

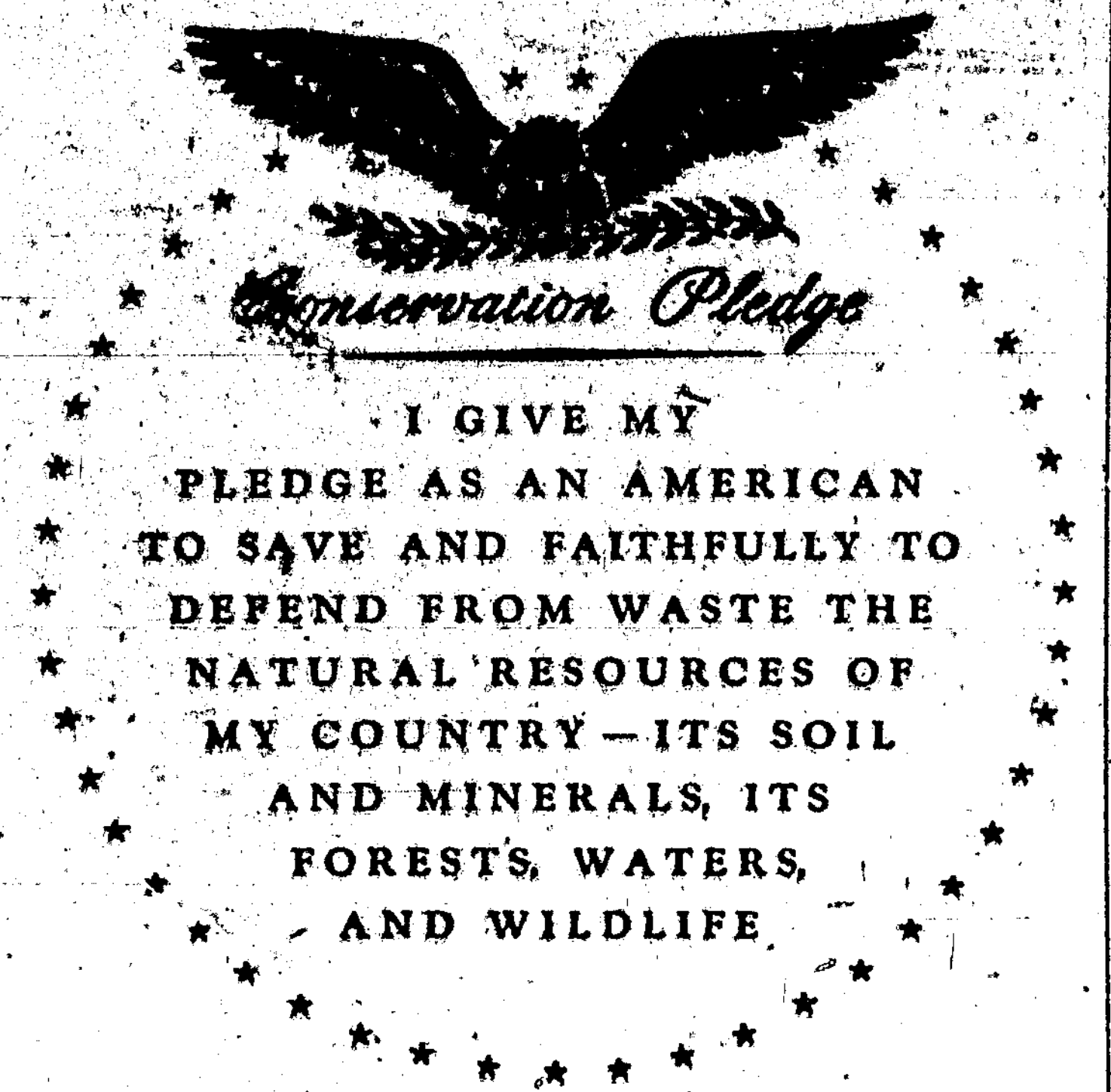
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And Carrizozo Outlook

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Along the Way..

By PAUL BAKER
The column "Rambling Around Lincoln County" will be resumed next week.
For the sixth consecutive year the News has dedicated an issue to Soil Conservation. Pages four and five tell a story in word and picture of work accomplished and the never ending task ahead of preserving and rebuilding our life-giving soil. Soil supervisors and conservationist employees are dedicated men. They are "sold" on their work because they know better than most of us, how important soil conservation measures are to the future of our nation. It has been well said that "A country's resources are the gift of nature to an entire people. They do not belong to this generation; to the last, nor to the next. No single man or generation can ever claim the right to use them wastefully." Everyone who plants a tree, a lawn, contours a field, or builds a check dam plays a part, either small or large, in the work of soil conservation. To all these people and to those who give them advice and encouragement this issue of the News is dedicated.

The News welcomes two additions to its staff of writers this week - Mrs. Charlee Ladd of Lava Vista courts, who will write social and personal items, and Miss Mary Nickels, with her weekly column on "Tween Us Teena." Mrs. Ladd, whose phone number is 265, will appreciate a phone call from anyone who has a news item. Mary's source of information will be the teen age group and her column will air the comings and goings of that wonderful group of young people between 10 and 20 - also their just grievances against parents, teachers and society in general.

Though the Asian flu vaccine has not as yet arrived in Carrizozo, quite a number of people have called the office of Doctors Turner and Spencer, asking for a vaccination when the serum arrives. . . . All members of the Lincoln County Chapter, American Red Cross are invited to attend the luncheon and annual meeting this Friday noon at the Carrizo Lodge, Buldoso. . . . News-hawk got quite a shock Wednesday when he opened the back door of the print shop to take out a load of trash. What he saw was a pile of snow under a tree. He dropped the wastebasket and rushed back inside. "Boss! Did you know it snowed last night? Come out and see!" Boss left his typewriter and went out to look. Sure enough, there was a small drift in the shade of a Chinese elm. Then he went next door to check. Neighbor Thornton had scraped the frost from his refrigerator boxes and piled it around the tree to give it some moisture. . . . We thought all the time that Saint, the little canary would find its voice in the Land of Enchantment, and it happened that way. The pretty little bird had lost its voice before we brought it here from Wyoming. All it could do was chirp like any ordinary sparrow. Then about two weeks ago Saint began to sing - and now he can keep up with Jack Benny on the violin. Don't know the reason, but be another of those miraculous Land of Enchantment cures.

This is National Fire Prevention week. Are you doing your share to prevent fires which will cost the nation around a billion dollars this year? Fire hits an average of 500 homes every day. Thirty persons on an average die daily in the United States as a result of fire. No right thinking person ever wants to have his property burn. Common sense precautions can easily avert thousands of unnecessary flaming disasters which result in tragic death or injury and destruction of property.

Editor: Please send our paper to the

Town Board Has Lengthy Meeting

Two petitions and one letter of protest were read at Tuesday night's meeting of the Carrizozo town board of trustees. The protest was in regard to the location of the town's new disposal site approximately a mile northeast of the town limits. Mrs. Minnie Bell requested that the dump be located on a site more distant from the town and Highway 54.

STRICT ENFORCEMENT OF CURFEW ORDINANCE

Town law enforcement officers are to strictly enforce the 9:30 curfew, the News was informed this week. Littering on the streets by juveniles is prohibited following the soundings of the curfew.

A petition signed by Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Bell requested removal of the Tularosa Basin Gas company liquefied petroleum storage tank from the Highway 54 right-of-way to a location either at the edge of or outside the town limits.

District Court

In district court action Friday, Oct. 4, a divorce was granted in the case James R. Gustin, plaintiff, vs. Dorothy Gustin, defendant. The plaintiff was awarded custody of a minor child.

Portal Hotel in Raton in the future as we have sold our place and will be living here.

Water erosion takes 2 1/2 billion dollars worth of nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium annually from our soils.

Lions Discuss Plan to Form Boosters Club

President R. G. Firman made a report to the Carrizozo Lions Club, meeting Monday noon at the Girard Hotel, on the zone meeting which he and Secretary L. Z. Manire attended.

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Plan to Merge Four Voting Precincts

A resolution was adopted by the Lincoln County Board of County Commissioners at their meeting Monday to consolidate four Lincoln county voting precincts into four adjacent precincts.

County Fair Board To Meet in Capitan

The Lincoln County Fair Board is to meet in Capitan Wednesday, Oct. 15, at 7 p.m. in the city hall.

Odd Fellows' Rites For James F. Tom

Services were held Sunday afternoon at the First Baptist Church in Carrizozo for James Fleming Tom, 82, who passed away suddenly at his home in Carrizozo Friday morning, Oct. 4.

WILL HARRISON'S Inside the Capital

COUNTIES RESENT EXPENSE OF FOOD Santa Fe, Oct. 9 - The welfare people have again passed to the counties the expense of distributing surplus food for people on welfare and out of jobs, and as usual the counties are dragging their feet.

Enter 6 County Fleeces in Wool Shows

New Mexico wool growers have sent fleeces exhibits to two out-of-state wool shows scheduled in October. Six of the fleeces are from Lincoln County.

