



### Carrizozo Board Elects 2 Teachers

The Carrizozo School Board held its regular monthly meeting last Thursday night in the high school. A tentative school calendar for 1937-38 was considered. Under this plan school would open on Monday, Sept. 2, but teachers would meet to organize for the year on Thursday and Friday, August 29 and 30.

It was planned, as during the past year, to allow two days for hunting in November. These would not be counted among the school days.

The board also elected two new teachers, Mrs. Louise Ferguson of Hillsdale, Wyo. Mrs. Ferguson, if she accepts, will become a fourth grade teacher and take over the second section that will be set up for next year. She is no stranger to the people of Carrizozo having grown up and received her education in Carrizozo. She also taught at Carrizozo in 1928-30, and at Hondo in 1930-33. She has been teaching the fourth grade at Hondo since 1934.

Mr. Wagner, who holds both an A.B. and M.A. degree from the University of Wyoming, has taught in that state for some 27 years and is presently superintendent of schools at Hillsdale. His first interest, however, is

### Jon R. Matthews Serving in Alaska

Adak, Alaska (PHTNC) — Jon R. Matthews, hospital corpsman third class, USN, son of Mrs. Elsie C. Matthews of Hollywood, N. M., and husband of the former Miss Phyllis S. Giraldo of Miami, Fla., is serving at the Naval Station, Adak, Alaska.

He reported to Adak March 19, 1937.

classroom teaching and he wishes to handle high school English and publications. His son, now at Fort Bliss, plans to enroll at New Mexico A&M College this fall.

The board also decided to cooperate with New Mexico A&M College next fall in placing a student teacher from that institution in the local elementary school for one semester.

Regret was expressed over the continued illness of Miss Minnie Neill, veteran third grade teacher. The board decided to continue her pay in full to the end of the school year regardless of usual limitations.

### SCHOOL GIVEN MIXER

The school lunch room was the recipient of a powerful new mixer, complete with attachments, including a 20-quart bowl and dough hooks, from the school lunch division of the State of New Mexico. It is a valuable and highly useful addition to the lunch room equipment.

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Was she ever under the floor of the smokehouse or barn until all danger is past and the mother gives the "all clear" signal, then come out cautiously, stepping high and cocking one eye skyward for a look-see for herself?

Has she ever been courted by the cock-of-the-walk, when he sidles up to her with one wing drooping down in a strutting position and does a do-se-do around her? I wonder if all her hackle feathers are still in her neck? Chances are, she was hatched electrically and brooded electrically.

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### David Swift Opens TV, Radio, Repair Shop

David Swift has opened a radio and TV repair shop at his home in Carrizozo on D street, off 5th street.

He has finished a course with the Radio & TV Training Ass'n of New York, in black and white TV repair and is also studying color TV repair.

Mr. Swift a native of Tennessee, was in the Air Force at Walker Field in Roswell for three years. He married Lillian Crumley nearly four years ago. They have one son, age 2.

### Hen That Hatched 40 Years Too Soon

(A. E. Priest, News subscriber, of Wallis, Texas, has been reading about the new industry started in Carrizozo by L. Vega & Sons — hens that spend their egg-laying lifetimes in cages off the ground. It reminds him of the little blue hen that scratched for a living.)

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## MONEY AND BANKING In Everyday Living

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**HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF.** It was in the 1900's that the manuscript of a great work of history, representing years of work by Thomas Carlyle, was accidentally thrown into a fireplace and burned to ashes. It was just a few weeks ago that a bundle of important personal papers, representing years of work by an American householder, was thrown out with the trash . . . Carlyle simply set to work and rewrote his book; but how readily can the householder — how readily could you — replace the deed to a home, securities, a Will? Don't let history repeat itself in your case. Safeguard your treasured possessions against loss in a low-rental Safe Deposit Box in our vault.

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egg for three days until her Mother Hubbard human fixed a nest for her, after picking out fifteen nice uniform eggs, using a pencil to mark them in a circular scorching motion as she turned the eggs in her hand. That was to separate the setting eggs from any other ones that might be laid in the nest by poachers.

The little old rural hen came off the nest for her weekly constitution and drank deeply of good water. Her human heard her clucking vociferously so she shelled her some corn. After she gorged on that she had her weekly ashpile shuffling and sunning, then back to her love, that of hatching out the chicks.

