

THE MESSENGER

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NUMBER 2

Christmas Wishes to All

Hagerman—Where the spring with healing in its waters is located.

∴ DEXTER NEWS ∴

MR. AND MRS. WYLIE'S DAUGHTER DEAD

Dexter was shocked Tuesday afternoon to learn of the death of the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Loman Wylie. The little child had not been sick but a short time, but had bronchial pneumonia and was not strong enough to combat with this dreaded sickness. The many friends wish to extend their sympathy to the grief stricken family. The little one was not permitted to linger long with us, but was taken to blossom into a beautiful flower in the great beyond. Services were held at ten o'clock Wednesday morning at the Church of Christ, and the body was laid to rest in the Hagerman cemetery.

FAMILY RE-UNION

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Perrett and family of Pearson, Texas, Mr. and Mrs. James McMains of Old Mexico, Mr. and Mrs. Walter McMains of Stafford, Texas, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Wayne of Lovington and Miss Agnes McMains of State College have arrived to spend the holidays with their father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. McMains. It is very fine to have all the children come home for Christmas.

PHILLIPS PURCHASES FARM

O. W. Phillips, a former merchant of Dexter, has purchased the Mary Parsell farm southwest of Dexter, from Hal Bogle, representative of the Missouri State Life Insurance Company. Mr. Phillips takes possession of his new farm January 1st. This is one of the best farms in that vicinity. Every good wish is extended for his success.

Lew Atkinson, of California, who has been visiting the J. V. Thomas family for the past week, left Monday for Niles, Michigan to spend the holidays with his father.

Mrs. D. A. Southard of Lake Arthur, has purchased two residence lots in the west part of Dexter, and will begin the erection of a new home within the next few days. The contract for another new house will be let as soon as our lumberman is able to be on the job again.

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Mrs. Ed Winkler is visiting her sister, Mrs. Art Cazier.

Mr. and Mrs. Hal Bogle and sons, were looking for Santa Claus in Roswell Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul McMains were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Conley of Roswell Sunday.

Nicholas Crain, of Abilene, Texas came in Saturday night to spend a few days with his father.

Mrs. R. C. Reid and Gean Hurst were among the Christmas shoppers in Roswell Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. George Weaver and daughters were looking after business matter in Roswell Monday.

E. L. Love of the Triangle Lumber and Hardware Co., has been quite sick with flu for the past week.

Mrs. Herbert Southard, Mrs. Jim Caffall, Mrs. Pearl O'Brian were among the Roswell shoppers Saturday afternoon.

Miss Dorothy Berry, came home Saturday from Dallas, Texas where she is attending Miss Hockaday's school for girls.

Tommy Hubbard, John Mehlhop and Wyatt Stanley of State College arrived Saturday to spend the holidays with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Buchanan, Tommy and Sammie Buchanan, were the house guests of Mr. and Mrs. O. L. McMains over the week end.

Miss Elizabeth Mehlhop and Miss Gretchen Mielenz of State College arrived Tuesday to spend the holidays with the F. L. Mehlhop family.

Misses Josephine and Francis Martin, of Knox College and Colorado Woman's College arrived Monday for the holiday season with the L. Martins.

Mrs. F. W. Phillips' many friends are glad to see her out again. She has been confined to her home for the past ten days with a very severe cold.

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CHURCHES

Presbyterian Church

"To testify the Gospel of the Grace of God"

LET'S KEEP IT FOLKS

JAMES A. HEDGES

Let's keep it, folks, the whole year thru,
The Christmas mind and Christmas soul
That made us loved and loving too,
And turned all hearts to hearts of gold.
Let's keep it, folks, that Christmas cheer
That made the home-folks' faces bright;
Let's keep it green, the love that ne'er
Can quench its shining candle-light.
A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

THE CHURCH OF CHRIST

The Church of Christ meets for worship every Lord's Day at 10:45. Elder McGuffin preaches every second Sunday. Everyone is invited to attend these services.

METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. E. A. Paddock, Superintendent.
Morning worship at 11:00 a. m.
Rev. L. L. Thurston of Gallup will bring the morning message.
Epworth Leagues 6:15 p. m.
Evening worship at 7:00 p. m.
Special music all the time. A warm church and a welcome are yours for the coming.
BRYAN HALL, Pastor.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH SERVICES

Regular services next Sunday morning at eleven o'clock by the pastor. Text: "Art Thou He That Should Come or Look We For Another." Many to-day do not believe that Jesus was born of a virgin. They say they believe that He became the Son of God through his perfect obedience and the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Let us investigate this question. "Come and see."
Bible school at ten o'clock.
Christian Endeavor at six thirty o'clock.
Your presence will be appreciated.
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ALLEGED HEAD OF AN AUTO THEFT RING IS SLAIN AT CARRIZOZO

Lowell Cobb, alleged ring leader of an auto theft ring was shot to death at Carrizozo Tuesday night by Deputy Sheriff Pete Johnson, after Cobb had wounded Deputy Sheriff Roman Farmer in the groin. The officers had lain in wait for Cobb for two days at a place where he had cached two automobiles which the officers allege were stolen. Parts of both automobiles had been removed so that they could not be removed. Tuesday night the officers continued their wait in the woods near Carrizozo, Cobb drove up with Mrs. Perry Melon and her small son who he was taking to Corona. He placed some parts in one of the alleged stolen cars and tried to start it. The deputy sheriffs came out of hiding and commanded Cobb to surrender. Instead, Cobb whipped out a revolver and shot once at Farmer striking him in the groin. Deputy Sheriff Johnson fired killing Cobb instantly with a shot through the abdomen. Cobb, according to Sheriff John Brady has given the officers of Lincoln county trouble for many years. The coroner's jury returned a verdict that Johnson shot Cobb while fulfilling the duties of his office. Another man alleged to be a companion of Cobb in the auto theft business is being sought by the officers.

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SOCIAL ITEMS

WOMAN'S CLUB TO MEET WITH MRS. CURRY JAN. 9.

The Hagerman Woman's club will meet with Mrs. C. W. Curry on Friday, January 9th, 1931 at 2:30 p. m. Laws of New Mexico that should be of interest to women will be discussed.
MRS HOWARD RUSSELL, President.

GARDNER—BITNEY WEDDING ANNOUNCED

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald D. Gardner of Lincoln, Nebraska announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Esther Helen to Louis Bitney, of Lincoln, Nebraska formerly of Hagerman, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Bitney. The marriage will take place at the home of the bride's parents, December 30. Miss Gardner and Mr. Bitney are graduates of the University of Nebraska, where they are members of Palladian Literary Society. Miss Gardner was also elected to Phi Beta Kappa, honorary scholarship organization. The couple will be at home in Lincoln.