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Photographs show conditions of vegetative recovery in a gully that has had complete protection from runoff over a period of two years. Located on the Burke Turner

Ranch near Silver City. It is typical of erosion on many Lincoln County Ranches. For erosion control measures consult your District Soil Conservation office.

That seemed to close discussion of that subject. When the state pulled out of the distribution work last year the handling of the food in Taos county was undertaken by J. B. Martinez, county Democratic chairman, and Rep. Edward C. Cabot, a Demo running for reelection. Their assistants included several precinct chairmen. The poor folks thought the party was holding out the grub.

REPUBLICANS CAN DRAFT

Republicans who usually have a terrible time getting people to fill their state ticket should have it easier this time.

The governor is already on the job and so is Auditor Ben Chavez. Some others are on the payroll and should be subject to draft.

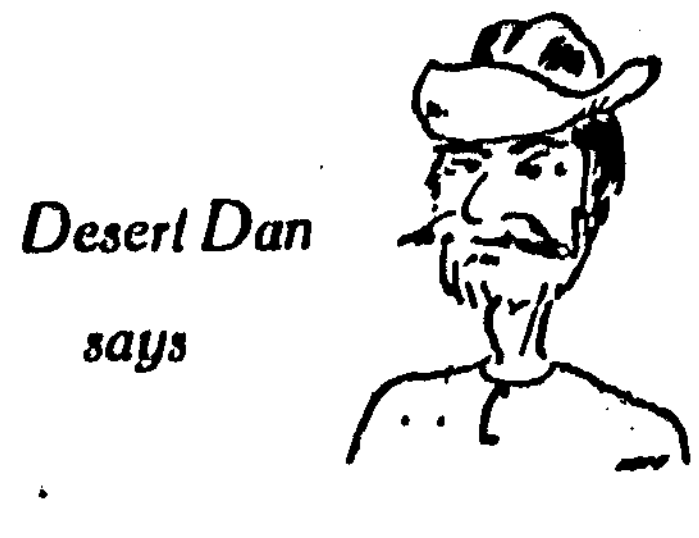
TROUBLE SUBSIDES IN RUSSELL BOARD

The cloud that was hanging over John Dale Russell, the \$18,500 director of the board of educational finance, seems to have lost its lightning, for the time being.

Gov. Ed Mecham shook up the board with four new members (Continued on Back Page).

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Now that the Russians have launched a satellite other nations will probably follow suit. No nation of any consequence will be without one of 'em up in outer space. Life could be pretty complicated what with watchin' traffic on the ground an' fallin' objects from th' sky.

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Service Officers to Assist Veterans

Jesse A. Isaacks, service officer, New Mexico Veterans' Commission, is to be at the courthouse in Carrizozo October 17 to assist veterans or their dependents in connection with veterans' benefits.

Richard M. Lawson will extend similar service October 30 at his office at the city hall in Roswell, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. on the above date.

Elect Corona Student Treasurer of Class

Gary Lovelace, son of Mr. and Mrs. Knollin Lovelace of Corona, has been elected treasurer of the freshman class at the Southern Arizona School for Boys near Tucson, where he enrolled for the first time last week.

SAS is a college preparatory school in the foothills northeast of Tucson. Its sports program includes both polo and calf-roping and many of the academic classes are held out-of-doors.

The ranch school was founded in 1930 by its present headmaster, Capt. Russell B. Fairgrieve.

Rites in California For Former Carrizozoan

Word has been received by Mrs. Lorene Casey of the death of her brother Roy at his home in Santa Cruz, Calif., on October 2, 1937, after a short illness.

Roy was well known in Carrizozo, as he grew up here and made frequent visits here.

He is survived by his wife, Nellie, two daughters, Margaret and Marjorie, one son, Ben, a brother Lee A. Stimmel of Avondale, Calif., and two sisters, Mrs. C. N. Eaton, Waltham, Wash., and Mrs. Casey of Raton; also several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were to be conducted in Santa Cruz.

New Mexico Students Attending U. of Denver

A number of students from New Mexico attending the University of Denver took part in Welcome Week activities during fall registration at the university.

They were, and their home cities: Glenda Sue King of Carrizozo, Ronald D. Vega of Alamogordo, William C. Harney and Martha K. Iwacki of Santa Fe, Don A. Bartick and Liston E. Loyendecker of Albuquerque, Janet L. Galbraith of Deming, Charlotte I. Garcia of Taos and Jack C. Walker Jr. of Farmington.

Each war accelerates the exhaustion of the soil, which is a fundamental cause of war—Robert M. Hutchins, Chancellor, University of Chicago.

Livestock reduction and range recuperating are absolutely essential to saving the livestock industry itself.—Ward Shepard.

LINCOLN COUNTY IN BYGONE YEARS

20 Years Ago

(From the files of the Lincoln County News, Oct. 28, 1917)

Pete Johnson and George Jeffreys were injured in a train accident at Liberal, Kans. They were accompanying a shipment of cattle to Kansas City. The caboose in which they were riding was struck as it was about to clear a siding by another oncoming train. A heavy stove fell on Mr. Johnson, breaking both legs. His back was also injured and his head and chest cut. Mr. Jeffreys' chest and arms were severely cut and bruised.

The Carrizozo Country Club was to open its fall season with a dance.

The following committee chairman were hard at work on arrangements for the Lincoln County Frontier Days in Carrizozo Oct. 15 and 16: O. W. Bamberger, general chairman; Wm. Gallacher, finance; Jim Howard, rodeo; George Messer, racing; Clyde Luckey, exhibits; S. E. Grelson, grounds and J. P. Caton, athletics.

Haven Glasimire was a student in the senior class at the Lawrence, Kans., high school.

Mrs. Johnson Stearns underwent an operation for appendicitis at the Turner hospital.

Sister Mary Aurelia of the St. Rita school entertained her brother and his bride, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Champagne of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan.

40 Years Ago

(From the files of the Carrizozo News, Oct. 12, 1917)

Secretary of State Antonio Lucero expressed the opinion that the closing of saloons in New Mexico would mean the opening of more school houses and a considerable decrease in the number of unfortunates in the penitentiary.

Miko Doering started the construction of an adobe store building between his new bakery building and the N. B. Taylor's store.

Tom McDonald, in from Mockingbird Gap, reported little rain and short grass in that area.

John Boering sold his barber shop to Messrs. Gilbert and Cole. John and Will Foster were in Carrizozo from their ranch in Paradise Valley. They were to market a good bean crop.

Mrs. G. T. McQuillen was elected president of the Woman's Missionary Society; Mrs. B. F. Stimmel, vice president; Mrs. Ray Lemon, secretary, and Mrs. Charles Stevens, treasurer.

Shorty Beckray of Spindale was a Carrizozo visitor. It was recalled that he drove a stage in an early day when there wasn't a settlement between Carhage and White Oaks.

Mrs. Anna Eyo returned to Ancho to open a hotel and boarding house. Her hospitality and good meals were well known.

Serving With Airborne Division in Germany

Grafenwohr, Germany (AHT-NC) — Pvt. Teodoro F. Zamora, son of Mrs. Bernardetta Zamora, Carrizozo, recently received two weeks of advanced training with infantry weapons near Grafenwohr, Germany.

Zamora was instructed in the operation and firing of the 105 millimeter howitzer, the 30 caliber machine gun and the 3.5 rocket launcher.

He is regularly assigned as a fire director computer in Battery D of the 11th Airborne Division's 321st Airborne Field Artillery.

Zamora entered the Army in November 1936, and arrived in Europe in August of this year. He attended Carrizozo High.

Augeburg, Germany (AHTNC) — Army Pvt. Victor Lopez, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vick Lopez, Carrizozo, recently spent a three-day pass in Berchtesgaden, Germany.

Lopez is regularly assigned as an assistant machine gunner in Company A of the 11th Airborne Division's 504th Infantry in Augsburg.

He entered the Army in November 1936, arriving overseas last July.

Pfc. DIMAS L. APODACA IN MARINE MANEUVERS

Twenty-Nine Palms, Calif. (FHTNC)—Marine Pfc. Dimas L. Apodaca, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paulino Aidaz of Carrizozo, took part in an artillery field exercise Sept. 17-30 on the Mojave Desert at Twenty-nine Palms, Calif.

The blistering 13-day grind involved 2,000 of the 1st Marine Division's 11th Regiment.

The exercise reached its climax when the regiment unleashed its 105mm and 155mm howitzers, plus 4.2 mortars, in live-fire support of imaginary units attacking the "enemy."

CARRIER PILOT COMPLETES HIS GUNNERY TRAINING

Foley, Ala. (FHTNC)—Qualified in aviation gunnery and as a carrier pilot, Capt. 14 was Navy Ensign William H. Ferguson, son of Mrs. Louise Ferguson of Carrizozo.

Ensign Ferguson is a graduate of the New Mexico AAM College. He completed his gunnery and carrier training at the Naval Field Naval Auxiliary Air Station, Foley, Ala., and is now undergoing advanced training in combat type aircraft at the Naval Air Station, Corpus Christi, Texas.

To qualify as a carrier pilot he made six landings aboard the support aircraft carrier USS Anitama in the Gulf of Mexico.

