

At long last the dust clouds over the east end of town will begin to diminish as more and more of the highway becomes asphalt-surfaced. By Jubilee time this won't be a "dusty, southwestern cow town" any longer.

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Partly cloudy tonight and Thursday. Slight chance for an afternoon or nighttime thunder-shower. Little change in temperature. Artesia: low tonight 68, high Thursday 100.

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THE ARTESIAN WELL

By RICK-RAPHAEL

With all the grim forecasts about holiday traffic deaths that we received last week, we were holding our breath for Artesia over the weekend.

As a matter of fact, from the looks of the city, everything and everything including the city limits sign moved to Cloudcroft or Ruidoso for the Fourth.

Mighty nice to see the Artesian Invitational Golf tournament come home again. And it couldn't have been won by a nicer guy.

Jesse Sosa's big red sheriff's deputy car is a "going concern" when it gets out on the highway but if you ever want to be foolish enough to try and out-run him, just lead him through two-and-half feet of water on South First Street.

See that Santa Fe has gone back to Mountain Standard time like the rest of the state. It's going to make an interesting situation in the state capital.

While most of you will be enough too young to have any first-hand knowledge of the events, it will be fun to watch the front page box in the Advocate each day grow until Jubilee.

Speaking of old files, we got a big kick out of the old masthead of 50 years ago that listed Gayle Talbot as publisher of the Advocate.

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From The Files Of 50 Years Ago

July, 1905

The Artesia Townsite Company composed of John R. Hodges, El A. Clayton, S. P. Denning, and J. A. Cottingham, set aside a block of land between Richardson and Grand avenues for a public park.

A jolly crowd composed of Dr. Weems, wife and boy, Mr. Weems, Miss Rhoda Weems, Dr. and Mrs. Lee McIntosh, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Baskin and Mr. and Mrs. Gayle Talbot and children.

Mrs. E. F. Walker and children of Roswell, are spending week in town with Mrs. E. F. Walker. Mr. Walker will buy nice lots and build in Artesia, making this his future home.

Mrs. Clinton D. Bradshaw and daughter, Miss Stella, were well Wednesday making final proof on their homesteads of town.

Oil Production Up In Big Southeast New Mexico Boom

HOBBS — Oil production in southeastern New Mexico the first half of 1955 made a great surge upward, the Hobbs office of the state Oil Conservation Commission said today.

Two Artesia youths, members of a teenage gang apprehended here two weeks ago after a series of thefts and burglaries, were charged today by federal authorities for mail box thefts.

A deputy U. S. Marshal arrived in Artesia last night with warrants for their arrest, juvenile officer J. D. Josey said. The warrants charged the two 17-year-olds with tampering with mail boxes and removing mail.

They were to be arraigned in Carlsbad this morning and then taken to Albuquerque to face trial there on the mail theft accusations.

Sen. Johnson Still On Serious List WASHINGTON — Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson is "progressing satisfactorily," physicians reported today at the Naval Medical Center.

Robert Burkart, international representative of the union, said the union took a "hands-off attitude" to the situation and that the people were "not acting under authority of the local."

