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Three of the four county representatives must be elected officials and a fourth must be a member of a minority group. The commissioners appointed Shorty Stoneman, Bill Elliott, Lee Straley and Román Nunez as delegates with Bill Hart, John Sudderth, Frank Montoya and Tranquilino Silva as alternates.

Sheriff Elliott received authorization to construction of a partition in the Ruidoso sheriff's office and to purchase a desk and typewriter for that division. The total cost is around \$900. He was also given the go-ahead on the purchase of a four-wheel vehicle for work in the national forests.

The money for the vehicle comes from the county's share of forest service fees and is designated for use in that area. At the request of the forest service the county will supply the service with a county radio unit for communication between the sheriff and the forest service.

Shorty Stoneman said he would not need the radio usually used by the commissioners and offered it.

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## School sets open house

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# Around town

By Eleanor Payton

Mrs. R.E. Lemon received word on Dec. 31 of the sudden death of her son, Colonel Maurice Lemon of Falls Church, Virginia. Mrs. Lemon and Elyn Cady left Monday morning for Falls Church. Mrs. Thelma Appag accompanied them to Albuquerque and saw them to the plane Monday morning. No further word has been received here.

Mrs. B.W. Wilson and her son Charlie and his three children of Roswell spent Christmas in Tucson with Mrs. Wilson's sister, Mrs. Mae Purcell. A nephew and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Stokes of Thornton, California, joined them there the day after Christmas for a visit.

Mrs. A.N. Spencer and Mrs. Paul Payton were hostesses for the Carrizozo Bridge Club Friday at the Payton residence. Mrs. Emmett Breiger, Mrs. Jack Magee, and Mrs. J.S. Stearns were invited guests.

Mr. Volker Alharn of Vancouver, Canada, visited Mr. C.E. Degner last week. Kevin Lane, who is in the Navy, stationed at San Diego, spent last weekend with relatives in Carrizozo and Ruidoso.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Evans, Robin and David Evans of Alamogordo were in Carrizozo on January 2 to help Mrs. Evans father, Mr. C.A. Snow, celebrate his birthday.

Thirty members of the CYO had a spaghetti supper last Tuesday evening in Fellowship Hall at the Methodist Church. Lois McBride conducted the business meeting. Tammy Hourigan was in charge of devotions and also gave the program on "Believing".

The Methodist Young People's study group had a breakfast at the church Sunday morning. Margo and Wesley Lindsay are the leaders of the group and it is under the direction of Mr. Charles Eichert, pastor of the church.

## Art-craft applications are ready

Application forms are now available for the 1977 New Mexico Arts and Crafts Fair which will be held on June 24, 25, and 26 at the State Fairgrounds in Albuquerque.

Artists and craftsmen from New Mexico, 18 years of age or older, are invited to submit their work for judging. The applicant must present three samples of work in each media he is applying for along with a \$7.50 entry fee and his application. These items will be received at the Flower & Industrial Building on the Fairgrounds from 9 am to 5 p.m. on Thursday, February 17 and from 1 to 9 pm on February 18. All work must be picked up on Monday, February 21.

Application forms may be obtained by telephoning the New Mexico Arts and Crafts Fair Office on Mondays and Thursdays only, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, or by writing to the Fair, P.O. Box 30944, Albuquerque, N.M. 87110.

## Rainbows will meet

All Master Masons, Eastern Stars, Rainbow Girls and friends are cordially invited to attend the public installation of Lisa Ferguson, Worthy Advisor elect, Carrizozo Rainbow Assembly No. 7 at the Masonic Hall at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 16, 1977. Mrs. Anne Ferguson will also be installed as Mother Advisor for the assembly.

Lori Gibson was guest of honor at a birthday dinner on Friday, January 7, given by her parents Mr. and Mrs. Leon Gibson. Lori was a year old on Friday and really celebrated by opening her presents and eating a piece of her birthday cake. Her family, including two great-grandmothers, her grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins were all there to help her celebrate.

## SS increases earning rate

People under 72 can work and earn more and still get their social security benefits starting with January, according to Dan Mathis, social security field representative.

"In 1977 people can earn as much as \$3,000 and get their full social security retirement or survivors benefit," Mathis said. "The yearly earnings limit for 1976 was \$2,660. The increase keeps the amount in line with increases in general average wages."

For earnings over \$3,000 in 1977, social security benefits will be reduced by \$1 for every 2 earned. But, no matter how much people earn for the year, they can get their full social security benefit for any month in which they neither earn over \$250 nor do substantial work in their own business. The 1976 monthly earnings limit was \$230.

Different rules apply to disabled people who are getting social security disability benefit. Also, people 72 and over will continue to get their full social security benefits regardless of earnings.

"People who earned over \$2,760 and received benefits in 1976 must send to the Social Security Administration a report on 1976 earnings by April 15," Mathis stressed.

The Medicare hospital insurance deductible is now \$124, according to Dan Mathis, social security field representative.

"A Medicare patient who went into the hospital since December 31 will be responsible for the first \$124 of covered hospital expenses," Mathis said.

The 1976 deductible was \$104. Under the Medicare law, the amount of the deductible is tied to the average cost of one day's stay in a hospital. The increase to \$124 for 1977 is a result of a review of hospital costs during 1975.

Under the law, the increase in the deductible means there also will be increases starting this month in three other amounts Medicare patients pay for covered care.

For a hospital stay of over 60 days, the patient will pay \$31 a day (up from \$26) on the 61st through the 90th days. For a post-hospital stay of over 20 days in a skilled nursing facility, the patient will pay \$14.50 a day (up from \$13) for the 21st through the 100th day. For "reserve days" used after 90 days of hospital care in a benefit period, Medicare pays for all covered expenses except for \$62 a day (up from \$52).

Mr. Mathis may be contacted at the County Commissioner's Room in the courthouse in Carrizozo on Tuesday, January 18th, between the hours of 10-12.

The wife asked her husband what he thought of the play. "It reminds me of that Biblical quotation," he replied. "Which one?" "Who will be the first to stone the cast?"



Hazel English

## Cook of the month

by Mary Ellen Payne  
Extension Home Economist

Lincoln County Courthouse employees are often treated to Hazel English's delicious cooking. As Lincoln County Health Nurse, Hazel is one of the busiest women in Lincoln County. Yet, she always seems to have time to cook up something special for her friends in the Courthouse Annex, for a Country Club Pot Luck dinner or a quiet evening with husband, Fred.

Fred owns and operates Carrizozo Hardware. They are parents of two children, son, Clayton (Toby) is an Albuquerque City Policeman and daughter, Patti is a student in Chile. When Patti was at home, Hazel's hobby was creative sewing for Patti and herself. Now, Hazel and Fred list travel as their number one hobby. Hazel admits she is always ready to go anywhere! Their travels take them frequently to Mexico and Arizona.

Hazel is a native of New York and came to Carrizozo as a bride. She quickly learned to combine her native state's cooking with the local specialties. A microwave oven was added to the English household about a year and a half ago. Since then many old favorite recipes have been changed for use with the microwave oven. She has also made use of many recipes that were included in the cookbook that came with her oven. Hazel is not fond of going grocery shopping so she limits it to once a week. She plans her shopping carefully to save both money and time. Her balanced meals reflect her knowledge of nutrition and good shopping habits.

For those short evenings when cooking needs to be quick and easy, Hazel uses this "Quick Tuna Casserole."

### QUICK TUNA

- 3 eggs
- 2 cans tuna (large)
- chopped celery - as desired
- chopped peppers - as desired
- chopped onion - as desired
- 6-8 crackers (crumbled)
- lemon juice
- 3/4 cup milk

Rinse tuna under running water in strainer. Mix and bake in 350 degree oven until set; or mix in a glass bowl. Place a small glass in the center to form a ring and cook for 8 minutes in microwave. Fill center with vegetables!

One of the treats the courthouse employees have enjoyed is this "Cocoa Date Nut Cake." Hazel says it gets better as it sits a day or two.

### COCOA DATE NUT CAKE

- 1 cupcut up dates
- 1/2 cup whole Bran Cereal
- 1 cup boiling water
- 1 1/2 cups sifted flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 tablespoons cocoa
- 3/4 cup soft shortening
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 cup (6 oz. pkg. of chocolate chips)
- 3/4 cup chopped nuts

Add water to dates and cereal. Let stand 10 minutes. Blend shortening, sugar, eggs and vanilla. Beat well. Add Bran mix and sifted dry mix - spread in greased 13 x 9 inch pan.

Sprinkle top with chocolate chips and nuts. Bake in 350 degree oven for 30 minutes. Bake a day ahead - it becomes very moist.

The microwave oven is very good for this "Chili and Okra Casserole."

### OKRA AND CHILI

Brown ground meat in skillet (electric if you have it). Drain off excess fat. Cut up 1 large onion and add with 1 can of chopped chili or cut up fresh peeled chili. Add one large bag okra sliced or fresh okra sliced. Fry for several minutes. Add 1 can No. 2 tomatoes and garlic. Salt to season.

Cook uncovered until okra is done crisp - not too soft.

It is good for microwave - cook meat until change of color. Drain. Add onion, chili and okra. Cook 3 minutes. Add tomatoes - cover and cook till bubbly, turning occasionally.