MISS PADDOCK HOME

Miss Eleanor Paddock is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Paddock. She arrived Sunday from Texas Woman's College, Fort Worth, where she is a member of the senior class and popular in campus activities, including club, class and dormitory affairs. During last week she was a participant in several festivities incident to the Christmas season, a vesper service presented by the college dramatic club, society and class parties, the annual Dan Waggoner hall Christmas tree celebration, and numerous "room-feasts." She reports a splendid fall and is looking forward to the work of the remainder of the college year. She will return to Ft. Worth in time for the resuming of class work on Monday, January 5. Miss Paddock is president of the student body.

WILL YOU TELL

Our advertisers, please, that you noticed their advertisement in The Messenger.

SPRINGER TO RESIGN AS COURTESY TO THE INCOMING GOVERNOR

"As a courtesy to the incoming governor" the present state highway commission will resign at the end of the Dillon administration according to an article in the State Tribune of Tuesday.

This was the inference of Charles Springer, chairman of the commission, who spent the week end in Albuquerque.

Inasmuch as the chairman of the highway commission is a veteran republican leader the statement is taken as an indication that Governor-Elect Seligman will receive the resignation of all holdover appointees as he has requested.

It is believed probable that the highway commission will set the precedent for other republican commission holders and that January 1 will see the state swept bare of all signs of the Dillon administration.

Mr. Springer, the battle focus of many state campaigns, declined while here to make any political observations.

"This is a good time for republicans not to say anything, I think," he said with a suspicion of a twinkle in his eyes.

The highway chairman did comment on the protest that has arisen over construction of the highway bridge at Los Lunas.

"The bridge was pronounced unfit several years ago," he said. "The highway department in conformity with a national policy of construction in a period of depression decided to build the bridge."

The construction price, Mr. Springer said, is low. The funds are those raised in Valencia county by tax levy.

AIR CIRCUS TO BE HELD IN ARTESIA SUNDAY 28th

Those who enjoy aircraft stunting are promised a thrill of a life time in the appearance of the Three Hawks, scheduled to exhibit at the Artesia airport, 2 miles west of Artesia, Sunday, December 28th. The Three Hawks, include the Tommy Hawk, piloted by Robert Hohag, the Mohawk, piloted by Paul Mliner and the Black Hawk, piloted by L. P. Quinn, who has carried more than 35,000 passengers in the last ten years.

Sunday's entertainment will consist of stunt flying, spins, loops, stunt flying loops without motor and wing walking. See the announcement of the Three Hawks appearing in this issue.

IT WILL PAY YOU

To read carefully all that our advertisers have to say.

PEGOS VALLEY GAS CO MAY EXTEND A GAS LINE TO COTTONWOOD

It was learned recently that the Pecos Valley Gas Co., contemplates the extension of a seven mile gas line into the lower Cottonwood community, to serve a number of farmers with pumping plants. Starting west from Lake Arthur the proposed line would run three miles west, thence two and a half miles south, thence a mile east, thence a mile south to the Cottonwood gin. The proposed line would serve about twenty farm dwellings, one gin and twelve pumping plants.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM AT BAPTIST CHURCH TUESDAY

Tuesday night at the Baptist church an excellent Christmas program consisting of readings, songs, and plays was presented by the young people under the direction of Mrs. L. J. Hash.

A full house enjoyed the services. The two plays, "A Christmas Burgle" and "Christmas in the Old Home Town," were well received by the audience.

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HAROLD DYE, Managing Editor

CHRISTMAS

The great tragedy of childhood is the discovery that there is no Santa Claus who comes riding out of the north behind a team of charging reindeer. . . . But the sadness and disappointment that this produces is short lived because to the child every day is a day of adventure and constantly he is discovering new interests to carry him along with winged feet.

The greatest tragedy of life, it seems to us, is the grown person who so loses his balance or perspective that he cannot respond to the magic influence of the Christmas Spirit. . . . for him there is nothing to take its place and he becomes poor indeed. . . . He may be possessed of a super-abundance of the world's goods, yet is a pauper because he knows not the meaning of true friendship. . . . If Christmas means anything at all, it means the joy and happiness that comes from the exchange of amenities among friends.

Christmas is the one season of the year when men relax from the strenuousness of business life and speak those thoughts of love and appreciation which they carry in their hearts the year around. . . . It is the season when we achieve the greatest happiness for ourselves by taking the time to say or do those things which will make others happy.

To us Christmas is an enchanted season. We like to visualize all of our friends as being active in the things that make Christmas the delightful season that it is. . . . and to exchange smiles and handclaps with them as from our hearts we utter the cheeriest of all greetings, "Merry Christmas."—Southwestern Ambassador.

Those who persist in the opinion that all minerals on federal lands should be conserved to care for future needs should glance at the prophecy appearing in the recent issue of the Ladies Home Journal of what will happen in ten years. The prophecy with reference to a new motor fuel may be a little far fetched, but the petroleum industry is undergoing radical changes and incidentally increasing its supply of raw materials.

Now it transpires most of the Jamaica ginger which poisoned thousands of residents of several states came from Boston. It is a synthetic product which is generally called "Jake." Boston was the heart of the abolition movement in slavery days. And in even an earlier day, it seems there was a famous "tea party" in Boston harbor. Boston is simply running true to form in clinging to the principles of abolition.

The Roswell Record and the Santa Fe New Mexican are having a few words about Russia. The New Mexican insinuates that the Record Knows nothing about Russia. Neither do we, but we've read enough not to want much to do with the Red regime.

No monarch ever ruled with firmer hand than does the federal bureau that has to do with the control of federal lands in the various western states.

MEANS OF DEVELOPMENT

The Pecos valley has not reached its full development agriculturally, all opinions to the contrary notwithstanding. It is true enough that we have made very little progress within the past ten years, but prospects looks brighter because more people are watching this particular section. Before we do things we have to become interested of course and it naturally follows that the more the outsider thinks of our own locality, the more home people will think of it.

The two avenues opened for the progress of our agricultural expansion are, the conservation of our artesian water supply and the development of our shallow water. Conservation of our artesian water is a problem that can not be solved in a day nor a year. The big task is to repair the leaky wells and to plug the abandoned wells, the cost of which will have to be spread over a series of years, but which nevertheless, will enable us to cultivate several thousand acres additional within the artesian basin. A number of interested people feel that the proposed board of control will eventually solve the problem as to organization and will bring about a solution to the key of the difficulty, that of stopping the waste through leaky and abandoned wells.

The possibility of developing the shallow water is just as great in this particular section as anywhere in the state. The few who have tried it have apparently succeeded, but their efforts have aroused little or no interest. A prominent farmer has suggested that the state be interested in putting down five or six test wells in the north and middle valley to give the shallow water a thorough test. Not a bad idea if the state can finance such a project.

