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Letters to Ye Editor

U.S.A. T. E. Chandler
Tuesday, Feb. 19, 1952

I would like to express my appreciation for the very nice box of cookies and candy I received from you. It is very gratifying to know that as busy as you are, you took time out to prepare the box. It is my sincere wish and hope that I may very soon be back with all the fine people of Ruidoso and Lincoln County. Thanks again.

Very sincerely yours,
H. H. Hart, S.N.
U.S.A. Chandler B-1717,
c/o P.O., San Francisco,
Calif.

Dear Sir:
A few days ago, as we were traveling the country, out south of Old Baldy we got a very great thrill. Our host, one son and the other a grandson of one of the most widely known Early American chiefs, had us looking toward timberline, wondering whether we might ever undertake to climb so far. Then, suddenly the elder man remarked that "there is a body of water up pretty near to timber

line, and there used to be beaver in evidence—long time ago." Then he explained that "destroyers" must have killed them all.

We were in rather precarious position—a careless driver might well have started us hurtling down the mountain side. But the driver was listening. A few staccato sort of syllables explained that "there is now fresh signs of beaver at the water."

So, one more Nature speaks to us. Beavers do not necessarily follow streams in migrating from one section of the country to another. If there are no such animals far up on this great 12,000 foot mountain, they likely have migrated from northern New Mexico, or even from Colorado streams.

A good number of blacktail deer were sighted from time to time as we drove over the reservation. Like their ancestors, present day citizens of the country seem to pay but little attention to presence of deer, killing only in the fall when the latter are in good flesh. The flesh is dried and used through the warmer months, just as Plains inhabitants preserved buffalo meat a century ago.

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Passenger: "Glad isn't the word, I'm amazed!"

The army doctor at the induction station eyed a new soldier suspiciously. "And what do you do for a social life?" he asked.
"Oh," said the recruit, "I just sit around."

"Don't you go out with girls?"
"Nope."

"Have you any desire to go out with girls?"
"Well—sort of."

"Then why don't you?"
"My wife won't let me."

Two motorists, not quite as sober as they should have been, were driving along a highway that paralleled a railroad track. Suddenly an express passenger train roared past them in the opposite direction.

"Say," said the driver after a moment's reflection, "did you notice how that village was all lit up?"

"Yeah," said his companion, "and the first house was on fire."

Dear Editor:

You are doing a top job for your community and Lincoln County with the News. I am a "watchdog" for Pathfinder magazine, and read your features with interest. (They call it "correspondent", but they use news items as infrequently as I prefer my own term.) With your permission, however, I should like to be free to periodically send them summaries of outstanding items from your paper, for any national publicity we might get would benefit our entire area as well as Ruidoso.

Assuring you of my cooperation in the future, I remain,

Very truly yours,
Robert K. Koonce
Artesia, N. M.

CHURCH Directory

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor, Rev. T. L. Merritt
Sunday School, 9:45 a. m.
Worship Service, 11:00 a. m.—
11:30 p. m.
Wednesday Night Service, 7:30 p. m.

ST. ELEANOR'S CHURCH
Pastor, Fr. G. Markay
Sunday Mass at 11 a. m.
Weekly Mass at 7 a. m.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SERVICE
Each Sunday at 9 p. m. at the
Women's Club Building

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Pastor, Rev. Gadberry
Services

Bible Study, at 10 a. m.
Worship Service at 11 a. m.
Evening Service, 7 p. m.

HOLY MOUNT EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Pastor, J. Oscar Itziney
Services

1st and 3rd Sundays, 2 p. m.
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Bible" building.

FULL GOSPEL HOLINESS CHURCH
Greens Tree, N. M.
Pastor, Rev. Cecil Smith
Sunday School, 10 a. m.
Preaching, 11 a. m.
Evening Service, 8 p. m.
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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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Morning Worship at 11 a. m.

Evening Worship at 8:00 p. m.

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John C. Johnson, Pastor
Sunday School—10:00 a. m.
Morning Worship—11:00 a. m.
Methodist Youth Fellowship—5:30 p. m.
Evening Service—7:00 p. m.

