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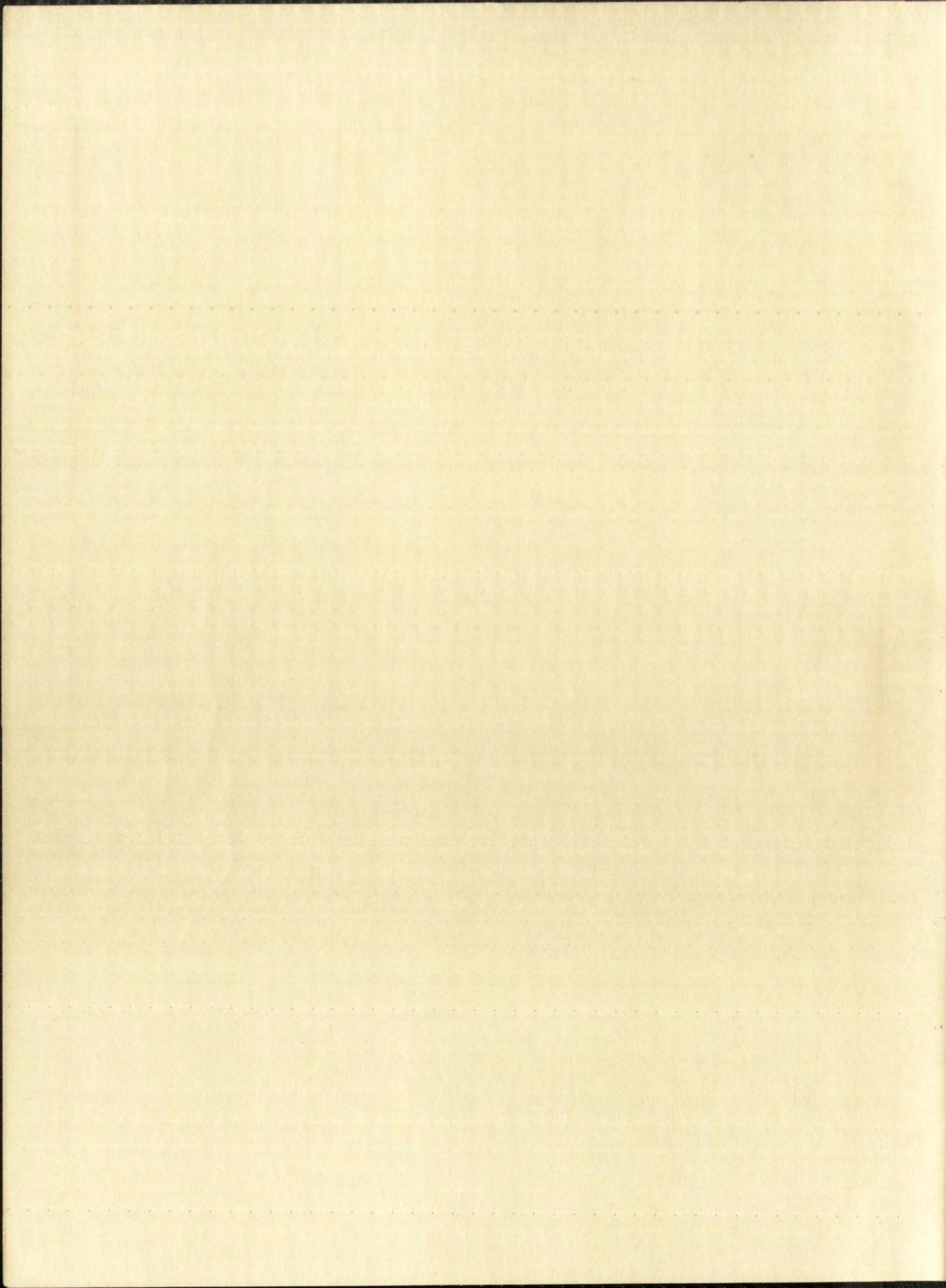
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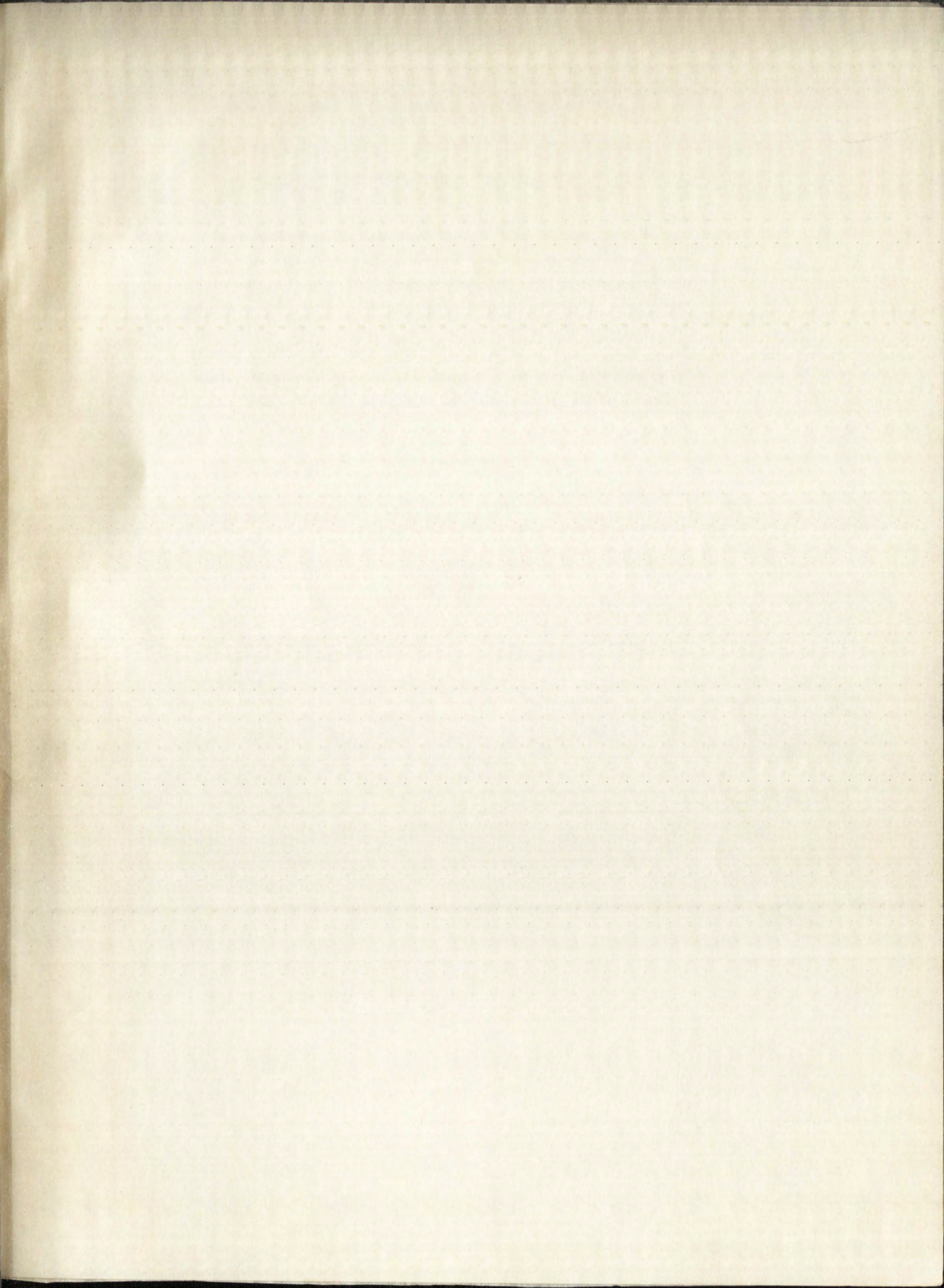
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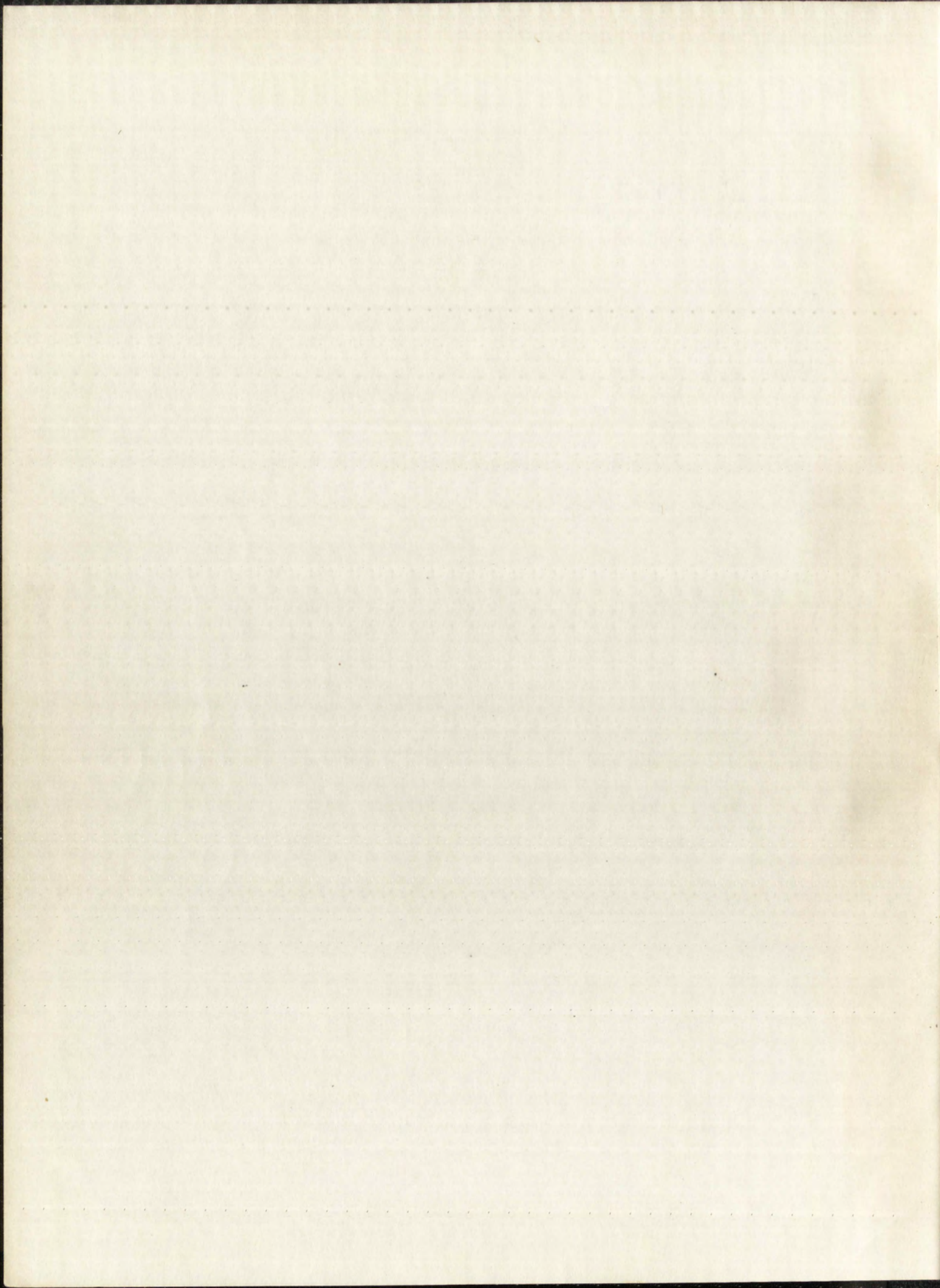
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## CHAPTER I

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES OF THE NEW MEXICO STATE SENATORS ELECTED IN 1948

To qualify for election to the State Senate as required by the New Mexico Constitution, a candidate must (1) be a citizen of the United States; (2) be a resident of New Mexico for at least three years preceding his election; (3) be a qualified elector of his district; and (4) be not less than twenty-five years of age.<sup>1</sup>

Immediately following are short biographical sketches of twenty-three of New Mexico's State Senators.

#### SENATOR GORDON E. MELODY

The First Senatorial District in the State of New Mexico follows the boundaries of San Miguel County. The economy of San Miguel County is principally farming and ranching. Highlands University is located in Las Vegas, the largest town in the county. The State Hospital for the Insane and the Santa Fe Railroad also furnish substantial payrolls.

Gordon E. Melody, Democrat, was elected from the First District in 1948 by a slight margin over his opponent,

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<sup>1</sup> Thomas C. Donnelly, The Government of New Mexico (Albuquerque, New Mexico: The University of New Mexico Press, 1947), p. 89.







Martin C. Sundt. Senator Melody, a resident of Las Vegas, came to New Mexico twenty-one years ago from Burlington, Michigan. He has lived in his district the entire twenty-one years.

Senator Melody completed his education in out-of-state schools before coming to New Mexico. This schooling included secondary education and business college.

Mr. Melody's occupation is outdoor advertising.

He belongs to several orders of the Masons, including the Scottish Rite.

Senator Melody has served his party as precinct chairman and was elected county commissioner to serve from 1945 to 1948. During the 1949 session of the New Mexico Legislature he served on the following committees: State and County Affairs, Education and Public Institutions, Banking and Corporations, and was chairman of the Privileges and Elections Committee.

#### SENATOR MARGARITO A. BACA<sup>2</sup>

The Second New Mexico Senatorial District is represented in the New Mexico Senate by Margarito A. Baca, Republican. This district includes San Miguel and Mora Counties.

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<sup>2</sup> All information concerning Senator Baca is recorded from a personal interview, March 25, 1950.



Martin C. Smith, Senator Helms, a resident of New Mexico, came to New Mexico twenty-one years ago from Burlington, Michigan. He has lived in his district the entire twenty-one years.

Senator Helms completed his education in California state schools before coming to New Mexico. This schooling included secondary education and business college.

Mr. Helms' occupation is without advertising. He belongs to several orders of the Masons, including the Scottish Rite.

Senator Helms has served his district as chairman and was elected county commissioner to serve from 1945 to 1948. During the 1948 session of the New Mexico Legislature he served on the following committees: State and County Affairs, Education and Public Institutions, Banking and Corporations, and was chairman of the Privileges and Elections Committee.

#### SENATOR MARTIN C. SMITH

The second New Mexico Senatorial District is represented in the New Mexico Senate by Martin C. Smith, Republican. This district includes San Miguel and Mora Counties.

<sup>2</sup> All information concerning Senator Smith is recorded from a personal interview, March 27, 1950.



The economy of this district is farming and ranching.

Mr. Baca has been a lifelong resident of New Mexico and of the district that he represents. His residence is at Shoemaker, New Mexico. Mr. Baca is a cattle rancher.

After attending school at Shoemaker through the eighth grade, Mr. Baca went to New Mexico Normal (Las Vegas) to complete his high school work. Then he studied two years at the University of New Mexico.

Senator Baca has held several party offices in the Republican Party. He was precinct chairman for four years and a member of the county central committee for eight years. He has also served as a state committeeman for two years. Senator Baca is now holding his first elective public office. In the 1948 election he was unopposed in the primary; in the general election he defeated Juan A. Pacheco, Democrat, by a margin of 252 votes.<sup>3</sup>

In the Nineteenth Session of the New Mexico Legislature, 1948, Senator Baca was a member of six Senate Committees. They were: Veterans Legislation; State and County Affairs; Labor and Social Security; Agriculture, Irrigation and Reclamation; Insurance; and Public Land and Livestock.

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<sup>3</sup> State of New Mexico Official Returns of the 1948 Elections, Compiled by Alicia Romero (Santa Fe, New Mexico: Office of the Secretary of State, 1949), p. 148.



The economy of this district is farming and ranching.  
Mr. Reed has been a lifelong resident of this district  
and of the district that he represents. His residence is  
at Shreveport, New Mexico. Mr. Reed is a cattle rancher.  
After attending school at Shreveport through the eighth  
grade, Mr. Reed went to New Mexico Normal (now Logan) to  
complete his high school work. Then he attended two years  
at the University of New Mexico.  
Senator Reed has held several public offices in the  
Republican Party. He was assistant attorney general for the territory  
and a member of the county council. He has also served as a state legislator for two years.  
Senator Reed is now holding his third elective public office.  
In the 1903 election he was defeated in the primary by  
general election he defeated John A. Buchanan, Democrat, by  
a margin of 625 votes.  
In the 1905 election he defeated John A. Buchanan, Democrat,  
by a margin of 1,000 votes. In 1907, Senator Reed was a member of the Senate from 1907  
They were: Agriculture, Education, State and County Affairs,  
Labor and Social Security, Transportation, Irrigation and Reclamation,  
National Guard and Finance.

State of New Mexico Official History of the State  
Compiled by Alice Benson (Book 10, New Mexico)  
Office of the Secretary of State, 1909, p. 100.



## SENATOR JOE M. MARQUEZ

Joe M. Marquez, Democrat, was born in Anton Chico, New Mexico, and has lived seven years in the Third Senatorial District. The Third Senatorial District is composed of San Miguel and Guadalupe Counties. This section is one of the ranching areas of the state.

Mr. Marquez completed the eighth grade of his schooling at Anton Chico, New Mexico. His secondary education was received at Spanish-American Normal at El Rito, New Mexico and at the Bent County High School at Las Animas, Colorado. He has also attended Summer Sessions at Highlands University at Las Vegas, New Mexico.

The occupation of Mr. Marquez is that of farmer and storekeeper at Dilia, New Mexico. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus at Las Vegas. Some of his community activities are Chairman of the Dilia Community Water Users Association and member of the County Veterans Farm Training Program.

Senator Marquez has served his party as a member of the central committee. Up to the time of his election to the New Mexico State Senate in 1948, he had held no other elective offices. In that election he defeated Joaquin Gallegos, Republican, by a slight majority.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>4</sup> State of New Mexico Official Returns of the 1948 Elections, loc. cit.



SENATOR JOHN W. HENNING

John W. Henning, Democrat, was born in New Mexico, and has lived seven years in the Third Senatorial District. The Third Senatorial District is composed of San Miguel and Chihuahua Counties. This district is one of the poorest of the state.

Mr. Henning completed the eighth grade of his schooling at Santa Fe, New Mexico. His secondary education was received at Santa Fe, New Mexico, and at the Santa Fe High School at Santa Fe, New Mexico. He has also attended various sessions of the University at Las Vegas, New Mexico.

The occupation of Mr. Henning is that of farmer and stockman of Santa Fe, New Mexico. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus at Las Vegas. Some of his recent activities are Chairman of the Santa Fe Community Water Users Association and member of the Santa Fe County Fair Training Program.

Senator Henning has served his party as a member of the central committee. He is the time of his election to the New Mexico State Senate in 1948. He had held no other elective office. In that election he defeated Francis Gallegos, Republican, by a slight majority.

State of New Mexico Official Records of the 1948 Legislature, Vol. 111.



Senate Committees on which Senator Marquez served in the legislative session of 1949 are: Roads and Transportation (Chairman); Finance; State and County Affairs; Conservation of Natural Resources; Printing; and Agriculture, Irrigation and Reclamation.

#### SENATOR FILIBERTO MAESTAS

The Fourth Senatorial District is made up on one county, Rio Arriba. This district is represented in the New Mexico Senate by Mr. Filiberto Maestas, Republican, of Espanola, New Mexico. Rio Arriba County depends upon lumber, fruit growing and sheep raising as its chief sources of income.

Mr. Maestas has lived all of his life in New Mexico except while away attending school. He was born at Santa Cruz, New Mexico, and has lived thirty years of his life in Rio Arriba County.

In Espanola, Mr. Maestas is a fruit grower, and he also is the manager of the Santa Cruz Irrigation District as he is a civil engineer. He is past president of the Lions Club there, and is the Secretary of the Espanola-Riverside Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Maestas has attended Durango Sacred School in Colorado, Spanish-American Normal at El Rito, New Mexico and Highlands University at Las Vegas, New Mexico.

Senator Maestas is serving his party as Vice-President



Senate Committee on United States Affairs, created in

the legislative session of 1945 and, under the leadership

of (Senator) William H. Harrison, Chairman, and

action of National Resources Planning and Agriculture,

Irrigation and Reclamation.

### SENATOR WILLIAM H. HARRISON

The Senate Committee on United States Affairs is made up of one senator

from each state. This district is represented by the New Mexico

Senator, Mr. William H. Harrison, Republican of Espanola.

New Mexico. The Arizona County representative from

growing and sheep raising as its chief sources of income.

Mr. Harrison has lived all of his life in New Mexico

except while away attending school. He was born at Espanola

Gran, New Mexico, and has lived thirty years of his life in

His Arizona County.

In Espanola, Mr. Harrison is a fruit grower and a

is the manager of the Santa Cruz Irrigation District as

is a civil engineer. He is past president of the local

Club there, and is the Secretary of the Espanola-Rivera

Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Harrison has attended various national and

Colorado, Spanish-American War at El Paso, New Mexico and

Highlands University at Las Vegas, New Mexico.

