

This page is a paid political advertisement that is being presented

To the Citizens of Ruidoso

In hopes that it will enlighten them on a few facts they should know in regards to the coming municipal election.

This Advertisement is Being Sponsored by a Group of Interested Citizens--

And is being published without the knowledge of the candidates of the ticket headed by Dan Swearingin.

Whether You Are Voters or Not, Old-Timers or Newcomers, We Urge You to Consider the Following Facts:

In last week's Ruidoso News Mr. DeBord made the statement that "The only way the future actions of a man can be judged is by what he has done in the past," and that "he looked back with pride and pleasure on the five years he spent in Deming, and that his record there would speak for itself." It certainly does! He was not re-elected Mayor of Deming.

A group of interested citizens made a special trip to Deming to check this record and the following are some of the facts that were found:

Mr. DeBord states that "Even ten years ago he could see the potential possibilities of Ruidoso." So Mr. DeBord moved to Deming. By his own admission Mr. DeBord has moved from one town to another in a manner which might make one wonder about his stability.

Mr. DeBord states that he believes "THE GREAT SOUTHERN PACIFIC RAILROAD would be willing and anxious to share their water with we who need it so badly providing we collectively ask for their help." During his unsuccessful campaign for re-election as Mayor of Deming in 1950 he felt the following way toward the Southern Pacific Railroad. (Reprint from a Deming newspaper) "We cannot afford to have our school system policy controlled by the SOUTHERN PACIFIC RAILROAD." We wonder if he will be able to deal with the Southern Pacific now?

Mr. DeBord states that "As Mayor of Deming I had occasion to work with the State and Federal Government on several worthwhile projects for the benefit of Deming and the surrounding area." One of the projects was the purchasing of the water, sewer and gas pipes of the Deming Air Base from the War Assets Administration at a very low figure, bound by a contract prohibiting resale of any of the pipe. During Mr. DeBord's administration as mayor this contract was broken by resale of some of the pipe to one H. R. Brown. Subsequently when Mr. Brown attempted to remove the pipe he had contracted to buy from the Village of Deming, he was arrested. Mr. Brown was released, but as a result of this fiasco, he sued the Village of Deming for false arrest and breach of contract and collected \$16,000.00 plus \$494.13 court costs—(Civil Action No. 12553, Luna County District Court). This was the first lawsuit ever to be brought against the Village of Deming.

In Deming Mr. DeBord criticized his opponent for being supported by the liquor interests in that town. After coming to Ruidoso Mr. DeBord was a leader in trying to promote Sunday Liquor sales in Ruidoso—and him having been an Elder in THE FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH in Deming!

Mr. DeBord Was Not Re-elected

Mayor of Deming.

One of the first things asked this group by some of the citizens of Deming was, "Does Carl DeBord still use the loud speakers on his car to advertise his products?"

VOTE FOR THE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS ISSUE

If the present General Obligation Bond Issue in the amount of \$150,000.00 passes, that added to the \$186,000.00 Water Revenue Bond sale made available by the present Village Council, will total \$336,000.00 to be spent on a new water system with adequate storage facilities.

Do the Citizens of Ruidoso want this money to be handled by a conservative, successful businessman, or do they want it handled by a promoter with a champagne taste (while the Village of Ruidoso has only a beer pocket-book?) Mr. DeBord's past record in Deming shows an administration of waste and inefficiency. His record there still speaks. He was not elected Mayor of Deming for a second term.

The Last Round-Up

(This is a reprint of a poem that was very popular during the municipal election campaign of 1950 in Deming, New Mexico.)

Mayor D. and the Committee Three
Sat in the shade of an apple tree.
"I built the Floridas," the Mayor said,
"And I'll lay them flat before I'm dead;
I brought the sun to this desert land,
I dug and channelled the Rio Grande;
The Organ Mountains a monument stand
To my mighty skill of brain and hand.

"I control the sun and roll the moon,
And ladle the rain with a mighty spoon,
When the wind is dry and the weather dry,
Your Mayor D. is the reason why.
When the coyote howls and the eagle screams,
When thunder's peals disturb your dreams;
When the wind does blow and the rain does fall,
Just remember that I AM THE BOSS of it all.

"When I first arrived in this hamlet small,
I saw my chance to control it all;
I promised loud and I promised long,
For my voice is loud and my lungs are strong;
Though I was very busy rolling the earth around,
I grabbed everything that wasn't nailed down;
And now I am neglecting the wind and rain
While I try to fool the people again.

"I would take time off from stoking hell
In order my little story to tell;
When a man takes a look at what I have done
Here in the land of the desert sun,
He will have to admit to the devil and all
That I have got the brass and plenty of gall;
And the Committee Three and your Mayor D.
Will again your Council and Mayor be.

"There are many things that I can see
That will benefit me and the Committee Three;
Little by little we'll gather it all;
We are all for each and one for all,
That is for ME and the COMMITTEE THREE;
Give us a chance and you shall see,
How being Mayor has affected Me and the Committee Three;
Friends, hold your noses and vote for me,
For I am that great and only Mayor D.
And may God pity you one and all
If you try my pledges to recall,
For I would promise hell with plenty of ice
If it would make me Deming's Mayor twice.

(P. S.—He was not re-elected Mayor of Deming.)

Below is a reprint from a Deming Newspaper, which shows the tactics used by Mr. DeBord, in his unsuccessful attempt to be re-elected Mayor of Deming in the 1950 municipal election.

Telephone Conversation Between Mayor Carl DeBord and John L. Gray Doing Business As Concrete Products Co.

