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WHEN TROUBLOUS times prevail, human beings turn to religion for comfort. This statement is borne out by reports from churches all over the country. All denominations report doubled increases in attendance at all services. People have their most comfortable refuge in spirituality, it appears.

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REPORTS from all over the United States say that holiday trade matched and in some places exceeded all former peaks. Here in Chandler, trade during the early part of the Christmas season was slow, but the final two days before Christmas was entirely satisfactory according to reports from a large number of merchants.

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NOTHING but satisfaction was expressed over the rains of last week. The heavy rains in the Valley stopped all demand for irrigation water, and the unusually heavy precipitation on the watershed and consequent runoff brought smiles to every farmer and business man in the central valleys of the state.

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"MR. WALTER RALEIGH STAGES A COMEBACK"

(Contributed)

"It's a wet rain that blows nobody good — or something or other," says Roy Wolfe, Highway patrolman. Roy was driving Kate Eve with its mud and slush and he spies a woman—not so old—not so young, weaving to and fro between Redfield corners to make the sidewalk by the postoffice. Her goal almost reached, she finds the biggest puddle of them all—and a hat car parked in the dry spot. She starts unpuddling herself but not low enough. Said Patrolman hears her—quick to the rescue—picks up woman and carries her safely across. N. B. F. S., The woman in question is too big for a woman—not large enough for a horse.

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Mrs. Maude S. Sparks, who will begin her fourth term as justice of the peace of Chandler precinct on January first, is the only woman in Arizona who holds the office of justice, according to a compilation made by the United Press recently.

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WE DOUBT if there is a spot on earth which is more completely photogenic than is the state of Arizona. Arizona Highways magazine, published each month by the Arizona Highway Department, averages about forty pages with an average of about thirty-five of those pages carrying pictures of scenes in Arizona.

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WE DOUBT that there has ever been a publication which carries, so consistently, such excellent pictures. And each month, we are surprised that the editors can find a new set of scenes of beautiful, gorgeous, enthralling, colorful, fantastic, weird, overwhelming, stupefying, soothing, surprising, magnificent Arizona.

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WE ALWAYS thought we knew Arizona well—and we still think we know a lot about what Arizona contains in the way of scenery and interest. But we are learning a lot, each month, from Arizona Highways.

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Officials of the Arizona Highway Department say that it will take more than twenty million dollars more to make the present

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State News Round-up

Final figures on the wholesale business of Arizona for 1940 may show a higher total than for 1929, a report by the Phoenix Chamber of Commerce indicate. U. S. Census figures have showed that the 1929 wholesale turnover was nearly equal to 1929, and 1940 sales rated nearly six per cent. Above 1929 for the first eleven months of the year.

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Cotton growers of Arizona are with intent on January 15th to make plans to delay cotton planting in an endeavor to eradicate pink bollworm.

Plantings have been delayed till after June 15th in some sections, if the growers agree to the movement.

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The heavy rains of the past three weeks, covering almost all of Arizona, have contributed largely to a resumption of flood highway business, and a multitude of traffic, which have strained the capacity of hospitals in some spots.

Rainbow Natural Bridge

The Rainbow Natural Bridge has been described as "rainbows imprisoned in stone." The description is apt, for this bridge, greatest of all known natural bridges, is a symmetrical arch both above and below, closely following the arch of a rainbow. The salmon-pink bridge, so nearly perfect in its proportions as to dwarf all human architecture, is a sheer 309 feet in the clear from the bottom of the gorge. Automobiles may be driven to within a day's horseback trip of the bridge. Travelers visiting the bridge leave U. S. Highway 66 at Flagstaff, travel northward over U. S. 89 to the Navajo Indian trading center at Tuba City and from there northward through the Navajo Indian reservation, through Navajo National Monument to the Arizona-Utah Border.