ST. ANNE EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Glenwood, New Mexico
Pastor, J. Oscar Rainey
Services, 2nd and 4th Sundays,
10 a. m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Greens Tree, New Mexico
Rev. James E. Allen, Pastor
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Morning Worship—11:00 a. m.
Methodist Youth Fellowship—5:30 p. m.
Evening Service—7:00 p. m.

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WHY WAS NEW MEXICO PICKED AS THE SITE FOR ROCKET TESTING?

(Editor's Note: Homer Gruber, editor of the Las Cruces Citizen, has written an interesting article about why New Mexico was picked as the site for testing rockets. It appeared in his "Observations by the Editor" column last week, and is reprinted below.)

Most of us remember the great hue and cry that went up here several years ago when the White Sands Proving Ground was established here.

Some argued that it would ruin the tourist business here, because US-70 would of necessity be closed to travel when rockets were fired.

But I was among those who argued that WSFG would be an asset to the community. It is now apparent that it has been a big asset; and can really be listed as Las Cruces' No. 1 "industry."

A series of columns appearing in Wind and Sand, WSFG's weekly newspaper, written by George Vasakas, sheds some interesting information as to why this site was chosen for the proving ground.

Here is his article:

"Why did the government select the New Mexico desert as the site for the construction of a rocket proving ground? What qualities did this area have which made it more suitable than any other spot in the United States?"

The answers to these questions are quite interesting. A great deal of thought and much effort were put into the search for a missile proving ground, and the selection of the present location of White Sands Proving Ground was not made haphazardly.

In 1944 it was decided to embark on a large scale missile program. A group of officers from the office of Chief of Ordnance

and the Engineers Corps was instructed to find a suitable site for missile research. Certain specifications were made. First, most important: the proposed proving ground must lie in an area of large open spaces with little commercial value and little population. Also the firing area should be flat and easily accessible so that missiles would not become lost after being launched. However, mountains or high hills nearby would be desirable for the use of radar and visual tracking stations. The presence of an ocean or large body of water nearby would be most unwelcome, because fogs or mists would interfere with tests. The climate should be such as to afford year-round use of the area.

Besides these natural conditions, certain other features were necessary. The proving ground should be accessible by both air and rail, but it must not be crossed by a major air or rail line. It would be quite inconvenient for an airline to have to delay its commercial flights for several hours while a rocket was being tested. Also, the presence of an established army base within a reasonable distance would be welcome.

A glance at the foregoing specifications will show that White Sands Proving Ground is admirable in every way. This was the decision of the officers in whose hands the selection lay, and so on February 20, 1945, the establishment of White Sands Proving Ground was officially approved by the Secretary of War.

The possibilities of New Mexico as a rocket testing ground were realized long before the rocket was ever thought of as a military weapon. In 1930, one of the pioneers in liquid fuel rocket experiments, Professor Robert H. Goddard, established his base in New Mexico. He chose a ranch near Roswell, as his testing

Brake Reaction Test Scheduled For Students

With more and more youngsters here making a race-track out of city streets, school officials and police officers have come up with an idea of impressing on the young the dangers of their speeding. Beginning next Monday morning, and lasting throughout the day, students of Ruidoso High School who drive cars are invited to take a brake reaction test. R. H. Hedgecock, juvenile officer here, will conduct the test aided by City Marshal Frank Barajas. The test will be made with a machine in the car owned by the student or the student's parents, while the student is driving. Going at 20 miles per hour, the driver will be required to apply brakes, and the time it takes to stop on the brake pedal from the moment he's warned to stop the car, will be shown to the student, as well as the total distance it takes to stop the car at that very reasonable speed.

"The results should amaze and confound the youngsters, enough, we hope, to slow them down some," Hedgecock said. "For, as the speed increases, the ratio of reaction is greater, and the danger of stopping a car traveling at higher speeds is greater."

The machine to be used is provided by the New Mexico Education department, and is of the same type used to test school bus drivers. Results of the tests will have no effect on anyone's driver's license, Hedgecock said. Parents of the students will be invited to take the test, also, he said. The tests will be free.

