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LINCOLN County News

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Roman Nunez is commission chairman



Lincoln County commissioners Bill Hart, Bud Payne and Roman Nunez held a short meeting at 11:30 a.m. January 2 for organization of the commission and Roman Nunez was elected as chairman at that time. Mr. Nunez has served two previous terms on the commission, 1958-60 and 1963-64.

The first regular meeting, with Nunez presiding, was held January when there was much general discussion of county affairs and routine business handled. Sheriff Leandro Vega, Jr. officially opened this meeting.

Grant money for purchase of new vehicle for sheriff department is expected but not available yet. The commission moved to discontinue \$1000 a month that has been provided for ambulance service in Ruidoso, new company now operating this service.

Meeting dates for entire year were approved, subject to future change. There will be a study meeting for the commission on January 31, and next regular meet (and study session) on February 3.

Three radio base stations will be purchased and put in homes of Commissioner Bud Payne, County Manager Les Olson and Road Supt. Jack LaMay. Purpose being to let these county officials keep in contact with county operations.

A representative of the Southeast Development Agency in Roswell, Mr. Rodriguez was in to get acquainted with the new commission. Frankie Silva discusses landfill at Fort Stanton with the commission.

Deputies for county offices were approved. The list includes: Les Olson, Lucas Gallegos, Orlando Montes, Dennis Cleaver, Glen Bradley, Mike Kimbrell, Flora Vega, Lois Collins, Jane McSwane, Alice King, Linda Hously, Marian Schlarb, Pat Serna, Darlene Salazar and Ernest Sanchez.

Johnson Service Co. outfit that takes care of utility service in court house, discussed need for water treating system which would keep pipes from clogging up. No action.

Mrs. Ken Knapp has requested road guard decision tabled until some investigation of road could be made.

County Treasurer Veta Tadlock Allen and former treasurer Mabel Vigil discussed bills with the commission.

The county will call for bids on insurance, also wants to hire one more road department employee.



The pretty ones were kissed by Judge George Zimmerman with oath. This included Barbara Lovelace and Veta Tadlock Allen in this picture.

Three school board candidates at Capitan and Corona, two in Zozo

Elections for school board will be held Tuesday, February 4, 1975 in Capitan, Corona and Carrizozo where only one position will have to be filled by write-in.

Corona School District No. 13 has four positions and three candidates. Claude Foster is candidate for Position 1, a six-year term. Trinidad Chavez in Position 2 a six-year term.

Join Tracey in Position 3, a four-year term. No candidate filed for Position 4, a two year term, at Corona leaving this school board position open to write-in votes. One holdover is Ernest Sultemeier.

There will be one voting place in Corona, the Corona Village Hall.

Capitan School District No. 28 has two open positions and three candidates. Pat Huey, incumbent, is only candidate for Position 1, a six-year term. Two candidates filed for Position 2, also a six-year term, they are Ervin Aldaz and incumbent Richard Phillips.

Voting will be in the Capitan Village Hall. Carrizozo School District No. 7 has two vacancies and two candidates, both incumbents. Ray Wells filed for Position 1, a six-year term and Wallace Ferguson filed for Position 2, a six-year term. Holdovers on Carrizozo school board are Bob Stearns, Nat Palomarez and Wesley Lindsay.

Carrizozo school patrons will vote in the Carrizozo Fire Hall.

All school districts will use voting machines this year. Absentee ballots may be cast in this election, get information from school superintendent.



Judge George Zimmerman administers oath to commissioners.



Letter

Dear Editor:

In spite of proof that mandatory auto inspections are of no value in accident prevention, the Governor's Vehicle Equipment Task Force is planning more rigid and costly inspections for us. Only our protest to the governor and legislators will stop it.

The present B&L inspection program is of no value and should be repealed. Arizona did repeal hers. No state has shown benefit from such programs. The driver is always the key to safe driving. We have laws covering the driver now, so need no more.

Even the proposed emission control inspection will be a mess and good engines will soon replace any such need. Add-on gadgets are costly and a nuisance. But once set up, such a system will be kept because of profits and employees built into it. I managed the New Mexico Service Station Association for ten years. I know.

Silence gives consent, so if we remain silent we can blame ourselves for another burdensome law we do not need. Already we have too many such laws. Why more?

Sincerely,
 Duncan Simmons



Sharon Walker, age 23, of Las Cruces was driving a pickup on US54 going north last Sunday morning and was pushing dog out of seat causing her not to see passing truck. Pickup struck rear of big van tearing off rear wheel and wrecking the pickup. Eric Mansenger, age 49, was

passenger, neither seriously injured. Truck driver Richard Rohling of Kingman, Kansas saw Miss Walker look down and vehicle swerve, he got over far as he could. State Policeman Albert Clouse made investigation assisted by Deputy Sheriff Glen Bradley.

First county basketball tournaments at Capitan

The first annual Lincoln County Basketball Tournament will get underway today in Capitan. The tournament will be a three day affair with finals scheduled for Saturday. All games will be played in the Lewis Cummins Gymnasium.

Participating in the tournament will be boys and girls teams from Capitan, Carrizozo, Corona, Hondo, and Ruidoso. Trophies will be presented to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place teams in both boys and girls divisions. Individual trophies will

be presented to a 10 member all-tournament team in both divisions.

In the boys division, Ruidoso seems to be cream of the crop with a 4-2 record. Ruidoso is led by Kelly Perryman and David Stiles both seniors and both listed as 6 ft. 3 inches tall. Also in Ruidoso's line up will be former Capitan player, Frankie Montoya.

Battling Ruidoso in the finals should be Capitan with a 3-3 record. Capitan sports a balanced attack with no one standout. Sharing top billing for Capitan would be Kirk Phillips, Wayne Ware, and Kenny Cummins, all juniors. The only team in the tournament that Capitan has played this year is Hondo. The two teams are 1-1 against each other.

Hondo is probably rated close to Capitan. Hondo is 3-4 on the season. The Eagles are led by senior Aaron Miller.

Carrizozo is 0-5 on the season and will be up against Hondo in opening round play. Rounding out the five teams is Corona. Corona plays Capitan in the first boys game on Thursday, at 3:00 p.m.

Seasons records do not include games of January 3 and 4.

In the girls division, it seems Ruidoso is at the top here also. Their record is now 8-3 after losing this past Saturday to Capitan. Ruidoso is led by their playmaker Diana Padilla who directs the offense and can score outside. Doing the job inside and under the boards is Tricia Tully. Expected to give Ruidoso some trouble is Capitan. Capitan was struggling along with an average season but this past Saturday, the Tigerettes played very well to slip past Ruidoso, 50-49, and bring their season record to 4-4. Scoring honors has been spread around the team with Alice Fillingim generally the leader. Coming along in the last couple of games has been Elizabeth Jenkins. On the defensive boards its Susie Abercrombie and Rhonda Barber doing the honors.

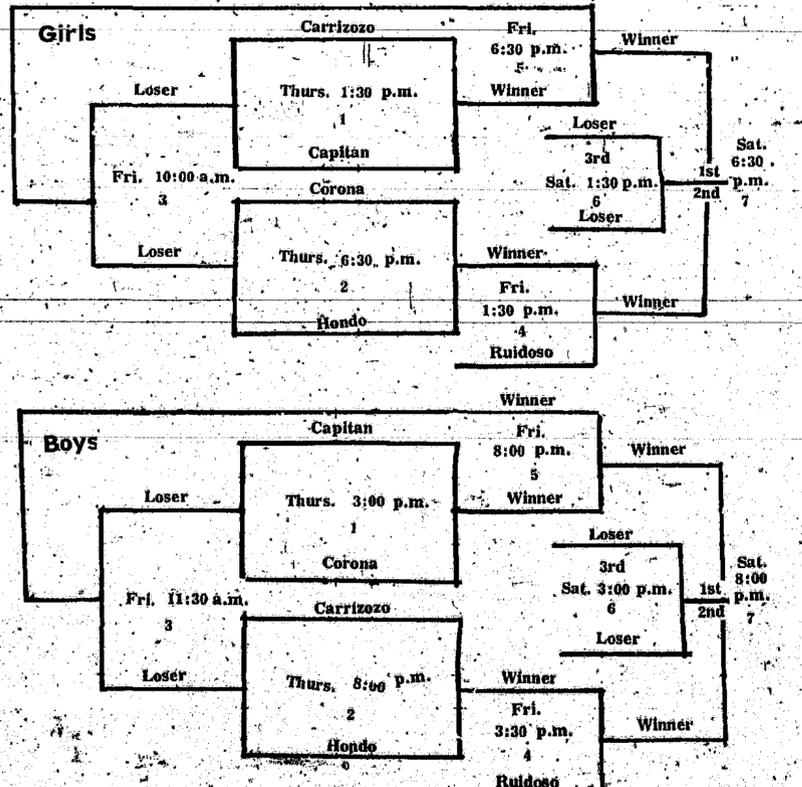
The remaining teams will probably be Hondo, Carrizozo, and Corona in that order.

