

# PENASCO VALLEY NEWS

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## Baseball at Artesia Friday, Saturday

Baseball fans are going to get a thrill of a lifetime this weekend. The Potashers from Carlsbad will oppose the Drillers in a three-game series. The first one Friday night (tonight), the second one Saturday afternoon and the third Saturday night. The game in the afternoon, will be called at 2 o'clock and in the evening at 7 o'clock. Saturday being Memorial attend. This will give fans from the mountain section a chance to pack a lunch and stay all day.

We might mention that adjoining the ball park is a beautiful spot equipped with fireplaces and tables for visitors from everywhere who want to bring a baked chicken or a ham or a freezer full of ice cream and enjoy life between games.

All kinds of cold drinks, plus peanuts, popcorn and candy will be available at the concession stand in the ball park.

## Hiway Department Official Here

Monday, an official of the state highway department called on the town officials. He was checking on the progress being made on securing easements on Highway 3 east of Hope. He said the state and the county are ready to get started on this work, as soon as the easements are signed.

The easements have been received and efforts are being made to get them signed as soon as possible. The elimination of the curves will be a big improvement and everyone who has the best interests of Hope at heart should be willing to sign at once, so the work can be started.

## Extension Club Meets

The Extension club met with Mrs. John Ward last Wednesday. The club was to have met with Mrs. Cecil Coates, but on account of her illness Mrs. Ward was hostess. Those present were Mes. Cahape, Dick Carson, Roy Bell, Catherine Williams, Alice Waltham, Cecil Coates, Billie Coates, Charlie Cole, Nelson Jones, Faye Weddige, Miss Howell and Mrs. John Ward and Mrs. Bridgeman, visitors. We had a nice lunch and Miss Howell showed us pictures on improved closet and cabinet space.

The next meeting will be held at Barley's, June 17. We are to make cancer bandages.—Mrs. Nelson Jones, reporter.

## Supervisors of Soil Conservation Districts Meet

All supervisors of the Soil Conservation Districts which comprise Area No. 6 will hold a meeting in Artesia May 29, at the Veterans Memorial building.

Supervisors will attend from Carrizozo, Capitan, Roswell, Hagerman, Dexter, Lovington, Hope, Carlsbad and Artesia. The State Soil Conservation committee will also meet in an

executive board meeting on that day, which will bring representatives from over the state.

The program will consist of talks by men from over the state who will discuss items of interest to all farmers and ranchers, and will begin at 1 p. m. These speakers include E. O. Moore, state president of SCD, W. P. Cater, board member and state senator; R. A. Young, New Mexico state conservationist, Lee T. Morgan of the soil conservation service regional office, a forest service representative and several others.

All farmers, ranchers, business men and others who are interested are cordially invited May 29, 1 to 5 p. m.

## Penasco S.C.D. News and Views

(By Clem Weinderf)

Elsewhere in this issue of the Penasco Valley News, you may have read of the meeting of the Soil Conservation district supervisors are having in Artesia today. Now this meeting is not only for the supervisors of the districts, but for all farmers, ranchers, business men etc, who are interested in the conservation program. It would sort of make me proud if a large representation from this district were there. I guarantee that you will not be sorry, or think that you have wasted a half day, if you go. I have heard several of the speakers on the program and they always have a very interesting talk to give. Anyway a lot of you are going in to see the Artesia-Carlsbad game that night, so why not come a little earlier and take in this meeting. May 29, 1 p. m., at the Vets building.

In my everyday contacts with the public, I find that there is some confusion as to what a SCD is and the SCS is. Although the initials used in referring to them are somewhat similar, the Soil Conservation District (SCD) and the Soil Conservation Service (SCS) are distinctly different outfits.

The SCD is a specified area in which a group of farmers and ranchers have banded together to practice conservation of their land. They are legal subdivisions of the state of New Mexico, or whatever state they are in, as formed by the vote of the landowner.

The SCS is a federal agency of the department of agriculture which lends technical assistance and service to landowners within a district.

The district, which elects five landowners who supervise and administer its business, is completely independent of the federal government or any part of the state government other than the law under which it was created. It answers to no individual or agency.