GRIST & GRITS

By OLIN MILLER
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"Wife Charges Husband Killed Her for Money." — Headline in the Niles (Ohio) Times. The charge is doubtless without foundation, as a person who will lie about being dead most likely will lie about anything.

"Mrs. Roosevelt, who had a long visit with Khrushchev in his summer home near Yalta, says he told her war was unthinkable." News item. He is correct, of course, but the fly in the ointment is that wars are started by the unthinking.

The Massachusetts man who keeps burglarizing the same house probably hasn't heard about the economic law of diminishing returns.

What's the matter with American men? Although for weeks a leading U. S. songstress has been continually broadcasting the singing appeal, "Love Me To Pieces," she's still in one piece.

A man who attended a party the other evening had such a dull time his wife didn't drag him home before it was over.

Confucius says: "Man that has many installment collectors coming to door may soon find wolf there."

It is wondered if the fish lies about the size of the man he got away from.

"Reckless driving is caused by basic feelings of insecurity," says a psychologist. This statement is open to question, but it is certain the reckless driver makes other drivers feel basically insecure.

"You can't tell a blonde from a brunette in the dark," says a columnist. Poor fellow, he knows next to nothing about blondes.

You not only can't take it with you, but you can't get very far with it here unless you are adept at dodging tax collectors, bill collectors and people soliciting funds for public benefit.

You should always be kind to dumb animals — particularly those who belong to the human race.

A Philadelphia cat mothered a squirrel, raised it to maturity, then killed and ate it. Most cats consider it wiser to scrounge food than to raise their own.

Honor Jerry Bray With Pink and Blue Shower

BY SHARLEE LADD

Pat Snider honored Jerry Bray with a pink and blue shower last Thursday afternoon. The honoree received many lovely and useful gifts.

Delicious sandwiches coffee and punch were served to Madeline McDaniel, Patsy Barnett, Betty Nale, Joyce McCulloch, Joan Covey, Mary Myers, Nettie Berry; honoree Jerry Bray and hostess Pat Snider.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Chavez had as their house guests Mrs. Chavez' grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Isidor Fresquez of Roswell and Mrs. Chavez' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Estanislao Bello and sister Ruth of Claunch.

Mr. and Mrs. Darel Goar, sons Lonnie and Gayland Goar of Mountainair were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Sorrells and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Petross of Claunch were in Carrizozo Sunday visiting with the Claude Sorrells family.

Mr. and Mrs. Welcolm Armstrong of the Yucca Grill were hosts to the Grizzly football team at a steak dinner last Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford West and sons visited in Andrews, Texas, over the week end. Mr. West is employed by the Standard Construction Co.

Dr. and Mrs. A. N. Spencer and family moved over the week end into their new home west of Carrizozo.

Mrs. Frank Maxwell Jr. and Mrs. Claude Sorrells went to the Ladies Club at Claunch Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Chavez and children spent the week end at Claunch with Mr. and Mrs. Estanislao Bello.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Maxwell Jr. spent the week end at Claunch with Mrs. Maxwell's grandmother, Mrs. Nora Stewart and Mr. Maxwell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Maxwell.

Social Security Covers Certain Farm Work

J. Haasler Strickland, manager of the Roswell ES Admin., announces that anyone who is employed to do farm work is covered by the social security law if he (1) receives wages of \$150 or more from any agricultural employer in a year, or (2) works on 20 or more days in a year where his wages are figured on a time basis such as by the hour or the day, rather than on piece-work basis such as by the row, or the hundred pounds.

According to Mr. Strickland, the crew leader who furnishes and pays the workers in his crew is always the employer, unless the farmer and the crew leader have agreed in writing that the crew leader is the farmer's employee. When there is such a written agreement, the members of the crew, as well as the crew leader, are the farmer's employees.

The employer of farm workers should: (1) keep a record of each worker's name, social security tax of 4 1/2% of the total covered wages; one half of the taxes may be deducted from the worker's pay. The taxes are payable to the Director of Internal Revenue, Albuquerque in January of each year.

"It is from these annual reports which are filed by crew leaders and farm operators that workers received credit for their earnings. These wage credits are the basis for a worker's retirement income in his older years, or income to his family if he should die," Mr. Strickland explained.

Crew leaders, farmers, and their hired workers may get social security numbers or information about the insurance from the Roswell Social Security office. Additional information about social security taxes may be obtained from the Director of Internal Revenue, Albuquerque.

Chief harvest of the land is Man himself.

Vine Mesquite Grass on Withers Ranch



VINE MESQUITE GRASS, in a flood plain near the Mal Pais on the Withers Ranch. Among the better grasses for erosion control, vine mesquite has long runners and ties into the soil, making a dense ground cover. The two-foot growth is being measured by Soil Conservationist Dan Giles.

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FOLKLORE CORNER

By TED RAYNOR

STOREKEEPER AT ANIMAS

Early in the morning of July 22, 1908, a Southern Pacific train stopped at Pratt, a tiny, now vanished settlement on the railroad, five miles west of Animas in southwestern Hidalgo County. Among the passengers on the train were Felix Gauthier and his partner, William E. Stivers, who were looking for a place to homestead in New Mexico.

The two saw the wide grasslands of the Animas Valley sweeping to the mountains. "It looks like a good place, let's stay," said Stivers. The train left Pratt without them.

Ranching then was the only activity in the valley, and a ranch job virtually the only employment. There were two big outfits, the XT Land and Cattle Co., operated by Chase and McCabe, and the Victoria Land and Cattle Co., whose headquarters were in Bakerfield, Calif. There were half a dozen small ranches in the valley.

Gauthier worked some time for Bob Austin, who had retired and bought a small ranch. At Austin's urging Gauthier and Stivers started a store and post office at Animas.

The partners pitched a tent on the present site of Gauthier's home, and each homesteaded a half section. Later, they put up a 12-by-12-foot building and opened a store. Beginning in 1909, the post office also was in the store.

Other homesteaders came in 1908. Like Gauthier and Stivers, they had only squatters' rights, for most of the valley was not surveyed until 1914.

Stivers was appointed postmaster in 1909 and held the job until 1913. That year Gauthier took a civil service examination, and kept the postmaster position for 41 years until he retired in 1954. For some time he held the record for longest continuous service as a postmaster in the United States. After he retired, his son, Felix, Jr., was named acting postmaster and his appointment later was confirmed. In their 12-by-12 store Gauthier and Stivers carried not more than \$600 in stock, consisting of staple groceries, Arbuckle coffee, Bull Durham and other tobaccos.

A sack of Bull Durham cost five cents in 1909 and still sells for the same price in Gauthier's Animas store. When the partners opened their store, they paid 88 cents a carton for Bull Durham, and not until recently did the wholesaler raise the price to 97 cents.

Chewing tobacco sold in the early days was Star and Climax. Star plugs came in six-pound wooden boxes. A plug at a time was the usual sale unless a rancher lived way out. It was 10 cents a cut, five cents a plug. Chewing tobacco sales have decreased greatly, but Gauthier still sells Day's Work, Tinsley and Brown's Mule.

Most widely bought meat in the early days was sides of dry salt pork, weighing 35 to 50 pounds. These were cut up and sold to ranchers who cooked the pork with beans and practically everything else.

Ranchers used to buy enough at a time to last from 30 to 60 days, and they still buy in large quantities. Farmers in the Animas Valley, like city people, buy from day to day.

It costs twice as much now to handle groceries as in 1909 because of smaller purchase at a time, Gauthier said.

Gauthier and his partner survived fires, and dry yeafs, and a 1920 bank failure in Lordsburg.

They operated in their tiny store until 1911 when they built on the site of the present store. Fire destroyed it in 1915. After the new store burned, Stivers said, "That finishes us." Gauthier replied, "This is when we need to take hold harder."

Gauthier got outside work to help them start from scratch again. Their creditors asked them how much they needed to rebuild and restock. One company charged the building materials; others sent them merchandise. The partners never gave a note, but as they sold goods they made payments to their creditors.

In 1920 fire destroyed a warehouse that contained a carload of grain. The fire was a hard blow because insurance could not then be obtained.

Sometimes people ask Gauthier how he has managed to stay 49 years in one place. The storekeeper says he tells them he had only \$18.75 when he got off the train at Pratt in 1908 and he had to stay.

NEW MEXICO BRIEFS

New Mexico, part of which lies in the Southern Rocky Mountains, has a number of peaks and mountain ranges with unusual names: Gallo (rooster), Hogback, Hatcher, Organ, Cebolleta (little onion), El Huerfano (orphan), Starvation, Soldier's Farewell and Rabbit Ear.

'Tween Us Teens'

By MARY (Ginger) NICKELS

Hi! I guess you'll be seeing this column for a while according to Mr. Baker. I sure hope so anyway.

As you may have suspected, this is a section for teenagers. In this column teens can pipe up instead of down. We hope you'll like it!

It's around this time that we all are doing our last minute cramming for those dreaded six-weeks exams. As we all know, they are this week. I guess no one really looks forward to these tests, but since we have to take them, we might as well make the best of them. After all, they'll be over soon.

I'll bet when some of our parents see those report cards, the fur will fly. You know, I think the basic problem with parents is, that we get them too late to reform them. Anyway, I don't think they would be so hard on us if they could see their old report cards about now!