Busy people need to keep food on hand for snacking. A nutritious snack is "Pickled Eggs."

### PICKLED EGGS

- 1/2 doz. hard boiled eggs, peeled
- 1 medium sized onion, sliced
- 1/2 cup white vinegar
- 3/4 cup water
- 3 tablespoons brown sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic salt
- 5 peppercorns
- 1 whole clove

1/4 teaspoon dill seeds

piece of ginger root

Combine onion and remaining ingredients in a saucepan; bring to boil and simmer about 5 minutes. Put eggs into 2 - one quart jars. Pour half the vinegar mixture over eggs in each jar. Cover jars, cool and refrigerate at least overnight to develop flavor. Eggs may be kept in refrigerator up to 2 weeks.

## Obituary

### Laila Dean Nix

The News has been told of the death of Laila Dean Nix, 73, a former Lincoln County resident. She was preceded in death by her husband, Bill Nix, a rancher, and by her eldest son, Eugene Nix of Las Cruces.

Survivors include four daughters, Mrs. Barbara Strong and Mrs. Beverly Merrill, both of Los Lunas, Mrs. Joan Zorgeison of Tucson, Ariz., and Mrs. Joyce Gruidal of Stockton, Calif.; three sons, Richard Nix of Los Lunas, Charles Nix of Turner, Ore., and Donald Nix of Holbrook, Ariz.; and by 16 grandchildren.

Mrs. Nix was buried in Terrance Grove Memorial Garden Cemetery in Los Lunas. The Rev. A.L. Miller of the First Baptist Church officiated.

The Nixes worked for Mr. Truman Spencer Sr., on the Block Ranch in the 1920s and 30s.

# Plan spring planting

by Ralph Dunlap

I visited several homes during the past week and found many of them looking at seed and fruit tree catalogs. Now is the time to plan what you want to grow. There are many new varieties of trees and vegetables. Before buying too many of any one thing, check and be sure they are adapted to this area. What will grow at Pecos may not be useable in Ruidoso. The cool season plants such as cabbage, lettuce and carrots grow better at the higher altitudes of Lincoln County. Even at the lower altitudes, plan to buy the shorter growing season varieties. A small garden well cared for is better than a large garden with poor care.

Trees require more planning before they are planted as they will be in the same spot for many years. It generally takes an apple tree about five years to start producing fruit. For the home grounds, consider the dwarf and semi-dwarf varieties. Golden Delicious and Rome Beauty are two of the apple varieties to consider.

Start pruning your fruit trees now. The first limbs to prune are the dead, diseased limbs that are rubbing. The next step in pruning is to cut limbs that are over 12 to 14 feet high, especially if they are growing straight up. If possible cut the limbs that form a narrow angled crotch with the leader. Finally cut out limbs to thin out the excess growth.

As you prune, remember that you always cut to a side branch and always leave a few limbs in the center to shade the trunk of the tree and prevent sunscald. You will often prune much more heavily on the east side of the tree or away from the wind.

Pruning techniques always have to be done to fit the tree. The dwarf and semi-dwarf trees have to be pruned differently. For more information on pruning, I will be glad to help you; just contact the Lincoln County Extension Office in the Courthouse in Carrizozo.

The Farmers Tax Guide is available at the County Extension Office at the Courthouse in Carrizozo. This edition reflects many of the provisions of the Tax Reform Act of 1976 including extension of the 10 percent investment credit, deferral of income on livestock sold due to drought, and limitations on deductions for farm syndicates including restrictions on the

## Baha'i Faith plans meet

Representatives of the Baha'i Faith will be in Carrizozo Saturday, January 15, to present an introductory program about the Baha'i Faith. The program will be held in the Medallion Room of the Carrizozo Electric building, beginning at 7 p.m. Mr. Ernest Bruss, a Baha'i from Corrales, N.M., will explain basic Baha'i principles during his slide program entitled "The Earth Is But One Home; Let It Be In Unity". The slide show focuses on people around the world, how they live and work, and how the Baha'i Faith is able to unite so many people of great diversity. Mr. Bruss is manager of international sales for Sandia Detroit Diesel of Albuquerque, and he and his family have lived in Japan, Hawaii, and Portugal. The slides he will show were taken during his extensive world travels.

Saturday afternoon Baha'is will be walking around the Carrizozo community inviting people to the evening program. The program is free

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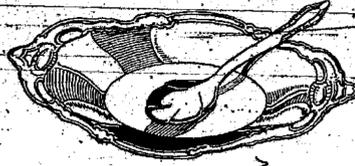
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# THE WAY OF THE... West

By Mary Rich

Dear Publisher: Most of the time we hear little from our readers. Sometimes we wonder if anyone is out there. There is a story about a little boy who had his family in great distress because year after year passed without the child saying a word. The family had him examined by every specialist in pediatrics, speech and hearing ailments and was assured nothing physically was wrong. On the morning of his sixth birthday, several years after everyone was resigned to his living in silence, the boy frowned at his mother and said, "Dammit, this toast is burnt."

There were great exclamations of joy, surprise and wonder around the family table. Father said, "Son, you can talk. You can really talk. Why haven't you said anything before?" "Everything has been ok up to now," was the answer.

Evidently everything had been alright with the readers until last week when "Other Years" was not in the paper. Now I know you were delayed by a snow storm in the midwest and I know how much time it takes to put that column together. But most of them, don't.

So, on behalf of our readers who stopped me on the street or called to complain, I want to report that the silent heard out there likes to read about what happened years ago and they hope you will continue for another year.

Mary

For his last night in Lincoln County, I took son Chris to services at the Three Rivers Church followed by dinner with the Harold Shepperd's in their warm hospitable ranch home.

I thought the beauty and love that surrounds that little chapel at the foot of Sierra Blanca would be something unforgettable to take back to New York.

After services Tilly Shepperd put together an evening of fine food, music, conversation that was special and loving.

Among the things that I brought back to Carrizozo was this little item. It was sent to Harold Shepperd, a rancher, from Tilly's brother, an automobile dealer, on the occasion of the purchase of a new car:

### TWO CAN PLAY THIS GAME

A farmer shopped around for a new car and finally decided on optional equipment "extras", etc., and bought the car.

A few days later, the dealer who had sold him the car arrived at the farm to buy a cow for his small country place.

The farmer quickly scribbled the itemized bill:

Basic cow	\$300
Two-tone exterior	45
Extra stomach	75
Product storage compartment	60
Dispensing device (4 spigots at \$10 each)	40
Genuine cowhide upholstery	125
Automatic fly swatter	35
Dual horns	15
Total	\$695

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W-W

Propane went up again as forecasted and the temperatures went down again as expected. The cost of food which seems to be on an unending rise, and the cost of fuel is working a tragic hardship on those people who deserve it the least: our elderly citizens on fixed incomes.

It seems tragic that a hardworking person who has carefully planned a retirement income that would allow the essentials and a few comforts should now be reduced to poverty.

These proud people who worked hard and made their contributions to our society deserve better from us but I don't know the answer.

We are told that the Social Security reserves are low enough to cause real concern about the financial soundness of that program.

This is not to imply that "Social Security is going broke" as I have heard so often. But it does seem to indicate that social security payments cannot necessarily be increased to meet inflationary costs.

In 1976, 25 cents of the total federal budget dollar came in from social security receipts, \$91.6 billion dollars, came into the federal coffers. The outlay in 1976 for social security payments was \$70.1 billion. This money went to 32.2 million recipients who averaged an annuity of \$235 a month.

The \$20 billion difference can be misleading, though. The number of person paying for a retirement insurance is far greater than the number receiving it. Someday those paying in will be taking out.

It was not very long ago that \$235 a month was considered an adequate retirement income if your house and care were paid for. Now \$10,000 a year family income is the poverty line.

I started this problem with no answers, complaining about the increased cost of food and fuel.

Since our major Lincoln County industry involves the production of food, we should have some of the

answers. Looking in our own back yard causes even more frustration.

A rancher, this week, told me that he sold his beef crop for a little less than he sold cows in 1946, thirty years ago. His costs, of course, have more than doubled and certainly retail beef prices have about tripled.

It would be comforting to think that the new administration has the answers tucked away in a brief case ready to open after inauguration day. But even an optimist such as I suspects that we all have a lot of trouble and maybe even some discomfort to live through before we see the silver lining of that old dark cloud, inflation.