Many times I will run across the idea that the SCS owns the equipment this Penasco district has running. This equipment was purchased by the district out of funds it has on hand from rentals received for the work done on ranches and farms in the district with this equipment. So give all credit to your supervisors, who have made it possible for you to

## HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH

Earl H. Brock, Mission Pastor  
Sunday school, 10 a. m., each Sunday; preaching, 11 a. m. and 7:15 p. m., first and third Sundays.

Elk Mission: Sunday school 10 a. m., each Sunday; preaching 11 a. m. and 7:15 p. m., second and fourth Sundays.

We were at Elk last Sunday, had a good day, both morning and evening. We have good reports from the services at Hope, also. Next Sunday being the fifth Sunday, we will be at Hope for preaching, both morning and evening. We are expecting a number of out of town visitors in these services, we invite all to come, make the visitors feel welcome. Have you noticed anything new in Hope? I have not heard it, but I understand we have a new church bell in our town. It is a fine thing when we can have a reminder of worship services in any man's town. We have completed the interior decoration of our Sunday school department, every one is proud of it. Our men and women have worked faithfully to accomplish this task. Always when people work together at a given task, they enjoy the accomplishment. Come and worship with us, see if you cannot rejoice with us over our finished work.

## Sage and Cactus

By Doughbelly Price

I want to be president of these U. N. S. I have everything it takes but one. I can give away the tidelands. I can hike the salary of the Reps and Congress men. I can cut taxes (SIC). I can order a gob of atomic cannons made that will be so big and heavy they will have to stay where they are made. The one thing I can't do is play that cowpasture pool (golf). I never was a professor. I never wore one of them four cornered hats that looks like Washington crossing the Delaware. I never did give away a bank or have a bank account that was not in the red. What I would do. The first thing would be to kick the rear of McCarthy's britches to let him know that he is a very small part of this U. S. Tell these foreign countries that we can run our own business. Disband Congress. Send them birds home where they can fight with their wives and appropriate their own money and see how liberal they handle it. Declare a moratorium (boy that is a good word) on investigations. Put a zipper on the lips of them that stayed in Washington and just let them take it off when we was eating. Have silence and plenty of it and our business would not be everybodys business and Russia wouldn't know before we do what we was going to do. I would try to do some thing for this country and I wouldn't ask England, France and Japan's opinion to see if it suited them or not. And if they screamed too loud just chop off the groceries. We are feeding them and they want to tell us what to put on the table.

rent a large tractor, such as this district has, at a rental price that is set up so that it will pay its own way, such as repair and depreciation. The SCS does not even own the paint on this equipment.



### LOOKING AHEAD

BY GEORGE S. BENSON  
President—Harding College  
Searcy, Arkansas

## The New "Mr. Housing"

Washington — If you live in America and want to own your own home or improve the one you's got, the federal government is developing a plan to provide more help toward making your dream come true. If you are a tenant and your yearning is merely for better housing, plans are afoot in Washington that will help you too, through the promotion of more and better rental housing throughout the nation. But the Big Idea of the federal government becoming "Mr. Landlord" for a substantial portion of the population is withering on the vine.

These facts were gathered in talks I've just had with officials in charge of federal housing activities for the Eisenhower administration. The key interview was with Albert M. Cole, administrator of the Housing and Home Finance Agency, in which the principal housing aid programs are centered. He is the new "Mr. Housing" in Washington. He seems to be a man with vision but with his feet on the ground.

## A New Concept

The biggest news Mr. Cole gave me concerns a thorough-going study which his agency is making at the request of President Eisenhower. The study is for the purpose of developing a plan through which the government can promote the building of more homes and better rental housing without upsetting basic governmental and economic principles that have made our people free and our nation the most prosperous in the world. The plan will be submitted to Mr. Eisenhower within a few months and likely will become his administration's conception of the government's proper role in the field of housing.