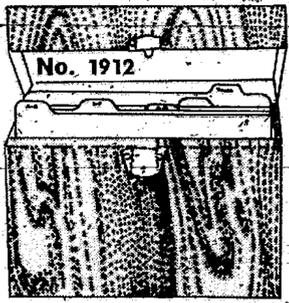
The first game in the tournament will be Thursday afternoon at 1:30 p.m. with the Capitan girls playing the Carrizozo girls. Tournament director is Randy Lykins, Capitan coach.



These Corona Cardinals will be one of five teams playing in the first all-county basketball tournament at Capitan starting today. Standing:

Leslie Carnell, Walter Garfield, Coach Billy Bryan, Jack Davidson, and Mark Sultemeier. Kneeling: Luciano Chaves, Terry Lasater, and Gilbert Stewart.

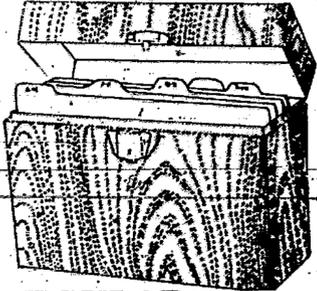




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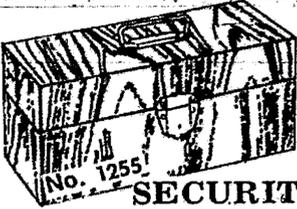
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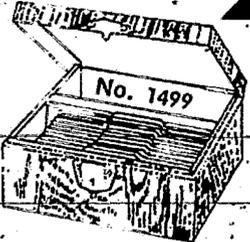
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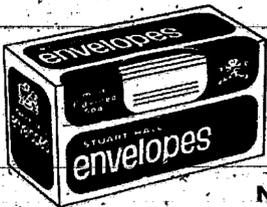
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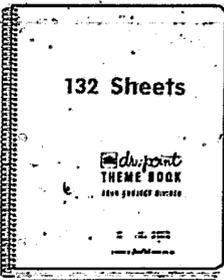
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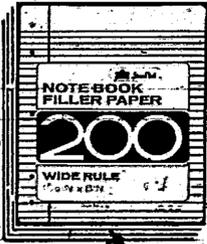
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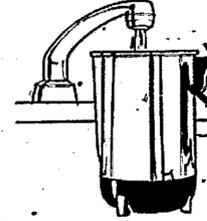


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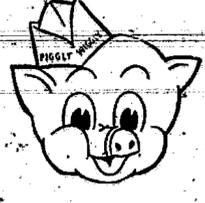


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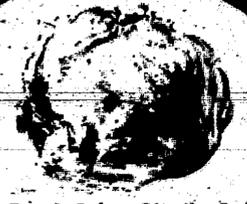
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100 S&H Green Stamps with the purchase of one (1) 10-Lb. Bag U.S. No. Russet **Potatoes** Coupon expires Jan. 11, 1975.

The weather - By L. Z. Manire

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Jan. 1	36	23	20	
Jan. 2	30	25	10	1.25 snow .04
Jan. 3	32	9	5	
Jan. 4	36	8	5	
Jan. 5	40	19	6	
Jan. 6	42	19	5	
Jan. 7	48	29	6	

News Bulletins

Special Program

Would you like to learn to quilt and join in with some other women to pursue this fascinating craft? Clara Snow is going to start anyone who wants to learn on Friday January 10, 1975 at 10:00 a.m. in the Courthouse Annex. Bring: a sack lunch, scraps of material (cotton or cotton blend), pins, needle, (Medium size) scissors, and thread (various colors). That's all it takes with a willingness to learn.

Arthur Weight retires

WHITE SANDS MISSILE RANGE, N.M. Jan. 7. - A Carrizozo resident who has worked at White Sands Missile Range since 1961 retired last week with more than 30 years of federal service. Arthur J. Weight, a native of Marion, N.D., worked as an automotive mechanic at the Stallion Section of Logistics Directorate. His federal service included almost five years in the Army. He and his wife, Martha G., plan to remain in Carrizozo in retirement.

Demo women to meet

The Lincoln County Democratic Womens Club will hold a Dutch Treat Luncheon Meeting at Whispering Pines on Tuesday, January 14, at noon. Mrs. J. W. Talley, of Hondo, president, urges all to attend this important meeting where the election of a Nominating Committee will be the main order of business.

Nancy and Sheryl named field workers

LAS CRUCES - Nancy Dross and Sheryl Steinepreis of Carrizozo have been named field workers for New Mexico State University's Office of Admissions between the fall and spring semesters.

The two coeds will contact area high school seniors and their parents to arrange a time and place for a Jan. 14 information session about NMSU.

The meeting, to be conducted by the two students and NMSU admissions officers, will offer information on financial aid, academic programs and special programs available at the university. Miss Steinepreis and Miss Dross are freshman students in NMSU's College of Education.

James Florian and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson Stearns attended the marriage of Sherry LaMay in Albuquerque Saturday afternoon.

Chris Fenter left Monday morning for Fortales where she is attending E.N.M.U.

A number of Ranch people were seen in town Monday tending to business. We were glad to see Fern Sawyer up and about again after her accident. There was also Fred LaMay, Margaret McKinley, Jenine Johnson and Cora Dutton.

Willie Gallegos who has been working in the City Hall as Deputy Clerk has entered Highland University. He entered early to try to get in on the ball playing as he was an outstanding athlete in ZoZo.

The Carrizozo Bridge Club will have two tables of Bridge and luncheon in Jackie Spencer's home Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Withers of Oscura, spent New Years day with Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Withers. The men enjoyed the ball games and I think the women caught up on their chit chat.

Elva Wilson, Katherine Cornett, June Stralay, Eunice McBride, Hank Means, Rachel West, Faye Wooten, Mary Means, Opal Greer, Arthur Weight, and M.O. Longley of Carrizozo attended the double installation of officers in Alamogordo Saturday evening Jan. 4th. A dinner was served by the Alamogordo Rebekahs before the installation.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Snow and their children left Friday morning for Page, Arizona after spending the holidays in Nogal with Richard's Grandmother Faye Wooten and other members of the family.

Mr. and Mrs. James A. Snow Lancaster, California, on their way back from Arkansas stopped by Nogal to visit with the Wooten family.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Payton who live in La Luz drove over to Nogal and Carrizozo for Yew Years.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Degner and Frances had as their guests Monday, a nephew of Mr. Degner's and his wife. They were recently married and were on their honeymoon. They live in Rickity, Ill., and will go from here to Arizona.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Queen of Las Cruces and their son Don of Albuquerque visited Mrs. Nettie Lemon and Ellen this weekend.

Charles Snow III, of St. David, Arizona spent the holidays with his grandparents Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Snow.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Means attended the marriage of Chari Misner to Jerry Richie in Belen, Dec. 28th. Chari is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Milford Misner. Mr. Misner was pastor of the Baptist Church here several years ago.

Gary Misner the eldest son of the Milford Misner's is a Freshman at Hardin Simmons this year.

The White Oaks Historical Society will meet in the R.E.A. Building Saturday evening at 7:30. Paul Mayer of El Paso will be the guest speaker.

Mr. and Mrs. Bradley Smith visited Nellie Lee Baker this weekend.



Lincoln County Sheriff deputies taking oath of office.



County Clerk Barbara Lovelace and Judge.

Handshake for Magistrate Bill Payne after taking oath.

Around Town

by Minnie Thornton

The New Year has opened with some real cold weather and high gas bills. Instead of greeting your neighbor with, "Hello, it's 'How much was your gas bill.'"

Rita Katis and three children and Delores Avils of Phoenix, Arizona were here to spend New Years with Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Siegerist and family. Rita and Delores are Mrs. Siegerist's sisters.

John Siegerist of El Paso spent Christmas Day with his family Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Siegerist.

Mr. and Mrs. John LaMay attended the marriage of their granddaughter Sherry LaMay, Saturday afternoon in Albuquerque.

Sarah and L.Y. Jackson spent New Years Eve and New Years Day with Mr. and Mrs. Buster Alford.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Ellison of Alamogordo spent Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Buster Alford. Mae Shafer, Mable Renfrow and Minnie Thornton were in Capitan Friday afternoon.

Visitors in the Lane Sisters home this week end were, Mrs. Wade Lane and son Kevin of Paris, Arkansas. They came through Albuquerque and picked up Mrs. Lane's daughter Lois Lane and then they were joined here by her two sons and their families, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lane and their two sons Bobbie and Joe-Joe, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Lane and their daughter Monica Lois, Mrs. Wade (Barbara) Lane teaches in Paris, Arkansas; Kevin will be entering the armed forces in February. I know they all had a wonderful visit together.

Mrs. Robert Sellars of Decatur, Texas is visiting her daughter and family Mr. and Mrs.

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Two-day jury case ends in acquittal

The aggravated battery trial of Alamogordo attorney John Spence, in district court in Carrizozo, ended last Saturday afternoon when the jury told Judge Paul Snead it was hopelessly deadlocked. Judge Snead declared a mistrial and then dismissed the charges against Spence when special prosecutor Morris Stagner of Roswell declined to prosecute the case further.

