





AT RECEPTION—Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Peoples pose during the reception following their wedding Saturday, Jan. 24, in the Community Methodist Church. The newlyweds were honored in the reception held in the educational building of the church. Rev. Frank Matthews performed the rites. The bride is the former Betty Anna Byers. —Ruidoso News Photo.

**SPRING FEVER**

By WM. FELTER

Said the prairie owl to the ratter:  
The winter is almost done;  
The buffalo grass is beginning to shoot,  
So you'd better crawl out in the sun.

Said the ratter to the prairie owl:  
"I don't much care if I do;  
It would be nice to lay out in the sun  
After being holed up with you."

Said the prairie owl to the ratter:  
"Now you can get up and stir;  
All winter you've stayed in my parlor.  
Done nothing but rattle and whirr.

It's time for spring house cleaning . . .  
I'll sweep you out with the trash.  
"Tha never a cent of board you've paid  
So you needn't to get so brash."

So the snake had to beat his himself  
And oozed right out in the sun . . .  
Then a prairie dog came out and barked  
To his town that spring had begun.

The Boy Scouts of America was incorporated in Washington, D. C., Feb. 8, 1910.

**\* Grass Roots Opinion \***

The MADERA CALIF., NEWS-TRIBUNE — "There have been several reports reprinted in numerous newspapers that the U. S. has succeeded in exploding the first hydrogen bomb. These reports came from service personnel who were described as eye-witnesses to the explosion. No American newspaper wishes to undermine this country by publishing material which might endanger safety. But it is not wise to prohibit coverage of one of the world's most important events by trained newspapermen and at the same time permit accounts of what happened to be made public by service personnel."

CUERO, TEXAS RECORD— "It makes sense to have strong security measures in operation where military secrets concerning foreign policy are involved . . . but there are many government departments whose work is only vaguely connected with the defense effort and the heads of these departments now have the same right to withhold information as is held by military agencies. Freedom of the press is a well established part of American rights. Free access to information about the work of the government is different, but almost as important."

**Repr. L. S. Drake Favors Restoration of 1-cent Tax on Gasoline**

"If our New Mexico citizens realized how much they could gain for so little, they too would favor restoring the one-cent-per-gallon tax on gasoline," said L. S. "Heavy" Drake, representative from Lincoln County, "because actually the general public did not benefit from the reduction approved by the last legislature. The oil companies raised their prices immediately after the law took effect."

The money so collected if the tax is put back on, Drake says, would go directly into the Highway Department General Fund and one-half of this amount would be equally distributed among the 32 counties to secure right-of-ways for primary and secondary roads upon recommendation of the County Commissioners and under supervision of the Highway Department; the other half would remain in the Highway Department General fund for their use.

If no right-of-ways are needed in a particular county or counties, that money would be added to the present and future allocation of funds for the purpose of constructing secondary farm-to-market roads so desperately needed in many of our counties for school buses, mail delivery and farm and ranch needs.

Drake figures that this addition of one-cent-per-gallon to the cost of gasoline would net an approximate income of \$2,000,000 to the State Highway Department each fiscal year, of which about \$31,000 plus the matching two-thirds supplemented by the Federal Government would go to each of our 32 counties.

If the average driver, Drake points out covers about 15,000 miles a year and if he gets 15 miles to the gallon, his approximate tax would be \$10 a year. Drake voted for the one-cent gasoline tax reduction in the last session of the Legislature, in explaining why he has reversed his opinion at this time, he says: "Since the Highway Commission has been taken out of politics, I've changed my mind. The Commission can use this money to good advantage — to build more and better roads, which would mean fewer highway accidents and add up to a higher degree of safety for the general public."

**White Mountain Fruit Growers Group Meets**

Apple growers of the Ruidoso-Hondo-Bonito valleys have a three or four week advantage over other growers throughout the United States. This information was revealed by experts who took part in an all-day meeting and demonstration sponsored by members of the White Mountain Fruit Growers Association held Thursday, Jan. 29, in the Ruidoso Valley. Pruning demonstrations were given by L. C. Gibbs, horticulturist for New Mexico A. and M. college. Demonstrating on trees in the orchards of Ralph Bonnell and Kenneth Noeker, Mr. Gibbs emphasized that correct pruning was essential to a good spraying job in an orchard, and was all-important to the color and soundness of the fruit. At an evening round-table discussion at the Bonnell Ranch, W. A. Wunch, inspection specialist from State College, and C. E. Keaton, economist and marketing specialist at the college, gave talks. Mr. Wunch said that the Lincoln county apples are becoming known to buyers for their outstanding flavor, and cooking qualities.

