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## Political Situation

Fred Cole of Artesia and Virgil O. McCollum of Carlsbad will be unopposed in the Democratic primary election as representatives to the state legislature, thus assuring Artesia of representation in the 1955 session.

A telephone check at 5 p. m. Thursday with the county clerk's office revealed no contest will develop in the race.

Meanwhile, a Democratic primary race did develop Thursday between Ira L. Garner and F. Ray Zumwalt as county commissioner from the Artesia area.

Zumwalt, the incumbent, announced his candidacy for re-election last week end. Garner announced Thursday afternoon he would seek the office.

Six of seven announced candidates for sheriff filed. They are O. L. "Oscar" Lusk and Fred Hill of Artesia and R. T. Callison, Carl Hawkins, Hartsill Martin and Ed Price of Carlsbad.

**ONLY OTHER** contest in the county races will be for commissioner from Carlsbad's district 1, where W. H. Shafer, John Pulice and Alex Cravey, all filed for the position.

Troy Caviness is unopposed as commissioner from district 3.

Other unopposed candidates are Mrs. R. A. Wilcox, county clerk; Mrs. Leslie Burns, treasurer; John Lewis, Jr., surveyor; Mrs. R. H. Westaway, assessor.

Unopposed justice of peace candidates are John Ellicott of Artesia and W. E. Rood of Hope.

No Republican candidates filed for office.

It had been strongly rumored over the past month a candidate to oppose Cole would be filed at the last minute yesterday. Cole had drawn newspaper-editorial fire in Carlsbad for not announcing a stand on the traditional county split campaign.

**GARNER** in announcing his candidacy Thursday afternoon, pledged his cooperation, if elected with fellow commissioners and other county officers.

The 43-year-old farmer has been active in civic activities since coming to Artesia from Arkansas in 1938.

He has been active in soil conservation work and in the county production and marketing administration.

He is married and has two sons, one is in the Air Force, the other a partner in his farming operations.

It gives us a grand and glorious feeling to announce that the pump for the Hope water system arrived Thursday and is being installed. Other equipment needed has been shipped and will be here in a few days.

## Town Board Meets Thursday

The regular meeting of the Town Board was held Thursday. Among items discussed was the election which takes place Tuesday, April 6. Where to hold the election and the appointment of judges and clerks was discussed.

How to make Hope look better was brought up for discussion.

And of course the Hope water system received its share of attention. It won't be too long we hope, before the town of Hope will be collecting water bills every month. This will mean more work for the clerk. It also means that some one will have to go around and read the meters every month.

Several persons have applied for the job as meter reader but no decision has been made as yet.



I have just got done being a delegate to the county politics convention and I heard two of the leaders of the young Demos talk and after they got done giving off the obnoxious gas the chariman of the convention had to say something so he up and says they are the leaders of tomorrow. If that is the case I shore dont know where we are going, they are both oil and gas men, oil on the hair and gas on the stomach.

Here is most of the talk but it took some time to get it all out. Ladies and gentlemen and fellow democrats (they had to tell most of us what we was) we are here to fight our common enemy the Republican party. We have lost the control of the great state of New Mexico for four years because we have not had harmony in the party.

One of them guys drank so much water while he was talkin that I get his belly thought his throat was taking in washings, and he was as nervous as a bowl of jello his lips must have been awful dry he kept licking them all the time and he had a very hadd time getting his coat buttoned right.

They was something about the young demos and lawyers on top of that. Now if that aint a combination. But this was just the preliminary. I am going to the main bout in Albuquerque. That is the place that I will hear the best of the expert liars no Marqus of Queensberry rules ther it will be gouge, scratch, kick and bite and promise everything but what they are going to do if elected. A honest man would loom up at that shindig like a outhouse in a fog.

My next report if I survive the main bout will be from Los Angeles

where I am going to see my new and only grandchild. Here I am grandfather. Who said time marches on? I dont have to be reminded of that.

## Improvements That Are Necessary

Now that Hope will soon have a water system with plenty of water for domestic use and yard and garden, it is about time we sat back and figured how we can make our town look better to visitors that come every summer. Here are a few suggestions:

1. Drag away and burn up all dead trees that have accumulated in all parts of the town.

2. Drag away to some isolated spot the old automobile wrecks that are parked on many of the vacant lots and along Highway 83.

3. Have the outside toilets condemned by the state health department and destroyed.

4. Have all the brush piles and rubbish burned or hauled away.

5. If possible, we should get paint in sufficient quantities so that we could paint all the buildings in the town. This alone would make the town look 100 per cent better. This last item will be the hardest one to accomplish but if we keep talking about it long enough perhaps something can be done along this line.