Senator Harrison is serving his term as Vice-President



of the Central Committee. In the past he has also been the secretary of the County Central Committee. Senator Maestas was first elected to the New Mexico State Senate in 1944. He was re-elected in 1948 by a close margin of fifty-one votes over his Democratic opponent.<sup>5</sup> In this election he feels that farmers and cattlemen contributed a substantial number of votes to his election. He states that he is particularly interested in the improvement of all charitable institutions of the State of New Mexico.

In the Nineteenth Legislative Session of New Mexico (1949), Senator Maestas served as a member of five Senate Committees. They were: Agriculture, Irrigation and Reclamation, Finance, Fish and Wild Life, State and County Affairs, and the Committee on Committees.

#### SENATOR LEONARD GINN

The Fifth Senatorial District is composed of Bernalillo, Sandoval, and San Juan Counties. The Senator from this district is Leonard C. Ginn, Democrat, of Albuquerque, New Mexico. The economic interests of these three counties are profitable and varied. Ranging from the natural gas fields, fruit growing and sheep raising of San Juan County through the lumber mills and farming of Sandoval County, they include district

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<sup>5</sup> Ibid., p. 161.



of the Central Committee. In the past he has also been the  
secretary of the County Central Committee. Senator Weaver  
was first elected to the New Mexico State Senate in 1914.  
He was re-elected in 1918 by a close margin of fifty-one  
votes over his Democratic opponent. In this election he  
feels that farmers and cattlemen contributed a substantial  
number of votes to his election. He states that he is par-  
ticularly interested in the improvement of all charitable  
institutions of the State of New Mexico.  
In the Nineteenth Legislative Session of New Mexico  
(1919), Senator Weaver served as a member of five Senate  
Committees. They were: Agriculture, Irrigation and Recla-  
mation, Finance, Fish and Wild Life, State and County Affairs,  
and the Committee on Committees.

### THE SENATE

The Senate of New Mexico is composed of twenty-five  
Senators, and has been known as the Senate of New Mexico  
since 1892. It is composed of fifteen Senators from the  
first district, and ten Senators from the second district.  
The economic interests of these two districts are variable  
and varied. Ranging from the natural gas fields, fruit grow-  
ing and sheep raising of the San Juan County through the lumber  
mills and farming of San Manuel County, they include almost



and regional headquarters for many federal offices in Bernalillo County, Kirtland Air Base, Sandia Base and one of the main offices and repair shops for the Santa Fe Railroad. The State University is located in Albuquerque. Over a period of years Albuquerque has attracted both tourists and health seekers, many of whom remained to become permanent residents.

Mr. Ginn is a native of the State of Alabama, but he has been in New Mexico and in his district for twelve years.

In Albuquerque Mr. Ginn is a real estate broker. He served five years in the Armed Forces during World War II. He is affiliated with all Masonic bodies and is a member of the Kiwanis Club.

Mr. Ginn's formal education includes elementary school, secondary school, and two years of university work.

Senator Ginn has been Democratic County Chairman of Bernalillo County. He was first elected to the New Mexico Senate in 1944 and was re-elected in 1948. He has held no other elective public office. In the 1948 general election Senator Ginn defeated his Republican opponent, Dudley Cornell, by a vote of 23,146 to 19,267.<sup>6</sup>

In the recent session of the State Legislature (1949), Senator Ginn was chairman of the Fish and Wild Life Committee,

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<sup>6</sup> Ibid., p. 148.



and regional headquarters for many federal, state and local  
Bernalillo County, Kirtland Air Base, Santa Fe and the  
of the main offices and report shows for the Santa Fe Rail-  
road. The State University is located in Albuquerque. For  
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served five years in the Armed Forces during World War II.  
He is affiliated with the Kiwanis Club and is a member of  
the Kiwanis Club.

Mr. Ginn's formal education includes secondary school,  
secondary school, and two years of university work.  
Senator Ginn has been Democratic Party Chairman of  
Bernalillo County. He was first elected to the New Mexico  
Senate in 1944 and was re-elected in 1948. He has held no  
other elective public office. In the 1948 general elec-  
tion Senator Ginn defeated his Republican opponent, Hubert  
Cornell, by a vote of 23,146 to 12,357.

In the recent session of the Senate (1949)  
Senator Ginn was chairman of the Education and Labor Committee.



and served as a member of the Veterans Committee, the Finance Committee, Labor and Social Security Committee, and the State and County Affairs Committee.

#### SENATOR HORACE DE VARGAS

Horace De Vargas, Democrat, was born in Ojo Caliente, New Mexico, a village to the north of Espanola where Mr. De Vargas now resides. Espanola is the largest town in Rio Arriba County. Rio Arriba County, together with Sandoval County, constitutes the Sixth Senatorial District. Agriculture, lumber and grazing make up the economy of this area.

Mr. De Vargas completed the 12th grade at the Spanish-American Normal at El Rito, New Mexico. He attended Dague University at Wichita, Kansas; New Mexico State Teacher's College at Silver City; and the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque.

Listing General Insurance as his present occupation, Mr. De Vargas taught school in Rio Arriba County from 1927 to 1939. From 1943 to 1945 he was in Mexico City with the United States Department of Agriculture. For two years following his return to New Mexico he edited the Espanola Valley News.<sup>7</sup>

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<sup>7</sup> Who's Who in the West (Chicago: The A. N. Marquis Company, 1949), p. 232.



and served as a member of the Veterans Committee, the Finance Committee, Labor and Social Security Committee, and the State and County Affairs Committee.

SENATOR R. MARK DE VARGAS

Horacio De Vargas, Democrat, was born in the town of New Mexico, a village in the north of Sonora, Mexico. De Vargas now resides in the town of San Bernardino, Rio Arriba County. Rio Arriba County, consisting of the Sixth Senatorial District, first culture, lumber and grazing make up the economy of this area. Mr. De Vargas completed his high school at the American Normal at El Paso, New Mexico. He attended the University at Wichita, Kansas; San Carlos State Teacher's College at Silver City; and the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque.

During General Insuarez's administration as his personal secretary, Mr. De Vargas taught school in Rio Arriba County from 1927 to 1932. From 1932 to 1934 he was in Mexico City with the United States Department of Agriculture. For two years following his return to New Mexico he edited the *San Carlos Valley News*.

Who's Who in the West (Chicago: The A. N. S. Company, 1937), p. 232.



A past president of the Espanola Chamber of Commerce, Mr. De Vargas is also a member of the Lions Club in his community.

Senator De Vargas began his political career with the Democratic Party as County Clerk of Rio Arriba County. He held this office during 1931 and 1932. He was also elected for two consecutive terms as Superintendent of Schools for Rio Arriba County beginning in 1939, and, at the same time, he was appointed to serve on the New Mexico State Board of Education. Mr. De Vargas was elected to the State Senate in the 1948 general election, defeating Joe Maestas by 582 votes.<sup>8</sup>

The Senate Committees on which Senator De Vargas served during the 1949 Legislative Session include: Education and Public Institutions (Chairman), Insurance, Judiciary, County and State Affairs, and the Committee on Committees.

Senator De Vargas is listed in the 1949 edition of Who's Who in the West.

#### SENATOR JOE A. MONTOYA

Senatorial District Seven, comprised of Bernalillo County alone, is represented by Joe A. Montoya, Democrat,

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<sup>8</sup> State of New Mexico Official Returns of the 1948 Elections, loc. cit.



A past president of the Spanish Chamber of Commerce.  
Mr. De Vargas is also a member of the Board of Directors of the community.

Senator De Vargas began his political career with the Democratic Party as County Clerk of Rio Arriba County. He held this office during 1931 and 1932. He was also elected for two consecutive terms as Supervisor of San Juan County Rio Arriba County beginning in 1933. And, at the same time, he was appointed to serve on the New Mexico State Board of Education. Mr. De Vargas was elected to the State Senate in the 1948 general election, defeating Joe Martinez by 382 votes.<sup>8</sup>

The Senate Committee on which Senator De Vargas served during the 1949 Legislative Session included Education and Public Institutions (Education), Agriculture, County and State Affairs, and the Committee on Government. Senator De Vargas is listed in the 1949 edition of Who's Who in the West.

#### SENATOR JOE A. MONTANA

Senatorial District Seven, comprised of Bernalillo County alone, is represented by Joe A. Montana, Democrat.

<sup>8</sup> State of New Mexico Official Returns of the 1948 Elections, loc. cit.



of Albuquerque. The economy of Bernalillo County is aided appreciably by large state and federal payrolls. For years various agencies of the federal government have maintained district and regional headquarters here. Presently, two military installations, Kirtland Air Force Base and Sandia Base, also furnish large payrolls to the area. The record-breaking growth of Albuquerque is stimulating many private businesses. Building and construction has assumed "boom" proportions with employment in this work at an all time high. The State University is located in Albuquerque.

Mr. Montoya has been a resident of Albuquerque for twenty-three years.<sup>9</sup>

The Senator has had little formal education.<sup>10</sup>

Senator Montoya has had a great deal of past political experiences. He has served as State Representative from Bernalillo County for three terms (6 years). In 1948 he was elected to the New Mexico Senate for four years. In 1950 he was defeated in his bid for membership to the Albuquerque City Commission.

In the 1949 session of the state legislature, Senator Montoya was chairman of the Insurance Committee and served as a member of the following other committees: Roads and

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<sup>9</sup> News item in the Albuquerque Tribune, March 3, 1950.

<sup>10</sup> Personal interview, March 24, 1950.



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The Senator has had little formal education. Senator Montoya has had a great deal of personal experience. He has served as State Representative from Bernalillo County for three terms (6 years). In 1950 he was elected to the New Mexico Senate for two years. In 1952 he was defeated in his bid for reelection to the Albuquerque City Commission.

In the 1949 session of the state legislature, Senator Montoya was chairman of the Insurance Committee and served as a member of the following other committees: Roads and



Transportation, Veterans, Printing, and State and County Affairs.<sup>11</sup>

SENATOR JOHN MORROW

Senator John Morrow, Democrat, of Raton, New Mexico, is a lifelong resident of the state and of the district that he represents in the New Mexico State Senate. Raton is the County Seat of Colfax County whose boundaries outline the Eighth Senatorial District. This section of the state is devoted largely to ranching as the climate is not favorable to extensive agriculture. Coal mining has been an important factor in the economy of this area.

Upon graduation from Raton High School, Mr. Morrow attended Colorado Agricultural College, Denver University, and Iowa State University, without receiving a degree.

Mr. Morrow is a rancher. He belongs to the New Mexico Cattlegrowers Association and to the American Hereford Association. In World War I he was a commissioned pilot, serving with the Air Force for two years. A member of the Raton American Legion, Mr. Morrow has served this organization as Post Commander. He is a past Lieutenant Governor of the Kiwanis Club.

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<sup>11</sup> Directory of the Nineteenth General Assembly  
(Santa Fe, New Mexico: State of New Mexico, 1949).



Transposition, Veterans, Printing, and State and County  
Affairs.

## SENATOR JOHN HERRON

Senator John Herron, Democrat, of Idaho, New Mexico, is a lifelong resident of the state and of the district that he represents in the New Mexico State Senate. He is the County Seat of Colfax County, whose boundaries outline the Eighth Senatorial District. This portion of the state is devoted largely to ranching as the climate is not favorable to extensive agriculture. Coal mining has been an important factor in the economy of this area.

Upon graduation from Hiram High School, Mr. Herron attended Colorado Agricultural College, Denver University, and Iowa State University, without receiving a degree. Mr. Herron is a ranchman. He belongs to the New Mexico

Cattleman's Association and to the American Horsemen's Association. In World War I he was a commissioned pilot, serving with the Air Force for two years. A member of the American Legion, Mr. Herron has served this organization as Post Commander. He is a past president of the Kiwanis Club.

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(Santa Fe, New Mexico: State of New Mexico, 1929)



Elective offices held by Mr. Morrow include County Assessor and County Commissioner of Colfax County. He is a member of the Democratic Party and has served this party as precinct chairman and committeeman. In his election to the New Mexico Senate in 1948, he defeated his opponent, C. H. Garner, by 1,677 votes.<sup>12</sup>

During the 1949 Legislative Session, Senator Morrow was chairman of the Banking and Corporation Committee and was a member of the Land and Livestock, Education and Public Institutions, Veterans, Judiciary, and State and County Affairs Committees.

#### SENATOR RAY STRINGFELLOW<sup>13</sup>

The Ninth New Mexico Senatorial District is composed of Colfax, Harding, and Union Counties. Farming, mining and ranching make the greatest contribution to the economy of this area. The Ninth District has been represented in the New Mexico Senate since 1944 by Ray Stringfellow, Democrat, of Raton, New Mexico.

Mr. Stringfellow is a native of Texas but he has lived in New Mexico and his district for the past thirty-four years.

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<sup>12</sup> State of New Mexico Official Returns of the 1948 Elections, op. cit., p. 153.

<sup>13</sup> All information concerning Senator Stringfellow is recorded from a personal interview March 26, 1950.



Effective offices held by Mr. Arthur Louis Gentry, Assistant and County Commissioner of Colfax County, is a member of the Democratic Party and has served this party as precinct chairman and commissioner. In an election to the New Mexico Senate in 1948, he defeated his opponent, C. H. Garner, by 1,677 votes.

During the 1949 legislative session, Senator Gentry was chairman of the Banking and Currency Committee and was a member of the Land and Livestock, Education and Public Institutions, Veterans, Judiciary, and State and County Affairs Committees.

SENATOR RAY STRINGFELLOW

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Mr. Stringfellow is a native of Texas but he has lived in New Mexico and his district for the past thirty-four years.

12 State of New Mexico Official Records of the 1948 Elections, pp. 211, p. 193.

13 All information concerning Senator Stringfellow is recorded from a personal interview March 26, 1950.



His occupation is automobile dealer. He belongs to the Elks Club. Mr. Stringfellow is a veteran of World War I, having served five years in the army at that time.

All of the Senator's elementary and secondary schooling was done at the Honey Grove, Texas Public Schools. After graduating from high school there, he completed a course in the Paris Business College of Paris, Texas.

Senator Stringfellow is serving his second term in the New Mexico Senate. He was first elected in 1944 and re-elected in 1948. In the last election he states that he was supported largely by church people and labor. The Senator is a member of the Christian Church.

In the 1949 session of the New Mexico Legislature, Senator Stringfellow served on the Judiciary and Mines Committees.

#### SENATOR REGINALDO ESPINOZA

From New Mexico's Tenth Senatorial District comes Senator Reginaldo Espinoza, Republican. This Tenth District includes Santa Fe County alone. Santa Fe County has within its bounds the seat of the Government of New Mexico at the town of Santa Fe. The economy of this county is closely interwoven with the operation of the State Government and the large volume of tourist trade that is attracted to Santa Fe. Nearby Los Alamos, a Federal Government project,



His occupation is automobile dealer. He belongs to the Blue

Club. Mr. Strickland is a veteran of World War I, having

served five years in the army at Fort Dix.

All of the Senator's education and secondary schooling

was done at the Henry Street, Texas, Public Schools. After

graduating from high school there, he completed a four-year

the Park's Business College at Fort Worth, Texas.

Senator Strickland is married. His second wife is the

New Mexico Senator. He was first elected in 1942 and re-

elected in 1948. In the last election he states that he

expected largely of common people and labor. The Senator

is a member of the Christian Church.

In the 1949 session of the New Mexico Legislature,

Senator Strickland served on the Judiciary and Finance

Committee.

#### SENATOR REGINALD ESPINOSA

From New Mexico's tenth Senatorial District comes

Senator Reginald Espinosa, Republican. His home is located

in Santa Fe County, about 10 miles from Santa Fe. His

its bounds the seat of the Government of New Mexico at the

town of Santa Fe. The economy of this county is closely

interwoven with the operation of the State Government and

the large volume of tourist traffic that is attracted to Santa

Fe. Henry Lee Adams, a Federal Government official,



contributes a large payroll to this area, also.

Mr. Espinoza was born at Ortiz, Colorado, but came to New Mexico when he was five years old and has lived in this state since that time. Sixteen years of his residence in New Mexico has been spent in the district that he now represents. Mr. Espinoza's home address is Espanola, New Mexico.

The Senator is a high school graduate and has attended college for one year.

Mr. Espinoza operates a garage and deals in automobiles in Espanola.

The activities of Senator Espinoza in the Republican party have placed him in a position of prominence, not only in New Mexico, but in the western states region. He is serving his second term as Chairman of the New Mexico Young Republican Federation and his first term as Chairman of the Eleven Western States Federation of Young Republicans. In the Eighteenth New Mexico Legislative Session he was Republican Floor Leader of the House of Representatives, and in the Nineteenth Session he was Republican Whip in the Senate. He was also a delegate to the 1948 Republican Presidential Convention. He has been a New Mexico Legislator since 1943. The first six years of this time was in the House of Representatives. In 1948 he was elected to the New Mexico



contributed a large amount to the cause, also.

Mr. Espinoza was born in Oaxaca, Oaxaca, and came

to New Mexico when he was five years old and has lived in

this state since that time. Several years of his residence

in New Mexico has been spent in the district which he now

represents. Mr. Espinoza's home address is Santa Fe, New

Mexico.

The Senator has a high school education and has attended

college for one year.

Mr. Espinoza operates a general store in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

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House Floor Leader of the House of Representatives, and in

the Nineteenth Session he was Republican Whip in the Senate.

He was also a delegate to the 1905 Republican Presidential

Convention. He has been a New Mexico legislator since 1901.

The first six years of this time was in the House of

Representatives. In 1906 he was elected to the New Mexico



Senate by a slight majority over his Democratic opponent.<sup>14</sup>

Senator Espinoza served on the following committees in the 1949 Session of the Legislature: Finance, Judiciary, Conservation of Natural Resources, Rules and Executive Communication, and Roads and Transportation.

#### SENATOR J. A. Des GEORGES

A native born New Mexican, J. A. Des Georges has lived in Taos County, New Mexico, all of his life. Taos County makes up the Eleventh Senatorial District. Describing the economy of Taos County, Dr. J. T. Reid says;

Farming and stock-raising are the main occupations. Nearly all farming is by irrigation. Stock raising is confined chiefly to sheep, though there are some cattle, horses, and hogs. . . The main farm crops are wheat and alfalfa, much of which is for home consumption. . . Taos County is known far and wide as an art center and tourist resort.<sup>15</sup>

Senator Des Georges, who has led his ticket each time he sought public office, is a member of the Republican party. In 1921 he was elected chairman of the Board of County Commissioners. He was elected county clerk for two terms, serving from 1931 through 1934. In 1944 he was elected to the New Mexico Senate and was re-elected in 1948. He has

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<sup>14</sup> State of New Mexico Official Returns of the 1948 Elections, op. cit., p. 166.

<sup>15</sup> J. T. Reid, It Happened in Taos (Albuquerque, New Mexico: University of New Mexico Press, 1946), p. 5.



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<sup>14</sup> State of New Mexico Official Returns of the 1948  
Elections, p. 106.

<sup>15</sup> J. T. Held, As Described in Taos (Albuquerque,  
 New Mexico: University of New Mexico Press, 1946), p. 2.



served his party as county chairman for two years and at present is a member of the Republican State Central Committee.

In the Nineteenth Session of the New Mexico Legislature, he was a member of the following committees: State and County Affairs, Judiciary, Enrolling and Engrossing, Education and Public Institutions, and Roads and Transportation.

#### SENATOR TIBO J. CHAVEZ

Tibo J. Chavez, Democrat, represents the Twelfth Senatorial District in the New Mexico Senate. The Twelfth District is composed of only one county, Valencia. Farming, cattle, and sheep make up the economy of Valencia County. Mr. Chavez is a lifelong resident of New Mexico and the Twelfth Senatorial District. His place of residence is Belen, New Mexico.

A graduate of Belen High School, Mr. Chavez continued his education at the University of New Mexico to receive and A. B. degree. Following his graduation from the University of New Mexico, he attended Georgetown University where he was awarded the Ll. B. degree.

Senator Tibo J. Chavez is a lawyer by profession. He is a member of the Board of Regents for the University of New Mexico. He is affiliated with the Belen Lions Club.

In 1941 and 1942 the Senator was the Assistant District



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### SENATOR TIPO J. CHAVEZ

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Senatorial District in the New Mexico Senate. The Twelfth

District is composed of only one county, Valencia. Farming,

stock raising, and sheep raising are the economy of Valencia County.

Mr. Chavez is a lifelong resident of New Mexico and was

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Belen, New Mexico.

A graduate of Belen High School, Mr. Chavez continued

his education at the University of New Mexico to receive

and a B. S. degree. Following his graduation from the University

city of New Mexico, he attended Georgetown University where

he was awarded the LL. B. degree.

Senator Tipó J. Chavez is a lawyer by profession.

He is a member of the Board of Regents for the University

of New Mexico. He is affiliated with the Belen Lions Club.

In 1941 and 1942 the Senator was the Assistant District



Attorney for Valencia County. In the 1948 general election he was the Democratic nominee for the Senate. He defeated his Republican opponent, Mr. Sydney S. Gottlieb by a vote of 3,336 to 2,945.<sup>16</sup>

In addition to being chairman of the Judiciary Committee in the 19th Legislative Session, Senator Tibo Chavez was also a member of the Agriculture Committee, Irrigation and Reclamation Committee, Labor and Social Security Committee, and the Rules and Executive Communications Committee.

