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WEATHER

Forecast: New Mexico, fair tonight and Saturday; colder in southeast, warmer Saturday other areas.
U. S. Garmecio reading for 24 hours ending at 8 a. m. today, high 41; low 15.

Japs Dodge 'Showdown' In U. S. Reply

Speaker Says Fast Defense Building Hits At Hitler

Army Men, State Officials Join Redmen In Ceremonies At Wingate Job Dedication

"Every time we get a job like this completed—especially ahead of schedule—we gain a lap on Hitler, the man we have to beat in this battle of defense construction," Major Henry McKenzie of Washington, construction division executive officer of the quartermaster general's office, asserted in an address this afternoon before a large group of high state and army dignitaries and other persons attending the formal dedication of the new Wingate Ordnance depot.

Adding color to the occasion, Navajo Indian medicine men and the Inter-Tribal All-Indian band had prominent parts in the rites.

Report Girls' Disappearance

A search for two missing Gallup girls—Patty Lou, 12, and her sister, Betty Sue, nine—was being spread all direction from Gallup today with no traces found yet.

The girls, who live with Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Imboden, 324 Foch, disappeared from the family home at 4:30 p.m., yesterday and not a single clue to their whereabouts has been found, local officers said today.

Cooperating in the spreading search are Sheriff Mickey Mollica's office, Chief of Police Kelsey Presley's staff, state patrolmen, and the New Mexico port of entry.

In addition, requests for any information has been wired to police offices in Albuquerque and Phoenix, and relatives of the family in Fort Worth, Tex., and Clovis have been asked to maintain a watch for the girls.

Sheriff Mollica said the family had no possible clue to the girls' voluntary leave-taking and a theory that they might have accompanied some other person away from the home has been considered.

Undersheriff D. W. Roberts last night and today spent hours of contacting all possible persons near the home and at school in a futile effort to get some lead on the cause of the mysterious disappearance.

The elder of the pair has light brown hair and blue eyes and was wearing a white handkerchief on her head and a rust-colored coat. The younger has dark brown hair, hazel eyes and was wearing a dark red coat and no hat.

Trio Sentenced In Man's Death

BEL AIR, Md., Dec. 5 (AP)—A weeping 16-year-old boy was sentenced to 12 years imprisonment Thursday for the roadside slaying of Grainger C. Browning during the runaway escape of three Alexandrian, Va., youngsters.

The boy, Herbert H. Cox, Jr., was sentenced by Associate Judge Frederick Lee Colburn after pleading guilty to the murder of Browning, 38-year-old carpenter, last Oct. 12.