6. All property owners should be encouraged to plant flowers and shrubbery as much as possible.

## Dance Scheduled For Sat., March 20

The Hope "Petticoats" are sponsoring another dance Saturday, March 20. In making the announcement they say—Oh, swing her right and swing her left, Same old swing and same old step. Stay all night and stay a little longer, Throw off your coat and dance a little longer.

Music will be furnished by Warren Tidwell, T. A. Tanner and Mark Fisher on his bull fiddle. They are known as the "Hillbilly Hoedowns" Hear them play "Lost Indian." It just tears the heart out of you! You can see that poor savage wandering thru the woods, it was lonesome, it was dark, poor Indian, long way from wigwam and the fiddle wails and moans "Who-o-o O-o-o and the small boy dives under the chair to hide. Y'all come! Admission \$1.25 per person. Dancing from 9 to 1.

## Clem & Clem in New Location

Clem & Clem, who have been located at 518 W. Main, Artesia, have moved to 915 S. First street, right next door to H & J Food-Basket No. 1. Besides plumbing and heating, they will specialize in sheet metal work, manufacturing water tanks and feed troughs.

Mrs. Jesse Buckner was in Hope Thursday visiting relatives.

## Hope News

**"MY ORDEAL"** . . . By Mrs. Igor Gouzenko. From the wife of the Russian embassy code clerk who exposed the red sky ring in Canada, here is the behind-the-scenes story of how the Gouzenkos have been able to elude the Soviet secret police. You won't want to miss this dramatic two part series starting Sunday in The American Weekly, that great magazine distributed with Sunday's Los Angeles Examiner.

### FOR SALE

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Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Teel entertained a group of friends and relatives at a dinner last Sunday. Those enjoying the day were Mr. and Mrs. Loren Reeves, Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Reeves, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Young and daughter Alta Ruth, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Lea, Rev. and Mrs. Richard Rounds and son Stanley, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Buckley, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Martin, Miss Wilma Seeley, Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln Cox and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Harwell and sons of Dunken, Mrs. Cy Hogsett of Artesia and Mr. and Mrs. Austin Reeves of Roswell. Oris Cleve and Edmond Runyan of Penasco were in Hope Monday evening on business.

Mrs. Dave Johnston and Mrs. Elington of Snyder, Texas, were overnight guests last Sunday at the home of their brother, Fred Martin. They returned home Monday accompanied by their children who have been visiting the Martins the past two weeks.

Mrs. D. C. Burnham fell on the steps of the Methodist church last Sunday and is suffering from bruises and shock.

Mrs. Andy Teel and grandson Sammy and Mr. and Mrs. John Bush left Monday for Oklahoma City where Mrs. Bush and Sammy will enter Dallyett Clinic for medical treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Davis and children of Artesia spent Sunday in the Bob Wood home.

Mrs. E. L. Landreth and Mrs. B. M. Ballard left Wednesday for Van Nuys, Calif. to visit their brother, J. W. Mellard.

Mrs. Dave Bunting of Artesia passed thru Hope Monday en route to Alamogordo to meet her mother, Mrs. Zone Inman, who arrived there last week from Coolidge, Ariz., to visit her son, Freddie Miller.

Mrs. Margaret Meador and children of Artesia spent Thursday evening in Hope visiting at the Buckner home.

Mrs. Irving Cox of Carlsbad spent last week end at the E. P. Cox home. Remundo Villareal, of Comstock, Texas, arrived Friday with his shearing crew. They began shearing sheep on the Scharbauer ranch Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. George Wood of Albuquerque were here last week. They were accompanied home by their daughter, Mrs. Charles Crockett and children.

Mrs. S. C. Lovejoy is visiting in El Paso with her granddaughter, Mrs. Fred Chapman.

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## Tabulation of Elementary Curriculum Questionnaires Released By Committee

Tabulation of questionnaires returned by parents of elementary school children have been released by the board of education curriculum committee under Mrs. C. P. Bunch.

It is the first of five questionnaires to be released. Releases of results on Junior and Senior high questionnaires are scheduled for next Tuesday and Friday.

Mrs. Bunch said the committee has not yet evaluated or interpreted questionnaire answers.

The questionnaires are one phase of a year-long, system-wide evaluation of the curriculum in Artesia Public Schools, Mrs. Bunch pointed out.

Results of questionnaire information will be correlated with the committee's study of curriculum in other schools, results of the city school's testing program, and studies by a faculty committee, Mrs. Bunch pointed out.

