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## Carmalita Ordunez Fatally Burned

The residence occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Pilar Ordunez caught fire Saturday night about 11 o'clock and burned to the ground. Mrs. Ordunez was the only one in the house at the time, her husband being away looking after his sheep at Dog Canyon. Before Mrs. Ordunez could be rescued from the flames, she was burned so badly that she died at the Artesia General hospital Sunday afternoon.

Funeral services were held at Our Lady of Grace Catholic church at Artesia a 1 P. M. Tuesday. Interment was made in the Lower Cemetery at Hope.

Carmalita Chavez was born in Mexico in July 1913. She studied to be a nurse and helped in taking care of the sick and wounded during the siege of Corrigador in World War II. She married Pilar Ordunez in Roswell in February 1952.

Besides her husband she is survived by two brothers, Paul Chavez of Kansas and Carlos Chavez of Idaho; one sister, Mrs. Irene Johnson of Kansas and a half brother, Roy Emmett Clary of Fort Worth.

The house in which the Ordunez family was living is owned by a niece of Mrs. A. A. Smith who died a few years ago. The house as well as the contents were completely destroyed. It is reported that there was no insurance on either the house or personal effects of Mr. and Mrs. Ordunez.

## Work on Highway 83 Is Progressing

It won't be long now, before the state highway department can assemble their forces and get busy and black top Highway 3 between Artesia and Hope.

Glenn Danford, highway construction foreman and his crew have done an efficient job on constructing the base and applying the layer of caliche. By the end of this week, the state could put on the top coat. They might consider leaving the road as it is until next spring. That would be all right if we were sure of plenty of rain, but if the wind blows instead half of the caliche will be gone by spring.

## Christmas Decorations

Anyone wanting to decorate for Christmas please contact Mrs. Ethel Altman or Mrs. John Ward. Efforts are being made to beautify Hope for the holiday season.

Immanuel Lutheran Church  
9th and Washington, Artesia  
Rev. W. Klattenhoff, Pastor  
Sunday Services:  
Divine Worship 8:15 A. M.  
Sunday School 9:15 A. M.

## Wilma Hardin Celebrates Birthday

Last Friday, Wilma Hardin celebrated her sixth birthday with a party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Rood in Hope. Ice cream and cake were served. The birthday candies were lighted and blown out several times and everyone had a good time.

Those present were Shirley Cox, Iris Joan Hunter, Freda Joyce Hunter, Stevie James, LaVeda Madron, Stanley and Paulette Davis, Mrs. Mary Jane Davis, Mrs. Dee Madron, Mrs. Harrison, Mrs. Lyle Hunter, Mrs. M. S. Brown of Artesia, Mrs. John Hardin, Mrs. W. E. Rood, W. E. Rood, Helen Hardin and Katherine Hardin.



## Freedom is Declared

To really know America and what it's made of, we need frequently to take a refresher course in American history. Before any citizen approves any measure shifting responsibility and political and economic power from the hands of the citizenry to the hands of government bureaucracy he should be reminded especially of the purposes of our great founding documents and the conditions out of which they emerged.

Two documents stand out among all those adopted by the citizens of this new world—the Declaration of Independence and the United States Constitution. Why were they written, why were they needed? In this column let's apply that question to the Declaration of Independence and look back upon the struggling colonies. Then, next week, we can follow through with the Constitution.

## Regimentation Applied

By and large the American colonists of the early 1700's felt a strong allegiance to Great Britain and the Crown. For a time Britain encouraged this allegiance by permitting the colonists great liberties—in foreign trade and in their domestic affairs. But after 1763, when the French were driven off the North American continent, England began to apply harsh and restrictive measures—the Sugar Act, the Stamp Act, the Declaratory Act which declared that the king, by and with consent of Parliament, had authority to make laws "to bind the colonies in all respects." Regimentation became the lot of the colonists. It became clear that England would enforce the proposition that the colonies existed for one purpose—the good of the mother country.