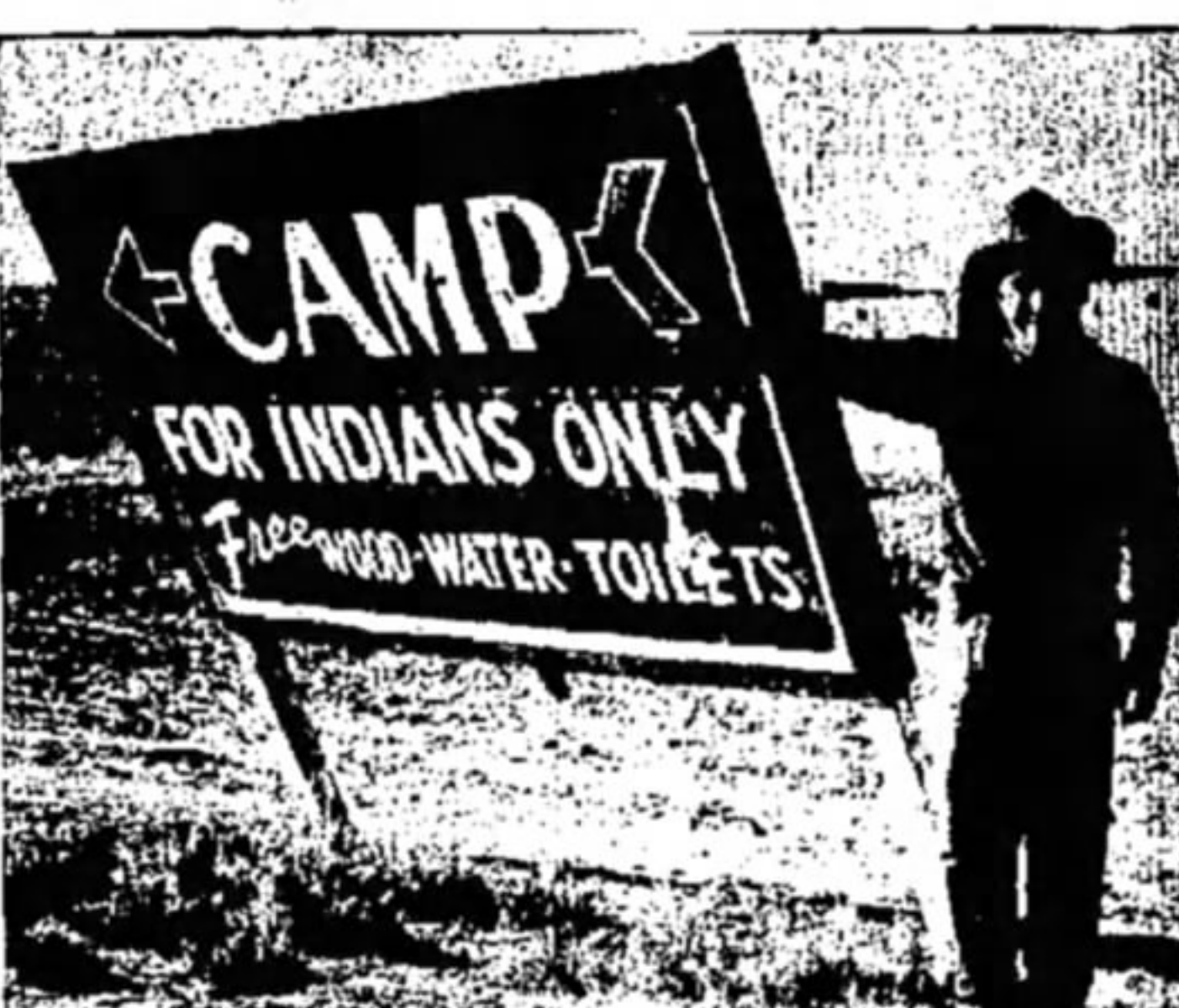
Mrs. Cox sobbed as Judge Colburn pronounced sentence, and Ida May Price, 15, collapsed when she was committed with Leona Ellen Cunningham, 14, to the Montrose School for Girls as accessories after the fact. The judge directed that the girls be kept there until they become 21, or before at discretion of school officials.

Judge Colburn declared the case "baffles any reasonable solution." The trio ran away from their trailer camp homes in Alexandria the night of Oct. 12. Before dawn, Cox shot Browning because, he said in a signed statement, the former North Carolinian "was making love to Ida May."

