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Work Begins on School Project; Heflin Awarded City Hall Job

Supreme Justices Confirm District Court in Validity of Bond Issue for Gym-Library - Work Starts Tuesday.

LAW IS INTERPRETED

Local Man Gets Municipal Building Contract for \$28,000.

Work began Tuesday on the new school construction project in Artesia and ground will be broken within a few days for the new city hall and library.

McKnight & Frisch, contractors on the school project, which is under the PWA, received the contract on their bid of \$63,485 to build a new gymnasium and library building, as part of the Junior-Senior High School group, and two additional classrooms at Central School.

The way was paved last week for work to begin on the school project, when the New Mexico Supreme Court ruled \$42,000 in school bonds voted in September by taxpayers are valid, affirming the decision of the Eddy County District Court after suit was brought by C. E. Mann questioning their validity.

Mr. Mann, as an Artesia taxpayer, brought suit against the Artesia Board of Education on the grounds the board violated the state code by holding the bond election within two years of a prior election for a bond issue.

In an election in April, 1937, an \$85,000 bond issue was voted for construction of the new Junior-Senior High School, which was completed this fall.

The Supreme Court, in an opinion written by Justice Daniel K. Sadler, with Justice Bickley dissenting in part, affirmed the District Court's decision.

Chief Justice Hudspeath and Justices Brice and Zinn concurred with Justice Sadler.

By the decision, the Supreme Court held a state school code regulation which allows only one bond issue every two years is suspended and more than one issue allowed, if additional issues are sponsored by the federal Public Works Administration.

Besides the bond issue to underwrite the school construction work by way of a PWA loan, a grant of \$33,545 made the project possible.

The contract of McKnight & Frisch calls for, in addition to the building construction, no equipment other than for bleachers for the gymnasium and lights. Bids will be received next March for the general equipment contract.

In spite of the fact the new Junior-Senior High School project began only last year, the rapid growth of Artesia and the increased school enrollment made it necessary to expand again.

The contract for the city hall and library project, also coming under the PWA, was let to Tom W. Heflin of Artesia, who had the low bid of \$28,000 when bids were opened Friday morning.

The other bidders were McKnight & Frisch, \$31,999, and J. S. Clements of Texas, \$35,300.

The store building of Frank A. Linell has been moved a few feet east to make room for construction. The frame store building is to be disposed of about Feb. 1.

Artesians Visit Other Hospitals To Pick Up Tips

Emery Carper, Arba Green, Dr. E. A. Metzger and Al Glasser inspected the new hospitals at Clovis and Tucumcari Wednesday of last week, in order to get an idea as to room furniture being used in the most modern hospitals, by way of planning for the new Artesia City Hospital, now well along in construction.

The hospital at Clovis has been in use a number of months, but at Tucumcari, the hospital is just finished.

The Artesia men were impressed with the two institutions and picked up some splendid pointers which probably will be used here.

Artie McAnally, manager of the Artesia Alfalfa Growers Association, returned Wednesday from El Paso, where he underwent an operation last Thursday. He feels greatly improved.

STORES TO CLOSE HERE ON MONDAY

Stores in Artesia will not open on Monday in observance of the Christmas holiday.

As Dec. 25 falls this year on Sunday, heads of the majority of business places polled by the Chamber of Commerce expressed themselves as in favor of closing on Monday.

This will make the fifth double holiday week in 1938. New Year's Day fell on Saturday; Memorial Day on Monday; the Fourth of July on Monday; Labor Day, as always, on Monday, and now Christmas will be observed on Monday, Dec. 26.

Lights in Contest Pretty, Although Few Have Entered

Only Fourteen Are Competing for \$105 in Prize Money Here

The number of entries in the annual Christmas lighting contest was disappointing to the committee of the Woman's Club, sponsor, in charge, but the beauty of the displays entered was gratifying.

In addition to the nine individuals and organizations who were named in last week's edition, only five others entered the contest before it closed at 6 o'clock last Thursday evening.

They are: Horace Brown, window; Mrs. J. M. Story, premises; Fred Cole, premises; Agnes Leonard, window; Mrs. C. R. Blocker, window.

Previously entered were: Miss Peggy Linell, premises; Billy Williams, premises; Presbyterian Church, premises; Hugh Kiddy, window; Mrs. M. G. Schulze, premises; Mrs. John Rowland, Atocha, window; A. P. Mahone, premises; Mrs. S. D. Gates, window; Mrs. Tom Heflin, premises.

The fourteen who have entered are competing for \$105 in prize money raised by the Woman's Club, which is divided into three divisions, \$57.50 for premises, \$25 for windows and \$22.50 for rural displays in the Artesia vicinity.

The keenest competition is in the premises division, for which seven are entered, with four prizes of \$20, \$15, \$12.50 and \$10 offered.

Nearly as keen is the competition for windows, with six contestants for four prizes of \$10, \$7.50, \$5 and \$2.50.

Only one rural contestant entered. Prizes in that division were to have been \$12.50, \$7.50 and \$2.50.

A misunderstanding arose in town regarding the contest, some persons believing there is an entrance fee. There is none, and none was mentioned either last week or the week before, although the complete rules were given.

The lights are to remain on from 8 to 10 o'clock each evening until Christmas, beginning with Dec. 15, in order to be judged.

It is suggested that an automobile trip over Artesia, street by street might be profitable. The lights are beautiful and well worth while, even though only fourteen entered the contest. There are, of course, other splendid displays, equally worthy anyone's time to see.

Added to the strings of street lights and illuminated trees on electrocables, Artesia has earned a name of being the most beautiful Christmas city in Eastern New Mexico.

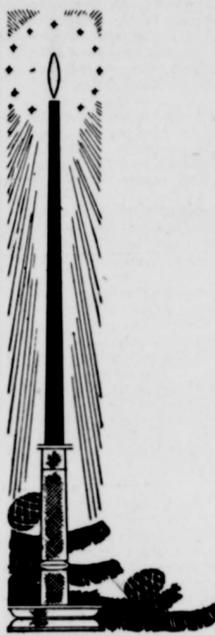
WED BOY SHOOTSELF IN HIS LEG

Denny Bell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse P. Bell of Weed, who accidentally shot himself in the right foot Monday while cleaning his gun, is in a Carlsbad hospital for treatment.

His father, suffering from a broken leg, is recovering satisfactorily at the home of his son, J. Marion Bell, in Carlsbad, where Denny Bell will be removed in a few days.

ENGRAVING—THE ADVOCATE.

Carry The Yuletide Cheer All Through



Perhaps some things have not gone well, Life's outlook fades to blue; Or maybe when you sold the crop The price looked slim to you. But still you have the best of health, Perhaps a kid or two, So now you may as well shun cares Until the Yuletide's through.

There comes a time to everyone When worries get you down. It's two darn' dry, or else, oh, my, You can't get into town. When skies are drab at eventide, It makes existence blue, But take this tip from off my lip, Cheer up 'till Yuletide's through.

This Yuletide season puts a bit Of joy in everyone. It gulfs them like a foggy day, But unlike fog, it's fun. And then there are so many things A person has to do, Like buying presents, spreading cheer, Until the Yuletide's through.

So why not get the Yuletide style Of mannerisms gay, And keep them up the whole year 'round Until next Christmas day? I'm sure that you'll agree with me That that's the thing to do. Continue being cheerful, folks, E'en though the Yuletide's through. —Pot Bert.

Eddy Pays \$20,078 School Tax During the Month of November

GREETINGS FROM THE WHOLE STAFF

The staff of The Advocate wishes you one and all a very Merry Christmas.

Perhaps 1938 has not been all you had hoped for and you have not received as many blessings in life as you desired, but we should be happy at this Christmas-time for the gift we all enjoy—the privilege of living in the United States of America.

Thanks for your gift to us, the honor of serving you. May your Yuletide holiday be a happy one.

Report of Revenue Bureau Shows How Out of Proportion Are Different Sections of State of New Mexico.

LEA IS HARDEST HIT

Neighbor on East Contributes Eighteen Times the Average.

A report for November of the School Tax Division, New Mexico Bureau of Revenue, demonstrates how out of proportion the school tax payments are to population over the state.

Eddy County, with a population of 15,842, or 3.7 per cent of the state, furnished last month 7.2 per cent of the sales tax money, nearly two times its proportionate share. The tax total was \$20,078, amounting to \$1.27 a person, compared with a state average of 65 cents. The total tax collected in the state was \$276,405.

But Lea County, which shares the greater part of oil production with Eddy County, paid more out of proportion. The population of Lea County, the report shows, is 6,144 persons, or 1.5 per cent of the state's total of 423,317, and paid in 27.5 per cent of the tax money, 18 times the average.

By comparison Mora County having 2.4 per cent of the state population, paid only .3 per cent of the tax.

In Chaves County, another oil producing county, 4.6 per cent of the population produced 5.3 per cent of the school tax money, more nearly in proportion. The per capita tax there for November was \$1.75, but in Lea County it was \$12.39.

Bernalillo County was second in line for per capita payment, with \$1.96. Chaves was third, with \$1.75; Eddy fourth, with \$1.27. And in Mora County, the lowest, each person's share was only 7 cents.

Gross incomes for the various counties run about in proportion to the taxes paid. The gross for Eddy County was \$2,981,521. Lea led with \$7,211,899, Bernalillo was second, with \$4,520,418, and Eddy was third.

Vets of Spanish War Re-elect J. Kennedy for '39

Jack Kennedy of Artesia was re-elected commander of United Spanish War Veterans, Camp No. 7, at the annual election of officers Sunday afternoon at the American Legion hut here.

J. Collinger of Portales was named senior vice commander and Joe Shuff of Artesia, junior vice commander.

The officers, elective and appointive, will be installed at a meeting Sunday, Jan. 15, at Portales. Commander Kennedy urged all Spanish-American War veterans to attend that meeting, as it is hoped to have present Francis K. Wilson of Santa Fe, state commander.

The meeting Sunday was preceded by a turkey dinner at Sy's Cafe for veterans and their wives. The women of the Auxiliary were taken for a tour of Artesia during the afternoon while the men held their meeting.

Besides the officers elect mentioned, other veterans present were: Past Commander Monicle and Jim McNeal of Dexter, Past Commander Boyson and a Mr. Wanous of Roswell and John Vandagriff, Charles Ballard and Jack Hastie of Artesia.

BAPTISTS WILL GIVE CHRISTMAS CANTATA

The sacred cantata, "Chimes of the Holy Night," by Fred B. Holton, will be given at the First Baptist Church Christmas night, with both senior and junior choirs participating, instead of the regular Sunday evening services.

The cantata will be under the direction of Mrs. Fred Cole. Mrs. R. M. Henson will be the accompanist.

Judge Leonard S. Goddard of Los Angeles, who was stationed at Manila at the same time as the Pistole family, called on Mrs. William B. Pistole and Bob Wednesday evening. Judge Goddard is also an owner of Artesia real estate.

Award of \$75,000 Damages Made by Potash Case Jury

Plaintiffs Win in Eddy County District Court Wednesday Afternoon

A jury of North Eddy County men, which for two weeks heard evidence in the damage suit against the United States Potash Company in District Court at Carlsbad, yesterday afternoon awarded three South Eddy County farmers approximately \$75,000 damages.

The final vote was 10 to 2 for the plaintiffs.

The farmers alleged their land and crops were badly damaged by salt dumped into the Pecos River by the potash company. Salt in the river, they charged, was refuse from the plant.

The jury awarded J. N. Livingston damages of \$75 an acre, C. W. Beeman, \$65 an acre, and Earl Donaldson, \$50 an acre.