KEEP THE MONEY MOVING

The president of the American Bankers association said a mouthful the other day.

"It isn't how much money is in circulation but how fast it circulates, that counts," he said, in substance. "One dollar will do the work of two dollars, if it moves from hand to hand twice as fast."

Money lying idle in a bank is not working.

It is only when money is being spent that commodities move, factory wheels revolve, workers kept on the payroll.

In the reaction from an orgy of reckless spending, we seem to have swung almost as far the other way, into a state of mind which can only be called miserly.

People are timid about letting go of a dollar for any purpose—and in communities all over the nation able bodied men are peddling on the streets or taking money from charitable organizations for the support of their families.

This is more particularly true in the large cities; the country regions and the small towns have not felt the depression as keenly as have the large centers of population.

Yet everybody in the United States, broadly speaking, knows that money is not circulating as fast today as it was a year ago, and that people who owe money are finding it hard to get cash with which to meet their obligations.

That would not be the case if everybody who has something tucked away would spend some of it now for the useful, necessary things which are needed and which will eventually be bought anyway.

All kinds of merchandise are cheaper now than for years.—Tucumcari News.

THE PEOPLE MUST CHOOSE

Government, under the democratic scheme of things, exists for the sake of its individuals. Its sole duty is to protect those individuals from encroaching on the rights of each other. When government goes beyond this, it becomes paternalistic.

The mania for reform, for regulation and suppression of individuals and businesses is as un-American as communism or facism. It represents an alien influence which has come into American life in the past few decades. It is an affront to the spirit of our forefathers.

Business has been persecuted. Individual rights have been abrogated. And the people of the nation suffer. Every time the government takes unto itself new power, the individual loses an "inalienable" right. Every time politics lays its dread hand on business, the Constitution becomes less a living document and more a useless scrap of paper.

On the one hand is our tradition of individualism—on the other the new road which leads to communism. There is no middle course. It is up to the people to choose their way.

INSIDE INFORMATION

Some people think that allspice is a mixture of all the spices. This is not correct. Allspice is really a kind of pepper. It is dried, unripe fruit of the pimento tree, which belongs to the same family as the clove tree. It gets its name, allspice, from the fact that it has been said to have the odor of all spices.

The kind of salad dressing to use depends largely upon when the salad is to be served. A light salad, with a heavy dinner, usually needs a light dressing, such as a French dressing. Luncheon or supper salads, or those served with party refreshments, may have the richer dressings such as mayonnaise, cooked dressings, or cream dressing.

About a teaspoonful of tea to a cup is a good average proportion, according to tea specialists. More or less can be used for different tastes. First scald the pot—an earthenware one, by preference—to warm it. Put in the tea, pour on boiling water, but do not boil. Let stand about 5 or 6 minutes, then pour off into another warm teapot. If you use a tea ball, remove it.

Most children are uncomfortable in stiffly starched clothes. The idea that the garments stay clean longer if starched may be true if the little ones do not indulge in their usual active play because of their clothes. But it would be better to choose closely woven, firm wash fabrics, in smooth finishes that shed dirt, and in colors and patterns that do not look disagreeably dingy after a short wearing. Then starching is unnecessary.

Education's Value

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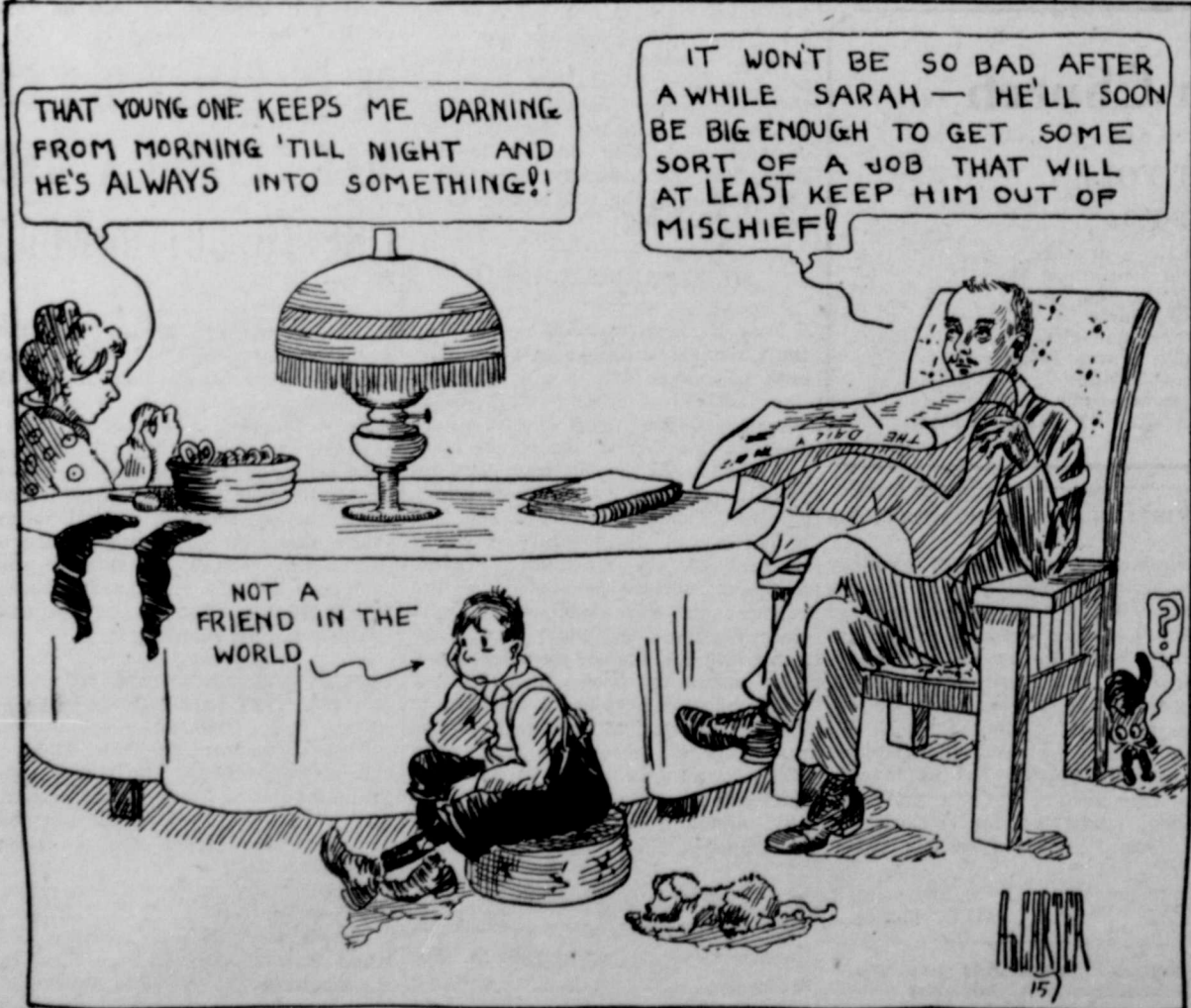
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JUST KIDS—AMBITIONS!