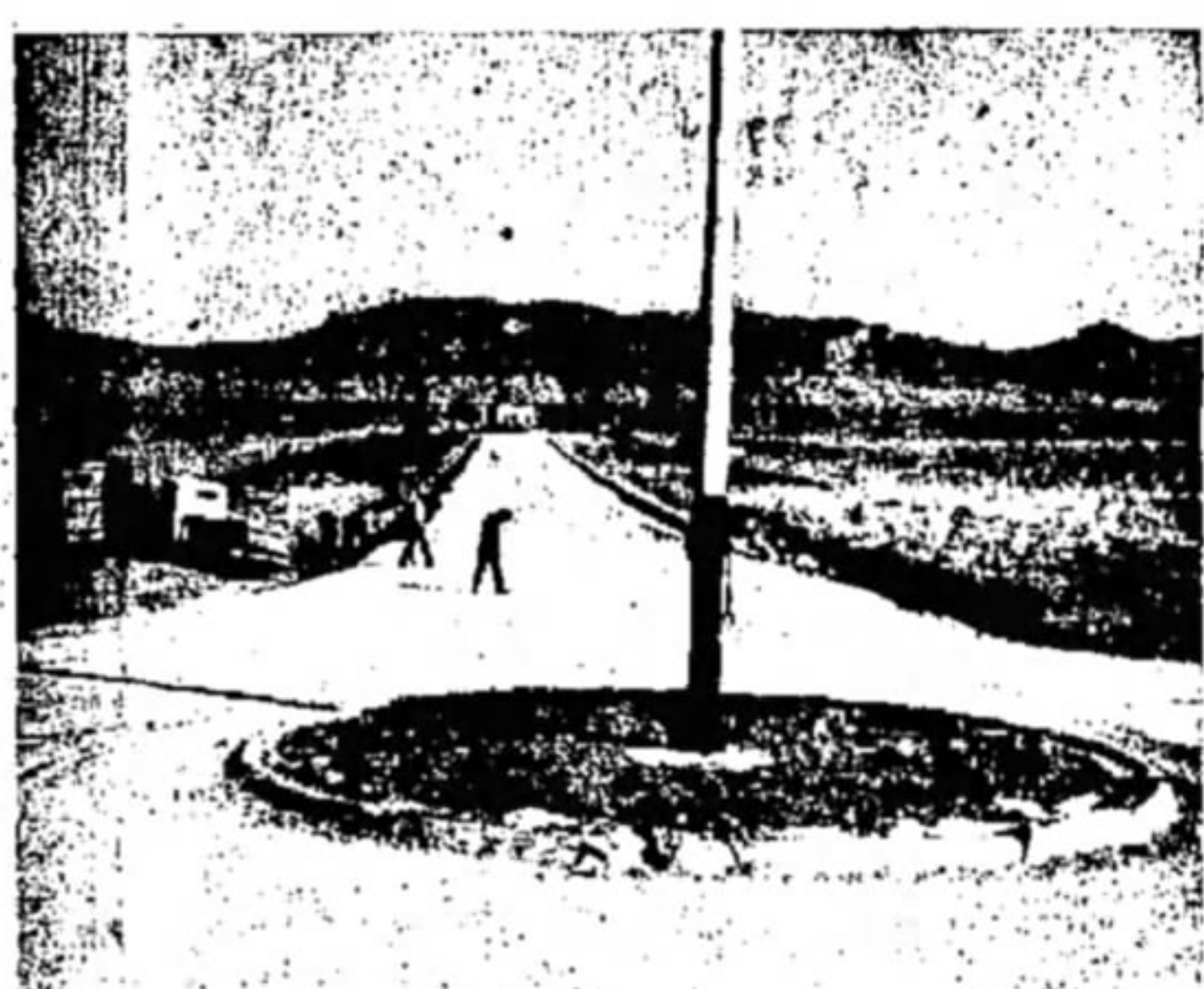
CANDIDATE IS "OUT"

SANTA FE, Dec. 5 (AP)—Gail S. Carter, chairman of the public service commission, declared today "definitely I will not be a candidate" for governor, and added that Governor Miles is limiting his political remarks to the weather.

Modern Construction Against Background Of Old-Time West



In the photos shown above, the modern highway entrance to the rebuilt and modernized munitions depot at Wingate is a sharp contrast to the scene at the left wherein one of the Indian workers who won acclaim for their untiring efforts, points the way to where reservation residents set up temporary community life for themselves and their families near the site.



Russians Retake Much Ukraine Territory As Germans Retreat

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Russia's Ukraine armies were reported today to have recaptured 4,000 square miles of territory on the Rostov-Donets front, wresting "hundreds" of villages from the Nazis, while in the north, Soviet sources admitted the Germans had opened a violent new onslaught northeast of Moscow.