Interesting Talks Promised For C. Of C. Dinner

Reg Manning Sure To Be Present For Affair On January Thirteenth

Chandlerites are urged to keep open the evening of Friday, January 13th, for 1941's first Chamber of Commerce Roundup Dinner. Mrs. Blanche E. Murray, secretary of the Chamber, said this week.

She called attention again to the fact that Reg Manning, nationally known cartoonist, whose clever drawings are featured daily in the Arizona Republic, will be the principal speaker for the program of the evening.

The dinner will take place in the cafeteria of the high school, and will start at 7:30. Those planning to attend are urged to make reservations early, and to be on time for the dinner.

Another part of the program will be a surprise, Mrs. Murray said, and the entire evening promises to be one of exceptional interest.

Mr. Manning, whose cartoons have been so outstanding as to cause their originator on Adolph Hitler's black list, said in a note to Mrs. Murray last week that his "talky" usually last about twenty minutes, and he added "or less if signs of fatigue develop in the audience". Those who have heard him talk, however, say that he is most interesting — so his "fear" of fatigue in the audience is not well founded.

Regarding the rest of the program, Mrs. Murray said that the surprise would be an outstanding one — something entirely different from any yet had at one of the Roundup Dinners of the Chamber, which have proven so popular during the past year and a half.

The toastmaster for the occasion has not yet been announced and whether or not Dr. K. M. Gilbert, president of the Chamber, will be able to be present for the dinner is not yet known.

HIT AND RUN DRIVER KILLS FATHER OF NINE

No clues have been obtained to date to the identity of the hit and run driver who car struck and killed Demetrio Garcia, 45, of old Chandler district, father and father of nine children early Christmas morning.

The body of the man was discovered early that morning by Bill Collier, lying near the edge of the pavement about 6½ miles west of Chandler. Apparently the man had died instantly. His legs and hips were broken, and his skull fractured and he had been dragged for some distance along the pavement. The driver left no marks of brakes, although apparently he had stepped and pulled the body loose from his car.

Officers said that the status of the driver might have been observed by fog which had settled down in the district, H. B. Ingram, that the life of the victim might have been saved if the accident care had been given him.

Robbers Break Into Stores

Rob Baby's Bank At San Marcos Cleaners; No Clues Found

The meanest man in the world has been in Chandler.

The fellow who robbed the baby's bank is still at large, but officers have hopes of finding him soon, and putting him where he won't have another chance to take "candy from the kiddies" for a while.

It all came about this way. A robber—sneak thief—or similar miscreant attempted to break into the Ulub Pool Hall early Tuesday morning, but failed to gain entrance. However, he did force the rear door of the San Marcos Cleaners' establishment, and the Modern Barber and Beauty Shop.

In the Cleaners, he threw clothes helter-skelter all over the place, looking for money, but failed to find anything except Mr. and Mrs. Harley's baby's bank, which contained about five dollars in dimes. This money he took.

Nothing else was taken from the cleaning establishment, but from the beauty shop, he took a small clock, and from the barber shop, stole three razors. Officers investigating the robbery said the front door of Payne Brothers' grocery was open, but nothing was missing. The robbery took place some time after 11:30 p. m. Monday, although the exact time was not known.

Miss Tamsam Saba, proprietor of the Modern Beauty and Barber Shop, was in her establishment until 11:30, and the robbery had not taken place at that time. The vandalism was discovered about 8:00 o'clock Tuesday morning, when Mrs. Harley opened the San Marcos Cleaners.

No clues to the identity of the thieves has been obtained.

The Valley National Bank building was also entered, and a few articles of small value taken from the cages. Only old coins and similar articles were taken, the vault not having been entered.

OFFICERS TO BE INSTALLED BY WOMEN OF BAPTIST CHURCH

Installation of officers will be the principal business of the meeting Tuesday afternoon of the Women's Missionary Society of The First Baptist Church, Mrs. C. C. Harden will be in charge of the installation.