The Jury began deliberations at 10:07 Saturday. Panel members sent a note to Snead at 2:50 p.m. stating they believed themselves deadlocked. Snead directed the jury to continue but at 4:00 p.m. brought the seven men and five women back into the courtroom where the foreman, Mrs. Carol Mounds, told Snead that a verdict in the case was impossible, noting a 10-2 division in favor of acquittal.

Arguing on behalf of the defense, Carrizozo attorney Bill Payne took the jury through various points of evidence developed during the two-day trial, emphasizing that the law governing self-defense actually "protects us all". He concluded his summation by asking acquittal and referred to the testimony of an expert criminologist that he said when "boiled down, meant that Spence fired the shots when he had his back to the wall of the bedroom."

Defendant Spence testified that the events took place on night of June 26-27, leading to wounding of Bon Miller. He testified that he was introduced for the first time to Miller when the two met at Mrs. Clara Briant's house in Alamogordo on that evening. After leaving the Briant home he went to his law office, then went home to find Mrs. Briant and Miller there because Mrs. Briant wanted to discuss legal matter with him.

Miller went out to purchase whiskey, returned, drinking and talking went on. Miller started fight, was choking Mrs. Briant, Spence got pistol and shot Miller. Spence said he did not call police because he thought Mrs. Briant would be dead by the time police arrived.

Highway dept. receives funds

Funds in the amount of \$173,000 have been made available to New Mexico by the Urban Mass Transportation Administration to provide transportation assistance - in the form of capital grants - to the elderly and/or handicapped in urban areas (areas of 5,000 persons or more according to the latest census data). These funds are being made available to the New Mexico Highway Department.

The deadline date is January 15, 1975 for preliminary applications. Any nonprofit organization incorporated within the State of New Mexico, and providing services to the elderly and/or handicapped is urged to apply.

It is important that all qualified applicants be aware of this program. The New Mexico Highway Department is seeking the assistance of a number of public and private organizations in the dissemination of information.

Any further information concerning this program may be directed to Joseph Y. Cuellar, Program Planner of the New Mexico Committee on Children and Youth, P.O. Box 26004, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87125.

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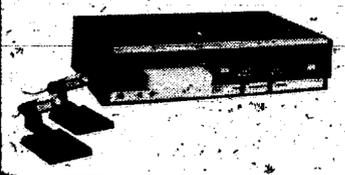
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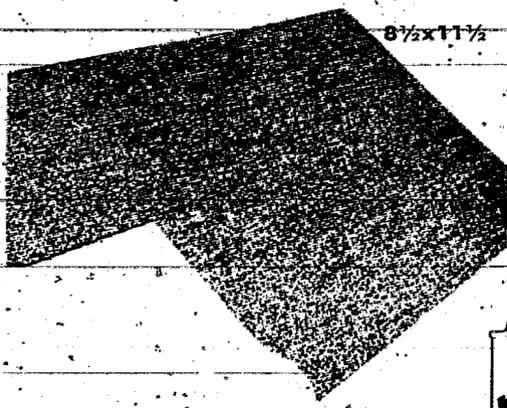
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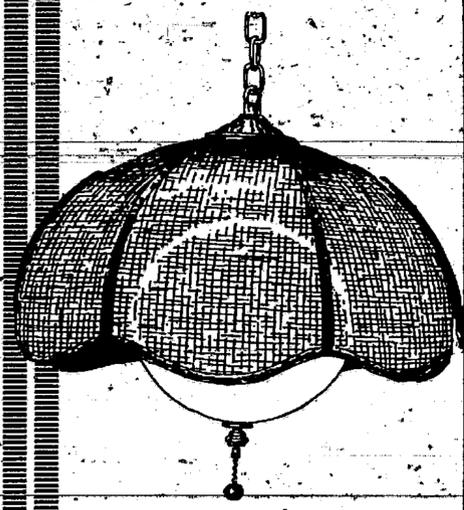
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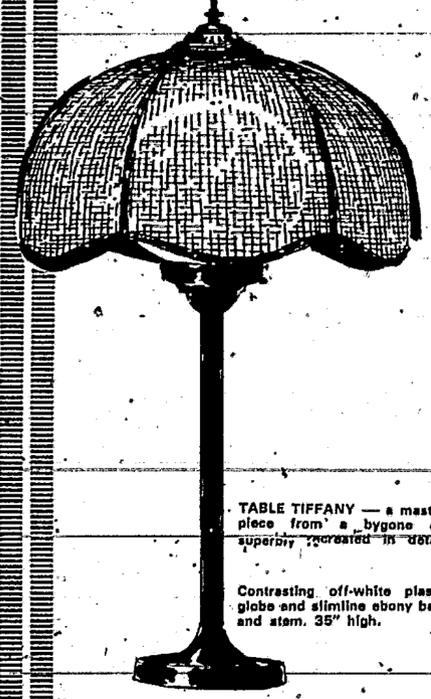


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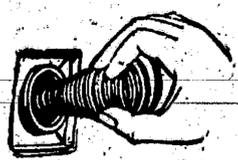
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Oh, but winter is with us Capitan

by Margaret Rench

Sure enough. The snow is holding as we had rain enough to make it icy and the cold holds. We also had high winds which drives the cold through. It is winter to be certain. The moisture is great and we do appreciate it.

Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Morey Alloe were her parents Mr. and Mrs. Ole Lillahei of Port Orchard, Washington. This is the first Christmas that Mary Lou had been with them since 1963. They had a grand time and they had three beautiful weeks together.

Juanita Norwalk enjoyed her birthday Jan. 2. I wish you many more happy birthdays, Juanita.

A one car accident occurred on the bridge north of the Robinson ranch on the highway. It hit the embankment and went in the arroyo and under the bridge. The two young men in the car came out without a scratch but the car was totaled. They were from Arlington, Texas.

I enjoyed a delicious dinner at the home of Doris Pounds home with she and her lovely family New Years Day.

Leo Powell entered the Ruidoso Hospital Friday morning. He came home Dec. 31. Had only two days and he was very ill. I do wish you a good recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Shaw, Helen Pfingsten, Doris Pounds and Margaret Rench attended the regular meeting of Eastern Star Thursday night at the Masonic Hall in Carrizozo. It was a good meeting and we all did enjoy it.

Mrs. Kingston and Mrs. Rench made a business trip to Carrizozo Friday. The Capitan School opened Jan. 6, after two weeks great vacation. It is a brisk cold morning with clear skies.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy LaMay and son Deke went to Midland last weekend to visit friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Shaw spent one week thru Christmas with their daughter Mr. and Mrs. Michael Riska and Danielle in Clovis.

Doc Dean of Claunch and his brother Harold Dean of Bingham spent last Sunday at the home of their parents Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dean.

Loss Morris was injured Friday from a fall while he was unloading Hay on the pickup. He broke two vertebra and crushed another between the shoulders. He entered the Ruidoso Hospital at 4:30 p.m. Friday 3. I wish you a good recovery. Loss.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Schildknecht, Shannon and Michael of LaMesa, Texas stopped to visit Mr. and Mrs. Jack Shaw for a short time while

enroute home New Year's Eve from one days skiing at Sierra Blanca. They reported they had a great time.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Perks left December 23 and spent one night in Albuquerque with their children then went on the Farmington December 24 to spend Christmas with their other children. The children in El Paso and in Albuquerque joined them there for a late Christmas and they returned home December 30.

The Senior Citizens paper "Center Capers" is full of all kinds of good news. It is growing daily. The registers members grew from 83 to 584. Visitors 121 to 780. Volunteers 64 to 389. Volunteer hours 476 to 1,985. Join them. They are having a great success and a good time. No dull moments.

Tiger Tales

by June House

Calendar of Events

Jan. 9: Woman's Club Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
 Jan. 9, 10, & 11: Lincoln County Basketball Tournament. Game 1: Carrizozo Girls vs. Capitan Girls, Thurs. Jan. 9, 1:30 p.m.
 Jan. 14: Weed Girls at Capitan Tigerettes, A and B teams, 5:30 p.m.
 Jan. 15: Report Cards are sent home.
 Jan. 16: National School Assembly, Admission Charge, 9:00 a.m.
 Jan. 17: Capitan Tigers at Weed Bulldogs, 7-8 grade and Varsity, 6 p.m.
 Jan. 18: Capitan Tigers at Carrizozo Grizzlies, 7-8 grade and Varsity, 6:00 p.m.
 Menu for Capitan Schools Monday, January 13 through Friday, January 17.
 Monday: Prito pie, Buttered corn, Tossed salad, Fruit crunch, 1/2 pint milk.
 Tuesday: Ranch beans, Spinach, Cowboy salad, Cornbread, Donuts, 1/2 pint milk.
 Wednesday: Stuffed franks, Potato salad, Green beans, Chocolate cookie, 1/2 pint milk.
 Thursday: Chjcken enchilada, Mixed vegetables, Tossed salad, Jello, 1/2 pint milk.
 Friday: Porcupines, Mixed vegetables, Hot rolls, Fruit pudding, 1/2 pint milk.

7th Grade News

The 7th grade class members elected officers for 1974-75. President: Farrel McKay, Vice-president: Jackie Deweber, Secretary: Sally Abercrombie, Treasurer: Debbie Castillo. Reporter: Ronnie Montes, and Recreation Leader: Alina Proctor.