**LOGGES**

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**County's 1952 Bond Sales Total \$106,899**

Residents of this county invested \$106,899.75 in U. S. Defense Bonds in 1952, S. E. Greisen, County Chairman of Lincoln County Defense Committee has reported. Federal civilian employees who gave this county as their home during the past six months purchased \$4,032 worth at issue price through payroll savings and for cash from disbursing and finance officers. Men and women from this county in uniform of the Armed Forces invested \$2,626 of the year's total.

**Soil Scraper Replaced With Cat Carryall**

The Upper Hondo Soil Conservation District have just recently traded their old LeTourneau Scraper in on an almost new Model 60 Caterpillar Carryall, Jack Smith, District Cat Skinner, says "the new rig really works keen and will haul at least a half yard more dirt each load than the old scraper." The new equipment is presently being broken in on the Paul Gardner place, just east of San Patricio.

Mr. Keaton said the demand for apples would be greater in 1953 than in 1952, and that prices would be slightly higher. He stated further that during the last 20 years the apple acreage in the entire U. S. had been reduced by one-third. Apples produced last year in the nation were 98 million bushels. There will be no export program for apples in 1953. Almost one-half of all apples produced in the U. S. are grown in the Western states, the speaker said, and gave figures on apple production in these states as follows:

Montana, one and a half million bushels; Idaho, the same; Colorado, one and one-third million; New Mexico, 673 thousand; California, six million; Oregon, three million; and Washington, 22 and one-half million. A. T. Pfingsten, Hondo, chairman of the association, said that he was pleased with the showing made the first year by the organization, and called on all growers in the three valleys to give their support to the project for the 1953 season. At the packing and grading plant at Hondo, built last year, 25,828 bushels boxes of apples were processed through the plant in the 1952 season.

**Booklet Tells Exploits of Epic Korean Retreat**

Combat veterans who served with the First Marine Division 2 years ago in its epic breakout from the Chosen Reservoir are entitled to a free booklet about their exploits. Master Sergeant A. B. Sealy, in charge of Marine recruiting in Roswell, said the booklets may be obtained at the recruiting station, Room 225 Post Office Bldg., Roswell by all those who served with the Division between Nov. 1, and Dec. 15, 1950. Line drawings illustrate the 10 pages of descriptive material which is dedicated "to those who were there." The account is derived from official records and from combat correspondents who saw the smashing Marine drive through Chinese hordes blocking icy mountain passes.