### Diverse Dances

There's a type of dance to suit every taste

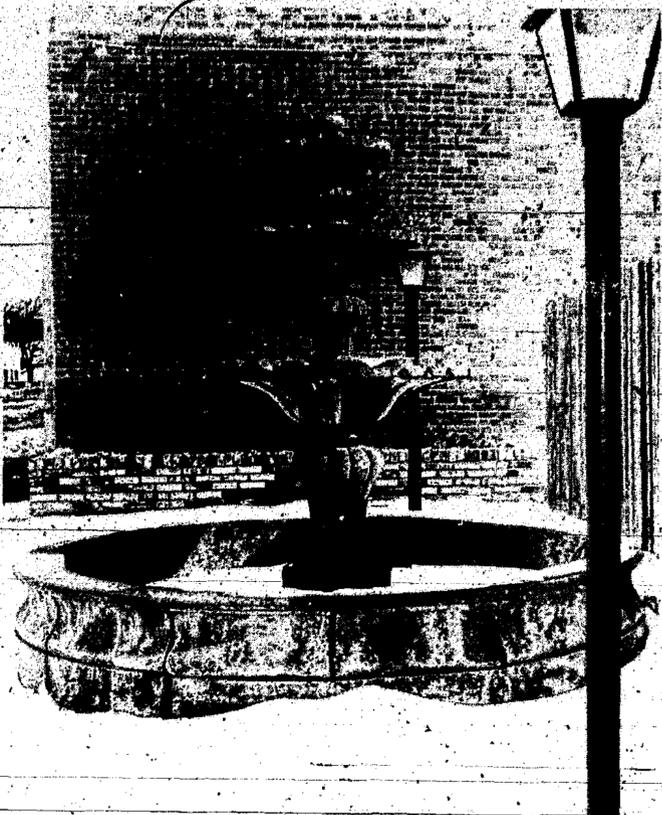
The choice presents quite an array; Some sound alike, but are miles apart—

Like Bali, Belly and Ballet.

### City Slicker Sarcasm

The young woman who had always lived in a city agreed to move to the farm with her country-bred husband. She tried to adjust to her new life, but the day he came home with two hundred baby chicks for her to raise, he enthusiasm ran low.

"Oh darling, thank you," she cooed sarcastically. "My coop runneth over."



Carrizozo's beauty spot changed dress for the winter. The flowers and water are gone but the fountain turned into a tier of snow bowls as seven-inches fell on Carrizozo Saturday.

## Congressmen will open joint office

The New Mexico Congressional delegation announced today the beginning of a cooperative effort to aid New Mexico communities, institutions, and groups in receiving favorable consideration of grants and other projects through the federal government.

The effort will involve establishment of a joint office on projects and grants in Washington, funded by the entire delegation. The office will have a projects and grants director, as well as a secretary, the delegation said.

The New Mexico Delegation consists

of Rep. Manuel Lujan, Jr., Rep. Harold Runnels, Sen. Pete Domenici and Sen. Harrison Schmitt.

The office will not aid in development of grant applications, but will follow already-submitted grants and projects through the federal bureaucracy to insure that New Mexico applicants are given proper and quick consideration.

"We are pleased to embark on this joint effort to aid our state and its citizens," the delegation said in a joint statement. "We hope that this effort will conserve vital resources, avoid overlapping and duplication, better manage our handling of New Mexico grants and projects and maximize our

state's chances of receiving favorable consideration of grant and project applications."

"The new plan," the delegation said, "will not interfere with individual casework, which will still be handled by each individual office."

The delegation announced that it would meet weekly on a rotating basis in each of the member's offices to discuss issues of interest to the state and nation in an effort to coordinate legislative thrusts and policy.

"This spirit-of-cooperation should be of great benefit to our state, and we plan to begin it as the new Congress opens," the delegation said.

## Letters

We enjoy the paper a bunch!  
Sid Goodloe  
Roswell, N.M. 88201

I enjoy reading about old friends and to keep up with the things in the county we lived in where the trailer house developing is about 9 miles east of Carrizozo.

Bernice Snell Jones

Dear Publishers: All subscriptions should become due and payable at Christmas-time. Your method of notifying due date is time-saving and money-saving. Wish I had thought of that!

We enjoyed your Christmas letter. Best wishes for the years ahead.  
Paul B. Baker  
La Jolla, Cal.

### Latg letter

R.C. and Irene Barham sent a holiday message to Lincoln County folks. It got stalled while the Paytons were in Kansas. The message goes like this: "Holiday greetings to all our dear friends in Lincoln County - R.C. and Irene Barham, 11110 Hwy. 140, Eagle Point, Oregon 97524."

R.C. has a quarter horse show to judge in the El Paso area and hopes he can get to Carrizozo this month.

### Socorro Market

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STEER CALVES: Choice - 250-350 lbs. - 38.50-43.50; 375-500 lbs. - 38.00-41.50. Good: 250-350 lbs. - 34.00-39.00; 375-500 lbs. - 34.00-39.00.

HEIFER CALVES: Choice: 250-350 lbs. - 29.00-33.50; 375-500 lbs. - 29.00-32.00. Good: 250-350 lbs. - 27.00-30.00; 375-500 lbs. - 27.00-30.00.

STEER YEARLINGS: Choice: 500-700 lbs. - 35.00-40.00. Good: 500-700 lbs. - 33.00-38.00.

HEIFER YEARLINGS: Choice: 500-700 lbs. - 29.00-31.00. Good: 500-700 lbs. - 27.00-30.00.

STOCKER BULLS: 450-700 lbs. - 25.00-32.00.

Market was a very active affair on stocker cattle with more action on steer calves and light steer yearlings. Feeder steers steady to \$1.00 lower. Feeder heifers steady. Heifer calves steady. Not enough stocker cows and cow and calf pairs to determine market. Packer cows steady with week ago. Stocker bulls and packer bulls steady with no choice packer bulls available.

### Winning Loser

Poor Jim. In order to get the job they made him shave off his mustache, sideburns and beard. And when they saw his face they wouldn't hire him.

# Commission Report

By Leslie Olson  
County Manager

The program to modernize the County's radio communication system is now complete, in place and operating. The program included installing (1) a new solid state transmitter-receiver, the equipment that receives and sends the communication (2) new antenna and rohn 70' tower to hold the antenna (3) installing solar energy panels for the generation of electricity to operate the transmitter, (4) a 14 to 21 day battery backup system to compensate for cloudy periods, (5) acquisition of a separate 8' by 10' building to house the County equipment, and (6) a site and site permit from the Forest Service. The new system has operated since November 18.

This solar energy radio communication system is among the first in the State and country installed by a local government. It serves the County Sheriff's Office, Road Department, emergency ambulance use in Capitan and Carrizozo and Ruidoso, the county medical examiner and county appraisal department.

The repeater-transmitter transmits on a frequency of 154,980 mgs, and receives on 154,025 mgs. The call sign is KFD-577. The original system, operated by diesel driven power system, was installed in 1965. Permission to operate a radio transmission system is granted the N.M. Department of Radio Communications, the Federal Communication Commission and the U.S. Forest Service.

Seven Sheriff vehicles with mobil units and two base stations in Carrizozo and Ruidoso, in addition to the Ruidoso Police Department use the system for police activities.

The Road Department of the County has nine vehicles and a base station. There is a base station in the County Commission Office, in addition to the mobil units of the three County Commissioners and County Manager. Also three appraisal vehicles have mobil units. Altogether, 34 units use the system.

The property appraisal program is streamlined by use of the mobil units. If property information is needed in the field by an appraiser, he can call his office in the Courthouse, check certain information and thus work without interruption.

Emergency ambulance service is

strengthened in the Carrizozo-Corona-Capitan area by use of the system. Former commissioner Bud Payne, an emergency medical technician, frequently provides ambulance service. He is also the coordinator of the ambulance service in this area. Because he is frequently outside of his home he will retain a mobil unit in his pickup so he can be reached without delay. Other EMI's in the Carrizozo area are Bill Miller, Don Means, Nancy Guck, Dale Housley and Max Watson.

The Ruidoso Police station is able to communicate directly with the Sheriff's Office in Ruidoso and Carrizozo and with any of the Sheriff's deputies. This intercommunication facilitates better coordination in police investigations and crime prevention activities.

The new town marshal of Capitan, Charles Treadwell, communicates on the county frequency from his new police vehicle.

Ray Clark, the medical examiner, is able to communicate in case of emergencies. The Forest Service, during fire emergencies can also communicate on the County's system.

Greater coordination, cooperation and faster response during emergencies and normal operations are achieved by the integrated radio system. The approximate cost to install the modern solar energy transmitter system was \$15,700.

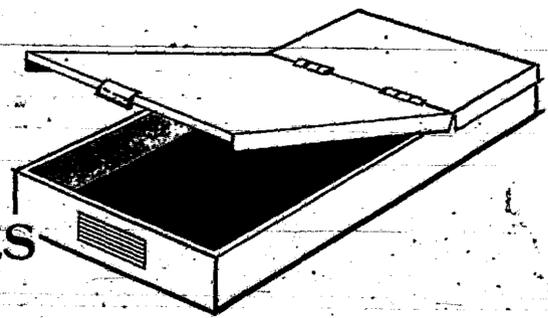
## Zozo boxers plan smoker

The Carrizozo Boxers under the management of Nat Chavez, have been invited to a "smoker" (boxing team) to be held at the city gym in Alamogordo. Nat and the boys were invited at the request of managers Tony Chavez whose boxers are sponsored by the Alamogordo-Boys-Club and Henry Compton whose boys are sponsored by City of Alamogordo.

Dominic Vega, Eric Vega, Edward Vega and Gabriel Chavez are five boys undergoing training this week for the Saturday boxing matches. Tommy Guevara, local barber, has assisted Nat with the boys.

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# A bowl of activities

From Nogal

by Roby Burke

Here is a New Years poem for you. On this, the beginning of another year.

May I leave behind each sad event;  
Each memory of any sorrow spent,  
And wipe away all trace of tear.