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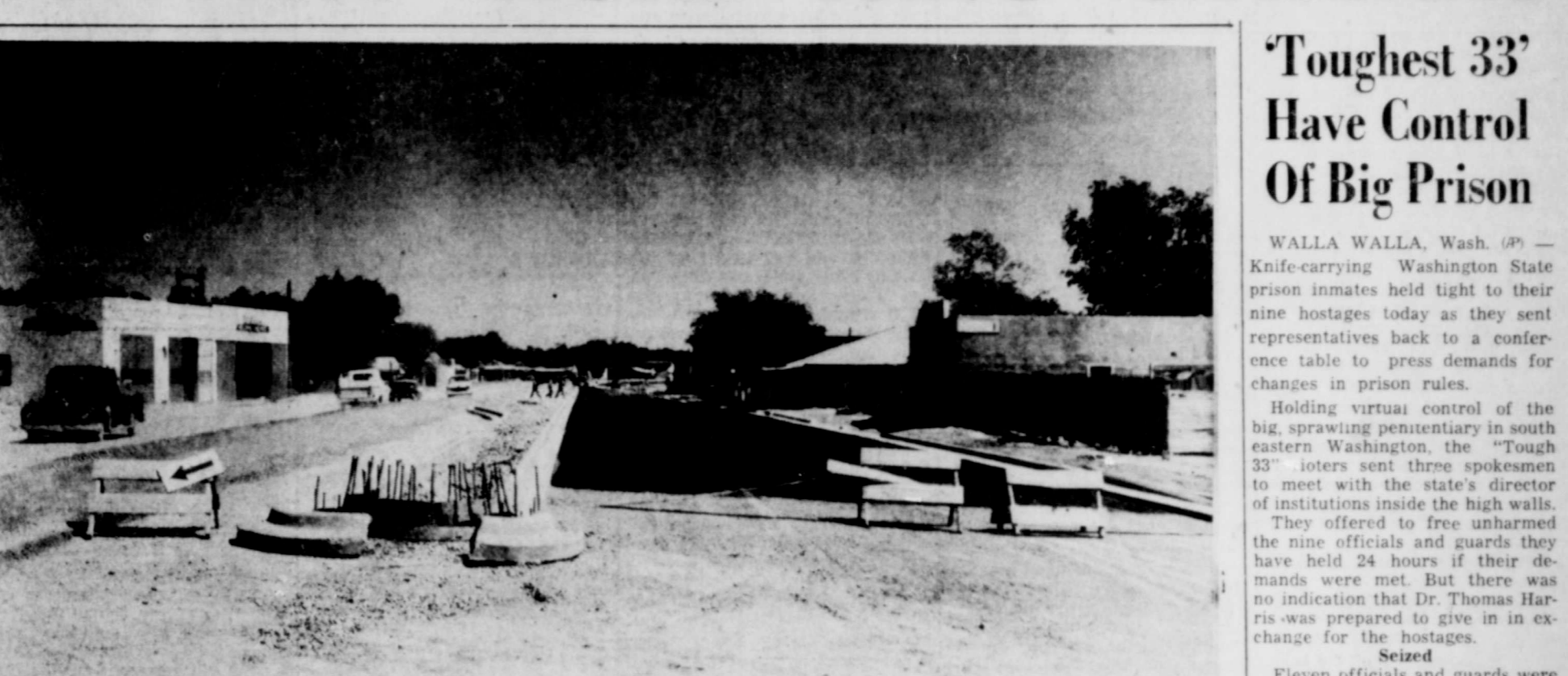
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Knife - Wielding Washington Convicts Hold Nine Officials



LONG AWAITED sight in Artesia came into being Wednesday morning as this view looking north on South First Street shows first oil base laid down in preparation for black-topping of the highway project through the city.

Body Of Engineer Is Still Missing

CREW CLEARED Grim Rail Crash FORT SUMNER — Wrecking crews today spilled from the tracks the last of the smashed cars from yesterday's freight train collision in which five died, clearing the Santa Fe Railway main line.

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'Toughest 33' Have Control Of Big Prison

WALLA WALLA, Wash. — Knife-carrying Washington State prison inmates held tight to their nine hostages today as they sent representatives back to a conference table to press demands for changes in prison rules.

Eleven officials and guards were seized yesterday when the 33, described as among the roughest and toughest of the more than 1,700 inmates, broke from their segregation ward in a sudden, violent revolt.

City Firemen Can Claim 5 Lives Saved Artesia's fire department can claim credit for five lives as the results of their efforts during the fiscal year just ended.