At a class meeting the class voted to sponsor a White Elephant Bingo for the school Halloween Carnival. This was quite successful. The class netted \$61.15. They had so many prizes left from the Bingo that the class decided to put on a Grab Bag Sale, during the first two basketball games of the season. The class sold out making then a total of \$94.60.

Christmas party preparations were made complete with the exchange of gifts Friday afternoon December 20. All kinds of good things to eat and games to play were planned.

A nicely decorated tree was enjoyed by all classes going through the 7th grade class room.

8th Grade News

The Eighth grade class officers are President: Cindy Montoya, Vicepresident: Lisa Lamb, Secretary: Shirley Melmus, Treasurer: Adam Aldaz. Class sponsor is Richard House.

Tigerette Basketball

On Tuesday, December 17, the Tigerette Varsity and Junior Varsity teams played host to the two teams from Carrizozo.

The JV looked especially good in the first half of their game as they built a 16-0 lead by half-time.

The last two quarters got a little sloppy but the Capitan team won easily by the score of 22-2.

Scoring was Julia Coleman with 7 points, Donna Cooper had 6, Lisa Lamb had 5, and Megan LaMay had 4. Capitan hit on 6 of 11 free throws. All girls on the team saw some action.

Scoring by quarters	Capitan	8	8	4	2	22
Carrizozo	0	0	2	0	0	2

The Varsity teams did very little scoring in the first half. Halftime score was Capitan 10 Carrizozo 9. However, Capitan added 22 points in the second half, while holding Carrizozo to 6. Final score was 32-15.

Capitan's leading scorer, Alice Fillingim, had all kinds of trouble finding the range on the basket. Finally in the second half Becky Renfro and Elizabeth Jenkins found the range from outside and added the necessary spark to the Capitan offense.

Scoring was Renfro with 12, Jenkins had 10, Fillingim with 6, and Barber with 4.

Both teams had 10 personal fouls-the lowest of the season for the Tigerettes.

Scoring by Quarters	Capitan	2	8	10	12	32
Carrizozo	4	5	2	4	15	

7 - 8 Grade Basketball

The 7 - 8 Grade basketball team had it's first game of the season on Friday, December 20. The Junior Tigers played host to a team from Hondo, that outscored Capitan 30 - 21.

The Tigers made 10 field goals and made 1 of 8 free throws for their 21 points. Hondo made 14 field goals and 2 of 12 free throws for 30 points. Capitan committed 14 personal fouls while Hondo committed 16.

Scoring for Capitan was Adam Aldaz with 12 points, Ricky Clifton had 4, Tim Proctor had 3, and Ronnie Montes scored 2. All members on the team saw action. The remaining members were Alex Trujillo, Wesley Pounds, James Woolly, Farrel McKay, Scotty Townley, and John Deweber.

Scoring by Quarters	Capitan	4	4	0	13	21
Hondo	6	11	6	7	30	

Tiger Basketball

On Friday, December 20, the Hondo Eagles came to Capitan to play the Tigers. The Tigers avenged an earlier loss to Hondo by beating the Eagles 49-41.

Scoring for Capitan was Wayne Ware with 16, Kirk Phillips had 11, Mike Renfro had 9, Kenny Cummins scored 7, and Henry Griego had 5. Capitan had 18 field goals, 13 of 20 free throws, and committed 18 personal fouls with 2 Tigers fouling out of the game. Hondo scored 15 field goals, 11 of 21 free throws, and also 18 personal fouls.

Scoring by Quarters	Capitan	16	16	8	8	48
Hondo	7	8	10	16	41	

On Friday night, January 3, Capitan played the Lake Arthur Panthers in the Lewis Cummins Gymnasium. It seemed that the Tigers were still enjoying the holidays and forgot to get back in the basketball groove as they fell to Lake Arthur, 64-50.

Four Tigers scored 10 points each. They were Mike Renfro, Kirk Phillips, Henry Griego, and Wayne Ware. Also scoring was Kenny Cummins with 6, and Pat Griego and Ricky Phillips, 2 each. Capitan had 19 field goals and was very cold from the charity stripe hitting on only 12 of 34. A total of 28 fouls were called against the Tigers and 29 fouls were called against Lake Arthur.

Scoring by quarters	Capitan	8	13	9	20	50
Lake Arthur	7	19	18	21	64	

Next action for the Tigers will be in the Lincoln County Basketball Tournament to be held in Capitan, January 9, 10, and 11.

Tigerettes Win

Both the Varsity and Junior Varsity Tigerette teams started off the year in fine style as they won two big ones from Ruidoso on Saturday night, January 4 in Capitan.

The local JV team trailed Ruidoso through three quarters but finally pulled off the victory 22-20. Both teams had 10 field goals but two free throws while Ruidoso couldn't in 8 attempts. Donna Cooper scored 12 points, Lisa Lamb had 8 and Julia Coleman had 2.

Scoring by quarters	Capitan	3	6	10	22
Ruidoso	4	6	10	0	20

Varsity action followed much the same pattern as the JV team in scoring. Capitan trailed most of the game but finally escaped with a one point victory: 50 - 49. In the first game of the season for Capitan, Ruidoso had easily beaten the Capitan team.

Halftime score was 27 - 14 in favor of Ruidoso. In the third quarter Capitan put through 21 points while Ruidoso scored 12. At the end of three quarters Capitan trailed by 4 and in the fourth quarter outscored Ruidoso by 5 to gain the victory.

Scoring for Capitan was Elizabeth Jenkins with 21 points, Susie Abercrombie 17, Alice Fillingim - 6, Rhonda Barber - 4, and Debbie Burkett - 2. Capitan made 20 field goals while Ruidoso made 21. The difference was at the free throw line where Capitan made 10 of 16 free throws and Ruidoso managed only 7 of 23. Capitan was called for 24 personal fouls and Ruidoso 14.

Scoring by Quarters	Capitan	8	6	21	15	50
Ruidoso	15	12	12	10	49	

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White Sands Wants All Area Land

By SCOTT BEAVEN
Of the Journal Staff

WHITE SANDS MISSILE RANGE — When the United States Army decided in the early 40s that World War II was going none too well and that land was needed to test weapons, it was also decided that a huge swath of acreage in southern New Mexico from near the Texas border to US-380 south of Socorro would be the place.

The decision meant that more than 90 New Mexico ranchers would have to be moved off their land. It meant that the ranchers would have to be compensated for losing, for the time being, what had been their means of livelihood.

The Army did not offer the ranchers \$24 in glass beads for their land; as the ranchers remember it, the Army did not — at first — offer them anything at all. The ranchers took the offer anyway. They moved off. More than 30 years later, as a battle between the ranchers and the U.S. Dept. of Justice over ownership of the land is set to begin, a battle one attorney predicts will go to the U.S. Supreme Court, the ranchers wonder if they did the right thing in 1942. Most of them are bitterly convinced that they did not, for those years have been marked by legal disputes, accusations, name-calling and the slow erosion of hope — the hope that the ranchers would ever return to their homes.

THIRTY-PLUS YEARS. That's a long time to fight for any cause but they are still fighting and do not, apparently, intend to surrender. Regardless of their intentions, it appears their "defeat" is a mere matter of time; the Army expects to own all of the land outright by the close of this decade.

Should that happen — and there is no reason to suppose that it will not and every reason to suppose that it will — a grueling ordeal for all concerned will finally end. To understand why it has been such an ordeal, and to understand why the landowners call it a "land grab," and to understand why the government feels it needs the 2,016,733 acres that constitute White Sands Missile Range for its exclusive use, it is necessary to go back to the beginning.

Dave McDonald is an old man. Seventy-three years old.

"They're out to destroy us in order to take the land off us," he says. Dave McDonald doesn't care for the Army much. And then he remembers how it was, when he came to the land he identifies with:

"I was born in Tularosa July 5, 1901. My father came from Texas and started in ranching. Dad homesteaded." In the early 20s, Dave began ranching himself and, by the late 30s, he and his brother Ross (now dead) owned a ranch. Another brother, George, also owned a ranch that was to become world-famous. In a booklet called "Los Alamos, Beginning of an Era, 1943-1945," put out by Los Alamos Scientific Laboratories, there is a picture of a pile of rocks with a plaque reading:

"Trinity Site where the world's first nuclear device was exploded on July 16, 1945." The caption reads: "Monument marks Ground Zero in the Jornada del Muerto where the first atomic bomb was tested. Twenty years later the land shows few scars from the momentous event."

GEORGE McDONALD, also dead, owned Ground Zero. Jornada del Muerto means "Journey of Death," a recognition of the harsh conditions early explorers found, conditions the ranchers are proud of having conquered.

The McDonald brothers grazed cattle and worked the land. The war started. And then something very peculiar occurred: "Two men came out to the ranch in 1941 and said they were looking it over. They just walked around, looked at one thing and another and asked a question now and then. They just left. The first thing we know, we got a notice in the fall of '41 to get our cattle off of there." The same thing happened to approximately 100 other ranchers.

They were told that if they could not negotiate a fair lease price with the Army Corps of Engineers the land would be condemned and confiscated by the government. They agreed to negotiate, particularly since the Army made it clear the land would only be used temporarily — presumably until the end of the war.