#### SENATOR BURTON ROACH

The Thirteenth Senatorial District covers more counties than any other. It includes Grant, Hidalgo, Luna, Sierra, and Socorro Counties. These counties form the southwestern corner of the state. Important for extensive copper mines, this section of the state also claims ranching and farming as chief sources of income. Sierra County has a noted health resort at Truth or Consequences. Sportsmen from all over the state come to Elephant Butte Lake near Truth or Consequences. This lake is the result of a large reclamation project to improve farming in Southern New Mexico.

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<sup>16</sup> State of New Mexico Official Returns of the 1948 Elections, op. cit., p. 170.



Attorney for Valencia County. In the 1908 general election he was the Democratic nominee for the Senate. He defeated his Republican opponent, Mr. Thomas A. Hamilton by a vote of 3,335 to 2,945.

In addition to being chairman of the Judiciary Committee in the 19th Legislative Assembly, Graves also was a member of the Agriculture Committee, Irrigation and Reclamation Committee, Labor and Social Security Committee, and the House and Executive Committees.

SENATOR ELLIOT HOBBS

The Thirtieth Senatorial District covers nine counties than any other. It includes Grant, Hidalgo, Luna, Sierra, and Socorro Counties. These counties form the southwestern corner of the state. Important for extensive copper mines, this section of the state also claims a noted health resort at Truth or Consequences. Sped from all over the state come to Elmore Hot Springs near Truth or Consequences. This lake is the result of a large reclamation project to improve farming in Southern New Mexico.



Mr. Burton Roach, Democrat, represents this district in the New Mexico State Senate. Mr. Roach, a native of Texas, has lived twenty-six years in New Mexico and in the area that he represents. At present Mr. Roach is a resident of Truth or Consequences, New Mexico, in Sierra County.

The Senator completed high school, attended a business school, and is a registered pharmacist.

The Senator is the Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce at Truth or Consequences, New Mexico, and is closely associated with the activities of the cattle growers of the state. He belongs to the Lions and the Elks Clubs.

The political activities of Senator Roach are spread over a period of more than thirty years. His first elective public office was that of sheriff. He held this office in Potter County, Texas, from 1917 to 1923. He was elected to the New Mexico House of Representatives for the Thirteenth Legislative Assembly in 1937 and 1938. Since that time, he has been elected three times to the New Mexico Senate.

In his last election (1948), he defeated his opponent, Hugh E. McCrary, Republican, by more than four thousand votes.<sup>17</sup> In this election he attributes his support to cattlemen, farmers, businessmen, Peace Officers, and school people. He has served his party (Democratic) as precinct chairman, county

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<sup>17</sup> Ibid., p. 148.



Mr. Burton Rosen, Democrat, represents this district in the New Mexico State Senate. Mr. Rosen, a native of Texas, has lived twenty-six years in New Mexico and in the same time he represented. At present Mr. Rosen is a resident of Truth or Consequences, New Mexico, in Siera County.

The Senator completed high school, attended a business school, and is a registered pharmacist.

The Senator is the Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce at Truth or Consequences, New Mexico, and is closely associated with the activities of the cattle growers of the state. He belongs to the Lions and the Elks Clubs.

The political activities of Senator Rosen are spread over a period of more than thirty years. His first elective public office was that of sheriff. He held this office in Potter County, Texas, from 1917 to 1923. He was elected to the New Mexico House of Representatives for the thirty-first Legislative Assembly in 1927 and 1931. Since that time, he has been elected three times to the New Mexico Senate.

In his last election (1948), he defeated the incumbent, Hugh E. McGarry, Republican, by more than four thousand votes. In this election he attracted his support to cattlemen, farmers, businessmen, Peace Officers, and school people. He has served his party (Democratic) as president of the county



chairman, and Majority Floor Leader of the Senate.

In the New Mexico Senate, in addition to being Majority Floor Leader, Senator Roach has been chairman of the Committee on Public Lands and Livestock since his first election. In the 1949 Session of the State Senate, he served as a member of the following committees: Mines, Conservation of Natural Resources, Privileges and Elections, and Fish and Wildlife.

#### SENATOR T. C. JARAMILLO

Senator T. C. Jaramillo, Republican, from the Fourteenth Senatorial District is the Superintendent of Public Schools in La Joya, New Mexico. La Joya is one of the most <sup>interesting</sup> (unique) and historical villages of the state. It is in Socorro County, which, together with Catron County, comprises the Fourteenth District. Catron County is largely a ranching area. It includes many acres of national forest and it is very sparsely populated. Socorro is to a degree more thickly populated and depends upon agriculture as well as ranching.

Mr. Jaramillo, a lifelong resident of New Mexico, was born in the district which he serves. He received his A. B. degree from the New Mexico State Teachers College in 1930. In 1935 he was awarded the M. S. degree from the University of Southern California. He has been Superintendent of the La Joya Schools since 1922.



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 In the New Mexico Senate, in addition to being Majority  
 Floor Leader, Senator Hatch has been chairman of the  
 Committee on Public Lands and Livestock since his first elec-  
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 a member of the following committees: Mining, Conservation  
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 born in the district which he now serves. He received his B. S.  
 degree from the New Mexico State Teachers College in 1930.  
 In 1935 he was awarded the M. A. degree from the University  
 of Southern California. He has been a member of the  
 La Jara Schools since 1935.



He is active in the educational associations in New Mexico, and is the author of a number of articles on educational subjects.<sup>18</sup>

Senator Jaramillo is a member of the Knights of Columbus.

Senator Jaramillo served as a member of the following committees in the Nineteenth Legislature: Mines, Conservation of Natural Resources, Education and Public Institutions, Roads and Transportation, and Veterans Legislation.

#### SENATOR DEAN MILLER

Senatorial District Fifteen includes four counties: Lincoln, Otero, Socorro, and Torrance. Dean Miller, Democrat, was elected in 1948 to represent this district in the New Mexico Senate. This district depends largely upon farming and ranching as a means of livelihood.

Senator Miller is from Gran Quivira, a village on the boundary between Torrance and Socorro Counties. His occupation is listed as "none" in the Directory of the Nineteenth General Assembly, State of New Mexico, 1949.

In the 1949 Session of the New Mexico Legislature, he served as chairman of the Labor and Social Security Committee

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<sup>18</sup> Who's Who in the West (Chicago: The A. N. Marquis Company, 1949), p. 475.



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Senator Laramie is a member of the Knights of

Columbus.

Senator Laramie served as a member of the following committees in the Nineteenth Legislature: Mines, Conservation of Natural Resources, Education and Public Institutions, Roads and Transportation, and Veterans Legislation.

SENATOR JOHN MILLER  
Senator John Miller, of Lincoln, Oregon, was elected in 1943 to represent this district in the New Mexico Senate. This district extends largely upon farming and ranching as a means of livelihood.

Senator Miller is from Green River, a village on the boundary between Torrance and Socorro Counties. His occupation is listed as "none" in the Directory of the Nineteenth General Assembly, State of New Mexico, 1943.

In the 1943 Session of the New Mexico Legislature, he served as chairman of the Labor and Social Security Committee.

18 Who's Who in the West (Chicago: The A. N. Spon-  
Company, 1943), p. 475.



and as a member of the Printing Committee, the Conservation of Natural Resources Committee, the State and County Affairs Committee, and the Public Lands and Livestock Committee.<sup>19</sup>

### SENATOR JAMES T. BREWSTER

Senator James T. Brewster, Democrat, has lived in New Mexico and his Senatorial District for the past twelve years. Mr. Brewster, who spent the early part of his life in Oklahoma and Kansas, is engaged in farming at Garfield, New Mexico. Garfield is located in the northwest corner of Dona Ana County. The entire Sixteenth Senatorial District is made up of Dona Ana County. The economy of this county is dependent upon agriculture and ranching. Special crops of this area include cotton, melons, and vegetables.

Senator Brewster completed his secondary education in the Emporia, Kansas, Public Schools and was awarded the B. S. degree from the Kansas State Teacher's College of Emporia. He has done graduate work at Colorado University, Colorado Agricultural College, and the University of Denver.

Senator Brewster defeated his Republican opponent, Cruz R. Alvarez, by more than 2,000<sup>20</sup> votes in the 1948

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<sup>19</sup> Directory of the Nineteenth General Assembly (Santa Fe, New Mexico: State of New Mexico, 1949).

<sup>20</sup> State of New Mexico Official Returns of the 1948 Elections, op. cit., p. 154.



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<sup>19</sup> Directory of the Minnesota General Assembly (Saint Paul, New Mexico: State of New Mexico, 1949).

<sup>20</sup> State of New Mexico Official Returns of the 1948 Elections, pp. 211-2, p. 124.



election. He also served the previous four years (1944-48) as a State Senator. He had held neither public nor party offices before the time of his election to the Senate. In the 1949 Legislative Session, Senator Brewster was chairman of the Agriculture, Irrigation and Reclamation Committee, and he was also a member of the Education and Public Institutions, Roads and Transportation, Finance, and Enrolling and Engrossing Committees.

#### SENATOR GUIDO ZECCA

The Seventeenth Senatorial District of New Mexico is represented by Guido Zecca, Democrat, of Gallup, New Mexico. This district follows the boundaries and includes McKinley County. Coal mining, lumber and ranching constitute the major sources of income for McKinley County.

Mr. Zecca was born in Lombardy, Italy. He has been a resident of New Mexico and McKinley County for thirty-one years. He gives his occupation as that of realtor. In Gallup he is affiliated with the Elks Club, Rotary International, and the Knights of Columbus. He is a veteran, having served two years in the army, and belongs to the following veterans organizations: Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, and the Catholic War Veterans.

Mr. Zecca's education includes high school work.

In the 1948 Primary Election, Senator Zecca nosed out



election. He also served the previous four years (1944-48) as a State Senator. He had held various public and party offices before the time of his election to the Senate. In the 1949 Legislative Session, Senator Brewster was chairman of the Agriculture, Irrigation and Reclamation Committee, and he was also a member of the Education and Public Institutions, Roads and Transportation, Finance, and Enrolling and Engraving Committees.

#### SENATOR GUIDO ZECOS

The Seventeenth Senatorial District of New Mexico is represented by Guido Zecos, Democrat, of Gallup, New Mexico. This district follows the boundaries and includes McKinley County. Coal mining, lumber and ranching constitute the major sources of income for McKinley County. Mr. Zecos was born in Lombardy, Italy. He has been a resident of New Mexico and McKinley County for thirty-one years. He gives his occupation as that of rancher. In Gallup he is affiliated with the Elks Club, Rotary International, and the Knights of Columbus. He is a veteran, having served two years in the army, and belongs to the following veterans organizations: Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, and the Spanish War Veterans. Mr. Zecos's education includes high school work. In the 1948 Primary Election, Senator Zecos received one



his opponent, W. R. Clark, by a margin of only five votes; however, in the General Election he defeated his Republican opponent, Ivadelle Carr Strober, by more than a thousand votes.<sup>21</sup> In this election he states that he was perhaps favored by veterans and labor.

Senator Zecca has not previously held an elective public office. He has served his party as precinct chairman.

In the recent (1949) session of the New Mexico Legislature, Senator Zecca was chairman of the Veterans Committee and was a member of the Fish and Wild Life, Labor and Social Security, Education and Public Institutions, and Mines Committees.

#### SENATOR MURRAY MORGAN

The Eighteenth Senatorial District is made up of Lincoln and Otero Counties. Mr. Murray Morgan, Democrat, Senator from this district, lives at Alamogordo, New Mexico. He is a native of the state, having spent his lifetime in the district he serves. Lumber, ranching and farming contribute to the general economy of these counties. Though ranching is the chief enterprise of this section of the state, recent activities of the United States Government have supplied substantial payrolls in Otero County.

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<sup>21</sup> Ibid., p. 158.



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Senator Bacon has not previously held an elective public office. He has served his country as president of the In the recent (1949) session of the New Mexico Legislature, Senator Bacon was chairman of the Veterans Committee and was a member of the Public and Welfare, Labor and Social Security, Education and Public Institutions, and Finance Committees.

### SENATOR HURRAY MORAN

The Eighteenth Senatorial District is made up of Lincoln and Otero Counties. Mr. Hurray Moran, Democrat, Senator from this district, lives at Alamogordo, New Mexico. He is a native of the state, having spent his lifetime in the district he serves. He has been a member of the district to the general economy of these counties. Through his position as the chief administrator of this section of the state, recent activities of the United States Government have supplied substantial results in Otero County.



Mr. Morgan completed twelve years of public schooling and received his high school diploma in Alamogordo. He attended the University of New Mexico for two years.

In private life the Senator is the publisher of the Lincoln County News.

Having served forty-two months with the United States Army, Senator Morgan is a member of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He also belongs to the Rotary Club.

Senator Morgan's first election to office was in 1940 when he was elected to the New Mexico House of Representatives from Otero County for a two-year term. He again served as a Representative in 1947 and 1948. He was elected to the State Senate in 1948 with a margin of 1,148 votes over L. S. Drake, Republican.<sup>22</sup>

Serving his local community, Senator Morgan was elected Town Trustee of Alamogordo for the years 1940 to 1950.

In the Nineteenth New Mexico Legislative Session, Senator Morgan was chairman of the Printing Committee. He was also assigned to the Judiciary, the State and County Affairs, the Education and Public Institutions, and the Enrolling and Engrossing Committees.

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<sup>22</sup> Loc. cit.



Mr. Morgan completed seven years of public schooling

and received his high school diploma in 1900. He

attended the University of New Mexico for two years.

In private life the Senator is an Englishman.

#### Alaskan County Work.

Having served forty-two months in the United States

Army, Senator Morgan is a member of the American Legion and

the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He also belongs to the Rotary

Club.

Senator Morgan's first election to office was in 1905

when he was elected to the Alaska House of Representatives

from Otero County for a two-year term. He served as a

Representative in 1907 and 1908. He was elected to the State

Senate in 1908 with a margin of 1,100 votes over J. S. Weeks,

Republican.

Serving his first term in the Senate, Senator Morgan was elected

Town Trustee of Alaska for the years 1910 to 1912.

In the thirteenth New Mexico Legislative Session,

Senator Morgan was chairman of the Finance Committee. He

was also assigned to the Judiciary, the State and County

Affairs, the Education and Public Institutions, and the

Enrolling and Engraving Committees.



## SENATOR A. B. CARPENTER

One of the most versatile members of the State Senate is Mr. Arthur Bernard Carpenter, Democrat, of the Nineteenth Senatorial District which encompasses Chaves County alone. The broad scope of Mr. Carpenter's work and interests include farming, ranching, banking, dealing in livestock, and practicing law. The majority of the residents of Chaves County are engaged in various forms of agriculture and ranching. A United States Air Force Base is located in Roswell, as is the New Mexico Military Institute. There is also some oil production in this county.

Claiming New Mexico as an adopted state, Mr. Carpenter was born at Elder, Kentucky. Before coming to Roswell in 1939, Mr. Carpenter made his home in Oklahoma. He was graduated from the Ardmore, Oklahoma, High School and received his A. B. degree from Oklahoma University in 1926 and his law degree one year later. He practiced law in Shawnee, Oklahoma until 1938.

Since coming to New Mexico, Mr. Carpenter has been active in community and state affairs. He is a member of the Oklahoma, the Chaves County, the New Mexico, and the American Bar Associations. He is a member of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, having served nineteen months during World War I in Naval Aviation, which was at that time a pioneer arm of the services. His fraternal affiliations



## SENATOR A. B. CARPENTER

One of the most versatile members of the State Senate is Mr. Arthur Bernard Carpenter, Democrat, of the Nineteenth Senatorial District which encompasses Cheyenne County alone. The broad scope of Mr. Carpenter's work and interests includes farming, ranching, banking, dealing in livestock, and practicing law. The majority of the residents of Cheyenne County are engaged in various forms of agriculture and ranching. United States Air Force Base is located in Roswell, as is the New Mexico Military Institute. There is also considerable production in this county.

Claiming New Mexico as an adopted state, Mr. Carpenter was born at Elder, Kentucky. Before coming to Roswell in 1937, Mr. Carpenter made his home in Oklahoma. He was graduated from the Ardmore, Oklahoma, High School and received his A. B. degree from Oklahoma University in 1926 and his law degree one year later. He practiced law in Shawnee, Oklahoma, until 1938.

Since coming to New Mexico, Mr. Carpenter has been active in community and state affairs. He is a member of the Oklahoma, the Cheyenne County, the New Mexico, and the American Bar Associations. He is a member of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, having served nineteen months during World War I in Naval Aviation, which was at that time a pioneer arm of the service. His fraternal affiliations



include the Masons, the Elks, and the Shrine. Other clubs and organizations in which Senator Carpenter is active are: Chaves County Farm and Livestock Association, Pecos Valley Kennel Club, and the Knife and Fork Club.

Senator Carpenter served as a representative in the New Mexico State Legislature from 1945 to 1949, and his present term as senator extends from 1949 to 1953.

Senator Carpenter served on the following committees during the 1949 Session of the New Mexico State Legislature: Judiciary, Enrolling and Engrossing, Banking and Corporations, Finance; and he was chairman of the Conservation of Natural Resources Committee.

Senator Carpenter is listed in the 1949 edition of Who's Who in the Southwest.

#### SENATOR MILTON R. SMITH

The New Mexico Twentieth Senatorial District is represented by Senator Milton R. Smith, Democrat of Carlsbad, New Mexico. This district is in the southeast corner of the state and includes Lea and Eddy Counties. Lea County is foremost in the state in oil production. The economy of this county is supplemented by farming and ranching. Eddy County, of which Carlsbad is the county seat, has ranching, farming, oil, and potash mining. It also boasts one of nature's



include the Masons, the Elks, and the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America. Other fraternal organizations in which Senator Carpenter is active are the County Farm and Livestock Association, Texas Valley Rabbit Club, and the Knife and Fork Club.

Senator Carpenter served as a representative in the New Mexico State Legislature from 1915 to 1917, and his term as senator expired in 1919.

Senator Carpenter served on the following committees during the 1919 Session of the New Mexico State Legislature: Judiciary, Enrolling and Elections, Banks and Corporations, Finance; and he was chairman of the Committee on Natural Resources Committee.

Senator Carpenter is listed in the 1919 edition of Who's Who in the Southwest.

SENATOR MILTON E. GALT

The New Mexico Twentieth Senatorial District is represented by Senator Milton E. Galt, Democrat of Garfield, New Mexico. This district is in the southeast corner of the state and includes Lea and Eddy Counties. The economy of this county is supplemented by farming and ranching. Eddy County, of which Garfield is the county seat, has ranching, farming, oil, and potato mining. It also boasts one of nature's



strangest phenomena and the state's greatest tourist attraction--the Carlsbad Caverns.

Mr. Smith was born at Colorado, Texas, but came to New Mexico at an early age. He has lived in the state and in his district for fifty-seven years. After graduation from high school, Mr. Smith attended the Bradley Polytechnic Institute in Peoria, Illinois. He graduated from this institute in optometry and watchmaking. He learned pharmacy by practical apprenticeship.

In private life the Senator is a druggist and owns the Corner Drug Store, Inc., in Carlsbad. He is a member of the local Chamber of Commerce and the Lions Club. His fraternal affiliations include: Masons, I.O.O.F., and the Woodmen of the World. He has served with the New Mexico National Guard for twelve years.

Senator Smith was unopposed in the 1948 General Election. He was elected three times to the New Mexico House of Representatives between 1934 and 1940. He also served two terms (1940-1948) in the State Senate prior to the present one. He has been a member of the Carlsbad City Council for six terms, and he was Mayor of Carlsbad for four years (1942-1946). He has served his party as precinct committeeman at various times.

Serving as chairman of the State and County Affairs in the 1949 Legislative Session, Senator Smith was also a member



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practical apprenticeship.

In private life the Senator is a druggist and owns the  
Gower Drug Store, Inc., in Carlsbad. He is a member of the  
local chapter of Commanders and the Lions Club. His fraternal  
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Serving as chairman of the State and County Affairs in  
the 1949 Legislative Session, Senator Smith was also a member



of the following committees: Finance; Agriculture, Irrigation, and Reclamation; and Conservation of Natural Resources.

Senator Smith is listed in the 1949 edition of Who's Who in the West.

#### SENATOR J. EMBRY WALL

The population of the Twenty-First Senatorial District, composed of DeBaca and Roosevelt Counties, depends largely upon ranching and agricultural crops such as peanuts, cotton, corn, broomcorn, and truck farming products. Eastern New Mexico University is located in Portales, the largest town in Roosevelt County.

Mr. Embry J. Wall, Democrat, of Elida, New Mexico represents this district in the New Mexico State Senate. A native born Texan, Senator Wall has lived in New Mexico forty-five years and in his district the same length of time.

Mr. Wall received his elementary school education at Elida, and completed high school at Roswell, New Mexico. He later supplemented his education with a business course.

