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## Stockholders vote against selling

to keep the club going with only 50 dues paying members. The country club was built in 1932 and paid for by private donations.

A motion was passed giving the board of directors authority to discuss the matter of the Town of Carrizozo taking a deed to the golf course land.

The called meeting of the Carrizozo Country Club, held July 9 at the clubhouse, was just a little stormy and stockholders not even close to agreeing on the future of clubhouse and grounds.

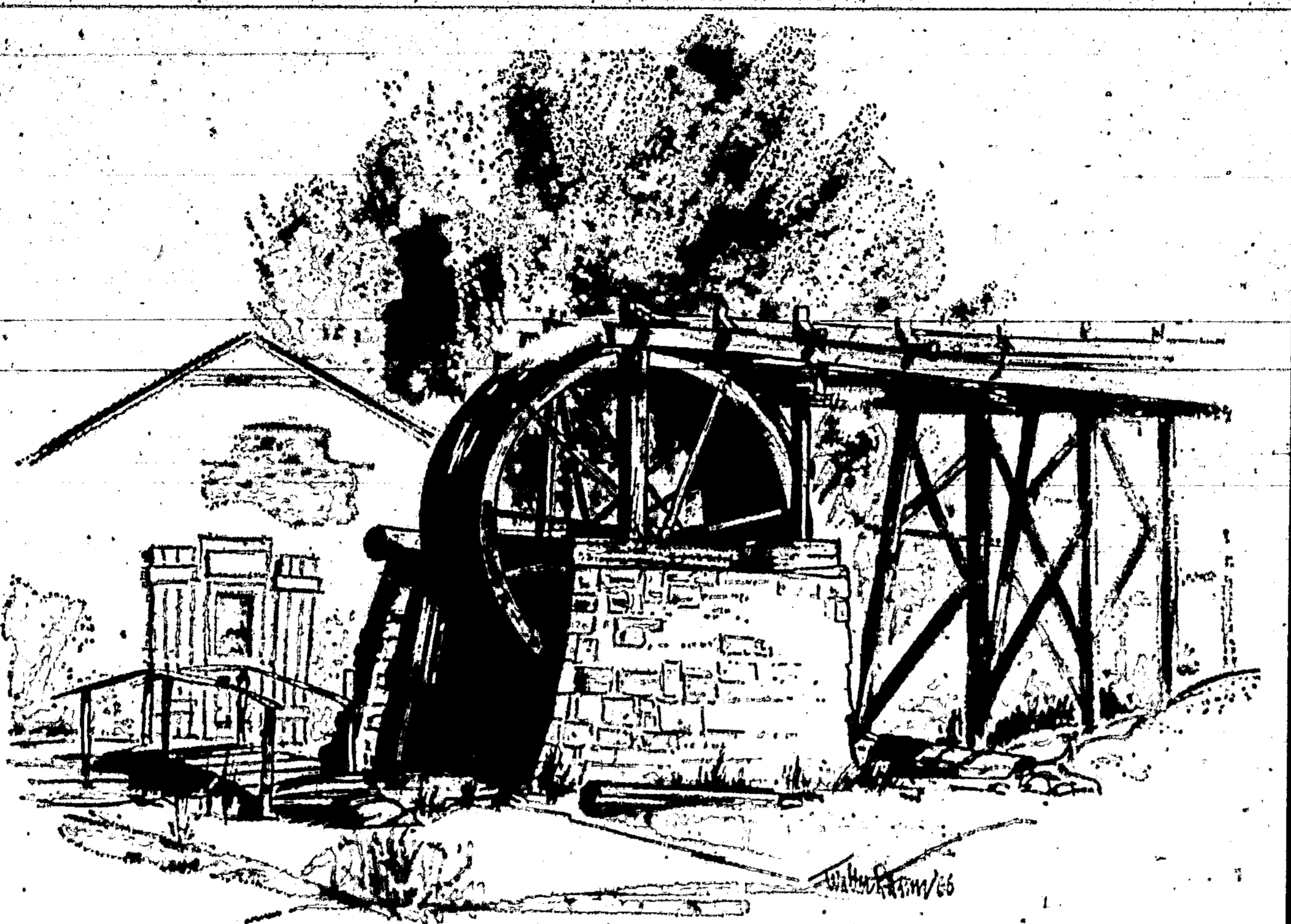
One group wanted to sell the property, approximately 60 acres worth around \$150 per acre which constitutes the golf course. The country club owns another 80 acres which are the rodeo grounds.

The other group was opposed to selling any of the ground, but wants to give the golf course property, not including the clubhouse and ground under it, to the Town of Carrizozo. This move would open up an avenue of improving the property and also provide for maintenance of the grounds.

The voting was 15 to sell and some 20 votes against selling.

What brought the matter to a head was the continual fight

## LANDMARKS OF LINCOLN COUNTY . . . By Walter Henn



### The Old Dowlin Mill at Ruidoso

The peaceful setting sketched by Walter Henn showing a famous Lincoln County landmark . . . was not always so peaceful.

During the years from 1882 to 1888 when Frank and Annie Lesnett and their children owned and lived in the mill property there were wild animals on all sides, Apache Indians in the area and when Mrs. Lesnett and children were alone they barred the doors and lived upstairs for protection.

The mill was built (probably in 1869) by Capt. Dowlin and his brother Will Dowlin. They came to Lincoln County from Pennsylvania where they must have learned the rudiments of mill work. They supplemented the flow of Carriso Creek by

bringing a ditch from the Ruidoso and the first work was cutting lumber. It was years later that Paul Dowlin equipped the mill for grinding grain.

Bess (Lesnett) Dingwall, a resident of Carrizozo now summering at Eagle Creek, and her older brother were born in the mill. Mrs. Dingwall has many vivid memories of early days, and recalls incidents told by her parents.

Mrs. Lesnett counted among her personal friends both General Pershing when he was stationed at Fort Stanton and Billy the Kid during the days of the Lincoln County War. The booklet "Ruidoso" by Eve Ball gives this account of a meeting at Dowlin's Mill: "When Billy had been sentenced to be hang-

ed, he was sent to Lincoln under guard of seven men, among whom was Bob Olinger. The party stopped at Dowlin's Mill, and Mrs. Lesnett taunted the men with cowardice. Moreover she and her husband drove to Lincoln to visit the lad who told them that he had no intention of being hanged, that Old Pat would find it difficult to hang a man who wasn't there."

Both Bess Dingwall (daughter) and Aileen Lindamood (granddaughter) say that Annie Lesnett liked Billy the Kid, thought him a gentleman and that he was always courteous and kind to the ladies.

Mrs. Lesnett made many friends among the Indians, one of them being Geronimo the famous chief. She would give

them donuts and cookies every time they came to visit. During the Lincoln County War, Billy the Kid came often to the Mill. Mrs. Lesnett once hid him in the flour barrel when a posse came for him. He used to rock Aileen Lindamood's mother on his knee.

When General Pershing was back in this area many years after his tour of duty at Fort Stanton he visited Mrs. Lesnett in Roswell.

Times have changed but the Old Dowlin Mill is standing in good repair today much as it was in the 80's. The Wingfield family lived in the mill and took care of it for the Creees. In later years the mill was sold to Carmen Phillips who owns it today.



SANDING THE PEWS — There'll be no splinters in the seat of Nogal Presbyterians, in fact they should now be sitting in the smoothest pews in the county, thanks to slickup job from Akron youngsters. (News Photo)

## Auxiliary and Legion honored at convention

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### COMMUNITY ACTION MEETING THURSDAY

The third meeting of the local Community Action group, a part of the Economic Opportunity Act, will be held tonight in the fire hall. Wilfred Martinez, state director, will be here to conduct discussions along lines of what can be done in Lincoln County and Carrizozo. The Head Start program is part of the Opportunity Act, and this group can accept applications for Job Corp camps.

The Auxiliary Unit of Benjamin I. Berry Legion Post in Carrizozo had two of its members installed as officers at the Department convention held in Hobbs July 7-10. Eula May was installed as state first vice president and Mary Johnson as district president. The other Auxiliary member attending from Carrizozo was Edna Littleton who is first vice president of the Carrizozo Unit.

Carl Palmer, commander of Post No. 11 in Carrizozo, was installed as Department executive committeeman. The Zoro Post was awarded three ribbons, the Honor Ribbon for all-time high and early membership, the Quota ribbon, for making quota before Nov. 11, and Pledge Keeper ribbon.

### Driver goes to sleep and vehicle overturns

A 1955 Oldsmobile overturned Monday morning south of the city limits at 5 a.m.

The car was driven by Vicki L. Kittle of El Paso. She was accompanied by her mother, Luciole Kittle and two younger sisters, Paula and Carla. The driver of the car fell asleep and the vehicle was overturned 1 1/2 times.