Funland Map Is Printed 20,500 Times

The Funland Map of the Ruidoso area, picturing most of the scenic attractions and indicating recreational activities available here, which was first printed in the Ruidoso News in its Christmas issue last December, has been printed 20,500 times, a check by the News this week revealed.

The Chamber of Commerce has had it printed 10,000 times, on 3,000 picture folders, on 2,000 business cards, and on 6,000 business directories. Others who have had the map printed on their business stationery include: El Rancho Ruidoso court; Brown's Air Service, Antleron Lumber Co., Idle Hour Lodge; Vaughnland, Buckner Electric, Thunderbird Lodge, Ruidoso Dry Goods, Ruidoso News, stationery and in the paper, Navajo Lodge is having the Funland map printed on about 2,000 picture menus which will be used in the dining room, and which will be given guests as novelties.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillip T. Thaxton of Lubbock, Texas, spent last weekend here.

ground, only 400 miles from WSFG. Goddard had been doing his work in Massachusetts, but he found the climate unsuitable for testing rockets. Also he had a great deal of trouble with the local fire department. The dangers of rockets in an area which was heavily populated and heavily forested were uppermost in the fire marshal's mind, and his repeated requests that Goddard cease his experiments finally caused the professor to change his base of operations. The fact that he chose New Mexico speaks highly of this area as the ideal place for establishing a rocket proving ground.

Program, Lunch Held by WSCS

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Community Methodist church met Thursday, Feb. 24, at the church for its regular luncheon meeting. A missionary program was led by Mrs. Jess Harris.

Garments for the Harwood Girls school at Albuquerque were cut out and sewed. It was announced that the Methodist ladies would be host to other ladies of the community for the World Day of Prayer, Feb. 20, 10:45 a.m.



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Lincoln Baptists Set Workers Meet At Tinnie Soon

God's People and the Liquor Traffic will be theme for the Workers' meeting of the Lincoln Baptist association to be held in Tinnie Baptist church Tuesday, March 1. The program opens at 10 a.m. with singing and devotions, with Rev. T. L. Murrill, Ruidoso Baptist pastor, reading Habakkuk 2:15 and Romans 14:21.

At 10:20 Rev. T. J. Campbell of Alamogordo speaks on God's People, "Born Again," and will read John 3:3 and other Scripture.

God's People are the Temples of the Holy Spirit will be the subject of Rev. S. A. Williams, also of Ruidoso, who will stress that people should live pure, clean, sober lives.

At 11 a.m. announcements will be made and special music will be given by Ruidoso High school band.

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Capt. Hornblower Is Now on Screen

Surging from the pages of the celebrated C. S. Forester novel, "Captain Horatio Hornblower," comes the screen in Warner Bros. Technicolor sea saga, showing Sunday-Monday-Tuesday-Tuesday.

And, not as fictional as it might seem is the story of the fabulous Captain, for it has often been hinted about that author Forester based in mind the life and derring-do of the intrepid English hero, Horatio Lord Nelson, when he wrote this best-seller novel.

All the color of the times, the English, Spanish and French manner-of-war, the battles of their respective fleets, the intrigues and power diplomacy of the nations during the Napoleonic era are in this screen drama.

Not least of all is the great love story—the romance which takes place between Captain Hornblower and Lady Barbara, sister of the Duke of Wellington, which in reality now history, found its counterpart in the Lord Nelson-Lady Hamilton duet.

Finding an actor to portray the coveted title role was no easy task, though many leading performers tried for the part. However, after a close study of the applicants, the studio selected ruggedly handsome Gregory Peck, who not only answers the physical description of Hornblower, but characterizes the leader among men, as witnessed in "Only the Valiant."

Because of some fine performances in successful Warner films, Virginia Mayo was chosen as Gregory's lovely leading lady. Miss Mayo, who besides flavoring the screen with her beauty, is one of Hollywood's most versatile actresses, ranging from the highly dramatic to the highly musical in film roles.