Erase the grudge. Erase the thought.  
Let this malignancy be stilled;  
And in its place my cup be filled  
With lovely things not earned or bought.

May usefulness begin to reign,

And I, restored and cleansed once more,  
Apply myself as never before  
With inner strength made fresh again.  
When I come to this year's end,  
May I feel justly satisfied;  
Victorious in the Master's eyes,  
With nothing to erase or mend.

Jeanne D.  
Down with negative talk!  
There are many alienating messages,  
most of us use every day. We are  
completely unaware of how offensive  
these messages can be.

Our intentions are so good that we're  
surprised when people react negatively  
to something we say. I call this "killer  
talk." Here is a list of some of the  
negative words, phrases and messages.

Examples:  
"You never remember my  
birthday."  
"You always insult my mother."  
"Don't listen to me, do what you  
want."

Negatives are used to tell the other

person, indirectly, that they are hurt,  
frightened or disappointed. But that  
person won't be able to hear your  
message because you aren't sharing  
your hurt feelings but rather attacking  
him.

"Verbal attacks are so punishing, the  
receiver's ears tend to close. The  
following talk is even more negative."  
"Why didn't you mail my letter?"  
"Don't you ever do anything right? Can't  
you ever come home on time? Why are  
you always making me late." "At the  
rate your going you will lose your job. If  
you keep eating like that you won't get  
through the door. How do we change?"

A person who feels good about  
himself—sees the good in others, feels  
good and delivers beauty to others, as  
follows: What an excellent dinner, Your  
looking great?

Don't give false compliments, just  
think of the things you do like about  
the person then they will try to live up to  
your kind thoughts. Positive talk is the  
most powerful sword in the world.

## ROBBIE'S BOX

Dear Robbie,  
I can remember when T-shirts were  
underwear. Now they're more like  
bumper stickers for humans.

As an elderly woman was trying to  
thread a needle, she muttered, "we just  
don't see eye to eye."

A man complained to a friend, "my  
wife likes to talk things over and over,  
and over, and over, and over, and  
over."

## DO YOU KNOW?

1. The man and son in Nogal who  
walked 7 miles down from the mountain  
leaving a sick jeep behind, they were  
rescued on the highway by a lady from  
Nogal.
2. That Sunda Tennis Villa has some  
new Turkeys?
3. The daughter and father who take  
long walks together, and find so many  
interesting things.
4. The Nogal boy who visited this last  
week from Houston.

The recipe this week is Lemon

- Chiffon Pie
- 4 eggs
- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 1 cup lemon juice
- 1 envelope gelatin
- 3/4 cup orange juice
- 1/4 teas. salt
- 1 1/2 inch-baked pie shell

The rind of one lemon grated.  
Separate eggs. Beat yolks until thick  
and lemon colored, add 3/4 cup sugar  
and continue to beat. Add lemon juice  
and salt. Pour into double boiler, cook  
until thick custard. Soak gelatin in  
orange juice and add to custard. Beat  
egg whites stiff, fold in remaining 3/4  
cup sugar. When custard is cold and  
begin to set, fold into egg whites. Pour  
in pie shell and set in ice box until firm.  
Serve with whipped cream.

## AROUND THE BOWL!

Things have settled down now and  
people and Nogal can rest a spell. The  
holidays come around so fast as you get  
old, time just flies by. Eva Zumwalt is

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still writing books; among many other  
things she does; Dorothy Guck is busy  
writing and painting; Dot Burkstaller is  
still producing quilts and things; Roberta  
Burkstaller is back in her  
studio; Cynthia Wilham researches,  
goes rock hunting, and crochets; Fern  
Sawyer meets herself coming around  
the mountain; Sue Stearns is back from  
a trip to see her parents.

Alice Fillingim, a freshman at  
Hardin-Simmons University, will  
participate in the Presidential  
Inaugural Parade in Washington, D.C.,  
Jan. 20 as a rider of one of the school's  
famous Six White Horses.

Miss Fillingim is the daughter of Mr.  
and Mrs. H.T. Fillingim of Nogal, and is  
a 1975 graduate of Capitan High School.  
Marching with the horses will be the  
Hardin-Simmons Cowboy Band. Only  
one band was selected from each state  
in the union to take part in the parade.



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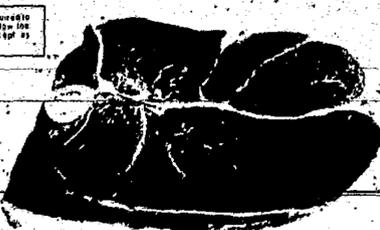
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- Extra Lean for Stew Boneless Beef Lb. **\$1.18**

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- Glovers Chuck Wagon Hot Links Lb. **\$1.08**
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- Minute Maid 100% Orange Juice 3 8-oz. Pkgs. **\$1**
- MORTONS FRUIT Mini Pies 3 8-oz. Pkgs. **\$1**
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- Piggly Wiggly Regular Quarters Fresh Margarine 3 1-Lb. Pkgs. **\$1**
- Fresh Yogurt 4 8-oz. Ctns. **\$1**
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- 4-Way Nasal Mist 1/2-oz. Btl. **\$1.09**
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- The Night Time Pain Reliever Exedrin P.M. 30-Ct. Btl. **\$1.09**
- The Extra-Strength Pain Reliever Exedrin Tabs 60-Ct. Btl. **\$1.19**

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- Non-Aerosol Hair Spray Vitalis Super Hold 8-oz. Btl. **\$2.19**
- Fasteeth, Powder Denture Adhesive 2-oz. **99c**
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- Style Hair Spray 13-oz. Can **89c**



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17-oz. Cans

# It was her birthday

There have been a lot of winter parties in Lincoln County but none was happier than the first birthday of Lori Gibson Friday. Lori is the daughter of Hoot and Linda Gibson, the sister of

Jonna, the cousin of Johnny Bob Stearns, the granddaughter of Johnson and Margaret Stearns. They and a host of other relatives gathered for the occasion and are in the background of these pictures.



Do you like my new bonnet?



Look, matching pants!



These old pants have got to go.



A girl's best friend is big sister.



I'm ready for the game, cousin.



And it's all mine.



Time out for refreshments, grandmother.

## Honor Roll

Forty-four students from Corona High School (grades 7-12) have achieved honor roll status for the first semester of 1976-77.

During a high school assembly held on Wednesday, January 5, 1977, the following students received recognition and applause from fellow students, teachers and administration:

- 'B' Honor Roll (3.0 to 3.4)
- 7th Grade: Yvonne Alirez, Eric Burkes, and Patricia Stewart.
- 8th Grade: Michael Alirez, Rusty Surratt, Labon Tubbs, and Glenn Trujillo.
- 9th Grade: Karen Gensler, Roby McDaniel, and Teresia Stewart.
- 10th Grade: Bessie Lueras, and Laura Stewart.
- 11th Grade: Janetta Foster, Lon Holleyman, Dale McConnell, Robert Stewart, Scott Williams, and Dickie Winchester.
- 12 Grade: Tawnya Alford, and Luciano Chavez.
- High Honor Roll (3.5 to 4.0)
- 8th Grade: Olan James.
- 9th Grade: Arretta Armstrong, Danny Chavez, Jeanne Erramouspe, Rene Nalda, and Troy Yancey.
- 10th Grade: Ken Gibbs.
- 11th Grade: Aurora Chavez, Kathi Garfield, Cynthia Nalda, and Annette Root.
- 12th Grade: Esequiel Marea, Straight A (4.0)
- 7th Grade: Micky Huey, Kathy Knipps, Marilyn Reynolds, and Robin Scott.
- 9th Grade: Nicky Huey, Ricky Huey, Jackie Merritt, and Mary Kay Root.
- 10th Grade: Scott Nalda.
- 11th Grade: Cully Nalda.
- 12th Grade: Nadine Chavez, and Kelly Gibbs.

## Corona begins career school

Career education is more than giving students a glimpse at the broad spectrum of work opportunities in this modern world. Properly done, according to Mel Root, Corona School superintendent, it gives the youngster a healthy perspective of the working people around him, their importance to community life and an awareness of himself.

These thoughts were shared with the Corona teachers in a workshop Friday which opened a school career education program. The teachers will spend next Friday afternoon completing the preparations for the student session. The following week, all school children will spend one period each week looking at the world of work.

A number of special teaching aids are available for the use of the teachers. Field trips to visit advance training schools and perhaps actual job sites will be planned for some groups.

Discussing attitudes of youngsters to working people, Root said that most students were daily reminded of the importance of a teacher's job but

wondered how many of the children and the people in town knew how important the custodian was to the welfare of the school. This person is not only vital to the daily functioning of the school, the superintendent said, but was a friend of many children and saved the school thousands of dollars each year in repair and upkeep bills.

The students will be exposed to "ranges of occupational opportunities" but they will also be helped to understand the importance of selecting a career that will build a happy life.

This is the first career program at Corona and, Root said, it is to be developed for other years as the teachers learn on the job.

## Corona

A foot of snow and eight degrees kept the highway crew busy for thirty-six hours straight. Adolph Lucero was home and helped the regulars, Monday afternoon the men were blading snow south of Corona but could not stay ahead of the blowing snow. Many ranchers reported zero night temperatures, and at least one had eleven below zero.

home for the holidays and is now working in Albuquerque.