The Senator is a prominent merchant and cowman in his section of the state. He has been a member of the Elida Municipal School Board for twenty-five years, and has been Mayor of Elida for the last three years. Senator Wall is a member of the Lions Club and is a Mason. He has served as chairman of the Selective Service Board since its organization.



of the following animals: Wildcat, Lynx, Bobcat, and  
and Reclamation and Conservation of Natural Resources.  
Senator Smith is interested in the study of  
who is the best.

SENATOR J. BRYAN WELLS

The population of the Territory of New Mexico is  
composed of Mexican and American born, and is largely  
upon ranching and agricultural work, and is generally  
corn, broomcorn, and cotton. The Territory is  
Mexico University is located in El Paso, New Mexico,  
Hosmer County.

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represents this district in the New Mexico State Senate.  
native born Texan. Senator Wells has lived in New Mexico  
forty-five years and in his district the same length of time.  
Mr. Wells received his elementary school education at  
Elida, and completed high school at Roswell, New Mexico. He  
later supplemented his education with a business course.  
The Senator is a prominent merchant and banker in his

session of the state. He has been a member of the Elida  
Municipal School Board for twenty-five years, and has been  
Mayor of Elida for the last three years. Senator Wells is  
a member of the Lions Club and is a Mason. He has served as  
chairman of the Selective Service Board since its organization.



Mr. Wall was elected to the State Senate to serve for four years, beginning in 1949. He was unopposed in both the primary and general elections.<sup>23</sup>

In the recent session of the legislature, Senator Wall was chairman of the Enrolling and Engrossing Committee, and served as a member of the Finance Committee, Banking and Corporations Committee, Insurance Committee, and the Public Lands and Livestock Committee.

#### SENATOR HENRY L. EAGER

The Senate Majority Leader, Henry L. Eager, Democrat, has a long history of political experience in the State of New Mexico. Born in Kentucky, Senator Eager has lived in New Mexico and in his district for forty-two years. Senator Eager serves the Twenty-Second Senatorial District, comprised solely of Quay County. Ranching and farming make the chief contributions to the economy of the county.

Receiving his elementary and secondary education in the New Mexico Public Schools at Tucumcari, Mr. Eager next attended the New Mexico Military Institute at Roswell. Later, he attended a business school in Los Angeles for two years.

Mr. Eager is a member of the Tucumcari Chamber of

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<sup>23</sup> Loc. cit.



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In the recent session of the Legislature, Senator Wall was chairman of the Enrolling and Legislative Committee, and served as a member of the Finance Committee, Banking and Corporations Committee, Insurance Committee, and the Public Lands and Livestock Committee.

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The Senate Majority Leader, Henry L. Eager, Governor has a long history of political experience in the State of New Mexico. Born in Kentucky, Senator Eager has lived in New Mexico and in his district for forty-two years. Senator Eager serves the Twenty-second Senatorial District, comprising solely of Goshute County. Ranching and farming were the chief contributions to the economy of the country.

Receiving his elementary and secondary education in the New Mexico Public Schools at Farmington, Mr. Eager next attended the New Mexico Military Institute at Roswell. Later, he attended a business school in Los Angeles for two years.

Mr. Eager is a member of the Territorial Chamber of



Commerce and the Quay County Sheriff's Posse. His affiliations with service and fraternal groups include the Lions Club and the Elks Club.

Mr. Eager is a Tucumcari merchant.

Senator Eager was first elected to the New Mexico Senate in 1936. In 1938 he was elected to the State Corporation Commission. He was again elected to the Senate in both 1944 and 1948. He has been a member of the Democratic Party's Executive Central Committee in Quay County. Senator Eager defeated his opponent, Arthur J. Snyder, by 531 votes in the 1948 primary election.<sup>24</sup> He was unopposed in the general election. According to Senator Eager his support was approximately as follows: farmers and ranchers, 30 per cent; labor, 20 per cent; and the remainder from businessmen and other citizens of Tucumcari.

In addition to being Senate Majority Leader in the 1949 Session of the Legislature, he was the chairman of the Rules Committee; vice-chairman of the Finance Committee; and a member of the Committee on Committees; the State and County Affairs Committee; the the Agriculture, Irrigation, and Reclamation Committee; and the Fish and Wildlife Committee.

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<sup>24</sup> Ibid., p. 160.



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Affairs Committee; the Education, Legislation, and  
Regulation Committee; and the Fish and Wildlife Committee.



## SENATOR CLAUDE E. GAMBLE

The senator from the Twenty-third Senatorial District is Claude E. Gamble, Democrat. The Twenty-third District is a single county district including only Curry County. This is one of the smallest districts in the state as Curry County is small in area by comparison to other New Mexico Counties. Farming, notably wheat farming, contributes importantly to the economy of this section of the state.

Mr. Gamble was born at Spencer, Tennessee. He came to New Mexico twenty-three years ago, and since that time has resided in the Twenty-third District.

After completing elementary and secondary schools, Mr. Gamble attended two years at Burritt College in Tennessee.

Senator Gamble lives in Clovis, New Mexico, where he is engaged in the insurance and real estate business. Having served eighteen months in the United States Army, he is a member of the American Legion. His fraternal organizations include the Masons and the I. O. O. F., and he belongs to the Kiwanis Service Club.

In 1936 and in 1938 Mr. Gamble was elected County Clerk of Curry County. He has been a State Senator since 1940, and his present term extends to 1952. He was President Pro Tempore of the New Mexico Senate in the Sessions of 1943, 1945, 1947, and 1949. In the 1948 general election the Senator was unopposed as his section of the state has a heavy



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majority of its voters in the Democratic party.<sup>25</sup> He has served his party as a state committeeman, and in 1934 he was the Curry County Democratic Party Chairman.

Senator Gamble was chairman of the Finance Committee in the 1949 Session of the New Mexico Legislature. In that same session he also served on the following committees: State and County Affairs, Insurance, and Veterans.

SENATOR CHARLES C. ROYALL, Jr.

Among the younger men in the New Mexico Senate is Charles C. Royall of Silver City, New Mexico. Silver City is the county seat of Grant County. Mining has been the outstanding contribution to the economy of this county although ranching is also important. Mr. Royall is the Senator from the Twenty-fourth Senatorial District whose boundaries coincide with and include Grant County.

Mr. Royall is a native of the State of New Mexico, having lived his entire lifetime in his district. He received his first eight years of education in the Silver City Public Schools. His high school education was obtained at the New Mexico Military Institute. His A. B. degree was awarded from the New Mexico State Teacher's College at Silver City, now designated as New Mexico Western College. He next attended

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the University of Colorado and completed three years in law school to get the Ll. B. degree.

The Senator practices law in Silver City. His fraternal affiliations include the Elks, the Masons and the Scottish Rite. During World War II, Mr. Royall served three and one-half years with the U. S. Air Forces, and is at present a member of the New Mexico National Guard. He is also a member of the American Legion.

In 1947 and 1948, Mr. Royall was a member of the New Mexico House of Representatives from the Twenty-second Representative District. He is a member of the Democratic party, and in his 1948 election to the State Senate, he polled more votes than his two opponents combined. He was opposed by R. E. Van Every of the Republican party and Juan Chacon of the New Party.<sup>26</sup>

In the Nineteenth Legislative Session, Senator Royall was chairman of the Committee on Mines, and was a member of the following committees: Judiciary, Roads and Transportation, Labor and Social Security, and Finance.

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## CHAPTER II

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES OF THE NEW MEXICO STATE REPRESENTATIVES ELECTED IN 1948

To qualify for election to the State House of Representatives as required by the New Mexico Constitution, a candidate must (1) be a citizen of the United States; (2) be a resident of New Mexico for at least three years preceding his election; and (3) be a qualified elector of his district.<sup>1</sup>

#### REPRESENTATIVE NARCISCO FRANCIS

The oldest member of the New Mexico House of Representatives is Mr. Narcisco Francis, Republican. He represents the First District which is Valencia County. Valencia County depends principally upon sheep, cattle, and small farms along the Rio Grande Valley.

Born in the Republic of Lebanon, Mr. Francis came to the United States at the age of thirteen. He has lived in New Mexico fifty-five years and in Valencia County fifty-three years.

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<sup>1</sup> Thomas C. Donnelly, The Government of New Mexico (Albuquerque, New Mexico: The University of New Mexico Press, 1947), p. 89.



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<sup>1</sup> Thomas C. Donnelly, The Government of New Mexico (Albuquerque, New Mexico: The University of New Mexico Press, 1947), p. 82.



Mr. Francis is a farmer, livestock grower, and a merchant at Seboyeta, New Mexico. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus and the Alianza Hispano Americana.<sup>2</sup> His early schooling began in Lebanon and was continued in territorial New Mexico. Mr. Francis was Chairman of the Board of Trustees for the Seboyeta Land Grant for nineteen years. Mr. Francis is an "old timer" in every sense of the word. He has witnessed or participated in some of the most important pages of the state's early history. He was present at the State Constitutional Convention, though not as a member. As early as 1899 he had been appointed postmaster at Seboyeta, New Mexico. He was a member of the first Board of Education for Valencia County. In 1914 and 1916 he was elected a member of the State House of Representatives to serve in the Second and Third Sessions of the New Mexico Legislature. He was County Commissioner of Valencia County from 1921 through 1924. Beginning in 1942, he has been elected State Representative to four consecutive terms in the New Mexico Legislature, his present term ending in 1950. He has served his party at various times, and at present he is a precinct chairman in Valencia County. He has been a member of the Republican State Central Committee and was, several times, a delegate

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Mr. Francis is a farmer, livestock grower, and a merchant at Salspata, New Mexico. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus and the Alliance Hispano Americana.<sup>2</sup> His early schooling began in Lebanon and was continued in territorial New Mexico. Mr. Francis was Chairman of the Board of Trustees for the Salspata Land Grant for nineteen years. Mr. Francis is an "old timer" in every sense of the word. He has witnessed or participated in some of the most important pages of the state's early history. He was present at the State Constitutional Convention, though not as a member. As early as 1899 he had been appointed postmaster at Salspata, New Mexico. He was a member of the first Board of Education for Valencia County. In 1914 and 1916 he was elected a member of the State House of Representatives to serve in the Second and Third Sessions of the New Mexico Legislature. He was County Commissioner of Valencia County from 1921 through 1924. Beginning in 1945, he has been elected State Representative for four consecutive terms in the New Mexico Legislature, his present term ending in 1950. He has served his party at various times, and at present he is a precinct chairman in Valencia County. He has been a member of the Republican State Central Committee and was, several times, a delegate

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to the Republican State Convention.

In the New Mexico Nineteenth General Assembly (1949), Mr. Francis served as a member of the Appropriations and Finance Committee, Education Committee, Public Land and Livestock Committee, and the Taxation and Revenue Committee.

Mr. Francis states that he has long been a proponent of better education and better farm and ranch roads for New Mexico.<sup>3</sup>

#### REPRESENTATIVE JOSEPH C. JULIEN

Joseph C. Julien, one of the few Republicans in the New Mexico House of Representatives, is from the First Representative District (Valencia County).

Born in Lafayette, Indiana, Mr. Julien came to New Mexico in 1912. He has lived 26 years in the district that he represents.

Mr. Julien is a yardmaster for the Santa Fe Railway Company in Belen, New Mexico. He belongs to several Masonic organizations. He has served three years in the United States Navy.

A graduate of the Salida High School in Colorado, Mr. Julien attended the University of Colorado. He has also done extension work in the University of Texas.

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<sup>3</sup> Personal interview, February, 1950.



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Representative Julien was first elected to public office in 1948 when he was elected to the New Mexico House of Representatives. He believes that farmers, cattlemen, and labor contributed a substantial number of votes to his election.

He served on five standing committees of the New Mexico House of Representatives. They were: Game and Fish, Labor, Public Affairs, Roads and Highways, and Rules and Order of Business.

#### REPRESENTATIVE SILFRED BACA

The Second Representative District is composed of Socorro and Catron Counties. Socorro County has a great deal of farming as well as ranching. Silfred Baca, Republican, is a Representative from this district.

At the time of his election, Mr. Baca was a resident of Magdalena. At present he lives in Santa Fe. His occupation is listed as mill operator in the Directory of the Nineteenth General Assembly, State of New Mexico, 1949.

Representative Baca served on the following committees in the past legislative session (1949) in New Mexico: Mines Labor, Aviation, Enrolling and Engrossing, and Corporations and Banks.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>4</sup> Directory of the Nineteenth General Assembly  
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Representative Baca served on the following committees in the past legislative session (1949) in New Mexico: Mines, Labor, Aviation, Enrolling and Recording, and Corporations and Banks.

Directory of the Nineteenth General Assembly  
(Santa Fe, New Mexico, State of New Mexico, 1949).



## REPRESENTATIVE FLORENTINO JIRON

Representing the Second District (Catron and Socorro Counties) in the New Mexico House of Representatives is Florentino Jiron, Republican, of Aragon. Aragon is a small village, approximately in the center of Catron County.

A native born son of the State of New Mexico, Mr. Jiron has lived his entire life in Catron County. He makes his living by farming and ranching. Mr. Jiron belongs to the Alianza Hispano Americana. Mr. Jiron received his high school education in Catron County.

Representative Jiron has served the Republican party as Central and State Committeeman. He has served as Probate Judge in Catron County from 1920 through 1924. His first election to the State Legislature was in the 1948 general election. He stated that the majority of his support came from farmers and ranchers. It is interesting to note that in the 1948 election Catron County gave more votes to the Democratic candidates for the State Legislature, but the more populous county (Socorro) gave a sufficient majority to the Republican candidates to carry the election for them.<sup>5</sup>

In the last session (1949) of the New Mexico Legislature, Representative Jiron served as a member of six

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<sup>5</sup> State of New Mexico Official Returns of the 1948 Elections, Compiled by Alicia Romero (Santa Fe, New Mexico: Office of the Secretary of State, 1949), p. 149.



# REPRESENTATIVE FLORENTINO JIRON

Representing the Second District (Catron and Socorro Counties) in the New Mexico House of Representatives is Florentino Jiron, Republican, of Alamosa, a small village, approximately in the center of Catron County. A native born son of the State of New Mexico, Mr. Jiron has lived his entire life in Catron County. He makes his living by farming and ranching. Mr. Jiron belongs to the Alliance Farmers Association. Mr. Jiron received his high school education in Catron County.

Representative Jiron has served the Republican Party as Central and State Committeeman. He has served as Probate Judge in Catron County from 1920 through 1924. His first election to the State Legislature was in the 1918 general election. He stated that the majority of his support came from farmers and ranchers. It is interesting to note that in the 1918 election Catron County gave more votes to the Democratic candidates for the State Legislature, but the more populous county (Socorro) gave a sufficient majority to the Republican candidates to carry the election for them. In the last session (1919) of the New Mexico Legislature, Representative Jiron served as a member of six



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#### REPRESENTATIVE CALVIN HORN

One of the three State Representatives from the Third Representative District is Calvin Horn, Democrat. District Three is made up of Bernalillo County. Bernalillo County has for its county seat, Albuquerque, the largest city in the state and one of the fastest growing cities in the country. Numerous district and regional headquarters of agencies of the federal government are located in Albuquerque. Two military installations, Kirtland Air Force Base and Sandia Base, also furnish large payrolls to the area. Large Santa Fe Railway shops contribute a substantial amount to the economy of the county. The State University, the largest educational institution of the state, is located in Albuquerque. Over a period of years Bernalillo County has attracted both tourists and health seekers, many of whom remained to become permanent residents.

Calvin Horn was born at Harrodsburg, Kentucky, and came to New Mexico at a very early age. He has lived in New Mexico and Bernalillo County for twenty-eight years.

The occupation of Mr. Horn is that of oil dealer in Albuquerque, New Mexico. During World War II, he served



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Calvin Horn was born at Harwood, Kentucky, and came to New Mexico at a very early age. He has lived in New Mexico and Bernalillo County for twenty-eight years. The occupation of Mr. Horn is that of oil dealer in Albuquerque, New Mexico. During World War II, he served



forty-one months in the Air Corps. He belongs to two veterans organizations, the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Mr. Horn is also a Mason and is a member of the Rotary Club.

All of Representative Horn's schooling has been done in the city of Albuquerque. He was graduated from the Albuquerque High School and holds the A. B. degree from the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque.

His election to the New Mexico House of Representatives in 1946 was Mr. Horn's first public office. In the 1948 general election he was re-elected, and in this election polled more votes than any of the seven other candidates for the three seats in the House of Representatives.<sup>6</sup>

Representative Horn's committee work in the 1949 session of the State Legislature includes: Chairman of Taxation and Revenue Committee, Vice-Chairman of the Education Committee, member of the Judiciary Committee, and member of the Appropriation and Finance Committee.

#### REPRESENTATIVE LOUIE G. PEREA

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One of the three members of the New Mexico House of  
Representatives from the Third Representative District  
(Bernillo County) is Mr. Louis A. Horn, Democrat, of



Albuquerque, New Mexico. Mr. Perea is a lifelong resident of Albuquerque.

Mr. Perea is a painting contractor in Albuquerque. He received his elementary and secondary education in the Albuquerque Public Schools.

Representative Perea has served his party as Chairman of the Young Democrats from Precinct 27 (Bernalillo County). His election to the New Mexico House of Representatives in 1948 was his first election to public office. He states that in this election farmers and labor contributed a substantial number of votes to his election.

During the legislative session of 1949 Representative Perea was vice-chairman of the Corporations and Banks Committee and served as a member of the County and County Lines, Enrolling and Engrossing, Public Affairs, and Taxation and Revenue Committees.

#### REPRESENTATIVE JOHN F. SIMMS, Jr.

John F. Simms, Jr., Democrat, Speaker of the New Mexico House of Representatives, is one of the three Representatives from the Third District (Bernalillo County).

Born in Albuquerque, New Mexico, Mr. Simms has resided there all of his life. He is an attorney with the Simms, Modrall, Seymour, and Simms law firm of Albuquerque. Mr. Simms is a member of the 20-30 and the Toastmasters Club.



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Mr. Perea is a painting contractor in Albuquerque. He received his elementary and secondary education in the Albuquerque Public Schools.

Representative Perea has served his party as Chairman of the Young Democrats from District 27 (Bernillo County). His election to the New Mexico House of Representatives in 1948 was his first election to public office. He states that in this election farmers and labor contributed a substantial number of votes to his election.

During the legislative session of 1949 Representative Perea was vice-chairman of the Corporations and Banks Committee and served as a member of the County and County Affairs, Judiciary and Agriculture, Public Affairs, and Education and Finance Committees.

#### REPRESENTATIVE JOHN F. BLANK, JR.

John F. Blank, Jr., Democrat, Speaker of the New Mexico House of Representatives, is one of the three Representatives from the Third District (Bernillo County). Born in Albuquerque, New Mexico, Mr. Blank has resided there all of his life. He is an attorney with the Blank, Nodall, Seymour, and Blank law firm of Albuquerque. Mr. Blank is a member of the 20-30 and the Rotarians Club.



During the past war he served four years with the Air Force.

Mr. Simms attended elementary school in Albuquerque but completed his high school work at the New Mexico Military Institute in Roswell. The first part of his college work was done at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque where he received the A. B. degree. His professional schooling was taken at Yale University where he was awarded the Ll. B. degree.

Representative Simms was first elected to the State House of Representatives in 1946. He was re-elected in 1948 and elected Speaker of the House for the following session. In this position he appoints all committees and serves on none.

#### REPRESENTATIVE WILLIAM W. GILBERT

The Fourth New Mexico Representative District is a single county district (Santa Fe County) allotted two seats in the House of Representatives. Mr. William W. Gilbert, Republican, of Santa Fe, occupies one of these seats. The State Capital is located in Santa Fe. The tourist trade contributes a great deal to the economy of Santa Fe County. Federal Government expenditures at nearby Los Alamos further bolster the county's income.

Mr. Gilbert was born at Santa Fe and has lived there all of his life except for time spent in out-of-state schools.



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He is an attorney in Santa Fe. He belongs to Rotary International.

Mr. Gilbert's elementary and secondary schooling was in the Santa Fe Public Schools. After graduation from the Santa Fe High School he went to Leland Stanford University in California. Here he received the A. B. degree and the Ll. B. degree.

The 1948 general election placed Mr. Gilbert in his first public office. He has not held any party offices. His statement that city votes contributed largely to his election in 1948 is generally correct in that election returns reveal that the rural areas of Santa Fe County voted heavier for the Democratic candidates while in Santa Fe proper more votes were cast for the Republican candidates.<sup>7</sup>

Representative Gilbert served as a member of five committees in the 1949 New Mexico Legislative Session. They were: Judiciary, Corporations and Banks, Privileges and Elections, Rules and Order of Business, and Ways and Means.

#### REPRESENTATIVE LOUISE HOOVER<sup>8</sup>

The second member of the New Mexico House of Representatives

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<sup>7</sup> Ibid., p. 166.

<sup>8</sup> All information concerning Representative Hoover is recorded from a personal interview, March 25, 1950.