Officers to be installed are Mrs. L. D. Curry as president, Mrs. L. E. Stewart, first vice-president, Mrs. Ben B. Smith, second vice-president, Mrs. W. P. Pleasant, third vice-president, Mrs. C. C. Harden, secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Lawrence Brookhart, Mission Study Chairman, Mrs. Florence Link, Stewardship chairman, Mrs. H. D. Nicholson, Publicity Schools and Margaret Fund chairman, Mrs. C. A. Livingston, pianist, and Mrs. Hoyt McCroskey, Sunbeam Leader.

45TH DIVISION FAST BECOMING MOTORIZED; GET 500 NEW TRUCKS

Ft. Sill Division Training Center (Special)—Uncle Sam's Christmas present to the 45th Division was three solid train loads of more than 500 bright new shining trucks.

With 800 of these vehicles already in use by the division and an expected 1,100 by the 15th of January, the 45th Division is fastbecoming a motorized unit, according to division quartermaster Lt. Colonel Fenton M. Wood.

Last Thursday 41 trucks were unloaded at the central depot, and 42 were received the day before.

Used to carry soldiers, ammunition, weapons, and medium artillery guns, the trucks are given a 500 mile road test as soon as they are received by the service companies of the various units.

Four kinds of trucks are used by the 45th Division, all of which are the newly developed sub-transmission type. At present each of the four infantry regiments have 39 of the lighter type.

Painted a "field color" they are of a duller finish than the old issue.

MOFFITT RECEIVES HURT WHILE SITTING IN PARKED CAR

John Moffitt, Jr., suffered a painful injury last week, when the car in which he was sitting—parked—was struck by another fast traveling automobile. The accident occurred in Mesa. The Moffitt car was turned completely around by the impact, and Moffitt received a bad cut over his left eye. Several stitches were taken to close the wound.

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Mr. and Mrs. Dan Francis were dinner guests of Mrs. Francis' mother, Mrs. Stella Hartlett of Phoenix on New Year's Eve.

High Water Covers Areas Near Chandler

Thousands Of Acres Inundated By Floods From Queen Creek and Superstitions; Damage Uncertain

Southwest Portion Of Town Gets More Than Share Of Water; Drainage Ditches, Storm Sewer Unable To Handle Excess; Farmers Jubilant Over Heavy Rains

Latest information regarding the flood conditions near Chandler show that the danger of water coming into town is past, unless additional rain falls in the mountains and sends down a flash flood not now in evidence.

No estimate can be made of the amount of damage the floods from Queen Creek and the Superstition slope are causing. Latest reports say that while the water has not gotten into Gilbert badly, the Higley Norton Corner and Queen Creek areas are all under water, in some places the water flowing as much as four feet in depth.

The railroad embankment southeast of Gilbert, washed out in many places, which probably accounts for the water failing to run into Gilbert. It was impossible to get to Queen Creek Wednesday.

South of Chandler, the flood water overtaxed the irrigation canals and crossed over a large area, flooding the road both north and south of Hamilton's Corner for several miles, and covering traffic down shortly.

The main line railroad embankment was sandbagged and patrolled for miles south of Chandler Wednesday during the early part of the week. Also the banks of the Consolidated canal were being patrolled to prevent, if possible, breaks which would let the water through and flood more land east and south of Chandler.

While the recent heavy rains have gladdened the hearts of everyone in the state, with promises for fine range conditions, and for ample water in irrigation reservoirs for irrigation purposes during the coming crop growing season, Valley people have been smiling much considerably discomfiture occasioned by high water in many sections.

First, there is the matter of some farmers whose cotton crops have not been picked and some suffering by the pickers, who have been unable to get into the fields for nearly two weeks.

East of Chandler, following the heavy rains of Sunday night, Monday and Tuesday, the Queen Creek, Higley, and Gilbert districts, and all of the area east and south of Chandler, has been flooded. Water was reported two feet deep in and around Norton's corner, east of Chandler early Tuesday, even before the heavy rain that afternoon.