Results of the elementary tabulation are as follows:

	Yes	No	Unde- cided
<b>ACADEMIC</b>			
Does your child like to read at home? .....	1231	122	22
Does your child understand what he reads? .....	1165	102	89
Can your child read to find information he wants? .....	843	335	147
Would you recommend changes in the method of teaching reading? .....	251	918	173
Are you satisfied with your child's spelling? .....	1029	235	66
Can you read your child's writing easily? .....	1158	111	26
Is the school teaching your child to speak grammatically? .....	1048	138	138
Do you think we should teach Spanish in the Elementary Grades? .....	611	569	147
Are the following subjects taught satisfactorily:			
Arithmetic .....	1107	62	85
Social Studies (History, Geography, Citizenship, etc.) .....	1033	59	90
Health and Physical Education .....	1034	94	64
Science .....	1006	47	100
Arts and Crafts .....	1052	68	71
Music (instrumental and vocal) .....	1056	78	76
Safety Education .....			
Do you think we are doing the job in teaching moral and spiritual values? (honesty, integrity, fair play, etc.) .....	1102	83	119
Is enough time given to newer types of school activities such as: Dramatics, field trips, excursions, etc. ....	764	229	266
			Unde- cided
<b>GENERAL</b>			
Is the school program, as you view it, meeting the needs and interests of boys and girls of Artesia? .....	1027	77	204
Do you think the school day is too long for elementary school age children? .....	165	1182	27
Are your children happy with school? .....	1275	65	22
Do we publish enough school news? .....	834	342	175
Do you think the school is offering enough general health and medical service? .....	990	209	148
Should the elementary school child have homework? .....	939	340	131
Should children have an opportunity to help plan the work of their classes? .....	911	191	220
Are you satisfied with the experimental report card? .....	859	398	109
Do you think more parents should be consulted in school planning? .....	648	334	329

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## LOOKING AHEAD

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### Democracy or Republic?

A great deal of confusion has been built around the term "democracy." Although the form of government in the United States is that of a "republic," it is frequently called a "democracy." Yet the Socialist party of Great Britain and the Communist party in Russia each claim "democracy" as the proper description of their government. It is important that we get a clear understanding of political and economic words and phrases, for we are in the midst of a conflict in which words play a vital role.

There are some sharp and vastly important differences between "democracy" and "republic." Let's first examine "democracy."

Democracy: The Greeks gave us the word, meaning the people rule. The basic element in political democracy is legal and political equality for all. Democracy doesn't set up any certain form of government except the "Town Meeting" form in which all citizens come together and make their laws on the basis of majority rule. Minority is overruled and may be overruled or even destroyed in this form of government.

### Welfare State

Actually, in its widest usage today the term "democracy" is almost altogether economic in its meaning. The Russian Communists call themselves "democrats" and declare that democracy means public ownership of factories and farms—with every citizen allotted an equal share of the goods and services produced. The British Socialists have what they themselves call democratic Socialism or Socialism by vote of the majority but they claim that democracy means the Welfare State idea or equal shares for all.

Such economic aspects of democracy were not respected by the framers of the Declaration of Independ-

ence and the United States Constitution. The purpose of these pioneers in human freedom was to set up a government that would give mankind the fullest opportunity for liberty, spiritual growth and the pursuit of happiness. This was the great liberal philosophy which characterized the creation of the USA. Genuine political liberalism means political and economic freedom—that's all.

### The Liberal Tenets

The respect of minorities, freedom of speech, the limitations imposed upon the rule of majorities, the careful dividing up of the powers of government into three branches—all these blessings of the American form of government have nothing whatever to do with democracy as such. They are liberal tenets and they may or may not be present in a democracy.

Thomas Jefferson, who wrote the Declaration and who was one of the truly great political liberals of history, called himself a republican federalist in a letter addressed to George Washington on May 17, 1792. In his first inaugural address President Jefferson carefully described himself as a federalist and a republican. Republican in this sense was not meant to be partisan, but to represent Jefferson's liberal governmental philosophy. We find that philosophy interwoven in the framework of our Republic.

### Our Republic

Republic: In the form in which we have it, a republic means representative government with political and legal equality for all. It is founded on a Constitution, with divisions of authority vested in the legislative, the judiciary and the executive branches and with states and individual rights clearly defined. The framers of the U. S. Constitution, in creating our Republic, were aware that the states were creating the federal government, not vice versa, and that the people were sovereign in those states.