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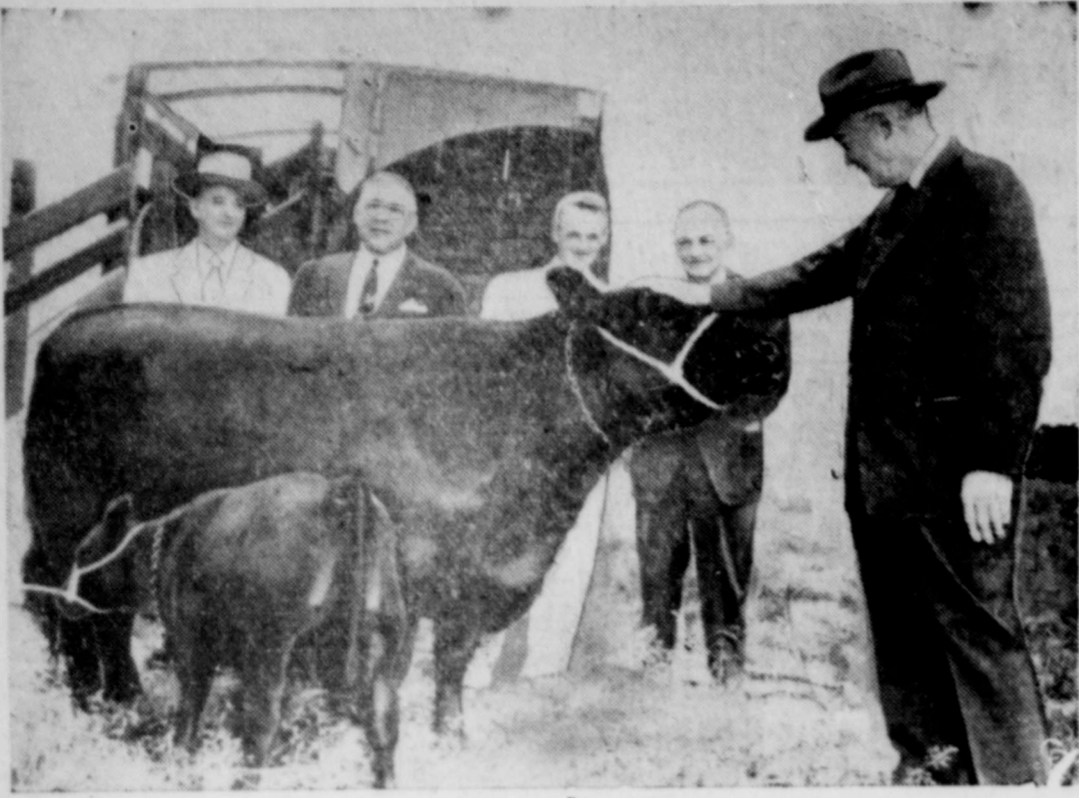
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PRESIDENT RECEIVES NEW ADDITIONS TO HIS FARM



PRESIDENT EISENHOWER looks over an Aberdeen Angus cow and a calf on his farm at Gettysburg, Pa., after he flew there in a new twin-engine four-seater plane. The additions to the Eisenhower animal life at the farm were the gifts of the Brandywine Angus Breeders Association of Pennsylvania. The 73-mile trip to Gettysburg, which takes about two hours by car, was accomplished in 32 minutes. (International)

Homecoming at End of Full Holiday Better Than Going

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK (AP)—Running back to a home is often a happier thing than running away from it. After the long weekend holiday away from his little white mortgaged nest, the family returns. They are father and mother and junior and sister. And each is lonesome separately for the welcome mat set for strangers. All come back tired. The grown-ups have grown-up problems. Father and mother are mad at each other. They are so angry that they no longer address each other by their family duty names—"Mom" and "Dad"—but by the mean names they called each other when they were courting each other.

But something is lost for the moment: The fun accent they used when the nicknames were new—in the time before the children came. "Well, Hayfoot," she demands, "you finally got us back safe in the garage. Do you want a medal? The way you were free-wheeling that blonde at the party I thought you wanted to be free, 21, and independent."