Chandler itself was bothered with overflowing ditches, flooded streets, and high water which drainage ditches and storm sewers could not handle. While endeavoring to cut ditches Monday afternoon to drain off the water, the grader itself became mired above the wheels on one side, and efforts to get the vehicle out with small caterpillars Tuesday were unavailing.

During the heavy storm Tuesday afternoon, the storm sewer of the town were filled to capacity, and water backed up into some streets of the town for several minutes.

In the southwest part of town, the streets were completely filled with water, and residents in that section were unable to use their cars on account of the high level of the water.

Leaking roofs added to the inconvenience of some merchants and home owners, and raincoats, rubber boots and galoshes were at a premium. A seldom seen article has come back into general use on Chandler streets—umbrellas being seen often.

Within the unusual discomfort, however, there is plenty of optimism pervading. Free predictions are made that before the spring runoff into the reservoirs is through, that a million acre feet will be available for use of Salt River Valley farmers, and predictions that crops and range production will be bumper ones for 1941 have been made by all observers.

Heavy snows on the watershed set on top of ground soaked by the heavy rains, in addition to the record runoff for December, a heavy spring runoff, and make the predictions of a million acre-feet by growing season well within the realm of possibility, and indicate that the optimism of people in Arizona's great agricultural area is based on firm foundation.

GEORGE FRYE TO SERVE AS SUPERVISOR CHAIRMAN

George Frye, of Chandler, member of the Board of Supervisors from this district (number one) will be named to serve as chairman of the Board during 1941, it was said in official circles this week.

Mr. Frye will succeed John A. Foote as chairman of the Board. Mr. Foote has been serving as chairman for nearly two years, William C. Peterson resigned from the Board to become tax commissioner.

Mr. Frye started his fourth term as a member of the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors on January first.

Woods, Western Auto Win Xmas Decoration Prizes

Lion's Club Head Says Christmas Dress-Up Outstanding

The decorations committee of the Chandler Lions Club, awarded the prizes for the best decorated home in Chandler and the best decorated business house Christmas Day, after making a survey of the homes of Chandler Christmas Eve and Christmas night.

Reno Dunbar, president of the club, announced that Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Woods received the award for the home decorations, and the Western Auto Supply store received the advertising award for the finest decorations among business houses.

The Woods' home decorations consisted of a pair of lighted Christmas trees—one at each front corner of the yard, framing the front of the house. On top of the front porch, and climbing upward to the roof, was Santa Claus and his string of reindeer, flood lighted.

The Western Auto windows were outstanding in their decorative effect. One of the big window was decorated to simulate snow drifted against the window of small window panes, with lights inside, and the other was decorated in a more conventional style, with toys and other articles beautifully displayed.

Other homes which carried outstanding decorations were the William H. Bond home, the Dr. C. L. von Puhle residence, the Dr. J. M. Meason home, the T. J. Frost home, the Robert H. Vest, Dr. K. M. Gilbert, Mrs. Grace Sanders, and other homes.

Atop the high school building was a big lighted tree, which marked the north entrance to the town.

Other beautifully decorated stores downtown included the Central Arizona Light and Power company office, the Chandler Electric Company, the Sprouse-Reitz store, Bashas, the Geo. Y. Wah store, the J. C. Penney store, and most of the other commercial establishments in the downtown area.

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Work Started On Extension Of Water Mains South Of Town; Road Through Park Held Up By Rainy Weather

Preliminary work was started on the extension of the water mains south from the Chandler city limits, and connecting with the city water mains, L. H. Edwards, city clerk, announced Tuesday. The work will be delayed until sufficient open weather is had to make excavations possible, however.

Nearly fifteen hundred feet of four and six-inch mains will be laid starting at the south city limit, and extending south through the Whitten addition, and across the highway into the Sunset addition. The most of the pipe to be used on the project, is the Town of Chandler is doing in cooperation with the Works Projects Administration, came from the city park, the pipe has having been used in the park formerly as water mains, and an irrigation system.