Among some of the most exciting of Hornblower's heroic exploits seen are a raid on the stronghold of a Spanish pirate, the blockade and storming of Napoleon's navy, a daring escape under the shadow of the guillotine and the commanding of a prison ship by a handful of men.

Technicolor also does much to enhance the magnificence of the spectacle and causes the spectator to become part of the proceedings, according to advance reports.

"Honeymoon Club"

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Vaughn, who were wed Feb. 17 in Roswell, stayed one night on their honeymoon funkt through New Mexico at El Rancho Ruidoso Saturday.

The bride was the former Robi Naron, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Naron of Roswell and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Savage, also of Roswell.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Weller of Deming, N. M., stopped off at Navajo Lodge Feb. 14 (Valentine Day) after their wedding at Las Cruces Feb. 12. The bride was the former Miss Mary Taplin, daughter of Mrs. Harriett Taplin, Deming, and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Weller, also of Deming.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Spencer of Roswell honeymooned part of this week at Apache Village here, even though they were supposed to be on their wedding trip in Old Mexico. "We like Ruidoso too well to go anywhere else," they commented. The bride is the former Jean Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith of Roswell, and the groom is the son of Mrs. West of Penasco.

Lieut. and Mrs. Wm. N. Thomas of Lawton, Okla., who were married at El Paso on Valentine's Day, Feb. 14, registered at Navajo Lodge last Friday, Feb. 15. The bride was the former Mitzi Kessel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Kessel of El Paso, and the groom is the son of Col. and Mrs. W. N. Thomas of Osaka, Japan.

Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Norc of El Paso, Texas, honeymooned here at Navajo Lodge, checking in on Feb. 18 after their wedding on Feb. 16 at El Paso. The bride was the former Betty Grace Piper, daughter of Mrs. W. H. Piper of El Paso and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Norc of North Hollywood, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Ols Petty, Jr., of Midland, Tex., honeymooned here at Starlite cabin, registering on Feb. 19 following their wedding Feb. 17 in Wichita Falls. The bride was the former Doris Hankins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hankins of Wichita Falls and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Petty, Sr., of Columbia, Miss.

LINCOLN GIRL SCOUTS THANK FT. STANTON BOY SCOUTS FOR FEED

The following letter of thanks was sent to the News for publication, and it tells its own story: Ft. Stanton Boy Scouts, Ft. Stanton, N. M.

Dear Scouts and Scoutmaster,

We, the Lincoln Girl Scouts of Troop 124, wish to thank each of you for the most wonderful evening you, Feb. 16. Our group feels the time we spent with your troop and your parents is time gained, instead of wasted. We wish to compliment you on your work in Scouting and sincerely feel we were very honored to be invited to attend your Court of Honor.

Our troop here does not forget the most thoughtful parents who helped, donate, and prepare the delicious food, and we wish to express our appreciation for the hospitality shown us.

For better Scouting, Lincoln Girl Scout Troop

Governor Calls Conference On Welfare

Santa Fe, Feb. 14 (Spl.) — What can aging persons in Lincoln county and elsewhere in New Mexico do to help themselves? How can society in general aid them to function more productively and happily?

Answers to these and similar questions will be sought at the Governor's Conference on Problems of the Aging, in Albuquerque on Saturday, February 23, Alva A. Simpson, Jr., State Director of Public Welfare, said here today.

The welfare head, who is also chairman of the executive committee for the statewide conference, stated that Gov. Edwin L. Mechem has declared that "the only requirement for attending the meeting is a conscientious interest in the problems of our aging citizens."

Simpson urged attendance by representatives of all Ruidoso and Lincoln County organizations, whether civic, commercial, religious, charitable, industrial, financial, agricultural, educational, or any other interested group. Managers of chambers of commerce and newspapers are especially invited. He said: "because they can effectively stimulate and coordinate community-wide participation in whatever program of action may be undertaken."