He is an attorney in Santa Fe. He belongs to Rotary Inter-national.

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Representative Gilbert served as a member of the committee in the 1949 New Mexico Legislative Session. They were: Judiciary, Corporations and Banks, Privileges and Elections, Rules and Order of Business, and Ways and Means.

#### REPRESENTATIVE LOUISE HOOVER<sup>8</sup>

The second member of the New Mexico House of Representatives

<sup>7</sup> Ibid., p. 100.

<sup>8</sup> All information concerning Representative Hoover is recorded from a personal interview, March 25, 1953.



from the Fourth District (Santa Fe County) is Mrs. Louise Hoover, Republican.

Mrs. Hoover is a lifelong resident of New Mexico and has lived in Santa Fe County all but three years of her life.

After attending grade school at Santa Fe, Mrs. Hoover received her high school education at a girl's school in Topeka, Kansas. She then went to Kansas University where she was awarded the Bachelor of Arts degree.

Mrs. Hoover is a member of the National Order of Women Legislators and is the secretary-treasurer of the New Mexico branch of that organization.

Representative Hoover was first elected to the New Mexico House of Representatives in 1946, and she was re-elected in 1948. She is a member of the Republican party.

In the Nineteenth Legislature (1949), Representative Hoover was a member of the Oil and Gas Committee, Public Affairs Committee, and the Education Committee.

#### REPRESENTATIVE R. P. JARAMILLO, Jr.

Rio Arriba County constitutes the Fifth Representative District. It is allotted two seats in the New Mexico House of Representatives. One of the Representatives from this district is Mr. R. P. Jaramillo, Jr., Democrat, of El Rito, New Mexico. Lumber and livestock are the chief products of this area.



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Representative Hoover was first elected to the New Mexico House of Representatives in 1946, and was re-elected in 1948. She is a member of the Republican party. In the Nineteenth District (1949), Representative Hoover was a member of the Oil and Gas Committee, Public Affairs Committee, and the Education Committee.

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El Alamo County constitutes the Fifth Representative District. It is allotted two seats in the New Mexico House of Representatives. One of the Representatives from this district is Mr. R. P. Jaramillo, Jr., Democrat, of El Alamo, New Mexico. Lumber and livestock are the chief products of this area.



Mr. Jaramillo was born in Santa Fe, New Mexico. He has lived his entire life in the state and twenty years in Rio Arriba County.

Before the war Mr. Jaramillo was employed by the Los Angeles-Albuquerque Express Company in Santa Fe. At present he is a dispatcher for the Zia Company in Los Alamos, New Mexico.<sup>9</sup> During World War II, Mr. Jaramillo served forty-two months with the United States Navy. He is a member of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Los Alamos Veterans Club.

Mr. Jaramillo is a graduate of St. Michael's High School at Santa Fe.

Representative Jaramillo has not held any party offices. He was first elected to the New Mexico House of Representatives in 1946. He was re-elected in 1948, and attributes his support, primarily, to teachers, cattlemen, labor, and farmers.

Chairman of the County and County Lines Committee in the Nineteenth General Assembly of New Mexico, Representative Jaramillo also served on the Aviation, Education, and Ways and Means Committees of the House of Representatives.

Representative Jaramillo is listed in Who's Who in the West, 1949 edition.

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<sup>9</sup> Who's Who in the West (Chicago: The A. N. Marquis Company, 1949), p. 475.



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## REPRESENTATIVE R. P. ORTIZ

R. P. Ortiz, Democrat, of Lumberton, New Mexico, is one of the Representatives from the Fifth District (Rio Arriba County). Lumber and sheep raising make the most important contributions to the economy of Rio Arriba County.

Born at Ortiz, Colorado, Mr. Ortiz has been a resident of New Mexico for twenty-one years and a resident of Rio Arriba County fifteen years. In Lumberton Mr. Ortiz is a merchant.

After studying in elementary and secondary schools, Mr. Ortiz attended a business school for two years.

Representative Ortiz first served in the New Mexico Legislature from 1935 to 1938 and was again elected in 1948. He is a precinct committeeman in Rio Arriba County.

In the 1949 Session of the New Mexico Legislature, Representative Ortiz was vice-chairman of the Roads and Highways Committee and a member of the Education, Appropriations and Finance, and the Public Affairs Committees.

## REPRESENTATIVE FIDEL C. CONZALES

The Sixth Representative District, which is composed of San Miguel County, sends three members to the New Mexico House of Representatives. San Miguel County is a farming and ranching area. The economy is supplemented by a state hospital, a university, and the Santa Fe Railway.



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# REPRESENTATIVE FIBEL C. GONZALES

The Sixth Representative District, which is composed of San Miguel County, sends three members to the New Mexico House of Representatives. San Miguel County is a farming and ranching area. The economy is supplemented by a state hospital, a university, and the Santa Fe Railway.



Fidel C. Gonzales, Democrat, of Las Vegas, New Mexico is one of the three from this district elected in 1948.

A Native son of Colorado, Mr. Gonzales has lived in New Mexico for thirty years and in his district for twenty years.

Mr. Gonzales is a hardware store owner and funeral director. He has served one year in the Armed Forces and is a member of the American Legion.

His education includes public school work.

Representative Gonzales has held the party office of county chairman. His elective offices include county commissioner (four years) and New Mexico State Representative (second term).

In the 1949 Session of the New Mexico Legislature, Representative Gonzales was a member of the Judiciary Committee and the Appropriation and Finance Committee.

#### REPRESENTATIVE RALPH R. LOPEZ

Ralph R. Lopez, Democrat, represents the Sixth District in the New Mexico House of Representatives. This district is composed of San Miguel County alone.

Mr. Lopez has lived all of his life in New Mexico and in his district except when away at school. He is a bookkeeper. During World War II he served four years with the United States Navy. He belongs to the American Legion and



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director. He has served one term in the House of Representatives and is

a member of the American Legion.

His education includes public school work.

Representative Gonzalez has held the party office of

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sioner (four years) and New Mexico State Representative

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In the 1909 session of the New Mexico Legislature,

Representative Gonzalez was a member of the Military Committee

and the Appropriation and Finance Committee.

#### REPRESENTATIVE RALPH H. JONES

Ralph H. Jones, Democrat, represents the Sixth District

in the New Mexico House of Representatives. This district is

composed of San Miguel County alone.

Mr. Jones has lived all of his life in New Mexico and

in his district except when away at school. He is a book-

keeper. During World War I he served four years with the

United States Navy. He belongs to the American Legion and



the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

After attending the Christian Brothers School at Las Vegas, Mr. Lopez went to LaSalle Normal School at Lafayette, Louisiana where he completed high school. He then attended the Barnes Business College at Denver, Colorado, where he started his training in bookkeeping. He later studied at Highlands University for one year and is presently completing two years of work at the University of New Mexico.

Representative Lopez was a member of the Board of Education for the town of Las Vegas for four years. He resigned from this office when he entered the armed forces. Representative Lopez has served his party as precinct committeeman.

In the recent (1949) Session of the New Mexico Legislature, Representative Lopez served as vice-chairman of the Military Affairs Committee and a member of the Corporations and Banks Committee, the Enrolling and Engrossing Committee, and the Game and Fish Committee.

#### REPRESENTATIVE ALFREDO R. MAEZ

The third representative from the Sixth District (San Miguel County) is Mr. Alfredo R. Maez, Democrat, of Las Vegas, New Mexico.

Mr. Maez was born at Mesa Rica, New Mexico, in San Miguel County and has lived in that section of the state all



the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

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#### REPRESENTATIVE ALFREDO R. MESA

The third representative from the Sixth District (San Miguel County) is Mr. Alfredo R. Mesa, Democrat, of Las Vegas, New Mexico.

Mr. Mesa was born at Mesa Rico, New Mexico, in San Miguel County and has lived in that section of the state all



of his life. He is a rancher in private life. He belongs to the Knights of Columbus in Las Vegas.

Representative Maez is a graduate of Tucumcari High School, and has attended Highland University at Las Vegas, New Mexico.

Having served four previous terms in the New Mexico House of Representatives (1941-1947), Representative Maez was re-elected in 1948. He states that farmers, cattlemen, and labor contributed a substantial number of votes to his election in 1948.

Representative Maez was chairman of the House Committee on Public Affairs, and a member of the Appropriations and Finance Committee and the Public Land and Livestock Committee in the 1949 Session of the State Legislature.

#### REPRESENTATIVE FRANCISCO L. CANTU

The Seventh Representative District is comprised of Mora County. Farming is the principal means of livelihood of this county. One of the two representatives from this district is Francisco L. Cantu, Republican, of Cleveland, New Mexico.

Mr. Cantu was born in Mexico. He came to New Mexico when it was still a territory and has been a resident of the state and Mora County for the last forty years.

In private life Mr. Cantu is an artist and sign painter.



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Representative Mass is a graduate of Trowers High School, and has attended Highland University at Las Vegas, New Mexico.

Having served four previous terms in the New Mexico House of Representatives (1941-1947), Representative Mass was re-elected in 1948. He states that farmers, cattlemen, and labor contributed a substantial number of votes to his election in 1948.

Representative Mass was chairman of the House Committee on Public Affairs, and a member of the Appropriations and Finance Committee and the Public Land and Livestock Committee in the 1949 Session of the State Legislature.

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Mr. Cantu was born in Mexico. He came to New Mexico when it was still a territory and has been a resident of the state and Mora County for the last forty years. In private life Mr. Cantu is an artist and sign painter.



He is a member of the Woodmen of the World and was Council Commander of that organization at Kerville, Texas, from 1903 to 1907. He also belongs to the Master Painters Guild of America.

Mr. Cantu was educated in the public schools of Mexico.

Representative Cantu was first elected to the New Mexico House of Representatives in 1946. He was re-elected to that office in 1948. Representative Cantu has served his party as precinct chairman and county vice-chairman.

In the past session (1949) of the New Mexico State Legislature, Representative Cantu served on the following House Committees: Labor, Ways and Means, Printing and Supplies, and Privileges and Election.

Mr. Cantu is listed in Who's Who in the West, 1949 edition.

#### REPRESENTATIVE ALFONSO CORDOVA<sup>10</sup>

Occupying one of the seats in the New Mexico House of Representatives allotted to District Seven (Mora County) is Alfonso Cordova, Republican, of Wagon Mound, New Mexico.

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Mr. Cordova was born and raised in Wagon Mound. In 1949 he listed his occupation as that of Water Works Superintendent.<sup>11</sup> Wagon Mound is a small town with a population of approximately 1,000. At present, Mr. Cordova is not employed by the town of Wagon Mound.

A World War II veteran with more than three years service in the army, Mr. Cordova is a member of the Catholic War Veterans.

All of Mr. Cordova's education was received in the Wagon Mound Public Schools.

A former member of the Democratic party, Mr. Cordova changed his party affiliation and was elected to the New Mexico Legislature as a Republican.

Representative Cordova served as a member of the following committees during the Nineteenth New Mexico Legislative Session: Aviation, Enrolling and Engrossing, Privileges and Elections, and Military Affairs.<sup>12</sup>

#### REPRESENTATIVE JOE G. MARCHIONDO

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<sup>11</sup> Directory of the Nineteenth General Assembly  
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factors of the economy of Colfax County. This district is allotted two seats in the New Mexico House of Representatives. Mr. Joe G. Marchiondo, Democrat, is one of the two representatives from this district. He is a native of New Mexico and has lived his entire life at Raton.

Mr. Marchiondo is a merchant in Raton. He served three years with the United States Marines in World War II. He belongs to the American Legion and Elks Club. He is also a member of the Knights of Columbus.

His first twelve years of schooling were completed at Raton when he graduated from Raton High School. He attended the University of New Mexico for one year.

Representative Marchiondo is holding his first elective office.

In the Nineteenth Legislative Assembly of New Mexico that met in 1949, Representative Marchiondo was vice-chairman of the Mines Committee and a member of the Labor, Public Affairs, and Enrolling and Engrossing Committees.

#### REPRESENTATIVE VIOLA K. REYNOLDS

Representing the Eighth District in the New Mexico House of Representatives is Mrs. Viola K. Reynolds, Democrat, of Springer. Colfax is the only county included in this district.



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Mr. Joe G. Marchbanks, Democrat, is one of the two representa-

tatives from this district. He is a native of New Mexico and

has lived his entire life at Bataan.

Mr. Marchbanks is a merchant in Bataan. He served three

years with the United States Marine in World War I. He has

longed to the American Legion and Blue Birds. He is also a

member of the Knights of Columbus.

His first twelve years of schooling were completed at

Bataan when he graduated from Bataan High School. He attended

the University of New Mexico for one year.

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In the past Marchbanks has been a member of New Mexico

that met in 1927. Representative Marchbanks and Vice-President

of the House of Representatives and member of the House of

Affairs, and Executive and Legislative Committees.

#### REPRESENTATIVE VIOLE K. SPRINGER

Representing the Eighth District in the New Mexico

House of Representatives is Mrs. Violet K. Springer, Democrat.

of Springer. She is the only woman residing in this

district.



Mrs. Reynolds is a rancher.<sup>13</sup>

Representative Reynolds has held the office of County Clerk of Colfax County. She has served as a State Representative since 1944.

Serving as chairman of the Education Committee in the 1949 Session of the State Legislature, Mrs. Reynolds was also a member of the Public Land and Livestock Committee, the Taxation and Revenue Committee, and the Ways and Means Committee.<sup>14</sup>

#### REPRESENTATIVE F. M. LAVADIE

The Ninth Representative District is composed of Taos County alone. Mr. F. M. LaVadie, Democrat, is a Representative of this district. Farming and stock raising, on a small scale, are the main occupations of this county. Taos County is well known as a tourist center and for its artis colony.

Mr. LaVadie is a stock raiser by occupation.<sup>15</sup>

Representative LaVadie was a member of the following three committees in the last state legislative session: Ways and Means, Public Land and Livestock, and Enrolling and Engrossing.<sup>16</sup>

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<sup>13</sup> Directory of the Nineteenth General Assembly,  
loc. cit.

<sup>14</sup> Loc. cit.

<sup>15</sup> Loc. cit.

<sup>16</sup> Loc. cit.



Mrs. Reynolds is a teacher.

Representative Reynolds has held the office of County

Clerk of Colfax County. She has served as a State Representative

lative since 1914.

Serving as chairman of the Education Committee in the

1919 Session of the State Legislature, Mrs. Reynolds was also

a member of the Public Land and Livestock Committee, the Tax-

ation and Revenue Committee, and the Navy and Marine Committee.

#### REPRESENTATIVE T. E. LAVADIE

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is well known as a tourist center and for its winter resorts.

Mr. Lavadie is a stock raiser by occupation.

Representative Lavadie was a member of the following

three committees in the last state legislative session: Ways

and Means, Public Land and Livestock, and Farming and In-

creasing.

13 Directory of the Legislative Council, 1919.

14 Loc. cit.

15 Loc. cit.

16 Loc. cit.

17 Loc. cit.



## REPRESENTATIVE BENITO VALDEZ

A Representative from the Ninth District (Taos County) is Benito Valdez, Democrat, of Valdito, New Mexico.

A lifelong resident of New Mexico, Mr. Valdez was born in San Miguel County. He has lived in Taos County forty-four years. Mr. Valdez is a carpenter and a farmer by occupation. He has also taught school for twenty years in New Mexico.

All of the elementary and secondary schooling of Mr. Valdez was done in the Las Vegas Public Schools. He has also attended the Highland University at Las Vegas.

This is the fourth term for Representative Valdez in the New Mexico House of Representatives. He was first elected in 1930 and was re-elected in 1932 and 1934. He was elected to his present term in 1948. He attributes his support largely to farmers and laborers.

During his present term, Representative Valdez was a member of the following Committees: Roads and Highways and Privileges and Elections. He was also vice-chairman of the Irrigation and Drainage Committee.

## REPRESENTATIVE FRANK SISNEROS, Jr.

Sandoval County comprises the Tenth Representative District. Contributing to the economy of this county are lumber, cattle, and small farming. This district is allotted one seat in the New Mexico House of Representatives. Mr.



REPRESENTATIVE BENITO VALDES

A Representative from the Ninth District (Tasos County) is Benito Valdes, Democrat, of Valdivia, New Mexico. A lifelong resident of New Mexico, Mr. Valdes was born in San Miguel County. He has lived in Tasos County forty-four years. Mr. Valdes is a carpenter and a farmer by occupation. He has also taught school for twenty years in New Mexico. All of the elementary and secondary schooling of Mr. Valdes was done in the Las Vegas Public Schools. He has also attended the Highland University at Las Vegas.

This is the fourth term for Representative Valdes in the New Mexico House of Representatives. He was first elected in 1930 and was re-elected in 1932 and 1934. He was elected to his present term in 1948. He attributes his support largely to farmers and laborers.

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Frank Sisneros, Jr., Democrat, is the Representative from this district.

Mr. Sisneros was born in Sandoval County and has resided there his entire life. His occupation is that of sawmill worker. Mr. Sisneros served two and one-half years with the Air Force during World War II. He is a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and Lumber and Sawmill Workers Local Union No. 2864 of Bernalillo, New Mexico.

Attending the Brothers School at Bernalillo for his elementary schooling and one year of high school, Mr. Sisneros went to Las Cruces Union High School for two years.

The present office held by Representative Sisneros is his first elective public office. He was elected to the New Mexico House of Representatives in 1948 on the Democratic ticket.

In the recent session of the New Mexico Legislature (1949), Representative Sisneros was vice-chairman of the House Labor Committee and a member of the Agriculture, Roads and Highways, and Enrolling and Engrossing Committees.

#### REPRESENTATIVE W. O. CULBERTSON, Jr.

The Eleventh Representative District, composed of Harding and Union Counties elects two members to the New Mexico House of Representatives. Farming and ranching are the chief elements of the economy of this area. One representative



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ticket.

In the recent session of the New Mexico Legislature  
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is elected from each of the two counties, both counties voting in the election of both members. Mr. W. O. Culbertson, Jr., Democrat, is the Representative from Harding County.

Mr. Culbertson is a resident of Bueyeros, New Mexico. He was born in Tucumcari, New Mexico, and has lived in the state and his district for twelve years.

A graduate of Dalhart High School in Texas, Mr. Culbertson attended and received the B. S. degree from Texas A. and M. College.

Representative Culbertson is a cattle grower by occupation. He is a member of the New Mexico Cattle Growers Association, the Northeastern Cattle Growers Association, the National Livestock Association, and the Colorado Hereford Association. In World War II, Mr. Culbertson served four years with the United States Army (Field Artillery). He belongs to the American Legion and the Lions Club.

In 1947, Representative Culbertson was elected for two years to the Harding County Board of Commissioners. His first election to the office of State Representative was in 1948.

He has served the Democratic party as precinct chairman in Harding County.

Representative Culbertson held the vice-chairmanship of two House Committees in the 1949 Session of the New Mexico Legislature: Public Lands and Livestock, and Aviation. He was a member of the Appropriation and Finance Committee and



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Mr. Culbertson is a resident of Buxton, New Mexico. He was born in Tuscumbia, New Mexico, and has lived in the state and his district for twelve years.

A graduate of Dalhart High School in Texas, Mr. Culbertson attended and received the B. S. degree from Texas A. and M. College.

Representative Culbertson is a cattle grower by occupation. He is a member of the New Mexico Cattle Growers Association, the Northeastern Cattle Growers Association, the National Livestock Association, and the Colorado Horse Association. In World War II, Mr. Culbertson served four years with the United States Army (Field Artillery). He belongs to the American Legion and the Lions Club.

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the Privileges and Elections Committee.

#### REPRESENTATIVE W. C. WHEATLEY

The Union County Representative of the Eleventh District (Union and Harding Counties) is W. C. Wheatley, Democrat, of Clayton, New Mexico.

Mr. Wheatley is a native son of Iowa. However, he has lived in New Mexico thirty-two years. Twenty years of this time has been in Union County.

An automobile dealer and garage owner by occupation, Mr. Wheatley operates the Chrysler agency in Clayton. He belongs to the Rotary Club and is President of the Clayton Chamber of Commerce.

After graduating from the Clayton High School, Mr. Wheatley attended the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque for one and one-half years.

Representative Wheatley is holding his first elective public office. In his 1948 election to the New Mexico House of Representatives, Representative Wheatley feels that farmers and ranchers contributed considerably to his election.

During the past session of the New Mexico Legislature (1949), Representative Wheatley was co-chairman of the Enrolling and Engrossing Committee, vice-chairman of the Privileges and Elections Committee, and was a member of the Aviation and the Public Affairs Committees.



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REPRESENTATIVE W. C. WHEATLEY

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An automobile dealer and garage owner by occupation, Mr. Wheatley operates the Chrysler agency in Clayton. He belongs to the Rotary Club and is President of the Clayton Chamber of Commerce.

After graduating from the Clayton High School, Mr. Wheatley attended the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque for one and one-half years.

Representative Wheatley is holding his first elective public office. In his 1948 election to the New Mexico House of Representatives, Representative Wheatley feels that farmers and ranchers contributed considerably to his election.