At 21 days the chicks began to pip through. She was taken off the nest the 22nd day, fed dry oatmeal, corn bread crumbs and then was practically on her own, scratching in the moist dirt for tiny grubs and stray grain from the barnlot. Soon she was foraging long distances from the house for the chicks' food.

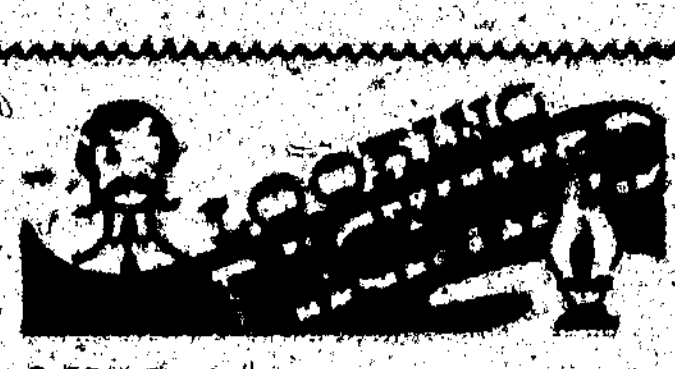
A grasshopper took across the road, the old blue hen in hot pursuit. The hot rod driver, endangering himself, swerved to be sure to hit the hen, just caught her with his left wheel, knocking her in the ditch, a broken bleeding mass of dust and feathers, there to die a painful death.

The caged layer lays her quota of eggs and becomes useless in time but she meets death with a swift stroke of a sharp hatchet, is dressed and baked for Sunday dinner where the pastor is a dinner guest.

The hen that was beautiful and white in life has become a rich juicy golden brown and gives her all to the sweet end, for as Brother Jones says grace: "Bless us O Lord, and these, thy gifts . . ." Even in death she is blessed.

I, too, am hungry. I could go for a big slice of home cured ham, the brimble, brown-eyed, gravy-making kind, if I had it. Then I would have ham and eggs, if I had the eggs; of course the caged hen-eggs if you please, for they are the products of good clean feed, not the barn lot variety; and clean, clear water, not the ditch and lot mud puddle kind.

So, hats off to the products of the caged layers!



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### 25-Year Service Award To Carrizozo Firm

Fred English of the Carrizozo Hardware Co. was pleased to receive this week a distinguished service award from the Pittsburgh Paint Company.

It was "in recognition of 25 years of outstanding merchandising and customer service."

### Southern Pacific Pays 2nd Half of '36 Tax Bill

The Southern Pacific Railroad this week paid the second half installment on its total 1936 Lincoln county tax bill of \$74,687.39, according to John E. Wright, county treasurer. This amount represents an increase of \$2,557.79, or 3.55% over last year's taxes levied against the Southern Pacific Railroad.

E. L. Taylor, Carrizozo freight agent for S. P., reports that a breakdown of the total taxes levied against Southern Pacific Railroad in Lincoln County indicates that \$35,720.20 will be spent for support of schools; \$2,050.14 for the county hospital; \$17,382.21 for state purposes and \$19,534.84 for the operation of local city and county governmental agencies.

and Mrs. G. B. Greer of Parsons, Joseph T. Cochran of Nogal and J. O. Nabours from his Three Rivers home.

Attorneys attending court in Carrizozo included S. F. Crews, Ocuero; H. B. Holt, Las Cruces; W. W. Gatewood and C. O. Thompson, Roswell; Edwin Mechem, J. L. Lawson and Dean Sherry, Alamogordo; R. L. Hitt, Willard and G. W. Pritchard of Santa Fe.



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# FOLKLORE CORNER

By TED RAYNOR

## SAVED BY A BELT BUCKLE

(Editor's note: This story of an Indian raid in September 1882 on the Parks ranch on Berenda Creek at the edge of the Black Range was told by H. L. Parks, who operates the same ranch which his father, B. F. Parks, homesteaded in 1882.)

My father got word from Lake Valley that Indians were coming into the area. Generally, when we got these warnings of possible Indian raids the family moved into Lake Valley, until the danger had passed. One of the work horses, which would have hauled us in the wagon to town, had strayed and had went out to look for him.

Grandfather James Knight was left on the ranch with my mother, myself, and my sister. (H. L. Parks was then about two years old, and his sister, now Mrs. Pearl Metcalfe of Santa Monica, Calif., was about six months old.) The other persons on the ranch were Jake Hollege and a boy about 16 or 17, whose name I can't recall.