"There is a great job to be done," said Mr. Cole with enthusiasm. "I believe that not enough people have been assisted in the housing activities of the past. I think we can de-

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"I Trapped a Dope Ring" . . . Here are the frank, terrifying revelations of Patricia Williams, an 18-year-old dope addict who takes you behind the scenes of the shadow world she lived in. She tells how teen-agers become addicted to dope . . . how she risked her life to help police smash a million-dollar dope ring. Read it in The American Weekly, that great magazine distributed with next Sunday's Los Angeles Examiner.

There was one fortunate girl in the senior class graduated here, Leslie Fisher. She had her mother, dad, two grandmothers, one grandfather, one great grandfather and grandmother (on her mother's side) at the graduation program. There isn't many seniors that lucky, wonder if she realizes how lucky she is? — Contributed.

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It's time to end what has been aptly called, "big dam foolishness."



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## Hope Commencement

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Dr. John Hart, professor of physics at New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology, Socorro, was commencement speaker.

Addresses by honor students were given by Eugene Lee, valedictorian, and Euda Marie Cox, salutatorian.

### Gives Invocation—

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velop a comprehensive program, through this intensive study were making, which will give more people better housing than if we limit it to a few privileged people who gain access through political consideration or the like. All of us engaged in this study are tremendously interested in establishing a progressive housing policy which will promote decent housing without restricting the personal liberties of our citizens."

### No "Bureaucrat"

Mr. Cole is from Kansas. He has a background of legislative and Congressional experience, having served several terms in the House of Representatives. He thus has a healthy respect for the prerogatives of Congress as representing the rightful power of the people.

"Our basic job," he said, "is to carry out such housing policies as Congress decrees." Top housing authorities of Congress will be participating in Cole's study now underway, and he makes it clear that any forthcoming plan, if approved by President Eisenhower, will be in the form of a recommendation for the consideration of Congress. Meantime, Cole's agency is being set up to carry out Congressional approval for the building units where most needed during the coming fiscal year. These will be needed largely in areas of new military installations.

### Good Goal

The interview with Cole was one of the series I've been doing to acquaint readers of the column with the personalities and plans of the new Eisenhower government "team." Government-built housing and rent control have been most tempting bait in the Socialist countries. I've visited such countries and know how miserably the full-blown public housing scheme has failed in its objective. The idea has been pushed intensively by some of our home-grown specialists, spurred on by the Leftwing conspirators who want to wreck our economy and government. But now it's losing out.

Albert Cole's philosophy is attuned to true liberalism. He believes profoundly in the principle of private property, in private enterprise, in individual responsibility. Yet he believes government has a great responsibility to help citizens obtain for themselves the material blessings of life, including good housing. In the interview he would not venture to predict the nature of the new federal housing concept and plan now in process of development; but one goal, as I understand it, is to make self-reliance in home owning and housing easier to achieve among all levels of our citizenry. It's a good goal, a progressive objective of good government.