The injuries were mostly bruises and scratches except Carla had a large laceration on her left arm. They were enroute to Denver to see a sick sister of Mrs. Kittle. They were treated at the Lincoln County Municipal Hospital.

State Policeman Andrew Benavidez investigated the accident.

Fees were raised at this convention \$1.00, effective September 1. Fees are now \$2 for local Post, \$1 for state and national. A resolution was passed stating that all draftees should be called in rotation, with no exemptions except physical.

Charley MacAluso was elected Department Commander. It was a well managed meeting according to Commander Palmer who attended the four days.

### That's Why Expenses Are Up

The corner philosopher said: "There will always be dishonesty in the world, but today it's a fact that everyone's expenses are on the up and up."

### MARKET REPORT

Valley Livestock Auction Co. Sale, Tuesday July 12, 1966

#### Feeder and Stocker Cattle

Steer Calves	27.50	30.00
Heifer Calves	25.00	27.50
Steer Yearlings	23.00	25.50
Heifer Yearlings	21.00	23.00
Stock Cows (cwt)	15.00	17.00
Stock Cows	None Offered	
Cow-calf pairs per hd	175	210
Baby Calves per hd	30.00	35.00

#### Slaughter Cattle

Commercial & Utility	17	19.50
Canners & Cutters	13.50	16.50
Shelly Kinds	Down	to 11.00
Heiferettes	Up to	21.00
Commercial Bulls	20.00	22.00
Feeding Bulls	17.50	19.50

## Means and Ortiz buy Motors Co.

A business deal was consummated Wednesday that transferred ownership of Lincoln County Motors from Marvin Roberts, long-time auto dealer in Lincoln County, to Robert B. Means and S. M. Ortiz. Mr. Roberts plans to move to Albuquerque where his boys are in school.

Mr. Means first started in the garage business in Carrizozo in 1946 and went into the vehicle parts business in 1954. He has been handling used cars for a number of years and more recently added the HIC line of trucks.

Mr. Ortiz has operated a service station and gas distribution service in Carrizozo since 1948. He has been associated with the Means Motor Supply for some time.

There will be immediate changes in the service rendered by Lincoln County Motors.

### Occupational Disease

"My grandfather died of throat trouble."

"Yeah?"

"Yep — caused by five feet of rope thrown over a limb."

## Camp meetings start July 20th

The Nogal Mesa Ranchmen's Camp Meeting begins its 26th Annual Encampment on Wednesday evening, July 20th, with chuck wagon meal and service in the tabernacle. The preachers this year are Geo. R. Jackson of Indianapolis, Ind., and Roy Ford, Lubbock, Texas. Paul Biggs of Phillips Texas, leads the singing. Rev. Tom Myers of Albuquerque is Camp Meeting Manager, for all southwestern camp meetings covering several states. It is planned this year to enjoy the Sweet Adeline group from Roswell at the Sat. evening service, at the camp fire and also Sunday.

Chuck wagon meals are served three times daily to those who attend the services. No contributions are taken up but donations are accepted gra-

tefully by all of the folks who compose the various committees as there is a great deal of expense to running this meeting that has to be met directly from what is given at the meeting. It usually takes 22 to 28 quarters of beef, hundreds of pounds of beans and potatoes, many cases of eggs and coffee besides many other items of expense. We hope you can be there this year and the meeting will run from Wednesday evening through Sunday evening.

Come out and enjoy this cowboy style, range delivery religion, get acquainted again with your neighbors and friends. The camp grounds can be reached by turning off Highway 380 at the sign at Indian Divide and off State Road 37 at Nogal Lake.

### GOTT FAMILY GROWS BY LEAPS AND BOUNDS

Mr. and Mrs. Doug Gott of Carrizozo had two children, Mrs. Gary Voldseth of Martinsdale, Montana, and Mr. Ronnie Gott of Las Cruces, on the 10th of July. By July 12 they had four children.

The Voldseths became the pa-

rents of a boy born July 11, the Ronnie. Gotts the parents of a girl born July 12.

### Sp/4 Chavez Re-enlists

Sp/4 Ramon B. Chavez, Jr., has re-enlisted in the army. He will be stationed in Ft. Bliss for a year. He has recently served three years in Germany.



TRANSPLANTED PRESBYTERIANS — This is the happiest group of hard working youngsters the News photographer has seen in years, all members of Oak Hill United Presbyterian Church in Akron, Ohio, and now in Lincoln County on a tour of good will. Front row 1, to r. are: Dona Richter, Kathy Connor, Cindy Cardwell, Jean Garner, Cecily Hessein, Lois King,

Kathy St. John, Betty Huston. Middle row: Michele Denham, Jean Black, Janis Finney, Wendy Sanders, Lynn Bishop, Jane Slee, Sandy Schroeder, Lydia Sarver. Standing: Dave Sloss, Craig Wallspring, Milton May, Jill Kennemeth, Bob Kennep, Jim Black, Dale Brown, Rusty Zumwalt (Carrizozo), Jack Gover, Bill Case and Sue Case. (News Photo)

## Helping hands from Akron.

Three Lincoln County churches are getting a kind of message this week and last that is both startling and beautiful. Thirty youngsters from Oak Hill United Presbyterian Church in Akron, Ohio, are in Lincoln County, the guests of Corona, Ancho, Nogal Presbyterian churches, and are painting, polishing, trimming, cleaning, and doing many other chores intended to put the three churches in tip-top condition.

The trip to Lincoln County grew out of a visit back home by Rev. Wayne Buchtel. His grandmothers are life residents of Akron. The pastor of Oak Hill United Presbyterian Church the Rev. Kenneth Kettlewell, is Wayne's former pastor.

Besides enjoying a marvelous trip, "They gain an understanding of the living situation of some of our fellow Christians in another part of the country," said Rev. Kettlewell.

During their Nogal visit the youngsters were quartered in the El Cibola Hotel in Carrizozo and eating banquet style food brought in by Nogal church members. At Ancho they will be quartered in homes of the area and at Corona they will be quartered at the church.

Mr. and Mrs. William Chase are helping Rev. Kettlewell with directing activities. Ralph Forsythe of Carrizozo has been chapering the youngsters around in his school bus.

## Exhibition of Chinese silk robes at Courthouse attracting much interest

The exhibition of Chinese Silk robes at the Courthouse Museum, is attracting wide-spread interest. It has been augmented by three Chinese wall hanging paintings, called Kakemono Scrolls. These have been generously lent by Mr. and Mrs. Peter Hurd and Mr. John Meigs of San Francisco. They were formally in the collection of the well-known Santa Fe author, Witter Bynner. He acquired them in China during the World War I period and for years they hung in his residence in Chapala, Mexico.

The Kakemono is usually painted on very thin rice paper and then it is mounted on heavier paper and the painting matted with gauze-like brocades and often metallic braiding. A heavy wooden roller is attached to the bottom of the matting and when the painting is not on exhibition, it is wrapped around the roller. Such Kakemonos are never framed or glazed as in the Western world and the usual art collector in China would have dozens of these scroll paintings and a particular one would not be displayed for any great length of time.

Especially imposing in the painting of a Chinese Dignitary, seated in a type of throne chair, rather like the two examples in the exhibition. An elderly man with mustache, he wears a flat, round black hat. His heavy outer coat has flaring shoulder cape and at the breast, a large and elaborately embroidered panel of a Heron in flight. This coat has an edging of white fur as is seen in the Yellow robe in the exhibition. The coat also has the typical Manchu Hoof Cuffs. Such scrolls are usually called Ancestor Portraits and are of some earlier member of the family.

Very decorative in its flat composition and arresting color is a terrifying Demon seated on a snarling Tiger. Often such scrolls were placed at the entrance of a home to keep out evil spirits. The Demon has flaring, bat-like hair and beard and holds a staff. The whole composition is carried out in flat, brilliant cherry red with white highlights.

A third painting is that of a short, stocky Buddhist Monk, wrapped in an ample red robe. He carries a rolled scroll, no doubt a religious tract, and is striding forward. One hand emerges from the red robe and the characteristic, extremely long and pointed finger nail that is so typically Chinese can be seen.

These paintings, with the brilliant silk robes and pieces of furniture, give a striking picture of life in China before the twentieth century political upheavals.

### Fired

"I want you to take the rest of the afternoon off for the game — all day tomorrow, go fishing or just lie around the house. Also, the day after, play some golf, tennis or go bowling — get what I'm driving at, Simmons?"

### They Might Do

"See that big fellow over there?" said Jones to his friend at the bar. "He was a famous shark fisherman. His specialty was sticking his right arm right into the shark's mouth to remove the hook. The old-timers used to call him 'Fearless!'"