**Cattle Inventories Up 15 Per Cent This Year**

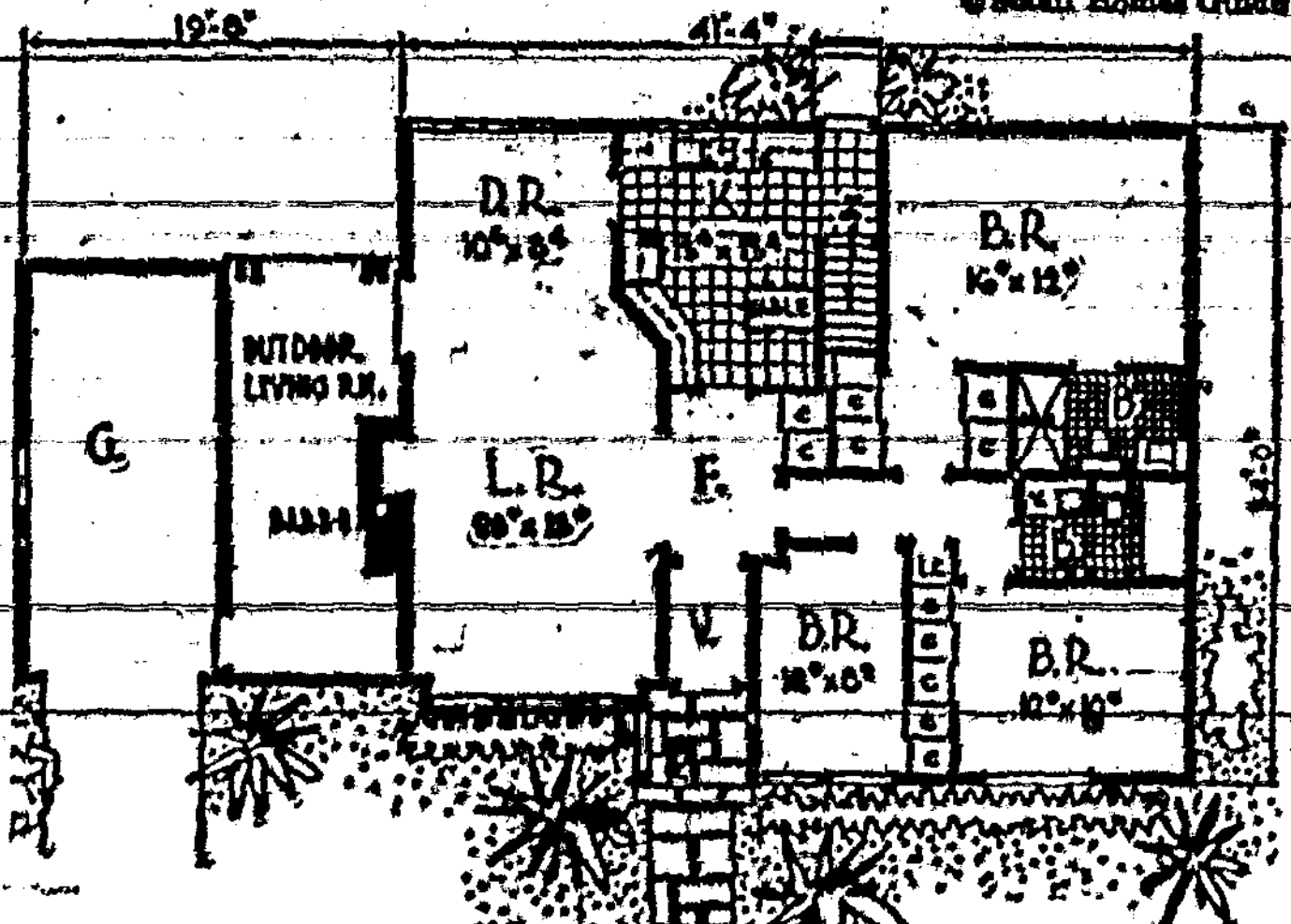
The big cattle slaughter this past fall was far from enough to halt the upswing of cattle inventories. The Bureau of Agricultural Economics estimates there are 5,000,000 more cattle in the U. S. than a year ago. With average range and pasture conditions, cattle numbers are expected to increase nearly 15 per cent this year. Cattle feeding prospects indicate that present conditions are somewhat more favorable for the short-term feeder than for long-term operator, according to the BAE. That's just opposite of the 1949-1951 period, when best returns came from the long-term feeding. The long-term feeder has been favored by generally rising cattle prices, relatively low feed costs, and a narrow price spread between upper and lower grades of slaughter steers. In short-term feeding, however, cost of feed is relatively less important and cost of feeder steers is relatively more important. For that reason, short-term operators gain an advantage from lower priced feeder cattle. Prices for feeder steers this past fall has averaged more than a fourth lower than a year ago. This has been particularly tough on Western cattlemen, the BAE points out. Kansas State Economists reported recently that, during years when poor pasture conditions prevailed at the end of the grazing season, the price of good stocker steers tended to increase earlier in January than during the years of normal pasture conditions. The Kansas economists conclude there should be a strengthening of prices of good stocker steers during the next six weeks. Prices should continue steady to stronger in March. In Silver City, more than 100 veterans have been able to buy new \$2,000 homes without any down payment, on loans repaid at the rate of about \$36 a month.