Mayor DeBord: Is it true that you are supporting Mr. Smalley and his ticket in the City election?

Mr. Gray: Yes sir, that is true.

Mayor DeBord: Well let me tell you something, I have done more for the construction business in Deming than any man in Deming. If you and the other Construction men in Deming want to support Mr. Smalley, you can look to Mr. Smalley for your future business. I will NOT give you any myself and I will try to keep you from getting any. I am going into this election for keeps and I mean it. You just suit yourself. That's all. Thank you. . . .

I certify that the above is the substance of a telephone conversation between Mayor Carl DeBord and myself, John L. Gray, made by Mayor DeBord on March 6, 1950, which conversation was put in writing by me immediately after Mayor DeBord hung up.

S/ JOHN L. GRAY

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of March, 1950.
(SEAL) My Commission Expires 28, November, 1953
S/ Edward J. Hooten
Notary Public

To Whom It May Concern

I was not given an opportunity to reply to Mayor DeBord when he called me by telephone, so I am taking this opportunity to express myself. I believe that every citizen is free to vote as he chooses and to support whom he chooses. Most of us will continue to live together after this election and all other elections. I do not approve of the mud-slinging and pressure tactics initiated by MAYOR DeBORD and his anonymous 'HENCHMEN'. I believe that all of the men who have served as Mayor and Trustee for the Village of Deming deserve a vote of thanks from the people of Deming for the free contribution of time and effort made toward the advancement of Deming. However, when the 'Mayor' tells a business man that if he supports 'the other side' he will try to keep him from getting any business . . . I believe it is high time to elect a new Mayor. I am familiar with the issues at stake in this election, and well acquainted with the character and ability of all the candidates. On the basis of my knowledge of the facts, I have decided to support Mr. I. M. Smalley for Mayor; and Mr. Chuck Schoef and Mr. Ed Babers for Trustees. I am not obligated in any way to any of these men. I sincerely believe that they will give us a progressive and impartial administration of city affairs. I do not believe Deming needs a 'GANGSTER TYPE' rule.

S/ JOHN L. GRAY

This advertisement is paid for by the Concrete Products Co.

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Juan Baca

NO ANONYMOUS CONTRIBUTORS

Mr. DeBord now has a criminal suit pending in District Court charging him with allowing minors to remain in the premises where alcoholic beverages were being sold.

Since illegal gambling went out of Ruidoso, it has changed from a honky tonk town to a Substantial Community of Solid Citizens. It appears that some of the old gambling element of Ruidoso is backing the DeBord ticket. Do we want to continue to have a good, clean town, or do we want a honky tonk town and the element that goes with it?

VOTE FOR DAN SWEARINGIN for MAYOR

LUTHER BYNUM, S. K. KUYKENDALL, D. E. SNYDER, HAROLD JONES—For Councilmen.

Letter To The Editor

Dear Vix:
I thought your readers might like to see this piece by a school girl, first prize winner in a contest.—Bill Blackley.

I SPEAK FOR DEMOCRACY
By Elizabeth Ellen Evans

I am an American. Listen to my words, Fascist, Communist, Listen well, for my country is a strong country, and my message is a strong message.

I am an American, and I speak for democracy. My ancestors have left their blood on the green at Lexington and the snow at Valley Forge on the walls of Fort Sumter and the fields at Gettysburg on the waters of the River Marne and in the shadows of the Argonne Forest . . . on the beaches of Salerno and Normandy and the sands of Okinawa . . . on the bare, bleak hills called Pork Chop and Old Baldy and Heartbreak Ridge. A million and more of my countrymen have died for freedom. My country is their eternal monument.

They live on in the laughter of a small boy as he watches a circus clown's antics . . . and in the sweet, delicious coldness of the first bite of peppermint ice cream on the Fourth of July . . . in the little tenderness of a baseball crowd as the umpire calls "Batter up!" . . . and in the high school band's rendition of "Stars and Stripes Forever" in the Memorial Day parade . . . in the clear, sharp ring of a school bell on a fall morning and in the triumph of a six-year-old as he reads aloud for the first time. They live on in the

eyes of an Ohio farmer surveying his acres of corn and potatoes and pasture . . . and in the brilliant gold of hundreds of acres of wheat stretching across the flat miles of Kansas . . . and in the milling of cattle in the stockyards of Chicago . . . the precision of an assembly line in an automobile factory in Detroit . . . and the perpetual red glow of the nocturnal skylines of Pittsburgh and Birmingham and Gary.

They live on in the voice of a young Jewish boy saying the sacred words from the Torah: "Hear O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is One. Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul and with all thy might." . . . and in the voice of a Catholic girl praying: "Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee . . . and in the voice of a Protestant boy singing: "A mighty Fortress is our God, A Bulwark never falling . . ."

An American named Carl Sandburg wrote these words: "I know a Jew fisherler down on Maxwell Street with a voice like a north wind blowing over corn stubble in January. He dangles herring before prospective customers evincing a joy identical with that of Flava dancing. His face is that of a man terribly glad to be selling fish, terribly glad that God made fish, and customers to whom he may call his wares from a pushcart."

There is a voice in the soul of every human being that cries out to be free. America has answered that cry.

America has offered freedom and opportunity such as no land before her has ever known, to a Jew fisherler down on Maxwell



Street with the face of a man terribly glad to be selling fish. She has given him the right to own his pushcart, to sell his herring on Maxwell Street . . . she has given him an education for his children, and a tremendous faith in the nation that has made these things his.