During the past session of the New Mexico Legislature (1949), Representative Wheatley was co-chairman of the Harboring and Engrossing Committee, vice-chairman of the Privileges and Elections Committee, and was a member of the Aviation and the Public Affairs Committees.



## REPRESENTATIVE LILBURN C. HOMAN

Torrance County alone makes up the Twelfth Representative District. Small farming and ranching are the main occupations of this area. Bean growing is the chief farming interest. This district is allotted only one seat in the New Mexico House of Representatives. Lilburn C. Homan, Republican, of Estancia, New Mexico, is the present Representative from this district.

Mr. Homan is a native born New Mexican and all but seven years of his life have been spent in Torrance County. He is a farmer by occupation.

Completing his elementary and secondary education in the Estancia Public Schools, Mr. Homan attended the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque where he received the A. B. degree.

Representative Homan is the Torrance County Chairman of the Young Republicans. He was first elected to the New Mexico House of Representatives in 1940 and was re-elected in 1942, 1944, 1946, and 1948.

In the Nineteenth New Mexico Legislature, Representative Homan was a member of the Committee on Committees, the Education Committee, the Judiciary Committee, and the Taxation and Revenue Committee. He was the Republican Floor Leader in the House of Representatives.



# REPRESENTATIVE MILBURN C. HOSAN

Torrance County alone makes up the Twelfth District.

Native District. Small farming and ranching are the main occupations of this area. Bean growing is the chief farming interest. This district is allotted only one seat in the New Mexico House of Representatives. Milburn C. Hosan, Republican, of Batavia, New Mexico, is the present Representative from this district.

Mr. Hosan is a native born New Mexican and all but seven years of his life have been spent in Torrance County. He is a farmer by occupation.

Completing his elementary and secondary education in the Batavia Public Schools, Mr. Hosan attended the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque where he received the A. B. degree.

Representative Hosan is the Torrance County Chairman of the Young Republicans. He was first elected to the New Mexico House of Representatives in 1940 and was re-elected in 1942, 1944, 1946, and 1948.

In the Nineteenth New Mexico Legislature, Representative Hosan was a member of the Committee on Commerce, the Education Committee, the Judiciary Committee, and the Taxation and Revenue Committee. He was the Republican Floor Leader in the House of Representatives.



## REPRESENTATIVE JOHN J. COURY

The Thirteenth Representative District covers only one County, Guadalupe. John J. Coury, Republican, occupies the seat in the State House of Representatives allotted to this district. Ranching is the only economy of any importance in this district.

Mr. Coury is a resident of Santa Rosa, New Mexico. He is a merchant there.<sup>17</sup>

In the Nineteenth Legislative Session, Representative Coury served on the following Committees: County and County Lines, Judiciary, Printing and Supplies, Public Affairs, and Roads and Highways.<sup>18</sup>

## REPRESENTATIVE WILLIAM GRIJALVA, Jr.

McKinley County alone makes up the Fourteenth Representative District. Coal mining, oil, lumber, and ranching are the chief sources of revenue for the county. Mr. William Grijalva, Jr., Democrat, is one of this district's two State Representatives.

Mr. Grijalva, a resident of Gallup, is a miner.<sup>19</sup>

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<sup>17</sup> Directory of the Nineteenth General Assembly,  
loc. cit.

<sup>18</sup> Loc. cit.

<sup>19</sup> Loc. cit.



REPRESENTATIVE JOHN L. GERRY

The Thirteenth Representative District covers only one County, Guadalupe. John L. Gerry, Republican, occupies the seat in the State House of Representatives allotted to this district. Ranching is the only economy of any importance in this district.

Mr. Gerry is a resident of Santa Rosa, New Mexico. He is a merchant there.<sup>17</sup>

In the Nineteenth Legislative Session, Representative Gerry served on the following Committees: County and County Lines, Judiciary, Printing and Supplies, Public Affairs, and Roads and Highways.<sup>18</sup>

REPRESENTATIVE WILLIAM GRISWOLD, JR.

McKinley County alone makes up the Fourteenth Representative District. Coal mining, oil, lumber, and ranching are the chief sources of revenue for the county. Mr. William Griswold, Jr., Democrat, is one of this district's two State Representatives.

Mr. Griswold, a resident of Gallup, is a miner.<sup>19</sup>

<sup>17</sup> Director of the Nineteenth General Assembly.  
loc. cit.  
<sup>18</sup> loc. cit.  
<sup>19</sup> loc. cit.



In the last session (1949) of the State Legislature, Representative Grijalva was chairman of the Labor Committee, vice-chairman of the Oil and Gas Committee and a member of the Public Affairs Committee.<sup>20</sup>

#### REPRESENTATIVE LILLIAN W. THOMPSON

A member of the New Mexico House of Representatives from the Fourteenth District (McKinley County) is Mrs. Lillian W. Thompson, Democrat.

Mrs. Thompson was born at Warren, Pennsylvania, but she came to New Mexico in 1925. For the last twenty years she has resided in McKinley County. Her present residence is at Gallup, New Mexico.

A cosmetologist by profession, Mrs. Thompson served on the State Cosmetology Board for five years. She is a member of the Federation of Business and Professional Women's Club, and in the past has been president of that organization. She has been State Legislation Chairman for that group.

Mrs. Thompson is a graduate of the Warren, Pennsylvania, High School.

Holding her first elective public office, Mrs. Thompson was elected to the New Mexico House of Representatives in 1948.

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<sup>20</sup> Loc. cit.



In the last session (1949) of the State Legislature, Representative Grifone was chairman of the Labor Committee, vice-chairman of the Oil and Gas Committee and a member of the Public Affairs Committee. So

# REPRESENTATIVE LILLIAN W. THOMPSON

A member of the New Mexico House of Representatives from the Fourteenth District (McKinley County) is Mrs. Lillian W. Thompson, Democrat. Mrs. Thompson was born at Warren, Pennsylvania, but she came to New Mexico in 1925. For the last twenty years she has resided in McKinley County. Her present residence is at Gallup, New Mexico.

A cosmetologist by profession, Mrs. Thompson served on the State Cosmetology Board for five years. She is a member of the Federation of Business and Professional Women's Club, and in the past has been president of that organization. She has been State Legislature Chairman for that group. Mrs. Thompson is a graduate of the Warren, Pennsylvania, High School.

Holding her first elective public office, Mrs. Thompson was elected to the New Mexico House of Representatives in 1948.



In the 1949 meeting of the New Mexico House of Representatives, Mrs. Thompson was a member of the Military Affairs Committee, the County and County Lines Committee, and the Roads and Highway Committee.

#### REPRESENTATIVE I. G. APODACA<sup>21</sup>

Dona Ana County makes up the Fifteenth Representative District. Mr. I. G. Apodaca, Democrat, of La Mesa, New Mexico, is one of the two members of the New Mexico House of Representatives from this district. Farming is important in Dona Ana County. Cotton is a leading product followed by melons and other truck-farm products. Some ranching is also done in this area.

Mr. Apodaca was born and raised in his district. He is a merchant and operates a general merchandise store in the small village of San Miguel, near La Mesa. During World War II he served for a short period in the army.

After completing the eighth grade in the San Miguel School, Mr. Apodaca went to Silver City to Normal School in order to get a teacher's certificate. Later he taught eight years in Santa Fe County.

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<sup>21</sup> All information concerning Representative I. G. Apodaca is recorded from a personal interview, March 4, 1950.



In the 1949 meeting of the New Mexico House of Representatives, Mrs. Thompson was a member of the Military Affairs Committee, the County and County Lines Committee, and the Roads and Highway Committee.

## REPRESENTATIVE I. G. APODACA

Dona Ana County makes up the fifteenth Representative District. Mr. I. G. Apodaca, Democrat, of Las Mesas, New Mexico, is one of the two members of the New Mexico House of Representatives from this district. Farming is important in Dona Ana County. Cotton is a leading product followed by melons and other truck-farm products. Some ranching is also done in this area.

Mr. Apodaca was born and raised in his district. He is a merchant and operates a general merchandise store in the small village of San Miguel, near Las Mesas. During World War II he served for a short period in the army. After completing the eighth grade in the San Miguel School, Mr. Apodaca went to Silver City to Normal School in order to get a teacher's certificate. Later he taught eight years in Santa Fe County.

SI All information concerning Representative I. G. Apodaca is recorded from a personal interview, March 4, 1950.



In the past session of the New Mexico Legislature (1949), Representative Apodaca was vice-chairman of the House Agriculture Committee and served as a member of the following House Committees: County and County Lines, Enrolling and Engrossing, Printing and Supplies, and Privileges and Elections.

#### REPRESENTATIVE CALLA K. WOLFE

Mrs. Calla K. Wolfe, Democrat, is one of the Representatives from the Fifteenth District (Dona Ana County). She was born at Grand Rapids Michigan. She has resided in New Mexico and in Dona Ana County for thirty-four years. Recently she has moved to El Paso, Texas.

Her early education was all in the Lansing, Michigan Public Schools. She was graduated from the Lansing, Michigan High School and attended Michigan State College. Here she was awarded the Bachelor of Science degree and a Master's degree.

In private life Mrs. Wolfe is a housewife, but is active with numerous women's clubs. She belongs to the Business and Professional Women's Club, Altrusa, Pan-American Club, Federated Womens' Club, Daughters of American Revolution, and the Order of Women Legislators.

From 1932 to 1936 Mrs. Wolfe was Superintendent of Dona Ana County Schools. She was first elected to the New Mexico House of Representatives in 1940 and was re-elected in



In the past sessions of the Texas House of Representatives (1949), Representative Johnson was vice-chairman of the House Agriculture Committee and served as a member of the following House Committees: County and County Affairs, Agriculture and Forestry, Printing and Bookkeeping, and Fisheries and Game Commission.

REPRESENTATIVE CAROL E. WOLFE

Mrs. Carol E. Wolfe, Democrat, is one of the representatives from the Twentieth District (Dona Ana County). She was born at Grand Rapids, Michigan. She has resided in New Mexico and in Dona Ana County for thirty-four years. Presently she has moved to El Paso, Texas.

Her early education was all in the Lansing, Michigan Public Schools. She was graduated from the Lansing, Michigan High School and obtained a Bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan. She was awarded the Master of Science degree and a Ph.D. degree.

In private life Mrs. Wolfe is a housewife, but is active with numerous women's clubs. She belongs to the Business and Professional Women's Club, American Bar Association, Club, Federated Women's Club, Department of American Revolution, and the Order of Women Legislators.

From 1932 to 1935 Mrs. Wolfe was Superintendent of Dona Ana County Schools. She was first elected to the New Mexico House of Representatives in 1940 and was re-elected in



1942, 1944, 1946, and 1948. In the 1948 election, Representative Wolfe attributes a substantial amount of her support to the Farm Bureau. Representative Wolfe has been precinct vice-chairman and county women's chairman for her party.

In the Nineteenth New Mexico Legislative Session, Representative Wolfe was chairman of the Privileges and Elections Committee, vice-chairman of the Appropriation and Finance Committee, and a member of the Agriculture Committee, Education Committee, Irrigation and Drainage Committee, and the Committee on Committees.

#### REPRESENTATIVE WILL T. COE<sup>22</sup>

The Sixteenth Representative District is composed of Lincoln County alone. The economy of this county depends largely upon stock raising, lumber, farming, and fruit (apples) growing. A large area of this county, the Lincoln National Forest, is owned by the federal government. Mr. Will T. Coe, Republican, represents this district in the New Mexico House of Representatives.

Mr. Coe is a rancher. He lives at Glencoe, New Mexico, and has resided in New Mexico and Lincoln County all of his life.

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<sup>22</sup> All factual information concerning Representative Will T. Coe is taken from an interview with his son, Harold Coe, April 24, 1950.



1942, 1944, 1946, and 1948. In the 1948 election, Representative Wolfe attended a representative amount of his district to the Farm Bureau. Representative Wolfe has been elected vice-chairman and county women's chairman for his party. In the Nineteenth New Mexico Legislative Council, Representative Wolfe was chairman of the Privileges and Elections Committee, vice-chairman of the Appropriation and Finance Committee, and a member of the Agriculture Committee, Education Committee, Legislation and Welfare Committee, and the Committee on Government.

## REPRESENTATIVE WILL T. COE

The Sixteenth Representative District is composed of Lincoln County alone. The economy of this county depends largely upon stock raising, lumber, farming, and fruit raising. A large area of this county, the Lincoln National Forest, is owned by the Federal Government. Mr. Will T. Coe, Republican, represents this district in the New Mexico House of Representatives. Mr. Coe is a rancher. He lives at Hespero, New Mexico, and has resided in New Mexico and Lincoln County all of his life.

SS All factual information concerning Representative Will T. Coe is taken from an interview with his son, Harold Coe, April 24, 1959.



After completing elementary school at Glencoe, Mr. Coe graduated from Alamogordo High School. He then attended Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, Texas, for two years.

Representative Coe has held party offices on three different levels. He has been precinct chairman, county chairman, and a delegate to state conventions. He served as Justice of Peace in his locality from 1910 to 1918. He was elected to the New Mexico House of Representatives in 1946 and was re-elected in 1948.

In the Nineteenth Legislative Session in New Mexico, Mr. Coe served on the following committees: Agriculture, County and County Lines, Game and Fish, Public Land and Livestock, and Taxation and Revenue.

#### REPRESENTATIVE HERB BAYS

The Seventeenth Representative District is comprised of Otero County alone. Livestock and lumber are the principal products of Otero County. A large military reservation is also located in this county. The Seventeenth Representative District is allotted one seat in the New Mexico House of Representatives and this is presently occupied by Mr. Herb Bays, Democrat, of Alamogordo, New Mexico.

Mr. Bays was born at Mountain Park, New Mexico in Otero County and has lived in the county all of his life. He



After completing elementary school at Olango, Mr. Coe graduated from Alamo High School. He then attended Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, Texas, for two years.

Representative Coe has held party offices on three different levels. He has been precinct chairman, county chairman, and a delegate to state conventions. He served as trustee of peace in his locality from 1910 to 1918. He was elected to the New Mexico House of Representatives in 1926 and was re-elected in 1928.

In the Nineteenth Legislative Session in New Mexico, Mr. Coe served on the following committees: Agriculture, County and County Lines, Game and Fish, Public Land and Livestock, and Taxation and Revenue.

#### REPRESENTATIVE HERR BAYS

The Seventeenth Representative District is comprised of Otero County alone. Livestock and lumber are the principal products of Otero County. A large military reservation is also located in this county. The Seventeenth Representative District is allotted one seat in the New Mexico House of Representatives and this is presently occupied by Mr. Herr Bays, Democrat, of Alamo, New Mexico.

Mr. Bays was born at Mountain Park, New Mexico in Otero County and has lived in the county all of his life. He



is a merchant in Alamogordo, operating a motor supply company. He is a member of the Alamogordo Lions Club.

Mr. Bays is a graduate of the Alamogordo High School. Representative Bays has held no party offices. His first election to public office was in 1948 when he was made a State Representative. He was unopposed in both the primary and general elections.

In the New Mexico Legislature Representative Bays has served as vice-chairman of the House Game and Fish Committee, and as a member of the Appropriation and Finance, the Public Affairs, and the Roads and Highways Committees in the House of Representatives.

#### REPRESENTATIVE MAX CABBER

Max Cabber, Democrat, is one of the three members in the New Mexico House of Representatives from the Eighteenth District. This district includes Chaves County alone. The economy of this county depends upon farming, ranching, and oil production.

A native son of Illinois, Mr. Cabber was born in Chicago and came to New Mexico at the age of nine. Since arriving in New Mexico he has lived in Chaves County. His residence at this time is in Roswell, New Mexico.

Mr. Cabber's elementary schooling was completed at the Missouri Avenue School in Roswell, followed by his secondary



is a merchant in Alamosa, operating a motor supply company.

He is a member of the Alamosa Lions Club.

Mr. Bays is a graduate of the Alamosa High School.

Representative Bays has held no party office. His first

election to public office was in 1948 when he was made a

State Representative. He was reelected in both the primary

and general elections.

In the New Mexico Legislature Representative Bays has

served as vice-chairman of the House Commerce and Public

and as a member of the Appropriation and Finance, the Public

Affairs, and the Roads and Highways Committees in the House

of Representatives.

# REPRESENTATIVE MAX GABER

Max Gaber, Democrat, is one of the three members in

the New Mexico House of Representatives from the Fifth

District. This district includes Chavez County alone. The

economy of this county depends upon farming, ranching, and

oil production.

A native son of Illinois, Mr. Gaber was born in Chicago

and came to New Mexico at the age of nine. Since arriving

in New Mexico he has lived in Chavez County. His residence

at this time is in Roswell, New Mexico.

Mr. Gaber's elementary schooling was completed at the

Missouri Avenue School in Roswell, followed by his secondary



education in the Roswell High School. He attended New Mexico A. and M. at Las Cruces for one year.

Mr. Cabber is a package liquor store operator.

He has served three years with the Air Corps in World War II and belongs to the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He is a member of the Roswell Junior Chamber of Commerce and is an Elk.

Representative Cabber has neither run for nor held any elective office prior to his election to the legislature. He believes that labor contributed a substantial number of votes in his election to the New Mexico House of Representatives in 1948.

In the Nineteenth General Assembly in 1949, Representative Cabber served on the Military Affairs Committee, Roads and Highways Committee, and the County and County Lines Committee. He was chairman of the Enrolling and Engrossing Committee and vice-chairman of the Public Affairs Committee.

#### REPRESENTATIVE MORGAN NELSON

A member of the New Mexico House of Representatives from the Eighteenth District (Chaves County), is Mr. Morgan Nelson, Democrat.

Mr. Morgan Nelson was born at Artesia, New Mexico, and has lived in his district for twenty-six years. His present residence is near Roswell, New Mexico.



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He has served three years with the Air Corps in World War II and belongs to the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He is a member of the Roswell Junior Chamber of Commerce and is an Elk.

Representative Gabber has neither run for nor held any

elective office prior to his election to the legislature.

He believes that labor contributed a substantial number of votes in his election to the New Mexico House of Representatives in 1948.

In the Nineteenth General Assembly in 1949, Representative

Gabber served on the Military Affairs Committee,

Roads and Highways Committee, and the County and County Lines

Committee. He was chairman of the Enrolling and Engraving

Committee and vice-chairman of the Public Affairs Committee.

#### REPRESENTATIVE MORGAN NELSON

A member of the New Mexico House of Representatives

from the Eighteenth District (Chaves County), is Mr. Morgan

Nelson, Democrat.

Mr. Morgan Nelson was born at Artesia, New Mexico, and

has lived in his district for twenty-six years. His present

residence is near Roswell, New Mexico.



A farmer by occupation, Mr. Nelson also is a retailer of farm implements. During the past war, Mr. Nelson served four and one-half years with the United States Air Force. He is a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Reserve Officers Association. He is active with the local Junior Chamber of Commerce and belongs to all Masonic bodies.

The first eight years of Mr. Nelson's education were in the East Grand Plains School near Roswell. He then attended and graduated from the Roswell High School. Next, he completed four years at the New Mexico A. and M. College for the B. S. degree.

Representative Nelson has served his party as precinct committeeman. His first public elective office is the present one, member of the New Mexico House of Representatives, to which he was elected in 1948.

Chairman of the Aviation Committee, Mr. Nelson was also a member of the Agriculture, Appropriations and Finance, Rules and Order of Business, and Privileges and Elections Committees during the 1949 legislative session.

#### REPRESENTATIVE ELLIS WHITNEY

A Representative from the Eighteenth Representative District (Chaves County) is Mr. Ellis Whitney, Democrat, of Roswell, New Mexico.

Mr. Whitney is a farmer near Roswell. He was born at



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A farmer by occupation, Mr. Nelson also is a retailer of farm implements. During the past war, Mr. Nelson served four and one-half years with the United States Air Force. He is a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Reserve Officers Association. He is active with the local Junior Chamber of Commerce and belongs to all Masonic bodies.

The first eight years of Mr. Nelson's education were in the East Grand Plains School near Roswell. He then attended and graduated from the Roswell High School. Next, he completed four years at the New Mexico A. and M. College for the B. S. degree.

Representative Nelson has served his party as president of the committee. His first public elective office is the president, member of the New Mexico House of Representatives, in which he was elected in 1948.

Chairman of the Aviation Committee, Mr. Nelson was also a member of the Agriculture, Appropriations and Finance, Rules and Order of Business, and Privileges and Elections Committees during the 1949 legislative session.

#### REPRESENTATIVE ELLIS WHITNEY

A Representative from the Thirteenth Representative District (Chaves County) is Mr. Ellis Whitney, Democrat, of Roswell, New Mexico.

Mr. Whitney is a farmer near Roswell. He was born at



Rockford, Illinois, but came to New Mexico at a very early age. He has lived in the state and in his district for forty-four years.

Representative Whitney's early schooling was acquired at East Grand Plains, New Mexico. He also attended the Roswell Public Schools. Mr. Whitney is a Mason.