J. O. Seth of Santa Fe, counsel for the potash company, said he would file a motion to set aside the verdict on grounds it was irregular and not consistent with the evidence.

The case, which attracted wide attention, went to the jury at 11 o'clock yesterday morning and the verdict was brought in at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

The jury: J. R. Attebury, Ray Bartlett, W. W. Batie, Henry White, Roger Durand, Harold Hancock, Leon Barker, Harry Walker and Bill Ross, all of Artesia; Julius Terry and Fred Chambers of Cottonwood and Dick Carson of Hope.

Carl Martin of Artesia was the alternate, or thirteenth jurymen.

Local Ginnings

Five North Eddy County gins up to this morning had ginned a total of 10,531 bales of cotton, as compared with 16,613 a year ago. Comparison of ginning reports this morning with a year ago:

Table with 4 columns: Assn., Artesia (2,877), Espuella (3,278), Atoka (3,011), Farmers (3,110), Cottonwood (4,317). Total: 16,613.

S. W. Gilbert, who is confined to his home on account of illness, is improving and will soon be out again.

Charles Bullock, accompanied by his brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Edward Bullock of Abilene, Tex., and his sister and husband, Mrs. Frank Irby and Mr. Irby of Carlsbad, left this morning for Albuquerque to meet another sister, Miss Edna Bullock, a teacher in the Gallup schools, who will spend the holidays with home folks. The party will visit the little city of Madrid before returning home.

Nine New Wells Are Brought in As Producers

Completions Equal Locations in Southeast New Mexico Fields During the Last Week's Drilling Operations.

Nine producing oil wells were brought in during the last week in Southeast New Mexico fields and an equal number of locations were made.

The completions: Magnolia, State 2-G, NE 24-17-34; total depth 4,750 feet; flowed 135 barrels of oil in 22 hours, natural.

Texas, State 1-V, NW 34-17-34; total depth 4,790 feet; flowing 65 barrels per day.

Standard of Texas, State 1, NW 27-17-35; total depth 4,654 feet; flowed 75 barrels oil per day through choke on tubing.

Standard of Texas, State 2, NW 27-17-35; total depth 4,604 feet; flowed 35 barrels oil per hour.

Shell, State 2-F, SW 29-17-35; total depth 4,725 feet; flowed 24 barrels of oil per hour through choke on tubing.

Humble, Greenwood 4, SW 9-22-37; total depth 3,705 feet; flowed 225 barrels oil per day through choke on tubing.

Lem Peters, May 2, NE 34-22-37; total depth 3,692 feet; flowed 30 barrels oil an hour.

Italo Petroleum Co., Carlson 2, SE 27-25-37; total depth 3,307 feet; flowed 25 barrels an hour.

Hughes, Brooks 1, NE 19-17-28; total depth 635 feet; pumping 10 barrels oil per day, with the top of main pay at 617 feet.

The nine new locations, all in Lea County: Wilson et al, State 3, NE 7-21-35; Cities Service, State 1, SW 36-21-36; Continental, State 4, NE 2-22-36; Continental, State 4, NW 35-17-34; Continental, Sanderson 1, NW 14-20-36; Magnolia, Bridges 22, SW 24-17-34; Shell, Foster 2, SE 34-19-36; Shell, State 2, SE 27-17-35; Shell, State 1, SE 24-17-34.

Progress of wildcats of interest: Eddy County Carper Drilling Co., Robinson 3, SE 25-16-31. Drilling at 3,945 feet; swabbing 50 barrels oil per day.

Dominion Oil Co., Johnson 3, SW 35-16-31. Total depth 3,950 feet; swaging out pipe at 2,565 feet.

English & Harmon, Stagner 1, SE 31-17-31. Drilling at 2,540 feet, with small show of oil at 2,415 feet.

Farmer & Tallmadge, Hubbell 1-B, SW 4-18-25, 5 miles southwest of Artesia. Total depth 380 feet; shut down for orders.

Martin Yates, Jr., Bowers, 1, SE sec. 31-19-27. Total depth 1,180 feet; preparing to put on pump. Drilling below 300 feet.

Worth Drilling Co., Taylor 1, SW sec. 12-18-31.

Clemens Is Injured At Hope Friday in Shooting Affray

Sheriff Releases Parker on Own Recognizance After Questioning

Joe Parker, Hope rancher, faced possible charges as a result of a shooting affray at Hope Friday night in which Joe Clemens, bar and cafe operator at Hope, was shot, according to Dwight Lee, sheriff of Eddy County, who investigated.

Sheriff Lee said that the shooting was the result of an old enmity and that both men were armed at the time.

The sheriff said he had questioned Parker, and released him on his own recognizance. Filing of charges, he said, depended upon the will of George Reese, district attorney.

Apparently there had been "bad blood" between the two men for some time, the sheriff said.

The shooting, Lee said, followed a fight between two small boys, which precipitated an argument between Parker and Clemens.

The bullet entered Clemens' cheek and came out near his mouth, knocking out several teeth.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Tidwell came in from the Tidwell ranch near Pinon, today. They will spend the holidays with Mrs. Tidwell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. T. Halde-man.

Ernest Harp, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Harp, an instructor in the Roswell schools, is expected home Saturday for a holiday visit with his parents.

Total depth 3,600 feet; flowed 60 barrels oil per day through 3/4-inch choke on tubing.

Yates, Yates 1, SW sec. 6-18-30. Total depth 2,810 feet in oil sand formation; 1,400 feet of oil in hole after drilling approximately one foot into oil sand; now running slumberger.

G. E. Quillin—Carper Drilling Co., McFaddin 1, NE sec. 3-19-31, Sand area Eddy County. Total depth 2,693 feet; running tubing to test.

C. S. Powell, Smith 1, NE 6-17-29. Eight-inch casing cemented at total depth of 500 feet.

Lea County Barnsdall, State 1, SE 33-16-36. Total depth 4,997 feet; shut down for orders; showed no free oil in hole after treating formation with acid.

Repollo, State 1, SW 31-16-37. Running casing at total depth of 309 feet.

Skelly, State 1-N, NE 36-16-36. Drilling at 4,120 feet; small show of gas at 3,985-90 feet.

Chaves County Fisher, et al, Foster 1, NW sec. 7-15-26. Shut down for orders at 1,290 feet.

Roosevelt County Shell, Hardwood 1, SE sec. 27-7-35. Total depth 5,150 feet; plugged back to 4,600 feet to run casing.

Speaker Tells of Jesus' Effect on World at Rotary

Rev. Johnson Gives a Fitting Christmas Talk—Four New Members

As a fitting program of the season, the Rev. Allen Johnson, pastor of the Church of Christ, as guest speaker at the weekly Rotary Club meeting Tuesday noon, brought out the characteristics of Him who was responsible for the world having Christmas.

The speaker explained that the effect of Christ on the world through His works and preachings over a period of three and a half years, greater than any character in history has exerted during a full lifetime, is found in Luke 2:52, the secret of which is that He increased in wisdom, increased in stature, increased in favor with God and increased in favor with man.

Wisdom, the Rev. Mr. Johnson said, is applied knowledge. In any community, nation or the world wisdom is needed today, just as Jesus applied His knowledge during his short years.

Healthy bodies, as well as healthy minds, are necessary to an individual, the speaker pointed out, just as Christ must have taken care of His body in order to expend the tremendous energy used in meeting the multitudes and the ceaseless tasks for which He was called.

His increase in favor with God, the Rev. Mr. Johnson said, would be followed by others, for in so doing a person is increased in favor with man. "Whether we ourselves believe in God, we respect such a man," the pastor said.

"And whether or not we as individuals believe in Christ, we must admit that He accomplished more than anyone else ever has done."

W. Leslie Martin, in introducing four new members of Rotary, who bring the membership to thirty-eight, announced the club has the largest membership it has ever had.

The new members: Bill Bowden, Clyde Roberts, Ed West and Jack Spratt.

After the talk by the Rev. Mr. Johnson, the annual exchange of presents was made. Most gifts had been chosen to instill a bit of fun in the meeting.

BROWN NUT BREAD PLEASES AUXILIARY

Brown nut bread which was served Monday of last week at the monthly meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary unit has brought much comment because of its unusualness and the request has been made that the recipe be published in order that others might share it.

It follows: 4 tablespoons melted shortening; 2 eggs; 1 cupful sugar; 1 cupful sour milk; 2/3 cupful New Orleans molasses; 1 1/2 cupful flour; 1/2 cupful graham flour; 1/2 teaspoonful salt; 1 teaspoonful baking soda; 1 cupful sultana raisins; 1 cupful chopped nut meats.

Beat eggs and sugar together for five minutes, then add molasses, soda mixed with milk, salt, flours, raisins and nuts. Mix and turn into shortened and floured cake tins and bake in slow oven for one and a quarter hours. Sufficient for one medium sized loaf.

Bill Bartlett, a student at the New Mexico Military Institute in Roswell, is home for the Christmas holidays.

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### CHRISTMAS EVE IN ANOTHER LAND

A gentle snow slowly sifting like down from a snow goose past the street lights gave the city its only appearance of Christmas Eve. But no bells were ringing; the shops were not decorated in holiday motif; there were no cheery greetings one to another as hurrying shopkeepers and clerks scurried along the walks.

Mantled with snow, the poorly-clad Jew wandered aimlessly along the side streets. He did not dare set foot on the main thoroughfares. Another year his shops had been crowded on this night.

Presently a figure, as shabby as that of the Jew, hurried along in the shadows.

"In a rush, my friend?" the Jew asked, as he recognized the Gentile.

"Merry Christmas—" began the latter. Then, as he realized the greeting unfitted to the other, "I mean, God rest you, Abraham."

But the Jew, smiling, replied, "Merry Christmas to you Heinrich. For I can greet you in terms of your faith. So Merry Christmas. But whither in so great a hurry?"

The Gentile glanced about him and came closer to the Jew. Softly he said, "To the home of a friend, where we celebrate His nativity in secret, private services. We must disregard the government's orders on this night. And so we meet behind drawn curtains. A disrobed priest will sing Mass for his followers and then we others will hold a prayer meeting."

The Jew nudged a moment. "That is splendid," he said. "Would there were a synagogue to which I and my fellows could retire to worship, or that we dared to hold services in one's home. But the soldiers—"

"I understand, Abraham. But you are welcome to join us at our rendezvous, worshipping as your heart dictates. That our views do not coincide does not matter to us. It is the mad dictator and his followers, the cruel government. But quiet, here comes a man in uniform. We had best part."

As the Jew moved away, "Merry Christmas, Heinrich," he muttered.

The Gentile resumed his hurried steps; the Jew sauntered along as before, looking into the shop windows.

As the soldier approached, "Move on, Jew," he commanded. And the Jew hastened his pace.

Presently his wanderings took him past a lighted basement. On the sidewalks were men in arms, watching every move on the street. One prodded the Jew, as he presumed to glance through the frosty window, his gaze settling on a crowd of laughing fellows on their feet about a great table.

The Jew passed on, prompted by a bayonet, but the picture remained in his consciousness.

In the moment's view he had noted that at the far end of the table sat one man, while the others, mugs aloft, toasted him. The seated man, a lock of hair over his forehead, his tiny square mustache as though painted under his nose, had been looking at the others while he listened to his praises.

The Jew disappeared into the night, snow still forming a mantle on his shoulders.

As he continued his aimless steps he glanced heavenward and moved his lips:

"Forgive them, Father, for they know not what they do."