"Used to? Why, what do they call him now?"

"Lefty!"

### FHA committee to review applications

The first committee meeting of the Lincoln County Committee for the Farmers Home Administration in the 1967 fiscal year is scheduled for July 20th. The meeting will be held at the Wortley Hotel in Lincoln and attended by newly appointed committeeman James Dunn, Nogal rancher; Sid Goodloe, Captain rancher; and E. J. Fresquez, Picacho farmer.

The committee will review initial loan applications at that time and make determinations on each applicant's eligibility. Committeemen are charged with the responsibility of establishing guidelines for loans made in Lincoln county consistent with the National legislation and the needs of the Lincoln county residents.

Mr. Dunn is the junior member on the committee beginning a three-year term. Mr. Goodloe has one remaining year on his term of appointment and Mr. Fresquez has two remaining years.

During the past fiscal year the Roswell Home Administration office which serves both Chaves and Lincoln counties loaned a total of \$652,201. The loans were accompanied by technical advice and farm financial management assistance. The activity in Lincoln county has increased considerably in the last 5 years with only 9 loans in 1961 and 73 as of June 30, 1966.

Previous committeemen serving during the five-year period of growth include: Robert McDaniel, George Sineros, Henry Hale, LaMoyné Peters, Tom Barber and Smith Peters.

Committee determinations include consideration of applicant's satisfactory debt-paying history, the inability to obtain loan funds elsewhere, authorized purposes for loans, satisfactory backgrounds for farmers and rural residents and reasonable ability to repay the loans as scheduled.

Meetings are held once each month and more frequently when additional applicants require sooner attention.

Mr. Richard Floyd, local County Supervisor, pointed out the extremely fine repayment record with the local office collecting \$393,364 in the last fiscal year. This was considered quite good as many of the loans were amortized for periods up to 40 years.

## FARM NEWS

By County Agent Ralph Dunlap

Mr. and Mrs. Robert and Fred Corn, well known Lincoln County ranchers, were among those who took an active part in putting together the recent Miss Wool of America pageant.

Use approved hog cholera vaccines. Hogs vaccinated with modified live virus of proclia origin cannot be shipped out of the state.

The modified live virus hog cholera-of-rabbit-origin-or-lisue culture are approved for vaccination.

Summer bark sprays prevent borer injury to peach, plum, apricot, cherry, and nectarine trees. Late June and early July is when peach tree borer moths lay their eggs on the trunks of peach and other fruit trees. If a coating of a long lasting insecticide is on the bark when the eggs hatch, then the borers will be killed when they start to feed.

Home-gardeners can use a mixture of 1/4 cup (4 fluid ounces) of dieldrin 18.6% liquid concentrate or 25% DDT liquid concentrate per gallon of water. If fruit is still of the tree, apply the mixture with a paint brush to the bark of the trunk and lower limbs. Do not get the mixture on the leaves or fruit. After the fruit has been harvested a sprayer can be used but care should be taken not to spray the leaves. The ground around the tree about two feet from the trunk and any exposed roots should also be treated. Applications should be repeated every 21 days until frost.

The Bureau of Outdoor Recreation has launched a program to encourage vacationing families to make greater use of federal outdoor recreation areas.

By purchasing a \$7 "Golden Passport," families can gain admittance to about 7,000 federal outdoor recreation areas through March 31, 1967. The passport will admit a purchaser and his family regardless of mode of transportation, to all federal recreation areas at which entrance or admission fees are charged.

Money from sale of passports will go into a Land and Water Conservation fund with appropriations from the fund being used by states, counties, and cities for acquisition and development of outdoor recreation areas.

The annual permits can be purchased at most entrance points to federal recreation areas and at offices of federal land managing agencies. They also may be acquired by mail from OPERATION GOLDEN EAGLE, Post Office Box 7763, Washington, D. C. 20004.

Any of the permits will admit the bearer to areas administered by the National Park Service, Forest Service, TVA, Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, Corps of Engineers, Bureau of Reclamation, and the Bureau of Land Management. Included are such locations in New Mexico as Carlsbad Caverns National Park, White Sands National Monument, and all-national forests.

ANCHO — By Barbara Harkey

### Rev. Kettlewell to preach Sunday

This Sunday, Sunday school will begin at 2 p.m. with church services following at 3 p.m. Rev. Kenneth Kettlewell of the Oak Hill Church in Akron will deliver the sermon. Rev. Kettlewell is the pastor and one of the sponsors of the youth work team, who are working on the Corona Nogal, and Ancho Churches.

The people of Ancho are keeping the boys and girls in homes and speaking for everyone, we are really enjoying this fine group of young people. They all are working hard on our church and getting a lot accomplished.

Sunday approximately 55 persons motored to Gran Quivira where a picnic was held. We took a guided tour thru the ruins and then all met in the sanctuary of the old Mission Church, which is in the shape of a cross and several of the young people conducted Vesper Services. The high light of the trip was going to the beautiful ranch home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ackinson, where they served this large group refreshments of homemade cookies, minis and punch. The numerous arrow heads mounted in various designs under glass on the table tops caught everyone's

eye, as well as other typical western artifacts of interest to the Akron youth.

Several impromptu get-togethers have taken place. A pot luck supper was held at the Hightowers, Sunday night they have 5 boys staying with them. Eating with them were the Lee Straleys and their 4 "adopted" girls.

Monday evening the work camp quit at 4 p.m. to allow the kids to go to their respective homes and go horse back riding. The Harkeys' 3 girls went with the Lee Straley group and then a Mexican supper which the kids seem to enjoy. Also attending were Sue Buchtel and Rev. Kettlewell. Also Mr. and Mrs. Don Smith and son and daughter of Akron, Ohio, who were touring the western states on vacation and stopped to meet and greet their home folks. They parked their trailer at Ancho for the night. Mr. Smith is Asst. Principal of the Buchtel Jr. High School which is named for the great grand father of our pastor, Rev. Wayne Buchtel.

After tests in Roswell, Nancy Knight is at home and feeling much better.

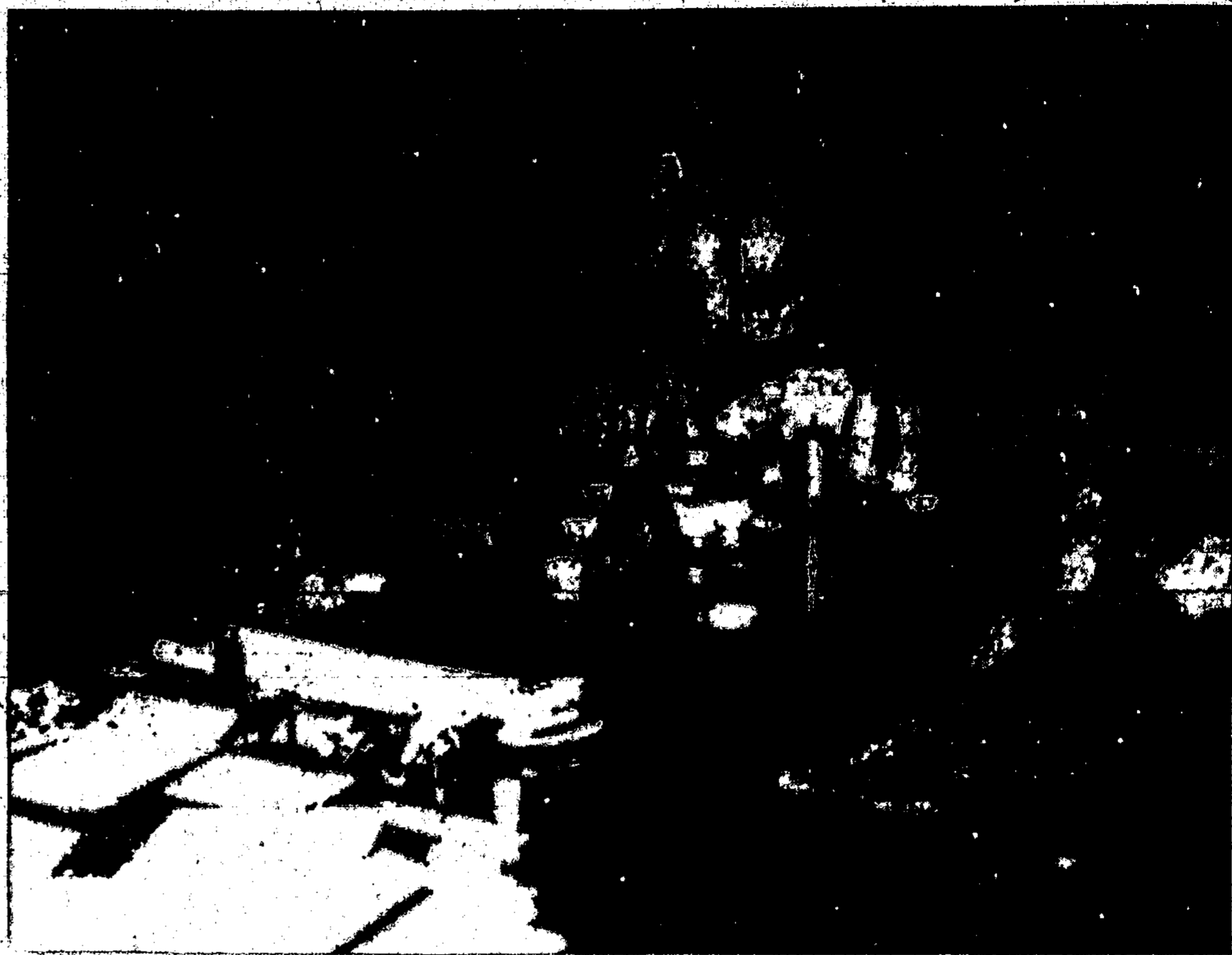
Sara Jackson took Dan Harkey, Barbee Knight, Leland Jackson and Johnny Davis to the 4-H judging held in Ft. Sumner last Friday. While there they visited with Lois Roper.

