sale in Northern New Mexico, big ones and some irrigated ranches in Colorado, from 160 acres to 320 acres.

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