By Ad Carlet





We can't locate each one of you To wish you Christmas glory. So here's the way we advertise The same old happy story: A Christmas bright with loyalty, A New Year gay and snappy, New friends, old loves, and all good things To keep the New Year happy.

Hagerman Service Station

make every day, dear friend, nineteen-thirty-one, better day than yesterday, day of deeds well done.



Quality Bakery



If all our Christmas wishes For your holidays come true, You will have success, good fortune, And the joys of friendship, too!

Farmers Co-Operative Gin Co.

hope your homes are decked with joy, and hung with Christmas cheer, we hope all good things come to you, and every year! We appreciate your patronage, and want to please you— ALWAYS



Latimer Bros. Barber Shop



We wish to thank the people of Hagerman and Lake Arthur Communities for their support during the year 1930, and wish for each one a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Sunshine Oil Station

Christmas Greetings! Happy Greetings! Have tried to serve you well; Frost bells ring you, New Year bring you, All the joys your heart can tell!



J. T. West



We wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Joyful New Year. May the next twelve months bring great prosperity and happiness to you.

C. & C. Garage

SHIFTING OF TREASURY SURPLUS GAINS A BALANCE \$47,719,552

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Collection of \$73,637,657 in income tax on December 19 shifted the condition of the treasury from a deficit of \$16,740,646 on the preceding day to a surplus of \$47,719,552.

While the surplus is likely to fade away again after the first of the year, the deficit which has held sway since last September was wiped out by collection of the last quarter's payments on tax on 1929 incomes, the quarterly financing of the treasury which brought \$425,000,000 from sale of certificates and war debt payments by foreign countries.

The last treasury statement for December 19, showed for the month a total of \$440,932,489 had been collected from income taxes as compared with \$471,183,311 in the same number of days last year. For the fiscal year starting last July first income tax receipts amounted to \$1,051,418,275 compared with \$1,140,005,471 in the same period of the previous year.

On that date the government had collected from all sources \$1,768,038,456 and had spent \$1,720,318,904. Receipts were approximately \$200,000,000 less than for the same period of last fiscal year and disbursements \$172,000,000 less.

SPECIALISTS ATTEND OUTLOOK CONFERENCE

The Western States Regional Outlook Conference, held at Salt Lake City, December 15-19 was attended by specialists from all A. & M. Colleges of the eleven western states and by leading economists of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. New Mexico was represented by L. H. Hauter, agricultural economist; G. R. Quisenberry, agronomist; H. C. Stewart, horticulturist; W. L. Black, animal husbandman and E. E. Anderson, dairyman, all of the extension service.

Regional outlook conferences are being held in each general region of the United States. In these regional conferences, the specialists have at hand all the information in regard to production and demand, foreign trade, and general business conditions, and an effort is being made to prepare as reliable outlook information as possible for the next year.

Following the regional outlook conferences, specialists of the extension service will prepare an outlook for the state of New Mexico, including the outlook for agricultural products. In January, representatives from every state in the Union will meet at Washington, D. C., for the drafting of a most thorough agricultural outlook for the United States.

The agricultural has been prepared in the United States and in various states each year for the past eight years. These predictions have been accurate on approximately ninety per cent of the commodities considered. Farmers and ranchmen have profited greatly by following the information and recommendations supplied in the outlook.

Trusted White Brother

At least one Indian still has faith in the honesty of the paleface. A collection of Indian pottery, unattended by a salesman, was spread before the doors of a downtown department store in Phoenix, Ariz., recently. A sign above the collection attested that it was genuine Hopi pottery. And on the sign was the penciled notation: "Gone to lunch. Will be back."

What a Hiss Means

The hiss does not always mean disgust and reprobation. In Japan it means delight. A Japanese in greeting one hisses. In West Africa the hiss denotes astonishment. In the New Hebrides they hiss before anything beautiful. The Basutos hiss in sign of cordial agreement. Among the Kabyles of northern Africa the hiss denotes satisfaction.

The Candidate

In ancient Rome during political campaigns, it was customary for persons seeking office to appear in public places wearing white togas, and the white of the natural wool was brightened with chalk. The Latin word for white is candidus. An office seeker was called candidatus, from which comes our word candidate.

English "Guinea"

A guinea is an English gold coin which was issued from 1666 to 1813. It was so called and was first struck out of gold from Guinea. It was intended to pass for 20 shillings, but owing to the inferiority of the silver coins it was never worth less than 21 shillings and from 1717 on had the fixed value of 21 shillings.

Cathedrals

A cathedral is the church which contains the official seat or throne of a bishop. As a rule they are large, but a small building can serve, as in the case of the tiny cathedral of the Byzantine Greek type at Athens.

Christmas Memories For Others

By Florence Harry Wells

MARK! the Herald Angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King!" The Christmas chimes were pealing overhead as Mrs. Peggy Walton hurried past the great department store.

A lump rose in Peggy's throat. Her eyes grew misty. She wondered if all these hurrying Christmas shoppers heard those chimes and felt as she did. Their faces gave no evidence of emotion; but neither did hers. Peggy assured herself.

Communing with herself Peggy thought of other Christmas shopping expeditions when all was joy and anticipation. But that was when Bob was little and the four grandparents and two aunts were all coming for the holiday festivities to the big brick house in the little town. Now Bob was twenty-one, the grandparents had passed away—Grandmother Walton and Grandmother Prentiss had gone just a short time apart the past summer. The two aunts felt as Peggy did that Christmas memories would be less poignant if they didn't try to have the customary reunion. And instead of the big brick house with its cheery fireplaces, in the friendly little town, they lived in an apartment in the city. Not much Christmas atmosphere about an apartment Peggy reflected.

But something must be done about Christmas for Bob's sake. If for no other reason. It wouldn't seem much like Christmas for Bob to come home from college to just her and Dad.

Peggy had passed beyond the sound of the chimes, but between shopping ventures her mind dwelt constantly on this Christmas problem and what she



Peggy Had Passed Beyond the Sound of the Chimes.

could do. All their friends had their own families at Christmas, just as they had had theirs until this year.

That brought her back again to the little town and the many changes that had taken place even in the short time they had been gone. Other homes besides theirs would miss the older generation this Christmas. Peggy began enumerating them in her mind.