**House of Different Ideas Given First Prize Honors From Small Homes Guide**



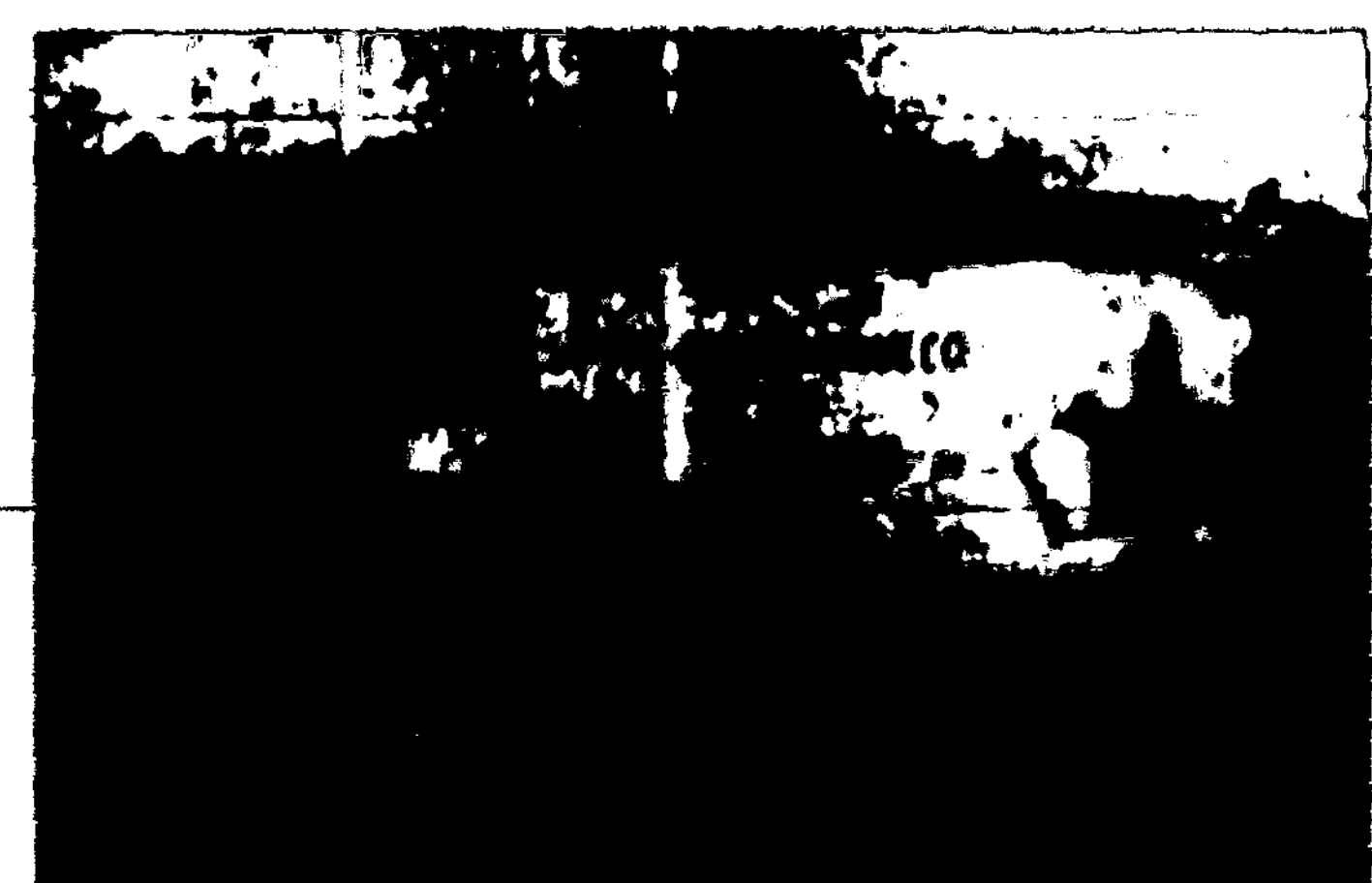
**Practical Construction**

Here is a design full of "different" ideas by Architect Herman H. York. The house is so practical from both the builder's and the home owner's point of view, that it was almost inevitable for the Small Homes Guide board of judges to award it first prize for excellence of design. Something brand new is the lowered front opening of the breezeway, which ties house and garage together as a unit, yet allows full play to summer breezes. This, combined with attractive treatment at the rear, and the built-in barbecue, (fast becoming a standard item in today's home), makes an outdoor living room of this area. Another good feature is the double bath arranged back-to-back, with one unit private to the master bedroom. Built-in shower is extra large. Kitchen work area bypasses back-to-front traffic perfectly. Convenience of basement stairway to service entrance is a definite plus. Floor area, 1,838 sq. ft. Information on blueprints and cost can be obtained by writing to Small Homes Guide, 42 W. Washington, Chicago 2, Ill. —Small Homes Guide.



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# AROUND TOWN

## FORT STANTON NEWS

By MRS. PERCY PARKER

Miss Gertrude Ayers returned Saturday afternoon from a ten weeks' vacation trip. She visited relatives and friends in Los Angeles and Douglas, Ariz. The latter state, she says, is experiencing an exceptionally pleasant winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred English and son Toby left Sunday morning on a month's vacation. They will visit friends in Tennessee and Florida.

Sheriff Glen Bradley and County Clerk James Earl Harrow made a business trip to Santa Fe last Wednesday. Among others, they conferred with Governor Ed Mechem.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. D. Simpson of Green Tree, a son at Buldoso Hospital, early last Sunday morning, February 8. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bingham of Carrizozo are the proud grandparents.

The Lane Sisters of Carrizozo went to Buldoso Sunday to visit their brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Lane. The sisters took their niece and two nephews, who have been visiting them, back home.

Mrs. Rusty Jones of El Paso arrived in Carrizozo Tuesday for a visit with her mother, Mrs. Maud Warden.

Mrs. Larry Hamilton of Carrizozo spent several days last week in El Paso visiting her parents and aunt and uncle.

Miss Mamie Castorena, high school teacher, visited her folks at Alamogordo last week end.

Miss Betty Lou Grogan, home economics teacher, spent several days in Albuquerque.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Carl of Tularosa were visitors in Carrizozo Sunday.

Mrs. Mollie Stoneman of Jicarillo was in town Friday visiting Mrs. K. E. Berry.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ferguson of Ft. Stanton have a new baby daughter, born Feb. 7.

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Sparkman

Nancy was home over the week-end. She and Leo enjoyed a nice horseback ride up the Bq-nita.

Dona was home from the University bringing guests for the week end.

It's another girl for John and Jewel Ferguson. Mother and daughter are going fine.

Dr. McLeary left early Friday morning for Galveston, to be gone ten days.

Mrs. Sam Cox was helping out in the store Friday.

De Farr is driving a Dodge car these days.