As rebellion against loss of personal liberty began to be fanned, England clamped on even more burdensome restrictions. Some were designed as punishment. Government became the master of the people of the new world. Patrick Henry, Jefferson,

Franklin—the powerful voices of the oppressed people spoke out. The flame of freedom gathered in intensity. One after another, incidents flared. British soldiers were sent in and began to march threateningly about the countryside. In 1775 the fighting began—at Concord, Mass.

## The Cause

In the midst of war, the leaders of the embattled colonies gathered at Philadelphia in the first Continental Congress. They appointed a committee of five to draft a declaration of independence. The committee asked Thomas Jefferson to write it. Ben Franklin and John Adams later penned in a few minor revisions, and Jefferson then presented the final document to the Congress. It was adopted, as nearly everyone knows, on July 4, 1776.

The purpose of this historic Declaration was set forth clearly: "When in the course of human events it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, a separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation."

## Freedom Philosophy

Next the great philosophy of the free man was written into the Declaration: "We hold these truths to be self evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. That to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed."

Read again this historic purpose of government—"to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed . . ." hat says clearly that the purpose of government is to safeguard the citizen's unalienable rights—the rights to live, the right to be free, and the right to pursue happiness in one's own way. When we examine our government today we see how far afield we have permitted it to go. It's now a dominant power in nearly every phase of our everyday life. Will we hold back its growth now—or will we permit it to go on until our personal liberty has evaporated?

## Hope News

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Hunter and family and Dic Carson and family spent Thanksgiving in Carlsbad the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Herschel Bragg.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Carson of Pecos, Texas spent Thanksgiving in Cloudcroft, guests of relatives and friends.

W. G. Davis who has been in the hospital in Hobbs, suffering from burns resulting from a gas explosion was flown to El Paso Monday morning where he will be given special

treatment. His wife, Mary Jane, went with him.

The Joe Young family entertained a few friends Thanksgiving week. Those present were Mrs. Earl Cone of Newbery, Ark.; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cone, Searcy, Ark.; Mrs. E. O. Jenkins and son Dickey of Camden, Ark.; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cobble of Vancouver, Wash.; Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Massey of Yuma, Ariz.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Wallac and family of Las Cruces visited Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Altman Saturday.

Jesse Buckner and family from Carlsbad visited in Hope Sunday evening.

Elmer Madron and family had Thanksgiving dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Jess Anderson.

Eula Marie Cox and friend Mary Lou Easley, from Silver City, spent Thanksgiving in Hope.

Bill Watts and family spent Thanksgiving in Morenci, Ariz., the guests of friends and relatives.

John Hardin and family spent Thanksgiving in Hope, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Rood.

First and Second Grade News — Hurrah! Gray had his stitches removed and is back as good as new. Sybil has recovered from her intestinal flu. Gerald is back with his right eye plastered over but he is back. We have a new girl, Donna Lea Garrett, in the second grade and we love her already. Cecil is back after a two day sick spell. Otherwise we are still pitching and kicking as lively as a bunch of mules.

We had our pictures made too! We look like a bunch of glamour girls and handsome heroes. Even Mrs. Young kept her eyes open this time. Robert Jones and Joyce Hunter had theirs taken also and were their pictures good! We immediately put the rest of our likenesses in our health shoe.

The second grade gets more excited by the minute. They are about to complete their readers and science books. The first graders counted three more stories in their fourth book and they get a little excited also. Second graders took their first spelling test and nine of the 10 made a 100. We take our second test next week.

Games that are interesting right now are Hop Scotch and Last Couple Out. Hop Scotch has been in full swing for four weeks now. It survived the swing craze and the periodic returns to football. And of course when people get tired of ordinary games, they can always play cowboy and Indian.

Herald of Truth  
Sunday 1:30-2:00 P. M.  
KPBM — 740 K.C.

Sermon: "The Power of the Bible" "ME AND JOE" . . . Marilyn Monroe talks frankly about her romance with Joe DiMaggio. Read what she has to say, along with many other fascinating articles, in The American Weekly, that great magazine distributed with next Sunday's Los Angeles Examiner.

