# Letters Produced In Fraud Trial

## Missives Are Part Of Jury Indictment

The Government moved Tuesday afternoon to introduce correspondence from the files of Miss E. Ruth Piatt, Santa Fe abstractor, in the trial of Harry F. May, Washington, D. C., and L. B. Houff, Wichita, Kas., on mail fraud charges in U. S. District Court here.

A number of letters written to Miss Piatt by May are incorporated in the grand jury indictment, which alleges May and Houff schemed to defraud a number of persons in the sale of New Mexico oil and gas leases.

**Identifies Letters**

Miss Piatt was called to the stand shortly before the court recessed Tuesday and identified about a dozen letters and several telegrams exchanged in May's purchases of leases on large acreages of state land.

Before ruling on whether the letters would be admitted as evidence, Judge Colin Neblett gave Anthony Albert, defense counsel, until 9 a. m. Wednesday to study the exhibits and frame his objections.

Earlier Mrs. Stella Scalander, Coral Gables, Fla., identified Houff as a man who gave his name as R. Henry Morgan and who offered to pay $10 an acre for several thousand acres of New Mexico leases.

She testified that she and her husband pledged the oil royalties from one of their New Mexico leases to borrow more money to buy additional acreage.

**'Let Friends In Deal'**

On the strength of the telephone conversations with Houff, whom she said she knew as Morgan, Mrs. Sealander related, she not only spent her own money but "let several friends in on the deal."

Her husband, Carl Scalander, State Geologist A. Andreas and Leo Schutz of the state land office were among other Government witnesses called during the day.

Six other witnesses, among them several Florida residents whom the Government alleges were also sold leases by May "in an artifice to defraud," are scheduled to be called by the prosecution Wednesday. Four witnesses have been summoned by the defense.

## Statehouse Women Asked to Register

SANTA FE, Jan. 27 (AP)—Mrs. John E. Miles, wife of the governor, Tuesday asked all women statehouse employes to register Wednesday with the American Women's Volunteer Services.

Registration facilities will be set up in the Hall of Representatives.

Mrs. Miles added that all registrants would be fingerprinted at the request of the Office of Civilian Defense. Fingerprinting is to be handled in the governor's office Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

## Weather

Today's Report

Weather report for the 24 hours ending at 5:30 p. m. furnished by the U. S. Weather Bureau at Municipal Airport.

General Data

Precipitation is the amount of rain or melted snow in inches and hundredths, except amounts less than .10 inch not published.

| Station— | Temp'tures High | Low |
|---|---|---|
| NEW MEXICO | | |
| Albuquerque | 60 | 27 |
| Carrizozo | 62 | 25 |
| Clayton | 62 | 25 |
| Crownpoint | 60 | 27 |
| El Morro | 57 | 17 |
| Eagle | 64 | 34 |
| Farmington | 55 | 27 |
| Las Vegas | 60 | 23 |
| Mogollon | 60 | 24 |
| Otto | 62 | 13 |
| Raton | 59 | 15 |
| Rodeo | 71 | 29 |
| Roswell | 63 | 29 |
| Santa Fe | 55 | 21 |
| Socorro | 64 | 30 |
| Tucumcari | 64 | 24 |
| OTHER STATES | | |
| Amarillo | 63 | 25 |
| Denver | 59 | 30 |
| El Paso | 69 | 35 |
| Fort Worth | 65 | 44 |
| San Antonio | 74 | 45 |

Local Data

Highest temperature this date since 1893, 62 in 1935

Lowest temperature this date since 1893, 7 in 1927.

Tuesday's highest 60 at 4:00 p. m. Tuesday's lowest 27 at 6:00 a. m. Departure from normal for Tuesday plus 8. Accumulated excess since first of month plus 84.

Precipitation since first of month .13. Departure from normal since first of month minus .23.

Relative humidity, 6 a. m. 78; noon 51; 6 p. m. 37.

Wednesday's sunrise 7:09 a. m. Wednesday's sunset 5:31 p. m.

Wednesday's moon rise 2:38 p. m. Wednesday moonset 4:04 a. m.

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# Adjourn Politics With One Eye Open

SANTA FE, Jan. 27 (AP)—Signs of the times.

Lieut. Gov. Ceferino Quintana: "Because of the war, I don't think we should pay any attention to politics. But of course, with all that, we aren't going to let any other guys take advantage of us."

Revenue Commission J. O. Gallegos: "Why, in Socorro County we not only have material for a governor, but for president of the United States."

## Gasoline Tax Refunds Show Abuse Lacking, State Survey Shows

SANTA FE, Jan. 27 (AP)—The State Highway Department's planning survey reported Tuesday that New Mexico users of tax-refund gasoline have not abused their privilege.

Highway Engineer Burton Dwyre said the survey found that the amount of refund gasoline used last year corresponded within less than one per cent with the amount held theoretically necessary.

The examination was made, Dwyre said "to prove or disprove statements that refunds were not handled properly and were excessive."

Refunds totaling $618,738.50 were made last year on 12,374,770 gallons of gasoline, compared with $544,868.50 refunded in 1940 on 10,893,730 gallons.