This is not Representative Whitney's first term in the New Mexico Legislature, although he has held no other public offices. He was first elected as a State Representative in 1944. He was re-elected to that office in 1946 and 1948. Representative Whitney has served his party as precinct chairman and committeeman.

In the Nineteenth General Assembly of New Mexico (1949), Representative Whitney was chairman of the Oil and Gas Committee and the Irrigation and Drainage Committee. He has also served as a member of the Ways and Means Committee and the Game and Fish Committee.

#### REPRESENTATIVE FRANK A. ALFORD

Frank A. Alford, Democrat, is one of the two members of the New Mexico House of Representatives from the Nineteenth Representative District. This district includes Lea and Eddy Counties. Both counties have farming, ranching, and oil. Lea County produces more oil than all other counties of the state combined. A National Park, Carlsbad Caverns,



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is located in Eddy County.

At Carlsbad, Mr. Alford is an employee of the United States Potash Company.<sup>23</sup> He is affiliated with the Masonic Order. Mr. Alford received his schooling in the public schools of Hughes Springs, Texas.

Mr. Alford has served his party as precinct committeeman. His election to his present position in 1948 was his first election to public office. In this victory he feels that labor contributed largely to his support.

Serving as chairman of the Mines Committee and vice-chairman of the Oil and Gas Committee, Representative Alford was also a member of the Labor and Judiciary Committees in the current session of the New Mexico Legislature (1949).

#### REPRESENTATIVE VIRGIL O. MCCOLLUM

A Representative from the Nineteenth District (Lea and Eddy Counties) is Virgil O. McCollum, Democrat, of Carlsbad, New Mexico in Eddy County.

A native son of New Mexico, Mr. McCollum was born at Roswell. He has lived all of his life in the state and thirty-five years in the district that he represents.

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Mr. McCollum is the Assistant to the Industrial Relations Director for the U. S. Potash Company in Carlsbad. He has served six years in the United States Army. He belongs to three veterans organizations, Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, and Disabled American Veterans; is affiliated with three fraternal orders, Masons, Shrine, and Elks; and belongs to one service club, the Lions.

After finishing elementary and high school work in Carlsbad, Mr. McCollum attended the New Mexico Military Institute at Roswell, New Mexico.

Representative McCollum has served his party as precinct chairman and as a member of a county central committee. His first elective public office is the one that he now holds (State Representative). In the 1948 general election Mr. McCollum and the other Democratic nominee for State Representative were unopposed.

For the 1949 session of the New Mexico Legislature, Representative McCollum was chairman of the Military Affairs Committee and vice-chairman of the County and County Lines Committee. He also was a member of the Mines Committee and the Oil and Gas Committee.

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For the 1949 session of the New Mexico Legislature, Representative McCollum was chairman of the Military Affairs Committee and vice-chairman of the County and County Lines Committee. He also was a member of the Mining Committee and the Oil and Gas Committee.

### REPRESENTATIVE M. P. CARR

The Twentieth Representative District is a multiple county, single seat, district. It is composed of Bernal



and Roosevelt Counties. Roosevelt County has farming, ranching, and some oil production. DeBaca County is devoted almost completely to ranching. This district is represented by M. P. Carr, Democrat, of Fort Sumner, New Mexico.

Mr. Carr was born at Duncanville, Texas, but came to New Mexico when a young man. He has lived in the state forty-two years, forty years of this time has been in the district that he now represents.

In Fort Sumner Mr. Carr owns and operates the Carr Lumber and Hardware Company. He belongs to Rotary International.

All of Mr. Carr's schooling was done out of state. This includes two years in a teacher's college at Denton, Texas.

Representative Carr has served his party as county chairman for eight years. He was Mayor of Fort Sumner, New Mexico for ten years and has served as clerk of the Fort Sumner Board of Education for fourteen years. In 1946 he was elected to the State House of Representatives and was re-elected in 1948, at which time he was unopposed in both the primary and general elections.

Serving as chairman of the House Appropriation and Finance Committee, Representative Carr was also vice-chairman of the Committee on Committees and the Judiciary Committee in the Nineteenth Legislative Session (1949). He was a member



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In Fort Sumner Mr. Carr owns and operates the Carr Lumber and Hardware Company. He belongs to Rotary International.

All of Mr. Carr's schooling was done out of state. This includes two years in a teacher's college at Boston, Texas.

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Serving as chairman of the House Appropriation and Finance Committee, Representative Carr was also vice-chairman of the Committee on Commerce and the Judiciary Committee in the Nineteenth Legislative Session (1949). He was a member



of the Labor Committee.

### REPRESENTATIVE I. M. SMALLEY

Luna County comprises the Twenty-First Representative District. The one seat in the New Mexico House of Representatives allotted to this district is held by I. M. Smalley, Democrat, of Deming, New Mexico. This district is almost completely a ranching area.

Mr. Smalley was born in New Jersey and has been in New Mexico and Luna County for the past nine years. He is a lawyer by profession. In Deming he belongs to Rotary International.

After completing elementary and secondary school, Mr. Smalley attended the University of Pennsylvania where he received the B. S. degree. He next went to Southern Methodist University at Dallas, Texas and received the Ll. B. degree.

Representative Smalley has served his party as county chairman. He was first elected to the New Mexico House of Representatives in 1944. In 1948 he was re-elected to the House without a Republican opponent in the general election. He lists his largest groups of supporters as farmers, cattlemen, and business men.

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After completing elementary and secondary school, Mr. Smalley attended the University of Pennsylvania where he received the B. S. degree. He then went to Southern Methodist University at Dallas, Texas and received the M. A. degree. Representative Smalley has served his party as county chairman. He was first elected to the New Mexico House of Representatives in 1944. In 1948 he was re-elected to the House without a Republican opponent in the general election. He lists his largest groups of supporters as farmers, cattlemen, and business men. In the 1949 legislative session Representative Smalley was chairman of the Judiciary Committee and a member of the Education, Appropriations, and Taxation and Revenue Committee.



## REPRESENTATIVE REX KIPP

The Twenty-second Representative District includes Grant and Hidalgo Counties. This district engages in extensive copper mining, limited silver mining, and ranching. Mr. Rex Kipp, Democrat, occupies one of the two seats in the New Mexico House of Representatives allotted to the Twenty-second District. Mr. Kipp is from Lordsburg, New Mexico, which is in Hidalgo County.

Born in El Paso, Texas, Mr. Kipp has lived in New Mexico and his district for the past seventeen years. He is a cattle grower by occupation. He belongs to several Masonic organizations and is a member of the Lions Club.

Mr. Kipp was graduated from El Paso High School. He continued his education with three and one-half years of study at Texas School of Mines (now Texas Western) in El Paso, Texas.

Mr. Kipp had not held a party office, nor had he been elected to public office before being elected to his present seat in the House of Representatives.

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## REPRESENTATIVE E. S. WALKER

A Representative from the Twenty-second District (Grant and Hidalgo Counties) is Mr. E. S. Walker, Democrat, of Silver City, New Mexico.

A native of the State of Kentucky, Mr. Walker has lived in New Mexico for twenty-three years. He has lived in his district for only four years.

In Silver City Mr. Walker owns and operates a bar and restaurant. During the past war he served three and one-half years in the United States Army. He is an Elk and belongs to the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Mr. Walker is a graduate of Albuquerque High School and has attended the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque.

In the 1948 general election, Representative Walker was elected to his first public office. Representative Walker has not held any party offices.

Representative Walker was the Majority Whip in the New Mexico House of Representatives in the 1949 session. Serving as vice-chairman of the Ways and Means Committee and the Rules and Order of Business Committee, he was also a member of the Mines, Public Lands and Livestock, and Enrolling and Engrossing Committees.



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of the House, Public Lands and Livestock, and Enrolling and

Engraving Committees.



## REPRESENTATIVE FLOYD CROSS

The Twenty-third Representative District of New Mexico is represented by Floyd Cross, Democrat, of Truth or Consequences, New Mexico. The Twenty-third District has only one county, Sierra, and is allotted only one seat in the New Mexico House of Representatives. Sierra County has an important health resort, Truth or Consequences. Ranching is important in Sierra County.

A native of South Dakota, Mr. Cross has lived in New Mexico for ten years. Five years of these ten have been spent in residence in Sierra County.

Mr. Cross lists insurance and real estate as his occupation. He served two and one-half years in the army in the past emergency. He belongs to the American Legion Club and the Disabled American Veterans, and is also affiliated with the Lions Club.

Representative Cross is a high school graduate.

Representative Cross has served his party as secretary of the county Democratic organization and secretary of the Southwestern Group of Democratic Counties. He was first elected to the New Mexico House of Representatives in 1946 and was again elected in 1948.

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Representative Cross is a high school graduate. Representative Cross has served his party as secretary of the county Democratic organization and secretary of the Southwestern Group of Democratic Committee. He was first elected to the New Mexico House of Representatives in 1946 and was again elected in 1948.

In the 1949 session of the legislature he served on the following House Committees: Game and Fish, Corporations



and Banking, and Public Affairs. He was also chairman of the Ways and Means Committee.

### REPRESENTATIVE VIRGINIA A. KITTELL

The Twenty-fourth Representative District is San Juan County, and it has only one seat in the New Mexico House of Representatives. Mrs. Virginia A. Kittell, Republican, of Bloomfield, New Mexico, is the Representative from this district. Fruit, other farm products, sheep, oil, and natural gas are the main products of this county.

Mrs. Kittell was born in Oklahoma. She has lived the past thirty years in New Mexico and San Juan County. Mrs. Kittell is a business executive.

A member of the National Order of Women Legislators, Mrs. Kittell is also affiliated with the League of Women Voters and the Business and Professional Womens Club. She is director of the San Juan County Fair Association.<sup>24</sup>

Representative Kittell received her education in the Colorado and Oklahoma public schools.<sup>25</sup>

Mrs. Kittell was elected and served as County Clerk of San Juan County from 1943 through 1946. Her first

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<sup>24</sup> Who's Who in the West (Chicago: The A. N. Marquis Company, 1949), p. 517.

<sup>25</sup> Loc. cit.



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Colorado and Oklahoma public schools. Mrs. Kittell was elected and served as County Clerk of San Juan County from 1943 through 1946. Her first



election to the New Mexico House of Representatives was in 1946 and she was re-elected in 1948. In the 1948 primary and general elections she was unopposed.

In the recent (1949) Legislative Session, Representative Kittell served as a member of the following committees: Agriculture, Appropriations and Finance, Oil and Gas, and Irrigation and Drainage.

Representative Kittell is listed in the 1949 edition of Who's Who in the West.

#### REPRESENTATIVE THOMAS J. LINS

Quay County comprises the Twenty-fifth Representative District. Farming, ranching, and tourist trade constitute the economy of Quay County. One of the two representatives from this district is Thomas J. Lins, Democrat, of Tucumcari, New Mexico.

Mr. Lins was born in Illinois but has been a resident of New Mexico and Quay County for twenty years. In Tucumcari Mr. Lins owns and operates a tourist court and cafe. He is a veteran of World War II having served two years in the Coast Guard. He belongs to the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars and is also a member of the Lions and Elks Club.

In 1948 Representative Lins was elected to his first public office, that is, to the State House of Representatives.



election to the New Mexico House of Representatives was in 1946 and she was re-elected in 1948. In the 1948 primary and general elections she was re-elected.

In the present legislative session, Representative Kittell served as a member of the following committees: Agriculture, Appropriations and Finance, Oil and Gas, and Irrigation and Reclamation.

Representative Kittell is listed in the 1948 edition of Who's Who in the West.

REPRESENTATIVE THOMAS A. LINA

Gray County comprises the twenty-fifth representative District. Farming, ranching, and business are the mainstays of the economy of Gray County. One of the best representatives from this district is Thomas A. Lina, Democrat, of New Mexico.

Mr. Lina was born in Illinois, but has been a resident of New Mexico and Gray County for twenty years. In 1946, Mr. Lina owns and operates a lumber yard and sawmill. He is a veteran of World War II having served two years in the Coast Guard. He belongs to the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars and is also a member of the Lina and Lina Club.

In 1946 Representative Lina was elected to his first public office, that is, to the State House of Representatives.



He served as a member of the Irrigation and Drainage and the Roads and Highways Committees of the New Mexico House of Representatives in 1949.

#### REPRESENTATIVE R. L. NELSON

A member of the New Mexico House of Representatives from the Twenty-fifth District (Quay County) is Mr. R. L. Nelson, Democrat, of Forrest, New Mexico.

Mr. Nelson was born at McKinney, Texas. Although he has lived in this state for only six years, Mr. Nelson states that he has been a taxpayer of this state for eighteen years.

At present Mr. Nelson is engaged in farming, is a school bus contractor, and is connected with the advertising department of the Tucumcari Daily News. He has previously been the editor of the Tucumcari American and Leader (newspaper). He is a member of the Lions Club.

Mr. Nelson is a graduate of the McKinney High School at McKinney, Texas. He has also attended Draughon's Business College of Lubbock, Texas, and has done some work with the International Correspondence School of Scranton, Pennsylvania.

Representative Nelson was first elected to the New Mexico House of Representatives in 1946. In his re-election in 1948, Representative Nelson was unopposed in the general and primary elections. He has not held any party offices.



He served as a member of the Legislature and Highway and Roads and Highways Committees of the New Mexico House of Representatives in 1948.

#### REPRESENTATIVE W. L. NELSON

A member of the New Mexico House of Representatives from the Twenty-Fifth District (Gray County) is Mr. W. L. Nelson, Democrat, of Forest, New Mexico.

Mr. Nelson was born at McKinney, Texas. Although he has lived in this state for only six years, Mr. Nelson states that he has been a taxpayer of this state for fifteen years.

At present Mr. Nelson is engaged in farming, is a school bus contractor, and is connected with the advertising department of the Thompson Daily News. He has previously been the editor of the Thompson Daily News and London News-Paper. He is a member of the Lions Club.

Mr. Nelson is a graduate of the McKinney High School at McKinney, Texas. He has also attended Bracken's Business College of Lubbock, Texas, and has done some work with the International Correspondence School of Scranton, Pennsylvania.

Representative Nelson was first elected to the New Mexico House of Representatives in 1946. In his re-election in 1948, Representative Nelson was unopposed in the general and primary elections. He has not held any party offices.



Serving as chairman of two house committees, Agriculture Committee and Printing and Supplies Committee, Representative Nelson was also a member of the Education, Ways and Means, and Taxation and Revenue Committees.

#### REPRESENTATIVE THEODORE ROZELL

The only Representative from the Twenty-sixth District is Theodore Rozell, Democrat, of Clovis, New Mexico. The Twenty-sixth District is comprised of Curry County alone. Curry County is an important wheat farming area of the state.

Mr. Rozell was born at Poughkeepsie, Arkansas, and came to New Mexico thirty-five years ago and has resided in Curry County since that time.

In Clovis, Mr. Rozell has the Rozell Insurance Agency. He belongs to the Co-Operative Club there. He attended rural school before coming to New Mexico.

Representative Rozell has served his party as precinct chairman. He has held the office of county assessor and has been a deputy law enforcing officer at times. He was first elected to the New Mexico House of Representatives in 1946. He was re-elected in 1948 and in that election was unopposed in both the primary and general elections. He attributes a substantial amount of his support in this election to labor.

In the 1949 Session of the New Mexico Legislature, Representative Rozell was chairman of the Corporations and



During an evening of two hours, the  
Culture Committee and the  
Representative Nelson was also a member of the  
Ways and Means, and Finance Committees.

REPRESENTATIVE NELSON

The only representative from the Twenty-sixth District  
is Theodore Russell, Democrat, of Clavis, New Mexico. The  
Twenty-sixth District is composed of Curry County alone.  
Curry County is an important wheat raising area of the  
Mr. Russell was born at Harpersburg, Arkansas, and  
came to New Mexico thirty-five years ago and has resided in  
Curry County since that time.

In Clavis, Mr. Russell has the Russell Lumber Company.  
He belongs to the Co-operative Rice Growers Association.  
school before coming to New Mexico.  
Representative Russell has served the following terms:  
chairman. He has held the office of county treasurer and has  
been a deputy tax collector of Curry County. He was first  
elected to the New Mexico House of Representatives in 1902.  
He was re-elected in 1908 and in that election was named  
in both the primary and general elections. His election to  
substantial amount of his support in this election is from  
In the 1909 Session of the New Mexico Legislature,  
Representative Russell was chairman of the Agriculture and



Banking Committee, vice-chairman of the Taxation and Revenue Committee and a member of the Oil and Gas Committee.

#### REPRESENTATIVE SIXTO LEYBA

Sixto Leyba, Democrat, fills the one seat allotted to the Twenty-seventh Representative District. This district includes Sandoval and Rio Arriba Counties. Stock, lumber, and limited farm crops are the principal products of this area. Mr. Leyba has a voting residence at Domingo in Sandoval County, but at the present is living in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Mr. Leyba is a lifelong resident of the state. Born at San Pedro, New Mexico, (Santa Fe County) he soon moved to Domingo where he has lived for twenty-eight years. Mr. Leyba is a bookkeeper for the Home Builders Supply in Santa Fe.

Representative Leyba attended high school at Cerillos, New Mexico, but completed his high school work at St. Michael's School in Santa Fe. His education was rounded out with two years at Strayer College, a commercial college in Washington, D. C.

Mr. Leyba served a short period in the army during the recent war.

The only office held by Mr. Leyba is that of member of the New Mexico House of Representatives. He was first



Banking Committee, vice-chairman of the Finance and Revenue Committee and a member of the Oil and Gas Committee.

# REPRESENTATIVE EIGHTY-SEVEN

State Representative, EIGHTY-SEVEN, is the one seat elected to the Twenty-seventh Representative District. This district includes Sanchoy and the entire County. State Representative and limited farm crops are the principal products of this area. Mr. EIGHTY-SEVEN has a voting residence at Sanchoy in Sanchoy County, but at the present is living in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Mr. EIGHTY-SEVEN is a lifelong resident of the State. Born at San Pedro, New Mexico, (Santa Fe County) he soon moved to Sanchoy where he has lived for twenty-eight years. Mr. EIGHTY-SEVEN is a bookkeeper for the Santa Fe County Jail.

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Mr. EIGHTY-SEVEN served a short period in the army during the recent war.

The only office held by Mr. EIGHTY-SEVEN is that of member of the New Mexico House of Representatives. He was first



elected to this office in 1946 and was re-elected in 1948. Representative Leyba defeated his opponent, Paul Martin, Republican, by a vote of 6,645 to 5,956 in the 1948 general election.<sup>26</sup> He believes that labor and farmers contributed largely to his election.

A member of the Labor Committee, Judiciary Committee, and Taxation and Revenue Committee, Representative Leyba was also chairman of the Roads and Highways Committee in the 1949 Session of the State Legislature.

#### REPRESENTATIVE ELOY VIGIL

The Twenty-eighth Representative District is a multiple county district including Santa Fe, Guadalupe, and Torrance Counties. The economy of this district is varied. Guadalupe County is a ranching area, Torrance County has both farming and ranching, and Santa Fe County has the State Capital and is a tourist center. The only seat in the New Mexico House of Representatives allotted to this district is held by Eloy Vigil, Republican, of Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Mr. Vigil has lived his entire life in New Mexico and seven years of that time has been in his district. He is a farmer by occupation, but has taught school in New Mexico

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<sup>26</sup> State of New Mexico Official Returns of the 1948 Elections, Compiled by Alicia Romero (Santa Fe, New Mexico: Office of the Secretary of State, 1949), p. 149.



defeated to this office in 1946 and was re-elected in 1948.  
 Representative Loya defeated his opponent, Earl Martin,  
 Republican, by a vote of 6,645 to 2,920 in the 1948 general  
 election. He believes that labor and farmers controlled  
 largely to his election.

A member of the Labor Committee, Judiciary Committee,  
 and Taxation and Revenue Committee, Representative Loya was  
 also chairman of the Roads and Highways Committee in the 1947  
 Session of the State Legislature.

### REPRESENTATIVE ELOY VIGIL

The Twenty-eighth Representative District is a multi-  
 ple county district including Santa Fe, Guadalupe, and Tor-  
 ranse Counties. The economy of this district is varied.  
 Guadalupe County is a farming area; Torranse County has  
 both farming and ranching, and Santa Fe County has the State  
 Capital and is a tourist center. The only seat in the New  
 Mexico House of Representatives allotted to this district is  
 held by Eloy Vigil, Republican, of Santa Fe, New Mexico.  
 Mr. Vigil has lived his entire life in New Mexico and  
 seven years of that time has been in his district. He is a  
 farmer by occupation, but has taught school in New Mexico



for approximately thirteen years. He has served one year in the United States Army Medical Corps.

The schools attended by Mr. Vigil are: Menaul School of Albuquerque, New Mexico State Teachers College, Highlands University, and Spanish-American Normal.

Representative Vigil was first elected to the House from Dona Ana County in 1930 as a Democrat. He was elected again in 1946 and in 1948 from his present district as a Republican. In the 1948 election he attributed a substantial amount of his support to farmers, labor, school teachers, and veterans. When affiliated with the Democratic party, he was precinct chairman in Dona Ana County.