At this point, the teachers still have a faint ray of hope for us. They are doing their best to encourage us. How many times have we heard this? "You can do anything if you put your mind to it." Well, did you ever try to go through a revolving door on skis? (I just thought I'd ask.)

Don't forget, this is just the first column, be sure to look for 'Tween Us Teens next week, too—Ginger.

Former County Girl Awarded Scholarship

To promote one of the objectives of National Federation of Business and Professional Women's club that of "extending opportunities to business and professional women through education along lines of industrial, scientific and vocational activities" the Portales club gives a scholarship to some Portales girl graduate who will attend Eastern New Mexico University, and the recipient this year is Patricia Woods, daughter of Mrs. Lillie Woods.

In high school she was a member of Future Homemakers of America and in the university has designated home economics as her major. She entered Portales school in the fourth grade at Lindsey after moving to this city.

Patricia Woods will be well remembered as she attended the Ancho and Carrizozo schools. Her father was an S. P. pumpjack at both Coyote and Luna pump stations.

She and her mother have made their home with her maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Kettler, since the death of her father.

Mr. and Mrs. Kettler are natives of Hungary but came to America many years ago. They have their farm home west of Portales.

Mrs. Woods and Patricia were members of the staff on a dude ranch in Wyoming during this past summer and returned home just before the opening of freshman week at ENMU.

ALTO BRIEFS

By AILKEN LINDAMOOD

The George Dingwells have gone to El Paso to be away for a couple of weeks.

Garland Alvis made a business trip to Albuquerque the first of last week.

Saturday night the community was blessed with a heavy rain after the day had brought only light showers.

The Ralph McGuires of Buidoso drove over Sunday to enjoy the fast changing colors in the forest.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Pearce and daughter Lillian of El Paso, Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Johnstone and daughters Rita Jean and Ruth Ann of Ysleta, Texas, and the Will Mayers of Clovis week ended in the Pearce-Johnson home in Gavilan Canyon.

The L. J. Adams returned to El Paso Friday after spending three weeks at their home here on vacation. They went by way of Carrizozo to see the Carrizozo-Buidoso football game there that night before driving on home.

Charlie Peebles returned to his home Friday after several weeks in the Buidoso hospital. He is getting along nicely but he is only able to have limited company even though he is home. The who's community welcomes him home and no doubt he is happy to be there.

Mrs. John T. McCarthy, Mrs. Truman Spencer, Jr., and Mrs. Wayne Hamilton of Carrizozo came by on Tuesday after attending the training course for the Girl Scouts at Carrizo Lodge.

Mr. and Mrs. George Creel and children Bobbie, Prentis and Barbara Ann and Robert Creel went to Carrizozo last Sunday to visit the E. O. Pittillo who entertained them with an anniversary dinner.



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SCD Supervisors and Land Owners Have Joint Responsibility to Make Wise Use of Federal Funds

By E. L. HARKEY
Carrizozo SCD Supervisor

Newly elected supervisors take this opportunity to thank the land owners for their support in the recent election. The vote of confidence was greatly appreciated. The month of September was designated soil conservation month.

It is hoped that Soil Conservation will become more and more thought of and practiced in our district. The Federal Govern-

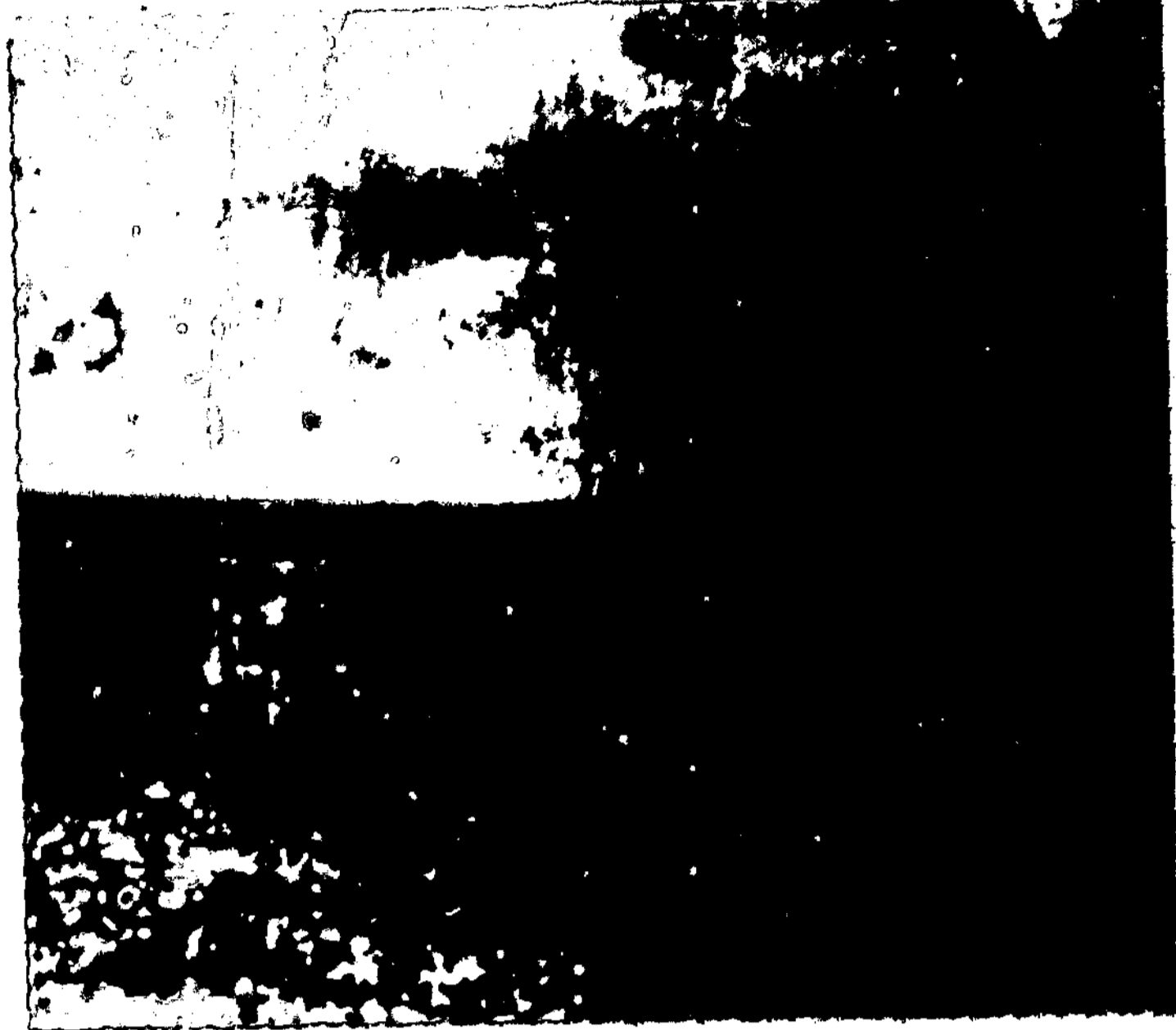
ment spends much money, our money, toward conservation of the land. It is our responsibility to see that this money is not wasted. It is the land owners responsibility to cooperate and use the aid wisely.

It is most important to coming generations as well as ourselves that we without fail properly manage the land. We must take pride in proper use and maintenance of our resources and thus prove our fitness to manage what we so foolishly

call our own. Scars of abuse to the land remain years after we are no longer here, as monuments to poor management. Let's make them as few as possible.