"WHEN WE MOVED OFF," rancher Laura McKinley remembers, "we didn't even know what we would get for a year." Dave McDonald remembers it the same way. "We tried to find a place to put the cattle. I held them (the Army) off till April and they came out with a court order. I had found a place for a few cattle but they were all calving." McDonald says he was forced to sell the animals at low prices; shortly thereafter beef prices went up. "But by the time prices started jumping, we were out of business. We got off the land about April 27."

The Corps of Engineers made its offer to McDonald in May 1942. "They offered so little to one rancher that he would be minus \$300 by the time his expenses were paid off." Another agreement came in October. "I objected to it. It was \$5000 for three years and two months. I had already paid more income tax than I'd get out of that. My brother (George) gave in." McDonald objected until 1945, and then accepted another, slightly higher offer.

The check was in his name and his brother's. When George's share was removed, Dave wound up with \$700 per year rent for his land.

"They came in and took the land away from the ranchers. Literally. They came in and ordered us off," remembers Frank Martin, who now owns an auto supply store in Socorro. The price of "outside" land, ranchers recall, went up as a result of the relocation.

And yet, oddly enough, there were few complaints at the time. The ranchers may not have gone humbly — there was some grumbling — but they kept their thoughts primarily to themselves. They were patriots. They were helping to fight a war they believed in. If the country needed their land to help win the war, so be it. "Some of us," one woman rancher said recently, "had sons and relatives killed in that war. They took our land, too. Where could you find more patriotism than that?"

THE LAND BECAME the Alamogordo Bombing Range and Holloman Air Force Base. The ranchers had no idea, could have no idea, what was going on there. George McDonald did not know that thousands of feet of plastic hose were stretching across his property, soon to be blasted into history.

While, by their account, the ranchers were scrambling to sell or relocate their cattle and were taking a beating in the process, the Base Camp on George's ranch was having its own share of problems. "But," according to the official history from Los Alamos, "despite the difficulties the camp ran well. The heat of the desert summer was relieved by swims in the cattle watering reservoirs at the old McDonald ranch."

A herd of antelope disappeared from the desert range, a fact which has been attributed by the press to the ravages of the first atomic bomb. Former (governmental) Trinity residents, however, admit that hunting with submachine guns was a favorite pastime and antelope steak was an almost daily part of the camp menu.

"So was range beef, lassoed near camp by amateur cowboys. A beer fund maintained by laboratory people helped make up for the rules against leaving camp and there were nightly outdoor movies supplied from the Army's endless assortment of Hollywood films. It was a happy camp."

"AFTER 12 YEARS of Army occupation, during which the ranch homes were burglarized, the surroundings destroyed and the fences torn down, the officers are not satisfied. Recently all wells in the area were capped."

"I've stayed still as long as I can. We learned this evening that the well at our headquarters was capped. I loved that home and ranch. How is the intelligence and security division going to water my trees, flowers, grass, etc.?"

"Yes, they pay the rancher a rental fee. The ranches are to be returned. But the rancher paid taxes on this land which the Army claims is a desert area."

Socorro's "El Defensor" in an editorial asked the Army to fence White Sands to keep private cattle out and settle "misunderstandings." The Army rejected the notion, also recommended by the late Sen. Dennis Chavez. The Socorro newspaper responded by accusing the Army of "looking at the situation strictly from their own angle. One case has come to court in which soldiers killed and butchered a calf. The rancher did not press the case. An example, no doubt, of what Mr. Young (special assistant to the secretary of the Army) refers to in his letter as the 'friendly and cooperative' relations with adjoining landowners."

THE ARMY SAID the cost of fencing the land — \$700,000 — was prohibitive; much of the range remains unfenced.

In May 1954, the range was back in the news; this time, the New Mexico Cattle Growers Assn. uncovered what the "N.M. Stockman" called the "clever and unethical plans of the Army Dept. to permanently acquire 647,800 acres of land in Otero County." Gov. Ed Mechem and a dozen organizations called for a congressional investigation.

The Cattle Growers Assn. contended the governor, the state's congressmen and the landowners had not been advised of the plans. The House Armed Services Committee eventually advised the Army to lease lands in New Mexico rather than try to buy them.

The leases ran out in 1970. Few new leases have been signed. The ranchers refused Army offers, the Army condemned the land, the ranchers planned countersuits. The last battle began.

THE GRAND DESIGN: ARMY OWNERSHIP

The Army, a White Sands official who did not want to be named said, should own the entire range by the turn of the decade. Congress authorized the acquisition and the White Sands official expects purchase of state lands to begin in fiscal year 1978.

White Sands consists of 1,314,555 acres of federal land; 341,952 of state; and 71,159 private, a total of 2,016,733. White Sands National Monument covers 142,639 acres of that total. The Army has sought, according to the White Sands Real Estate Dept., condemnation leases on 377,775 acres of private and state land.

The Army says it needs absolute use of and title to the land. "There are some areas," Felix Sedillo of the real estate department said, "that are used every hour of the day." It will be up to federal courts to decide what compensation ranchers are entitled to.

LEGALLY THE ISSUE is unbelievably complex. Ranches in New Mexico are often comprised of land owned by the rancher and that leased from the state and federal governments for grazing.

In White Sands the land is then leased to the Army; in other words, the ranchers lease some land from the state and then lease it back to the federal government, making a profit. That profit varies enormously. The ranchers have held on to their state leases for the profit and because ranches are sold as a unit, state and federal leases along with the private land. In many cases, without their leases the ranches would be worth little on the open market. In a few cases the value of the land is not contingent on government leases; in at least one case a rancher who owns no private land is demanding money for land he only leases from the state.

BEGINNING IN THE 50s and continuing until 1970, the Army reimbursed the ranchers for their federal and state leaseholds. In a move that astounded the ranchers, and virtually guaranteed that no new lease agreement would be reached without court action, the Army Corps of Engineers announced in 1970 it would no longer reimburse ranchers for their federal lands.

That announcement meant the Army would no longer recognize the Taylor Grazing Act of 1934, which governs the leasing of most public lands in the West. The act was an answer to water scarcity and allowed a rancher who homesteaded or bought land with water on it to use public lands for grazing if the animals had access to the rancher's own water.

The Army's opinion was based on Public Law 833, passed in 1952. Asst. U.S. Dist. Atty. James Grant, who is handling the government's cases against the ranchers, said the law is "pretty well accepted now." It means, he continued, that "no individual can have a vested right in land leased to him by the federal government — the lease can be revoked at (the government's) will."

"The law is clear on federal land. Some cases have occurred which have affirmed its constitutionality. Ranchers have been selling something that didn't belong to them anyway."

Grant concedes it continues to be common practice to sell ranches as a unit, all leases intact. The problem comes when the government wants the land. "The federal government now needs this land. Why should the rancher be now paid for something he doesn't own?"

AND YET THE ARMY paid the ranchers compensation for the federal land until 1970. The ranchers say they knew nothing about PL 833 and, indeed, there was no reason for them to know — they were receiving checks for 20 years. "It was a mistake," Grant says of the compensation. "They were receiving some compensation to which legally they have not been entitled. Neither party should be hung by their past mistakes."

The federal government has let it be known that it is "looking at" the question of paying ranchers compensation for their state leases as well. As Grant phrases it, "Our question is, since the state is holding the land in trust for the people of New Mexico, they have a trust responsibility to administer it for the welfare of the people of the state." In disputes, Grant points out, the federal government is charged with "taking care of the breach." Should the federal government pay land-use fees directly to the state government instead of to the rancher, who has leased the land from the state? That is what the government is asking. "We don't want to be in the position of paying the wrong person." Ostensibly, then, the state would decide what, if any, compensation the ranchers should receive.

"We have not taken a position," Grant stresses. "We're taking a look at it." He expects the look will be completed shortly.

If the look is completed before the Army moves to acquire title to the White Sands land, and if the government decides the money should be paid to the state, the ranchers fear their ranches will be almost worthless — as many ranches outside would be with no recognition of grazing rights. They fear their base for negotiations will have been removed.

AS IT IS the ranchers have been unable to use their ranches to acquire other property. Phil Harvey, one of rancher leader, said ranchers could not borrow money on the lease payments and relocate elsewhere because the government kept the right to cancel from year to year; thus, the owners' capital was tied up in their leaseholds, which they could not sell because of the Army leases.

The "range beef" probably belonged to the dispossessed ranchers.

A FEW MONTHS PASSED. Then, July 16, 1945, 5:29 a.m. Mountain War Time: "It was as though the earth had opened and the skies split. One felt as though he had been privileged to witness the Birth of the World — to be present at the moment of Creation when the Lord said: 'Let there be light.'"

William L. Laurence, a writer hired to recount the first bomb blast, described it that way. J. Robert Oppenheimer said he was reminded of a Hindu quotation: "I am become Death, the destroyer of worlds."

Says the Los Alamos history: "The world's second man-made nuclear explosion occurred over Hiroshima, Japan, on Aug. 6, three weeks after the Trinity test. On Aug. 9, the third such explosion devastated the city of Nagasaki."

"Japan gave up the struggle five days later, and surrender ceremonies were held Sept. 2."