### EXPLAINING THE "GAS HAZARD"

Just like the news story of Mark Twain's death while he was in his prime and his remark about it when he read it, the story in last week's issue about a supposed gas hazard which "missed fire, so there was no news," was "greatly exaggerated."

There was no exaggeration as to there being no news—that was fact—but the possibilities of an explosion in Artesia was construed by some readers as being so.

The radio dramatization a few weeks ago of H. G. Wells' "War of the Worlds" was presented with no intent to do more than amuse the listening public. But it caused no little concern the world over.

The same is so about the gas story. Begun harmlessly as an amusing yarn, with a background of "if" and "suppose," it was misinterpreted.

Charles Gaskin, manager of the Artesia office of the New Mexico Eastern Gas Company, has assured us the gas was at no time of dangerous and explosive content in any building and that there was no hazard.

But the odor of gas was so great it was unpleasant in several business buildings. That is as it should be, Mr. Gaskin said, for it adds to the safety factor.

The leak was not inside or under any building. And so, as we said last week—

There was no news to it.

### THANKS FOR THE THANKS

An old faithful dog will take lots of kicks and punishment and never bare a fang. But he appreciates a pleasant look and an occasional pat on the head. Many a dog never gets the pat.

That's the way it is with the average newspaper. Write a swell story and have a typographical error slip by and five gets you eight you'll hear about the mistake, but not a word about the rest of the story being good.

But the unusual sometimes happens—and it did happen last week. For a proverbial pat on the head was forthcoming.

A member of the staff did a nice job with a story concerning a certain group. Hardly was the ink dry until one of the leaders of that group called up with her thanks. That made the whole staff feel better.

And so, thanks for the thanks. Maybe it's worthwhile working on a newspaper after all.

### OUR WANT ADS GET RESULTS

JOB PRINTING AT THE ADVOCATE

## CHURCHES

### ST. ANTHONY CATHOLIC CHURCH

504 North Ninth Street  
Priest in charge, Rev. Gerald Biver.  
Time of Sunday Masses:  
8 a. m. for American speaking people.  
9:30 a. m. for Spanish-American people.

**Instructions**  
Saturday, 10 a. m., for the school children.  
Saturday, 2:30 p. m., for the Daughters of Mary.  
Confessions are heard Saturday at 7:30 p. m. and Sundays before the Masses.

### CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Fifth and Quay  
Rev. E. L. Askins, Pastor, 708 West Missouri Street, phone 356.  
B. G. Sanders, Sunday school superintendent.

Mrs. E. A. Paton, W. F. M. S. president.

Miss Berthold Alcorn, N. Y. P. S. president.

Miss Eleanor Clark, church secretary and treasurer.

Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.  
Sermon, 11 a. m.

N. Y. P. S., 6:45 p. m.  
Sermon, 7:30 p. m.

Prayer meeting on Wednesday evening at 7:30.

W. F. M. S. meets every first and third Thursday.

A spiritual church in a friendly community. We welcome you to come and worship with us.

### METHODIST CHURCH

Corner First and Grand

Sunday school meets at 9:45

Sunday morning with classes for every age group.

Morning worship at 11 o'clock. Good music and sermon.

Senior Epworth League meets each Sunday evening at 6:30.

Young people between the ages of 15 and 24 are invited to attend and take part in the interesting and helpful programs.

Evening worship at 7. Congregational singing and a message from the Holy Scriptures. We endeavor to make our services constructive and helpful to those who come to worship with us. You are always welcome at the Methodist Church.

John S. Rice, Pastor

### ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Evening service at 7:30 p. m.

every Sunday except the first Sunday in each month.

Celebration of Holy Communion at 7:45 a. m. on the first Sunday in each month.

Church school every Sunday at 5 p. m.

The Rev. F. B. Howden, Jr., Rector.

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Corner Grand and Roselawn

9:45 a. m., Bible school.

10:50 a. m., morning worship.

6:30 p. m., Baptist training service.

7:30 p. m., evening worship.

Wednesday, 7 p. m., prayer service.

Wednesday, 7:45 p. m., teachers' meeting, Bible study and prayer meeting.

Thursday, 2:30 p. m., W. M. S. Third Thursday in each month.

7:30 p. m., Brotherhood meeting. S. M. Morgan, Pastor

### FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fourth at Grand

Sunday

9:45 a. m.—Church school.

11 a. m.—Morning worship.

5 p. m.—Vesper service.

6:30 p. m.—Young People's Christian Endeavor Society.

Henry S. Stout, Pastor.

### Forty-Fifth Gets Catcalls for Use Of the Swastika

Although the swastika was used by American Indians long before they ever heard of Columbus and the American white man should have some priority rights in its use, it is bringing ridicule upon the 45th Division, National Guard, Adj. Gen. R. C. Charlton said at Santa Fe last week.

He asked guard authorities in Washington to change the offending symbol, now emblematic of Hitler's National Socialist party in Germany.

A company of guardsmen, sent into a small New Mexico town recently to fire a funeral salute, was greeted by catcalls when residents saw the insignia, he said.

"The townspeople thought the boys belonged to a bund, or some kind of Nazi organization," Gen. Charlton said. The 45th Division includes troops in New Mexico, Colorado, Oklahoma and Arizona.

Charles Mac Knoedler, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Knoedler, who is a student at State College in Las Cruces, underwent an appendectomy in El Paso Thursday of last week. Mr. and Mrs. Knoedler arrived in El Paso shortly after the operation. Mrs. Knoedler remained with her son and is expected to accompany Charles Mac home today.

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### FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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A special Christmas service will be carried out Sunday morning. In order to enable everyone to attend this service, it will begin at 10 o'clock and close at 11. The pastor will bring a Christmas sermon and the choir will sing a Christmas anthem, under the direction of Mrs. John Lanning. Remember the time. No Sunday school and no evening service this Sunday.

The special children's Christmas program and tree and treats for the members of the Sunday school will be Friday evening.

J. Vernon Wheeler, Minister

### CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SERVICES

613 West Main Street

"Christian Science" is the subject of the lesson-sermon which will be read in all societies and churches of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday, Dec. 25.

The Golden Text is: "The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined."—(Isaiah 9:2.)

Among the citations which comprise the lesson-sermon is the following from the Bible: "Because I will publish the name of the Lord: ascribe ye greatness unto our God."—(Deut. 32:3.)

The lesson-sermon also includes the following passage from the Christian Science textbook: "The way through which immortality and life are learned is not ecclesiastical but Christian, not human but divine, not physical but metaphysical, not material but scientifically spiritual."

### CHURCH OF CHRIST

Seventh and Grand

Wednesday

9:30-10:30 a. m., ladies' Bible study.

7-8 p. m., mid-week meeting.

Sunday

10-10:50 a. m., Bible classes for all ages.

11-11:50 a. m., sermon by the local minister.

11:50-12 a. m., Lord's supper.

6-7 p. m., training classes.

7-8 p. m., evening sermon.

You are always welcome.

Allen E. Johnson, Minister

### Fifteen Years Ago Today

(From The Advocate Files of Dec. 21, 1923)

Bad Weather Puts End to Drilling Operations—The inclement weather has completely curtailed all drilling operations in the oil field east and west of the river.

A year ago in December the electric light and power plant of the town of Artesia inaugurated 24-hour service. Various estimates were placed on the length of time it would operate but none came close. It has only been off 22½ hours during the year and that was for wire work and storm.

Santa Claus was scheduled to arrive by airplane for the first time by this mode of travel. His decision was made on account of the muddy roads.

A total of 1,917 bales of cotton has been ginned by the Artesia gins and 400 bales by the Lake Arthur gin up to date.

Pearson Brothers and their families were in Artesia from Cottonwood early in the week. They reported that the roads can be traveled but are still rough.

Mrs. Floy Hartsfield and Mrs. Lois Bobar have opened an artificial flower shop in the rooms next to Dr. Stroup's office and have a beautiful display of flowers in the window.

Dr. J. J. Bewley and family made the trip to El Paso in eight hours according to Lee, a son. On the return trip they were caught in the storm. They left El Paso Monday and did not return until Friday, not by car then but by train. They were compelled to spend the night in Hagerman and stayed in one room with 18 other persons to keep from freezing.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Palmer and Lynn expect to leave today for Farmington where they will spend the holidays with their home folks. Mr. Palmer expects to return the first of next week. Mrs. Palmer and daughter will remain for a longer visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Edward Bullock and infant son, Tom Edward, Jr., of Abilene, Tex., arrived Saturday for a holiday visit with Mr. Bullock's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Bullock and other members of the family.

## Health Column

Christmas is a season of jollification and fun and sometimes a few of us may let the highness of our spirits outrun our judgment. This applies to both eating and drinking and drinking that little amount over presents far more of an actual danger to others than does a trifle in the way of excessive eating.

Every Christmas sees a new fleet of toy automobiles on the road—a fleet of wagons, sleds and other outdoor toys. It is only natural that a kid with a brand new toy will want to try it out. Toy cars will coast down hills splendidly and will dash along without pedalling or anything and from that point of view will really act like a real car. Don't forget that make-believe is a great thing in a child's life and the pretense that a toy car is a real one is most important from a child's point of view. Anything supporting the pretense is an asset not to be despised.

Consequently it would be more than desirable if drivers of cars exercised more than usual caution especially immediately after Christmas.

Watch out for those tempting hills and slopes because there is no telling when a sled or toy car may come crashing down the hill and round the corner.

Drinking does slow down one's judgment and you would never forgive yourself if you killed a child. The memory would stay with you till your dying day. Keep a good

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grip on yourself this Christmas and if you have had perhaps just a trifle more than you can carry—let someone else drive. Make this Christmas safe!

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**Merry**

**Happy**

**Christmas New Year**

We don't know what the New Year holds in store for you—but if wishes come true, our wishes will insure you the grandest year you've ever had. Here's to your health, happiness and prosperity—and our continued friendship.

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Artesia, N. Mex.

**Hope Items**

Marjorie Johnson

Mrs. Joe Clements of the Clements ranch was in Hope attending to business Monday.

Mrs. L. P. Glascock and family of Artesia were visitors in Hope Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Meniffee and family plan to spend the holidays at their ranch.

Frances Johnson returned to her home here Tuesday from Carlsbad and will spend a week with her mother, Mrs. Nora L. Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Hilary White, Jr., plan to be in Phoenix, Ariz., to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Schultz.

Miss Ann Klassen of Carlsbad was here Sunday spending the day as a guest of Mr. and Mrs. John Ward and Charlie Fink.

Mrs. Albert Jackson and family of Fort Worth, Tex., arrived here Tuesday to spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Ella Coffin.

Margaret Williams, teacher in the Santa Fe schools, is at home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bryant Williams, for the holidays.

Mrs. Madron of Phoenix, Ariz., is here spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Hannah.

Miss Tressie Mitchell of Roby, Tex., arrived here Wednesday to spend Christmas with her sister, Mrs. C. O. McDonald.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Keller are expecting their son, Hoyt, home from State College this week end to spend Christmas with them.

Alice Ruth Williams of Gallup arrived here Wednesday to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bryant Williams.

Margaret Buckner of Clovis plans to arrive at her home here Saturday to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Buckner.

Emilene Crockett is home from Eastern New Mexico Junior College at Portales to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Crockett.

Mrs. Anna H. Coffin and sons, Thomas and Paul, plan to leave Friday for Albuquerque, where they will spend Christmas with Mrs. Coffin's daughter, Martha.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Johnson of Las Cruces are expected to arrive here Friday evening to remain through Christmas and until Tuesday with his mother, Mrs. Nora L. Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Autry and son Garry Kent left Friday for Albuquerque where they will spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Autry and a brother, V. M. Autry.

