

# THE MESSENGER

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THE BIG CITY PUBLIC  
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THE THIRTY-NINE

HAGERMAN, CHAVES COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 1939.

NUMBER 17

## Legion Commander Tells Artesia Vets He No Need for U. S. to Enter European War

Commander Smith Declares It is Economic Fallacy and Business Even to Enter American Participation.

### OFFICIAL VISIT

to Members at Luncheon Meet-  
Artesia Hotel.

Smith, state commander of the American Legion, when in Artesia, N. Mex., on Wednesday afternoon, May 16, at 8 p. m. The Rev. Arthur Shaw of the Methodist Church will be the evening's speaker. Miss Dorothy Sue Devenport will be valedictorian and Miss Marie C. Cassabone will be salutatorian. The three highest grades of the eighth grade are: Dorothy Sue Devenport, 92.05; Marie C. Cassabone, 91.3; Lois Jean Sweatt, 88.9.

### Warn Motorists

#### Of Vigilance in Law Enforcement

New Mexico motorists have been warned that the state police have no intention of relaxing their vigilance against drivers operating without proper licenses and with defective lights and brakes. "We are making no drive in this matter," said Sergeant H. K. Dalbey at Santa Fe. "We are constantly checking for such violations throughout the state and will continue to do so."

### Woman Is Freed in Murder of Artesia

#### J. W. Kennedy Elected Vice Commander of Spanish War Veterans

J. W. Kennedy of Artesia was elected senior vice commander of the Spanish War Veterans at an election held at the annual encampment in Santa Fe Monday. The veterans were honored by noted speakers from over the state who appeared on their program Monday and Monday evening. In attendance from here were J. W. Kennedy, George Frisch and John Vandagriff. Principal speakers were Justice Daniel K. Sadler of the New Mexico Supreme Court, Col. Thomas B. Catron, U. S. Army, retired, and Major J. R. Kelley of New Mexico Military Institute, Roswell. Judge Edwin Mechem of Las Cruces was named new department commander and Carl S. Turner of Roswell, junior vice commander. Socorro was chosen for the 1940 convention, and Artesia, where the veterans met in 1938 and which they praised highly as a convention city, was boosted for 1941.

### Make Loans

#### Wool Producers

Same Basis as Last Year

### Cockeyed Items Make Week's News

Only three people wanted to buy a dollar for 25 cents. That was just one of the cockeyed occurrences of last week. A Raleigh, N. C., merchant, put dollar bills in his window with 25-cent price tags on them and only three people applied. Two New York village officials asked to have their pay cut so they could get on the WPA. George Washington's inaugural journey was re-narrated with the coachman smoking cigarettes and Washington wearing a 1939 raincoat. A turtle from the University of Tennessee ate up 10 of the University of Detroit's frogs. The only way they could get the Mountain Lake, N. J., fire department together for its annual picture was to ring the fire alarm. A two-headed calf was born in Pine Plains, N. Y., and a New Mexico hen laid a dozen eggs in a day.

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### PRESBYTERIANS CALL PASTOR FROM WINK

A congregational meeting of the Hagerman Presbyterian Church was held last week and the members voted to call the Rev. Harry Cox of Wink, Tex., to the pastorate of the Hagerman Presbyterian Church. The Rev. Mr. Cox preached here recently.

## Men Will Discuss Problems May 3

National problems which affect the petroleum industry in New Mexico will be discussed at the annual New Mexico meeting of the Independent Petroleum Association of America on the Roof Garden of the Artesia Hotel Wednesday evening, May 3, it was announced by C. J. Dexter, vice president of the association for the state.

### Loans May Be Had To Carry Out Soil Building Practices

Farmers unable to participate in the 1939 AAA soil conservation program because of lack of funds for material to carry out soil building practices may obtain Farm Security Administration loans for this purpose through the local AAA committee, according to an announcement by Paul Ball, FSA rehabilitation supervisor in Eddy County.

## New Mexico's WPA Quota to Be Cut By May 15 to 8,750

New Mexico's WPA quota for May will be slashed more than 16 per cent Friday. J. J. Connelly, state administrator, was instructed to lop 1,920 persons from work relief before May 15.

## Civil Aeronautics Program Calls for Many Young Pilots

The agreement between the New Mexico State Employment Service and the United States Employment Service provides for a system of clearing labor between states. Lincoln, Neb., recently issued a call for seven aircraft mechanics and ground instructors, and ten flight instructors to train student pilots. One of the group of government approved flying schools is located there. This school has been selected for the initial establishment of the new aviation program under provision of the Civil Aeronautics Authority and the U. S. Army Air Corps. Sufficient applications have already been forwarded to fill the jobs.