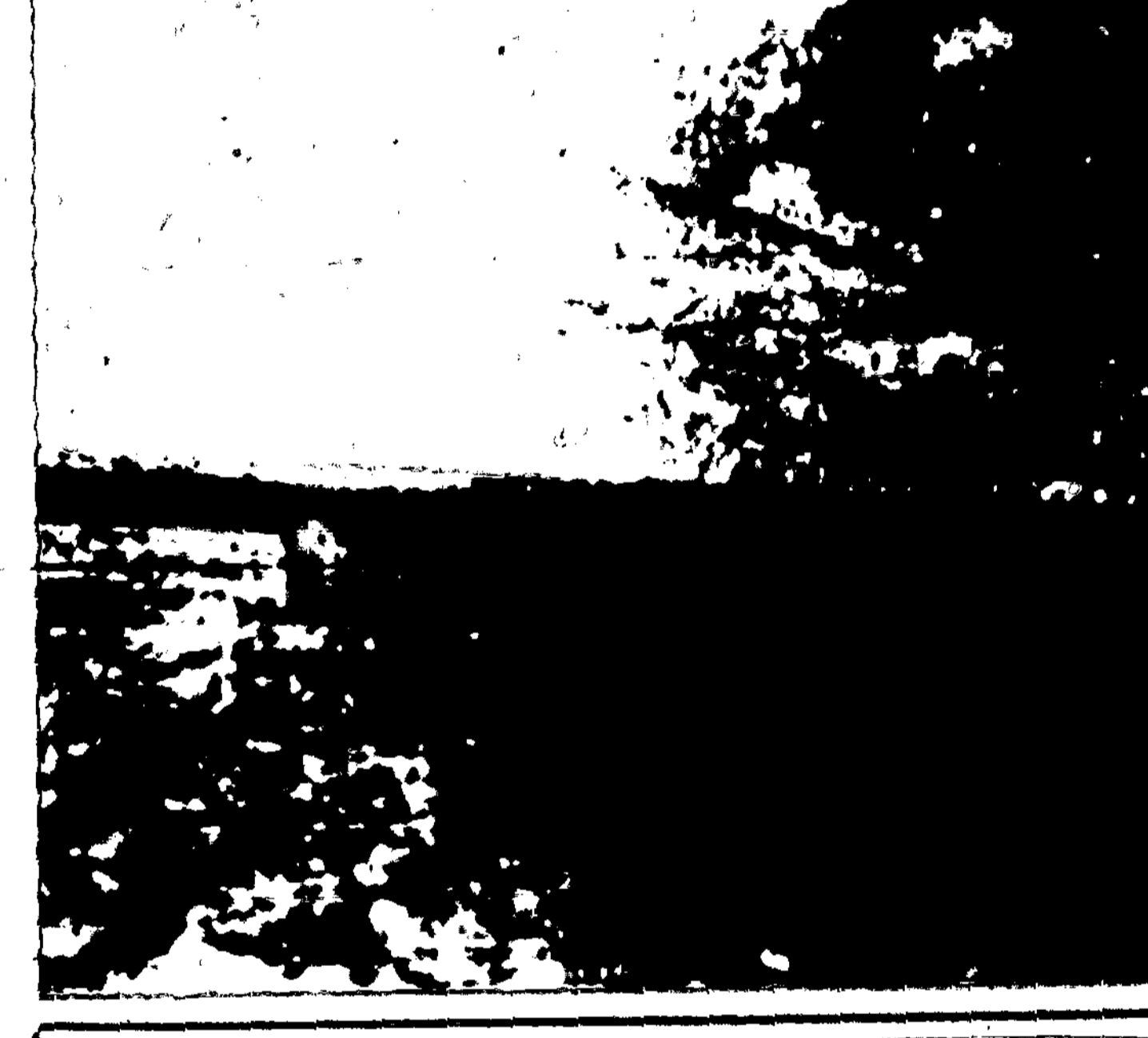
Your government has seen fit to donate to your district equipment for hauling our dirt moving machine from job to job. We now have approximately \$40,000 worth of equipment willing to work on your property at your direction for the bargain price of \$10.50 per hour.

Usually the government pays over 50% of that amount through soil conservation benefits. The remainder of cost for conservation work is deductible expense on your tax return. What money that is received for rental of this equipment goes toward operating maintenance and purchase of new equipment. Your supervisors serve without pay.



View of a 6-foot to 8-foot gully on the Lovelace Ranch, northwest of the Mal Pais. This gully channels water into Duck Lake, which used to spread over a large area. Just beyond the gully a series of spreader dams is shown. Second cone to the right is the old lava crater.

Below, another view of the main diversion structure on the Duck Lake draw. Water coming down the gully (left) is spread in a northerly direction.



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For over 22 years the Lincoln County Agency bank has been assisting and co-operating with farmers and ranchers on their Conservation and Production needs throughout Lincoln County.

We recommend that you consult the Soil Conservation District Supervisors in your area about applying conservation practices on your land.

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Nature Has Seeded Grasses Adapted To Range Areas

By J. S. McCORKLE

In the United States nearly a billion acres, or a little over half of the total acreage of the country, produce grass that is used for grazing livestock. In New Mexico and the rest of the arid Southwest, the percentage is even higher, and somewhere near 80% of the total land surface is used principally for producing native grass.

In much of the world, grass is a crop that is grown as a cultivated plant, seeded by the labor of man. In the range states of the West, grass was growing luxuriantly when the pioneer first brought his herds of livestock. Nature has seeded grasses as the plant best adapted to grow on most of the vast range area.

A great many acres of the range lands are not adapted to plowing and sowing of grass or other crops, so the native grasses seeded by Nature continue to be the principal crop grown on western range land.

Although it is hardy, grass is a living thing, and, like animals, must have food, air, water and light to live and develop.

The grass plant has roots in the soil which take in water and minerals. It has green tops which take in air and light. From the water, minerals, and carbon dioxide in the air, the green leaves manufacture the plant food and plant tissues from which it makes new plant growth in stems, leaves, roots and seeds.

Without sunlight the plant would not be able to manufacture food in the leaves. Without leaves, the roots are helpless because they are not able to manufacture plant food. They can send up green leaves so long as they have stored plant food material but they cannot make the plant food for new growth.

Finally, the grass plant must have the opportunity to grow and develop when the soil, moisture, heat and light are present in the right combinations for plant growth.

The rancher thinks of himself principally as a producer of livestock. The average rancher has well-bred herds and some fine

who are donating our services to the soil conservation movement in New Mexico that these conservation workshops should be expanded and offered also by the other colleges and universities in the state.

We feel, too, that provision should be made for reaching all our teachers by asking colleges to send professors out to the local communities to give extension courses in conservation education with residence credit. With a visit to the community one evening a week for several months, the subject matter can be studied very carefully. The teachers could then prepare teaching units in soil conservation for their own grades and the best of these could then be reprinted for use by other teachers. Credits earned by the teachers could be applied toward renewal of teaching certificates or toward the Master's degree.

The Soil Conservation Service has specially trained technicians available to help with planning, setting up and conducting such soil conservation training programs. They also have many motion pictures, free teaching outlines, and other materials to help teachers obtain correct information about soil and water conservation. Similar assistance is also available from other conservation agencies, such as the State Game and Fish Department, Forest Service and Extension Service.

Many of the soil conservation districts in New Mexico are setting up soil conservation education committees to help local schools do a better job of conservation education. These committees are made up of local farm and ranch leaders, educators and civic officials, who contribute their services.

It is the opinion of those of us

animals in which he takes a great deal of pride. He is also interested in and concerned with his range land and the plants that grow on it.

The rancher does not need to be told that his livestock depend on these plants for a livelihood. He recognizes the truth of the statement, "Take care of the range and it will take care of the stock."

GOOD RANGE GOOD LIVESTOCK

To produce good livestock, he must have good feed for them, which he can supply most easily and cheaply from good range. Throughout the world's history, good grass producing areas have been those that produced good livestock.

England has some of the world's finest grassland, a major reason why that country has an enviable reputation for fine livestock. Portions of Australia and the United States are famous as livestock producers because they have wonderfully productive grasslands.

Present conditions of operation make ranching a highly competitive industry. Each acre of land and each forage plant must produce a good yield if the rancher is to prosper.

It is important that the rancher know and recognize the needs and requirements of the grass plants in order that each one may do its bit to add to the stock of meat in the butcher's shop.

The modern rancher is no piker when it comes to production of food for the nation. Conditions vary a great deal but it would not be far wrong to say that the average ranch contains 10,000 acres that will produce two or three hundred pounds of feed per acre. This means two to three million pounds of grass, which is a lot of hay. If he uses reasonably good judgment in the use of this feed, he may market 75,000 to 100,000 pounds of meat animals.

That is more than the cropland farmer, with his intensive methods of cultivation, is able to produce on a comparable family-size farm unit. In spite of his high yields per acre, this should give the rancher a justifiable feeling of importance as one of the producers of foodstuff for the nation.

The American wheat farmer studies the needs of his crop carefully. He must till the soil, seed the crop and adapt his harvesting methods to make the most efficient use of his equipment. He measures his crop in bushels and tons of crop harvested.