Hoyt Traylor, student at Eastern New Mexico Junior College in Portales, arrived here the early part of the week to spend the holidays visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Traylor.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Teague and family left Thursday for Phoenix, Ariz., where they will spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. D. Bush and family, and with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Teague, of Buckeye, Ariz.

The cantata, "Chimes of the Holy Night" was presented at the Methodist Church Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock under the direction of Miss Elizabeth Muncy. The Hope singers were assisted by those from Lake Arthur.

Margie and Max Johnson accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Roy Langston of Artesia to Madrid Saturday where they saw the "best decorated town in the United States." They suggest that persons visiting in the Northern part of the state during the holidays should not miss this unusual and glamorous sight.

Mr. and Mrs. Dee Swift plan to entertain with a Christmas dinner Sunday when Mr. and Mrs. Harold Merhins and family arrive here from Portales, Mr. and Mrs. Ed

**Final Cotton Estimate Made**

The final estimate of the United States cotton crop as of Dec. 1 made by the Crop Reporting Board was 12,008,000 bales (500-pound gross weight) from the crop of 1938 and an indicated yield of 226.8 pounds of lint cotton per acre on the 25,346,000 acres estimated for harvest this year after abandonment of 3.1 per cent of the 26,144,000 acres in cultivation July 1. The 1937 production was 18,946,000 bales.

The New Mexico crop is estimated at 95,000 bales with a yield per acre of 459 pounds of lint.

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Bryant came from Carlsbad, Mr. and Mrs. Elza Swift from their ranch west of Hope and Mr. and Mrs. Edsell Runyan of the Runyan ranch.

Betsy Parks, who is a senior at Arizona State Teachers' College, Flagstaff, arrived here Saturday evening to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Parks. She was accompanied from Clovis by her sister, Mrs. Bob White of Lubbock, who will spend the holidays with her parents at the Parks ranch.

Bobbie Wood, who has been attending the University of New Mexico, arrived here Friday evening to spend the holidays with her aunt, Mrs. Bonnie Altman. Maxine Bunting, student of the university, accompanied her here and spent two days before returning to her home in Roswell.

"Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus," a three-act play, was presented at the gym here Thursday evening by the first four grades of the school under the direction of Marjorie Johnson and Alma Lane. The gym was attractively decorated by a Bethlehem scene on the stage and Christmas lights in the building.

Those who went to Lake Arthur Sunday evening to participate in the cantata, "Chimes of the Holy Night," were Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Hawkins, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Teel, Mr. and Mrs. L. Autry, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Traylor, Mrs. Maurice Teel, Mr. and Mrs. John Teel, J. P. Parks, Mr. and Mrs. Don Riddle, Lora May Teel, J. W. Teel and Elizabeth Muncy.

The annual installation service of the Order of the Eastern Star, Penasco Valley Chapter No. 32, was held in the chapter room Monday evening with Mrs. Bobbie Means, worthy matron, installing the officers. In connection with it, a memorial service was held in which the local chapter, as well as all other chapters over the United States, celebrated the anniversary of the Order of the Eastern Star, and in which a memorial service was held in honor of members of the local chapter who had passed away. The memorial service was opened by a quartet, composed of Mrs. E. C. Hawkins, Marjorie Johnson, Mrs. Vada Baxter and Mrs. Don Riddle, who sang "Beautiful Isle." The worthy matron read the names of those who had gone on. The chaplain and marshal approached the altar where the chaplain, Mrs. Carl Lewis, read the 23 Psalm, then proceeded to the East, where they placed a fern covered cross. The five star-point officers came from their chairs and placed a flower in the cross, which was followed by Mrs. Hawkins reading "When Earth's Last Picture Is Painted." After the matron read the 121 Psalm, the quartet sang "Abide With Me" and "Now the Day is Over."

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**Maljamar Items**

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. McGeorge were in Roswell last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Yancy were in Roswell Saturday.

Milton West was an Artesia visitor Wednesday.

Mrs. Homer Tibens and Mrs. D. H. Miller were in Roswell Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. McGeorge were visiting in Lovington Wednesday.

Miss Glenadean Westall attended a class party in Lovington last Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Yancy, Mrs. Ken Allen and Mrs. Tye Vowell were shopping in Artesia Monday.

Mrs. Cecil Hollman visited Saturday in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dru Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. George Westall and Glenadean Westall were in Roswell Saturday.

Mrs. Bob Cockburn left Wednesday for Colorado Springs, Colo., where she will spend the holidays with relatives.

Mrs. Cecil Hollomon was the honored guest at a bridal shower in Lovington Saturday. She received many beautiful and useful gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. McGeorge drove to Carlsbad Sunday to visit Loren Neeley of Artesia, who is a patient at St. Francis Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Westall and daughter, Miss Glenadean, visited Mrs. Garel Westall at St. Francis Hospital in Carlsbad Sunday.

Mrs. Garel Westall, the former Myrtle Wimberly, was taken to St. Francis Hospital in Carlsbad Friday, where she underwent an appendicitis operation. Mrs. Westall is improving rapidly.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Miller and children left Thursday for Santa Fe, to spend the holidays with Mrs. Miller's parents.

(Delayed last week)

M. E. Baish of Artesia was in Maljamar Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dru Taylor spent the week end in El Paso.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Westfall were in Artesia Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Westfall and daughter, Miss Glenadean, were in El Paso over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Tibens were visiting in Hobbs Sunday with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Miller visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Miller Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Olt Vowell of Artesia were visiting in Maljamar Saturday.

Miss Dorothy Smith visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tye Vowell Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Yancy and little daughter, Ruth, drove up to Roswell Saturday, where Mr. Yancy had some dental work done.

Mrs. Cecil Hollman, the former Ellabelle Taylor, visited Sunday at the home of her parents, Mr.

**Holidays Provide Easy Setting for "Queer" Passers**

**Counterfeit Bills Pawned off on Clerks During Christmas Rush**

A combination of increased and "new" sales people in local stores, coupled with the seasonal rush and surplus of customers, brought a warning that bogus money passers make good use of this time of year.

"These queer-shovers — as they are termed by officers — travel from one town to another, pick out some apparently new and flustered clerk, and succeed in getting rid of many counterfeit bills easily," an officer said.

He explained that they make small purchases, hand over a five or ten-dollar bill in payment, and are gone before the clerk or cashier has a chance to discover the crime.

Usually their escape is effected because of the large number of similar bills which change hands at this time of the year, making it impossible for clerks to remember descriptions unless the fake bill is found immediately.

The officer urged all employers to instruct employees to give experienced cashiers a change to uncover such fakes, when large denomination bills are handed them, by persons they do not know.

Locally there have been no reports of counterfeit money—which in some instances may even be coins—floating about. However, other towns and cities in New Mexico have had frequent cases.

The Treasury Department disclosed various methods through which spurious notes may be detected. Persons handling large bills are instructed to watch for these identifying marks on good money:

United States notes have red treasury seals and serial numbers; silver certificates have blue treasury seals and serial numbers; federal reserve notes have green treasury seals and serial numbers.

Identifying pictures on notes include: \$1, Washington; \$2, Jefferson; \$5, Lincoln; \$10, Hamilton; \$20, Jackson; \$50, Grant; \$100, Franklin; \$500, McKinley; \$1,000, Cleveland; \$5,000, Madison. The smaller notes are the most likely ones handled.

These portraits are hand-engraved in Washington, with lines so finely drawn that they are the most difficult to falsify, and are one of the best points in detecting

and Mrs. Dru Taylor.

Mrs. George Westfall and little son visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Joy, of Elk a few days last week.

Miss Glenadean Westfall was an overnight guest of Miss Helen Trixie Easley of Lovington Tuesday.

faked notes. A "feel"—either in weight or faulty stamped impressions, and the "ring" are most easily used interesting spurious coins.

Officers advise that in event such attempted passing is discovered, that the "customer" be detained on some pretext until officers can be informed. If culprits leave, fearing arrest, descriptions of the individual or any car they may enter, also will be useful. Treasury Department officials said rewards will be paid to any persons aiding in giving information which leads to an arrest.

**NOTICE**  
STATE ENGINEER'S OFFICE  
Santa Fe, New Mexico, September 28, 1938.

Number of Application RA-1531 (Change of Location of Well)

Notice is hereby given that on the 12th day of September, 1938, in accordance with Chapter 131 of the Session Laws of 1931, W. J. Dixon of Artesia, County of Eddy, State of New Mexico, made application to the State Engineer of New Mexico for a Permit to Change the location of the shallow ground water well authorized by Permit No. RA-1531, granted March 29, 1937. It is proposed to abandon the 10-inch well approximately 300 feet in depth, located in the NE 1/4 NW 1/4 Sec. 4, T. 17 S., R. 26 E., N. M. P. M., and to drill a new well of same diameter and depth at a point in the SE 1/4 SW 1/4 Sec. 33, T. 16 S., R. 26 E., said well to be used only for the irri-

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gation of 160 acres of land in the E 1/2 NW 1/4 and the N 1/2 NE 1/4 of said Sec. 4 as authorized by said Permit No. RA-1531.

Any person, association or corporation deeming that the granting of the above application will be truly detrimental to their rights in the waters of said underground source may file a complete sworn statement of their objections substantiated by affidavits with the State Engineer and file proof of service of a copy thereof upon the applicant with the State Engineer within ten days after the date of the last publication of this notice. The date set for the State En-

gineer to take this application up for final consideration unless protested is the 26th day of December, 1938.

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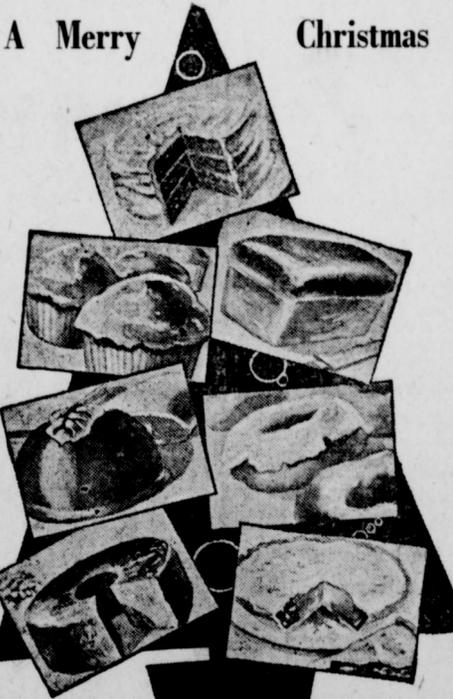


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# SOCIETY

## MRS. GLASSER HOSTESS AT VIERNES LUNCHEON

A delightful Christmas luncheon and bridge was enjoyed by members of the Viernes Bridge Club with Mrs. Albert Glasser hostess Friday afternoon.

The Glasser home was beautifully decorated for the Yuletide season. A covered dish turkey luncheon was served buffet style and guests were seated at quartet tables. Christmas greens with pine cones and red and green candles formed the attractive centerpiece for each table. The unique place cards were miniature Christmas trees and candles in alternating colors of red and green. A beautifully wrapped Christmas gift was at each plate. These were opened after the cocktail course.

All members were present; they were: Meses. Andy Company, Rehn Barker, Boone Barnett, William J. Bowden, Jr., Jack Clady, Fletcher Collins, Joe Foster, Ed Gillispie and C. R. Vandagriff, and Mrs. Wallace Hastings, who received high score award after the games, and Mrs. Joe Holyfield, who received second high award.