"What's wrong with a fellow having fun?" mumbled father. "What's a party for?" "Fun? Fun?" replies mother, not so much in inquiry as the fact it enables her to draw two deep breaths to fuel a really long sentence.

"You didn't pay a bit of attention to me during the whole weekend. I might not as well have been there. All you did was talk politics with strangers and bounce around looking for matches to light cigarettes for that silly blonde."

"Listen, Chucklehead," he fights back, "don't talk to me. You certainly were playing little-miss-big-ears to that bald-headed pot-bellied man in real estate."

"Well, he almost cornered the Empire States building," she says. And he says, snorting:

"Heck, even I could almost corner the Empire States building on a clear day if I could swim a little farther. I could almost corner Australia."

"I'm sleepy," wails Sister from the back seat.

"See, you've startled the children," says Mama virtuously.

Dad sighs and gets out and opens the car doors. Mama and Sister tumble out. He reaches in to lift out the recumbent figure of Junior, and bangs the boy's head against the car top with the dull thud a son's skull usually makes in such circumstances.

"Are you trying to wind up the

Khapra Beetle Endangering State Grain

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LAS CRUCES, July 2 (AP)—A year ago farmers and specialists in New Mexico became alarmed over an insect which in big numbers can clean out a warehouse of grain, hay or seed almost overnight. Now farm experts are hopeful they have about licked the Khapra

beetle, the most destructive insect to stored grain known to man. All mills in New Mexico which were infested by the beetle last year have been fumigated with a deadly gas during the last few weeks. The mills are in Curry and Roosevelt counties.

CANT STARVE EM You can't starve the beetles to death, says Dr. R. C. Dobson, State entomologist and head of the Plant Quarantine Service at New Mexico A&M College. They can survive for three years without feeding at all. You can't kill them through lack

of water. The beetles have reached epidemic proportions in grain with moisture content only two per cent. Other insects, says Dobson, infest only grain with 12 per cent moisture. They're terrifically fast in reproducing. The average female lays about 50 eggs. One female in six generations say about 12 months can give rise to more than 20 million offspring, says Dobson. When the danger facing New Mexico farmers became known, the subject was brought before the State Finance Board headed by

the governor. The board chipped in some emergency money to help wage the fight. DDT-Resistant "They are highly resistant to many powerful insecticides," Dobson says. "They hide in cracks and crevices, even in the pores of cinder bricks, and cannot be killed by ordinary sprays and dusts as can other insects."

The insect has been reported living on grain of almost every kind: dried fruit, dried insects, flour, noodles, nuts meats, crop seeds, grain straw, alfalfa hay and others. They don't fly, Dobson says, so they must be moved by man in shipments of the materials involved. The ammunition used in New Mexico against the beetle has been methyl bromide gas. Three of the huge warehouses

which were found to contain the beetles were wrapped with enormous plastic-coated nylon tarpaulins, sealed and gassed in April and May this year. The fourth could not be wrapped but was fumigated. After 48 hours the buildings were aired.

SIX MONTHS WAIT The wrapped buildings will be quarantined for six months, the other for 18 months.

Meanwhile, Dobson says, inspectors for the state will check warehouses and other likely places for Khapra beetles every 2 1/2 months. Shipments of New Mexico feed and seed are being checked closely, he says. "So purchasers of New Mexico feed and seed both in the state and out of the state can rest assured that they are getting rid of Khapra beetles with their purchases."

Disk Jockey Never Had It So Wonderful

By Wayne Oliver

NEW YORK (AP)—The advent of television has forced many performers to seek a livelihood elsewhere, but not the disc jockeys. They've never had it so good. With radio shifting strongly to music and news to combat TV, a good disc jockey on a good station can earn a yearly stipend that would make a bank president envious as well as many a TV actor.