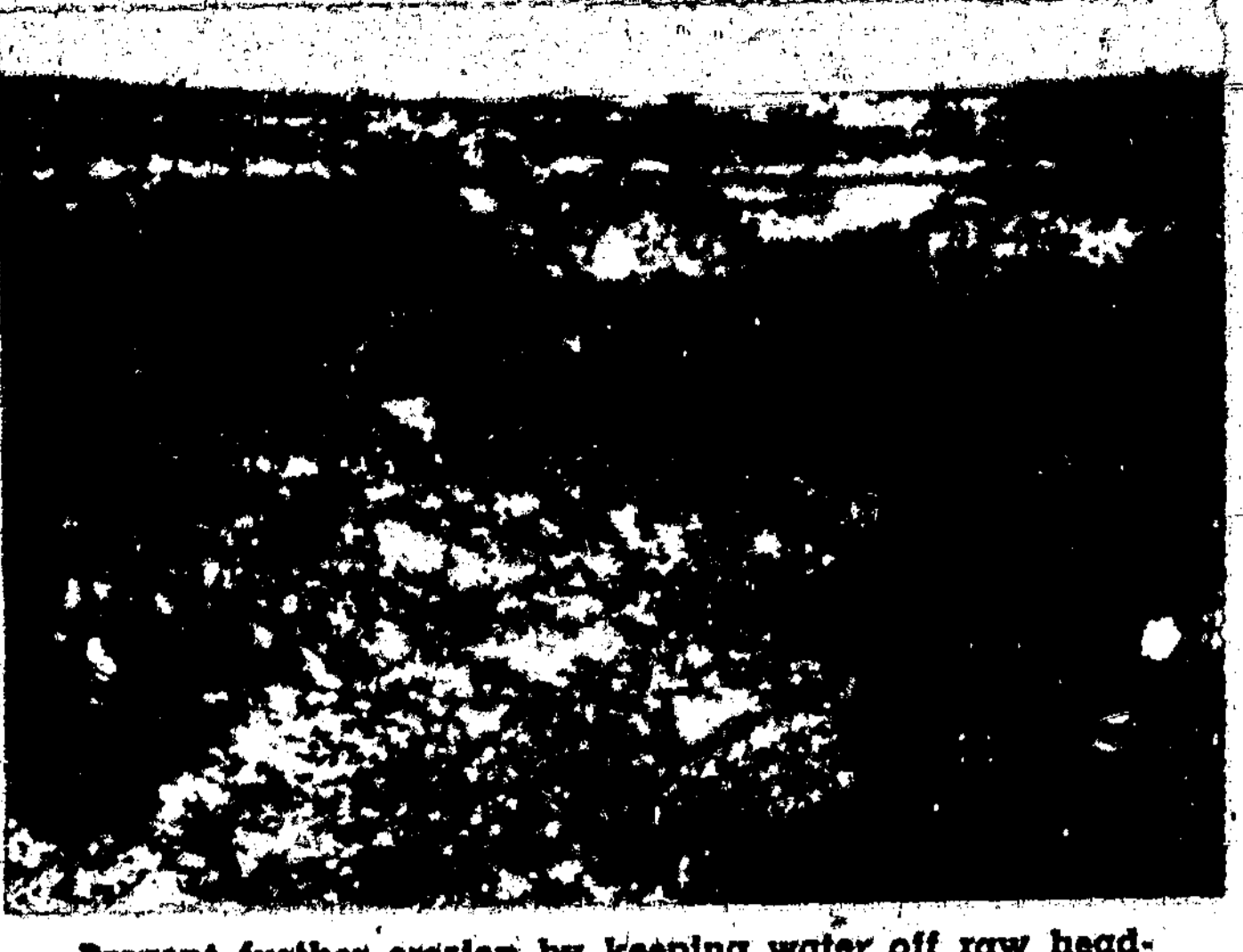
The rancher measures his crop in pounds of beef, lamb and wool because this is the measure of his market product. While he has not thought much about the range forage production in tons, he is still directly concerned with the quality of grass because he well knows this directly determines the pounds of meat he can produce.

It is even more important that the rancher study his crop carefully because he does not have the opportunity to plant the succeeding crop. He must work with Nature for the seeding of most productive plants and those that are best adapted to the area.

Nature is a cheerful helper but a relentless foe. Before man came along, her way of keeping balance was hard and ruthless; drought, winter cold, diseases and predators regulated the grazing population. With these controls she was usually able to maintain the most productive plants and build up the soil. By studying the requirements of Nature and using the range according to those requirements, the rancher can get a good harvest of forage and produce a good turnout of meat and wool.

At the same time, he will keep the basic resource, the soil, in good order. Good judgment in adjusting range use to meet the raw forces of Nature, will enable him to improve the yields of food products without destroying the soil from which the production comes.

By a careful consideration of their demands, a rancher can maintain range plants and at the same time harvest a good crop of livestock products. To do this there are certain things about the management of forage plants and the land on which the plants grow that he must know and use. He must know and understand what plants require to develop and



Prevent further erosion by keeping water off raw head-cutting areas by means of a spreader dam as shown in this photo, taken on the Pearson Ranch.

oment to adjust grazing so that forage plants will produce a maximum forage crop. He must harvest his crop of forage grass at such a time and at such a rate of use, that the plants will remain vigorous and productive. The rancher who studies these things and applies his knowledge is the rancher who will stay in business and continue to prosper.

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The greatest single problem in agriculture today is not that too many persons are moving to or from the farms of the nation, but that so many farms are moving out from under the people.—Ferdie Deering.

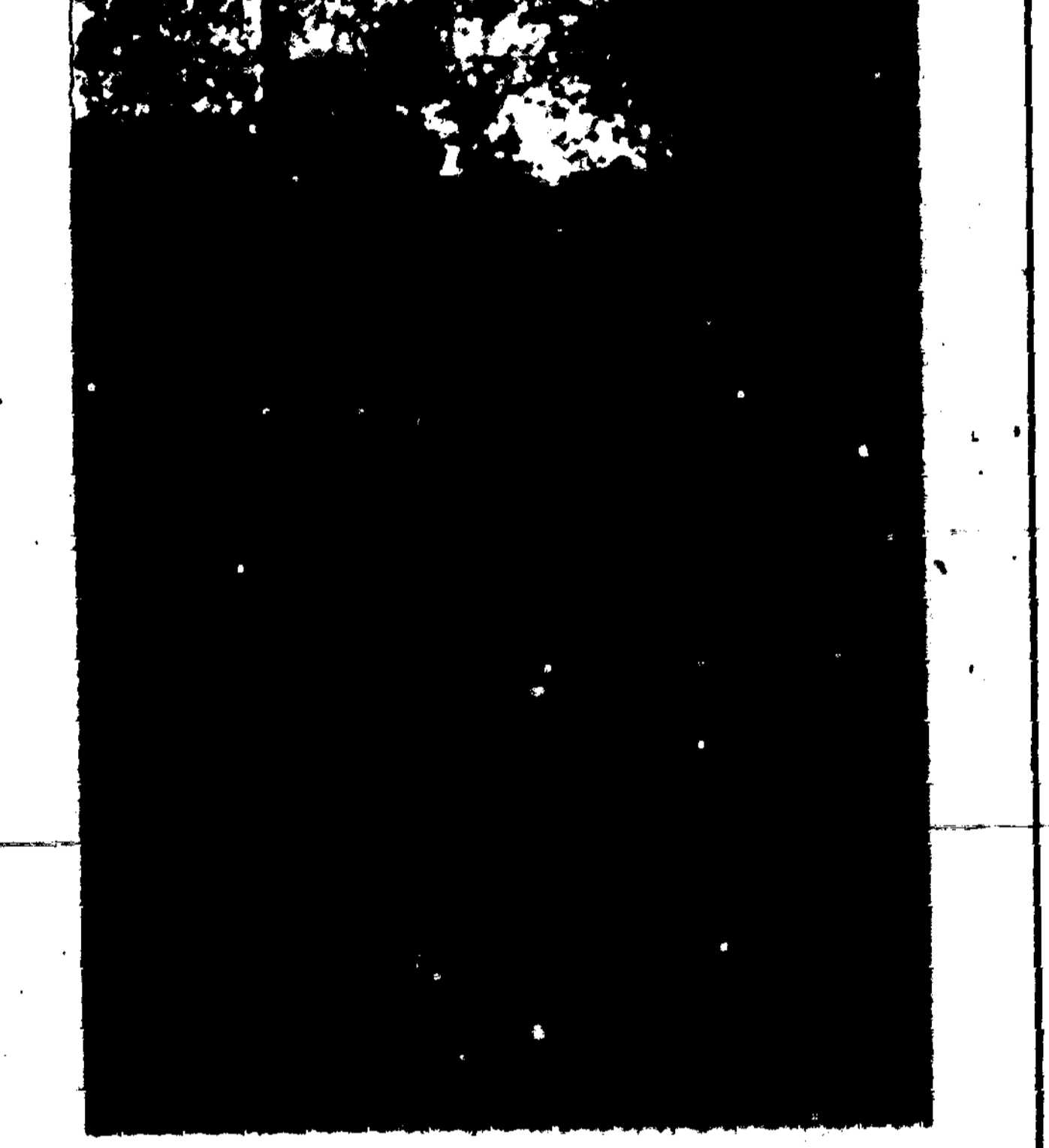
Grass is one of the best erosion control agents known. Mowing weeds in pastures will increase grass stands.

More than 40% of the soil wealth is contained in the top six inches of soil.

Farmers bought nearly 1.1 million automobiles in 1955. Over three-fifths of them were used cars.

The food resources of the world are conditioned by the agricultural potential of the land area of the earth.