All members of the New Mexico legislature are welcome to be present. Local and National Politics Discussed and Settled Each Day... Hours: 9 to 10 A.M. Reserved seats, or bring your own box. FREE COFFEE

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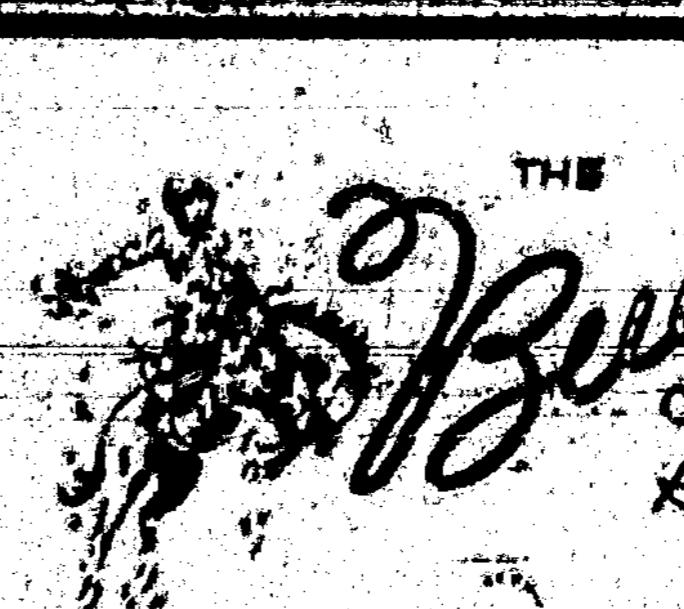
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COCKTAIL LOUNGE
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MISSIONARY FROM CHINA SPEAKS TO LIONS

Rev. A. D. Hennigar, missionary to China, told interesting stories of his work in that field in the regular Tuesday night's Lions club supper meeting at Navajo Lodge.

Also on the program was Johnny Perkins of Wickenbury, Ariz., field director for Highway 70 association, who gave one of his Cisco and Pedro skits, similar to one presented a few weeks ago at the Lions meeting.

He was here in the interest of Highway 70 organizational work this week.

Mrs. Suzanne Oliver has returned from a visit with relatives, Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Fruer, in Tucson, Ariz.

HOSPITAL INS and OUTS

Receiving treatment in Ruidoso-Mono Valley General hospital the last week have been:

Mrs. Mac Pior, Sandra Galloway of El Centro, Calif., whose car overturned near Bonnell's ranch store during the snow last weekend; Mrs. Lillian Moss, Okmulgee,

Oklahoma, who suffered bruises when she fell on the ice while visiting here; Mrs. Marie Walker, Hollywood, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Burklow, Tulerosa, are parents of a boy, weighing 6 lbs. 2 oz., born Feb. 20, and named Joseph Paul.

EDWARD (BILL) BLAKELY
GETTING MIDWAY GARAGE
READY FOR RE-OPENING

Edward (Bill) Blakely is putting his Midway Garage in shape for re-

opening about mid-March. Blakely's Garage and service station is one of the oldest in the community. Extensive remodeling is also being done on his residence in the rear of the garage. He has been operating Border Hill garage on Highway 70, 24 miles west of Roswell, the last two years, and had the local garage leased for part of that time to another operator.

Al Commo of Artesia has been employed at Navajo Lodge.

Clearance!

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We are clearing out our entire stock of dry goods at a great reduction, to be replaced by spring stock, under new management.

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Suede, Reg. \$3.98, ½ price		Reg. \$2.95, ½ price	
GROCERY SPECIALS			
BACON	35¢		
Corn King, lb.			
SPINACH	12¢	FLOUR	\$2.99
Hunt's Calif. No. 2 can, Reg. 16¢		50 pounds	
PORK SAUSAGE	\$1.00	'OLEO	19¢
4 pounds		Wilson's, lb.	
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JUICE 46-oz. can .36¢

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OLEO lb. 29¢

'Freestone' Halves No. 2½

PEACHES 28¢

Del Monte No. 2 can

SPINACH 19¢

Texas Grapefruit

JUICE 3 No. 2 cans .25¢

R. A. BENNETT and CLYDE WHITT

Information on City's Rates And Regulations Are Given For New Gateway Residents

By Joe Dryden, City Clerk

Upon presentation to the Board of Trustees of the Village for annexation of a majority portion of Palmer-Gateway and approval of such petition by the Board this territory has been annexed to the Village of Ruidoso and is in the Village limits for all purposes.