Multiply that fisherler by 160,000,000 mechanics and farmers, by 160,000,000 coal miners and truck drivers and chemists and lawyers and plumbers and priests—all glad, terribly glad to be what they are, terribly glad to be free to work and eat and sleep and speak and love and live as they desire, as they believe!

And those 160,000,000 Americans—those 160,000,000 free Americans—have more roast beef and mashed potatoes, the yield of American labor and land; . . . more automobiles and telephones, . . . more radios and bath-tubs . . . more Orlon sweaters and aureomycin, the fruits of American initiative and enterprise; . . . more public schools and life insurance policies, the symbols of American security and faith in the future; . . . more laughter and song—than any other people on earth!

This is my answer, Fascist, Communist! Show me a country greater than our country, show me a people more free, more creative, more progressive—bigger—happier than our people, not until then will I consider your way of life. For I am an American, and I speak for democracy.



ON DEAN'S HONOR LIST
Slate College, N. Mex. (Sp.)—Sixty nine students at New Mexico A&M College have been named to the Dean's Honor List for the school of arts and sciences. From Lincoln County is Miss Dorothy Ann Moore, Carrizozo.

HAVE GRANDDAUGHTER
Mr. and Mrs. Dick Ratliff of Ruidoso are grandparents. Their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Fox, Jr., had a baby girl, born March 20, at China Lake, California, named Barbara Lynn. She weighed 7 lbs., 7 1/2 oz. at birth. Mother and baby are doing fine, the grandparents reported.

BUY FIVE LOTS
Glen Fleming and Harold Cheney of Roswell recently bought five lots in Cree Meadows Country Club Heights from White Mountain Development Co. Lowell Morgan handled the sale for Lucille McCarty, Realtor. The Roswell men may build residences on the property at some future date. Morgan said he had heard.

ANSWER FIRE CALL
Ruidoso Volunteer Fire Department answered a call up Cedar Creek late Wednesday to extinguish a brush fire.

BRIDGE REPAIRED
County Commissioner George Fuchs of this district has had the bridge on the Cedar Creek road, which runs parallel to Main Road, from Palmer Gateway to Cree Meadows Country Club, repaired recently. It presented a dangerous road hazard.

The Donathans say—they've just got to brag some on the people of Ruidoso. That is—thanks to the people of Skyland for making our moving here so happy and welcome. We believe in any neighborhood in Ruidoso you'd find people neighborly and friendly and would be a pleasant place to live. Thanks again to the people in Skyland for their visits and for the nice welcome you have given us.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hackfield, Lubbock, Tex., are visiting here. Mrs. Elma Denney, Atoka, Okla., is here visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. J. (Bob) Dodson for several days.

Cartor's Apache Trading Post has been redecorated.

Ernest Wilson's garage in Hollywood is adding a room and rest rooms for the service station department.

Ray Serna of Ruidoso is doing the rock work, plaster and cement finishing on a new auto court being built in Alamogordo, and which Bill Marler, former Ruidosoan, is to manage. It is located west of Alamogordo on U. S. Highway 70.

most of the time in Ruidoso.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Ferret and Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Crowder are expanding the Dan Dec Courts, recently purchased.

Oland Perry recently closed a deal for the valley farm near San Patricio, from Shelton Taylor of Capitan.

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We expect to put the new rate of tax in effect Thursday, April 1st. For example, \$1.00 articles that you have been paying \$1.20 with tax will now be priced \$1.10. This is quite a saving and we are sure the buying public will welcome the change.

Your Prescription Headquarters

BAKER PHARMACY
POST OFFICE BLOCK
RUIDOSO, NEW MEXICO

Paul Douglass Lists Recent Realty Sales

A few of several recent real estate transactions handled by the Paul Douglass office here were listed by that firm this week as follows:

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Hutcherson of Hialeah, Texas, are enjoying the summer home formerly owned by Dr. A. J. Lewis.

Nash Tucker is building on the lot he bought in McCarty Subdivision.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Moore are building a nice home on the lot they recently bought in Carrizo Canyon.

M. H. (Don) Blaugrund of El Paso, Texas, has completed remodeling the home he recently bought in the Wingfield Addition.

Van B. Morton of Levelland, Texas, has recently purchased a home-site in the upper canyon, and plans to build in the near future.

Mr. and Mrs. Loyd McNabb of Lubbock, Texas, have started building a home on a tract overlooking the golf course.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Wilson of Ruidoso are now living in the home they recently bought from Mr. and Mrs. Ben Donathan.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Donathan are now operating the courts formerly owned and operated by J. E. Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. Erle Payne of Midland, Texas, have purchased the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Whitfield. The Paynes plan to spend

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1941 Oldsmobile, 4-Door, radio & heater	\$1000
1941 Oldsmobile, 4-Door, radio & heater, hydraulic drive	\$1000
1941 Chevrolet Carry-All, heater	\$1000
1941 Ford 2-ton chassis and cab	\$1000
1942 GMC 3-ton Pick-Up	\$1100

PONELL CHEVROLET CO.
Phone 461 Tularosa, N. Mex.
CLAYTON BENNETT, Ruidoso Rep.
Phone 3-11—West of Junction on Hiway 70

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Friday, April 2, 1954

RELIABLE ELECTRICAL SERVICE
BE SAFE . . . CHECK UP
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MESCALERO

By Mrs. E. F. Breuninger

Mrs. Elizabeth Roe Cloud, National Women's Club, Chairman of Indian Affairs, arrived at Mescalero from Washington, D. C., on March 30th to further the activities of the Workshop begun last summer.