There was Judge Hatford who had done so much for them when the first break had come and her own father had passed away, and even last summer when her mother, too, had gone. It was Judge Hatford who had taken the sting from the legal aspects. Yet, it was but a few weeks later when he also had been laid to rest in the little cemetery on the hill; then there was genial, courtly Mr. Morrow, and Mr. and Mrs. Roberts, separated from each other but a brief month, and Mr. and Mrs. Dawson—Peggy stopped in her summary. Why hadn't she thought of the Dawsons before? There was Fred Dawson, and Katharine, and their little boy Dick, and Katharine's younger sister, Mary; they, too, must be looking forward to Christmas with sorrowful memories; for always they had come from the far-off city to the home in the little town for the holidays and now there was no home to which to come.

"It's worse for them than for us. I'll write them at once," Peggy decided. "They're just what we need. Mary and Bob will have a good time. We always enjoy Fred and Katharine. And there's little Dick, bless his heart; a child is what we want to revive the Christmas spirit."

Again Peggy heard herself within hearing of the Christmas chimes: "Joy to the world" was ringing forth as she approached the department store on her homeward way. But there was no lump in her throat this time and her eyes were clear and starry as she gaily hastened along, planning for others and winning for herself a Merry Christmas.

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Out of Tune

To the person out of tune with life Christmas may mean a wearisome duty, a bestowing of gifts on indifferent people, receiving in return things of incredible unsuitability for which he must write notes of imitation thanks

Instead of Christmas Tree

Italy has an "Urn of Fate" instead of a Christmas tree. They put their Christmas gifts into a big deep bowl, and grown people in a family take turns drawing for gifts.

To our patrons and friends, To our customers, too, Here's the wish we are making This Christmas for you: May the pleasure that lasts, And the joy that endures, And the success for the New Year Forever be yours!



Peoples Mercantile Co.



Father Christmas comes again, All bedecked with holly, With friends sincere from far and near To make the season jolly.

Devoll's Furniture Store

The gayest thing we have to say To friend and patron too, Is Merry, Merry Christmas Day, And glad New Year to You!



Kemp Lumber Company



We would wish you happy Christmas If we could but grasp your hand, And a bright successful New Year, But we know you understand; So receive these words of greeting As a grip of friendship true, And accept our hearty wishes For a glad New Year to you!

Teed's Confectionery

Christmas and the New Year, A gay old combination, And so this card of greeting, friends. Sincere congratulation!



W. F. Waldrop



Here is what I wish you For the New Year, thirty-one: Fidelity in friendship, And the joy of work well done!

C. G. Mason

Ring, old bell, Christmas bell! To our friends a message tell; Send misfortune on the run, Bring success for "Thirty-One."



Lawing Market

WANT ADS PAY

BULLETIN OUTLINES GEOLOGICAL WORK IN THE ARTESIAN BASIN

Results of investigations concerning the artesian basin conducted by the state engineer's department and the U. S. Geological Survey have been made public.

Recommendations as to means of recharging the basin, preserving surface and shallow water supplies were made in the report.

The report follows: Under date of June 1930, Albert G. Fiedler and S. Spencer Nye of the U. S. Geological Survey cooperating with the state engineer submitted a paper entitled "Recommendations for a More Efficient Utilization of the Water Resources of the Artesian Basin in New Mexico." This investigation of the artesian basin has been conducted under the supervision of Oscar E. Meinzer, geologist in charge of the division of ground water, of the U. S. Geological Survey. The study was begun in July, 1925, and from that date to June 8, 1928, an office has been maintained in Roswell by Mr. Fiedler and his assistants. As a result of the work done during the first year of the investigation, a preliminary report was published and press notices have been issued from time to time on the progress of the work. The latest paper includes extracts from the final report which will be published in the near future by the U. S. Geological Survey as a Water Supply Paper.

As denoted by the above title, much of the contents are given to the recommendations for conservation, well drilling methods, well construction methods and a detailed outline of the areas of shallow pumping waters.

The area of intake for the waters of the artesian basin includes practically the entire water shed of the Sacramento mountains south of Salt Creek and north of Seven Rivers. In the report by Messrs. Fiedler and Nye they divide the area of intake into two subdivisions: that which is classed as the principal area of intake may be considered that portion west of Hope and east of the Y. O. Overthrust where it is dissected by the Rio Penasco, and that which lies between the Border Ridge Fault at its point of crossing the Rio Hondo and the Six Mile fault. This includes a strip approximately 18 miles wide and 80 miles long or an area of about 1,400 square miles. The area west of the Border Ridge fault where it crosses the Rio Hondo and that area west of the Y. O. Overthrust where it crosses the Rio Penasco is representative of the secondary zones of intake.

Other than the waters that are obtained from the artesian aquifers are the possible sources of supply in what is termed as the valley fill. The report states in part: "The water in the valley fill is a valuable resource that remains relatively undeveloped and merits more consideration than has thus far been given to it. Although the shallow ground water in many places is not suitable for domestic purposes, most of it can probably be used for irrigation if the land is well drained and proper care is taken in using the water. There are many large tracts of land within the artesian area, especially in Chaves county, which could probably be irrigated with shallow ground water obtainable from depths of 50 feet. There are also many farms on which the flow of the artesian wells has diminished greatly or ceased entirely and here attempts should be made to develop supplies of the shallow ground water for irrigation. Although the possibility of overdraft on the ground water in the valley fill seems rather remote at present, it should not be entirely disregarded as the supply is certainly not inexhaustible. It is quite possible to withdraw by pumping more water than is being contributed to the zone of saturation in the valley fill and to lower the water table to such an extent that many wells would have to be abandoned because of excessive pumping lifts." For this reason the state engineer is now maintaining observation wells in the shallow water areas for the express purpose of determining what effect excessive pumping will have on the drawdown on the water table. While the report enumerates possibility of future development and also the possible losses, it is in no way unfavorable to a continued expansion of agricultural pursuits in the artesian and shallow water areas of the basin if a program of economy and conservation is developed to a maximum degree of efficiency.

The report has been published by the state engineer in the Ninth Biennial Report and in Bulletin No. 1 of the state engineers series.

Pearl Composition
Pearls of culture generally possess a finer structure than those of accidental growth, or the naturals; but it is almost impossible to distinguish between the two kinds except by cutting the pearl and examining the cross-section.

How Coal Formations Vary
All coal is an impure form of the chemical element known as carbon and is supposed to be of vegetable origin. The difference between hard coal and soft coal is chiefly in the percentage of impurities in the carbon. Both kinds have been formed by the gradual hardening of vegetable matter buried in the rocks, but hard coal has hardened more completely than soft coal has and a large percentage of the impurities have been eliminated. Scientists are not agreed as to whether the chief difference between soft coal and hard coal originated in the kind of vegetable matter that produced it, or whether it has resulted during the hardening process.—Exchange.