Thus ended World War II. Thus ended the Army's need for the ranchers' land. Or so the ranchers thought. That, at any rate, was what they thought had been promised.

HOMeward BOUND: ON THE LAND... AND OFF

The original leases expired in 1947. The Army still wanted the range (its name changed, over the years, from the Alamogordo Bombing Range to White Sands Proving Ground to White Sands Missile Range) but Congress had failed to appropriate any money for new leases. Some of the ranchers went back and were able to stay on their land for several years.

What they found shocked them. The houses were in disrepair; roads had eroded; there had been, the ranchers charge, no attempt to keep the property as it had been when it was leased. The lease required the land be returned in its original condition.

Around Trinity there was a flat sheet of what appeared to be green glass where the explosion melted the ground. A rehabilitation period ensued. The ranchers transferred their cattle back to the land, if they had been able to hold on to them, or bought new cattle if they had not. Fences were repaired. Life went on, and eventually the only reminder of the war was that strange glass sea.

BY 1950 the ranchers were gone again. The appropriation for extending the leases had gone through Congress. Some ranchers signed a 20-year lease, negotiating with the Corps of Engineers; others, according to Dept. of Justice attorney James Grant, signed 10-year leases that were renegotiated in 1960. Under the terms of both documents, the ranchers were given a fixed fee each year as rent. Many of them felt the fee — which varied from rancher to rancher — was inadequate, but again they accepted what the Army wanted, although not without a great deal of complaining. For the first time, the prospect of never again going home occurred to them.

Even so, the terms of the second lease were substantially similar to those of the first; there was still, the ranchers felt, the implication that the government would not use the land forever.

Recently, Fred Smith, an attorney representing a group of ranchers, addressed them in Las Cruces: "The leases were taken by the federal government when the country was in the most dangerous period of its history. Everybody was willing to do anything in the war effort. I don't think you people wanted to give up your ranches. The intention was that it was only going to be a lease, that the government wasn't going to wind up taking the property. But circumstances have changed. Now they the Army feel like they've got to have the whole land."

"If you had known that, there's not a single one of you that would have signed these leases."

There was no argument.

A HOLD-OUT: PRATHER'S PRAISES

"For 68 years that ranch was his own.
"That ranch and that cattle was all that he owned.
"Then the Army brought their tanks
"And they lined them in a row.
"They says, 'Alright John, now it's time for you to go.
"A thousand to one, well they thought they had a cinch.
"But John held them off and he didn't budge an inch."

John Prather is something of a legend to the White Sands ranchers and that song, written by G. Guthrie and Calvin Boles and recorded by Boles, can still be found on dusty jukeboxes in southern New Mexico. The flip side, in a rare display of artistic balance, is a song titled "From Arrows to Rockets," praising the benefits military installations have brought to the area.

AS PRATHER'S OBITUARY in the Journal said: "Prather declared — and won — a private war with the Army beginning in 1956, after he refused to leave his 200-section ranch in southern New Mexico."

Prather's ranch was a part of the McGregor Missile Range, used then by Ft. Bliss and White Sands. "I'm not moving," he said at the time. "That's that. I never did understand how a man could sell his birthright and by damn I'm too old to learn now."

He fought the acquisition and stayed on the ranch until shortly before his death in a nursing home at 91, in 1965. Unlike the romanticized song about him, Prather never had to battle tanks; instead, three U.S. marshals were sent to evict him in August 1957. Prather, peering from behind thick glasses and a rifle, offered to do battle. The offer was respectfully declined. "I'm going to stay here until hell freezes over," he said.

He allowed the Army use of his land but stoutly maintained that the grass was his. A U.S. District Court in Santa Fe tried to close the books on the case by awarding him \$106,985 in compensation. He never cashed the check.

THE SONG CONCLUDES:
"Now the missiles fly high
"And the missiles fly low.
"But old John Prather still ranches below.
"He made it mighty clear that he's keeping his land.
"He'll die right there with a gun in his hands."

"John Prather was buried Sunday, Feb. 14, 1965, between two spreading pecan trees on his ranch which he had once defended from federal authorities who wished to incorporate it into a missile range," a newspaper article of the time reads. "Prather's favorite horse and his rocking chair were brought to the graveside for the services."

"If they can put a monument up to that bomb," Dave McDonald said recently, "I think they should put up a monument to John Prather."

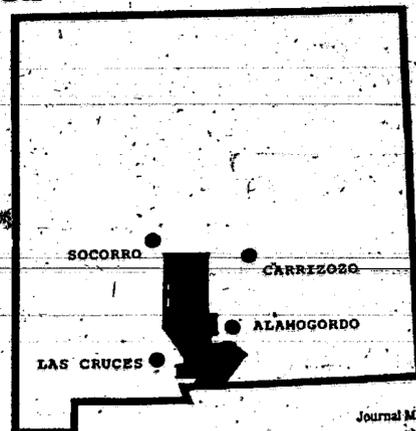
INTO THE 70s: WITHOUT RESOLUTION

In 1954 the Army and the N.M. Dept. of Game and Fish agreed to give the department power to manage White Sands Proving Grounds as a game reserve, open to the public at certain times of the year for hunting — a practice continuing to this day.

The department was empowered to maintain permanent water units, described as windmills (belonging to the ranchers) and springs. The area was described by Lt. Col. James R. Mills as a "natural resource."

In that year, two soldiers from Stallion Camp, in the northwest corner of the range, were detained by military authorities for questioning when a rancher who returned to his home to remove some personal belongings found freshly butchered beef inside the house. The pair admitted the crime, pleaded extenuating circumstances and were ordered to pay court costs and a \$150 fine.

While Game and Fish allowed some water sources to remain, other wells drilled by the ranchers were capped. Mrs. Frank Martin visited her home in 1954 and wrote an angry letter to a local newspaper:



Shaded Area Outlines Missile Range

It is the government's position that the ranchers have been adequately compensated; one official said the rental paid by the Army amounted to one-tenth the value of the private land on each ranch each year. However, the official admitted "leasing is not the same as selling."

Have the ranchers for 30 years made as much off the ranches by leasing to the government as they would have made by running cattle? The government says yes, ranchers say no. The truth is probably somewhere in between — some have profited because their land wasn't excellent land while others, with good land, stood to make more money by running cattle.

Grant explains the Army's desire to obtain ownership by talking about expense: "It would be a waste of taxpayers' money (to continue leasing), and that's what is lost sight of — the ultimate responsibility is to the taxpayer. Therefore, we are not obligated to pay any more than the fair market value." The reasoning is that leasing White Sands has been a drain on the public treasury for 30 years; if the land is purchased at fair value, the drain will cease.

It is clear fair value means one thing to the ranchers and quite another to the Army.

IN AN ATTEMPT to settle the 1970 dispute, a three-man commission was appointed with the blessing of the Army and ranchers to decide what fair value would be, based on the highest and best possible use of the land. The Army, ranchers say, promised to go along with the ruling, but Grant says the Army promised no such thing and would have been foolish to do so.

At any rate, the commission decided the highest and best possible use of the land was as a missile range, the use to which it had been and would be put. The commission decreed the ranchers should be compensated (at the rate of \$1.50 a year an acre, according to Grant) on that standard. "Our position is that you cannot consider the government's use," Grant said, explaining why the ruling has been taken to the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals in Denver. "You base fair market value on what would happen between a buyer and seller (without considering the government). We feel that (the commission decision) is legally wrong."

The Court of Appeals has yet to rule. "I can sympathize with anyone whose land is condemned. I personally know some of the ranchers and I sympathize with their feelings about their land. I have great empathy with those people and I hope they understand it's one of the necessary functions of government that's happening," Grant told the Journal.

"I don't call it the Dept. of Justice," Frank Martin responds. "I call it the Dept. of Injustice."

THE OTHER DESIGN: THE RANCHERS RESPOND

Several attorneys have handled the ranchers' legal problems. A new employee, Fred Smith of Truth or Consequences, recently met with more than 30 of them to consider "a final course of action."

Nothing is explicit or final, but these are some of the questions Smith may be asking in federal court when and if the ranchers countersue:

- Is PL 833 constitutional?
- The ranchers claim they were not notified that their grazing rights were being withdrawn under PL 833. Was that legal?
- Can the government condemn if the government already has use of the land and the ranchers are willing to negotiate another lease?
- Is the government obligated to pay for federal and state leases?

The original leases were clearly temporary — as Grant says, the Army had no idea the land would be necessary after the war. Smith says "the Constitution provides there shall be no law impairing the obligation of a contract. That applies to the government, too." He feels PL 833 violates that provision because the "clear intent" of the leases was that federal and state leases would be returned to the ranchers.

Those are not easy questions and litigation is likely to be lengthy — Smith predicts they will have to argue before the U.S. Supreme Court.

"There are ranchers who are happy as claims (about the last 30 years)," a federal official says. Others are mad as snapping turtles. Each case will eventually be decided on whatever the courts take to be the merits. No one really knows what precisely the courts will do. "I think you will get a fair shake from a federal judge," Smith told the ranchers. The Army obviously thinks it will get a fair shake or it wouldn't haul the ranchers into court.