The new lines will replace the small and inadequate lines now serving part of the area, and will take in some additional area, give service to several families.

Since before Christmas, no work has been done on the pouring of the concrete slab on the new highway through the park, due to the heavy rains. No machinery could work in the deep mud and water in the area. Although the weather is clear, as soon as the weather is clear for a long enough period to permit the drying out of the ground, the work will continue.

Men have been working all week in an endeavor to drain off water standing in low spots in the park area. The most of this work has been accomplished. The drain ditches which run into the irrigation canals south of town, are in good condition, lower than the latter ditches, and the water will not run off.

The Council will hold its regular meeting for January Tuesday (Friday) with only routine business scheduled to be taken up by the city councilmen.

EIGHT CARS PILE UP ON CASA GRANDE HIGHWAY

The story published in the morning paper Wednesday that there were no injuries sustained of importance on December 31st, was erroneous, according to Mr. and Mrs. Ben Bates, who made a trip to Eloy Tuesday to bring their daughter home for the holiday.

On their way back from Eloy—between Casa Grande and the Pinal County line, on December 31st, an accident in which eight cars were piled up either on the road or in the ditch beside the road. Two cars were piled up in the middle of the third car which was parked partly on and partly off the highway. The road was dark and slippery and the other cars came down the scene too rapidly, and in attempting to avoid the piled up cars, either smashed broadside into the wreck, or sailed off into the narrow pit. One man was killed and another so badly injured that he was not expected to live.

Local Landmark is home from Ft. Sill for the holidays.

CALENDAR OF CHANDLER EVENTS

9 to 12 a. m. every day but Sunday, County library open at the high school.

Friday, January 3

8:00 p. m. Town Council meeting, city hall.

7:00 p. m. Baseball, Buckeye vs. Chandler, at high school gym.

Monday, January 6

7:30 p. m. Parent Education Class, W. P. A. Nursery School, Community House, Chandler Parks, Inc.

7:00 p. m. Red Cross First Aid Classes, (Adults), Guild Hall.

4:15 p. m. Red Cross First Aid Classes (Students), Guild Hall.

7:00 p. m. Young Women's Auxiliary of The First Baptist Church, at the church.

7:30 p. m. Junior Woman's Club, club house.

7:30 p. m. Boy Scout Troop No. 87, Legion Hall.

7:30 p. m. Boy Scout Explorer Troop, City Hall.

8:00 p. m. Eastern Star Practice Meeting, Masonic Hall.

Tuesday, January 7

7:00 p. m. Relief Society, LDS Church.

7:00 p. m. Woman's Missionary Society of The First Baptist Church, at the church.

4:00 p. m. Primary Society, LDS Church.

4:15 p. m. Junior Service Club, home of Mrs. Roy Dobson.

7:30 p. m. Mutual Improvement Association, LDS Church.

7:30 p. m. Boy Scout Troop No. 81, LDS Church.

7:30 p. m. Catholic Youth Club, basement of St. Mary's.

8:00 p. m. Woodmen of The World, Public Installation of Officers, Legion Hall.

Wednesday, January 8

9:30 a. m. Red Cross Distribution headquarters open, L. D. S. Church.

7:30 p. m. Senior Woman's Club, clubhouse.

8:00 p. m. American Legion Auxiliary, Legion Hall.

8:00 p. m. Eastern Star, Masonic Hall.

Thursday, January 9

12:15 p. m. Rotary Club, Legion Hall.

7:30 p. m. Methodist Women's Society at the Church.

7:30 p. m. Woman's Missionary Society of The First Church of Christ, at the home of Mrs. Geo. Armstrong.

8:00 p. m. Woodmen of The World Circle No. 49, Installation of officers, home of Mrs. Walter Bagley, Guardian.

8:00 p. m. Altruna Club anniversary dinner, Mesa.

8:00 p. m. Get Together Bridge Club, home of Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Sanborn.