Mrs. Alice Marshall and daughter, Louise, arrived at Mescalero on March 25th. Mrs. Marshall has been relief teacher at the Mescalero School all of this week in place of Mrs. Curry during her absence.

Mr. and Mrs. David E. Curry left for Nebraska (town unknown) on March 27th to attend the 100th birthday celebration of Mrs. Curry's mother.

Mrs. Augusta Baheda, age 78, died at her home at the Old Folks' Village at Mescalero early Sunday morning, March 28. Survivors include two sons, Paul and William Evans and eighteen grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Wendell Chino at the Dutch Reformed Church at Mescalero on March 29.

Manuel Begay, Property Clerk at the agency, left for Albuquerque on Monday afternoon, where he expects to spend several days at the Area Office transacting business.

A stork shower was given in honor of Mrs. Wendell Chino at the Dutch Reformed Church by her friends on Friday night, March 26.

Mrs. Arthur Lusher, Mrs. G. G. Griffiths, Mrs. John Hall and Mrs. Walter Olson attended the Women's Club meeting at Tularosa on Saturday afternoon, March 27.

Theodore Lester, son of Mr. Frank Lester of Windmill, is at

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While You're Refueling at our Fine Cafe
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We Now Have a Full-Time Mechanic
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An Invitation to Trouble

(Or How to Develop Ulcers)

How to clean your own clothing. After doing your own cleaning at home, you'd better scrutinize your work carefully to determine the amount of damage you've done. The easiest, least expensive manner is to take your cleaning problems to one of the experts at your

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and your garments will last longer. We are as close as your telephone. Blankets * Drapes * Couch Covers and Your Most Cherished Things
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122 NEEDY CASES AIDED BY STATE IN FEBRUARY

Santa Fe (Spl.)—State Director Richard E. Strahlman stated today that according to current data released by the Department of Public Welfare, 122 needy cases in Lincoln County received a total of \$10,121 for maintenance requirements during the month of February.

Of this amount, the largest payment was \$6179 to 134 Old Age Assistance cases and \$3138 was paid to 136 children under the Aid to Dependent Children program; \$192 to 3 cases receiving Aid to the Needy Blind; \$544 to 15 Aid to the Disabled cases; and \$87 to 3 General Assistance cases.

In addition, 1 child received care under the Child Welfare Services program; 39 children were assisted under the Crippled Children's Services program; and 5 persons were aided by the Division of Services to the Blind. 15 cases received other special services.

FORECAST MILLION POPULATION

Should the present rate of population increase continue, New Mexico will have a population of one million by the next census in 1960, according to a current prediction by the Bureau of Business Research, University of New Mexico. Currently the state's population stands at 703,000, an increase of about 12 per cent since the 1950 census.

present home on a thirty-day furlough from the Marine Corps. Theodore will leave Mescalero on April 1st for his station in California.

Mrs. Geo. Sinsoros Heads Hondo P-TA

The Hondo Valley Parent-Teacher Association observed Founders Day at the meeting on March 23 and officers for the coming year were elected as follows: President, Mrs. George Sinsoros, of Arabela; Vice-President, Mrs. Robert Casey of Dinley; Secretary, Miss Elsie Kimbrell of Picocho; Treasurer, Mrs. George Butts of Tinley; Parliamentarian, Fernin S. Montes; Historian, Mrs. Ruby R. Douglas.

Mrs. Ashbury Glover of Alamo-gordo, District Representative, spoke on the importance of proper inter-relationship of the home and school. Ben Sanchez was elected chairman of a committee to investigate the establishment of a P-T-A scholarship for a graduate each year attending college, and Mrs. Elma Rogers was elected representative to the state meeting to be held in April. Frank Tisword, Chairman of the National Building Fund, was presented a piggy bank to collect contributions for the campaign.

Pursuant to the observation of Founders Day, Mrs. Douglas, P-T-A Historian, gave a brief resume of the local Parent-Teacher organization, which came into existence October 17, 1947. Of the 21 charter members, 14 are still active members. The P-T-A scrapbook was exhibited in connection with the talk.

Members of the band, accompanied on the piano by Mrs. F. S. Montes, performed as follows: saxophone trio, Blahia Monte, Stella Frezquez, Rosella Gonzales; trombone trio, Sam Hale, Orilda San-

chez, Roman Pacheco. Hostesses for the evening, who arranged attractively the punch and cake served for the occasion, were Mrs. O. L. Oldham and Mrs. Loranzo Marruto.

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Be Sure to Get Your Tickets on the Free Pick-Up

Alamo Lumber & Supply Co.

NOTICE TO HOMEMAKERS — We Now Offer MOTH-PROOF BAGS Which You May Buy in Two Ways— We Have a Re-Usable Permanent Plastic Bag That Comes in Four Sizes

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Buzzin' Around Lincoln County

News Notes from Farms, Ranches, Orchards
 By TRAVIS B. HICKS

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Tully attended the Cattlemen's convention in Albuquerque last week-end.

Irrigated pastures will respond to fertilizers the same as any other crop, but it is important to take a look at the kind of pasture and the condition of the soil before you start fertilizing.

The pasture mixture—or the proportion of grasses to legumes—has a lot to do with the fertilizer you should put on. Legumes need a lot of phosphate. Grasses, on the other hand, are heavy users of nitrogen. By varying the fertilizer you use, you can help regulate the ratio of grass to legume produced.