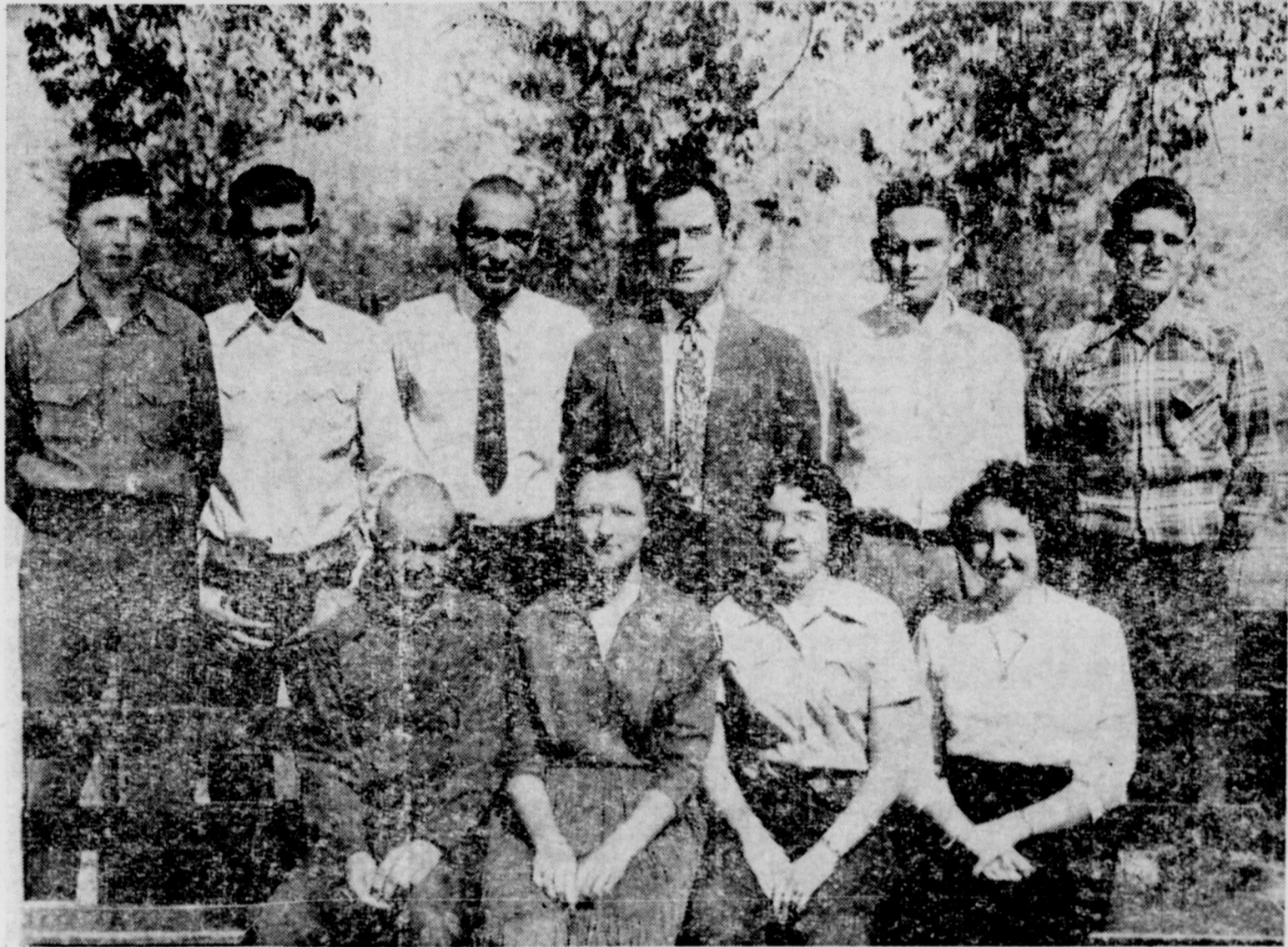
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## Hope High School Graduates Nine Seniors



HOPE SENIORS in 1953 graduating class are, left to right, seated, Dolph Jones, Lessie Fisher, Carol Munson, and Eula Marie Cox; standing, Joe Sanders, Robert Wood, Ray Silkwood, sponsor, Eugene Lee, and David Sanders. Eugene is valedictorian, Eula Marie salutatorian.

## The Low Down From Hickory Grove

I put in my oar today on the side of the ones in this land who are fed up and weary of our long distance far-away type of Govt., where a fellow swings around in his chair there in Old Swivel-chair-town on the Potomac and says what we gotta do here in Hickory or in Savannah, Ga., or Deadwood, S. D., if we are to get a handout from Uncle Sam. And this gent making the big decision has most likely never been in Hickory or Savannah or Deadwood—or knows beans about what we need, don't want or do want.

So now, what. The real job is up to the Nation's editors—it is their task to show their subscribers, lunch club speakers and such that Uncle Sam's money now being dispensed so lavish-like is not a gift. This dinero is charged to your account and my account—it was once ours until the tax man lifted it. Calling it a gift is bosh.

Here in our little county the welfare expense per year is 4 million bucks. Of this total, the state Govt. and the Big Govt. "donate" 3,500,000. It is a round-about merry-go-round affair—it has been foolin' us. We have been slickered and happy all at the same time. As wizards we have not been a super superior howling suc-

cess. You might even say we been vice versa, or almost. Yours with the low down, JO SERRA.

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