Mr. and Mrs. Sammy Stone-man and 3 children of San Juan Capistrano, Calif., are visiting their families and friends in N. Mex.

E. I. Harkey and Howard Harkey are both back on the job after being off work a month and a week respectively. The E. I. Harkeys have a lovely wood paneled kitchen with birch cabinets to show for their months work.

The three children of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Delaney are spending a week with the Tom Knights, except for Don Delaney, who has been here for two weeks.

Barney Wilson is visiting with the Charlie Wilsons this week.



### Committee appointed to nominate Co-op trustees

Pictured above is the Nominating Committee appointed by the Board of Trustees of the Otero County Electric Cooperative to nominate Trustees to be presented for election at the Annual Meeting of the members on August 6, 1966.

This committee, composed of — Left to Right: Joe Saenz, Bent; Ray Sowell, Plon; Carol Shanks, Pine Lodge Area; L. A. Pacheco, Tinnie-Arabella; Jay D. Lasater, Cooperative Manager, (not a member of the committee), Dick Fresquez, Picacho; Heber Forehand, High Rolls - Mt. Park; H. A. Herridon, Cloudcroft; H. A. Powell, Lower Penasco and A. J. Vickers, Cloudcroft, met at the office of the Cooperative on July 1, 1966.

After careful consideration and discussion as to the operation and affairs of the Committee unanimously nominated J. B. Runyan, W. A. Gage, Wayne Withers, George Sineros, and R. E. Mayfield to be presented for re-election. These five members whose terms expire on the date of the Annual Meeting, have served unselfishly on the Board for periods of from 2 to 25 years. All are business men and well qualified for a position on the Board. The committee felt that because of this and their willingness to serve, re-election should be considered.

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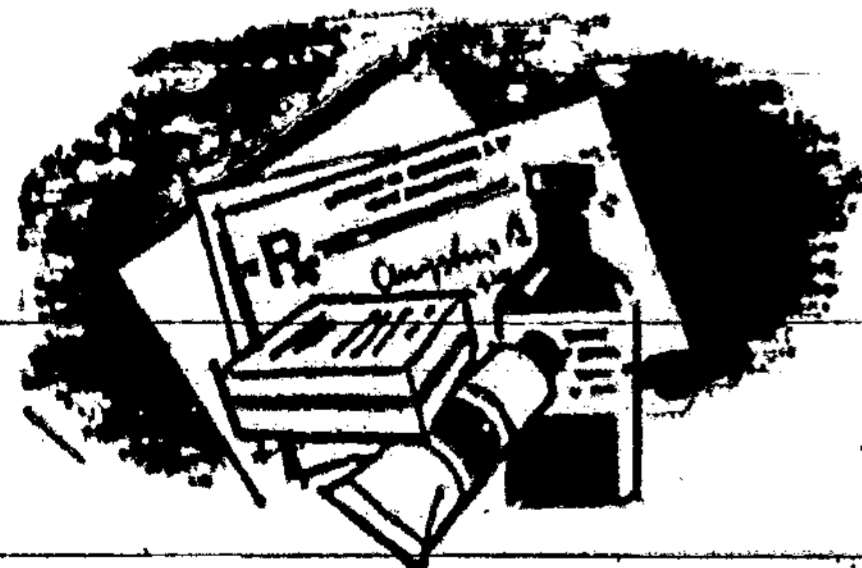
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## Anderson family re-union held at Hightowers' in Eagle Creek Canyon

In the home of Mrs. W. N. Hightower in Eagle Creek Canyon there was a family reunion of the Anderson family. It was held June 18th and there were four out of seven of Mrs. Lulu Anderson's children present.

Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Ernest Blood, Mrs. C. P. Harrington and J. B. Hightower are the daughters and son of Mrs. W. N. Hightower who lived in the home up Eagle Creek for many years. At present she is living in Alamogordo as is Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Harrington, and J. B. Hightowers live near Alto.

After the dinner on Saturday the crowd made a tour of the area by going to Sierra Blanca Ski to ride the Gondola. In the evening they all had the night meal in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Blood.

The Anderson "children" since they're now all grown, who came to the reunion were: a daughter Mrs. D. T. Stowell, nee Dorothy Anderson, and her husband Master Sgt. D. F. Stowell and their four sons from Novato, Calif. Mr. and Mrs. John Anderson and two daughters from China Lake, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. Bob Anderson and children from Albuquerque; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Anderson and daughter of Roswell, N. M.

Mr. and Mrs. George Schryer of Lamesa, Texas were in attendance and he is the son of the late Edith Hightower Schryer.

The John Andersons, Stowells and Mrs. Lulu Anderson were together for a few extra days and all made a trip to Carlsbad to see The Virgil Monthe family — Mrs. Monthe is a daughter of the late Edith Hightower Schryer.

When the Stowells returned to Novato, Calif., Mrs. Lulu Anderson went with them for a visit of several weeks. While in Calif. she planned a visit with her son Carl and wife in Los Angeles.

Jon Ann Anderson McKnight — twin of John Anderson, and her husband, Staff Sgt. E. B. McKnight of Orlando, Fla., did not come for the reunion as he will be retiring in August from the Air Force and they will bring their children and come to Alamogordo for a long visit with Mrs. Lulu Anderson.

Kent Anderson, the youngest of the family, is in the Army stationed in Weisburg, Germany, and expects to be home in December. He has been talking some lovely trips all over Europe when he gets leave. His next trip will be to Stockholm, Sweden and to Eskilstuna, Sweden to see the birthplace of his late father Andy Anderson.

When "Andy" was twelve years old he ran away to sea and stowed away on an English ship. After four days he was found almost frozen and starved to death. He never returned to Sweden but came to New Mexico in 1923 for his health. He was expected to live but a few days as he was ill with TB. But he lived until 1962 and thus there's proof of the healthy climate we have in New Mexico.

Mrs. Charlie Nabours of Cameron, Texas who came here with her husband Charlie for a vacation in their summer home at Eagle Creek Lodge fell and broke her pelvis bone last Sunday. She is now in the Ruidoso Hospital for a time until the bone goes back together. Wednesday of this week Mr. Nabours joined her at the hospital suffering from the shingles. They are now vacationing together but in the hospital instead of their summer home. Their friends are wishing them both a speedy recovery so they may still enjoy a vacation at Eagle Creek Lodge.

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Johnson and Mrs. George Dingwall went to Carrizozo for the day on Friday but returned for a continued stay at Eagle Creek Lodge.

Robert Williams went to El Paso Wednesday to visit his brother and wife Mr. and Mrs. Hovey Williams, they returned Friday.

The Reagan Legg family of Midland are having a vacation at Eagle Creek Lodge.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Moore of El Paso visited the Alan Johnsons at Eagle Creek Lodge on Sunday.

Dr. George Richardson of Roswell stopped to visit with us stopped to see the Lindamoods last Saturday.

Mrs. Jack Parnell of Ruidoso Downs was a visitor on Saturday at the store.

Ronnie Fink of Wichita, Kansas is the house guest of Corky McEuen this week.

Thursday Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton McRae returned to Midland.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Tilkens of La Junta Guest Ranch are in Beaumont, Texas for a short stay.

Paul Payton of Carrizozo came by to see the Lindamoods Saturday afternoon.

Ollie Lamb of Midland spent the past weekend here.