For pasture mixtures containing balanced amounts of grasses and legumes, use 60 lbs. of available nitrogen and 45 lbs. of available phosphorus. Mixtures with a high

proportion of grasses and light proportion of legumes should be fertilized with 40 lbs. of nitrogen and 60 lbs. of phosphorus. For mixtures that are mostly legumes, use 60 to 100 lbs. of nitrogen. These rates will help balance the legume-grass ratio. Where a high per cent of ladino clover is desired, use up to 100 lbs. of phosphate. All the phosphate may be applied in one application each spring. The nitrogen should be applied in applications of 25 to 50 pounds per acre as the grass shows a need for it. Lighter and more frequent applications work best on sandy soils.

We were of the opinion that 4-H Club Boys and Girls would like to make some money for themselves, but evidently such is not the case for very few have taken advantage of our offer to

set them up in the turkey business. Some may think we were trying to sell them a "package," but we would like to make it clear that our sole aim is to help 4-H Boys and Girls get started in a profitable enterprise. If any 4-H Boy or Girl is interested in a poultry project, call at the Lincoln County Feed Store.

Interest in the new enterprise, hens in cages, is growing. Prospects are developing that soon Ruidoso Valley will have some of these projects. Many are concerned about the temperature control in this area where in winter the temperature drops to zero and below. Our answer to this problem is a visit to the L. F. Hughes farm at Mountain Park. This farm is above the 7000 ft. level, yet their 700 hens in cages went through the extreme cold this winter without any artificial heat. Their building is a simple frame structure with only siding and heavy felt building paper on the outside. Mr. and Mrs. Hughes are making a nice profit from their "hens in cages" enterprise. The production of their eggs are now costing

them less than 30c per dozen. Mrs. Hughes made this significant statement: "We had 200 young hens on the ground, and 100 of the same age group in cages. The 100 cage hens laid more eggs than the 200 on the ground."

Bronchitis in Baby Chicks
 Our attention is often called to the fact that this spring many are losing their chicks from bronchitis and other closely allied causes.

Much of this loss can be avoided by vaccinating baby chicks intranasally with infectious bronchitis vaccine. This should be done when the chicks are first hatched, but may be done any time. The method is simple and easy. One drop of the bronchitis vaccine in an eye of the chick and the job is done. The vaccine should take effect within four or five days.

In most cases where infectious bronchitis breaks out, it is encouraged by keeping the chicks in a tight brooder or room. More chicks are made ill by being kept too hot and in a poorly ventilated enclosure than from over exposure. It is not necessary to have a thermometer to tell when chicks are comfortable. They will make their feelings known by their actions.

IV. HOSPITAL
 Dennis Nooker, Glencoe, was admitted as a patient in St. Mary's Hospital in Roswell last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Carter of Corpus Christi, Texas, have moved to Ruidoso. Bob is the son of E. H. and Dorothy Carter.

The Bostians visited the Prehms Saturday afternoon in Carrizozo. Mr. Nelson and Everett Langford drove over from Roswell to attend the meeting.

Henry Jackson was in Texas last week.

Earl Shamburger was in El Paso Tuesday.

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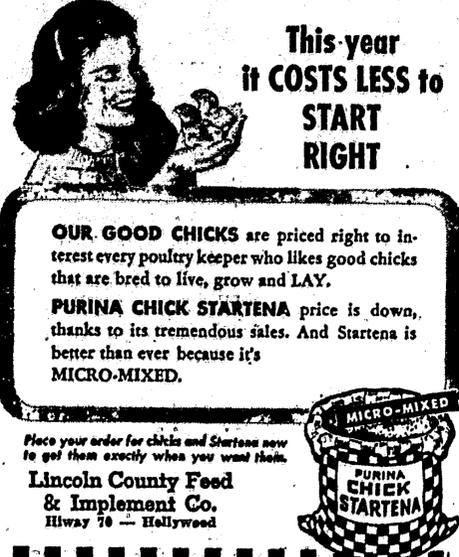
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A Vote For The Water System Ticket

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There have been many RUMORS about what Carl DeBord DID and DID NOT do while he was Mayor of Deming—We, friends of his, took it upon ourselves to find out the TRUTH.

A letter from the present city officials of Deming is printed herewith.

VILLAGE OF DEMING
 IN THE KINGDOM OF THE SUN

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DEMING, NEW MEXICO
 March 8, 1954

Dear Sir:

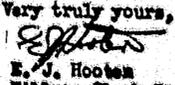
Enclosed please find some pictures of the east approach to Deming on the new highway.

Carl was elected Mayor of Deming in April 1948 and a summary of some of the highlights of his term of office follows:

- (1) Police cars were radio equipped.
- (2) Active in obtaining Airline for Deming.
- (3) Started industrialization program at the old Airport which has now produced a cotton compress, a Shell Manufacturing Plant and also winter quarters for the Clyde Beatty Circus.
- (4) This Board tried to obtain right of way to widen Spruce Street and when this was found to be impossible they made the first move to designate Pine Street as the route for the new Highway.
- (5) Conducted street paving project.
- (6) Active in acquisition of Housing Project by the City for rehabilitation.
- (7) Doubled Garbage collection system.
- (8) Carried on Sewer Extension project which called for \$160,000.00 in new lines to provide service to entire town.

Carl was also active in the Lion's Club, the Chamber of Commerce and was instrumental in the formation of the Kingdom of the Sun Club in the Southwest.

The above is necessarily a summary of some two years as Carl was interested in almost everything that concerned the community and a detailed account would be quite voluminous.