Kathi and Sue Garfield were in Artesia for the weekend.

Is there really more traffic during a storm? This seems to be a fact.

Danny Lueras and Joe Lueras have returned to Ft. Hood, Texas after vacationing with their families here.

Thursday morning about fifteen feet of the south wall of the Wade Bar collapsed breaking the mirror and the antique back bar which was fully stocked. The business is now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Ted Chavez who could have no estimate of the damage which included a collection of Indian pots dug from mounds in this area.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Kidd have returned to Albuquerque after spending part of the holidays with relatives in Connecticut.

Austin Vick was in Arizona over the weekend to compete in the Tucson Open Golf Tournament.

Mrs. Elmo Tracey spent the weekend in Albuquerque.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Atkinson were in Claud, Texas for Christmas with the Sam-Stewarts. Amy and Will Stewart returned with them to join cousins, Mike and Waynette Lindsey at the ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. H.D. Hellger, Globe, Arizona, and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Hillger, Las Cruces, visited the Perkins Saturday and enjoyed the snow.

Kennan Fuller returned from the hospital on Tuesday of last week and is reported to be improving satisfactorily. In the meantime Kep Gibbs will be looking after things until the weather gets better.

Mrs. L.L. Vick returned Wednesday from a vacation trip that took her to Tucson, to spend Christmas with the Ermand Vicks and to Las Cruces for the New Year with the Austin Vicks.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrell Fuller my Wwvda left Sunday for their home in Fairfax, Va. Fenner Jones took them to Albuquerque to board their plane.

A.J. Gibbs left Sunday for Fort Worth, to attend a federally sponsored school for brand inspectors. Representing New Mexico he will study all federal regulations pertaining to the livestock industry.

Courtney Tracey who has been working in Vancouver, Washington was

**Cardinal Capers**  
By Kathy Garfield

The Corona Cardinals (girls) traveled to Capitan Thursday and played Carrizozo in the Smokey the Bear Classic. The Cardinals were downed by the Carrizozo squad.

The girls played again Saturday, meeting Vaughn for the consolation position. Corona Cardinals came out on top winning third place.

Corona Cardinals had one member selected for the All-tournament team which is chosen by the coaches of each of the participating teams. Tawnya Alford was selected from the Corona girls.

School was dismissed Friday for the Career In Service Workshop conducted by Mr. Root for the faculty. The faculty will work on their career papers. The Career Classes will begin January 21 and will be held one period every other Friday.

School was held as usual Monday in Corona. A few of the buses didn't run due to snow.

Sue and Kathi Garfield were in Artesia Monday on business.

We at Corona High School are very proud of our "All Tournament Team selectives. Congratulations to Tawnya, Cully, Steve and Scott.

The Corona Cardinals traveled to Capitan last Friday to meet the Hagerman Bobcats in the Smokey Bear Classic, and suffered their first loss of the season, by a score of 39-55.

Then the Cardinals played Lake Arthur Saturday afternoon for third place. They won by a margin of 70-62. The Cardinals pulled down 40 rebounds, 11 offensive and 29 defensive. They shot 27-61 shots from the field from 44 percent, 16-23 free shots from 70 percent. Now the Cardinals have a season record of 7-1.

Corona had three players chosen for the all-tournament team. They were Cully Nalda, Scott Nalda, and Steve Warfield.

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# Capitan

By Margaret Rench



Mrs. Johnny Wolfe of Capitan received an invitation to the inauguration of Jimmy Carter. I felt you would like to read it with me. The Inaugural Committee requests the honor of your presence and participation in the Inauguration of Jimmy Carter as President of the United States of America. And Walter Mondale as Vice President of the United States of America on Thursday the twentieth of January one thousand nine hundred and seventy seven in the City of Washington.

The card with it stated. We sincerely hope that you will be able to come to Washington and participate in the Inauguration of Jimmy Carter and Walter Mondale. You are entitled to view and take part in the days major inaugural events; The Inaugural Ceremony which will take place at 11:30 a.m., Thursday January 20 and the Inaugural Parade on Pennsylvania Avenue which follows at 1:30 p.m., January 20.

There are some inaugural events which will require special tickets for admission. We deeply regret that, due to the limitation of space, this invitation cannot be honored at those events. We would like more than anything to be able to invite everybody to every inaugural event but we know that you understand and hope that you'll take advantage of the hundreds of things to see and do in Washington during inaugural week. We will be sending you a special inaugural guide to Washington, D.C. to help you plan your visit.

You're going to see a new openness and a new spirit in Washington. We hope that after you visit, you will take that spirit back home and help make it grow throughout this great country of ours.

We did have 14 inches of snow in Capitan Saturday night and Sunday followed by a high west wind which did drift some during midday Sunday. It was 15 degrees Sunday night and this Monday the sky is clear and its not too cold. A man from Ruidoso reported 25 inches there.

The Lincoln Courthouse Museum was robbed of all of the guns and knives by burglars who entered the back door last Friday night.

The Basketball Tournament was held in Capitan at the gym Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The Hagerman team was unable to compete due to being snowed in at Border Hill.

A church bus narrowly missed a bad collision when both rear tires blew out on Picacho Hill. No one was hurt though the bus did turn on its side.

Remember to vote Tuesday January 18 on the 1 cent tax at the Fair Building.

The curfew law is being enforced in Capitan.

Maude Kingston accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Earl Spohn and family to Carrizozo on business last Monday morning.

Leo Powell accompanied Mrs. Rench and Mrs. Kingston to Ruidoso last Friday on business.

At the Lawrence Ranch recently an air motor was stolen from their windmill.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Pursinger of Dallas, visited Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hobbs last weekend. They called to say they arrived home safely Saturday but just ahead of the storm all of the way. Snow, wind and very cold.

Avon and the district manager of this area gave a special dinner at The Inn of the Mountain Gods Wednesday January 5. Those who attended were: Evelyn Ford, Dist. Mgr., Joan Means,

Carrizozo; Margaret Rench, Capitan; Cheri Hobbs, Ruidoso Downs; Barbara Richardson, Mary Brown, Patti Malone, Janice Bellon, and her mother-in-law Mrs. Bellon of Montana and Brenda Venable of Ruidoso. The dinner was delicious and we had a good meeting which is always informative. The day was dreary with a snow coming in. It was beautiful in the mountains and moderately warm. By the time I reached Ruidoso on my return it was snowing and by the time I arrived home there was 1 1/2 inches.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Trujillo and family spent one week with her mother Connie Holloway in Cincinnati, Ohio during Christmas.

Mrs. Aaron (Cathy) Endsley and son Gerod of Amarillo, is spending some time with her mother Mrs. Cathleen Massey and two sisters Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Story and Colleen Garrett and families.

Mr. and Mrs. Holman Young, Darrell and Holly spent Christmas in Carlsbad with his brother Mr. and Mrs. Dale Young and family.

Vera Beall who is a patient in the Ruidoso Hospital remains the same. No improvement. Be certain to keep the cards going her way to give her cheer. Jane Coleman of Las Vegas, N.M. and her brother Mr. and Mrs. Eddy Provine of Las Cruces spent New Years with their brother Mr. and Mrs. Ray Provine.

Mrs. Grace Murphy of California arrived to visit her son Mr. and Mrs. Pat Murphy and Mrs. Arnett just after Thanksgiving and will remain thru the last of the month. Jane Coleman and Angie Provine visited their Sunday after New Years.

Juanita Abercrombie and Lorene Ferguson visited Vera Beall at the Ruidoso Hospital.

Melissa Coffman and Lorene Ferguson visited Bessie Jones in Capitan last Friday.

Lois Aldrich returned last Friday from spending the holidays with her brother Mr. and Mrs. Wilkenson in Galdstone, N.M.

Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Anderson returned last Thursday just a head of the snow storm from their holiday vacation in Sedalla, Mo.

Mr. Bill Ferguson of Ventura, Calif., asks to be remembered to all of his N.M. friends with good wishes and hello.

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Dobbins and Mitze spent last weekend in Capitan. Grover and his brother Wesley left 7 a.m. Sunday morning to ski at Sierra Blanca and returned 7 p.m. They were radiantly happy as they had such a great day. Edith and Mitze visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. Tommy LaMay and her sister Janice and family.

Eltha Merrell visited Lorene Ferguson at her ranch home last Friday.



Nancy and Jackie Dross are usually seen at the Carrizozo swimming pools in bathing suits but it was not that kind of weather this week following a snowstorm that dropped temperatures below zero and left ice in the pool. The two girls have just received certificates of appreciation for more than 1000 hours of volunteer water safety service.

### Tiger Talk

by Becky Renfro

The Smokey Bear Classic had a great turnout as people from Mountainair, Vaughn, Corona, Carrizozo, Capitan, Hondo, Hagerman, and Lake Arthur came to watch the Basketball games. The Tigers didn't place in the Tournament as they lost their first game to Vaughn. The Tigers then played the Carrizozo Grizzlies and although they lost, they played a much improved game. The Tigers received the Sportsmanship Trophy in the boy's division while Vaughn Eagles took 1st place. The Hagerman Bobcats took 2nd place and the Corona Cardinals took 3rd place.