BONITO CREEK WATERSHED PROTECTION

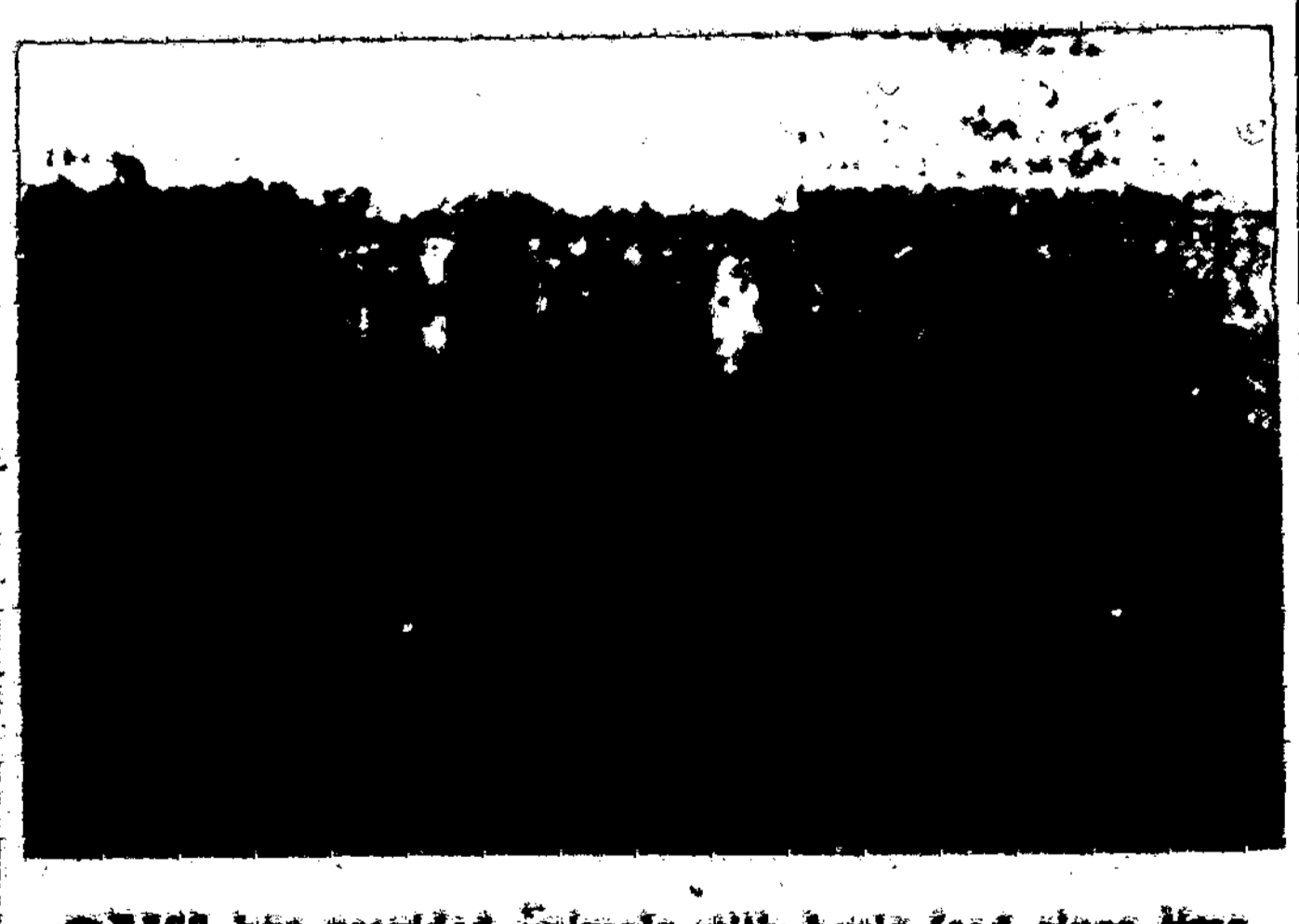


Stream bank protection (revetment) constructed under the Upper Hondo Pilot Watershed Protection Project on the Bonito Creek near Hondo.

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SOIL and grass are as inseparable as bread and butter. Good grass prevents erosion of our precious soil.

SEE the Supervisors of your Soil Conservation District about a soil and water conservation program to improve and protect your grass.

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May we suggest that you see the supervisors of your local Soil Conservation District about a soil and water conservation program for your land.

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The Upper Hondo Pilot Watershed Project Enters Its Fourth Year With Long List of Accomplishments

By CL. WEINDORF

Wherever we are with a water. Our farms, ranches, homes and business places in town are all in the boundaries of some watershed. Watersheds vary in size from a few acres in a pasture draining

off into a gully to a whole hillside covering several sections. Many small watersheds together may cover nearly half a continent as do those of the Mississippi River and its tributaries. Since we live in these watersheds, we also share with our

neighbors the tragedies of floods, valuable land washed away into mud filled ponds and in general share in the water shortage.

Many of us in Lincoln County can still remember, rather vividly, the damage that occurred during the flood of 1941. How valuable topsoil was washed off the range and deposited on the Hondo. How homes, fields and crops were washed away. Many fields today are still out of production in the Hondo Valley due to damage from the floodwaters of 1941.

Supervisors of the Upper Hondo Soil Conservation District recognized the need for a watershed protection program above that of the regular conservation program that was carried out by farmers and ranchers in the District. Application of conservation measures on the Hondo and Ruidoso valley farms was often curtailed by floodwater raging down the rivers.

Application for a Pilot Watershed Protection Project was made in 1953, soon after Congress set up \$5,000,000 with which 60 pilot watershed projects were started throughout the country. The area covered by the application took in the drainages of the Salado and Bonito creeks along with the Ruidoso and Hondo rivers. Approximately 250,000 acres or 400 square miles were included.

After several months of planning with local, state and federal agencies the Upper Hondo Pilot Watershed Protection Project was established under the sponsorship of the Upper Hondo Soil Conservation District.

As soon as the project was established, surveys were started by Soil Conservation Service technicians on the Ralph Pearson Ranch and the Mrs. A. N. Spencer Ranch near Capitan. Locations were made for flood control structures. Months and months of hard work produced results.

CONTRACT LET IN 1954

During the summer of 1954 the first contract was let by the Soil Conservation Service for the construction of erosion and flood control structures on the Pearson and Spencer ranches. Forest Service technicians began installing earth-gully-plugs, filling gullies with brush to hold up silt and chiseling and ripping rangeland within Forest boundaries on the head of small drainages to hold up more water where it fell.

During the past four years, in the Upper Hondo Watershed Project, some 44 flood retention, erosion control and silt debris structures have been built on private lands. Streambank protection has been built on three farms on the Hondo River, protecting valuable lands from being washed away. Hundreds of gullies have been plugged and filled by brush on the National Forest. Large brush areas have been cleared and reseeded by the Forest Service equipment.

As we look in on the progress of this seven year project, we find that the largest flood retard structure planned is about to get under construction. Plans are to build a large retard dam across the Salado Creek on the Fort Stanton Reservation.

This structure would operate similar to the small flood retention structures already completed. Floodwaters coming down the Rio Salado will be impounded (up to 5,000 acre feet) and slowly released over a period of time through a pipe in the dam. By releasing floodwaters slowly, silt will be held in the reservoir and fields below will be protected from overflow.

Rains received during this summer have demonstrated the value of these flood control structures. Areas treated have held up silt. Flood crests have been lowered and flows prolonged. Gullies are filling up with silt and heading over.

Farmers and ranchers interested in applying erosion control and flood retention structures on their lands within the watershed may obtain more information from the Soil Conservation Service in Capitan, New Mexico.

Tatum Fleece Captures Grand Championship

Albuquerque—A. D. Jones, of Tatum, captured the Champion Fleece ribbon in the Wool Show of the 1957 New Mexico State Fair.

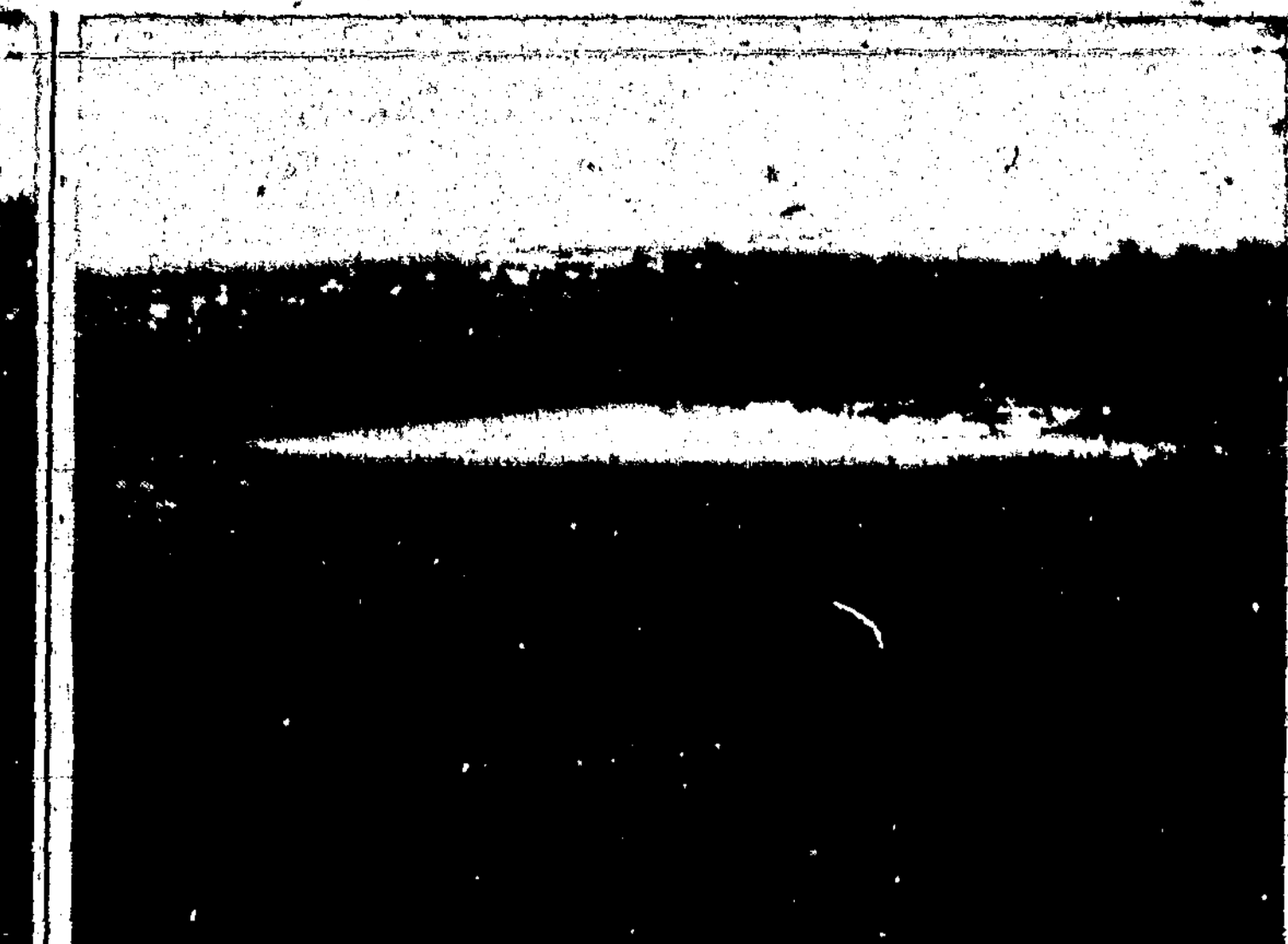
Jones, who also won two first place ribbons in the judging, took his championship with a range ram fleece of fine wool in the 64/80's spinning count, reported Ivan Watson, show superintendent.