New York and other large cities represent the upper end of the scale of course, but one local disc jockey duo recently signed a five-year contract for a total of \$500,000. Others are said to be doing as well, and two or three possibly a good deal better.

The disc jockey, or deejay as he is called in the trade, formerly was strictly on a local station basis, but of late the radio networks have been raiding independent stations for talent.

Fred Darwin, deejay on independent radio station WPAT that covers the metropolitan New York area, cites Fred Robbins on CBS, Martin Block on ABC, Bill Randle and Al Collins on NBC as examples. All formerly did their platter chatter for local stations.

Darwin, who also heads a school for would-be disc jockeys, says there are 300 to 400 around the country who are in the blue chips and 2,000 more who double as announcers and make a pretty good living.

"A top flight disc jockey is good for \$40,000 to \$50,000 a year in a major market," he says, "but as in anything else they're scaled all the way down to \$100 a week." The most important advice Darwin has to offer: "Keep your mouth shut and play the music."

SO THIS IS AMERICA, HUH!

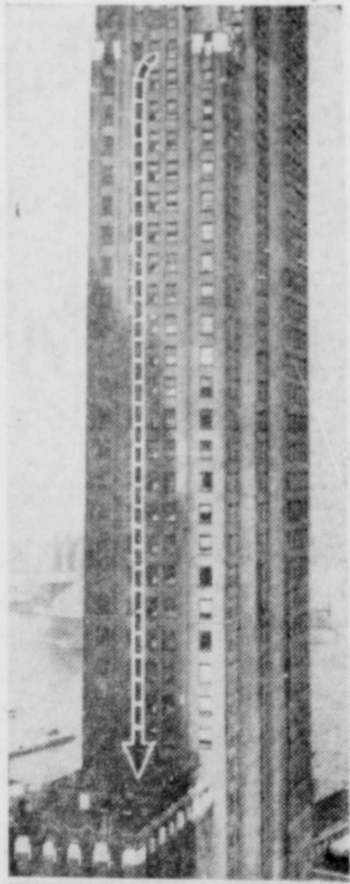


NICHOLAS GREGORY GOMBOS gives America a critical if not disapproving look as he is met at plane in Los Angeles by his adoptive mother, Mrs. Joyce Gombos, women's editor of the Paso Robles, Calif., Sunday Review. Nicholas comes from a founding home in Athens, Greece, via trans-Polar plane. (International)

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Leaps to Death



The bolt grumbles in the door securing a family at home. The lights go out. "I'm sorry I was so cross," says



MRS. DORIS BLAKE, 35, Wantagh, N. Y., is checked by an ambulance doctor for signs of life after she had plunged to her death from a ledge on the 55th floor of a Wall Street building. She landed on the 32nd story extension of the 66-story structure (diagram at top). Minutes before she had broken away from two men who had stopped her from leaping from another building in New York's financial district. Neighbors said that Mrs. Blake, the mother of two children, and the wife of a bank employee, was in poor health. (International)

Accidental Death Age Bracket Told

If you're in the 25-44 age bracket, you're most likely to be a victim of accidental death in 1955, according to the 1954 accidental death summary for New Mexico. Preliminary figures just released for last year show that 204 of the 652 persons killed in occupational (except public transportation) home, motor vehicle, and public (non-motor vehicle) accidents were in the 25-44 age bracket. In second place was the 15-24 age group with 132 accidental deaths. The 45-64 age group ran a close third with 126.

Mining was the most dangerous occupation in the state last year, accounting for 14 of 40 persons killed in various occupational accidents; agriculture ranked second with 13 accidental deaths.

Fires claimed 28 of 113 killed in home accidents. Poisoning by gases and vapors, falls, firearms, and mechanical suffocation ranked high in the causes of home accidents.

Collision with other motor vehicles, railroad trains, and fixed objects accounted for 172 of the 398 motor vehicle deaths in the state last year. Non-collision accidental deaths amounted to 155. Injuries to pedestrians resulted in 58 deaths.