The Bakers and Parkers were hosts to a bridge party Saturday in the Parker home. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

Misses Tilloison and Carrogher spent Thursday in Roswell with Miss Carrogher purchasing a new Chev.

Butch McLeary is outside now playing and he started back to school today. I know that all his friends were glad to see him.

Walt Norwalk spent Friday in Roswell shopping.

The Pettigrews and Miss Mason were in Carrizozo shopping Saturday.

Rev. and Mrs. Davis say they are very happy to be here and like the station.

Mrs. Merrell called a business meeting of the Guild Sunday night in her home.

Everyone was happy to see Madeline back at her desk Monday.

went to Midland, Texas, last Sunday.

Lon Merchant was in town last week end and purchased a new GMC pick-up from the City Garage.

Mr. and Mrs. Whittaker of Tinnie are driving their new '38 Oldsmobile, as is J. W. Patterson.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jones of Capitan are driving their new '38 Oldsmobile.

George Harrison, his wife and two children of El Paso were in Carrizozo last week.

Eugene Paris, his wife, mother, and small son, of Vaughn, came in town last week on business.

## Football Trophy

Awarded Capitan

By ANN EARLING

During the Hondo game last Friday, at half time, Superintendent L. W. Clark presented the State Class B co-championship football trophy for 1952.

Johnny Werner and Melvin Romero, captains of the football squad, and Coach Duane Darling received the trophy on behalf of the school.

All members of the football team received co-championship insignias for their sweaters.

The Hondo High School Band rendered some very fine music during the game.

## Fire Department

Elects New Officers

The Capitan Volunteer Fire Department held its annual election of officers on Tuesday, Feb. 3. The following were elected for the coming year:

Ray Proviné, fire chief  
"Virgil" Hall, assistant chief  
Fletcher Hall, captain  
Wallace Ferguson, 1st Lieut.  
Jimmy Kent, 2nd Lieutenant  
Jack Earling, sec'y and treas.

## Pfingsten Hereford

Wins at Roswell Fair

Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Pfingsten were made very happy when one of their registered bulls won second place in his class at the Southeastern New Mexico Hereford show held in Roswell on January 29.

## HONDO VALLEY

I guess we are going to have to take our Hondo Hi basketball team out behind the barn and give them a good old-fashioned talking to as they just don't seem to be able to win a game.

Joann Devine Cox was the honored guest at a bridal shower the past week, given by the Misses Ed Nelson, Jack Jones and Elma Rogers. The honored guest received many nice and useful presents and everyone reported a good time and plenty of cake and ice cream to eat.

George and Ople Butts have been regular attendants at the Golden Gloves tournament at Roswell every night. Ople says George is more exhausted than the fighters from cheering so much. Better watch your larynx, George.

The Mill Mables are at home again after a very pleasant trip to California and Mill says there is still no place like home.

Johnnie Sandfer has returned to the Hawaiian Islands after a few days' visit with his mother. Johnnie says he likes it there at Hickam Field but he will be glad when the time comes for his return to the States to stay.

Some of the heavy equipment is leaving the Tinnie Canyon road job, as they are about finished there, and is being moved to Albuquerque on another job.

Fred McTeigue, Wilbur McKnight and Charles Fuller visited the wool growers meeting in Albuquerque and Fred was saying everyone was there but the Rain Makers.

We got a couple of inches of good snow all over the valley on Tuesday, for which we are all more than thankful.

See Jr. Sandfer keeping the road warm between here and Lincoln. Guess we will have to do a little investigating and see what goes on.

Ramon Nunez is around in circulation again. Says he is just burning a little gas and seeing old friends.

**HOSPITAL NOTES**

**ADMISSIONS:**  
Julia Mendiola of Hondo; James Miller of Tularosa; Manuelito Otero of Ancho; Billie Ferguson of Capitan; Carmen Lozano, Alma Sherill, Lula Lewis, Julie Stoddard, Juanita Lujan, Michael Mirabal, Donny Ricker, Josifita Lopez, Martha Withers, H. P. Kilpatrick, Edna Brown and Anne Bearden of Carrizozo.

**Aims of GPA Explained In Letter to Sportsmen**

In a message to sportsmen, the White Mountain Game Protective Association tells how each, as an individual, can contribute to the improvement of hunting and fishing and to help conserve our natural resources and wildlife.

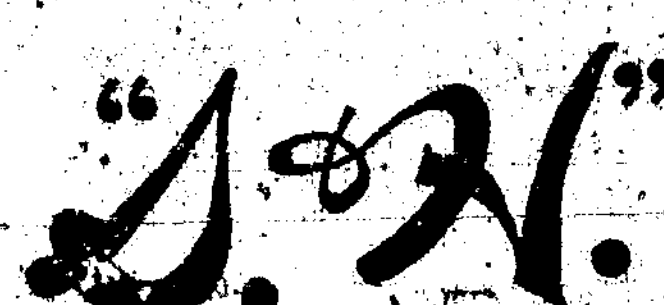
All sportsmen and conservationists are asked, first, to join their local GPA and then attend meetings regularly and take an active part in the Club's projects.