Sunday we turned up with heavy rain and some hail again. But the hail didn't last long nor was it as large as we've been having.

The O. R. Browns of Sun Valley had their daughter Mrs. J. Riley, Mr. Riley and son David with them from Lubbock last weekend.

The Richard Rush family made a trip to Torrington, Wyoming, last week due to the death of Mrs. Rush's grandfather there.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Spencer of El Paso were guests of her sister and husband Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Waltermire in their Eagle Creek home last week.

Miss Jerry Terrell has her parents Mr. and Mrs. Dellous Terrell of Roxton, Texas visiting her at present. Mrs. Fulton Fry of Roston and Dorothy Fry of Dallas came with them.

Mrs. Lyda Peebles visited in the community Thursday from Alamogordo.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bagge of El Paso were here on Friday.

Mr. and Emil Klemm of Ruidoso and Mrs. John Alderson of Parker, Arizona were in for an interesting visit last Thursday.

Mr. Parker lived near Alto in 1913 and the old timers will remember him. Was nice to tell him who of the old timers were left around here; where they lived and all about them. He was quite surprised at the changes around here but so are we. Our community is rapidly changing with so many new residents who are buying property in Lakeside Estates, Sun Valley and nearby subdivisions.

Give a Dam Canyon Not fur from Capitan, N. M. June 30, 1966

Editor Lincoln County News Carrizozo, N. M. Dear Sir:

Sure is good to be living back in the Canyon again while we kinda hated to leave so many friends down Lincoln way.

Well Paul finally had to break over and get a fishing license. Tried to catch them on my Medicare Card but they just would not bite as long as he was fishing on the Medicare card. 'Twas my understanding that the Medicare Card was good in any store, bar, garage, or any place of business; also that you could fish hunt on it without the trouble of getting a license.

From some of the talk up around Bonito Lake about the big ones that have been caught up that way, am sure that they measured them with a Great Society Rule cause all that I have seen caught up that way was about six inches long.

Paul, you see anyone with a good coon dog or a used fishing reel, that they want to trade for a good unused Medicare card? I have one for trade.

So long, 'Old Mac' Over in the Canyon

My wife drives a car just as well as I do. Yet here is a fact that's invariably true:

No matter how sleepy while driving I feel, I wake up the instant that she takes the wheel.

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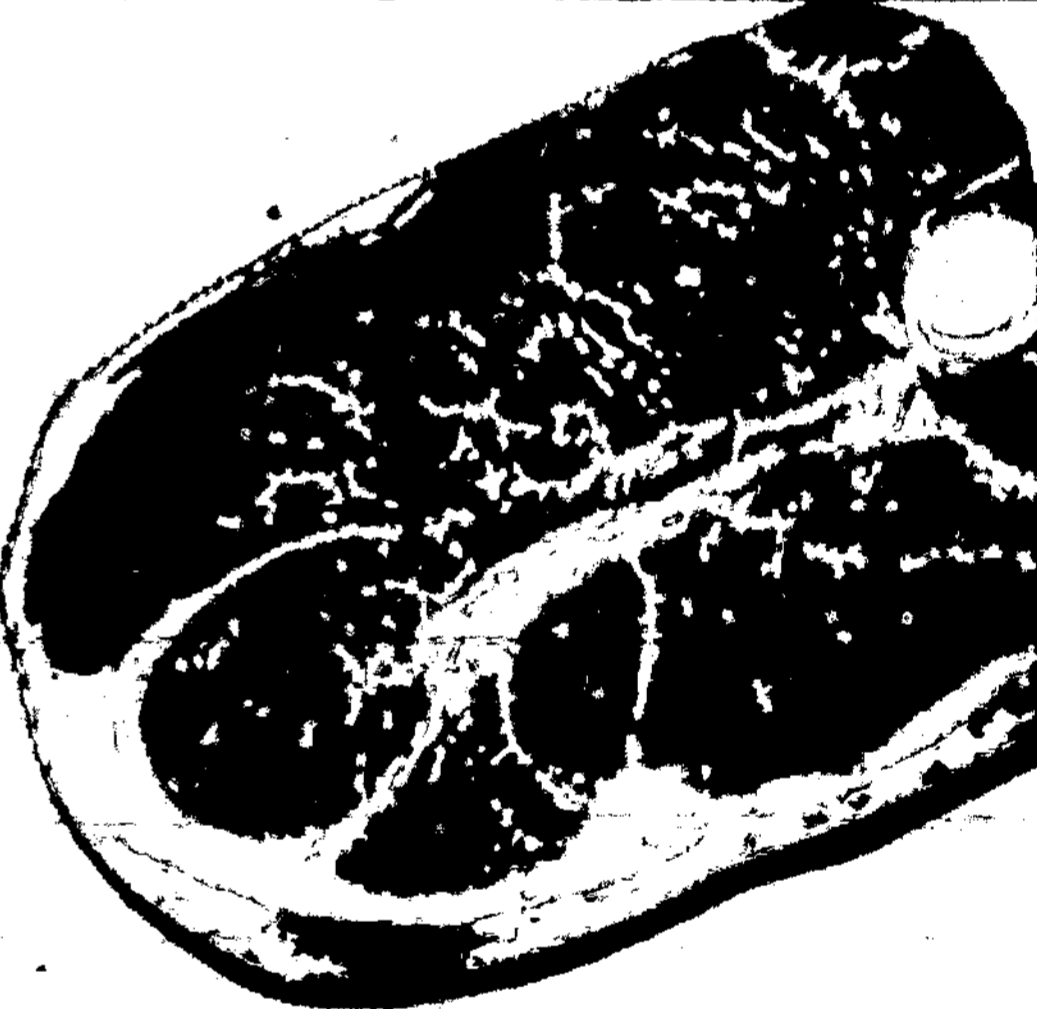
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# "History of Old Lincoln Town"

The little village of Lincoln was settled about 1850, and was known by several names until 1869, when it was named in honor of our martyred president. At first it was appropriately called La Placita del Rio Bonito, for it was indeed scattered along the river. For convenience this name was shortened variously to La Placita, Placitas, and Rio Bonito. Old timers called the south fork of the river from Hondo to Ruidoso the "Rio Doso" and the north fork of the river from Hondo to Lincoln, the "Rio Bonito." Rio Doso meant noisy, clamorous, obstreperous, and would have described Lincoln more aptly at that time!

Little adobes and "picket" houses were to be seen for miles along the river valley, which was well protected by the bordering hills. The "picket" houses or "jacals" were made of logs or smaller stakes placed in an upright position and plastered with adobe mud, then finished with sod roofs. The "jacals" were probably temporary dwellings in many cases, and when torn down there was very little left to indicate that they had ever existed, for the wood was used for firewood, and the adobe plaster was soon mingled with the dirt. Of the adobe houses and walls made of rock and adobe, there is much evidence, however, and there are still many old walls standing in and around Lincoln.

In 1869, when the little hamlet was named Lincoln, it became the county seat for the newly created Lincoln County. Residents of Lincoln County had a long ride, in many cases to reach the county seat, for Lincoln County was around two hundred and fifty miles in length and one hundred and sixty in width, necessitating a journey of 125 to 150 miles for some of its residents at that time. Lincoln County was the largest county in the United States with 27,000 sq. miles or 17,280,000 acres of land.

In the late 1870's, a gold rush occurred in White Oaks, and for a time this industry vied with the cattle industry for prominence in Lincoln County. With a gold rush adding to the colorful life of frontier days in Lincoln, and the ever present danger of an Apache uprising possible, it was not particularly peculiar in Lincoln even before the advent of the Lincoln County

War. Added to that, the conflict between the native Spanish speaking people and the newly arrived Texans did not promote peace in Lincoln County.

When Mrs. John William Poe came to Lincoln in 1883 as a bride of Sheriff Poe, she stayed at the home of Isaac Ellis at the eastern end of Lincoln. This house, was built about 1860, and was enlarged in 1876 to enable the Ellis family to use it for a store as well as a dwelling. It was probably about 1900 when Dr. James W. Laws converted the building into a tuberculosis sanitarium. Dr. Laws had been cured of tuberculosis at Ft. Stanton, where there was a government owned sanitarium just nine miles west of Lincoln. He realized that the altitude and ideal climate of Lincoln Town should be utilized to the fullest for the benefit of those with lung disorders. Dr. Laws operated the Laws Sanitarium for many years, until 1917, when he sold the building and land to the Southern Pacific, who in turn sold it to Mr. Fred Pfingston, who rented the house in 1918 to Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Wright, who had arrived by covered wagon from Texas with their four children. They were seeking a cure for Mr. Wright who was in poor health. Mr. Wright died a few years later, however, and Mrs. Wright and her family continued to live in the old Ellis home, serving excellent meals for visitors to Lincoln, and renting rooms on occasion. She and her family lived there for ten years. The house was later purchased by Mr. Giles Ramey, who owns it at the present time. Mr. Ramey recently had the roof of the old home recovered, and had the original shingles, as well as the sheet iron removed before re-shingling. He gave the writers some of the old, square nails with which the roof was first secured over a hundred years ago.