Drowning claimed 27 of the 99 people killed in public-non-motor vehicle accidents in 1954. Air transportation was responsible for 14 deaths, firearms, 10, falls, 18, and railroads, 8.

PREMIER REVENUE JACKSONVILLE BEACH, Fla. (AP)—This town's first parking meters were installed last year before the ordinance authorizing them became effective.

By the time the law took effect, conscientious parkers had poured over \$300 into the machines. Since the money was collected without authorization of law, the city donated it to the March of Dimes.

Now the situation has been repeated with 200 more meters. On the date they were supposed to go into operation, officials found they already had collected \$164.35.

MYSTERY BULLET

HOUSTON, Texas (AP)—Mrs. Paty Ruth Walker, 19, told sheriff's deputies she was sitting on the patio at the ranch where she worked, bent down to scratch a mosquito bite and found she'd been shot. A doctor removed a stray bullet. Nobody heard a gun fired.

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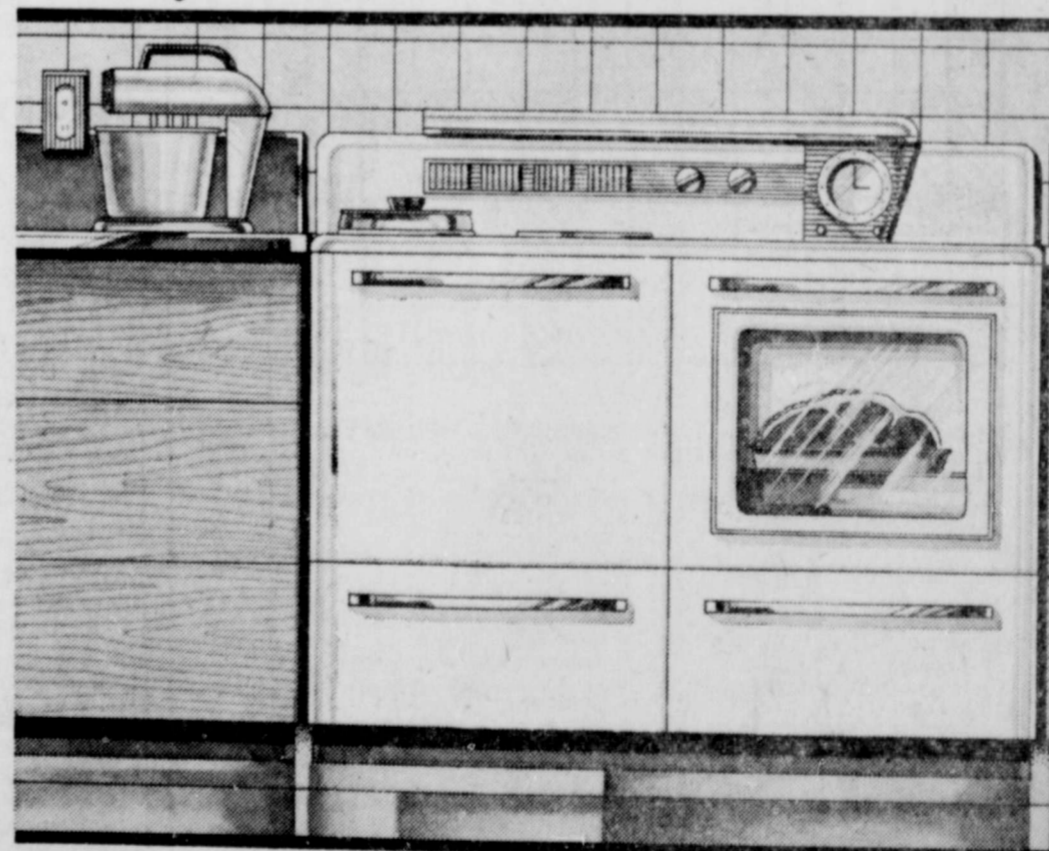
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