Around 4 o'clock that afternoon, grandfather told Jake he could take his choice of two jobs — cut wood for the night or bring in the milk cow. The cow was not far away because her bell could be heard at the foot of the mountain.

Grandfather was very near-sighted. Jake said he could see better and he would go for the cow. Grandfather cut the wood for the night and then reminded Jake it was getting late and he had better get started. After being reminded he was unarmed, Jake picked up a rifle and buckled a belt of cartridges around him. He said that if he saw Indians he would fire a shot to warn them at the house.

A few minutes later a shot was heard in the vicinity where the cowbell sounded. Grandfather rushed mother and the children and the other young man into the log cabin near the house, which had been built for defensive purposes. Bullets could not penetrate the logs.

A very short time after the first shot was heard two more were fired about 300 yards from the house, around the hill. These were the shots that killed Jake. Very soon after these shots were heard, mother looked out a port-hole in the log cabin and saw an Indian squatted behind a

bush. He was holding his gun and was about 40 feet from the cabin.

Mother tried to point out the Indian to the boy, but he became so excited he fired through the ceiling of the cabin. The Apaches apparently all left the vicinity after the shot was fired in the cabin. They went over the hill across Berenda Creek and fired a few shots at the cabin, and then continued up a tributary canyon.

Within a few minutes after the Apaches left by the west fork of North Canyon, dad came down the east fork of the canyon, leading the white work horse that had strayed. It was getting dark, and the Indians never saw him. The family remained in the cabin overnight.

Later in the night, about half a dozen men rode out from Lake Valley. They were headed by Charles Watlington, who in later years became well known in this part of southwestern New Mexico as a pioneer railway conductor on the Santa Fe.

Father accompanied the party of men in the direction where the shots that killed Jake had been heard. They found his body about 200 yards from the house. He had been shot with two rifle bullets.

Judging from tracks found the next day, Jake saw the main party of Indians stopped under a tree several hundred yards away. The Apaches no doubt saw him first. Two Indians apparently left the party, and ran down the canyon, where they knew he would have to cross going back to the house.

Jake apparently fired his rifle to warn folks at the house as soon as he saw the band of Indians under the tree and then started running toward the house. Unknowingly, he ran straight to the two Indians waiting for him in the canyon.

Jake had buckled on a U. S. soldier's cartridge belt before leaving the house. We found out in later years that the Apaches, well knowing the significance of the letters "U. S." on a cartridge belt and noting that the shot in the cabin was fired through the ceiling, believed there possibly was a detachment of soldiers waiting for them in the cabin. That accounted for their departure. Before leaving, the Indians stole a horse from the corral right beside the cabin, and took several other horses on the range, which belonged to dad and grandfather.

## ALTO BRIEFS

By AILEEN LINDAMOOD

Ollie Lamb of Midland has been at Eagle Creek the past week doing some work on the new home he had built there the past winter.

The Tommy Crawford of Tulare was by on Sunday. Joe Davis came up for the week end from Roswell to visit in Ruidoso and Alto.

On Sunday, H. Elfred Jones of Carrizosa stopped by on his way to Ruidoso.

The George Dingwalls were in Carrizosa a couple of days last week.

Mrs. Maggie Rindel and Miss Hattie Coffee of El Paso spent the Easter week end at Eagle Creek.

Mrs. Bill Van Pelt went to Dallas last Wednesday with Gladys Thompson of Ruidoso for a visit with her mother, Mrs. John McCrary.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Babers of San Patricio were by on Tuesday after attending the services at Angus for Mrs. Maggie Pfingsten.

The Walter Schneiders made a business trip to Santa Fe last week in connection with the Santa Claus ranch.

The Chris Stars of Portales are working on their house in Gavilan and hope to have it ready to close up and lock before returning. Ray Taylor, well driller from Lincoln, is drilling a well for them while they're here.

Jesse A. Isaacks, service officer for New Mexico Veterans Service Commission, who resides in Las Cruces, came by on Wednesday when he was in the community on veteran business.

Jack Parnell of Green Tree was a business visitor in the community Monday of last week.

Dr. and Mrs. Bryan Havens and daughter of Tempe, Ariz., are spending some time on their property south of town.