It was reported the German push broke through Red defense below Klin and continued eastward toward Dmitrov, 40 miles north of Moscow.

In the south, Russian military leaders claimed their forces had reached the Mius river "where the Germans are trying to form a new front."

Admit Nazi Stand

Soviet sources acknowledged Nazi rear-guard detachments are holding out in parts of Tuganog, 40 miles west of Rostov, but said the Russians (Continued on Last Page)

Suspend Mail In Points In Greece

"All mail service between the United States and Greece has been suspended indefinitely, the postal service today notified Postmaster Dominic Rolfe.

Those persons contemplating mailings to that country are warned to be governed accordingly, as such mail cannot be forwarded to its destination.

Laud Indians For Service To U.S.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5 (AP)—A surprisingly large number of the nation's Indians have responded to both military and civilian needs of defense, Indian Commissioner John Collier said today in his annual report to Secretary Ickes.

Almost one out of every 10 Indians between the ages of 21 and 35 had joined the nation's armed forces by July, 1941, he stated, and thousands of other Indians had found employment during the year on army projects, in aircraft, tank, shipbuilding and other defense factories.

Resources of the Indian country are ready to meet demands of the international crisis due to efforts made toward conservation during the last decade, Collier added.

Indian lands are in better condition now than in any time during the last 20 years, the commissioner said due to soil and water conservation.

He attributed the usefulness in defense industries to progress made during the last 10 years through Indian school, the CCC and Indian service construction projects.

As many Indians volunteered for service in the armed forces as have been inducted through selective service, Collier declared.

To Seek Members For Hiway Group

Local men who attended the regional conference of Highway 66 association at Williams, Ariz., recently, are now endeavoring to carry into effect one of the actions agreed upon there. It was decided to seek business and individual memberships as well as chamber of commerce.

O. Ganzerla, manager of All States Auto Court, and W. H. Furbee, manager of La Siesta Motor Court, are asking the cooperation of hotels, auto courts, and other businesses directly interested in promoting tourist travel along this transcontinental highway. Funds obtained by such memberships will be used toward the advertising and promotional program planned at the Williams meeting.

Scout Rally Will Be Held Tuesday

First of a series of three rallies and courts of honor planned for Boy Scouts in the Gallup area during the year will be held next Tuesday evening in the junior high school gymnasium, Ralph D. Childs, district field executive, announced today. The program will start at 7:30 p.m. and parents and friends are invited in addition to troop committeemen and members.

Eight troops are scheduled to participate in the program, including the Methodist, Congregational, Sacred Heart, Rotary troops in Gallup, the Garmecio troop, and those from Navajo, Thoreau, and Ramah.

The first hour will be devoted to patrol games, followed by the regular court of honor and presentation of badges to boys qualifying.

Nurses Aid Course To Be Started Here

Anxious to have Nurses Aid classes organized here, the Civilian Council of Defense today requested any woman interested in the work to meet with Mrs. H. C. Denny, county Red Cross chairman, at the Gallup Art Center, old court house, between 2 and 4 o'clock Saturday.

This training course consists of 80 hours, of which 35 hours are in the form of lectures and the balance in practical work in the hospital. After the completion of this course, a 26-hour standard first aid course is required. Following this training, 150 hours of service a year must be given upon call for which no remuneration can be accepted.

Green River Law Signs For Gallup

Would-be peddlers and house-to-house canvassers are not going to have a chance to plead ignorance of Gallup's anti-peddler-chamber of commerce has had long ordinance hereafter. The signs painted reading "Green River Law Here," which are to be erected at all highway entrances to the city.

And it is taken for granted that those at whom the ordinance is directed will know that the words have nothing to do with a popular soft drink.

ANDERSON SAYS PRICE-CONTROL BILL IS USELESS

Price control legislation, as passed by the lower house of congress, is a misnomer, Representative Clinton P. Anderson, of New Mexico, who was one of the 64 Democrats voting against the measure, declared today in a letter written to C. Frank Knight of Los Cruces, a copy of which he sent to The Daily Independent.