## CONTINENTAL CHRISTMAS PARTY SATURDAY NIGHT

Charles Morgan, superintendent of the Continental Refineries, and Mrs. Morgan were hosts at the annual Christmas party of the Continental Oil Company for the employees and their families Saturday evening at the Woman's Club building. Mrs. Morgan was assisted by Mrs. John Mann and Mrs. Faye Hardeman in entertaining.

The club house was gayly decorated. At the foot of a brilliantly lighted Christmas tree were gifts, candies, nuts and fruits for all children. Refreshments were served at about 10 o'clock, which ended the party for the youngsters. The adults enjoyed cards and dancing the remainder of the evening. About sixty persons enjoyed this delightfully planned party.

Mr. Morgan, superintendent of the company, and John Mann, assistant superintendent, were each presented a handsome gift by their co-workers.

Typewriters for rent—Advocate.

## MIERCOLES BRIDGE CLUB HAS PARTIES

The high score winners of the Miercoles Bridge were entertained by the low score group, with a surprise breakfast bridge at the home of Mrs. Harold Hamill Wednesday morning, Dec. 14.

Guests who had been invited to breakfast by Mrs. Hamill were greeted by the following hostesses: Meses. Hamill, J. R. Attebery, Raymond Bartlett, Lloyd Simon, C. M. Houk and P. V. Morris. Breakfast was served from a beautiful table. Snow white linens were used. The centerpiece was Santa Clause in a miniature sleigh drawn by reindeer and surrounded by a wreath of holly. Colorful pottery added the correct note of color. Places were laid for Meses. Howard Williams, Lewis Story, A. P. Mahone, Elzie Swift, Hollis Watson and Ben Pior, honorees on this occasion. Covers were also laid for four guests: Meses. Albert Richards, Grady Booker, C. Bunting and C. R. Baldwin and the hostesses.

Three rounds of contract were enjoyed after breakfast with the low score award being presented to Mrs. Williams.

Mrs. Grady Booker who has been a substituting guest in the Miercoles Bridge Club for several months, complimented the club members Wednesday afternoon when she entertained at her lovely new home.

It was a Christmas party with each guest receiving a gift from the beautifully lighted Christmas tree. All members were present to enjoy the rounds of contract in which Mrs. Howard Williams received high score. The hostess served holidays refreshments in two courses.

## CHRISTIAN WOMEN ENJOY YULE PARTY

A Yuletide social was enjoyed by members of the Christian Woman's Association and the Young Woman's Guild last Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. B. E. Spencer.

A group singing Christmas carols outside the home preceded the entertainment. Appropriate games in charge of the Young Woman's Guild with Mrs. Le Dean McCrory as chairman were truly entertain-

ing. A trio composed of Mrs. Ruth Fields, Mrs. Britton Coll and Mrs. McCrory, with Mrs. J. Vernon Wheeler at the piano, offered a number of Christmas carols. Gifts were exchanged and refreshments served to thirty-six guests. There was also a shower of individual gifts for their pastor and his wife, the Rev. J. Vernon and Mrs. Wheeler.

## EXTENSION CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS

The Young Married Women's Extension Club of Artesia elected officers for the coming year at a meeting of the club Wednesday afternoon of last week at the home of Mrs. John Williams.

Mrs. George Oliver was elected president; Mrs. Ralph Barr, vice president; Mrs. Thelbert French, secretary and club reported, and Mrs. Bill Gelwick, recreational leader.

Recreational activities were discussed and Christmas gifts exchanged. A refreshment course was served to sixteen members.

## EPISCOPAL GUILD

Mrs. Terry Hornaday was hostess to members of the Episcopal Guild last Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Neil Watson presided over the brief business session and the remainder of the afternoon was spent socially. A delicious refreshment course was served.

## MRS. SMITH HOSTESS TO PRESBYTERIAN SOCIETY

Mrs. Frank Smith was hostess last Thursday afternoon for the Christmas meeting of the Presbyterian Missionary Society.

In the absence of the president, Mrs. Jess Truett, vice president, presided. She also led the devotionals, which were particularly impressive as Miss Joan Wheatley sang "O Holy Night," by Adams. Mrs. Ralph Shugart was in charge of the mission program.

During a social hour there was an exchange of gifts. Twenty-three members were present and one guest, Mrs. Ralph Henderson, of Long Beach, Calif. While Christmas refreshments were being served buffet style, five high school girls, Jane Shugart, Peggy Linell, Edna Carder, Barbara Wheatley and Delores Mayerhofen, sang a group of Christmas carols.

## THURSDAY EVENING CLUB

The first meeting of the Thursday evening Bridge Club for several weeks was enjoyed last Thursday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Faye Hardeman as hosts.

A buffet dinner preceded the games. Guests included Meses. and Meses. C. J. Dexter, E. N. Bigler, Neil Watson and Howard Whitson and Miss Ruth Bigler and Landis Feather. Mr. and Mrs. Watson received the two high score awards.

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## PRESIDENT'S PARLEY ENTERTAINS HUSBANDS

Members of the Past President's Parley entertained their husbands Friday evening with a dinner party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Story.

Decorations of the home were in keeping with the Yuletide season. A turkey dinner was served buffet style and guests were seated at quartet tables. Pitch and bridge entertained the guests the remainder of the evening.

Those enjoying the occasion were: Meses. and Meses. C. R. Vandagriff, Albert Richards, Jess Truett, Alex McGonagill, Ben Pior, P. V. Morris, Lewis Story and J. M. Story and Mrs. Irving Martin and Mrs. Frank Linell.

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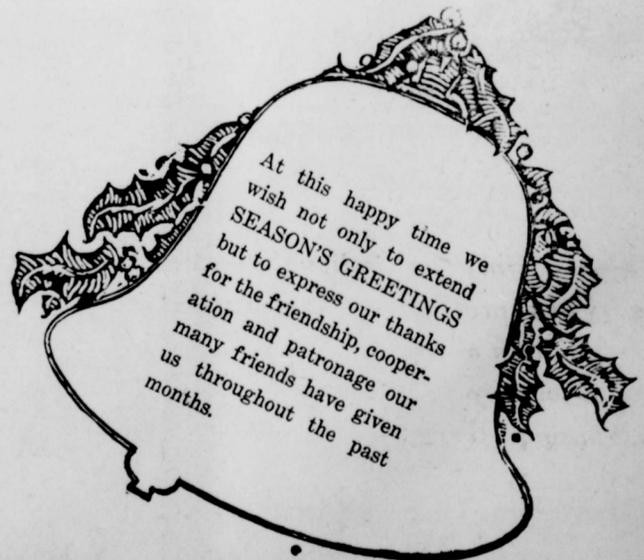
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That effervescent, catching gaiety that characterizes the attitude of one friend toward another during the holiday season is the spirit we wish to convey to you, our friends.

**Southwestern PUBLIC SERVICE Company**

We Wish You A  
**MERRY CHRISTMAS**



At this happy time we wish not only to extend SEASON'S GREETINGS but to express our thanks for the friendship, cooperation and patronage our many friends have given us throughout the past months.

**Artesia Alfalfa Growers Assn.**

# SOCIETY.

## DORCAS-FIDELIS CHRISTMAS PARTY

It was a delightfully planned Christmas party when Mrs. Dan Bynum, Mrs. Walter Johnson, Jr., and Mrs. Yova Powell entertained members of the Dorcas and Fidelis classes of the Baptist Sunday school Tuesday afternoon.

A program in keeping with the Christmas theme was presented. Gifts were exchanged from a beau-

tiful tree and Christmas refreshments were served to the following guests: Mrs. N. H. Cabot, president of the class; Mrs. J. R. Perkins, teacher of the Dorcas class; Mrs. L. C. Reynolds, teacher of the Fidelis class, and Mmes. Joe Shotwell, Bill Steiwig, W. R. Marler, Chester Taylor, Inez Walden, Nellie Liebhardt, Lynn Buford, W. H. Gilmore, R. E. Bean, Charles Ransbarger, C. T. Medus, J. S. Mills, V. D. Bolton, John Simons, Ernest Scoggins, L. D. Oman, R. F. Barton, F. O. Ashton, O. Eaker, Bill Davis, N. Walters, S. M. Morgan, Lewis Story and W. L. Steiwig.

## ARTESIA WOMAN'S CLUB YULETIDE DINNER PARTY

The outstanding social event of this week was the annual Woman's Club dinner party at the Artesia Hotel roof garden Wednesday evening. Mrs. J. M. Story was chairman of the entertainment committee in charge of the affair, which was lovely in every detail.

In the receiving line to greet the guests were: Mrs. John Lanning, president and her assisting officers, Mmes. Roy Langston, Jeff Hightower, E. J. Foster, Morrison Livingston, Martin Yates, Jr., and John Rowland.

Members and guests were seated at tables lighted with tall red Christmas tapers. Evergreen bows and beautifully decorated pine cones formed a center decoration the length of the tables. A turkey dinner was served in four courses.

Mrs. Doris Deter Welborne and a violin choir, with Mrs. Wallace Gates at the piano, played familiar Christmas carols and many favorite selections during the dinner hour.

After the dinner, Mrs. C. E. Robinson, talented teacher of expression, presented a large group of her pupils in a Christmas pageant. The Christmas story was beautifully told in this pageant and the brilliant, dainty and colorful costumes added to the beauty of the picture.

And so at another Christmas time the Christmas story was told to club members and their guests.

The young musicians and performers and their teachers, numbering about thirty, were served a Christmas refreshment course in the Hotel Coffee Shop at the close of the dinner party.

Mrs. Douglas. She is a graduate of McMurray College in Abilene, Tex., and for the last two years has been a member of the public school faculty of Pecos, Tex.

Dr. Stone is the eldest son of Dr. and Mrs. Edward Stone of Artesia. He attended McMurray College in Abilene and graduated from the Los Angeles School of Optometry in Los Angeles, Calif. Dr. Stone is now practicing in Monday, Tex., where the young couple will make their home.

The nuptial vows will be exchanged Jan. 28 at a church wedding with the bride's father as officiant.

## MINERVA MAE TOPE ENTERTAINS TUESDAY

Minerva Mae Tope, young daughter of Mrs. Veda Tope, was hostess at a delightful little Christmas party Tuesday afternoon after school.

The home was beautifully decorated for the occasion. Well planned games entertained the youngsters after which they were seated at the dining table for refreshments.

A unique Christmas centerpiece depicting a snow scene with a miniature sleigh and reindeer surrounded with candies and cookies, graced the table. Minerva's mother, Mrs. Tope, and her sister, Betty, assisted in serving hot chocolate, cookies and candies. Christmas gifts were exchanged by the little guests, who were: Mary Dixon, Danella Bynum, Hattie Ruth Cole, Ruth Rice, Mary Ann Hamilton, Virginia Johnson, Wanda Jean Duke, Dolores Carrell and Chrystine Anderson.

## P. E. O. SISTERHOOD CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Of unusual interest was the Christmas program presented at the regular meeting of the P. E. O. sisterhood Friday afternoon with Mrs. C. E. Mann, hostess. Beautiful Yuletide decorations helped to create a holiday atmosphere.

Under the direction of Mrs. M. C. Ross, a beautiful musical program was given: "O Holy Night," by Adams, Mrs. Fred Cole, soloist; the Christmas story was told by Mrs. Rex Wheatley; Mrs. V. L. Gates, Mrs. Wheatley and Mrs. Ross, with Mrs. L. R. Gerhardt at the piano, sang "Jesu Bambino," by Yon; the history of "Silent Night" was beautifully told by Mrs. Gerhardt and the members joined in the singing of this beautiful Christmas hymn with Mrs. Ross at the piano.