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THINGS THAT NEVER HAPPEN



TRUCK AND HOME GARDENS INCREASING IN NUMBERS

Commercial truck growing and home gardening are showing a remarkable increase in popularity, says H. C. Stewart of the New Mexico Agricultural College in his report of the work done in horticulture for the past year. Tree planting and home beautification are also projects that are receiving a great deal of attention. During the past year, more homes were landscaped and more trees planted than in any other one previous year.

There are many irrigated valleys in the state which are well adapted to truck growing. This work was carried on in 17 counties on all or part of the following crops: Onions, chile, cabbage, cauliflower, lettuce, sweet corn, tomatoes, sweet potatoes, and Irish potatoes. Work was done in 77 communities with 70 local leaders cooperating. There were 99 meetings held and 29 new stories published in connection with this project.

The home garden project has shown a healthy growth, especially in the eastern counties of the state where dry farming is practiced. Water for irrigation in this section was pumped by windmills. Home demonstration agents are aiding this project by encouraging the use of more vegetables, both green and canned. Work was done in 182 communities; 248 local leaders were used and 242 meetings held.

Fruit growing has not increased materially during the past few years. The state does not produce enough fruit, except apples, to supply its own needs. At present, the home orchard seems more popular than does the commercial phase of orcharding.

The general economic condition prevailing thruout the state should have a tendency to create interest in the horticultural project. Especially is this true with reference to market gardening and truck farming. Farmers generally are looking for crops that will produce a quick cash return in order to lighten the burden caused by cheap wheat and cotton.

How Gifts on Wedding Anniversaries Started

The practice of giving peculiar gifts on various wedding anniversaries originated in Germany, says an article in Pathfinder Magazine. Among the medieval Germans it was customary for friends to present a wife with a wreath of silver when she had lived with her husband 25 years. The silver symbolized the harmony which must have been necessary to make so many years of matrimony possible. On the fiftieth anniversary of a wedding the wife was presented with a wreath of gold. Hence arose the names silver and golden weddings. This idea, originally borrowed from the Germans, has been elaborated upon in modern times and now we have a long list of wedding anniversaries which many people think should be observed with peculiar gifts. Thus we have the wooden wedding, the tin wedding, the crystal wedding, and so on.

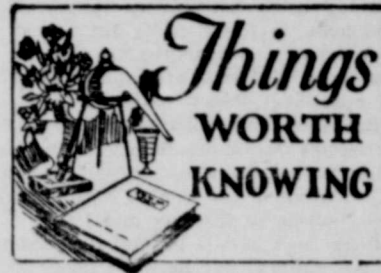
Why Airplane Ride Cools

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Why Lobster Turns Red

A lobster turns red when it is boiled because the result of the effect of boiling water on the coloring material in the shell, and is a chemical change.

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Keep fertilizer in a dry place, preferably on a wooden floor above ground level. Fertilizers usually become less "drillable" when stored in the field, in a damp place, or on the ground.

Hand picking in the wintertime is an efficacious way of ridding deciduous shade trees and evergreens of the destructive bagworm; which during the summer has the curious habit of crawling about the tree in its baglike case. Since the insect overwinters in the egg stage within the old bag, it is easy to detect the bugs and destroy them.

The safest time of year to burn brush piles and stumps is in the late fall, in the winter months, or in early spring before the ground litter becomes dry. Even at these seasons, however, there may be danger of fire spreading and getting out of control, and every precaution should be taken to keep the fires in bounds. Brush burning is best done in late afternoon or on a damp or cloudy day.

The bureau of biological survey of the U. S. Department of Agriculture now administers 87 game and bird reservations. Five of these are primarily big-game preserves, one is a muskrat and beaver preserve, and birds are protected on all but one. Among the most important as breeding, feeding, and resting grounds for migratory birds are the upper Mississippi river wild life and fish refuge, the Bear river (Utah) migratory bird refuge and the bird refuges at Big Lake in Arkansas, Malheur and Upper Klamath lakes in Oregon, Tule Lake and Salton Sea in California and Benton lake in Montana. The national program authorized by congress for establishing a system of refuges for migratory game birds will increase the list materially in the next 10 years.

Midwinter or early spring—depending on latitude—is the best time to wage war against the cattle grub. Examine cattle for signs of these grubs, or warbles, in the form of lumps on the skin, especially along the back. If you find them, squeeze them out and destroy them. Don't crush them. Grubs may also be destroyed by the use of the drug Derris, as a wash, ointment, or powder; by pyrethrum ointment; by the injection of benzol or carbon tetrachloride; or by the application of fine tobacco powder or nicotine dust. Get your neighbors to destroy grubs on their herds; so your cattle will not be reinfested. Farmer's bulletin 1596-F, "Cattle Grubs or Heel Flies with suggestions for Their Control, may be obtained by writing to the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

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THE STATE WILL HOLD TITLE TO 3,849 ACRES IN THE GETTY POOL

SANTA FE — New Mexico has "found it necessary to take a bold and defiant attitude toward the bureaucrats in the general land office in Washington in order to protect her rights," Dr. Austin D. Crile, land commissioner, said Saturday in replying to a statement by John H. Edwards, assistant secretary of the interior, that New Mexico has assumed such an attitude.

"We have notified the department of interior," Dr. Crile said, "that New Mexico will hold a title to the 3,849 acres of state land in the Getty pool until a competent tribunal of judges instead of department bureaucrats decides the case."

The land in question includes three sections of the Getty oil pool, and all six sections involved are state land. The state has executed oil and gas leases on the Getty sections, but has not received any royalties from them as yet.

Dr. Crile said the department of interior has been trying to take the land away from the state for several years on the ground that an order had been issued withdrawing the acreage for stock driveways. The withdrawal order came after the sections had been surveyed but before the surveys had been approved by the general land office, Charles Barker, state land office attorney said.

CONGRESS ON VACATION

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The administration's emergency relief program is now law and congress is off on two weeks Christmas holiday, but trouble signs still mark the road to final adjournment.

The tasks disposed of last Saturday night, after arduous work and bitter debate, formed the portion of the congressional program for which peaceful and speedy accomplishment had been hoped. Virtually all obstacles seen a month ago as potential causes of an extra session of the next congress in the spring, remain to be tackled.

The accomplishments of congress so far are limited virtually to passage of the \$116,000,000 emergency public works appropriation; the \$45,000 authorization for loans to farmers of the drought states; the \$150,000,000 farm board appropriation; and approval by the senate of the five members of the new power commission.