In the girl's division, the Capitan Tigerettes took the 1st place trophy by defeating the Carrizozo Grizzlies with the score of 40-24. The Grizzlies took 2nd place and the Lake Arthur Panthers took 3rd place by beating the Hondo Eagles. The Lake Arthur Panthers also took the Sportsmanship trophy. Lisa Lamb and Becky Renfro received All-Tourney trophies. The Tigers and the Tigerettes will play their next games against the Lake Arthur Panthers on January 13, 1977 at Lake Arthur. Game time will be at 4:00 p.m. They will play against the Weed Bulldogs on January 15, 1977 at Capitan. Game time will be at 5:00 p.m. Parents Night will be held for the player's parents at the Weed Bulldog game.

Open House will be held on January 20, 1977 at 6:30 p.m. at the school. Everyone is invited to attend.

The Tigerettes will play the Hondo Eagles on January 18, 1977, at Hondo. Game time will be at 6:00 p.m.

### Pep Club News

Congratulations to the Tigerettes and the Tigers for their winnings in the Smokey Bear Invitational Tournament January 6, 7, 8 in Capitan. The Tigerettes came out with a first place trophy while the boys got the sportsmanship award. In order for the Tigerettes to get this trophy, they played the Hondo Eagles with the final score being Capitan 32 and Hondo 25. In the championship, they played the Carrizozo Grizzlies with the final score being Capitan 40 and Zozo 24. They did a fine job and we are proud of them.

The Tigers were presented the Sportsmanship award on Saturday night. They battled with the Vaughn Eagles first game and the second game with the Carrizozo Grizzlies. They travel to Lake Arthur next Thursday with the girls to play the Lake Arthur Panthers.

The results of the tournament were the girls division, 1st went to Capitan Tigerettes, 2nd Carrizozo Grizzlies and 3rd went to Lake Arthur. Lake Arthur also got the Sportsmanship Award. In the boys division, 1st went to the Vaughn Eagles, 2nd to Hagerman and to Corona went the 3rd place trophy.

Thank you for coming and helping us support the Tigers and Tigerettes in this tournament. Next home game is Saturday at 4:00 in the Tiger gym. You'll Come.

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# School considers aide compensation

Unemployment compensation for teacher's aides was the main concern of the Carrizozo School Board Tuesday at the regular meeting of that group. Mela Herrera and Candie Aguilar, school aides, were present to participate in the discussion. School Superintendent Jim Steinepreis said that Aide Delfina Vega had not been able to attend.

The problem concerning the eligibility of aides for compensation during the summer has been taken out of local hands by the New Mexico Employment Department but, according to the superintendent, the board will have future involvement. Because of a special federal compensation program for employers not covered by unemployment compensation, Carrizozo aides applied for those funds this past summer.

Initially the claims were denied but upon appeal, four aides received the compensation and one aide was turned down. Steinepreis said that the cases were identical but that the hearing officers were different.

At first it seemed that the board would be asked to decide whether to (1) appeal the case of the aide denied compensation (2) appeal the case of the 4 workers awarded compensation (3) do nothing. Steinepreis said. Fortunately, the state has decided to make this decision but the superintendent told the board that they would be required, probably, to carry unemployment insurance next year and should budget for it.

Teachers are not entitled to such money because they work on an annual contract and it may be possible for the board to find a way around unemployment compensation for aides through the use of an annual contract, it was suggested.

Election officials for the February school election were named. They are Joan Means, Cecilia Ortiz, Ruth Wilson, Zillah Watson and Rachel West.

Steinepreis said he had drawn ballot positions as follows: Position 1, Sterling Spencer, Alton Whitaker, Bettye Dean, Wayland Hill; Position 2, Richard Vega, Gail Stackpole, Gerald Hourigan. Principal Larry Wilkinson announced that new backboards are up in the gym and that the clock is being installed. The Coca Cola Company is contributing \$500 toward the \$800 clock and will have a sign on it.

Nina Vega has been hired as aide for the kindergarten and will assist with one special education student.

Awards to school bus drivers for safe driving was postponed until a later date. Officer Dale Housley who is making the presentations was called out of town because of an accident. Steinepreis said the driving records of Carrizozo operators was outstanding and that one driver, Lois Roper, had a 7 year accident-free record.

There was a review of the leave records of the custodians and it was noted that in some cases the absentee rate had far exceeded the allowable. Teacher leave records will be scanned at a later meeting.

A request for support for college student grants from a Federal-state fund was made by the Council of Independent Colleges and Universities of New Mexico.

In a letter George Koran, chairman of the group, said that last year New Mexico students had been left out of a federal college student grant because the state failed to match funds.

The letter said that many needy students were unable to obtain student loans because of the unfavorable payback rate in that program.

He said it was believed that direct grants rather than loans would be better for needy deserving students.

The bills were approved with some discussion of the utilities. The gas bill was \$2312 in December; electricity \$1259 and water \$360. The telephone bill was the only low one being only \$109. With more cold weather forecast, it is doubtful that the gas bill will be any lower next month.

# Dross sisters get citations

Nancy and Jackie Dross have received certificates of appreciation for volunteer service of over 1000 hours in water safety programs.

Timothy Brady, Red Cross Division Director of Safety Programs in New Mexico awarded the two certificates in Lincoln County in grateful appreciation for the work of the girls.

The 1000 hours of their time was given to the people of Lincoln County in safety aid and life guarding. Nancy is a junior at NMSU majoring in elementary education and physical education. Jackie is a freshman in the College of Arts and Sciences at NMSU.

# Life or death club topic

"A Matter of Life and Death" will be the program topic at the Carrizozo Woman's Club meeting Jan. 20 at 6:30 p.m. in the Woman's Club building.

The program will be an overview of emergency life saving techniques and will be presented by Dale Housley, Bud Payne and Don Means, all trained medical technicians. County nurse Hazel English will be present to provide additional heart injury information.

Program Chairman Elinor Olson said that the information given could be used by persons from 10 years up and could very well save the life of a family member or a friend.

It is hoped that this introduction to new techniques in life saving will lead to a greater interest in the various courses offered to the public without cost.

In some areas deaths from heart attacks have been greatly reduced by public instruction in emergency treatment. In rural areas such as Lincoln County where medical

treatment might be a long distance and time away, knowledge and training in these simple techniques is vital to family welfare.

This week a course in first aid was taught by the Red Cross in Carrizozo. Ten people attended the eight hour training session and received certificates. Wednesday the same course was taught at the Corona School. The techniques explained included stopping severe bleeding, mouth to mouth resuscitation, emergency stretcher construction, dislodging foreign objects from the throat, safe rescue of injured persons.

The Womens Club will serve coffee and refreshments at the meeting and the public is invited to join the members and their families.

No Show  
Lawyer: "So! Mrs. Smith, you want a divorce on the grounds your husband is careless about his appearance?"  
Mrs. Smith: "Yes, he hasn't made an appearance in over three years."

# A letter to businesses

Reasons "why you should increase your advertising... We'll help you plan a program that will pay dividends in more store-traffic and sales!"

In times of uncertainty, consumers are careful and a little reluctant to spend. They want to be sure before they buy; they want information. One of the main ways they get information about products, services, prices and values is from advertising. Your's or somebody else's.

Maybe you figure other retailers in your line are going to cut back their advertising, so it's safe for you, too. Right? Wrong. You're in competition for the consumer's dollar with every other retailer in town, no matter what he sells. People have only so many dollars to spend, and if they don't spend them for what you sell, they'll spend them for something else.

Whether business is good or bad, you have to get your share of whatever business is around. Cutting back your advertising puts you at a disadvantage at the very moment when you need an edge. Increasing your advertising gives you the edge.

Your advertising is part of your sale force. Ads help to presell the customer and help you close the sale faster. What saves you time and saves you money.

Remember how long it took you to get started? Once you build up a business, you can keep it going with a moderate, consistent advertising program. But if you cut your advertising and lose your hold on the public, you'll find it's much harder to build it up again. It's sort of like starting all over.

Here's a hard fact to chew on. Over any given period, a company that advertises below the industry average has sales that are below the industry average.

Slow time ahead? No! There are more Americans working now than ever before. More women working, too, adding to family income. People still need and want goods and services and will spend for them. There is plenty of business out there. Your competitors will be bidding for their share and yours.

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"Dad," inquired the youngster, "How come pop will spoil my dinner but a Martini gives you an appetite?"

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### NOTICE OF PROPERTY TAX REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Property which was valued in 1974 in this County by the County Assessor is not required to be reported or rendered for 1975 or subsequent years, EXCEPT FOR:

- 1) mobile homes,
- 2) livestock, and
- 3) land used for agricultural purposes

If, for any reason your property was not valued last year and it is subject to valuation this year, you are required by law to report it to the County Assessor on forms provided either by mail or at the Assessor's office.

Reports for mobile homes, livestock, land used for agricultural purposes and property not valued last year must be completed and mailed or delivered to the County Assessor not later than the last day of February.

If you made improvements to your real property and:  
1) the improvements cost more than \$1,000, and  
2) a building permit for the improvements was not issued,  
you must report the nature of the improvements and their cost to the Assessor not later than the last day of February. These reports must be on forms provided by the Assessor.