Condemnation proceedings are scheduled to begin in May, officials in Washington report; the ranchers are planning action before then. White Sands is going to stay. The ranchers can be counted on to object that the state is losing tax revenue, that the country is losing beef; the Army will counter that the missile range is far more important to the country than the loss of steaks.

And at White Sands stray cattle graze in tall grass, enriching someone's bank account until the Army calls the owner and asks him to drive the cattle out. Houses decay into dirt, windmills topple. It is the ghost of another era. Still with us.



Frank Martin
"Injustice"

Dave McDonald
"Destroy Us"

Legal Notice

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LINCOLN COUNTY STATE OF NEW MEXICO IN THE MATTER OF THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF THOMAS JUDD MCKNIGHT, Deceased. No. 1360

NOTICE OF PROBATE THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO To Whom It Concerns: An instrument purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of Thomas Judd McKnight, deceased, has been produced, read and filed as required by law. On January 15, 1975, at 1:30 o'clock P.M., at the Probate Court in Carrizozo, New Mexico, this Court will conduct a hearing for proving this Will, and if proved the Court will render a judgment approving it as the Last Will and Testament of the decedent and will admit it to probate.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the Probate Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, on December 16, 1974. s-Barbara Lovelace Clerk of the Probate Court By-s-Alice King Deputy

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LINCOLN COUNTY STATE OF NEW MEXICO IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ROBERT OTIS CANON, Deceased. No. 1320

NOTICE OF HEARING ON FINAL ACCOUNT AND REPORT

STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO: Ragna Conn Canon, Craig Otis Canon, Robert Everett Canon, Craig Otis Canon, Trustee of Robert Otis Canon II Trust No. 1, Russell Fuller Canon Trust No. 1, and Sally Clair Canon Trust No. 1, Craig Otis Canon, Trustee for Kenneth Scott Canon and Kathleen Conn Canon, Craig Otis Canon and American Bank of Commerce, Odessa, Texas; Trustees of Testamentary Trust, and Letha (Nana) Pegues; all unknown heirs of Robert Otis Canon, deceased; and all unknown persons claiming any lien upon or right, title or interest in or to the estate of said decedent.

Ragna Conn Canon and Craig Otis Canon, ancillary executors, have filed their Final Account and Report and on February 14 at 10:00 a.m. at the Probate Court in Carrizozo, New Mexico the Court will hear objections thereto and the settlement thereof; and the Court will proceed to determine the heirship of said decedent, the ownership of his estate, the interest of each respective claimant thereto or therein, and the persons entitled to distribution thereof.

Hinkle, Bondurant, Cox & Eaton, P.O. Box 10, Roswell, New Mexico, are attorneys for the ancillary executors.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the Probate Court on 16 December 1974. BARBARA LOVELACE Clerk of the Probate Court s-Alice King

(SEAL) First published in the Lincoln County News, Thursday, December 16, 1975. Last published January 16, 1975.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT C. N. CANNON, Plaintiff, vs. TRANSCON CONSTRUCTORS, INC., JAMES M. PLESSAS, aka JIM PLEASSAS, individually and as President of Transcon Constructors, Inc., Defendants. Cause No. 9465

SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO to the above named Defendants: GREETING: YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the above named Plaintiff has commenced a proceeding against you in the above captioned Court and Cause, the object thereof being Suit on Promissory Notes.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that, unless you serve and file a responsive pleading or motion in said cause on or before the 6th day of February, 1975, judgment will be rendered against you in said cause by default.

Petitioner's attorney is Archie A. Witham, P.O. Box 546, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301. WITNESS my hand and seal of the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, this 24th day of December, 1974.

Margo Lindsay, Clerk of the District Court, Lincoln County, New Mexico.

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NOTICE Fedora Upton ranch situated in Lincoln County, New Mexico, at Arabela, New Mexico hereby serves notice that posted signs hunting and trespassing upon said premises, E 1/2 NE 1/4 Lots 1, 2, NW 1/4 SE 1/4, NE 1/4 SE 1/4 W 1/2 NW 1/4, E 1/2 NW 1/4 SW 1/4; All NW 1/4 SW 1/4 except .8 acs. lying in SE cor. 4 acs. in the SW 1/4 SW 1/4 lying on W side of said 40 1/2 ac. in the NW 1/4 NW 1/4; A 16 1/2 x 16 1/2 ft. block of land in NW cor. of SW 1/4 NW 1/4 all described in deed recorded in Bk. 60, Pg. 125, with plat attached, Pg. 126. Violation thereof subject hunters and or trespasser to fine, imprisonment or both as prescribed by New Mexico statute.

Fedora Upton Alamogordo, N.M. First published in the Lincoln County News January 9, 1975, last published January 23, 1975.

SPECIAL OFFER - The News has 11 boxes (12 rolls to box) of Dennison flameproof crepe paper, 6 turquoise blue, 5 pink. Real worthwhile price to person who will take the lot. 43-2p

Jal hospital problems parallel Carrizozo

Jal, New Mexico has a 23-bed hospital, 20-percent patient occupancy and a staff of 19. The community of Jal is 45 miles away from the only medical facility in the county. Operation of the hospital has been costing taxpayers \$5,000 a month.

Carrizozo has a 20-bed hospital, was experiencing about 20-percent occupancy at the time it was put on standby basis, and had staff of 24 people. The community of Carrizozo is some 40 miles from the other medical facility in the county. Operation of the Carrizozo hospital was costing around \$10,000 a month, a good part of this cost born by the A. N. Spencer family for literally years.

Jal has a hospital feasibility study being done by Management Engineering Services of Albuquerque, expected to be complete in January. Carrizozo hospital is closed and, so far as we know, will stay closed until possibly a second doctor moves to town.

There will be a meeting of hospital people next Wednesday but the primary purpose of this meeting is to discuss finances of the Annex, and direct hospital business not expected to come up. Occupancy is a big factor in hospital finances

at Jal, same at Carrizozo. Hospital board president at Jal feels that a recent suggestion to convert 10 of the unit's 23 beds to nursing care for the elderly is worth examining.

From article about Jal hospital - County-run facilities are never expected to make profits, but it is not unreasonable for taxpayers in Lovington of Hobbs to question the value of such a costly facility, serving so few people so far away.

The Jal hospital is staffed by 19 Jal residents, who take home a payroll of \$4,022.66 every two weeks. Included are five registered nurses, six licensed practical nurses, three dietary employees, three office workers, one housekeeper, and one employee who splits the time between dietary and housekeeping.

"People don't think about the fact that hospitals have to be able to function 24 hours a day, seven days a week" said the Jal board president. "That forces the hiring of a lot of people."

This board president feels the unit is needed, and he would like to see cost brought into line and the income up. He has hopes the survey will supply food for thought.

Nation's 20th Census of Agriculture Underway

The 1974 Census of Agriculture got underway the week of December 29th, with the mailing of approximately four million report forms to farms and ranches in the 50 States according to Vincent P. Barabba, Director of the Bureau of the Census. The Bureau is part of the Department of Commerce's Social and Economic Statistics Administration.

Farmers and ranchers are being asked to report on their agricultural operations during 1974. This 1974 Census, the Nation's 20th farm census in a series that started in 1840, will update data most recently obtained in 1970 for 1969 operations. Primary emphasis will be on obtaining information about farms and ranches with sales of \$2,500 or more annually. Such operations accounted for 98 percent of the total value of all agricultural products sold in 1969.

To avoid undue burden on small farmers and to reduce processing costs, a short version of the census report form is being mailed to the over one million addressees estimated to have had both farm receipts and expenses of less than \$2,000 in 1973. All other addressees are receiving the standard form.

Forms are being mailed to a list of the following: persons who filled out Schedule F of the 1973 individual income tax return, persons listed with other Federal agencies as associated with agricultural operations, and those reporting large or unusual farm operations in the 1969 census (such as institutional farms, farms on Indian reservations, etc.). This combined list of addressees forms a pool of potential respondents in the census. The final total of farms counted is expected to be well under three million, as it was in 1969.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN IN THE DISTRICT COURT FIRST SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, BORGER, TEXAS, Plaintiff, vs. FRANK M. LINDSEY and OMY RUTH LINDSEY, his wife, WILLIAM H. WHEELER, JEAN W. CROOK, HOUSEHOLD FINANCE CORPORATION OF SANTA FE, Defendants. No. 9404

NOTICE OF SALE Notice is hereby given that the undersigned Special Master, will, on the 27th day of January, 1975, at 10:00 a.m., at the front door of the Lincoln County Courthouse, Carrizozo, New Mexico, sell and convey all the right, title and interest of the above named defendants in and to the following real estate located in said County and State.

The South 25 feet of Lot 11 and all of Lot 12 Block 16 of McDONALD'S ADDITION, Carrizozo, Lincoln County, New Mexico, as shown by the map thereof filed in the office of the County Clerk and Ex-officio Recorder of Lincoln County, September 13, 1966.

Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on the 19th day of December, 1974, in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose the note and mortgage held by the above plaintiff, wherein plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above described real estate in the sum of \$15,375.29, plus interest to the date of sale, Court costs and publication costs, attorney fees, Special Master's fee, said sale will be made to the highest bidder for cash, and time thereof may be postponed in the event the Special Master, in his judgment, deems advisable.