WILL YOU TELL

Our advertisers, please, that you noticed their advertisement in The Advocate.

BURLINGTON WOULD BUILD FROM PLAINVIEW TO N. M.

During the testimony of the principal witness for the Burlington railroad at the Lubbock hearing the statement was made that the railroad already operating in that territory would build additional lines on the plains country as they are needed. The witness said that it is the plan of the Burlington to build out of Plainview to the west just as soon as conditions will justify the construction of that line.

The Burlington is contesting the application of the Texas and Pacific to build from Big Spring to Vega with branch lines to Lubbock and Amarillo. The proposed road would

invade Burlington territory, block, Dimmitt and Amarillo Leader.

HAGERMAN THEATRE

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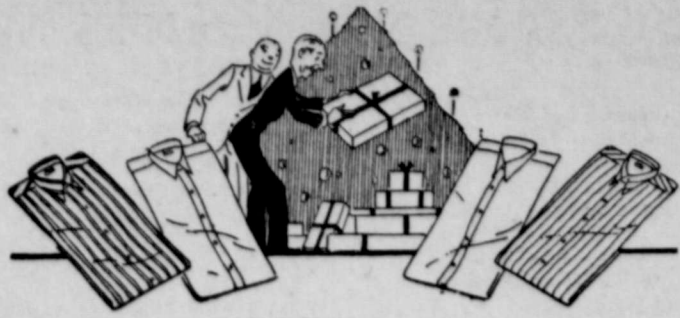
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FOR WANT ADS READ results



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TO BE SAFE FROM TULAREMIA

The following precautions should be rigidly observed by hunters, market men, housewives and others who handle wild rabbits if they would be absolutely safe from tularemia or rabbit fever:

- 1.—Never put your unprotected hands inside a wild rabbit.
- 2.—Always wear rubber gloves when handling wild rabbits.
- 3.—The rabbit must be thoroughly cooked; so well cooked that there is no red meat nor any red juice, near the bone.
- 4.—As at least 1 per cent of all wild rabbits are infested, the hunter, to be perfectly assured of safety, should not take home a wild rabbit that he shoots in the field if it seems sickly.
- 5.—In order to minimize possible infection, rabbits which seem slow or sickly, or can be run down and killed with a club, should be killed and preferably, buried.

Under the Pennsylvania law no western wild rabbit is allowed to be sold until it has been in cold storage at least 30 days. The germ B. Tularensis, also is killed by a temperature of 137 degrees Fahrenheit. Infection is possible even though the skin is unbroken. All rodents are liable to the infection.

Sneezing "Jinx"

In Bohemia, if you hear a sneeze and cannot see the person, you must be quick to say, "God make you well again," because the sneezer may be a wandering soul whom your blessing will deliver from exile. In Bengal, the natives make a profound bow to placate the forces of darkness. In India all present say "love" and the sneezers reply "with you," which little ceremony removes the fatal jinx connected with sneezing.

The Cornish Language

The ancient Cornish language has not been spoken for a century and a half, though many traces of it linger in the dialect of the county. In 1777 died Polly Jeffrey (nee Pentreath), in her ninety-third year, and she, it is said upon good authority, was the last person who spoke Cornish. She was born and died at Mouschole (pronounced "Mauzel"), a fishing village on Mounts bay.

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Department of the Interior, United States Land Office, Las Cruces, N. M., December 11, 1930.

Notice is hereby given that the State of New Mexico, has filed in this office Indemnity School Land List No. 9430, Serial No. 042840, for the following land:

Lot 4, Sec. 18, T. 20-S., R. 20-E. SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 26, T. 20-S., R. 19-E. Subject to Reservoir Declaratory Statement No. 037221.

The purpose of this notice is to allow all persons claiming said land adversely or desiring for any valid cause to protest against the selection, an opportunity to file their protest against the approval of the selection.

V. B. MAY, Register.

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION Department of the Interior, United States Land Office, Las Cruces, N. M., December 11, 1930.

Notice is hereby given that the State of New Mexico has filed in this office its Selection List 153, act of May 28, 1928, Serial No. 042841, for the following land:

S $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 11 & S $\frac{1}{2}$ Sec. 12, T. 18-S., R. 16-E.

The purpose of this notice is to allow all persons claiming the land adversely or desiring to show it to be mineral in character, an opportunity to file their protests against the approval of the selection.

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LOCALS

Edwin Lane is here for the holidays visiting with relatives and friends.

Mrs. A. Zimmerman was a Hagerman visitor from the ranch Wednesday.

The E. V. Sweatt family visited Roswell on pleasure and business Tuesday.

Miss Helen Curry, of Silver City is spending the Christmas vacation in Hagerman.

The many friends in this community of Louis Bitney wish him every success.

Mr. and Mrs. Vinton Curry, of Trinidad, Colorado are visiting in Hagerman during the holidays.

Dr. L. N. Linebaugh, Methodist presiding elder preached in the Hagerman Methodist church Sunday.

Tom Utterback, of State College arrived to spend the Christmas vacation with parents and friends here.

Wallace Goodwin, of Artesia played a clarinet solo during the Christmas program at the Baptist church Tuesday night.

L. J. Hash accompanied Harold Dye to Loving Sunday, where three deacons were ordained in the Loving Baptist church.

The beautifully lighted Christmas trees in the C. G. Mason and the E. S. Bowen yards, are pretty reminders of the holiday spirit.

Spurgeon Wiggins has returned for the holidays from Lubbock, and Max Wiggins has come in from State College for the vacation.

Mrs. Heitman, who has spent a month at State College with her sons, William and Frederick, has returned with the boys for Christmas.

Miss Helen Thurston, sister to Mrs. Bryan Hall is visiting here through the holidays. Miss Thurston is president of the freshman class at T. W. C.

Frank White is at home for the holidays. He suffered a severe accident playing football at the Normal a few weeks ago, but is getting along nicely.

The Misses Olan and Mary Williamson are visiting with parents and relatives here during Christmas. They have been teaching in the schools at Gallup.

Rev. L. L. Thurston of Gallup is expected to arrive Friday for a visit in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Hall. Rev. Thurston will preach at the Methodist church Sunday.

Lum Richards, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Blocker, Mesdames Mary Grimm, Albert Richards, Harold Bruton and C. R. Blocker drove up from Artesia Monday evening to attend the Christmas program at the high school auditorium.

The current issue of "Field and Stream" carries the picture of Mrs. S. Omar Barker, formerly Miss Elsa McCormick of Hagerman, in connection with an article on mountain lion hunting written by Mr. Barker. The picture shows Mrs. Barker kneeling beside the body of a large mountain lion.