The message continues: "Don't stand by and wait for things to happen. Be a participant, not only in your favorite sport, but also in the behind-the-scenes work which makes the sport possible.

"Sportsmen's clubs are a market place for the exchange of ideas. They are an invaluable force and are vitally necessary in the conservation movement. They are the operating intermediary between the individual and

the legislators and game commissions which make the rules. "The New Mexico Game Protective Association is a non-profit corporation organized by sportsmen in 1914 to protect and perpetuate our wildlife and natural resources, and the local chapters are dedicated to:

"1. The conservation of soil, forests, waters and wildlife."  
"2. The protection of the game fund from diversion to any other purpose."  
"3. The perpetual maintenance of a Game Commission and Department—honest, fearless, and politically independent."  
"Local chapters have numerous community projects, such as habitat restoration, rough fish removal, recreational areas, junior GPA's, game patrols, and trap and skeet shoots."  
"Remember, conservation begins and ends with you. Don't stand by. Be an active participant."



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<b>LETTUCE</b>	ICE PACK Lb.	<b>11¢</b>
<b>ORANGES</b>	220 SIZE SUNKIST Lb.	<b>9¢</b>
<b>APPLES</b>	ARKANSAS BLACK Lb.	<b>17¢</b>
<b>BROCCOLI</b>	POUND	<b>16¢</b>
<b>CAULIFLOWER</b>	SNO-WHITE Lb.	<b>15¢</b>
<b>CARROTS</b>	CELLO PKG. 2-Subcs.	<b>25¢</b>
<b>CHEESE</b>	KRAFT VELVEETA 2-Lb. Loaf	<b>89¢</b>
<b>OLEO</b>	ROMA 1 Lb.	<b>19¢</b>
<b>FLOUR</b>	ROYAL PURPLE 25 Lbs.	<b>\$1 69</b>
<b>JUICE</b>	GRAPEFRUIT OLD SOUTH 46 Oz.	<b>27¢</b>
<b>Welch's Plum PRESERVES</b>	16 Oz.	<b>20¢</b>
<b>SPINACH</b>	DEL MONTE No. 2 Can	<b>17¢</b>
<b>LIMA BEANS</b>	LIBBY'S No. 303 Can	<b>30¢</b>
<b>CORN</b>	STOKELY GOLDEN C.S. No. 303 Can	<b>20¢</b>
<b>GREEN CHILI &amp; TOMATOES</b>	VALLEY EVERY WEDNESDAY No. 1 Can	<b>15¢</b>
<b>BAKED APPLES</b>	WHITE HOUSE No. 983 Can	<b>33¢</b>
<b>APPLE SAUCE</b>	WHITE HOUSE No. 983 Can	<b>20¢</b>
<b>TANGERINE JUICE</b>	OLD SOUTH No. 2 Can	<b>13¢</b>
<b>TOMATOES</b>	DELCO No. 303 Can	<b>15¢</b>

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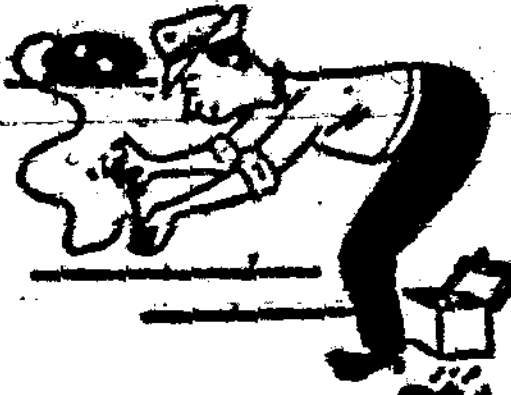
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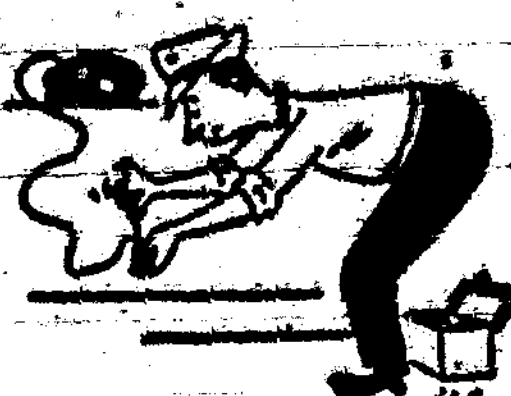


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### LINCOLN COUNTY 20 YEARS AGO

(From the files of the Lincoln County News, Feb. 10, 1933.)

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Grelsen of Capitan were here last Friday to witness the basketball game between Carrizozo and Olson's Swedes.