It is the general belief that Governor Lew Wallace, who was writing Bon Hur at the time of the Lincoln County War, wrote a portion of it in this same house while staying in Lincoln. Of course this belief could be wishful thinking for the most part, but it is quite possible!

Capitan Saturino Baca had just completed a new house at the time of Sophie Poe's arrival in 1883. It was located approximately one hundred yards farther west and across the road from the Ellis home. Although there has been some discrepancy regarding the location of Capt. Baca's home, there was no question regarding the hospitality for which the Baca's were famous. When court was in session, their home was the scene of many festivities and the Baca daughters were noted for their lovely gowns and were said to be the belles of the "bailes" (dances) which were held in old Lincoln Town.

Capt. Saturino Baca was known as the "father of Lincoln County" due to the fact that he introduced the bill to create the new county while he was serving in the territorial legislature from Socorro County in 1869. The new county consisted of all the territory which now forms Lincoln, Chaves, Eddy, Roosevelt, and Lea Counties, and part of Otero County. When Capitan Baca's friends suggested that the new county be named Baca County, he declined the honor, and insisted that the new county be named in honor of Abraham Lincoln.

Farther up the road is the site of Juan Patron store and home. This old building was restored in the 1930's, and is now

the home of the proud author's! Some of the eighteen inch thick adobe walls are still in excellent condition, though a hundred years old, for the original building was built by Juan Patron about 1860. One half of the house was used as a store and bar and dance hall, and other half as living quarters for the Patron family. To illustrate the casual way in which the dead were disposed of many years ago, a large boulder designates the burial place of a person or persons unknown, near the foot of the hill behind the author's home. The significance of the large boulder was not known until research into some of the history of this little town was begun. Possibly the violence which attended Lincoln Town in the early years accounts for the unlikely places in which graves are located. When that is taken into account, then perhaps such scattered graves should be considered a natural result of pioneer life, where death was often sudden, and less formally accompanied the disposal of the dead. There were several regular burial places, one was the Campo Santo located on the eastern edge of town, and there were several small burial grounds west of the town proper, among them the one in the church yard of the little mission at Torrez Ranch, several miles west of Lincoln. The mission itself has long since crumbled, but the church yard is still used for burial.

Almost across the road from the Juan Patron store stood the first jail (carcel) in Lincoln. Mrs. Amelia Church graciously gave some of the pertinent details concerning the old jail in a taped interview given to Mr. and Mrs. John Boylan when they were curators for the Old Lincoln County Memorial Commission. Mrs. Church, who had been a Bolton, lived with her parents in a house next to the Juan Patron house, having moved in Lincoln in 1877. She described the jail as being a pit, twelve feet deep, ten feet wide, and twenty feet long. It was lined with pine logs on the bottom, sides, and roof. When it was finished, a trap door in the roof was the only means of access, and a ladder was used to let prisoners down into the little dungeon. The ladder was then drawn up, the trap door replaced, and the prisoner was quite snug below! The jailer's home, a two room adobe, was built directly over the pit, using the outline of the prison for a foundation. Mrs. Church said that the adobe was flat roofed and had the customary number of doors and windows, but that the prison had no outlet except the trap door.

Billy the Kid was the first occupant of the just completed jail, as far as Mrs. Church could remember. He had gotten into some sort of trouble at the Chisum Ranch, and as a consequence spent about three weeks trying out the new jail. Mr. Church recalled that her family was accustomed to having tea every afternoon, and one day her mother, feeling sorry for the boy, sent some tea and cakes over to the jail for him. As far as the Boltons knew he never knew who had sent them.

Not very long after that, the Boltons were awakened late one night by horsemen going between their home and that of the Patron's. There was just half a lot separating the two houses and so the riders rode quite close to their home. Not many minutes passed before they heard the sound of hoofbeats again, this time going toward the hills bordering the valley on the south. There was

an old trail over the hills, which led to San Patricio and other little settlements along the Rio Doso. They later learned that friends of the "Kid" had rescued him from what they feared might be a watery grave. A rumor had circulated that an attempt might be made to drown Billy by turning the Acequia into the jail. The Acequia (irrigation ditch) supplied water to the town from the Rio Bonito and since the jail was situated on land much lower than the irrigated land, it would have been possible to flood the jail, but it seems improbable that there was anything to the rumor. The friends of the Kid didn't intend to take any chances, however, and rode over to release him, threatening to shoot the jailer if he resisted. This incident occurred before the Lincoln County War began.

Beside the Juan Patron building stood the Montano Store and home, and it begins to appear that there was a store or saloon to be found every few feet in old Lincoln. The Montano Store was also built about 1860, and was operated as a general store by Jose Montano. It is still standing today, and is in good condition considering its age.

A short distance beyond the Montano Store stood the San Juan Mission. Built about 1878, it no doubt became the focal point of many of the activities of that day. It is interesting to note that the bell which hangs in the cupola of the San Juan Church was brought to that church from the first little mission at Torrez Ranch. There is a legend in connection with this bell. It is said that this bell is at least partly composed of silver, which accounts for the purity of its tone as it welcomes the devout or tolls for a death.

Close beside the San Juan Church stands what is now called the Priest House, and which was no doubt the first official court house in the town of Lincoln, though court was held in the home of a justice of the peace occasionally. One of the early justices of the peace was Greene Wilson, who decided some of his land to the church. Both San Juan Mission and the Priest House stand on this land. Church was held in the west room of the Priest House before the San Juan Mission was built, and part of the remainder was used by the priest as his living quarters. Court was held, as far as anyone can remember, in three rooms at the back of the building. In 1860, when Murphy's big store was sold to the county to be used for a larger courthouse, the old courthouse was converted to a priest's residence in connection with the San Juan Mission. It served as a priest's residence for Father Gerard and later for Father Jirma for many years. In later years it has fallen into disrepair, but was acquired by the state recently and has been restored as an addition to the number of buildings already restored and maintained by the state of New Mexico through the agency of the Old Lincoln County Memorial Commission.

Just a short distance from the Priest House and San Juan Mission is the Torreon, which stands across the road and inside a low adobe wall. El Torreon consists of rock cemented together with adobe mud. The tower is three stories in all, and the ground floor has a dirt floor and small fireplace. There are several porches in the walls of each of the rooms for defense purposes. The Torreon was constructed by the first settlers to be used as a fort in which to seek refuge from Indian attacks. It was also used as a lookout tower and the lookout had a horse ready to warn the settlers who often were working in the fields adjacent to the Rio Bonito. Each floor is one large room and similar to the ground floor except that the top floor is open to the sky and well equipped with rifle porches. It is said that at one time there were at least three torreons along the Rio Bonito, and it seems logical that more than one was necessary to protect the settlers, as widely scattered as they were. The Torreon was restored by the Chaves County Historical Society in 1937. This involved restoring the third story, the walls of which had partly crumbled.

(To be continued next week)

## "Around Town"

By Minnie Lee Neill

Mr. J. T. Clegg and grandson Larry Luce went to Socorro Monday and Wednesday to do some work at the farm. Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Clegg over the weekend, were Mr. and Mrs. Delano Arnold and sons of Las Cruces; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Anthony and three sons, of Elida; and Larry, Susan, Bryan, and Sally Luce, of Portales.



**SMOKEY WINS FIRST** — This float scene the Smokey Bear Stampede parade at Capitan of Smokey Bear in front of a forest Service fire July 4. (News Photo) fighting helicopter was the first place winner in

Mr. Arnold is the Ag. Teacher, in Elida, and is going to Summer School in Las Cruces. He had just finished his tests for his Master's degree, and was feeling much relieved.

The Anthonys and Luce children stayed for a longer visit with the Cleggs.

Miss Sharon Gottlieb of Cuervo, New Mexico is guest of Barbara Knoblock this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Durham had their mothers here this week due to the loss of their infant child, Mrs. Charley Durham and Mrs. Gardner of Portales.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Durham were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Clegg Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Clegg received a letter from their son John, in Chicago saying he had been given a grant by the U. S. Health Dept. This grant will cover his tuition for four semesters, plus \$250.00 per month. John is in the North Western University at Evanston, Ill. He is working on his Masters Degree in speech therapy.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Ridgell of Oklahoma City visited their cousins Mr. and Mrs. Riley Boren over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Ellison of El Paso visited their daughter and family Mr. and Mrs. Riley Boren this last weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Basil Lawson and Nancy have been to Stillwater, Oklahoma, to visit Mr. Lawson's mother and brother, then to Center, to visit Mrs. Lawson's mother, brothers and sisters, and on to La Plata, Mo., to visit with Mr. Lawson's aunt and family. They were on vacation for three weeks.

