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## 700 gal. Well at Hope, N. M.

### Water System to be Completed by April 1

We believe that everyone in New Mexico knows by this time that Hope has a water well that pumps 700 gal. of water per minute. The news has been over the radio and television and everyone is rejoicing with the Petticoats and people of Hope.

To go back a few weeks will state that the contract for drilling the well was let to Leonard George of Hagerman. His crew started to drill Jan. 20. Two 12-hour shifts were operated with Lloyd Harshey Jr. and Lex Hodges operating one shift and Ned Hedges and LeRoy Reades the second.

An 18-inch hole was drilled at first later on it was reduced to 16 inches. At about 540 feet, water was encountered in considerable quantities. The drill stem was now reduced to 13 inches and drilling continued to 600 feet. A 14-inch casing was run own to the 560 foot level. The testing crew from Smith Machinery Co. of Roswell was notified and Saturday morning, Feb. 6 they were on the job. They completed installing the test pump Saturday afternoon at 4 p. m., when the pump was primed and started. It pumped the rest of the afternoon, Saturday night and all day Sunday. At about 4 o'clock Sunday, an official test was made which showed 705 gallons per minute was being pumped at a water level of 518 feet. J. W. Stone, engineer for the Smith Machinery Co. was in charge of tests. Four other tests were made at intervals of one hour.

Jack Sprague of the FHA was in charge of making the loan, T. E. Griffin is the engineer who surveyed the town and made a map of the proposed water lines. oth of these men are gentlemen and we appreciate their efforts in our behalf.

C. C. Westerman of Artesia has

the contract to build the pump house, 30,000-gal. steel storage tank and install water lines. Six inch pipe will be used on the main lines and then reduced to three inches to the water users, leaving a three-quarter inch connection for the property owner to tie in. Mr. Westerman is a good man and comes highly recommended.

**Summary—At start of development at 4:15 p. m. 2-6-54, pumping level went to 545 ft. Some air was noticeable for first 30 minutes, then began to clear up and pumping level began to rise and stabilized at 518 feet in about 15 minutes.**

—This summary taken Mr. Stone's report.

### Church of Christ Announces Services

Everyone is invited to attend church services at the Church of Christ Sunday, Feb. 14. There will be dinner served at noon and singing in the afternoon. Brother Owen Morrow will preach.

Word has been received from W. G. Davis who is in a hospital at El Paso, that he is getting along nicely and will be home in a few weeks. Mr. Davis was seriously burned in a gas explosion near Eunice several months ago. For some time, he was in a hospital at Hobbs and later transferred to a hospital at El Paso.

Sherman Garner and wife of Artesia spent Sunday afternoon in Hope visiting at the Joe Young home.

### Alta Ruth Young Wins First Place

Alta Ruth Young played the piano in the state contest at Albuquerque last Sunday and took first place. She has been a student under Mrs. Glenn Caskey of Artesia.

Alta Ruth is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anderson Young of Hope and a student of Hope high school.



Alta Ruth Young

### School News

Friday evening, Feb. 5, Mrs. Newman Seely and Mrs. Guy Crockett entertained the basketball boys and pep squad girls with a bountiful supper. A Spanish dish with accompanying delectables was served to 38 guests including the faculty. Afterwards, the group enjoyed games and it isn't etiquette to tell who the dumbells were. But Mr. Bulkeley is an excellent pianist in his one selection and Billy Stephen just can't be two letters in the alphabet at one time. Thanks a million, Mrs. Crockett and Mrs. Seely. We had a wonderful time.

Tentative plans are being made for a basketball game and a contest for a basketball queen to swell the local fund for the polio drive. The

setup sounds highly interesting. It sounds thus: youngsters in the junior high group will challenge their dads to a game, said dads to be actually playing on the floor at the same time their respective off springs are performing. In other words, when son warms the bench, so does dad and vice versa. Hey, wai a minute! Does that mean fouling off too?

First and Second Grade News — We are so sorry that Fredy Pitt may not be able to return to school this year. We miss him terribly. Jerry Parker is the only boy left in the class. And he has quite a problem when Wanelda Seely, Sybil Nunnelee and Laecia Wilkinson decide to overpower him! All first graders have read 10 or more books and are getting their first reader today.

Second graders have read a very big amount. The range covers 15 to 55 books with Cecil Madron in the lead. These are all text books and not the small library books that usually fill the last months reading. Harold Madron has decided that subtraction is no harder than addition—maybe it's easier. The boys all like art. They did the biggest share on the paper flag made for patriotic February. They also made one of the lace ruffles for the Valentine box. All pre-school children were invited to the Valentine party Friday. The children are printing and addressing the invitations themselves. Hope lots of folks come. P.S.: And lots of refreshments!

The basketball game with Hondo is the last to be played this year at home. It will be Monday, Feb. 15. It will probably be the last high school game ever played here. Come out and back your team.