The increase was caused largely by the necessity of farmers having to replant many crops washed out by the heavy rains of 1941, the survey showed.

## Automobile License Sale on Increase

Sale of automobile license plates has increased during the past two days, with about 200 being issued each day, Pat Vigil, distributor, reported Tuesday. He said about 3000 sets, or only about one-third of the estimated number of cars in the county, have been issued so far in January.

Vigil urged early purchase of the plates, saying motorists getting them now will not have to wait as long in line as those who wait until just before the March 1 deadline.

## Two-Thirds of Property Owners File Valuations

About two-thirds of the approximately 23,000 property owners in Bernalillo County have filed their tax schedules for 1942, Dan O'Bannon, county assessor, reported Tuesday.

The assessor has urged that schedules, the owner's sworn estimate of the value of his property, be filed by Feb. 1. Penalties, an addition to the valuation, are affixed for late filing, he said.

## Ranchmen to Get Tires; Other Rulings Deferred

SANTA FE, Jan. 27 (AP)—New Mexico stockmen will be able to get rationed tires and tubes for light trucks used in ranching operations, State Rationing Director S. M. Graf reported Tuesday.

The Government, however, has reached no decision on the eligibility of several other borderline cases which Graf laid before a conference at Chicago last week-end.

**TAX CASE THROWN OUT**

SANTA FE, Jan. 27 (AP)—Federal District court Tuesday dismissed an action brought by the State Bureau of Revenue from proceeding with distraint action filed for alleged non-payment of sales tax. The federal court ruled it could not have jurisdiction in a case involving law not yet construed by the state supreme court.

For the 1941 presidential inauguration, Congress appropriated $35,000, or $7000 less than in 1937.

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# Small Business Aid Plan Dropped

## All Can't Be Kept Alive, WPB Says

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27 (AP)—The War Production Board apparently abandoned Tuesday efforts to find a formula for keeping all small business alive. It told some 128,000 small manufacturers that "it is not intended to maintain non-essential industries when no effort is being made to tie their production into the war program."

At the same time, however, the board set up special machinery to aid small businesses handling war contracts or subcontracts and said it might be able to give priority assistance which would tide them over while their plants and factories are being converted to "war or other essential work."

The special machinery will cover manufacturers with an annual volume of business under $100,000.

A substantial proportion of the estimated 128,000 manufacturers in this class, the WPB said, are engaged exclusively in production for civilian use. Under a new "modified production requirements plan," all will be permitted to apply for blanket priorities assistance covering all of their estimated material needs during the first quarter of this year and each succeeding quarter.

But, in acting on such applications, the Board asserted, it would consider these factors:

The importance of the product to the war program or the national welfare; whether or not release of small quantity of scarce materials would avert relatively high unemployment, and whether or not the plants involved are in areas certified as facing severe unemployment.

A separate WPB division has been established to handle the applications, the board said, "and every effort will be made to inform applicants within a very short time," whether or not and to what extent they may expect Government assistance.

## Reduction in State Oil Allowable Seen

SANTA FE, Jan. 27 (AP)—The state Oil Conservation Commission is to meet Wednesday to set New Mexico's February oil production allowable, expected to conform with War Petroleum Coordinator Harold Ickes' recommendation of 119,300 barrels daily.

The co-ordinator's February allowable recommendation for New Mexico was a reduction of 1900 barrels from the January figure. State Geologist John Kelly said it was necessitated by a recent curtailment of oil tankers available for use between the Gulf Coast and Eastern Seaboard.

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8:30 On The Sunny Side (Sunny State)
8:45 Springtime (NBC)
9:00 Ask Eleanor Nash (NBC)
9:15 Living Literature (NBC)
9:30 The Feminine Touch Program
9:45 Community Bulletin (Bowman's Better Bread)
9:55 KOB's Morning Newscast
10:00 Missing Persons (Admiration Coffee)
10:15 Gwen Williams (NBC)
10:30 Nat'l. Farm and Home Hour (NBC)
11:00 Ma Perkins (Oxydol)
11:15 Lone Journey (Drefi)
11:30 The Goldbergs (Dash)
11:45 Life Can Be Beautiful (Ivory)
12:00 Lawrence Welk's Orch.
12:15 Checkerboard Time (Purina Mills)
12:30 Korber's Noonday Newscast
12:40 Men in the News (Meyer & Meyer)
12:45 Deep River Boys
1:00 Orphans of Divorce (Bayer Aspirin)
1:15 Amanda of Honeymoon Hill (Haley's M. O.)
1:30 N. M. Farm and Home Hour
1:45 Bonds for Defense (Alb. Gas and Elec. Co.)
2:00 Alb. High School Program
2:15 Club Matinee (NBC)
2:55 AP News (NBC)
3:00 When a Girl Marries (Swans Down)
3:15 Portia Faces Life (Post Bran Flakes)
3:30 We, the Abbotts (Best Foods)
3:45 Closing Stock Quotations
3:50 Wayne Van Dyne (NBC)
4:00 Adventure Stories (NBC)
4:15 Secret City (NBC)
4:30 Four Polka Dots (NBC)
4:45 Here Comes the Band
5:00 Easy Aces (Anacin Co.)
5:15 Mr. Keen, Tracer of Lost Persons (Kolynos Co.)
5:30 Alb. Tribune Sports Review
5:45 Malco News (Malco Refineries, Inc.)
6:00 Quiz Kids (Miles' Laboratories)
6:30 Roma News (Roma Wine Co.)
6:36 Master Singers
6:45 Pleasure Time (Chesterfields)
7:00 Time to Smile (Ipana-Sal Hepatica)
7:30 Mr. District Attorney (Vitalis)
8:00 Kay Kyser's College (Lucky Strike)
9:00 Alvarado Hotel Orch.
9:15 Night News
9:30 Concert Hall of the Air (Alb. Journal)
10:00 Bud Nelson's Orch.
10:15 George Duffy's Orch. (NBC)
10:30 Harold Stoke's Orch. (NBC)
10:55 AP News (NBC)
11:00 Sign Off