Mrs. Jake Fulmer has been in the local hospital since last Thursday.

Winston Harper who is working at the Downey Ranch this summer was home for the 4th. Visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Vega was their daughter and family of Albuquerque, Mr. and Mrs. George Sanchez, Veronica, George and Gerald, Veronica and George, Jr., stayed for a longer visit.

Over night guests of the Frank Vegas were Mrs. Vega's aunt Mrs. Isabel Rucastle and friends, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Swift and three children from Douglas, Ariz. They were on their way to Oklahoma and Tennessee.

Mrs. Felton Grey of Ruidoso visited Mr. and Mrs. Roley Ward and the Frank McBride family Monday.

Mrs. Roley Ward was in Roswell Saturday and Sunday visiting her father E. S. Corn and her sister, Mrs. Ada Grey. Tommy Straley left Wednesday for Cocoa Beach, Fla., to visit his sister Mrs. Tommy Barnett and family. He will stay until July 30th and then fly to Las Cruces for five days of 4-H cattle judging.

Mrs. Lewis Ferris has two of her sisters with her this week. They came in Monday, Mrs. E. Peebles of San Angelo, and Mrs. Jessie Wilkinson, Cristobal, Texas. They will be here about ten days.

Mrs. C. A. Snow and Miss Lola Dooley were in Alamogordo Wednesday.

Mrs. Effie Peacock and Miss Lola Dooley were in Nogal on Monday to visit Mrs. Homer McDaniel.

Judy McMahon of Belen is visiting her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Harper.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. McPherson had as their guests this week end friends of theirs from Deming, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley McClendon and daughter Janice. They came Saturday and will be here until Thursday.

We are sorry to hear that Mr. and Mrs. J. R. McPherson

will be leaving us the latter part of July. Mr. McPherson will be assuming a job in Phoenix, Arizona the first of August. We are glad to see people come in but hate to see them leave us.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Forsythe and children left New York Saturday and are expected here next Saturday for about a ten day visit with Jack's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Forsythe.

Mrs. Arrell Posey went to Las Cruces Sunday and met her sister and they drove on to Oregon to visit their mother. Dorothy Current and Mrs. C. A. Snow were in Fort Stanton Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Stubbs

are having a new block fence built. It is surely going to improve the appearance of their home.

Marvin Roberts is having his Ford garage painted. Ray Warner is doing the work.

The stock holders of the Country Club had a business meeting and a covered dish dinner at the Country Club Saturday evening. They reported a good sized crowd and quite a bit of interest in the business meeting.

Jimmy Duncan of Dallas, Texas was in town Monday visiting friends. He drove in from Dallas Thursday and will return Tuesday.

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# EDITORIAL . . .

"A page for independent thought"

## Not an accident

From Belen News Bulletin

Within the memory of most of us now living, such illnesses as tuberculosis, pneumonia and other disabilities almost too numerous to mention, were often lethal and at best resulted in long hospital sojourns.

Then came the breakthrough in the so-called wonder drugs that brought miraculous recoveries. At first, production of these drugs was limited. Many persons endured prolonged suffering, because the healing drugs were not available in quantity. But, gradually, pharmaceutical manufacturers developed mass-production techniques, and the life-saving drugs became available when and where needed. The achievements of the drug-manufacturing companies in the space of a few years were truly astounding. In spite of these achievements, the drug industry has

been subjected to years of derogatory political attack. Scattered abuses which can be found in any human activity have repeatedly been used as the basis of criticism against the whole industry.

Millions of persons whose lives have been prolonged or saved by the timely appearance of a new drug do not take kindly to this criticism. They heartily agree with the head of the Food and Drug Administration, who himself has been a critic of the industry, when he says, "I don't think that man, at any point of history, has enjoyed more and better drugs than are available today. We truly reap remarkable benefits in our society because of the drugs that have been developed."

The progress in drugs was not just a fortuitous accident — it was the result of the resourcefulness and initiative of the drug industry.

## Right to raise prices

No one would know if we didn't tell, and we wouldn't tell except that there's a matter of discrepancy among some of our buddies about the right of a business place to raise prices. We've corrected the word price of classified ads in the Lincoln County News, more to coincide with prices in Torrance County than for us to benefit from a price increase. The information is contained in the usual spot at the top of the classified ad column.

Our side of the argument goes like this — that any business place can, and most do, raise their prices when necessary and are not obligated to inform the general public that such prices have been raised.

We've yet to run a gasoline price in the Lincoln County News, nor have we run the price of a suit of clothes, a set of furniture, a noon lunch, getting your britches cleaned, a sack of cement, the price of getting a divorce or burying your great-aunt. You find these things out when you go to buy them.

It probably would be smarter for Carrizozo merchants to advertise prices more than they do but such a custom is hard to change. Generally speaking prices are "As Right" here as in any small town up and down the highway. But if they are not right local merchants can change them tomorrow and they don't have to tell us, or anyone else.



**STAMPEDE RAMROD** — It takes a lot of stirring to make the Smokey Bear Stampede come off smooth like it does and here is one of the "stirrers," Fletcher Hall with his hand on the stick to stir the big pot of beans. (News Photo)

be immodest about. Others go around tooting their horns when their accomplishments really call for deep and lasting silence. You've run into both kinds.

Sometimes people get found out when they tell tales about themselves. For example, we've heard of a man who told his son about the vigorous life he used to lead when he was a youngster. He was raised, he said, near a wild river, and every morning before breakfast he used to swim across that river three times.

"Gee, pop," exclaimed his son, "why didn't you make it four times so that you could end up on the same side as your house and get some breakfast?"

Doing background material for Walt Henn's sketches takes the News editor around the county more than usual. Saw Eagle Creek first time Sunday, saw the Province house first time (one that was cut right down middle for moving to Capitán) last Saturday. Some interesting work at Eagle Creek where new mining roads take off two directions right above the lodge. Would rather spoil this summer cabin location if mining went ahead, odds again it, and really got into production in the area.

## Hearing is held on placer group

By Walter Hubbard

The hearing brought by the Forestry Service under the Department of Interior, to invalidate the Providence Placer Group located in the Jicarilla Mining District, Lincoln County, New Mexico was held on June 30th. To accommodate the people present the hearing was moved from the Federal Building in Alamogordo to the District Court Chambers across the street. The hearing lasted from 10 A.M. to 4:30 P. M. with most of the defense witnesses not having to be called.

Mrs. Frances Swain, a widow, and the defendant, was represented by the law firm of Wilkinson, Durrett & Conway of Alamogordo. Mrs. Swain's husband had acquired the claim group in mid-thirties and worked on their development until his untimely death in 1949. Mrs. Swain then came here, took employment at the Holloman Air Force Base at White Sands; and continued to carry on the work to protect their past work and investment. This hearing quickly closed after Dr. Gerald U. Greene (doctorate degree in Science and Metallurgy from Harvard) dropped a few bones on the prosecution as defense witness. He was followed to the witness stand by Mr. Larry Lynch who is also building a placer mill in the district.

Everyone interested in the preservation of rights of the individual, even his own later, as provided under the Constitution and the Bill of Rights should be vitally concerned with the exposures brought to light in this case. It illustrates a growing trend of bureau, commis-

sions and entitles to set up their interpretation of the law, or make their own rules, and then adjudicate. Under the Constitution, only Congress can make laws; and the courts adjudicate.

This is the first case called up in the area, and the grounds for invalidation, or seizure, of this non-timbered land can be returned to the Forest, lies in the Secretary of Interior's rather perverted interpretation of the term, "discovery", from the original concept of Congress that gave us our American Mining Law, law that has held for some 75 years. This new ruling holds that if a mining claim is not showing sufficient value to be worked, it is not a "discovery", hence invalid. This twisted view disregards the fact (in the case of gold) that although all prices have climbed with even the price of iron having tripled since the price of gold was pegged at \$35 an oz. with the Government as the only buyer-holder, it is a legal basis for seizure if uneconomic today. It should also be pointed out that our nation developed and became great under encouragement of discovery in the original sense of the word whether it was in the field of inventions or of natural resources. It ever gave us the lead in uranium mining and defense.

Let us now return to this case. Ashby, an experienced mining engineer and geologist in the employ of the Forestry Service took four samples from this 160 acres. He did so in the presence of Mr. Paul Jones of the Forestry Service, and Mr. Regan, Mrs. Swain's representative. His testimony he gave as well as that of the others on the defense side was before an examiner.