Very truly yours,

 E. J. Hooten
 Village Clerk-Treasurer

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Water System Ticket (X)

Mark An X in the Circle

FOR MAYOR
CARL DEBORD 2 Yrs.
 A Sincere—Hard Working—Business Man

FOR TRUSTEES
E. J. (Ed) WINANS 4 Yrs.
 Before coming to Ruidoso, Mr. Winans farmed the same farm in Ottawa County, Kansas, for over 30 years. He served with the Kansas State Highway Dept. for 10 years and served as a member and treasurer of the school board at Bennington, Kans., from which position he resigned when he moved to Ruidoso.

Mr. Winans' stability and highway experience are needed on the Board of Trustees.

W. A. (Bill) HART 4 Yrs.
 Bill has lived in Ruidoso 18 years. He installed, owned and operated Ruidoso's first water system and first electric light plant. He brought the first pair of skis to this area when no one in Ruidoso even knew how to put them on—Bill Hart, way back then, had visions of Ruidoso being a top flight resort—He has always been a leader in things to help develop Ruidoso—Bill is probably better versed about our water problem than any one in Ruidoso—His valuable knowledge is needed—elect him.

GENE DODSON 2 Yrs.
 Gene moved to Ruidoso with his family four years ago. He is a partner in the ownership and operation of Lincoln County's largest business, and is certainly one of Lincoln County's most successful businessmen. Mr. Dodson served as under-sheriff in Atoka County, Oklahoma, where he was in the lumber business before coming to Ruidoso. We need his business ability and police experience on our council.

C. J. LELAND SR. 2 Yrs.
 Mr. Leland started his career working in the First National Bank at Roswell in 1900. He has been in the banking and auditing business for 54 years. He first came to Ruidoso in 1902, moving to this city in 1949 from Ft. Worth, Texas. Mr. Leland's experience in figures and finances is greatly needed in the operation of our city.

The Primary Objective of All These Men Is To Install An Adequate Water and Sewer System

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We Need Carl DeBord's Progressive Leadership in the Mayor's Office.

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The Eckerts have returned from a visit in California and have reopened their Bar-B-Q Cafe in Hollywood, they announce.

Around Hi Skool

By ANNE EYKIN

At the Invitational Track meet at NMMI last Saturday, Ruidoso placed fourth in the 440 yard relay and in the medley relay; and fifth in the 880 yard relay. Darwin Easter took fourth place in the javelin throw.

Carlsbad came in first with Artesta, second; NMMI, third; Roswell, fourth; Capitan, fifth; Ruidoso, sixth; Hagerman, seventh; and Dexter, eighth. Glen Westall, Dean Holman, Billy Glascock, Nyles Lackey, Earl Allison and Jimmy Owens participated in the relays. The next track meet will be the White Sands relays on Play Day at the White Sands on April 10.

The Mathematics Section of the New Mexico Educational Association and the Southwest Section of the Mathematical Association of America is sponsoring its annual Mathematics contest for the high schools in the State on April 7. The contest features intraschool competition. The student submitting the highest ranking paper in each school will receive an award. Some scholarships will be awarded to the top contestants in the state. Ruidoso will participate.

The Senior Play proved a success as the class cleared about \$270. This money will go for the Senior trip which will be taken in May. Plans are being made to go to Long Beach, California.

Elementary School News

Mrs. Kilgore—First Grade
We have an interesting display of clay modeling on our table this week.

Our teachers, Mrs. Kilgore and Miss Christian, gave us a treat Friday when the older classes went to the Senior play. We walked over to La Fiesta and got ice cream cones, then listened to records the last period.

Those making 100 on the weekly spelling test were: Judy Frins, Ruth Volla, Lois Ann Lane, Annette Zimmerman, Judy Trujillo, Ingrid Vanderstok, Gerald Posey, Bobbie Sterling, Shirley Hicks, Pat Lamb and Mickie Morgan.

Mrs. Keese—Second Grade
Last Friday was Jimmy Carpenter's birthday and Monday was Bill Sturman's. We sang Happy Birthday to both of them. Mrs.

Your Vote and Influence Appreciated

C. D. "Uncle Charlie" Weems
Candidate for Police Judge Village of Ruidoso
April 6, 1954 Go and Vote

Stirman treated the class to a nice surprise party in honor of Bill's birthday. The cake was decorated with pretty Easter chicks and bunnies.

Mrs. Sullivan—Second Grade
A new pupil, Janice Wall, from California, has enrolled in our room.

Each one is making a scrapbook of animals and plants as we are studying about these in our new reading book. We have begun decorating our room for Easter.

Billy Hawkins has the chicken pox. Miss Walker—Third and Fourth

This week we were able to put some very good pictures on the bulletin board. They are drawings of Indian dances made by Jerry Comanche's father.

In arithmetic the class is now studying multiplication and division. We have completed our spelling and are now reviewing the words learned this year.

The class contributed \$3.00 to the Red Cross. **Mrs. Maurine Jones—4th Grade**

We welcomed into our room this month, Karen Cheney from Palo Alto, California, and Jake Myers from Tulsa, Oklahoma.

We are memorizing verses from the poem, "Hiawatha."

Now that we have completed work in multiplication and division, we have begun the study of fractions and stated problems.

Our daily lessons now include arithmetic, reading, language, science, history, geography and spelling.

Mrs. Maguire—Fifth Grade
Those who made one hundred in spelling last week were: Anita Salles, Cruz Padilla, Kathryn Akin, Eleanor Spear, Sistero Candillario, Gene Scott, and Vernon Scott.

We are making crayon etchings by coloring 3 colors then blacking over it, then scraping on the black with tools.