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## Veterans' News Column

Disabled veterans are not asking for government loans to help them through their training, Veterans Administration said.

Although the Congress established a vocational rehabilitation and education revolving fund to assist disabled veterans to either enter or continue their vocational rehabilitation with the help of loans from the fund, the number of applications for this help has been relatively small.

At the close of the last fiscal year (June 30, 1953), there was only \$82,000 of the fund on loan to disabled veterans. The greatest amount ever lent out of this fund was during fiscal year 1949, when more than \$1 million was on loan.

Although the amount which can be lent to an individual veteran is small, it does show that as a group, disabled veterans prefer to manage their finances in such a way that additional aid in the form of loans is not required, VA said.

With more than 111,000 hospital beds in operation, VA is rapidly reaching toward its goal of having an average of 114,000 beds in operation during the current fiscal year. The present number of beds in operation represents a gain of more than 30,000 since the end of World War II, VA said.

By general category of type of care the beds are divided, 13 per cent for tubercular patients, 47 per cent for mental illnesses and 40 per cent for general medical and surgical cases.

## Cattlemen Will Meet in Deming

State cattlemen will meet in Deming, Dec. 7 to analyze the current drought situation and economic problems confronting the livestock industry and submit recommendations to the U.S. department of agriculture and Congress which will be calculated to stabilize and strengthen the position of the industry on a long-time basis, according to Ed Heringa, Clayton, president of the New Mexico Cattle Growers' association.

"In his recent visit to New Mexico Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson invited our organization to recommend steps which might be taken to improve the USDA emergency drought relief program in the southwest," Heringa said, "and we have every reason to believe the secretary will give careful consideration to our suggestions."

Foot and mouth disease in Mexico state and public land problems; proposed government rules on Brucellosis (a livestock disease) control; livestock tax matters and watershed protection are other subjects which are slated for discussion at the Deming meeting.

F. D. Pollard, director of the production loan division, Farmers Home administration, USDA, Washington, D.C., will appear as one of the principle convention speakers. Directly in charge of the government emergency agricultural loan program, Pollard will cover all phases of the government's participation in financing livestock producers who need additional credit at this time.

"The cattle market has strengthened and improved a considerable extent during the past three weeks, and even with unusually large runs of cattle on local and central markets, prices have held more steady than

anyone in the industry expected," Heringa said. "The critical situation has not yet passed, however, we have every reason to believe that conditions within the industry are taking a turn for the best."

## The Low Down From Hickory Grove

In this fair land, "achievement" has been going to town. We buzz through the air with the greatest of ease at 700 miles an hour. We buzz down the highways at 80 with a 200 horsepower motor and that is achieving—but the horsepower exceeds the brain power of the heavy footed. We have developed mechanics—we have neglected the thinking mechanism.

If we are smart enough to fly at 700, we should be smart enough to deduct and boil down to the how-come of the scarcity of mental balance in the land. Also, vertebrae is at a premium. We are pretty well fed. After that, comes laziness. It is easier to far mout our thinking as we take-off on our long weekends.

I see in my new crystal ball "appeasement" in the offing. I see some thing that looks like a Chamberlain an dhis umbrella. I see talk in the big city columns—not in the smaller cities—that maybe Russia really and truly and honestly does want peace without a land grab, and maybe after all, we better accept its signature as showing its desire for purity and good behavior for the long pull. Anybody—young or ol dand with just an average IQ—who would accept a "promise to pay" note by Russia, expecting to ever collect, needs see his phrenologist. "Ruggedness" flavored with horse sense, is the nation's prime need. Softness has not paid off in government, in the schools, any place.

Yours with the low down,  
JO SERRA.

DOLLS, GAMES, TOYS, HOSE, HOUSEHOLD GADGETS AND OTHER GIFT ITEMS CAN BE SEEN AND PURCHASED AT THE NEWS OFFICE AT HOPE. COME IN AND LOOK THEM OVER' —Adv.