The reserve champion fleece ribbon was awarded to Floyd W. Lee, of San Mateo, for a half blood fleece of 60/62's spinning count.

Wool show first place winners: Open classes—Fine wool 80's spinning count, J. F. Sutherland, Roswell. Fine wool 70's spinning count, Taylor-Holman Ranch, Maljamar. Fine wool 64's spinning count, A. D. Jones, Tatum.



Flood water is impounded by a flood retention structure on the Ralph Pearson ranch and released slowly through the pipe in the dam as seen in the lower photo.



A dam is placed across a gully on the Spencer ranch. Water is impounded and released slowly. Silt is deposited back of the dam. Ranch is northeast of Capitan.

Conservation Briefs

In a broad, general way, the most important single factor in preventing erosion is the production and maintenance of a complete vegetative cover for the soil.—Conservation of the Soil by A. F. Gustafson.

About half of America's soil has been lost since the Revolutionary War.

Conservation means intelligent utilization of our resources today and their maintenance for the use of our children tomorrow.

The education of our people, youths and adults alike, in the

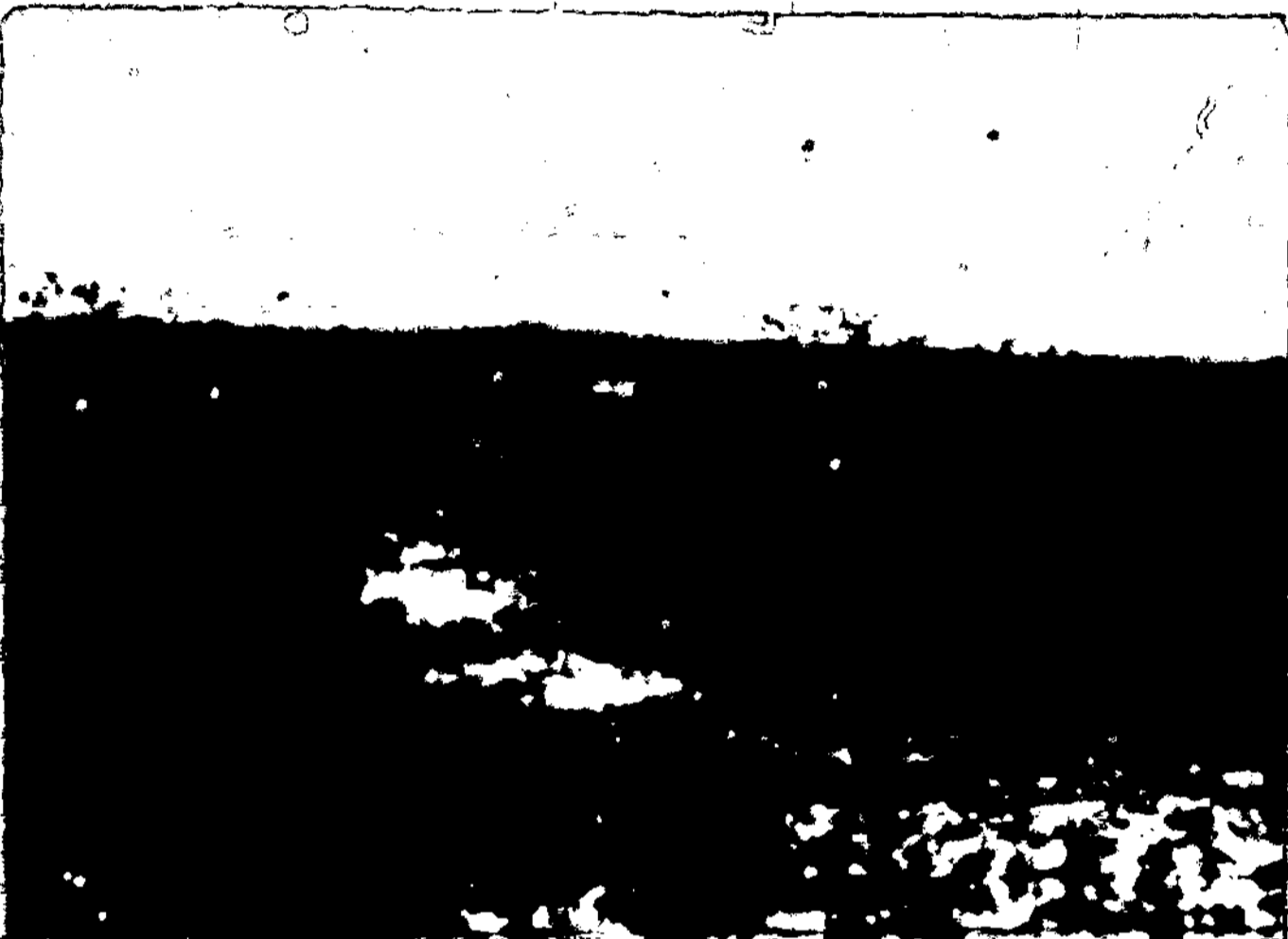
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wise use of our national resources is of the utmost importance to the nation, now and in all future time.—National Conference of State Education and Publicity Representatives.

Plant residue increases the water-holding capacity of the soil and reduces soil losses.

Erosion control plants provide protection cover for farm wildlife.

SOIL CONSERVATION GOES TO WORK



Above is an active gully on the Lovelace Ranch, northwest of the Mal Pais. An 800-ft. long spreader dam has been thrown up across the head of the gully. Three other spreader dams fan out to divert water onto a grass spreading area.

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CONSERVATION PRACTICES PROTECT THE SOIL



SOIL EROSION is causing damage estimated to cost the United States more than \$3,844,000,000 annually, the Soil Conservation Service reports. More than 231,000,000 acres already have been ruined or severely damaged. Top view shows extreme erosion. Conservation practices protect the soil against erosion. Lower view shows good grass on range land which has been managed properly.

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NEW MEXICO

Housing Administrator Says VHMCP May Loan for Homes

Prospective home buyers and builders in small communities and members of minority groups will greatly increase their prospects of obtaining financing for their homes if they make use of the facilities offered by the Voluntary Home Mortgage Credit Program, according to Housing Administrator Albert M. Cole.

"In spite of the tight money market, the new 5 1/2% interest rate on Federal Housing Administration loans is sufficiently attractive to enable VHMCP to obtain private financing to meet the needs of all qualified borrowers," Mr. Cole said.

In addition to being the Housing Administrator, Mr. Cole is also chairman of the VHMCP's National Committee.

"The availability of funds coupled with the lowered down payments on FHA-insured mortgages," Mr. Cole added, "can result in quite a spurt in home-building in small communities if prospective home buyers and home builders take advantage of the VHMCP's facilities."

VHMCP was established by Congress in 1954 to serve as a nationwide mortgage clearing house by bringing together persons who are unable to obtain FHA or VA financing for homes from local banks or leading institutions all over the country who are in the market for such mortgage loans.

Region XIII, which serves the States of Texas and New Mexico, has its office at 1114 Commerce Street, Dallas, Texas. C. J. Hermann, Executive secretary in charge of the office, reports that 2,330 loans, totaling 19,750,000 has been placed through August 15, 1957, with private lenders for the purchase or construction of

private dwellings in these States. VHMCP's services are available to all persons in small communities and to members of minority groups anywhere. All applicants for obtaining home loans with VHMCP's assistance must certify that they have been denied loans by two local or reasonably accessible lending institutions.

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WE ALL HAVE A STAKE IN THE LAND

See the representative of the Soil Conservation Service in your area about a complete soil and water conservation program for your land.

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Checking An Active Gully



Photograph shows a retarding structure on the Pearson Ranch near Capitan, which keeps water off raw headcutting areas.

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