Mrs. T. H. Flint was in charge of an interesting feature of the program, which she called "Letters of Remembrance." For weeks Mrs. Flint had been contacting former members who have moved away and those who were absent from the city that they might write a Christmas letter to the chapter. These letters filled with messages of love and cheer were read on this occasion. The chapter will prepare a Christmas basket for some needy family.

Christmas gifts were exchanged during the social period after which a delicious refreshment plate was served. Mrs. Ralph Henderson of Long Beach, Calif., was a refreshment guest.

## FIRST AFTERNOON BRIDGE

Mrs. James Nellis was hostess to members of the First Afternoon Bridge Club Tuesday afternoon. Miss Marion Coll was the only substituting guest. She also held high score at the conclusion of the usual rounds of contract. A tasty light refreshment course was served.

Woodstock Typewriters for sale at The Advocate.

## PAST NOBLE GRAND ELECTS OFFICERS

At the annual election of officers held by the Past Noble Grand Club Friday evening, Mrs. G. B. Dungan was elected chairman; Mrs. Marve Munch, vice chairman, and Miss Ella Bauslin, secretary and treasurer.

The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Effie Wingfield with Mmes. J. M. Story and C. M. Davis and Miss Bauslin as co-hostesses. After the business session a Christmas party with exchange of gifts was enjoyed. The meeting was well attended. A Christmas refreshment plate was served by the hostesses.

## PERRY IS PRESIDENT'S BALL CHAIRMAN IN EDDY

Elmer Perry of Carlsbad has been appointed county chairman for Eddy County of the "President's Ball" for 1939 by Gov. Clyde Tingley, state chairman.

The governor made appointment for each county in the annual entertainment drive against infantile

paralysis. In Lea County Ross Walker was named and Will Lawrence for Chaves County. (Additional Society on last page)



Your PLACE IS SET AT Our TABLE

Crisply white napkins, gleaming flatware, sparkling china . . . all are set on our tables for your Christmas dinner. You will sit down. You will be served delicious appetizers. Then, you will see before you the most delicious, golden brown turkey. You will finish your meal, comfortably satisfied it was the best Christmas dinner ever a man did have.

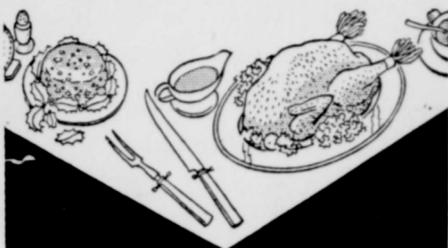
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We Wish You a Merry Christmas

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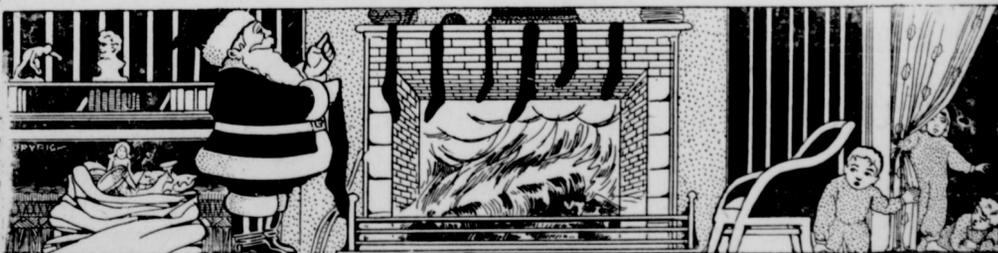
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Artesia, New Mexico

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We wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year



Merry Christmas

And a Very

Happy New Year

We—as a firm and as individuals—take this opportunity of expressing our sincere thanks for the patronage given us since our starting in business here and to solicit your continued good will, friendship and business throughout the coming year.

# Midwest Refining Co.

# Ocotillo Theatre

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24

Paul Kelly Rita Hayworth

## "Juvenile Court"

CHRISTMAS DAY, DEC. 25, AND  
MONDAY, DEC. 26

Shirley Temple

## "Just Around the Corner"

MIDNIGHT SHOW

SATURDAY, DEC. 31—10:45 P. M.

Dick Powell Pat O'Brien  
Priscilla Lane

## "Cowboy From Brooklyn"



FROM THE

Ocotillo Theatre  
Valley Theatre

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Paton and Mrs. Landis Feather were El Paso visitors last Thursday.

Mrs. Lawrence Goodell, a niece of Mrs. Clyde Guy, formerly of Artesia, who has been a patient in the Presbyterian Sanitarium in Albuquerque for the last eighteen months, returned to her home in Roswell Sunday. Mrs. Goodell is recovering nicely from an illness of several years.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Wheatley have received word that their young granddaughter, Clair Krumpholz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Krumpholz, in Los Angeles, Calif., is recovering satisfactorily from pneumonia.

### NOTICE OF SALE OF PROPERTY UNDER COURT ORDER.

Notice is hereby given that under and by virtue of an order of the District Court of the United States for the District of New Mexico, in a cause therein pending entitled IN THE MATTER OF ALBERT T. WOODS, INC., A CORPORATION, IN PROCEEDINGS FOR REORGANIZATION OF A CORPORATION, No. 1381, Equity, the undersigned heretofore appointed by the Court as trustee in the above entitled cause, will, at 2:00 o'clock P. M., on the 27th day of December, 1938, A. D., at the front door of the Post Office in the Town of Artesia, New Mexico, offer for sale and sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described real estate and personal property, situated in Eddy County, New Mexico, to-wit:

The property known as the Woods Farm, near Artesia, New Mexico, and more particularly described as follows, to-wit:  
Tract A: State Purchase Contract No. 3304, executed in the name of the State of New Mexico by B. F. Pankey, Commissioner of Public Lands, on Jan. 21, 1927, covering 560 acres of land in Eddy County, New Mexico, described as follows: NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , E $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ,

SE $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec. 16, T. 17 S., R. 26 E., N. M. P. M., together with all the right, title and interest of the said Albert T. Woods, Inc., in and to said contract and the land above described, the same being subject to the amount due the State on unpaid purchase price of \$10,108.00, and current interest due Jan. 4, 1939.  
Tract B: NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec. 16, T. 17 S., R. 26 E., N. M. P. M., except Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10 & 11, in Bl. 1; Bl. 2; Lots 7, 8, 9, in Bl. 3; Lot 3, Bl. 4; all in Lanning Addition to Artesia, N. M.  
Tract C: Bl. 20 of Blair Addition to Artesia, New Mexico.  
Tract D: All that part of Block 1, Blair Addition to Town of Artesia, Eddy County, New Mexico, described as follows: Beginning at the northeast corner of said Block 1, thence west along the north line of said Block, 62 feet, thence south and parallel with the west line of said Block 140 feet, thence east and parallel with the north boundary line of said Block 43 feet to the east boundary line of said Block, thence north along the eastern boundary line of said Block to point of beginning.

Also, all equipment, machinery, livestock and other personal property used in the operation of said farm, and all the assets of the above mentioned debtor, and all equipment, machinery and livestock, more particularly described, as follows, to-wit:  
1 horse mule smooth mouth;  
1 black horse, wt. 1400—9 yr. old;  
1 bay horse, wt. 1400—4 yr. old;  
1 brown horse, wt. 1400—4 yr. old;  
1 bay horse, wt. 1200—4 yr. old;  
1 bay mare, wt. 1200—3 yr. old;  
1 black cow giving milk;  
1 Jersey cow giving milk;  
3 sets of double work harness;  
1 stock saddle; 1 V-8 truck, '34 model;  
1 F-30 Farmall tractor;  
1 F-20 Farmall tractor;  
1 two-way tractor plow; 1 tandem disc; 1 sulkey plow; 1 ditch V; 1 two-row stalk cutter;

2 sulkey rakes; 3 McCormick-Deering mowers;  
2 buck rakes; 2 alfalfa seed bunchers;  
1 Ann Arbor hay bailer; 1 alfalfa seed drill;  
1 1-row cultivator; 1 2-row cultivator for tractor;  
1 Hammer Mill; 2 3-section harrows; 1 two-row planter; 1 1-row binder, and miscellaneous other tools.

Notice is hereby given that any sale made shall be subject to the approval of the Court, and upon such approval proper instruments of transfer by order of the court will be made to such purchaser, and that any purchaser who is the highest bidder at said sale before the property is struck off to him, except the representatives of the estate of Stephen A. Lanning, deceased, holders of a first lien upon said property, shall deposit with the undersigned trustee, certified check for the sum of \$10,000.00, as a part of the purchase price, to be forfeited in the event the said purchaser fails to complete the purchase and pay the balance of the purchase price, upon confirmation of said sale by the Court, and upon tender of sufficient instruments of transfer by the trustees; the balance of the purchase price to be paid upon such confirmation and tender of instruments of transfer; the purchaser shall have possession immediately upon confirmation of sale and full payment of purchase price, but trustees reserve the right to remove any harvested crops, or any other property not sold, at any time within sixty (60) days from date of delivery of instruments of transfer.

C. E. MANN,  
ROGER DURAND,  
Trustees.  
48-4t-51

### NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

GENERAL LAND OFFICE at Las Cruces, New Mexico, November 24, 1938.

NOTICE is hereby given that Bert A. Ross, of Lakewood, N. Mex., who, on September 20, 1933, made homestead entries No. 48419 and No. 648420, for SW $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec. 26, S $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$  Sec. 27 and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$  Section 25, Township 19 S., Range 25 E., N. M. P. Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make 3 year Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before S. W. Gilbert, United States Commissioner, at Artesia, N. Mex., on the 12th day of January, 1939.

Claimant names at witnesses: Taylor Ross, John T. Norwood, Jerry Mann, Elbert B. Hughes, all of Lakewood, N. Mex.  
PAUL A. ROACH,  
Register.  
48-5t-52

### NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

GENERAL LAND OFFICE at Las Cruces, New Mexico, December 8, 1938.

NOTICE is hereby given that Frank A. Manda, heir and for the heirs of Lina A. Manda, deceased, of Artesia, N. Mex., who, on October 1, 1923, made desert land entry, No. 040092, for SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , Section 15, Township 16 S., Range 26 E., N. M. P. Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make 3 year Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before S. W. Gilbert, United States Commissioner, at Artesia, N. Mex., on the 26th day of January, 1939.

Claimant names as Witnesses: Clarence C. Smith, Beecher Rowan, Horace M. McCormick, J. S. Reno, all of Artesia, N. Mex.  
PAUL A. ROACH,  
Register.  
50-5t-2

### IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF EDDY COUNTY, STATE OF NEW MEXICO.

LEE DOYLE, Plaintiff, vs.  
R. H. HOLCOMB, Defendant.  
No. 6507

### NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Under and by virtue of an Execution issued out of the District Court of Eddy County, State of New Mexico, in an action wherein Lee Doyle was plaintiff and R. H. Holcomb was defendant, upon a judgment rendered the 22 day of July, 1938, in favor of said plaintiff and against said defendant for the sum of Three Hundred and Eighty (\$380.00) Dollars with interest and cost of suit, I have levied upon all the right, title, claim and interest of said defendant in and to the following described property, to-wit:  
Twenty One (21) pieces of pipe making a total of Four Hundred Seventeen Feet and

Four and one-half inches (418' 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ ").

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 10th day of January, 1939 at 10:00 o'clock A. M. at the front door of the Post Office at Artesia, Eddy County, New Mexico, I will sell the above-described property, or so much thereof as may be necessary to satisfy plaintiff's claim, besides costs and interest, and accruing costs, at public auction to the highest bidder.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that G. T. Watts, whose Post Office address is Box 805, Roswell, New Mexico, is the attorney for the plaintiff.