## Resources of Insured New Mexico Banks

Resources of the 40 insured commercial banks in New Mexico totaled \$65,599,000 on Dec. 31, 1938, the federal deposit insurance corporation reported today. Deposits were listed as \$60,525,000. Loans and discounts totaled \$19,203,000, an increase of \$1,544,000 over 1937.

### W. A. LOSEY HAS FALL FROM HORSE

In looking over his farm on horseback Tuesday morning, W. A. Losey stated the horse became too playful, causing him to get rather an uncomfortable fall, resulting in severe bruises. He has gone ahead with his usual work all week, but still feels the effects of the tumble.

### Mr. and Mrs. Jim King were Caled to Gallup the first of the week on account of the serious illness of their daughter, Mrs. P. R. Woods.

Typewriters for Rent at Messenger

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To Be Made Through Local AAA Committee, Supervisor for County Says

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### Notice

All members of the Baptist Missionary Union are requested to be present Monday night at the local church. Some important business matters are to be discussed. The brotherhood and auxiliary members are also to be present.

## Cotton Subsidy Is Said to Apply to Holdover Only

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## Concert Group Joined by Many; Artists Named

Mesdames Ramon Welborn, Dub Andrus and Miss Almareta Growden have turned in a full membership list from Hagerman to the 1939-40 Cooperative Concert. To the list of last year, a number of new names have been added.

December, Lucy Monroe, leading soprano of the Metropolitan Opera Company of New York. Miss Monroe is a lyric soprano with a voice of brilliance and variety of color.

## Price, Elliott Test Locations Made in Eddy

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Bells and Bells

ELSIE YOUNGHANS

Princess Alexandria Sophia... cover closer around her... Katja to unpack Aunt An... Katja's coverlet. That funny... face and fur and silk that... lova had spent an entire... hroldering.

WHAT'S WHAT In NEW MEXICO

News Briefs of the "Sunshine State." Gleaned from Many Sources

A series of classes to instruct service employes in how to be helpful to tourists has begun at Taos with Tourist Bureau Director J. A. Bursley as instructor.

This is the tale of a calf which would have no tale at all if she hadn't had three tails. Jerry Drunk, Santa Fe dairy manager, displayed a two-day-old calf with two more tails than most calves.

Belief of the State Department "felt kindly toward New Mexico" was expressed by Governor John E. Miles of New Mexico.

Blacktopping of the new highway stretch of approximately 2 miles between Hobbs and Carlsbad will probably be the first, or at least one of the first, blacktopping jobs in the state this year.

With vast respect for New Mexico's brand of basketball, Ned Irish, promoter of Madison Square Garden, invited the New Mexico Aggies to again show their wares before New York throngs next January.

Plans have been completed for the first annual Fourth of July rodeo celebration to be held in Portales. It will be staged July 3 and 4.

Preliminary examinations leading to a flood control survey of the Upper Pecos started Monday. The survey is under the technical direction of the Soil Conservation Service.

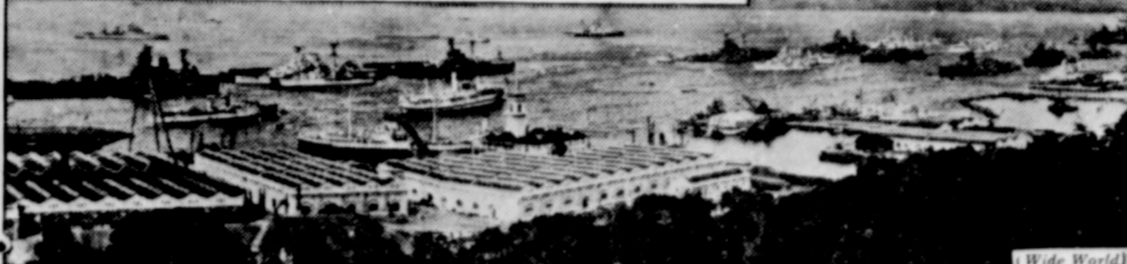
Recruits are being sought for the Eighth Corps Area Citizens' Military Training Camps, according to Major L. G. Frantz, in charge of recruiting for this section.

Twelve elk arrived at Santa Fe last week from the federal game refuge in good condition, Jimmy Johnson of the State Game Department reported.

Another \$50 bass was pulled from the waters of Elephant Butte Lake recently by Colonel West of the 7th Cavalry, Fort Bliss, Tex.

People and Spots in the Late News

BRITAIN'S MIGHT... While British statesmen are tossing verbal "bombshells" into tense Central European situation, England's mighty sea armada, combined home and Mediterranean fleets, is shown here anchored in Gibraltar harbor where it has assembled for spring maneuvers.