CHRISTMAS WITHOUT SNOW

This winter has proven very mild in the Pecos valley. Practically no snow has yet fallen, and indications are that Christmas day will dawn without its usual accompaniment of snow.

Messenger want ads get results.

Birth of Flaming Star;

Christmas Poinsettia

THE name Poinsettia comes from Doctor Poinsett of Charleston, S. C., who introduced it into cultivation. The story of its birth as a Christmas flower is not so well known.

It is the story of a little Mexican girl, orphaned and alone, coming to the great cathedral on Christmas eve with her meager offering of tall weed stalks, heavy with large yellow seeds, clasped tightly in her poor little half-frozen hands.

There were other offerings of great beauty and price laid upon the altar, and the poor little child, alone in a shadowy corner of the great church, prayed that she might be taken to join her mother, father and baby brother who but a short time before had passed on to the other world. She thought if she had only one blossom to offer instead of the weeds her prayer might be answered.

Yet even as she prayed a radiance shone about her and a presence came beckoning her to follow. Rising she followed the presence, even to the altar and placed upon it her offering of weed stalks. The presence looked down upon her and smiled and the child raised her face to his and on her wan little countenance was reflected the same wondrous smile; and as she smiled, about the yellow seeds burst forth leaves of glorious crimson forming a flaming star of wondrous beauty, seemingly imbued with the spirit of fire.

It was thus the Flaming Star, our Christmas poinsettia, was born.— Florence Harris Wells.

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A Practical Christmas;

Aunt Jennie's Vanity

"EVERYTHING for Aunt Jennie must be useful," insisted her sister-in-law. "You know how terribly old-fashioned and practical she is."

So Aunt Jennie's Christmas had consisted of a woolen sweater, woolen gloves, good stout woolen hose, a sewing basket, slippers lined with lamb's wool, a little woolen shawl, and knitting needles in assorted sizes.

As the presents were being opened on Christmas morning, however, Aunt Jennie uttered a cry of delight and rushed over and embraced her small nephew Charlie. Unknown to the family, Charlie, more practical than his parents, had given his aged aunt a little brass lip stick, a box of rouge and some powder and a puff.

"You dear, sweet boy! Aunt Jennie was saying, "You dear, sweet boy! And to think, you thought my color so youthful and beautiful it must be artificial at my age. Why, I feel twenty-five years younger at such a compliment. And you know, I've never used a cosmetic in my life!"

At dinner that day, if Aunt Jennie didn't look twenty-five years younger she looked at least ten, and the youthful flush of her cheek was a sufficient recompense to Charlie for the mild scolding he had received from his practical mother.—Harold L. Cook

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Strain on Holiday Purse



Wife—I've spent the five hundred you gave me for Christmas shopping and I haven't a penny left to buy a present for you, dear.

Hubby—Humph! I'll give you a quarter more, then.

How Naval Batteries Fought

That the United States navy played an important part in the closing battles of the World war, is shown by the records of the naval batteries brought into action. Each was a .50-caliber, 14-inch navy rifle, capable of throwing a shell 25 miles. Mounted on specially designed railway cars, each train of the five batteries was self-supporting and carried a string of 15 cars, including a locomotive. Each train was a complete unit, comprising a gun car, sand car, fuel car, battery kitchen car, ammunition cars, berthing cars, headquarters car and a complete workshop car. These batteries were commanded by Rear Admiral Charles P. Plunkett.

How Flyers Are Guided

There are now about 7,000 miles of electrically lighted airways for airplanes. The string of revolving beacons stretches from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and deep into the South.

The towers, lighthouses of a new commerce, are built and operated by the government, primarily for air mail service, while the airplanes which carry the mail are owned and operated by private companies.

The towers are 60 feet high. The beacon lights cost \$475 each, and the lamps, which have a life of 60 hours, sell for \$6.50 each.—Capper's Weekly.

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DEXTER ITEMS

(Continued from first page)

Mr. and Mrs. Huntley, Miss Katherine and George Huntley, Mrs. J. C. Weaver, all of Roswell, were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Thomas Sunday.

Misses Eva Mae O'Brien and her house guest, Miss Ruth Gifford of Amarillo, Texas, were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Conley of Roswell.

Mrs. J. W. Sharp and daughters, Gayle and Jewel of Albuquerque, arrived Sunday to spend the holidays with Mr. Sharp and their many friends in Dexter.

Mrs. S. S. Bible and Miss Minnie Campbell went to Carlsbad Tuesday. Miss Mable Bible returned home with them Wednesday for a few days vacation during the holiday season.

Mesdames C. N. and E. O. Moore have issued invitations for a tea from three to five o'clock, Wednesday afternoon honoring the college girls who are home for the holiday season.

Mr. and Mrs. James Senn and daughter, Velma Lee, left Friday for Sweetwater, Texas to visit Mr. and Mrs. Luther Carraway. The Senn family will return home Monday of next week.

A. C. Pinson left Wednesday morning for Altus, Oklahoma called to the old home by the death of his mother, who passed away Tuesday. It is unusually hard to have this sadness come at this season.

Miss Ethel Weaver, a student of New Mexico University of Albuquerque and Miss Alta Mae Weaver, the efficient teacher at Jal, arrived Saturday to spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. George Weaver and the Frank Reinecke family.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Southard and small daughter, of Baltimore, Maryland, who have been visiting the

Southard families the past two weeks will leave Saturday for their eastern home. Mr. Southard formerly lived in Dexter, and has many friends, who are indeed glad to have a visit with them.

The auditorium of Dexter school building was packed Wednesday night. The school faculty had prepared an exceedingly nice program and there was a beautiful tree, Santa Claus was there with a treat for all the children. The teachers surely deserve much credit for the time given to this Christmas program.

In a Nutshell

There is one queer thing about a grouch. It'll never get well if you nurse it.

Manuscripts All Lost

There are none of the original manuscripts of the New Testament in existence.

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CARLSBAD PROJECT CROPS VALUED AT

Crops from the Carlsbad for the current year were at \$1,297,378 averaging \$5.65 per acre for 23,695 acres on 434 according to the report of Foster, superintendent of the project.

Following is a summary of crops and values: Cotton acres, yield 16,963 five pound bales, average 343 per acre, maximum 1,250, \$200, per pound \$1.05; total \$890,557, or \$45.55 per acre. Alfalfa, 3,583.5, yield 12.8 value ton \$18, total \$23,647.5 an acre.

Alfalfa seed, total 178,758 from 376 acres, maximum \$24,132, or \$50.80 per acre.

Cotton seed, 6,949 tons, total \$132,031 or \$6.75 per acre. Other crops, alfalfa, straw, oat-hay, wheat, wheat straw, corn, sorghum, sudan grass, clover, garden products, 2,000 acres of pasture land.

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