Our new reading workbooks came in. We are making Easter eggs with egg shells, paper, and paste.

We are beginning the study of the Western States this week in Geography.

Mrs. Samelson—Fifth Grade
Two girls this week will celebrate birthdays. They are Nora Rue and Lydia Salas. Lydia said that she is going to surprise the children.

The children have a new bulletin board on which to display their maps and regional pictures. We are all waiting for a nice warm school day so we can visit the Wheeler Museum.

Mr. Kaufman—Sixth Grade
Two large bulletin boards now grace our hallway, by the courtesy of Mr. Bruce and Mr. Fuchs.

The wind has curtailed our track and softball activity somewhat. Gerald Tully is back in school after a siege of scarlet fever.

One of the class will be chosen this week to compete against the 7th and 8th grade winners in the forthcoming spelling bee.

MRS. GENE DODSON TO PRESENT PUPILS IN PIANO RECITAL
Mrs. Gene Dodson is to present her piano students in a recital in the Buffalo Room of Navajo Lodge Monday evening at 7:30 p. m., she announced this week. Unique on the program will be several numbers in which two, four and six hands will play, and some numbers in which parents will play with their children. The public is cordially invited, she added.

Mrs. Robert Moore and daughter, Linda, are in Missouri attending the funeral of a relative who died early this week.

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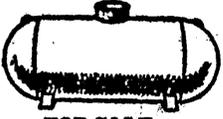
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Mescalero Apaches Clarify Claim To Fort Stanton Hospital Acreage; Appear At Congressional Hearing

Editor's Note: Following is a statement presented on Feb. 19 before a Congressional committee hearing by Rev. Wendell Chino, tribal head of the Mescalero Apache Indian Reservation, concerning the Apaches' claim to the ranchlands around historic old Fort Stanton. The News prints this statement to help clear the rumors floating about the state that the Mescalero tribe might lay "claim" to all the lands in New Mexico lying between the Pecos and the Rio Grande Rivers.

Statement of the Apache Tribe of the Mescalero Reservation in Support of H. R. 6728

Mescalero Reservation, New Mexico. I am making this statement in support of H. R. 6728, on behalf of the Apache Tribe of the Mescalero Reservation.

It has been determined by the Surgeon General of the United States that the Fort Stanton Marine Hospital Reservation, in the State of New Mexico, including the hospital buildings and structures on the Reservation, as well as the land, is no longer required by the Public Health Service for the purpose for which the Reservation was established.

H. R. 6728, in substance, authorizes a conveyance to the State of New Mexico, for hospital purposes, of the Fort Stanton hospital buildings and structures, together with adjacent grounds not in excess of

1600 acres. H. R. 6728 further provides that title to the balance of the lands within the Fort Stanton reservation, consisting of approximately 25,000 acres, "is declared to be in the United States in trust for the Mescalero Tribe of Indians, and shall be administered by the Secretary of the Interior for the benefit of the said Indians."

We believe that this disposition of the Fort Stanton Marine Hospital Reservation, as provided in H. R. 6728, would be the wisest and most equitable disposition in the public interest and in the fulfillment of prior commitments of the United States for the following reasons:

1. This Fort Stanton land was part of the original homelands of the Mescalero Apaches for many, many years before the white settlers came to New Mexico. In fact the land was in the very center and heart of the original homelands of the Mescaleros. In 1852, the United States made a treaty of peace with the Mescaleros and in this treaty the United States solemnly promised to "designate,

settle and adjust the territorial boundaries" of the Mescaleros and to protect the Mescaleros in their homelands, but because of a historical error, which is explained below, the United States never fulfilled this promise. Accordingly, the Mescaleros now respectfully ask that the Congress of the United States fulfill, in small part, the promise which the United States made to them a little over a hundred years ago by restoring to the use and occupation of the Mescalero Apaches, the surplus land of the Fort Stanton Reservation, which were part of the very heart of the original Mescalero homelands.

2. When the Fort Stanton Military Reservation was created, it was established on land which belonged to the Mescalero Apaches and which had been reserved for them. This land was originally taken by the United States for the special use and purpose as a military reservation and later it was reserved and set apart for use as a marine hospital reservation. No payment was made by the United States to the Mescaleros for this land. Now that this land is no longer needed by the United States for these purposes, it is fair and equitable that this land should be returned in trust for the use of the Mescaleros, the original owners of the land.

The disposal of this land in trust for the benefit and use of the Mescalero Apaches would greatly benefit the Mescalero people and would, in particular, greatly facilitate their cattle industry. As is explained in more detail below, the wisest disposition of the land could be made by the Congress of the United States.

The Original Homelands of the Mescalero Apaches
The land of the Fort Stanton Reservation which is involved here was part of the original homelands of the Mescalero Apache tribe. In fact, this land was in the very center of the original homelands of the Mescalero Apaches.

For hundreds of years before the white men came to that part of the American Southwest which is now the State of New Mexico, the Mescalero Apaches lived in and occupied the southern part of New Mexico, including the land which is now part of the Fort Stanton Reservation.

The earliest recorded explorations of the area which is the present day State of New Mexico did not reach that region until the sixteenth century. However, students of history and archeology place the entrance of the Apache into this region at about 1100 A. D. In any event, there are numerous references in the writings of explorers during the 16th, 17th, 18th and 19th centuries which locate the Mescalero Apaches in

their homelands in the southern part of the present State of New Mexico. These include, among the earliest, the chronicles recounting the journeys of 1540-1542 of Francisco Vasquez de Coronado, as well as of the Espejo expedition of 1582-1583, and of Vincente de Salazar Mendoza of 1599 and of Padre Alonso Benavides of 1630. The writings and evidence gathered by historians and archeologists including Bolton, Bancroft, Thomas, Bandelier, Hodge and Twitchell, all confirm that the Mescaleros occupied this area from earliest times. This has been reconfirmed by the researches and studies and investigations of modern ethnologists.