In the last session of the State Legislature (1949), Representative Vigil served as a member of the following committees: Appropriations and Finance, Military Affairs, and Enrolling and Engrossing.

#### REPRESENTATIVE JOHN M. BURNS

In the New Mexico House of Representatives, Mr. John Burns, Democrat, represents the Twenty-ninth District. This district consists of San Miguel and Guadalupe Counties. Mr. Burns is a resident of Las Vegas, New Mexico, the county seat of San Miguel County. Stock raising is the chief occupation in Guadalupe County. The economy of San Miguel County depends upon ranching, farming, and the state institutions there.



for approximately fifteen years. He has served the State of the United States Army National Guard.

The schools attended by Mr. Will are: Central School of Albuquerque, New Mexico State Teachers College, University, and Spanish-American School.

Representative Will was first elected to the House from Dona Ana County in 1930 as a Democrat. He was elected again in 1936 and in 1940 from his present district as a Republican. In the 1948 election he received a substantial amount of his support from labor, farm, and veterans. When affiliated with the Democratic Party, he was precinct chairman in Dona Ana County.

In the last session of the State Legislature (1952), Representative Will served as a member of the following committees: Appropriations and Finance, Military Affairs, and Enrolling and Engraving.

### REPRESENTATIVE JOHN H. BURNS

In the New Mexico House of Representatives, Mr. John Burns, Democrat, represents the Twenty-ninth District. This district consists of San Miguel and Grady Counties. Mr. Burns is a resident of Las Vegas, New Mexico, the county seat of San Miguel County. Good raising is the chief occupation in Grady County. The economy of San Miguel County depends upon ranching, farming, and the state institutions there.



Mr. Burns was born at Jetmore, Kansas, and did not come to New Mexico until 1933. Since that time he has resided in the Twenty-ninth Representative District.

Representative Burns received his primary and secondary education in out-of-state schools before coming to New Mexico.

By occupation, Mr. Burns is a barber. Having served two years in the United States Artillery, he is a member of the American Legion Club. He also belongs to the Elks and the I. O. O. F.

The two House Committees on which Mr. Burns served as a member in the 1949 Session of the Legislature were: Aviation, and Corporation and Banks. He was chairman of the Committee on Game and Fish.

Representative Burns had not held any elective office previous to 1948. In the 1948 general election he polled 6,715 votes while his Republican opponent received 5,936 votes.<sup>27</sup>

#### REPRESENTATIVE RUSSELL F. CAPPEL

New Mexico's Thirtieth Representative District is composed of Lincoln, Otero, and Socorro Counties. The

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Mexico.

By occupation, Mr. Burns is a banker. He has served  
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the American Legion Club. He also belongs to the VFW and  
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and Correction and Public Safety. He was chairman of the  
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### REPRESENTATIVE ROBERT L. DARNALL

New Mexico's Thirtieth Representative District is  
composed of Lincoln, Grant, and Colfax Counties.

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State of New Mexico Official Returns of the 1948  
Election, Vol. III.



economy of this area depends largely on ranching, farming, and lumber. Russell F. Cappel, Democrat, was elected in 1948 to represent this district in the New Mexico House of Representatives.

At the time of his election, Mr. Cappel was a resident of Socorro but has since moved to Santa Fe.

He served as a member of four committees in the 1949 legislature. They were: County and County Lines, Enrolling and Engrossing, Judiciary, and Printing and Supplies.<sup>28</sup>

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## CHAPTER III

### CONCLUSIONS

The purpose of this chapter is to analyze the computed data on the background of the legislators in order to get a more composite picture of the New Mexico Legislature. It includes findings in regard to occupation, residence, education, age, and political experience of the legislators investigated in this study.

#### OCCUPATION, BUSINESS OR PROFESSION

In regard to occupation, it is worth noting that the ranchers make up the single largest percentage (16.4) of the members of the State Legislature in 1949. This is not strange or unusual when we realize that the livestock industry is the largest industry in the state. In 1947 this industry brought in approximately \$115,000,000 income compared to slightly more than \$100,000,000 for all types of mining (including ores, oil, and natural gas) and approximately \$67,000,000 for farm crops.<sup>1</sup> It may also be well worth noting that a large amount of the income from livestock is a result of investments from within the state and that a large per cent

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of the profits remain within the state. From a geographical standpoint it is obvious why the ranchers are well represented in the State Legislature. The distribution of representation is based largely on area rather than on population, and there are several counties whose economy depend almost wholly upon the livestock industry. The ranchers are a very cohesive group whose activities are coordinated by the New Mexico Cattle Growers Association which is quite an effective pressure group in New Mexico.

The second largest occupation group, the merchants, is definitely unorganized due to the variety in kind and size of business that they represent. They vary from the small general store owners in isolated villages to large business owners in more prosperous centers. They comprise 13.7 per cent of the legislators.

The farmers are the third largest group in the present New Mexico Legislature. They have elected eight members which comprise 11.0 per cent of the total. This is small in comparison to many states, however, a study made in Alabama indicates that their percentage there has declined from 22.1 per cent in 1903 to less than 10 per cent in 1943.<sup>2</sup> They are actually under represented in New Mexico when we consider

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that, according to an estimate of the population for 1950, 24.5<sup>3</sup> per cent of the total state population is rural farm people. The strength of the farmers of New Mexico is not fully indicated by their numbers in the State Legislature because of their allied strength. The (ranchers) work closely with the (farmers) and together they comprise 27.4 per cent of the State Legislators.

The lawyers with 8.2 per cent are the fourth largest group in the State Legislature. This is unusual when compared with other states. In Alabama in 1943, one third of the State Legislators were lawyers.<sup>4</sup> *→ That that many lawyers were in the 40's & 50's*

The fifth group, labor, had five members for a percentage of 6.8. This group is numerically under-represented.

Other occupational, business, or professional groups represented are so few in numbers that it is doubtful that they are effective as such.

#### RESIDENCE

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TABLE I  
OCCUPATION, BUSINESS, OR PROFESSION OF THE STATE LEGISLATORS

	Number	Per Cent
Ranchers	12	16.4
Merchants	10	13.7
Farmers	8	11.0
Lawyers	6	8.2
Laborers	5	6.8
Insurance Agents	3	4.1
Real Estate Dealers	3	4.1
Auto Dealers	3	4.1
Salesmen	2	2.7
Newspaper Publishers	2	2.7
Bookkeepers	2	2.7
None	2	2.7
Painting Contractors	1	1.4
Tourist Court and Cafe Owner	1	1.4
Barbers	1	1.4
Sign Painters	1	1.4
School Superintendent	1	1.4
Advertising	1	1.4
Druggist	1	1.4
Package Store	1	1.4
City Employee	1	1.4
Dispatcher	1	1.4
Yardmaster	1	1.4
Business Executive	1	1.4
Cosmetologist	1	1.4
Cafe-Bar Owner	1	1.4
Industrial Relations	1	1.4



TABLE 1

OCCUPATION, BUSINESS, OR PROFESSION OF THE DECEASED

Number for each

10.4	Handicrafts
11.7	Manufacturing
12.0	Transportation
13.2	Lawyers
14.8	Laborers
15.1	Transportation Agents
16.1	Rail Road Agents
17.4	Auto Dealers
18.7	Scientists
19.8	Business Administrators
20.9	Horsemen
21.2	Painting Contractors
22.5	Tourist Court and Cafe Owners
23.8	Barbers
24.1	Sign Painters
25.4	School Superintendents
26.7	Advertising
27.8	Druggists
28.1	Package Makers
29.4	City Employees
30.7	Disasters
31.8	Industries
32.1	Business Executives
33.4	Cosmetologists
34.7	Cafe-Bar Owners
35.8	Industrial Relations



TABLE III  
TABLE II  
COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE BY OCCUPATION

Committees	Ranchers	Merchants	Partners	Lawyers	Auto Dealers	Realtors	Insurance Agents	Salesmen	Druggists	Advertising Agents	Newspaper Publishers	School Super-Intendent	None
Committee on Committees	1	1	1				1						
Finance		2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Judiciary	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
State and County Affairs	2	1	2	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Agriculture, Irrigation and Reclamation	2	1	3	1	1	1			1				
Mines	2	1	1	1	1	1							
Banking and Corporations	1	1	1	1		1	2	1		1		1	
Insurance	1	1				1							1
Public Lands and Livestock	1	1											1
Enrolling and Engrossing	1	1	1	1				2		1	1	1	1
Printing		1	1										
Conservation of Natural Resources	2	1	1	1	1				1				1
Privileges and Elections	1	1	1							1	1	1	1
Education and Public Institutions	1	1	2			1	1	1		1	1	1	
Veterans	2		1	1		2	1	1					
Rules and Executive Communications		1	1	2	1	2	1						
Labor and Social Security	1	1	1	1		2	1						1
Fish and Wild Life	2	1	2	1		1	1						
Roads and Transportation			2	1	1	1	1	2				1	







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Committees	Ranchers	Merchants	Farmers	Lawyers	Laborers	Business Executives	Realtors	Cosmetologists	Bookkeepers	Auto Dealers	Insurance Agents	Painting Contractors	Labor Relations Experts	Cafe-Tourist Court Owners	Cafe-Bar Owners	Barbers	Newspaper Men	Dispatcher	Yardmaster	None
Agriculture																				
Appropriations and Finance	2	1	3	1	1	1											1			
Aviation	1		1	1	2	1	1		1	1						1		1		
Corporations and Banks	1		1	1	1	1		1			1	1	1			1				
County and County Lines	1		1	1	1	1		1			1	1	1			1		1		
Education	2	3	2	1	1	1					1	1					1			
Enrolling and Engrossing	4	2	1	1	4	1			1	1	1	1				1	1	1		1
Game and Fish	1	1	1	1	2	1	1		1	1		1				1			1	
Oil and Gas	1	1	1	1	2	1			1	1	1	1				1				
Irrigation and Drainage	3		2			1					1		1							1
Judiciary	1	4	1	2	2	1			1											
Labor			1	2	2				1	1		1							1	
Military Affairs		3	1	1	1		1	1	1	1			1							
Mines	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1											
Printing and Supplies	1	2	1	1	1							1	1		1					
Privileges and Elections	2	1	2	1	1					1		1	1				1			
Public Affairs	1	4	1	1	1		1		1	1		1								
Public Land and Livestock	8																			
Roads and Highways	2	4			1										1					
Rules and Order of Business		2	2	1				1	1					1						
Taxation and Revenue	4	1	1	1				1	1		1			1	1				1	
Ways and Means	2	1	1	1			1		1								1	1		
Committee on Committees	2	2	2	1			1													







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TABLE IV  
PLACE OF BIRTH OF NEW MEXICO STATE LEGISLATORS

	SENATORS		REP.		TOTAL	
	No.	Per Cent	No.	Per Cent	No.	Per Cent
New Mexico	10	41.7	22	44.9	33	43.8
Texas	4	16.7	4	8.2	8	11.0
Other States	7	29.1	16	32.7	23	31.5
Foreign Countries	1	4.2	2	4.0	3	4.1
Unknown	2	8.3	5	10.2	7	9.6
Total	24	100	49	100	73	100



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Texas	4	4.7	6	4.3	10	13.8
Other States	7	8.1	10	6.7	17	23.2
Foreign Countries	1	1.2	2	1.3	3	4.1
Unknown	2	2.3	2	1.3	4	5.4
Total	24	100	148	100	272	100



TABLE V  
LENGTH OF RESIDENCE IN DISTRICT AND STATE  
OF NEW MEXICO STATE LEGISLATORS

	IN THE STATE				IN THE DISTRICT			
	Sen.	Rep.	Total No.	Per Cent	Sen.	Rep.	Total No.	Per Cent
All of Life	9	18	27	37.0	8	12	20	27.4
40 years or more	3	5	8	11.0	3	5	8	11.0
30 years to 40 years	3	7	10	13.7	2	5	7	9.6
20 years to 30 years	4	7	11	15.0	4	10	14	19.1
10 years to 20 years	3	4	7	9.6	4	6	10	13.7
Less than 10 years	0	2	2	2.7	1	5	6	8.2
Unknown	2	6	8	11.0	2	6	8	11.0
Totals	24	49	73	100	24	49	73	100







the legislators is generally superior to the maximum education of the state as a whole.

#### AGE

The New Mexico Constitution requires that a Senator may not be less than twenty-five years of age and that a Representative may not be less than twenty-one years of age. Of the present group, the youngest senator is 32 and the youngest representative is 28 years of age. The oldest member (68) is a representative and the oldest senator is 65 years of age. The largest number of both groups range between the age of forty and forty-nine with 41.7 per cent for the senators and almost 31 per cent for the representatives. Over 58 per cent of the total membership range between the ages of thirty and forty-nine. The average age of the senators is 47.2 and of the representatives is 42.1. The average age of all of the lawmakers is 44. The age factor may be pertinent in that it may affect the outlook (conservative or progressive) of the individual member and of the group. In New Mexico there is not enough difference in the ages of the senators and representatives to say that the upper house is mature and conservative when compared with the lower house (one of the arguments for bicameral legislatures).



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TABLE VI  
FORMAL EDUCATION OF NEW MEXICO STATE LEGISLATORS

	SENATORS		REP.		TOTAL	
	No.	Per Cent	No.	Per Cent	No.	Per Cent
Elementary School Only	1	4.2	3	6.1	4	5.1
Attended High School	1	4.2	8	16.3	9	12.3
Graduated from High School Only	1	4.2	8	16.3	9	12.3
Partial High School and Business College	0	0	1	2.05	1	1.4
Graduated from High School and Attended Business College	5	20.8	2	4.1	7	9.6
Graduated from High School and Attended College	10	41.6	12	24.55	22	30.1
Graduated from College with A. B. or B. S. Degree	1	4.2	5	10.2	6	8.2
Graduated from College with M. S. or M. A. Degree	1	4.2	1	2.05	2	2.8
Graduated from Law School	3	12.5	3	6.1	6	8.2
Unknown	1	4.2	6	12.25	7	9.6
Totals	24	100.1	49	100	73	100



## TABLE II

## FORMAL EDUCATION OF THE NEW MEXICO SERVICE ORGANIZATION

EDUCATION	No.	Per Cent	No.	Per Cent	Total
Unknown	1	4.2	5	12.5	6
School	3	12.5	1	2.5	4
Graduated from Law	1	4.2	1	2.5	2
Detree	1	4.2	1	2.5	2
With B. S. or M. A.	1	4.2	1	2.5	2
Graduated from College	1	4.2	1	2.5	2
Detree	1	4.2	1	2.5	2
With A. B. or B. S.	1	4.2	1	2.5	2
Graduated from College	10	41.6	12	30.0	22
College	10	41.6	12	30.0	22
School and attended	2	20.8	2	5.0	4
Business College	2	20.8	2	5.0	4
Graduated from High	0	0	1	2.5	1
and Business College	0	0	1	2.5	1
Partial High School	1	4.2	1	2.5	2
High School only	1	4.2	1	2.5	2
Graduated from	1	4.2	1	2.5	2
Attended High School	1	4.2	1	2.5	2
Elementary School only	1	4.2	1	2.5	2
Total	24	100.0	40	100.0	64



TABLE VII  
AGE RANGE OF STATE LEGISLATORS

AGE	SENATORS		REPRESENTATIVES		TOTAL	
	No.	Per Cent	No.	Per Cent	No.	Per Cent
25-29	0	0	4	8.2	4	5.5
30-39	5	20.8	13	26.5	18	24.6
40-49	10	41.7	15	30.6	25	34.2
50-59	5	20.8	6	12.2	11	15.1
60-69	3	12.5	4	8.2	7	9.6
Unknown	1	4.2	7	14.3	8	11.0
Total	24	100	49	100	73	100
Youngest	32		28			
Oldest	65		68			
Average Age	47.2		42.1			

Average Age for both houses of those known: 44



TABLE VII  
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25-29	0	0	0.2	4	8.2	4	2.2
30-34	2	20.8	13	26.5	18	34.8	34.8
35-39	10	41.7	15	30.6	25	34.2	34.2
40-44	2	20.8	6	12.2	11	12.1	12.1
45-49	3	12.5	4	8.2	7	9.3	9.3
50-54	1	4.2	7	14.3	8	11.0	11.0
Unknown							
Total	24	100	100	100	73	100	100

Youngest 35  
Oldest 68  
Average age 47.2

Average age for both houses of those known 44



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TABLE VIII  
PARTY OFFICES HELD BY STATE LEGISLATORS

	SENATORS		REP.		TOTAL	
	No.	Per Cent	No.	Per Cent	No.	Per Cent
None	8	33.33	23	47.0	31	42.5
Precinct Offices Only	5	20.8	10	20.4	15	20.55
County Offices Only	3	12.5	5	10.2	8	11.0
Precinct and County Offices	0	0	3	6.1	3	4.1
State Offices Only	1	4.2	1	2.0	2	2.7
State and County Offices	2	8.33	0	0	2	2.7
Precinct, County and State Offices	3	12.5	2	4.1	5	6.85
Unknown	2	8.33	5	10.2	7	9.6
Totals	24	100	49	100	73	100







TABLE IX  
PREVIOUS ELECTIVE OFFICES HELD  
BY SENATORS

	Number	Per Cent
None	4	16.7
Municipal Offices	2	8.3
County Offices	6	25.0
State Representative--one term only	3	12.5
State Representative--two terms only	4	16.7
State Representative--three terms or more	3	12.5
State Senate--one term only	5	20.8
State Senate--two terms only	5	20.8
Other State Offices	1	4.2
Unknown	1	4.2







TABLE X  
PREVIOUS ELECTIVE OFFICES HELD  
BY REPRESENTATIVES

OFFICE	NUMBER	PER CENT
None	19	38.8
Municipal Offices	2	4.1
County Offices	8	16.3
State Representative--one term only	12	24.5
State Representative--two terms only	3	6.1
State Representative--three terms only	1	2
State Representative--four terms only	3	6.1
State Representative--five terms or more	1	2
Other State Offices	0	0
Unknown*	0	0

\*Applies only to municipal and county offices.



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#### GENERAL CONCLUSIONS

After making this survey of the backgrounds of the individual legislators, it is possible to draw the following conclusions about the New Mexico Legislature: (1) The election of legislators is not made along economic lines in this state. There is only one economic group, the ranchers, that is effective as such; (2) Most of the legislators have lived in the state and in their district for more than twenty years and thus may have a provincial point of view; (3) The education of the legislators is not all that could be desired, but is, on a state average, higher than the district represented; (4) The majority of the legislators have not held high party offices; and (5) The turnover in the New Mexico State Legislature is too rapid for individual members to gain a significant amount of legislative experience.



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### GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS

After making this survey of the characteristics of the individual legislators, it is desirable to draw the following conclusions about the New Mexico Legislature: (1) The size of the legislature is not large enough to insure that there is only one economic group, the farmers, and that they have a preponderant voice in the House. (2) Most of the legislators have lived in the state and in their district for more than twenty years and thus have a preponderant voice in the House. (3) The size of the legislature is not all that could be desired, but is, on a state average, larger than the district representation. (4) The majority of the legislators have not held other party offices; and (5) The turnover in the New Mexico Legislature is too rapid for individual members to gain a significant amount of legislative experience.



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APPENDIX A

SAMPLE COPY OF QUESTIONNAIRE

Name

Address

Age

Place of Birth

How long have you lived in your district?

How long have you lived in New Mexico?

What other elected offices have you held? When?

On what committees did you serve in the past Legislature?

To what clubs and organizations do you belong? (Examples:

Lions, Elks, V. F. W., American Legion, etc.)

Occupation

Are you a veteran?

Length of service

Branch

Church affiliation

List schools attended and work or grades completed:

List colleges and universities attended and degrees received:

List political offices held, such as Precinct Chairman, Committeeman, County Chairman, in your political party:

What particular groups (such as farmers, cattlemen, labor, or any other) contributed a substantial number of votes to your election?

Any other information about yourself:



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Name

Address

Age

Place of Birth

How long have you lived in your district?

How long have you lived in the State?

What other elected offices have you held? When?

On what committees did you serve in the last Legislature?

To what clubs and organizations do you belong? (Name last)

License, when, to what, (e.g., driver's license, etc.)

Occupation

Are you a veteran?

Length of service

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List schools attended and work or grades completed.

List colleges and universities attended and degrees received.

List political parties held, when or present office held.

Military, County, State, in your military service.

What fraternal groups (such as Masons, Odd Fellows, etc.)

any other) contributed a substantial number of votes to

your election?

Any other information about yourself?



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This thesis includes short biographical sketches of each member.

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Other states have been careful to record more data on the background of their lawmakers. For instance, Alabama has published quadrennially since 1903 the Alabama Official and Statistical Register which contains a biographical sketch of each state legislator.<sup>1</sup> There is a definite lack of pertinent information about the lawmakers for the State of New Mexico.

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<sup>1</sup> Hallie Farmer, The Legislative Process in Alabama (Birmingham, Alabama: Bureau of Public Administration, University of Alabama, 1949), p. 276.







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