DATED this 10th day of November, 1938.  
DWIGHT LEE,  
Sheriff of Eddy County.  
By J. A. CAMPBELL,  
Deputy.  
50-4t-1

### NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, J. S. McCall, Special Master, will pursuant to and in execution of the Order of the District Court of Eddy County, New Mexico, entered on the 28th day of October, 1938, in a cause therein pending wherein Lizzie J. B. Jackson is the plaintiff, and Nan Wright, et al., are defendants, numbered 6540 on the Civil Docket of said Court, offer at such sale and sell to the highest and best bidder for cash the following described real estate located in Eddy County, New Mexico, to-wit:

The E $\frac{1}{4}$  of the W $\frac{1}{4}$ , the SE $\frac{1}{4}$  and the S $\frac{1}{4}$  of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 21, Township 16 South, Range 26 East, N. M. P. M.; the NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 18; Township 18 South, Range 27 East, N. M. P. M.; the W $\frac{1}{4}$  of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ; of Section 7, Township 18 South, Range 27 East, N. M. P. M.; the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 12, Township 18 South, Range 26 East, N. M. P. M.

Said sale will be conducted at the front door of the First National Bank in Artesia, Eddy County, New Mexico on the 27th day of December, A. D. 1938, at the hour of ten o'clock A. M. on said date, and the terms of said sale are that the purchaser shall pay cash at the time the property is struck off and sold to him.

Dated this 29th day of November, A. D., 1938.  
J. S. McCALL,  
Special Master.  
48-4t-51

### IN THE PROBATE COURT OF EDDY COUNTY, STATE OF NEW MEXICO.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF HAZEL IRENE WRIGHT, Deceased.  
No. 893

### NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That the undersigned has been appointed administrator of the estate of Hazel Irene Wright, Deceased, and did qualify as such on the 14th day of December, 1938.

All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same as provided by law within six months from December 15th, 1938, the date of the first publication of this notice, or said claims will be barred.  
WALLACE A. ANDERSON,  
Administrator.  
50-4t-1

### IN THE PROBATE COURT OF EDDY COUNTY, STATE OF NEW MEXICO.

IN THE MATTER OF THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF JOSEPH ANDERSON, Deceased.  
No. 894

### NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTORS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That the undersigned were appointed by the Honorable B. F. Montgomery, Probate Judge of Eddy County, New Mexico, as ancillary executors of the Last Will and Testament of Joseph Anderson, deceased, on the 14th day of December, 1938.

All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same as provided by law within six months from December 15th, 1938, the date of the first publication of this notice, or said claims will be barred.  
WALLACE A. ANDERSON,  
ELLA ANDERSON  
50-4t-1

### IN THE PROBATE COURT OF EDDY COUNTY, STATE OF NEW MEXICO.

IN THE MATTER OF THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF FLORA B. HOWARD, Deceased.

No. 892  
NOTICE

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Notice is hereby given that an instrument purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of Flora B. Howard, Deceased, has been filed for probate in the Probate Court of Eddy County, New Mexico, and that by order of said court the 16th day of January, 1939, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock A. M., at the court room of said court in the city of Carlsbad, New Mexico, is the day, time and place set for hearing proof on said Last Will and Testament.

Therefore any person or persons wishing to enter objections to the probating of said Last Will and Testament are hereby notified to file their objections in the office of the County Clerk of Eddy County, on or before the time set for said hearing.

Dated at Carlsbad, New Mexico, this 14th day of December, 1938.

R. A. WILCOX,  
County Clerk.  
By M. W. WILCOX,  
Deputy.  
50-4t-1

### IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF EDDY COUNTY, STATE OF NEW MEXICO.

S. W. GILBERT, Plaintiff, vs. EDITH J. MARTIN, administratrix of the Estate of Robert M. Love, deceased; Edith J. Martin, if living, and if dead her heirs, and all unknown heirs of Robert M. Love, if living and if dead her heirs; George K. Linton, if living and if dead his heirs; and all unknown claimants, adverse to plaintiff, Defendants.  
No. 6820

### NOTICE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO: Edith J. Martin, administratrix of the Estate of Robert M. Love, deceased; Edith J. Martin, if living, and if dead her heirs, and all unknown heirs of Robert M. Love, if living and if dead her heirs; George K. Linton, if living and if dead his heirs; and all unknown claimants adverse to plaintiff, GREETING:

You, and each of you, are hereby notified that there is now pending in the District Court of the Fifth Judicial District in and for Eddy County, New Mexico, a certain suit, No. 6820, wherein S. W. Gilbert is the plaintiff and you, and each of you, are the defendants, the nature of which suit is an action to quiet title on the following property:

Lot Six (6) in Block Four (4), and Lots Four (4), Five (5), and Six (6) in Block Five (5) of Rose Lawn, a suburban tract adjoining the City of Artesia, Eddy County, New Mexico,

against you, and each of you, and confirm title in the plaintiff, S. W. Gilbert.  
You, and each of you, are further notified that unless you enter your appearance on or before the 25th day of January, 1939, judgment will be rendered against you, and each of you, as prayed

for in the Complaint herein. You, and each of you, are further notified that J. B. Atkinson, whose postoffice address is Artesia, New Mexico, is attorney for the plaintiff.

have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of this Court on this 26 day of November, 1938.  
R. A. WILCOX,  
County Clerk.  
48-4t-51

Telephone Your  
Holiday Greetings  
this year on  
Sunday or Monday  
Reduced rates apply on Both days

Lowest long distance rates again will be in effect this year all day Christmas and New Year's and the Monday following each holiday.

This gives you a choice of two days to telephone good wishes to far-away members of your family, relatives and friends.

On Christmas and New Year's weekends, lowest rates actually begin at 7 p.m. Saturday and continue through Sunday and Monday until 4:30 a.m. Tuesday.

Whose voice would you like to hear?

Say  
"MERRY CHRISTMAS"  
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The Medical Profession has for generations recognized the beneficial effect of Beechwood Creosote in the treatment of coughs, chest colds, and bronchial irritations. A special process was worked out by chemists, for blending Creosote with other ingredients so that now in Creomulsion you get a good dose of genuine Beechwood Creosote which is palatable and may be taken frequently by both adults and children.

Creomulsion is one preparation that goes to the very seat of the trouble to help loosen and expel germ-laden phlegm. When coughs, chest colds and bronchial troubles—due to common colds—hang on, get a bottle of Creomulsion from your druggist, use it as directed and if you are not satisfied with the relief obtained, the druggist is authorized to refund your money. Creomulsion is one word, ask for it plainly, see that the name in the bottle is Creomulsion, and you'll get the genuine product and the relief you want. (Adv.)

# THE ADVOCATE SNAPSHOTS

## The Short Tenure System Is Allied With the Home

So Declares the Farm Security Administration Adjustment Advisor

The problems of impoverished lands and poor people, deficient schooling, declining church attendance and economically unsound communities are closely allied with the short tenure system in American agriculture, in the opinion of Floyd F. Higbee, farm management advisor, in charge of tenure improvement for the Farm Security Administration in region 12, according to Larry Emerson, Eddy County FSA supervisor.

"The United States," Higbee says, "recently has become alarmed over the rapid depletion of its soil resources. Most research has been centered on land-use adjustment problems and we have often lost sight of the fact the only reason we need be concerned about these problems is because of their relationship to human welfare and the security of our business life.

We have become solicitous about the erosion of the soil and have been willing to spend more time and money in correcting it than we have been willing to spend in assisting the human beings now living on eroding land to adjust themselves to a new economy where they can attain social and economic security for themselves and their children."

Higbee contends that one of the most direct approaches to a new economy for farm tenants is through long-time leases upon their farms, adequate leases to provide for diversification, soil conservation and an all around better kept farm, Emerson said.

In areas where tenancy prevails there are various individuals who annually ask such questions: "Will my farm be for rent next year?" or "Will I have a farm to work next year?" or "what kind of farmer customers will I have next year?"

Proper farm management, incorporating the different approved farm practices and the keeping of records are other factors Higbee considers to be of vital importance in establishing a sound economic system in rural America.

He believes the day is past when just anyone can farm successfully. "Successful farming," Higbee says, "is one of the most complicated of all businesses and requires considerable managerial ability."

To further assist in stabilizing both the soil and human elements in agriculture, Higbee explains, the Farm Security Administration is sponsoring flexible farm leases for both landlords and tenants. These leases are said to include all of the desirable fundamentals of good farm leases in the country. Moreover, they are so written that they are fair and equitable to both the landlord and the tenant.

Mr. Emerson announces that free copies of these flexible leases may be obtained at his office in the Carlsbad National Bank, Room 8, Carlsbad.

## Patrolman Urges That Motorists Procure Licenses

C. E. Eagleton of Carlsbad, State patrolman, when in Artesia Tuesday urged that motorists get their 1939 licenses as early as possible, in order to avoid a last minute rush at license bureaus and ports of entry, which already are taxed almost to capacity.

Motorists who have 1938 drivers' licenses will not be required to take an examination under the new law for renewal, provided they have not been cited in court for infraction of traffic laws.

However, persons who do not have 1938 drivers' licenses, will be required to pass the tests before they can receive 1939 licenses.

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**B**ABS was such a little girl to be disappointed at Christmas, but there seemed no other way.

Her mother called her to the bedside. "Babs, darling," she began softly, "Christmas will soon be here."

The little girl's eyes shone. "It won't be the same this year, darling. There won't be any presents, or well—anything."

"No Santa Claus?"

"No Santa Claus."

"But why?"

"You're going on five, Babs. Try to understand. What we call Santa Claus is really just the love people have for each other at Christmas." Her voice trailed off in a fit of coughing. "That pillow—there—now I can breathe. It isn't I don't love you, darling. I just can't do things this Christmas. That lovely tree last year—you remember it, don't you, Babs?"

"Oh, yes, Mummy."

"We'll try to have one like it next year, if—" She choked a moment. "If I get well."

"Why, Mummy, you're crying!"

"No, no I'm not. See? Why don't you run out and play a bit? Get your coat and rubbers."

Babs went out into the snow very thoughtful. A group of children were



**AMBASSADORS CONFER WITH PRESIDENT**—William Phillips (left) Ambassador to Italy and Hugh Wilson (right) Ambassador to Germany as they conferred with President Franklin D. Roosevelt at Warm Springs on the persecution of minority groups in Germany and Italy.



**HAILS INCOME PLAN**—Lloyd A. Kurtz of Hilliards Grocery, Flint, Michigan, tells Miles Hudson, General Motors employee for 18 years, that he likes the stabilized income plan recently announced by the company for all hourly wage employees because it also helps to stabilize the income of the merchants. Employees in 39 communities are affected.



**GOVERNOR ROUGHS IT**—Governor Gordon Browning of Tennessee did not bag a deer during the annual hunt in the Pisgah Forest, but he could and did make coffee for his party. Here he samples a cup of the steaming brew.



**A SENATOR FOR SIX WEEKS**—Senator Gladys Pyle, of South Dakota, elected to fill the unexpired term of the late Peter Norbeck, affixes her name to the door of her Senate office. Her term expires in six weeks and she will return to her home without having answered a roll call.



**PREPARING TO DRILL** a seismicographic shot hole into the floor of the ocean during the search for likely oil-bearing formations.

In the tidal waters of Texas and Louisiana, portable drilling rigs and seismic recording devices are floated on barges.



**ORIGINATED HISTORIC ALL-AMERICA**—Walter Camp, shown as he looked when he starred for Yale in 1874. He started annual All-America football.