G. B. Alvis took his family to El Paso on Sunday where they will remain for a visit with her mother, Mrs. Susie Edmunds.

Jack Kiker is out of the Service and has returned to Ruidoso to rejoin his wife and family. It was very nice to see him at the store again as he was with the J. W. Jones Company in 1935 and was in their Alto office at the time.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Johnson of Lubbock were visiting at the Peobles ranch for Easter.

Mrs. Ira Young of the Bonito came by Monday of last week.

Truman Chapman of El Paso stopped in last week while he was on a trip to look over his High Mesa property.

Mrs. Ray Lemon and Mrs. Wayne Hamilton of Carrizosa were Ruidoso and Alto visitors last Friday.

The Marcus Waltermite family and her sister, Mrs. H. Seary of El Paso, enjoyed the Easter week end at their Eagle Creek home.

The John Von Rosenberg's Easter week end was marred by an accident. Their son Jeffrey fell out of a tree and broke his left arm. By the time they left to return to Albuquerque on Sunday he was feeling much better and doing right well with the cast on his arm and a sling around his neck.

The Jack Stewart family of El Paso were at Eagle Creek for a short visit last week end. Chester was home from Wheaton Baptist College in Wheaton, Ill., for Easter and Jackie completed the family circle by being home for a few days before leaving on his assignment with the Air Corps in Alaska.

The D. A. Kincaids of Albuquerque were here for a long Easter week end.



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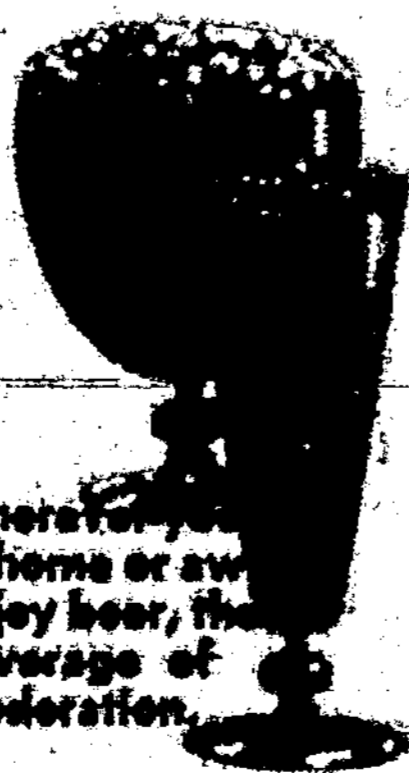
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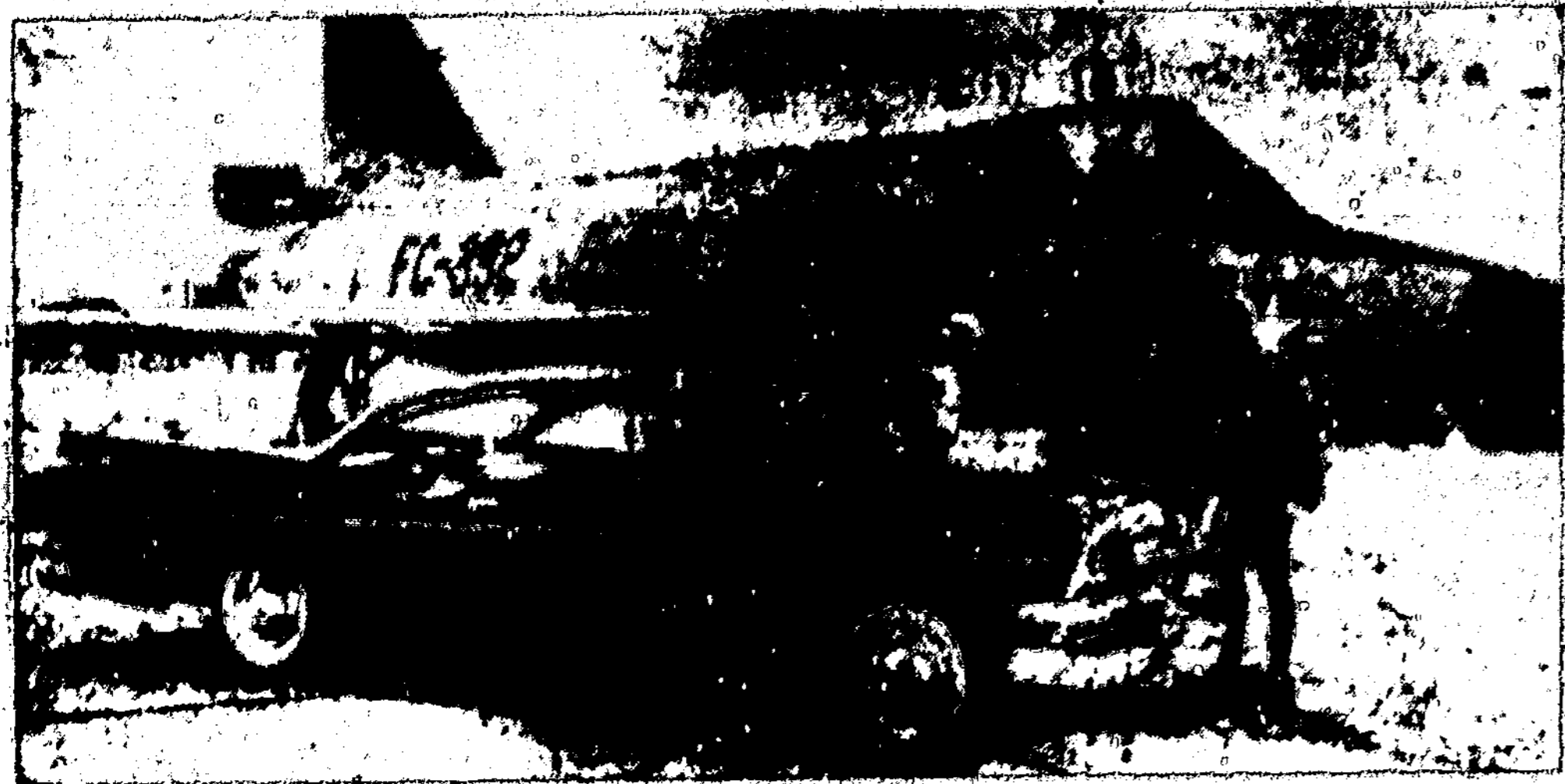
Featured above is one of the continental drinkings of Teos Pueblo, where life is lived in much the same primitive manner today that prevailed during the era of the conquistadors. Teos Pueblo is only one of the many fascinating things to see in and around Teos, which is especially beautiful in the spring. Some of the finest trout streams in New Mexico are in this area. Get to know and enjoy New Mexico, Land of Enchantment.