"The bill as amended by the house had stricken from it anything that meant price control," he said. "It is a futile effort to meet the demand for price control by just passing something that the Democratic leadership knew was no good. It was passed on to the senate in the hope that that body could save the country."

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Ignore 'Basic Principles' Set Up In American Policy Statement; See More Talks

Japan today indicated a desire to avoid a war or peace showdown with the United States as a Tokyo spokesman predicted that both countries would "continue with sincerity to try and find a common formula for a peaceful solution in the Pacific."

The spokesman asserted that Washington had "misunderstood our fundamental policy," and that Secretary of State Cordell Hull's recent statement "seems to allege that we are following a policy of force and conquest in establishing military despotism."

This statement came as Japanese envoys delivered a reply to Secretary Hull, with Special Envoy Kurosu declaring he "hoped talks between the two countries would continue."

Federal Road Aid Suspended

Suspension indefinitely of all federal aid road building was announced in word received from Washington today by P. J. Vidol, chairman of the state highway commission.

This action, the reason for which was not given, will mean that the advertising for bids for improvements on Highway 66 in the Gallup area, also in the eastern part of the state, a further section of the Cuba-Farmington highway, and other important projects which had been planned by the highway commission for December 15 cannot be carried out at this time.

Funds for this purpose had already been appropriated and designated under the regular budget of the U. S. Bureau of Roads.

The Denver office of the federal Bureau of Roads had no further information on the subject today than that given in the announcement sent (Continued on Last Page)

High Officials To Attend Dance

Gallup residents will have a chance to meet and mingle with a number of ranking military men of the nation and state officials this evening at the "all out for fun" celebration dance given by the Gallup company of the New Mexico State Guard as the final event of the day in the dedication of the Wingate Ordnance depot.

In addition to Governor John E. Miles and Capt. Evan M. Johnson, on behalf of the regular army, who have already accepted invitations, acceptances were received Thursday from Adj. Gen. Russell C. Charlton of the N. M. N. G., and Major W. C. Ellis of the state guard forces.

"In addition to the 'big boys,' we will have as our guests every tough-boy and service man around Gallup now home on furlough and some of these youngsters look mighty keen in uniform after a year's training with Uncle Sam," Lt. Glenn Stimmler said.

A large parking area has been cleared around the K. P. hall and additional space will also be available across Coal avenue.

Grand Canyon Has Travel Increase

Although the customary seasonal decline in travel was recorded in November, compared with previous months, Grand Canyon National Park today reported that November travel showed an increase of 21.01 per cent over the corresponding month a year ago.

November visitors registered at the park totaled 14,529, against 12,006 a year ago. While auto travel continued on the upgrade, a notable increase was made in arrivals by train, such visitors running 40 per cent ahead of last year, in contrast to a general decline in train travel in the last two years. Total travel for the travel year to date was 41,214 against 36,211 a year ago. The number of cars entering the park was 4,520 in November, against 3,764 a year ago. Visitors coming by rail numbered 1558 against 1109 last year.

More than a third of the visitors were from California, and less than 5 per cent from Arizona itself. Travel from Europe and the Orient has practically ceased, but Canada and Latin America were all represented, as were all of the 48 states.

ARMY RECRUITER TO BE HERE SATURDAY

Sergeant L. H. Smith, recruiting officer for the United States Army, stationed at Albuquerque, will be in Gallup tomorrow to interview applicants for enlistment in the army air corps and prospective aviation cadets.

Set. Smith will be at the post office between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Saturday.

WOODS BUYS PLANE

Howard Woods, long an aviation enthusiast, has purchased a 65-horsepower Aeronca light plane from Justin LaFont, of Barstow, Calif. Wood plans to erect a hangar near one of the landing fields in this sector.

16 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT

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