Olson's Terrible Swedes were not so terrible after all. They were just a crowd of clean-cut young college men with a sense of fair play and Carrizozo was not outclassed a bit. We had an all-star team of our own picked from the best players in the county. Score was 71-35 in favor of the Swedes.

Several of our high school students are participating in a State and National Essay Contest. The topic is: "The Problem of the Mosquito and Other Insect Life in Relation to Sanitation, Health and Industry." The following students have entered the contest: Mrs. Sullivan, John Jackson, Edith Dudley, Refugia Garcia, Allie Haskins, Lawrence

Hicks, Ernest Pehm, Ruble Leslie and Jane Kimbrell.

Lyric Theater: "Toss of the Storm Country" with Janet Gaynor and Charles Farrell.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Kelley went to Albuquerque Tuesday where Mr. Kelley attended the state meeting of morticians.

Valentines! Remember your sweetheart, 1c to 25c—Pehm's.

#### FORTY YEARS AGO

(From the files of the Carrizozo Outlook, Feb. 14, 1913.)

J. W. Stockard came up from El Paso Sunday night and left the following morning on the auto mail line for Roswell.

Carrizozo Livery, Charles A. Stevens, proprietor. Only Auto Garage; Livery Barns, Best Corals, General Transfer and Drayage Business; Tourist Side Trips a Specialty—was an advertisement in that issue of the local paper.

Parcel Post has been the subject of many jibes since its inception Jan. 1, because of many suggestions as to the nature of articles to be transmitted—from hables to threshing machines—John Baird had promised L. Harmon, of White Oaks, a pup, and the most expeditious method of forwarding his gift was by parcel post. So, Monday morning he attached a tag to the youthful canine—its weight and measurements coming within the specifications—and applied 85 cents in parcel post stamps and sent the package over the star route to its destination.

# Lincoln County Has Wealth of Minerals

(Lincoln County's wealth is not all above the ground. Below the surface of large areas of the county's expanse is untold wealth in minerals—coal, iron ore, lead, copper and silver. In this and subsequent articles, iron ore deposits are described from information gathered by the University of New Mexico publication with the Geological Survey, Department of the Interior.—Ed.)

#### CAPITAN DEPOSITS

Several Iron-ore deposits occur around the flanks of the Capitan Mountains and a few are reported from well up in the mountains. The principal deposits, however, are those a few miles north of the town of Capitan and here referred to as the Capitan deposits.

The Capitan Mountains are an elongate intrusive about four miles wide and twenty miles long. Where observed during the examination of the iron deposits, the beds are turned up more steeply along the sides than along the ends.

The Capitan deposits are located six miles north of Capitan. They may be reached from Capitan by following the improved but unpaved State Highway 48 north for 4 miles to the Lincoln National Forest boundary. The last two miles through the Davis ranch to the deposits is over-unimproved road.

In 1913 the branch line of the Southern Pacific Railroad from Carrizozo to Capitan was abandoned and the total truck haul from the deposits to Carrizozo is now 26 miles. In 1942 the freight rate in iron ore from Carrizozo was \$2.69 per ton.

The iron-ore deposits are held by claims under two ownerships as follows:

- (1) Southwestern Ore Co., Los Angeles; Pittsburg Iron Lode, Pittsburg Iron Lode No. 1, Great Eastern Iron Lode, Greenville Iron Lode.
- (2) Estate of Gordon Wells and Mrs. Francis A. Hunt, Roswell; Grace Nos. 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 claims.

The main ore deposits are located around the common-section corner of sections 10, 11, 14 and 15 in T. 8S, R. 14E, and are covered by the Pittsburg Iron Lode, Pittsburg Iron Lode No. 1, Grace No. 4 and Grace No. 5 claims.

#### DRILLING TESTS DEPOSITS

The Capitan deposits have been known for many years, and they have been explored at intervals by small test pits, cuts, and a few shallow drill holes. Five deeper test pits or shafts that range from 22 to 30 feet in depth have been sunk in the main deposit, and from the bottoms of two of these, short exploratory tunnels have been driven. In 1942 with the increased wartime demands for steel, extensive search for iron ore in Lincoln County was begun by the U. S. Geological Survey, U. S. Bureau of Mines, and private interests. In 1943 the writer, through the U. S. Geological Survey, reported that the Capitan iron-ore deposits were the largest in Lincoln County and recommended that the U. S. Bureau of Mines explore them by drilling and test-pitting to determine the grade, probable tonnage, and especially possible extensions of ore in depth. Exploration of the main ore circle was undertaken in the spring of 1944 under the supervision of John H. Soule, field engineer of the U. S. Bureau of Mines. The drilling was done with a wagon-mounted compressed air drill.