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# Lancer Meets Lancer at Air Force Base



AMERICA'S two famous "Lancers"—the Air Force's new P-51A jet plane and Dodge's trim 1957 hardtop—stand poised for action at the Duluth Air Force Base, where the world's first supersonic all-weather interceptor plane guards the northern air frontier. Similarities in styling of the Convair P-51A Lancer with the new Dodge Royal Lancer are pointed out by Capt. Earl Weaver, jet-pilot, to Sue Wagoner, Hollywood starlet. The P-51A Lancer's name was picked from 5,000 entries after a Duluth newspaperman suggested the "faster-than-sound" fighter plane should have an appropriate name.

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## WILL HARRISON'S Inside the Capital

### MEECH MOVES FAST IN MAKING CRITICS

Santa Fe, April 24 — Gov. Ed Mechem in four months has accumulated more critics than in the four years of his earlier administration. It started with trouble over jobs and board appointments, a burden every governor must bear in the early months of his term, but was multiplied in the massive veto spree following the legislature.

### State's Farm Values Declined in 1956

New Mexico farm real estate values fell 1% in the year ending November 1956, according to a report on current developments in the farm real estate market just released by the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

### DEMOCRATS RESIST MONTOYA CONTROL

Democrats have dug their heels in against what they think is an effort by Rep. Joe Montoya and our Clint the senator to reorganize the party.

### HEALTH DIRECTOR STANLEY LELAND MAY BE IN TROUBLE

Health Director Stanley Leland may be in a run-in with the state board of finance the other day. Both Republican and Democratic members were sharply critical of the money handling in the department.

### DEMOS REVIVE 2% SYSTEM

Meanwhile the state Democratic elective officials agreed to a return to the old system of collecting contributions of about 2% of employee salaries to pay the cost of keeping state Democratic headquarters open.

supreme court judges entered into an informal organization and will hold monthly meetings with Morgan acting as chairman. The judges have been invited to join.

### COMMISSIONERS STILL FIGHTING

There has been no let up in the corporation commission feud in which Seven-Foot Pickett and Johnny Block are aligned against Jim Lamb. It broke into the open the first of the year when the two refused to give Lamb his turn as chairman of the commission and flared again this week when Pickett told reporters that Lamb had "lied" in saying that he had not solicited truck operators for campaign funds for Block last year.