There can be no dispute that the southern part of New Mexico, which includes the Fort Stanton land was part of the original homelands of the Mescalero Apaches.

During a period of two hundred years prior to 1848, there was intermittent warfare between the Apaches, on the one hand, and the Spaniards and Mexicans on the other hand. Numerous attempts were made by the Spaniards and the Mexicans to conquer the Apaches and to take possession of their homelands but all these attempts failed.

Then, by the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, ratified on February 2, 1848, a large expanse of territory in the American Southwest which included the homelands of the Mescalero Apaches was ceded by Mexico to the United States. At the time of this treaty, the Mescaleros were in undisputed possession and control of the lands which include the southern part of the present state of New Mexico.

The United States recognized that the Mescalero Apaches occupied and lived in this land. Accordingly on July 1, 1852, the United States entered into a treaty (10 Stat. 978) with the Mescalero Apaches as well as other Apache Tribes. Article 9 of this treaty which was ratified by the Senate of the United States and proclaimed by the President provided as follows:

"Relying confidently upon the justice and the liberality of the aforesaid government and anxious to remove every possible cause that might disturb their peace and quiet, it is agreed by the aforesaid Apache Government and the United States that they shall at their earliest convenience designate, settle and adjust their territorial boundaries and pass and execute in their territory such laws as may be deemed conducive to the prosperity and happiness of said Indians."

This was the solemn promise made by the United States to the Mescaleros, 102 years ago, "to designate, settle and adjust their territorial boundaries."

Undisputed history shows that the United States never fulfilled this promise to the Mescalero Apaches.

The Mescalero Apache would also like to say a few words on the question as to why the United States never kept the promise to the Mescalero Apaches which was made in the Treaty of July 1, 1852. History supported by documents in the National Archives supply the reason. It appears that some years after the Treaty of July 1, 1852 was ratified, Government lawyers gave the opinion that, as a matter of law, the United States was not bound to recognize Indian right of occupancy and possession to the so-called Mexican Cession lands which the United States acquired by the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo. The United States had a firmly established policy in those years to negotiate treaties of cession with the various Indian tribes in all other parts of the United States. However, acting on the basis of this legal opinion, the United States did not enter into a treaty of purchase with the Mescalero Apaches. Some 90 years later, the Supreme Court of the United States had occasion to rule on this legal question and it ruled that the previous legal opinion of the Government lawyers was wrong. It ruled that the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo had not wiped out Indian land rights in the Mexican Cession Lands, and that Indian tribes occupying lands in the Mexican Cession area had the same rights as Indian tribes in other parts of the United States. (United States vs. Santa Fe Pacific R. R., 314 U. S. 359 (1941))

The Mescalero Apaches today ask the Congress of the United States to fulfill in small part, the solemn promise which the United States made to them approximately 100 years ago and to correct the earlier error, by "designating, settling and adjusting" the surplus land of the Fort Stanton Marine Reservation in trust for the use and occupation of the Mescalero Apaches.

The Fort Stanton Reservation

The Fort Stanton Military Reservation was originally established on land which belonged to the Mescalero Apaches. Originally the Fort Stanton Reservation was used as a military reservation. Later, the reservation was re-created by Executive Order into the Fort Stanton Marine Hospital Reservation. The Mescalero Apaches never paid for this land.

It further appears that the land of the Fort Stanton Marine Hospital Reservation was within the boundaries of the area which had been originally marked out as a reservation for use and occupancy of the Mescalero Apaches, but was later withdrawn and incorporated into the Fort Stanton Reservation.

Now that this Fort Stanton land is no longer required for the purposes for which it had been used, namely, for the Public Health Service for hospital uses, it is just and fair that this land be returned to its original owners, the Mescaleros, who were never paid for the land when it was taken by the United States for use in the Fort Stanton Reservation.

The Proposed Use of the Land by the Mescaleros

The Fort Stanton land, which is involved here, is ideally suited for cattle grazing purposes. The approximate grazing capacity of the land is in the neighborhood of 1000 cattle year long. The land is situated in favorable lower country climate.

The Mescaleros are engaged in the cattle industry. This land is in very close proximity to the land in the present Mescalero reservation. If this land were made avail-

able for the use of the Mescaleros, one of the major weaknesses of the present Mescalero cattle operation would be remedied. This would greatly facilitate the use of the Mescaleros' land and benefit the Mescaleros as well as the community at large.

The Mescaleros presently have a claim suit pending against the United States before the Indian Claims Commission, for payment for the original homelands of the Mescaleros which the United States took from the Mescaleros. The Mescaleros need and want this Fort Stanton land which originally belonged to them. They do not want money for the land. If this Fort Stanton land is made available to the Mescaleros for their use then this will be a proper offset against any recovery which the Mescaleros may be granted in their claim suits against the United States.

Conclusion
The Mescaleros respectfully say that as a matter of fairness, equity, and justice and in the best public interest, H. R. 6728 should be enacted into law, and respectfully urge that this honorable Committee approve H. R. 6728.

The Mescalero Apaches are prepared to document fully each and every factual statement made in this writing by submitting to this Committee authentic documents from the National Archives as well as other authorities.

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