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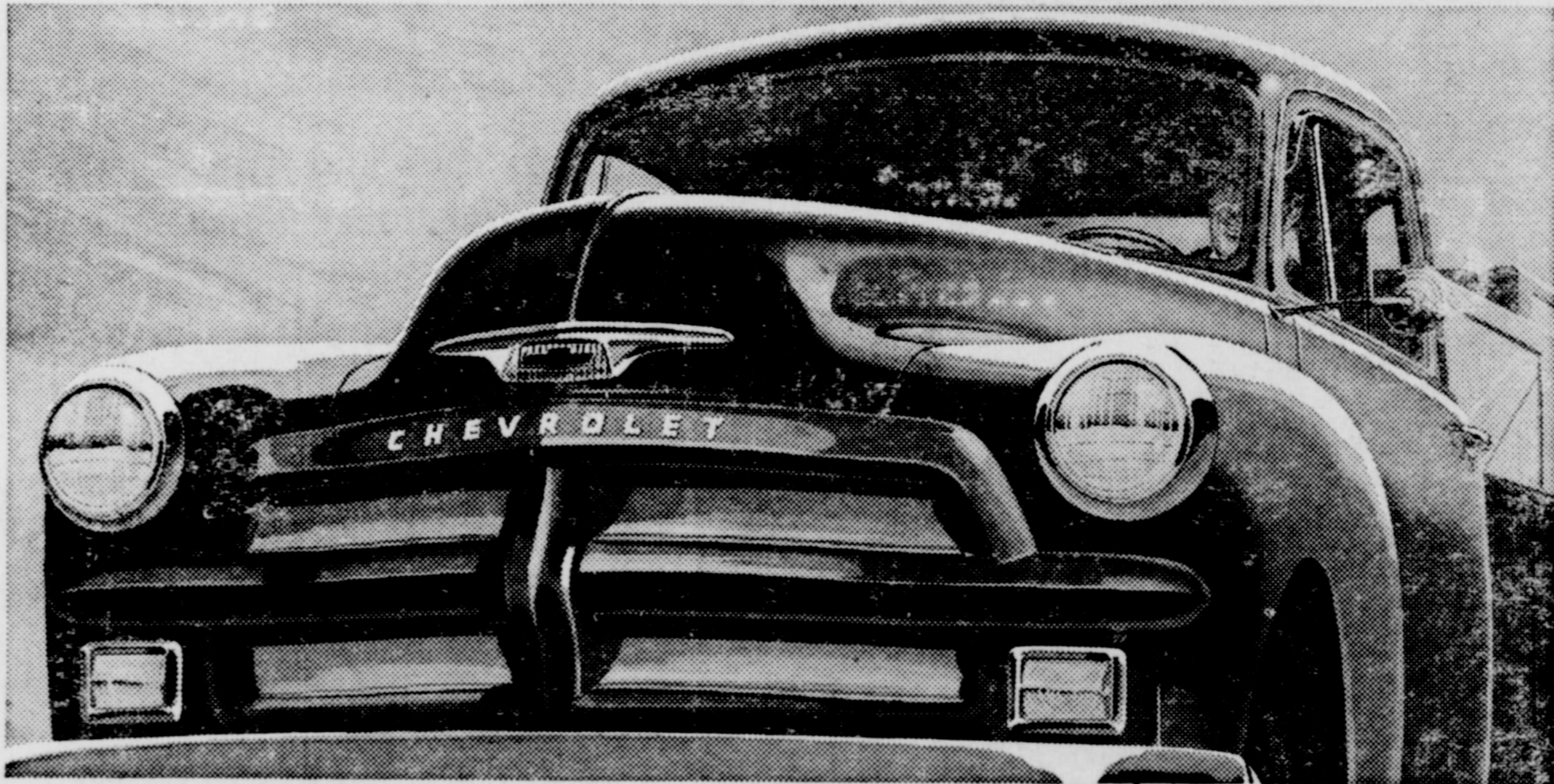
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