Pickett, who admitted that he had asked truckers who operate under the jurisdiction of the commission for money for Block, has been under severe criticism. Lamb, who said that he did not participate in the money raising, had been publicly praised for staying out of the deal.

It was reported at the commission office last week that Pickett had produced \$275 from the truckers he solicited and that Lamb had turned in \$1200 from the list of operators he had been given to solicit.

It was upon this disclosure that Pickett said in effect that Lamb had not stuck with the facts in saying that he had not participated in the money deal.

### STATEHOUSE IN A HURRY

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Then it developed that he had bought four automobiles without having money set up for them and had to go before the finance board for approval of the purchase, that after one of the cars had been wrecked.

Colleagues of Highway Commissioner Tony Helmann are talking that the Harding county rancher is dead serious about running for governor next time. He's a Demo.

There has been talk about Socorro Mayor Holm Bursum going for senator next year against Demo Dennis Chavez.

Friends of Tom Bolack, the defeated Republican candidate for Congress in the recent election, are peeved at Gov. Ed Mechem for what they consider a lack of support in the special election campaign.

Mechem explained his inactivity by saying that he did not want Bolack to share the burdens that he had accumulated.

## Factors Affecting Meat Palatability

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There are a number of factors that are known to affect the tenderness of meat. The more common belief is that tenderness is associated with age of animal, degree of finish or covering of fat and marbling, along with proper aging of the carcass after slaughter.

The Agricultural Research Service at Beltsville, Maryland, reported recently that tenderness in beef cattle was found to have a "heritability factor" of about 41%. This percentage represents the degree of which tenderness is determined by the genetic differences.

Flavor, aroma, and color in meats influence its palatability. However, tenderness has probably the greatest influence on the per capita consumption. The consumer who purchases a tough steak or roast, will likely try some other type of meat on his next visit to the market.

The age of animal as it might influence palatability is explained by the fact that younger animals are more apt to produce a tender meat. However, the flavor may not compare with meat from an older animal. Veal is usually more tender than beef from an animal 18 to 20 months of age, but often does not have the flavor. It would be safe to assume, that as a meat animal advances in age its muscles develop accordingly in order that body weight can be handled properly. The grain of the muscles become coarser in texture with advanced age. For a comparative degree of tenderness, older animals need to be in a higher degree of flesh for slaughter than younger animals.

A good covering of fat over the muscles and a fatty layer between the muscles usually improve palatability. The fatty layer is referred to as "marbling" and develops with an animal on a fattening ration that will grade good to prime. The mixture of fat with the lean adds flavor, aroma, and tenderness to the cooking qualities of a steak or roast.

Proper aging of the carcass after slaughter may be influenced by the age of animal, weight, and kind of finish. Palatability of beef, and lamb carcasses is improved by allowing them to hang in the chill room from 5 to 10 days. This connective tissues are softened by enzymic action during this aging process. Surface mold may develop on carcasses left in chill room more than 8 to 10 days. A thin lean carcass will be sticky and develop a moldy flavor before proper aging time has elapsed. The mold may impart a stalo flavor to the meat. However, it rarely affects the wholesomeness of the meat.

The aging process of beef is

explained by different stages. Soon after slaughter, the meat is usually tender. Then the muscles harden and the fat cools and solidifies leaving the meat tough. In the third stage, the meat becomes soft and tender and improves in flavor.

Palatability of meat varies with individual animals of the same age and under the same feed conditions. A number of experiment stations have released data on carcass studies of half-sib animals. A wide variation of tenderness, flavor and color have been reported from these studies.

Sex has little influence on palatability, when carcasses of animals of similar age, breeding and under similar feed conditions are compared.

Dark color in beef is the result of violent emotions caused by the hormone adrenaline. Color in beef is closely associated with the acidity. A violent emotion will result in a muscular contraction, expelling carbonic acid, and leaving the muscle tissue more alkaline. It is estimated that from 2 to 5% of all cattle that go to market are "dark cutters." An injection of hydrocortisone, into the animal, before it is excited, will lower the adrenaline secretion and prevent the animal from cutting dark.