The following information is forwarded which will probably answer some of the questions coming up in the immediate future:

Voting:

The residents of the area who are already registered do not have to make another registration to vote in the city election of April 1, 1952. Voting for those registered is automatic as the area will have been in the voting precinct more than the 30 days required. Only those who have not previously registered or whose registration is not valid must register to vote in the coming city election. Those who are not already registered must register by March 1, 1952. The change over from outside registration to inside registration is purely a legal function and the county clerk's office should make the change on the face of each registration to note the move from outside to inside the municipality.

Water Billing:

There will be an immediate savings in that the month of February will be billed on City rates. These rates will show a minimum savings of \$36.00 per year on the regular minimum and more of course if the meter reading is larger than the minimum. For a comparison of the February bill with next past month it should be noted that February bill will be approximately ½ of what has been previously paid. Insurances:

Considerable savings will be effected in insurance because of the annexation. Each individual should contact his agent in regards to such savings and the fact of location governs the class and amount of savings. Two mile area from present fire house will afford 8th class—two to three miles 9th class. If covered by a fire hydrant in either class affords considerable more savings. All businesses will be separately rated.

Services:

Police, fire, garbage, grader and other services will be furnished as is now being furnished to all other residents of the municipality.

Occupational Licenses:

Occupational Licenses shall now be paid to the village instead of to the county as previously paid. The same scale of collections as in force in the village as was collected by the county. All businesses should have been paying the county the same occupational license amount that the village will request.

Licenses:

Dog licenses, garbage collection fees, building permits, etc., will all be based on the regular village scale.

TAX RATE:

1951 Tax Rate is as follows with 1952 rate not yet having been computed:

School

State County Dist. Munic. Total 5,707 11,098 6,945 5,005 28,755

It should be noted that this state has a 20 mill limitation—all taxes over and above the 20.00 are for bond issues—total of hospital, school and municipal water issues are 8,755.

Municipal Taxes:

Municipal taxes are broken down as follows:

General Fund, 0.02194; Interest Fund (Water Bond), .001714; Sinking Fund, .001097.

You will note that all the Village of Ruidoso realizes out of the

entire tax (including General and Water Bond) is just slightly over \$5.00 per \$1,000 valuation, and that there is a 5 mill limitation in this state which limits the income from taxes of this village. Also where a municipal school district is situated in the limits of the municipality this 5 mills is divided about equally one half to schools and one half to Village. Other than water bond the Village of Ruidoso realizes only \$2.19 per \$1,000 valuation and is limited to this amount by Statute.

The above information is given to show several who have questioned the reason that the Village cannot tax for services other than in the way of a bond issue.

Fire Hydrants:

Any dwelling or business within 500 feet of a fire hydrant will afford considerable insurance savings. Fire hydrants will be placed in accordance with the regularly established policy. Individuals, either alone or collectively, to purchase the hydrant—Water Dept. will install same provided that there is a main of sufficient size at the location.

General:

All questions to come up regarding any Village functions will be taken care of as soon as practicable.

Priority of importance will govern action as in the past with the remainder of the village.

Services will be accomplished as they can be afforded and no promises can be promised.

We would like to point out that the person with a rendered \$1,000 valuation—who pays a tax total of \$28.75 per \$1,000—of which amount only \$5.00 remains with the Village should consider his donation before requesting a new road to his door or new bridge across the river for his convenience.

Carrizozo Lions Sponsor Wrestling

At the Carrizozo High school gymnasium at 8:00 o'clock p.m. March 8, there will be a wrestling match between the New Mexico School for Blind of Alamogordo and Highlands High school of Albuquerque.

WHEN: 8:00 p.m. March 8.

WHERE: Carrizozo High school gymnasium.

Admission: 50¢.

Wrestlers: Highlands High school boys.

Referees: Alamogordo.

Music: Carrizozo High school band.

Announcer: Carrizozo High school student.

Referee: Carrizozo High school student.