FASHION CYCLE... Modern version of ancient peasant dress is this black wool creation with full swing skirt and fichu neckline. Narrow bodice is buttoned with enameled cherries and embroidered petticoat is red-and-white checked gingham to match gloves.



"STRETCH" IN GLASS... Not a pair of hose, but a new plastic "insides" for safety plate glass is being stretched almost double its length by Miss Wynette Price to show property which imparts resilience and shatter-resistance at all temperatures to new high-temperature auto glass.



OLD STAND-BYS... Twenty years have passed but U. S. veterans of World War are still ready to fight to protect American liberty as demonstrated here by Harry K. Stinger, of Philadelphia, with steel helmet and rifle at cutting of birthday cake on occasion of 20th anniversary of founding of American Legion.



Magistrate Lorenzo Gutierrez, Sr., of the girl before him charged with parking in a prohibited zone. "Yes, your honor," replied the defendant, Rosie Gutierrez, his daughter.

R. B. Coombs, office deputy of the State Game Department, reported the state was enriched by \$3,412 by its regular sale of furs last week. The department sold 337 beaver skins, with prime pelts bringing a top of \$15; 75 bobcat, 16 fox, 10 badger and 11 assorted others.

The state highway commission has approved sale by the finance board of \$2,500,000 in highway debentures -- \$875,000 to the state treasury and the rest to private bond houses.

President Roosevelt has been invited by Governor John E. Miles to personally dedicate the \$16,000,000 Conchas Dam in New Mexico, which is slated for completion in August or September.

A buff leghorn hen, owned by Robert Lebow of Milnesand, must read newspapers, for she has become a martyr to the perennial contest for a day's egg production. According to Lebow, the hen went to work early one day last week, layed two normal eggs in succession, then set out to do a real job.

WORLD NEWS In BRIEF FORM

From Near and Far, Some Timely, Some of Human Interest

The wool situation in the United States for the new marketing season was reported last week as more favorable than last year despite some irregularity in domestic prices.

When the British Admiralty's wooden ship, "Research," sails for the Indian Ocean in October she will be "all wood and whiskers."

Pipo, the hippopotamus in the Madrid zoo, lost about 2,000 of his 1,000 pounds because of compulsory fasting during the Spanish civil war.

A tree 19.9 feet in circumference, believed to be the largest in the Rocky Mountain region, has just been discovered by United States foresters.

Crude oil production in the United States during the week ended April 15 averaged 3,494,500 barrels a day, an increase of 1.5 per cent over the previous week.

Apprentice Jockey Gus Dye of Boise, Idaho, riding leader of the Tanforan meeting at San Francisco, brought in five winners in a row the same day last week.

Two fifths of the upper peninsula of Michigan is devoted to state and national forests. The area of the peninsula is 10,500 square miles.

The Shaker style of furniture has a classic simplicity inspired by the sect's abhorrence of ornamentation. The Shakers, disdainful painters, applied only light stains and varnishes for protection of the wood.

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In the far north where iron and wood are scarce the Eskimo builds his dog sleds without a single piece of iron. The runners are shod with ivory.

Ohio maintained her position as the third state in population from 1850 to 1890, when by the census of that year she lost her third-place position to Illinois.

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How It Happened NO. 2



here Wednesday. Mrs. Robert Thompson and young son spent Tuesday visiting Mr. and Mrs. Jim Williamson. Mrs. Dub Andrus left Tuesday for Monument for a visit with her mother.

Tom Reid, county agent, of Roswell, attended to business matters "Are you guilty?" asked Police

Medicine From Gourds

Gourds appear in medicine and in olden times nearly all members of the family had some such use. Purgatives are the chief medicines derived and come from roots of some and from leaves of others.

Carried Ox on His Shoulders Milo of Milon of Crotona, a Greek athlete who lived about the end of the Sixth century B. C., carried an ox on his shoulders through the stadium in Olympia.

Types of Yeast The two forms of yeast commonly used in making bread are dry and compressed yeast.

Worked to Pay Passage Steamship companies in the early days had systems whereby passengers in the lowest fare class could help pay for the trip by carrying wood for the boilers.

Old Lithuanian Instrument The kankles is an ancient Lithuanian instrument used by the "Seers," to chant the saga of the Lithuanian folk.

The Southern Capes Cape Horn extends farther south than the Cape of Good Hope by more than 1,500 miles.

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PAYING BY CHECK

PAYS YOU Dividends

It doesn't really cost you anything to pay by check. Let's take an example:

Suppose you keep a \$100 checking balance. If you invested \$100 it would hardly earn safely today more than \$4.00 in a year. On the other hand, your \$100 checking balance would save you in money order fees, time, and effort; it would give you protection, convenience, bookkeeping and other services worth far more than \$4.00 a year.