Beatrice Ortiz Special Master First published in the Lincoln County News Thursday, January 2, 1975, last published January 23, 1975.

A new kind of report form is being used in the 1974 farm census in order to reduce costs. The report form, instruction sheet, and return envelope have been printed and addressed in a single operation, thus eliminating separate printing, assembling, stuffing, and the attaching of the printed address labels. It is the first time that this type of peration has been used in a Federal census.

Also, for the first time, the forms are being mailed out at the third class bulk rate to reduce postage cost. The return envelope containing the farm operator's completed report carries first class postage to protect the confidentiality of the information reported.

Completed forms are to be mailed back as soon as possible. Census by mail allows operators to fill out their reports at their convenience and use their farm business records. Estimates are acceptable and should be reported in the absence of records.

First Agriculture Census in 1840

The United States took its first Census of Agriculture in 1840. Until 1920 they were taken every ten years; since then, there has been one every five years, recently covering years ending in "4" and "9".

The five-year censuses are the only source of statistics on agriculture that are comparable county by county for the entire Nation. They are the sole source of comprehensive agricultural data tabulated for each State and for the U.S. as a whole for farms classified by size, tenure, type of organization, market value of products sold, and type of farm organization.

The selection of questions in the '74 census was based on needs expressed by users of agriculture census data, experience gained in earlier censuses, results of a January 1974 pretest census, and recommendations of the Census Advisory Committee on Agriculture Statistics. This committee is composed of representatives of farm organizations, academic, government, and research groups concerned with agriculture, as well as organizations representing manufacturers and distributors of farm supplies and equipment, and users of farm products. Also, there is continuous cooperation with agencies in the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Response to the census is required by law (Title 13, United States Code). By the same law, information furnished on report forms is kept confidential. It may be seen only by sworn Census employees and may be used only for statistical purposes. Even other government agencies cannot obtain or use the report made by any operator. The law also provides that copies retained by the operator are immune from legal process.

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HOW TO SAVE - The News has envelopes in paper grades from the finest to common and several colors. If you want a good or really nice printing job we'll be glad to do it for you. We do recommend that if all you need is a box of envelopes, that you buy them printed from the local postoffice, where they are sold on a "to hell with the cost" basis and you can retrieve a few pennies on your tax dollars. Tmc

Attention Mobile Home Owners

As of January 1st, 1975, all mobile home owners must report their mobile homes to the Assessor's Office. Penalty may be imposed for failure to comply, as per Section 72-29-15 of the New Mexico Property Tax Code Regulations. If mobile home owners have not received Red Sticker, please contact Assessor's Office.

Julia Samora, Lincoln County Assessor

A Bowl of Activities From Nogal

by Roby Burk

A Bowl of Thoughts on Smoking? Who smokes, the most? 1. Bachelors and spinsters smoke the least. 2. Widows and divorced persons smoke are the highest among smokers. 3. Farmers smoke less than any other occupational group. Do fat men smoke more than lean men? Dr. A. Damon, professor at Harvard School of Public Health, says that lean men have a tendency to smoke more than fat men. Dg. smokers and nonsmokers have different food preferences? 1. Smokers prefer foods, that are salty spiced or well-seasoned. 2. Nonsmokers prefer non-seasoned foods and eat more sweets. 3. When smokers stop smoking there is large weight gain for the first few months. A tablespoon of fact about butter: by Gary Stemm

A University of Illinois researcher, says that butter is much better for you than Margarine. Tests indicate that margarine is more likely to cause hardening of the arteries. Medical evidence is that high amounts of cholesterol and saturated fatty acids in the body cause hardening of the arteries, and people have been discouraged from eating rich animal products, like butter and eggs. Butter and eggs have been made the "fall guys while margarine has been touted as safe." While actually it is the margarine that is not as safe as butter. Butter and all animal fats produce vitamin A in the body which in turn helps sun blindness that is it strengthens the eyes so that a person does not have to wear dark glasses in the natural sunlight. (So help those old cows out and eat some that good butter.) Roby's Box:

"Here is a funny! or two! On our first visit to the city this last year, my youngest child looked up at the tall high-rise apartment building, and said "What shelf does Auntie live on Mother?"

A Navajo Indian decided to join the new, all-volunteer Army. During the examination, the recruiting officer asked, "Do you speak any foreign language?" "Yes I do," the Navajo replied. "English!"

How is your green thumb this cold January -- have you been reading about my house plants -- well here is another one -- very easy to stick in a hanging pot of dirt; Grape Ivy (Cissus Rhombifolia) great indoor plant -- they need good indirect light -- don't overwater, water only when it is dryish, and feed monthly. If the soil is rich -- just feed it every three months.

A Recipe from Roby's cook book this new year CHILI CON QUESO 2 pounds velveeta cheese 2 chopped onions 2 cans chopped peeled green chili 3 fresh tomatoes 2 cloves garlic, chopped fine 1 bottle picante Sauce 1 tsp. garlic salt

Cook all together in double boiler until cheese is melted and onions are tender. Keep warm -- just before serving, add 1/2 cup rich cream, just keep warm do not cook after adding cream. This is so good with -- celery, carrot sticks and fritoes.

Happening around the bowl! We took a toboggan up the Nogal peak road -- pass the Zumwalt's and the Millers today -- Damon Burkstaller and Scott Miller rode the toboggan pulled by a pickup up the hill. Yes the snow is deep on the Mountains. Winter has spread her white coat over the bowl, and families are giving a sigh of grate-ful-ness after their Christmas company. Fern Sawyer is back from Tatum, where she spent Christmas with her mother Dessie Sawyer and family in her beautiful new home. Fern is having a hard time staying in bed to let those broken ribs heal but she is getting a workout with her arm answering the phone, and if you have read the papers you know why? Mrs. C. C. McDaniel tells me that Molly Bosh went to Alamogordo to be with her son for Christmas, and that the McDaniel's spent a few days with Albert Falsetto and family from Gernadi, Colo., then later her son Mr. Clarence McDaniel and 2 children came for 4 days from Leadville.

Mr. and Mrs. Weyman Hartley visited the Williams from El Paso (Myrtle W. brother) The Post Office and it's inhabitants Miss Jody Sitten, but Opal has been working very hard and she tells me that the Greens spent their Christmas in Carrizozo and Opal's oldest son. Mrs. Witham had Linda and Johnny Hayes and their 2 children for Christmas, and when I called Leora she said she had 16 for her dinner. Dot Burkstaller had all three of her children with her. A bit of Roswell news, from people who take the Lincoln C. News.

Betty and Orvell Compton -- Sorry to hear that your son couldn't make it for Christmas. I understand that Alta Patterson's granddaughter is getting married, what a fun thing to plan for. Happiness to you all The Lea Andrews family were home with their children. Please Cameron Bradley let me know what's happening to you. Remember to sent your notes to Roby, c-o Lincoln County News. Thank you and a happy New Year.

DR. J.R. KUHN CHIROPRACTOR X-Ray - Laboratory - Physiotherapy 257-2028 - Day or Night Ruidoso, N.M.

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NOTICE TO LINCOLN COUNTY PROPERTY OWNERS

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE LINCOLN COUNTY ASSESSOR

- Property valued in the 1974 tax year by the County Assessor need not be reported for any subsequent tax year unless required to be reported under paragraph (3)
- Property not valued in the 1974 tax year by the County Assessor but which becomes subject to valuation by the County Assessor in any subsequent tax year shall be reported to the County Assessor not later than the last day of February of the tax year in which it becomes subject to valuation, but such property need not be reported for any year subsequent to the year in which initially reported unless required to be reported under paragraph (3).
- Property once valued by a County Assessor in a tax year, but which is not valued for a year subsequent to the year of initial valuation because it is not subject to valuation for that subsequent year by the County Assessor, shall be reported to the County Assessor not later than the last day in February in a tax year in which it again becomes subject to valuation by the County Assessor.

VETERAN'S AND FAMILY EXEMPTIONS - NOTE CAREFULLY

Veteran and Head of Family Exemptions claimed and allowed in the 1974 tax year need not be claimed for subsequent tax year if there is no change in eligibility for the exemption, nor any change in ownership of the property against which the exemption was claimed. Exemptions allowable shall be applied automatically by the County Assessor in the subsequent tax years.

Veteran and head of family exemptions not claimed and allowed in the 1974 tax year must be claimed in a subsequent tax year in order to be allowed, but once an exemption is claimed and allowed in a subsequent tax year, it shall apply to all subsequent tax years without further claiming as long as there is no change in eligibility for the exemption and no change in the ownership of the property. However, a claimant for a Veteran's Exemption may apply in a subsequent tax year for a change in the amount of the exemption to be applied to specific property.

ATTENTION MOBILE HOME OWNERS

In the months of January and February all mobile home owners who have not been put on the Lincoln County Tax rolls for 1975, and have not received red mobile home stickers must do so. Penalty may be imposed for failure to comply as per Section 72-29-15 of the New Mexico Property Tax Code Regulations. If mobile home owners have not received Red Sticker, please contact Assessor's Office.

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