This Examiner is not legally titled judge but his decisions are binding. In this case he was a well trained lawyer with some ten years background in this work. However, the individual, or prospector, is pitted against the resources of the United States Government which fails to recognize that even the minerals of tomorrow may perhaps be valueless today and his claim then be invalid, or lost to him when he sees what they do not, or do not want to see.

Mr. Ashby explained how he cut a cubic foot of sample from pay-streak, and in one case a 2 cubic foot sample. The material was concentrated by washing with water, with mercury to pick up the fine gold, and the black sand concentrate sent away for assaying, fire-assaying. His conclusions were that the gold values ranged from 16 cents per cubic yard to 90 cents; and with need for stripping estimated at \$1.50 per cubic yard and distance to water at the time, this group was not worth working, or invalid discovery in the light of the new interpretation set by the Sec. of Interior.

Mrs. Swain took the stand, explained that she had to carry on after her husband's death etc. An assay-map he had made with details sent to her for typing while she was in Tulsa, Oklahoma was finally admitted as evidence, these gullies, cross-cuts, shallow shafts to bed-

rock were not sampled by Mr. Ashby as in most cases they were caved. The values were much higher than those submitted by him.

Dr. Greene followed to the stand stating his high qualifications etc. He testified that concentration by water as in panning or similar procedures will bring low recoveries as there is "colloidal" and fine gold; and that the use of mercury will be of no avail. He amplified: "we took 220 samples, and for the last 22 months, I have been doing research on the Jicarilla placers. They are one of the most complex in the world. There are values in zircon tungsten, platinum and others. The high values are in the specular iron, not the magnetite iron." These ores must be dry concentrated before treating and the minus 1/4 mesh will be reduced. A special rod mill will abrade, not grind the specular iron. He further said, "In the lab. I have finally obtained 100% recoveries, but in the large field work we expect recoveries to be between 90 and 95%."

The H bomb hit when he said, "Mrs. Swain and I never came to the point of discussing prices. I was prepared to offer her \$500 a place figure for her placer. This was land the Forestry sought to invalidate, confiscate regardless of the work and improvements thereon, and there is not timber on it to even justify the inclusion in the Forest." And this is the United States, not Russia. Think it over. Deliberate inflation with deficit spending, and periodic raising of the debt-limit so more money can be printed to remain solvent, and this kind of thing. With out the appropriation of Congress these aggressions would stop — they would die on the vine for lack of funds with which to operate.

Perhaps a word should be added. The decision is not in yet, but if the Forestry loses they are required to appeal. They picked the wrong place to try their case, and have dismally failed. As Dr. Greene has said the Jicarilla placers are one of the most complex in the world, and the lode is local. It has the rare gold selenide, copper nickel, cobalt and platinum in its stock-work. The whole region is being re-evaluated now.



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## New Mexico Weekly Press Reports

**CARBON COUNTY NEWS** Red Lodge, Montana July 7 — It is with a certain reluctance that we hereby announce that we'll be charging for printing wedding pictures henceforth. It's five bucks for the usual two-column shot. Our engraving expense was crushing in June, we simply can't absorb this cost.

**ESTANCIA VALLEY CITIZEN** July 7 — The "Most Outstanding Achievement Award" in the Moriarty clean-up campaign was given to Mr. and Mrs. Willie Guana for removing nearly 80 truck loads of trash, including 55 old cars from the large lot behind their business.

**ALPHA NEWS** Las Vegas July 9 — Local Jaycees sponsored a road block and coffee break on State Rd. 3 Monday. Local merchants assisted with donations.

**AZTEC REVIEW** July 8 — San Juan commissioners have endorsed the children's shelter project, to operate a shelter for unfortunate children through a non-profit organization to be established by interested citizens.

**SANTA ROSA NEWS** July 7 — Here we are in the deep cool waters of the annual summer flood of tourists and business reportedly so good that it's only natural for those of a pessimistic nature to cast a dark eye on the always uncertain future.

**KANSAS FREE LANCE** Topeka July 9 — Remindful of the line, "Throw up the breastworks, the British are coming," is the report from the nation's top brasserie maker that the formerly no. 1 selling size, 34-B, has yielded to a new norm of 36-B. A fact attributed to "the pill" as a side effect.

**SPRINGER TRIBUNE** July 7 — The Ponil Mine No. 2 is being re-opened as an addition to Philmont Scout Ranch's many educational program features. Plans are to open the mine back into the mountain about 700 feet and then seal it off.

**EL DEFENSOR CHIEFTAIN** July 7 — La Carrera de Mochos (the Race of the Mules) to be sponsored by the Socorro Jaycees Sept. 3 will have a guarantee purse of \$300. The race will start 25 miles north of Socorro.

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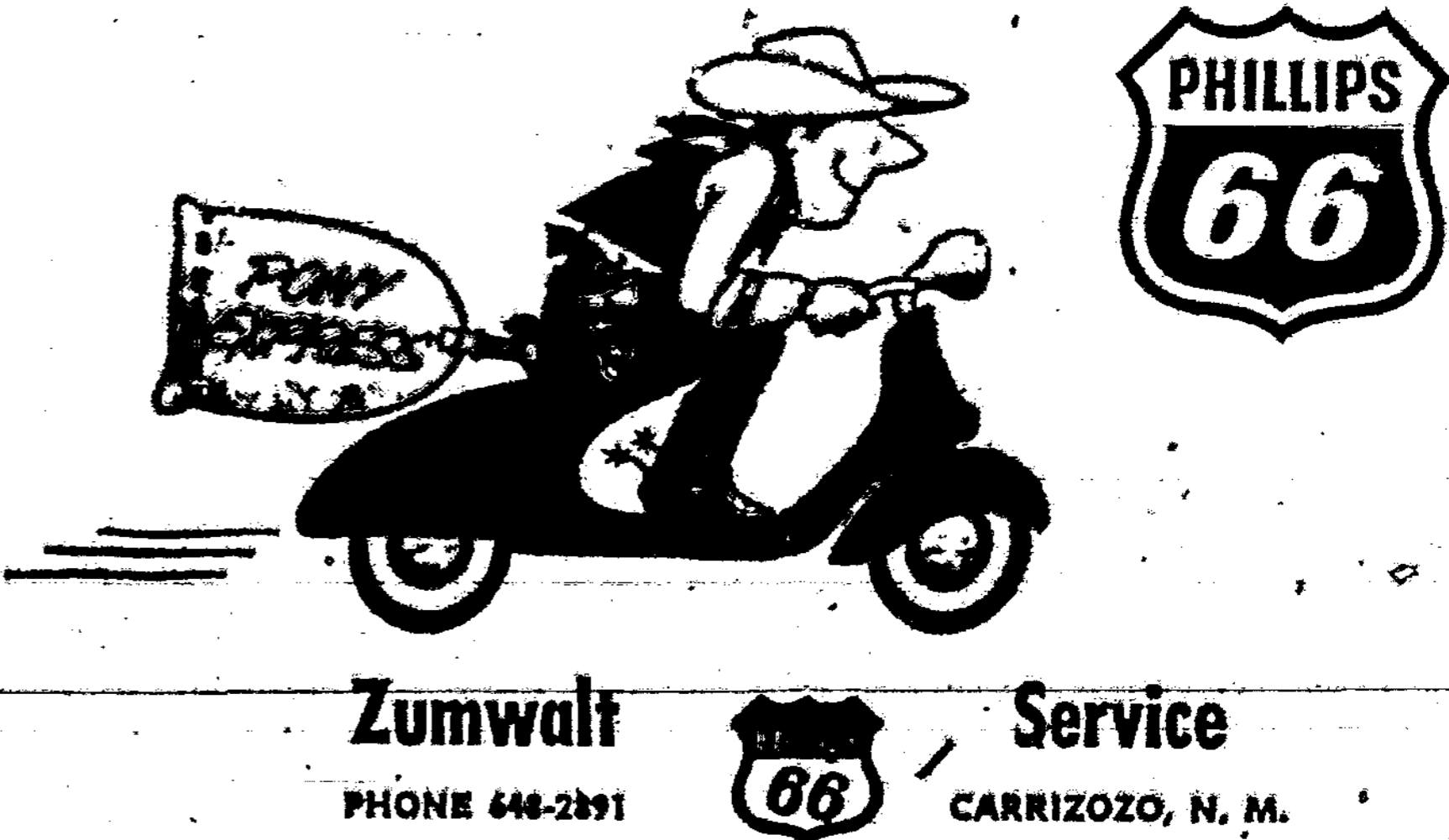
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