No Republic like it has even existed. It has permitted the flourishing of a democratic way of life—but not a democracy; a way of life with man's God-given rights protected by constitutional law and with equality of op-

portunity and of franchise extended to all, majority and minority alike. It has given individuals the opportunity to dream, to produce, to create to save and invest and to worship God in their own way. Nowhere else on earth have all these blessings in combination, been given a people to any such degree. But we must understand and protect the fundamentals of our Republic if we are to continue to enjoy its blessings.

## Today's Meditation

Every one who exalts himself will be humbled and he who humbles himself will be exalted.—Luke 14: 11. R.S.P. Read Luke 19:1-10.

The well-known Bible story of Zacchaeus, the publican, pictures faithfully the truth which our text points up.

Zacchaeus was a prominent figure. He was rich, and he was chief among the publicans. But there came a day when, in order to see the Master, to glimpse the blessed face of the Son of God, to enjoy His friendship, Zacchaeus found it necessary to humble himself. In the presence of Jesus he humbled himself that he might possess the riches of salvation. Jesus sought him and saved him.

This was Zacchaeus' experience in that day long ago. It is the experience of many in our day.

It is required of us that we repent of our sins and humble ourselves before God. Otherwise we cannot experience the joy of Christ's love nor find fellowship with those of Christ-like heart and mind. We need to live humbly so that we may be sensitive and obedient to God's leading.

### PRAYER

Gracious God, give us strength to master our pride. May we be as Jesus, humble in every sense of the word. As we humble ourselves before Thee, give us the desire to seek Thy will for us this day and courage to be obedient to Thee. In Jesus' name. Amen.

### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Humility is a mark of Christian character. —Paul Milazzo.

## News and Views From Washington

(By John J. Dempsey)

Washington, March 4 — New Mexico will receive more than \$10,000,000 a year in federal aid highway funds in the next biennium, according to the provisions of the bill just approved by the House Public Works committee. This is about \$2,500,000 a year more than the state is now receiving.

The increase is due largely to the \$200,000,000 annual authorization for the Interstate Highway System of which New Mexico has 1012 miles. The present law authorizes only \$25,000,000. The committee majority sought to have the interstate funds apportioned on a population basis instead of on the long-established regular federal aid formula, based on area population and postroad mileage.

As the only committee member from a Rocky Mountain state I objected to such discrimination and was able to have one-half of the \$200,000,000 placed under the regular formula. The other half, however, still remains on the urban or population basis. Thus members from the populous eastern and northern states are seeking to fatten their highway funds at the expense of states like

New Mexico. I intend to continue my fight to have the entire \$200,000,000 apportioned on the regular federal aid basis. That will give New Mexico an additional \$900,000.

I intend also to press for passage of HR 14, my bill introduced a year ago, which will make \$200,000,000 in interstate funds available next July. The money authorized in the regular federal aid bill will not be available until July 1, 1955. Unless my bill is passed this very necessary work will be set back another year. We have already lost one year during which 38,300 more American lives have been lost on highways full of such hazards as narrow bridges and sharp, blind curves.

## Neighborhood News

Mrs. Bryan Runyan entered St. Mary's hospital in Roswell last Monday for medical treatment.

The senior class were hosts at a bridal shower held in the music room at the high school complimentary to Mrs. Leonard Ripley.

The election of directors for the Penasco Soil Conservation District was held at the Altman store last Tuesday. Those elected were Bryan Runyan, Oris Cleve, George Casabonne, Dick Carson with a tie between Bryant Williams and Bob Barley. George Casabonne received 18 votes, George Seely 4, Frank Crockett 8, Oris Cleve 14, H. J. Powell 10, Bryan Runyan 15, Bob Barley 6, Bryant Williams 6, Bill Madron 2, Dick Carson 8.

Mrs. Elmer Porter arrived here Monday evening to visit her husband and two sons. Mr. Porter is here working at the retard dam and is living in the Madeline Prude house.

Mrs. H. J. Dunne of Hobbs and Miss Frances Johnson of Roswell spent the day in Hope last Saturday.

Robert Williams was off duty in Artesia this week on account of a bad case of flu. He spent the week in Hope at the home of his mother, Mrs. Catherine Williams.

J. W. Stone of the Smith Machinery in Roswell was here Thursday with a crew to install the pump in the Hope well.

Mrs. Lincoln Cox and a group of high school pupils attended the basketball tourney in Roswell last week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Teel and Mr. and Mrs. Andy Teel drove to McCamey, Texas last week and spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gibson.

Miss Briscoe of Artesia was a guest last Friday in the home of Mrs. Catherine Williams.

John Pulice of Carlsbad was around Hope Wednesday shaking hands. He is a candidate for County Commissioner from District No. 1.

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