If you believe your property decreased in value during the preceding year, you must report, on forms provided by the Assessor, a signed statement which:

- 1) describes the property affected,
- 2) states the cause and nature of decrease in value, and
- 3) states the amount you contend the value has decreased.

This statement must be filed with the Assessor not later than the last day of February.

Claims for veteran exemption that are required to be made must also be made by the last day of February, using forms provided by the County Assessor. These forms must be filed with the Assessor. If the head-of-family exemption was claimed and allowed in 1974 or subsequent years, no new claim is required to be filed. However, if the head-of-family exemption was not claimed and allowed in 1974 or subsequent tax years and it is now claimed, the claim must be made by the last day of February by filing with the County Assessor the form provided by the County Assessor.

Certain mineral property and personal property of contractors operating in more than one county is required to be reported to the Property Tax Department in Santa Fe. Information about property to be reported to the Property Tax Department can be obtained from the County Assessor or the Property Tax Department, Central Assessment Division, Bataan Memorial Building, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87503, phone (505) 827-2001.

THIS NOTICE is only a brief statement of the provisions of Sections 72-31-8, 72-31-13 and 72-31-17, NMSA 1953 of the Property Tax Code which became effective January 1, 1975. It is not intended to reflect the full contents of these statutory provisions. If you wish to review the full contents of these provisions, they can be examined at the office of the County Assessor.

Marian R. Smith  
Lincoln County Assessor  
(insert county)  
P. O. Box 30  
Carrizozo, New Mexico 88420  
(insert complete address)  
Telephone number 648-2492

# State commends county

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deals," said Chairman John Sudderth. "We do not know how long we will have these funds and we should not become too dependant upon them."

Actually though, the county is dependent upon the funds to supplement a number of department budgets. Law enforcements takes \$55,191 to pay for six or seven persons. The road department uses federal funds to pay for six people and would be severely hurt without those funds. The appraisers and data collectors are paid with \$40,972 of federal funding.

The county manager and the commissioners are spending dollars for a computer and training in its use. This one time expenditure which will result in long range savings, is the kind of revenue sharing budget items that is considered the best.

The same holds true for the solar panels which are going into use at the radio relay station. Other capitol outlay items total \$25,180.

The new federal appropriation goes thru 1980 and Chairman Sudderth believes that the Carter administration will continue it. "Jimmy Carter may come up with another name so that the program will be his own but I don't believe we will lose it.

In the fall of 1974 the county had an unencumbered balance of only 7 percent of the general fund. Ideally, said Olson, a healthy county aims for a 20 percent unencumbered balance.

This year Lincoln county's budget show \$99,769 or 22 percent unencumbered balance in the operating fund.

"The county commission has been granted the authority by the State and Government Department to manage its affairs as it sees fit. This was not true in the past but it is true now so long as the management is sound and within legal limits," Olson said.

Chairman Sudderth said that Al Romero, state chief of local government finance, was so pleased with the condition of Lincoln County that he did not plan to conduct a hearing on the coming budget but planned to handle it by mail.

"This is a real vote of confidence," Sudderth said, noting that many county governments are in severe financial trouble.

The general fund had a cash balance of \$274,008 at the end of the 1975-76 fiscal year. Anticipated revenue are \$453,140 giving a total of \$727,149 available funds.

The budget calls for \$444,810 during the year in expenditures. Out of the cash balance of \$282,339, \$182,570 is kept as operating cash. The remainder is the unencumbered balance.

Olson said that the figures should hold up for the remainder of the year since the county had calculated income conservatively. The money earned from investments is probably going to be slightly lower than anticipated because of a decrease in bank interest rates but the amount is not large enough to present any problems, he said.

The road fund is the only partially unhappy spot in the county financial picture.

Three major motor breakdowns have used an unplanned \$15,000 and, said Olson, only by very tight spending could the department hope to perhaps save \$13,000 maximum. This means that out of a total budget of \$328,717, the unencumbered balance may be as low as \$29,239 or 14 percent. It is possible that fees from motor vehicles could make that figure healthier but Olson said the county should find some way to build the cash balance in the road fund. Since any major breakdown or vehicle purchase required large sums of money.

The county manager said that the ratio of property taxed to sales of property reported was still on 68 percent. He said that people should realize that the county was also collecting taxes for the various municipalities and that these governments were dependent on the county doing a good job in appraising and collecting taxes.

One of the problems he said, was in getting all of the new construction of in the Ruidoso area on the tax rolls.

Sudderth said he had complaints from Ruidoso residents on that area being a target this year. He said there had been number of incorrect appraisals, citing one incident where a new house had been appraised at almost double its actual cost.

Many of the tax increases, he noted, were not made by the county but by local bond issues over which the county has no control.

Sudderth said that the former county assessor had been authorized to hire more appraisal staff but had chosen not to do it. "The staff is inadequate for the purpose of equalizing taxes in the county. We must have enough people who are competent in this field to provide a fair tax situation."

Commissioner Shorty Stoneman said that he had been told of some bad appraisals in the Ruidoso area. Both he and Sudderth said they had advised people who had been unfairly appraised to hire attorneys.

"My only concern is that everyone in Lincoln County is treated alike by the appraisal people," said Sudderth.

The best permanent prospect for supplement the county budget is good appraisals and good collections, the commissioners observed. But in

counties such as Lincoln where much of the land is owned by the Federal government, the county officials hope for final passage of legislation that provides for direct federal grants to be paid to counties in lieu of the tax revenues they would otherwise receive from that land if it was privately owned.

These "in lieu of" funds are a major concern of the New Mexico Congressional delegation this year and are perhaps the county's best chance at continued budget balancing if inflation trends are still a part of the future.

## Homemade Stradivarius possible

Want to buy a bargain fiddle as good as a \$100,000 Stradivarius?

For \$5,000, it's a deal. However, it might be a while before you could cash in on a big money resale—100 years or so.

After a century, it could—perhaps—start to sound as magnificently mellow as 250-year-old Strads do today.

As a long-range investment, that might be less than a sure thing, especially if everybody else starts buying premium violins as a hedge against inflation and hard times.

Old Age is Beautiful Nevertheless, it might be tempting to speculators bedazzled by the prices brought by these rare instruments. Probably the top price was \$201,000 for the Lady Blunt Violin, today almost as perfect as when Antonio Stradivarius finished it in 1721 in his workshop in Cremona, Italy.

One of the world's foremost violin experts, Albert F. Moglie of Washington, D.C., says old age is what makes a good violin great. Age and varnish and being played.

Moglie, who takes care of the Stradivarius instruments owned by the Library of Congress, says that when these old violins were brand new they didn't sound anywhere near as beautiful as they do today.

As the violin grew older, its voice developed with the slow seasoning of the wood, spruce for the front, red maple for the back. Italian violin makers used to talk of carving the wood of different thicknesses depending on where it came from in the tree—thinner, for instance, if it came from the northern side where less sunlight produced denser, stronger wood.

A violin's varnish has been likened to its soul. If the varnish doesn't stay slightly soft—as with a Stradivarius—it will deaden the tone.

Centuries ago varnish often was a mixture of fish oil and tree sap but nobody today knows what kind of fish or tree was used. Sometimes the varnish took two years to dry.

Violins Need Exercise Some violinists think of their Strads as living things, and insist that to keep them in top condition the instruments must be exercised. But playing one too often may also fatigue its voice.

In any event, experts expect a Strad's musical life to give out after about 350 or 400 years at the longest.

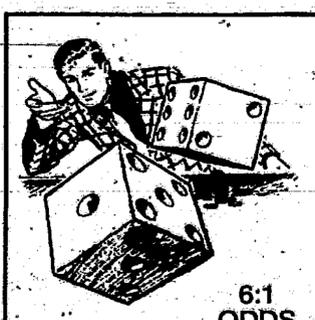
It took Stradivarius about 30 days to make one of his instruments, and in 60 years he produced about 1,100, including a few guitars, cellos, and violas. Today only about half of them have survived.

Through the centuries, Stradivarius' famous fiddles have given music folklore one of its most persistent legends: That the old violin rediscovered in the attic is actually a Strad worth a fortune.

"We get phone calls from people with stories like that every day," says Moglie. Even with labels "signed" by Stradivarius they almost always turn out to be counterfeit, sometimes masterful copies but fakes just the same.

Participants are reminded to be at the Small Missile Range gate promptly by 10:00 a.m. because they cannot enter the gate after the caravan leaves for the lake. All persons should come prepared with enough gasoline, a spare tire, drinking water, stout walking shoes, suitable dress for the weather, insect repellent, sun glasses and a lunch. Persons are also reminded that Lake Lucero is a primitive area without sanitary facilities of any kind. Cameras are encouraged, but may not be used while passing through the missile range.