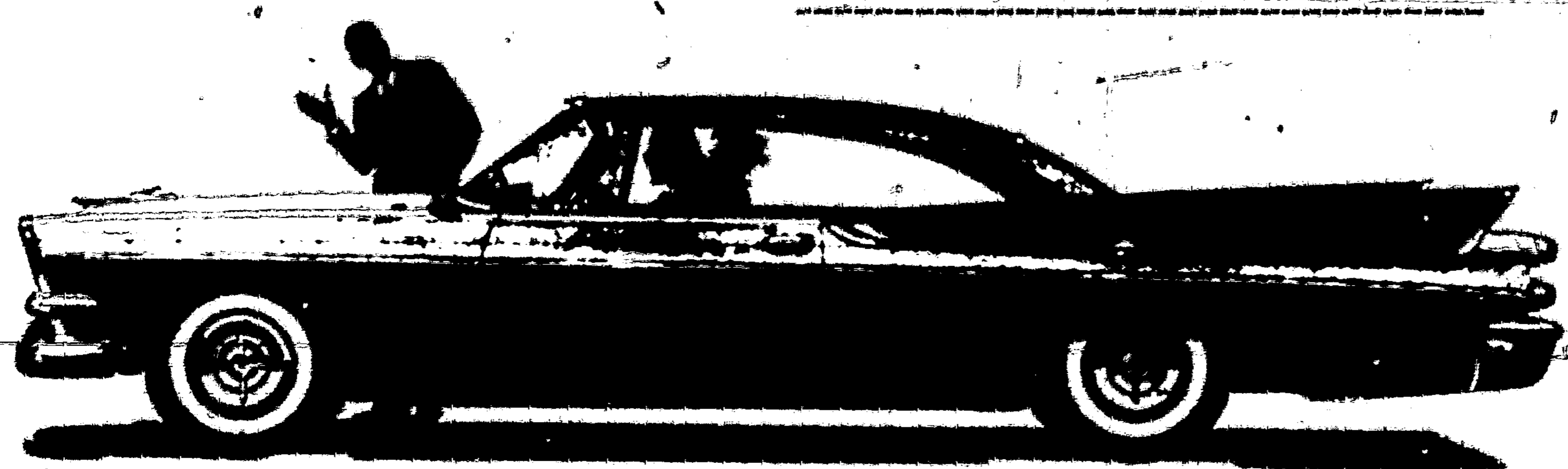
Meat animals should never be slaughtered under a highly excited or nervous condition. Improper bleeding will result and the carcass will "cool out" much slower. It is highly probable that the high degree of muscular contraction, as a result of an animal being extremely excited, will result in a less tender meat.

Palatability of the red meats is a primary factor in the per capita consumption. Improvement in tenderness, flavor and color will do much to increase the present rate of consumption.

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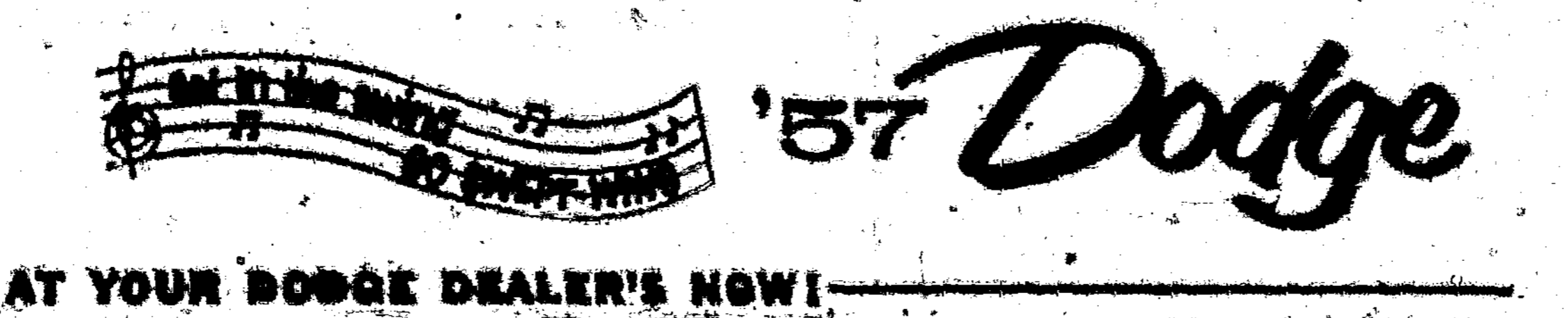


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