Paying by check is a wise, thrifty way of handling your financial affairs. We shall be glad to have you as a checking depositor.



First National Bank Hagerman, N. M.

WOMEN SOCIETY

WELLES BENNETTS REGULAR MEETING

Mrs. Arthur Shaw was hostess yesterday afternoon to the Belle Bennett Society and led in the devotionals. During the business session, reports were given by Mrs. Shaw, Mrs. Lloyd Harshey and Mrs. Elwood Watford on the conference in Clovis and centered around the theme "Widening Horizons."

The next meeting will be May 10 at the home of Mrs. Jack Menoud with Mrs. Elwood Watford as the leader.

LADIES AID MEETS WITH MRS. GARNER

Meeting with Mrs. L. W. Garner at her home, the Aid held a business session, making plans for further activities in the near future. Mrs. J. T. West, the president, led in the devotionals.

L. C. CLUB MEETS WITH MRS. WILLIS PARDEE

Brilliant red, pink mixed with white carnations decorated the hospitable rooms at the home of Mrs. Willis Pardee last week on Thursday when the L. C. Club met at her home.

LOCAL 4-H CLUB MEETS

The local 4-H clubs met on Wednesday last week at the school auditorium with their supervisors, Mrs. Ernest Greer and Mrs. Jack Menoud. Plans were made for all members who could to attend a conference in Roswell Saturday for the purpose of joining the county orchestra and chorus.

Social Calendar

Four-H Club will meet Wednesday, May 3 at 11 o'clock at the school house.

Attention—The next meeting of the Young Woman's Guild has been postponed until May 12, at which time Dr. Puckett, district health officer will be present and will give the Schick test to all those desiring to take it.

SUNDAY PICNIC

Mr. and Mrs. Dub Andrus, Dub Hardin and Miss Bernice Tulk; Mr. and Mrs. Perry Andrus, Lawrence Ray and Billy Jean; Mr. and Mrs. Clark of Hagerman, Mrs. Frank Hardin and Mrs. Lorene Malone of Lovington and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Youree of Roswell made up a party that went to the Bottomless Lakes last Sunday and carried a picnic lunch.

MEN'S CLUB HEARS ROAD AND PARK REPORT

Nineteen members were in attendance at a regular meeting on Tuesday evening at the Woman's Club building. A group of the Woman's Club members served sandwiches and coffee.

HOME EXTENSION CLUB WITH MRS. LANGENEGGER

Mrs. Ernest Langenegger's attractive home southwest of Hagerman was the meeting place of the Home Extension Club on Thursday of last week.

THE POCKETBOOK OF KNOWLEDGE

Advertisement for 'The Pocketbook of Knowledge' by TOPPS, featuring various illustrations and text about Swiss cheese, household washers, and a horse.

the place to be announced later. All members are urged to be present and new members are invited. COMPLIMENT MRS. HEARN AT TUESDAY LUNCHEON

GIRL SCOUTS

Home Nursing Badge

(continued from last week) 6. Find out how diseases common to children of one to five years of age and dangerous to them may be prevented and demonstrate the precautions you would observe to protect a child from such diseases.

Amendment Is Of Interest to New Mexican Farmers

Eliminates Percentage Requirements Pertaining to Acreage

An amendment to the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938, recently passed by Congress, is of particular interest to cotton and wheat farmers of New Mexico, according to Royce Banks, acting state executive officer.

Indian News from Oklahoma Paper Is In Class by Itself

Unedited Notes Are Published in The Kingfisher Times "As Is" Ungarnished, unedited, but understandable are the items of "Indian News" in The Kingfisher, (Okla.) Times.

Boy Scout News

About 650 Boy Scouts and 50 to 75 leaders will converge on Roswell this week end for the twelfth annual Camp-O-Ral of the Eastern New Mexico area Boy Scout council.

The fifteenth Cub pack in the Eastern New Mexico area Boy Scout council has been formed at Clovis, swelling the Cub enrollment in the area to 393, the largest it has ever been.

Oil Activity

Rhoades Drilling Co., 1, NE sec. 14-18-31, Drilling at 870 feet. Franklin Petroleum Co., 1, NW sec. 5-18-30, Drilling at 2,270 feet.

C. & C. GARAGE advertisement for antifreeze and radiator cleaning services.

ROSWELL SEED COMPANY advertisement for garden seeds.

ASK US—ASK ANY OWNER advertisement for Hyaro Gas Systems.

MABIE-KOWREY HARDWARE CO. advertisement for home building services.

'Buy American Made' logo and text.