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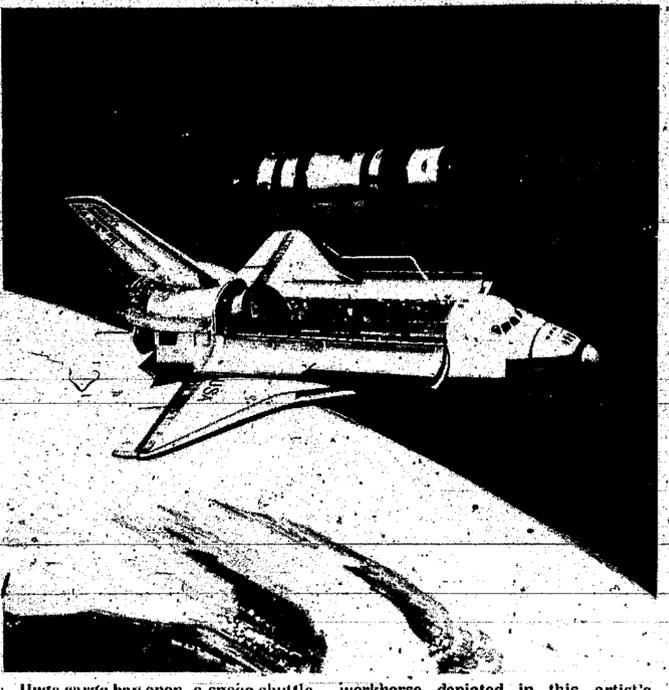


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workhorse depicted in this artist's concept is expected to open space to many new industrial uses ranging from wrist radios to solar power.

## Space tours wrist radios predicted in 20 years

For the jaded traveler who has been almost everywhere, how about an all-expense jaunt into space?

It's not as far-fetched as it sounds. Within the next 20 years, experts foresee many far-out commercial uses of space, and one of them is the tour business. The National Geographic Society reports.

"Today, people willingly pay \$2,000 to fly supersonically roundtrip from France to South America and pay \$10,000 for an all-expense cruise around the world," points out John H. Disher, director of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's advanced programs.

"Within the next two decades, it should be possible to take a commercial excursion to space for comparable rates and a whole new dimension to tourism will be added—no longer will we be tied to the earth's surface."

"Dick Tracy" Watches Industrial proposals ranging from assembly lines in the sky to mass-produced "Dick Tracy" wrist watch radio transmitters all suddenly sound feasible because of the space shuttle.

A workhorse of space, the reusable shuttle will begin roundtrips between earth and space in 1979. By 1984 NASA hopes to schedule as many as 60 shuttle trips a year. Initially the craft will carry small research labs into earth orbit, but where it goes from there is anyone's guess.

Later the shuttle and similar spacecraft will be used to build huge stations in the sky. Factories on these bases will turn out precision crystals for the electronics industries. Medical labs will produce purer vaccines and better enzymes for doctors on earth.

"Certainly, commercial operations at levels of hundreds of millions of dollars per year can be anticipated over the next two decades," says Mr. Disher.

Test Proves Point In a test, pictures and data from a NASA sounding rocket have reinforced the belief that better materials can be produced in space than on earth because of the lack of gravity.

Complex new communications systems will enable workers in the sky to keep in touch with their colleagues on the ground. In fact, a new generation of satellites may revolutionize communications on the ground as well.

A NASA-Aerospace Corporation study envisions \$10 wrist radios that would enable users on the ground to talk to each other via satellite and even make long-distance calls.

Solar power will aid in expanding communications and manufacturing facilities in space. Before the turn of the century, the first orbiting energy station may be in operation. Mirrors or solar cells will concentrate solar heat to drive turbogenerators and produce electricity. (Converted to microwaves, the energy will be beamed to earth and reconverted to electricity.)

All these things look imminent because of the shuttle, which can haul payloads such as satellites weighing up to 65,000 pounds into space and then repair and maintain them if necessary.

## Lake Lucero Caravan set

An auto caravan to Lake Lucero, part of the area that is the source of the white sands, is scheduled for Saturday, January 22, 1977. The caravan is limited to 30 cars and reservations are required. Interested persons should call monument headquarters - 437-1058.

The trip will begin at 10:00 a.m. at the Small Missile Range Road intersection with U.S. Highway 70, 25 miles west of monument headquarters. This intersection is located between the green and white highway mileage marker 174 and 175. Park Rangers and Military Police will brief the group on regulations that apply during the trip. The caravan will proceed over paved roads through the White Sands Missile Range to Lake Lucero. About two hours will be spent at the lake to allow time for a one mile conducted walk, for photography, sight-seeing and lunch. The caravan will return to U.S. Highway 70 by 2:00 p.m.

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## Legal Notice

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING DATES JANUARY 1977 THROUGH DECEMBER 1977

Monday January 10, February 7, March 21, April 18, May 9, Tuesday May 22; June 20; July 11, August 1; August 22, September 12; October 3, October 24; November 14; December 5, Tuesday, December 27.

This schedule will be posted in Post Offices and other Public Bulletin Boards throughout Lincoln County. Changes in this schedule will be advertised.

Call 648-2313 for further information and copies of this schedule.

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS Published in the Lincoln County News, Thursday, January 13, 1977.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LINCOLN COUNTY STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF BRYAN CAZIER, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF HEARING ON FINAL ACCOUNT AND REPORT STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO:

Jeanette Cazier; all unknown heirs of Bryan Cazier, deceased; and all

Executors of this estate, and

## This week's movie

C.C.A.P.A. members present "Appaloosa" at the Lyric Theatre on January 16. "Appaloosa" (1966) is an intense western drama starring Marlon Brando and John Saxon. Show times: 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

## State jobs open to 250

Applicants are now being sought for a claims analysts job with the Department of Finance and Administration in Santa Fe, and interested New Mexicans can apply for the job through Job Service offices throughout the state. The new analyst will plan, develop and supervise a state wide program for insurance claims handling and resolve problems arising from claims handling through insurance companies. Although the job is based in Santa Fe, travel will be involved. Pay begins at \$12,180 under the current state compensation plan. Applicants should have a high school education or a GED certificate. In addition, the job requires experience or education in business administration, business education, or law or insurance-related occupations totaling six years, in which three years should be claims related experience.

More than 250 state jobs are open for application and testing during the month of January. Applications now will enable New Mexicans to be considered quickly when the State Personnel Office needs to fill jobs in state government. The list of jobs for which people may apply to be tested in January is also available at all Job Service Offices.

## Helicopters make count

Throughout January, the N.M. Department of Game and Fish will be flying its annual helicopter surveys of deer and elk herds, according to Jim Johnson, head of the department's biological surveys project.

This week, choppers are carrying game managers over deer in the Guadalupe Mountains and elk in the northeastern part of the state.

Johnson said the surveys are made primarily to determine the survival rates of deer fawns and elk calves born during the past summer and spring. The information gathered gives the department a good idea of herd population trends and is used to help establish hunting seasons and bag limits.

Surveys are expected to continue through early February. Johnson said that more than 180 hours of air time has been scheduled.

Surveys are done in helicopters leased by the department. The choppers have the maneuverability to navigate the rugged terrain of the mountainous areas where most of the surveys are conducted. The department does not own a helicopter.

Selected areas from all parts of the state will be surveyed, and the data gathered will be used to project population estimates for each area.

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## Ski bulletin

A report as of 10 a.m., Thursday, by the U.S. Forest Service on snow conditions at National Forest winter sports areas in New Mexico.

Vehicles used on mountain roads should be equipped with snow tires or have chains available.

**SIERRA BLANCA SKI AREA:** Lincoln National Forest, 16 miles northwest of Ruidoso. Skiing conditions - excellent; depth of snow at midway point - 13 inches; new snow since December 30 - 25 inches.

**SKI CLOUDCROFT:** Lincoln National Forest, 2 miles east of Cloudcroft. Skiing conditions - good; depth of snow at midway point - 6 inches.

**SANDIA PEAK SKI AREA:** Cibola National Forest, 29 miles northeast of Albuquerque. Skiing conditions - good to very good; depth of snow at midway point - 18 inches.

**SANTA FE SKI BASIN:** Santa Fe National Forest, 16 miles northeast of Santa Fe. Skiing conditions - good; depth of snow at midway point - 20 inches.

**RED RIVER SKI AREA:** Carson National Forest, Red River, NM, 40 miles northeast of Taos. Skiing conditions - Upper Slopes - very good; lower slopes - excellent; depth of snow at midway point - 11 inches; surface snow on major trails is machine packed; weather at time of report.

**SIPAPUSKI AREA:** Carson National Forest, 3 miles west of Tres Ritos. Skiing conditions - fair.

**TAOS SKI VALLEY:** Carson National Forest, 3 miles west of Tres Ritos. Skiing conditions - good to very good.

all persons having claims against the estate of the decedent are required to present them within the time prescribed by law. -s- Forrest E. Currell - Executor

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ANCHILLARY EXECUTRIX NOTICE No. 165

In Probate In the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico

In the Matter of the Estate of IRA DUKE WILSON, deceased; RE: Last Will and Testament of IRA DUKE WILSON, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned was, on the 23rd day of November, 1976, duly appointed Ancillary Executrix of the Estate of Ira Duke Wilson, deceased, by the District Court of Lincoln County, and having qualified as such Ancillary Executrix, all persons having claims against the estate of said decedent are hereby notified and required to present the same to the undersigned in the manner and within the time prescribed by law. Date November 23, 1976. -s- Adele Wilson Ancillary Executrix

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CHAVES COUNTY STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF RUBY M. CURELL, DECEASED

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT The undersigned is Executor of this estate, and

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