At first the longest drill steel, and hence greatest depth of hole was 30 feet. Much difficulty was encountered in drilling the wiggly parts of the iron ore. The long steels stuck in the holes and consequently most of the holes were drilled with 24-foot steel. Of the 179 holes actually begun, 161 were effective, the remainder being redrills of poor holes. Because some holes proved no ore at shallow depths and because many difficulties were experienced in drilling ore at depths over 18 feet, the average depth of all effective holes was only about 18 feet. Of the 161 effective holes, 96 were started in outcrops of ore. The remainder were drilled to test possible lateral extensions beneath the outcrop. Of the 96 holes started in ore, 47 bottomed in ore of 20-35 per cent iron, and 31 bottomed in ore over 35 per cent iron. The remainder of 18 bottomed in at least three feet of limestone.

Many holes penetrated the ore beds in which they were started, but evidence from the shallow drilling suggested that the ore transected flat limestone and had extensions in depth which might spread laterally in deeper limestone beds. Thus, the deposits were not fully tested for reserves by the shallow drilling.

During the winter of 1947-48 the U. S. Bureau of Mines drilled seven churn-drill holes to depths

ranging from 260 to 450 feet. These holes encountered only small bodies of low-grade ore below depths of 60 feet, although they did establish a greater thickness of ore than was measured by the shallow-drilling project. All the holes bottomed in splite at depths ranging from 207 to 395 feet.

Complete analyses were made of the composite samples of each of the earlier shallow holes. Cuts of these composite samples were combined and showed 48.10 per cent iron.

### News and Views From Your Nation's Capitol

By JOHN J. DEMPSEY  
Congressman from New Mexico

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Washington is beginning to wonder just when the honeymoon of the Eisenhower administration and the congressional majority will start. Up until now, impartial observers say, the new President and the majority in Congress have been acting more like honeymooners as far as confidence and understanding are concerned. Personally, I would like to see the honeymoon start soon and last long. There are too many important problems before the Congress to brook delay.

The record of the majority in Congress, since January 20, has caused considerable speculation. What is regarded by many as a possible "straw in the wind" is the action taken by the Republican majorities in the Senate and House Government Operations committees, both of which reported favorably on the two-year extension of executive reorganization powers for the President, but insisted that any plan of reorganization could be rejected by a simple majority of either house. Under the provision, a mere handful of lawmakers could defeat the will of the majority and of the administration. Under present law, a Constitutional majority of 218 House members or 49 Senators must oppose a reorganization plan in order to reject it.

The significant thing about this action is that all Republican members of the Senate Committee voted for this restricting change in the law and all Republican members of the House Committee, except one who abstained from voting, approved it also. Every Democratic member of the House Committee voted against the change and to allow President Eisenhower the same freedom

of action enjoyed by President Truman.

Budget Director Joseph Dodge, spokesman for the administration, expressed "vigorous" opposition to the change, saying it "would make it almost impossible for the President to act in the manner you would expect."

Although the President has been reported to agree to the change made by the Republican majorities of the two committees, his agreement would appear to be prompted by a conciliatory motive. As one who was on a task force which helped the Hoover Commission to work out the reorganization plans, I believe the President should have not only the responsibility but ample authority to reorganize the executive branch of the government. To allow a small minority of either branch of the Congress to become the controlling factor is, in my opinion, a contravention of the true American policy of majority rule.

This will have to come to the floor of both branches for final determination and I, for one, will oppose this unfair, even dangerous, change in the law. President Eisenhower should be given every possible opportunity to do a good reorganization job without being hamstrung by a few who might seek to show favoritism to some government department for selfish reasons. The drive to reduce government spending and to cut taxes as well during this session of Congress is rapidly gaining momentum. There are two plans advanced, both directed toward the same desired end.

Chairman Daniel Reed (R.-N. Y.) of the House Ways and Means Committee, introduced H. R. 1 to reduce individual income taxes by 5% per cent this year. That result would be obtained by moving from Dec. 31 to June 30, the expiration date for the 11 per cent tax increase voted in 1951.

I shall support that bill because it is my opinion that reduction of tax income to the government—and the burden on the taxpayers as well—will force more serious efforts to cut down appropriations and thereby reduce government spending. Of course deficit spending must be

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eliminated by Congressional action also.

It is my belief that 68 billions should be the absolute top figure for the budget. By eliminating waste that will be ample if we take a sane and sensible view of such items as foreign aid.

In making reduction in taxes it is to be hoped that included can be elimination of the 20 per cent excise tax on motion picture theater admissions. That tax takes one-fifth of the gross receipts of the motion picture houses even if the owner takes a loss and, if he should make a profit, another 52 per cent can be collected. That is driving many hundreds of the small picture shows out of business and denying millions of people recreation and entertainment. To me that does not make sense.

Considerable concern has been caused in Congressional circles by the first announcement by

Harold E. Stassen, new head of the Mutual Security Administration. Mr. Stassen advises employees of that government agency to quit "on their own initiative" if they feel their duties are unimportant. (Cont. on Page 6)

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