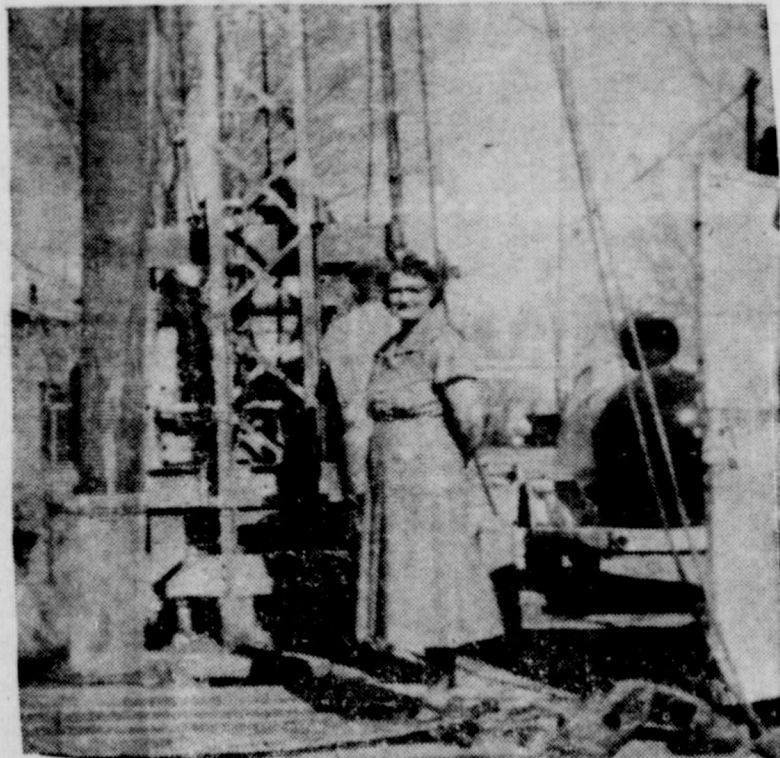
### Mrs. J. M. Milam Passes Away

Mrs. J. M. Milam died Monday at the home of her son, A. J. Milam, 10 miles southwest of Artesia. She was 82 years old and had been ill for conducting the services. Interment some time. Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon with Robert A. Waller of the Church of Christ was made in Woodbine cemetery.

Survivors are her husband, James M. Milam, two sons, A. J. Milam of Artesia, Mansel Milam of Jacksonville, Ore.; one daughter, Mrs. Hobart McBee of Mena, Ark., 11 grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

While on her way to Artesia Monday morning, Betty Zane Teague was forced off the road and her car turned over. Fortunately she was not injured and her car was only scratched. She was attempting to pass Johnny Wood when the accident happened.

The Leonard George drilling rig was moved away Wednesday.



Ethel Altman  
M.y.r of Hope, at Hope Water Well



Ethel Altman, Ella Buckner, Ruth Harris and Tempie Cox, members of the Hope Water Corporation, Inc.

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well. We take our hats off  
to the "Petticoats."

## KEYS MEN'S WEAR

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## Sage and Cactus

Hear ye! Hear ye! The political conventions is now coming to order. The repubs will meet in Santa Fe the last of this month. And I am going to make a motion that Senator McCarthy come down and investigate the men in town and of course that means that Dr. Kinsey will have to investigate the women. to see that none of the delegates becomes contaminated with the Democratic plague.

The Democrats is going first class They are going to Albuquerque to have their palavar and split the jack pot. The demos have Simms wrinkle and wise and one or to other rounders. And they will all tell you that they are in the race for the good of the dear old sunshine state. Dont swaller that line of bull. They are there for what they can get.

The dear old GOP is after the same thing and that same thing has on it In God We Trust. There is not a one of them that will not spend more trying to get the governors office than I will pay. You guess the rest. politics incois tax and social security has got us by the seat of the britches and a downhill drag and there is nothing we can do about it. They are like the undertaking business they will nail you in the end. just like a bull in a china closet. What they cant mess up they will tromp on.

I am satisfied till they try to put birth control on cows and sows and then I am going to raise my bristles as it is I am just setting back watching the world go nuts. The rat race is on and we will have polotics for breakfast, dinner and supper for the next ten months. Oh well we like it!



### No More Debt, Please!

The American taxpayers are being told by the Administration's budget-makers in Washington that government expenses cannot be cut to the estimated \$62.6-billion which the federal government will receive in taxes for the 1954-55 fiscal year. Therefore another year of operating on borrow-

ed money is proposed. This means lifting the national debt above the \$275-billion statutory limit, inflating the currency, and again making the taxpayers pay interest on borrowed money to operate the government. It means other things—none of them pleasant to think about.