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# Veteran Airline Pilot Retires

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Capt. Edward A. Bellande, veteran TWA pilot who is well-known in Albuquerque and is credited by the airline with having flown 3,100,000 miles without injury to passengers or mail cargo, retired Tuesday in Los Angeles, the Associated Press reported.

For more years than TWA employes here could recall, Capt. Bellande, who was taught to fly by Glenn Curtis in 1915, has been piloting passengers and mail over the western division. As Albuquerque is a crew-change point, Capt. Bellande frequently stopped overnight here.

In command of a stratoliner since TWA put the big four-motored Boeings into service, the veteran pilot's last flight through here was several weeks ago. He then left on a vacation, at the end of which he retired.

Capt. Bellande will become vice-president of a company manufacturing photographic equipment for the U. S. Army Air Corps, the Associated Press said. He served as a Navy instructor at Pensacola, Fla., during the first World War.

## Boy Scouts to Canvass In Victory Book Drive

Albuquerque Boy Scouts will mae a house-to-house canvass in the Victory Book campaign, officials said Tuesday.

Miss Freda Conrad, chairman of the drive, requested all residents who wish to donate books to call her at the City Library and arrangements will be made for their collection.

The drive will end Feb. 6.

## Enlistment Rush Swamps Navy Training Centers

The Navy is full up, for the moment, William A. Wear, chief recruiter here, announced Tuesday.

Because training centers have been swamped by the rush which followed outbreak of war, new enlistees are being sent home for from two to four weeks before they are called into training, he reported.

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# Many to Attend Birthday Parties

## Most of State Joining In Paralysis Drive

Come war and other worries, New Mexico still will turn out strongly Friday night for the celebration of President Roosevelt's 60th birthday, with proceeds from the parties going for the continuing battle against infantile paralysis.

Clyde Tingley, state chairman of the campaign, estimated before leaving the city Tuesday that the celebrations over the state will total between 80 and 100, with entertainment varying from the sophisticated swing to the more homely fun of chili suppers and square and native dances.

Four dances are scheduled in Albuquerque, and Santa Fe's participation will be a double-header with two dances offered.

George Tucker, Bernalillo County chairman, Tuesday said he hoped at least 1500 persons will attend the dances here at the Hilton Hotel and the University Heights Center, where square dancing will be on the program, and at El Fidel Hotel and Casa Manana, both of which will provide modern rhythms.

Radio broadcasts in charge of the Toastmasters Club are being staged to increase attendance at the events, and Tucker said Harriet LaBarbara; YWCA girls' work secretary, is in charge of ticket sales to merchants.

Half the proceeds will remain in the county where they are collected, and the other half will be forwarded to the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

**MILES REGRETS ILLNESS PREVENTS HIS ATTENDANCE**

SANTA FE, Jan. 27 (AP)—Governor Miles expressed regret Tuesday that ill health would prevent his attending the president's birthday ball here this year.

He urged, however, that everyone contribute to current infantile paralysis campaign.

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# Santa Fe Scouts Ship First Carload of Paper; Weighs 47,000 Pounds

Santa Fe Boy Scouts have shipped their first carload of waste paper, collected since Dec. 1, W. C. Turley, Scout commissioner in charge of the collections, announced Tuesday.

The carload weighed 47,000 pounds and was sent to eastern paper mills where it will be used in the manufacture of light-cardboard needed for the shipping of machine-made parts to plane, tank and gun assembly plants.

Troop 25 of the New Mexico School for Deaf, under Scout Master Thomas Dillon, is leading the northern New Mexico Council in the collection of waste paper with 25,000 pounds, the Scout office here reported.

Collections by the entire council now total more than 138,000 pounds, it was said.

**JEALOUS RIVAL?**

YOUNGSTOWN, O., Jan. 27 (AP)—Louis Kuukura and his bride are looking up train schedules for a honeymoon. They expected to travel in the bride's car, but found the tires cut to ribbons shortly before their wedding Tuesday.

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