By requesting a spending program of \$65.6-billion for 1955, the Administration is telling the taxpayers, in a sense, that 2,305,000 people must be kept on the Federal payroll, that comparatively few of the 1,680,000 Americans serving in the armed services overseas can be cut off the multi-billion dollar pay roll and maintenance budget, and that we must continue to send \$5.4-billion a year in "military and economic" aid money to foreign governments.

### Heavy Cuts Expected

When war seems less likely than at any time in recent years, there seems little justification for declaring that our government can't operate on \$62,642,000,000, especially when there are so many places where common sense economy would save billions. It is my conviction that the American people expected some drastic cutting of governmental expenses by the new Administration. The campaign promises were for drastic cutting.

Just a few months before his untimely death, I sat with Senator Robert Taft in his office in the Senate office building. He had become the Administration's wheel horse. "Our first job," Senator Taft said to me, "is to balance the budget. After I conferred with Gen. Eisenhower in New York early in the campaign, my state ment promised a balanced budget for 1953-54 and further reductions in expenditures of \$10-billion, to a total of a \$60-billion budget, in the fiscal year 1955." That was the program of the Administration. Yet the 1953-54 budget was \$3.8-billion out of balance and the proposed 1954-55 budget calls for approximately \$3-billion of deficit spending.

The job for Congress is to whittle about \$3-billion of the \$65.6-billion expenditures recommended in the President's budget message. Would that be so difficult? Not if hard-headed common sense is applied and petty political expediency is ignored. The vast majority of the American people want the Federal government expenses drastically cut; they want their tax bill cut and they want the budget balanced—now. Any political pressure sidetracking these sound objectives is not important, in my opinion, to the political future of any present office holder.

Here are just a few places where some money can be saved: (1) cut 365,000 civilian government employees from the 2,365,000 payroll. This would save approximately \$2-billion. (2) reduce by one-third the force of 1,680,000 American GIs overseas—in

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49 foreign countries. This would save \$6-billion (this overseas force is now costing us \$18.4 billion). (2) cut \$2.5 billion or \$3 billion from the \$5.4 billion requested for "military and economic" aid to foreign governments.

### Reduce Pay Roll

These cuts would total \$10.5 billion—and only \$2.9 billion in cut are needed to balance the budget. Probably the healthiest of all these cuts would be in the pruning of the federal pay roll. Of the approximately 60 million Americans now employed 25 are on the federal pay roll. Our American system would be more vital and our economy healthier if there were cut to 1 federal employee to every 50 employees in private enterprise.

The present Administration hasn't really begun to carry out the expectations of the American public until the federal pay roll is cut below 2,000,000 civilian employes. And the time to cut is now! However, it is apparent that such a reduction would be made unless citizens in the tens of thousands, demand it of their representatives in Congress. We need to keep the statutory ceiling on the national debt where it is and perhaps fix a percentage ceiling for the federal pay roll—at about 1,500,000 civilian employes.

## Today's Meditation

Love one another. John 15:12. Read I John 2:7-10.

It happened back in that pleasant place we call yesterday on a beautiful wintry morning in Miss Emma's little school. There were eight little girls and six little boys.

We were standing there that cold morning beside the old box heater warming our hands. I have forgotten now what Mildred and Margaret said to each other and I have forgotten who said it first. Anyway one little girl took her ruler and threw it at the other and the other one turned

around and kicked her.

About that time Miss Emma arrived on the scene. She taught reading and writing and arithmetic. She also taught us about living in harmony with one another as Jesus would have us do. Miss Emma made Mildred and Margaret go to the blackboard and write on it one hundred times "Love one another."

Today almost 50 years later the two grown-up little girls are still the best friends and they love each other.

### PRAYER

Dear God we thank Thee for the lessons of life learned in days gone by. Help us this day to show forth Thy love to others. Bless us with Thy peace. Help us to believe in Thee and to live in the spirit of Christ who would have us pray "Our Father who art in heaven . . . Amen."

### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

To love one another is to live the Golden Rule.

The H.W.F.P. club has been organized. This takes the place of the old "Spit and Whittle Club." Bet ya a cup of coffee you can't guess what those initials stand for.

Any political candidate who wants their announcement in the Hope paper had better enclose a check for \$10. If you didn't know it before, it takes money to run a newspaper.

The El Paso Times Thursday morning carried an illustrated feature story about the Hope well.

Tommy Young and family of Artesia spent Sunday in Hope. They attended church in the morning and visited Mr. and Mrs. Joe Young in the afternoon.

The Hope "Petticoats" are sponsoring a dance Saturday night, Feb. 20. Music by Mark Fisher, Warren Tidwell and T. A. Tanner. In announcing their dance, the Petticoats say "Three cheers for Hope, where friend meets friend, and their is no foe, grab a partner and Do-Se-Do."

Everyone attending will be given a drink of water from the Hope well, free of charge.

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