He came dressed as she had seen him first, and with a bag of toys.

laying down the block, but she didn't want company.

Of course there was a Santa Claus. Hadn't he come last year? And all her playmates—he came to them, too. How could Mummy be mistaken?

She hadn't intended to come so far. But it was fun walking on the crisp, crunchy snow. And there, ahead, were men stringing lovely colored lights and loops of greenery on lamp posts.

"What's she want, Bill?"

"I can't just get it. Something about Santa Claus."

"Why, sure, kid. Just down the block. He's ringing a little bell."

The men laughed, and Babs laughed, too. Santa Claus! She would find Santa Claus. The street was alarmingly crowded, but she could hear the thin tinkle of a bell.

Then she saw him, all dressed in red and with a long white beard. He was sitting by a big red box, and very now and then someone would drop money into it. Babs stood for long while watching, fascinated, afraid to speak.

The tinkling stopped, and the Santa Claus came over. "What's the matter?" he asked gently. She let him lead her back to the big red box. He took her up on his lap, and gave her the little bell to ring. Slowly she told her story. Mummy, who was so sick, had said there wasn't a Santa Claus this year. Babs took care of Mummy. She didn't know how to get home.

"I think I had better see if we can't find your Mummy," Santa Claus declared. "She's probably worried about you. You aren't afraid come with me, are you?"

"Oh, no," Babs answered trustfully, and carried the bell while he took away the big red box.

They found the right neighborhood with no great difficulty. Babs insisted that Santa Claus come in, "to show Mummy there really is a Santa Claus," and he agreed. Then things began happening. There was a doctor, and a nurse, and Babs must be quiet, and mustn't see Mummy—not for days. Through it all Santa Claus kept coming back, calmly without the beard or red suit.

Until Christmas, that is, and then he came dressed as she had seen him first, even to the little bell, and with a big red box full of toys for her. And as an even grander present, he said that Mummy was well enough to sit up.

He was very tender to Mummy, and carried her gently to the big chair that was ready for her. Babs was sure that Mummy looked prettier than she had ever seen her. Oh, it was such a Merry Christmas! If it could only last!

"My," said Babs, "I wish you could stay here forever."

And the Santa Claus man answered very gravely, "Thank you, Mummy. There's nothing I should like better."

But he wasn't looking at Babs. It was more as though he were talking to Mummy.

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## Old Santa Claus Distributes 3,000 Treats Saturday

Santa Claus arrived in Artesia on schedule Saturday afternoon and, with the assistance of Rotarians and Boy Scouts, distributed about 3,000 sacks of treats to boys and girls.

Riding on the No. 1 fire truck, old Santa put in his appearance at Fifth and Main Streets and then drove to Third and Main, where the big Municipal Christmas tree stands.

There the boys and girls, mostly riding in automobiles and trucks, passed by for a cheery word from Santa and a sack.

After the presentation of treats, which took more than an hour, even with the aid of many assistants, Santa Claus visited a number of boys and girls who were not able to attend the public affair. To each one's home he went, to make a boy or girl happy.

More than 200 treat sacks were left over after Santa left for the North Pole and they were passed on to the American Legion Auxiliary and the Woman's Club to be used in Christmas baskets.

## Truett to Receive Eagle Scout Badge Here December 29

Wayne Truett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse L. Truett, will be awarded his Eagle Scout badge at a public court of honor of the

Boy Scouts in the American Legion hut at 7:30 o'clock Thursday evening, Dec. 29.

It will be the first Eagle Scout award, the highest in scouting, in Artesia in a number of years.

A number of other awards of lesser rank also will be made.

The general public is invited and parents of Scouts are especially urged to attend.

## COTTON GRADES DROP AS THE SEASON WANES

New Mexico cotton ginned from Dec. 1 to 12 shows only 25 per cent extra white grades as compared to 71.4 per cent for the last report. Also this report shows nearly 50 per cent spotted grades as compared to 24 per cent last period. More than 21 per cent of the cotton ginned from New Mexico during this period as the season wanes was shorter than 3/8 inch.

The above is contained in a report of the Department of Agriculture, the last for the season, which lists as ginned in New Mexico prior to Dec. 12 a total of 85,987 running bales.

Calling Cards, 100 for \$1.75, on best grade paneled or plain stock. —The Advocate.

Typewriters for rent—Advocate.

**"Buy American Made"**

## Merry Christmas to All

And may beauty be yours throughout the coming New Year



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McCLAY FURNITURE STORE

Serving You for Over 30 Years

We Wish You a Very Merry Christmas



## Our Best Wishes for your HAPPINESS

We offer our best wishes for your complete happiness. We hope that this Christmas season will be your most enjoyable. We hope that the coming year will bring you good health, happiness and prosperity. May this success be associated with the service our company can give you. A very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

## Gray's Phillips Service Stations

Buford Gray, Mgr.



When the Children Have Cast Their Toys Aside . . .

and Christmas is completely over, we hope you'll still remember the sincere good wishes of the season that we are making for your health, happiness and prosperity.

## CARTER'S CAFE

## SEASON'S GREETINGS

We Wish to Express Our Best Greetings for a Merry Christmas And a Happy New Year To our friends and customers

Folkner's Bar —and— Hardwick Hotel and Bar



# dear' santa

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Dear Santa Claus:  
I'd like to have a doll and a

sewing machine and a buggy. I'd like to have a stove. I'd like to have a set of dishes, too. I'd like to have a typewriter.  
Your friend,  
Pauline Perkins

Central School, Artesia, N. M., Dec. 17, 1938.  
Dear Santa Claus:  
I want a bicycle for Christmas and a pair of skates and a cowboy suit and a scooter and a farm and a pair of horses and about two head of cows.  
Your friend,  
Ernest Lee Clapp

Central School, Artesia, N. M., Dec. 17, 1938.  
Dear Santa Claus:  
I wish I had a truck and a sled. I wish I had a train, too.  
Your friend,  
Edward Journey

Central School, Artesia, N. M., Dec. 17, 1938.  
Dear Santa Claus:

Santa Claus, I want a doll for Christmas and a tricycle too and an ironing board too and an iron too. Santa Claus, would you bring them to me? I want some dishes and other gifts too.  
Your friend,  
Peggy Flynn Johnson

Central School, Artesia, N. M., Dec. 17, 1938.  
Dear Santa Claus:  
I want a truck and some candy and a Christmas tree and that is all this Christmas.  
Your friend,  
Charlie Lewis

Central School, Artesia, N. M., Dec. 17, 1938.  
Dear Santa Claus:  
I would like a blackboard and

some colored chalk and some white too. And I would like a stocking full of fruit and candy. Don't forget Mother and Father.  
Your friend,  
Sylvia Amstutz

Central School, Artesia, N. M., Dec. 17, 1938.  
Dear Santa Claus:

I want a bicycle and an electric train.  
Your friend,  
Henry McKenzie

Central School, Artesia, N. M., Dec. 17, 1938.  
Dear Santa Claus:

I want a big Chinese Clipper that will fly, and typewriter, football, carpenter set, cowboy suit and typewriter.  
Your friend,  
Jackie Holcomb, Jr.

Central School, Artesia, N. M., Dec. 17, 1938.  
Dear Santa Claus:

I want a rubber ball through and through of rubber and some candy.  
Your friend,  
Opal Lewis

## Grandpa Late to Christmas Feast

by Charles Frederick Wadsworth

IT WAS past two when consternation seized the Christmas party at John Henry's. The telegram read:

Have had an accident. Do not wait dinner for me.  
JAMES S. ESTON.

"Goodness gracious." This from Grandpa Eston, who had come on in advance to help Millie. "What do you s'pose has happened?"

John Henry grabbed the telephone and called Balltown. He got Doc Wilkins and asked if he had treated Jim Eston. No, Doc said, he "seen him in the mornin' drivin' around in his car."

Other sources of possible information were tried without success. The gay gathering of kin-folks settled down to apprehensive waiting.

Finally, John Henry said he would drive to Balltown and see what he could learn.

As he was about to leave the driveway for the road, Grandpa's car was seen coming at a dangerous clip. The old man was all smiles as he stopped before the house and alighted.

Grandma, Millie, Jack, Samuel, Mary, Madeline, John Henry and numerous children all asked for an explanation at once.

"This morning," said Grandpa, "I sampled some candy your Grandma had made, and it was so tough I got my upper and lower plates stuck together. I pried, and danged if I didn't pry two jaw teeth out of the plate, on the side I eat on. I simply had to have 'em for that turkey. The dentist said it would take about five hours, as it would have to be vulcanized. But I'm here and okay!"

"And you just did get here by the skin of your teeth, didn't you, Grandpa?" This was from John Henry, Jr.

The party, joyous, entered the house and soon all were settled for the delayed dinner.

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Mr. and Mrs. Roy Langston and children and Miss Marjorie Johnson and her brother, Max Johnson of Hope were week end visitors to Madrid.

Typewriters for Rent—The Advocate.

### OFFICIAL IS PLEASED WITH TRUCK OUTLOOK

H. J. McKittrick of Roswell, traffic manager for Hill Lines, Inc., extensive trucking firm which opened an office in Artesia Dec. 5, when here yesterday expressed himself as pleased with the reception since coming to the Pecos Valley.

The traffic manager was checking the company's business with B.

A. Nash, Jr., local manager. The Hill Lines, Inc., is operating extensively in New Mexico and Texas.

"My Skin Was Full of Pimples and Blemishes from Constipation" says Verna Schleppe: "Since using Aderika the pimples are gone. My skin is smooth and glows with health." Aderika washes BOTH bowels, and relieves constipation that so often aggravates a bad complexion. MANN DRUG CO.

## Hurry — Hurry — Hurry Only 3 More Shopping Days



Here's a tip—come right to Sprouse's and polish off your Christmas list all at once—and get more for your money!

### Sprouse's Last Minute Gift Suggestions . . .

- HANKERCHIEFS Uncle Henry will think you paid a lot these! In boxes of 3 **3 for 25c**
- 4-PC. CANISTER SETS A gift you'll hate to give away! Pretty, sturdy, and useful. **49c**
- CHILDREN'S BOOKS Mother Goose to Mickey Mouse! Stories or pictures in color. **5c to 25c**
- TABLE DECORATIONS Gold, blue or silver grape clusters, red or silver poinsettias, etc. **5c to 15c**

### WRAPPINGS

For Those Last Minute Gifts  
Xmas Boxes . . . . . 5c to 25c  
Xmas Tissue . . . . . 1g. roll 10c  
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### CHRISTMAS CARDS 5 for 15c

All kinds, with envelopes—and you'd better mail them right away!

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTS, complete set . . . 49c  
Light Bulbs . . . . . 2 for 5c Bright Balls . . . . . 4 for 5c

And Last of All—We Wish You All A Merry Christmas

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### Brake and Light Stickers Are Due By December 31

New brake and light stickers, issued for the first four-month period of 1939, are due Dec. 31, the State Patrol advised motorists.

These stickers must be attached to all motor vehicles by that time, if owners are to escape fines for traffic violations, officers said. A check will be made after the first of the year, to ascertain that all local persons are complying.

"With bad weather coming on, and residents planning holiday trips, every car should be inspected to protect drivers, their families and friends," a patrolman said. "When bad headlights or faulty breaks cause an accident—it's too late then to wish they had been properly inspected and adjusted."

### Martha Found a Way to Raise Christmas Funds

CHRISTMAS was drawing nearer and nearer, but Martha Woods seemed no nearer a solution of her problem. The giving of gifts at the Yuletide season had been a tradition with Martha as long as she could remember. This year, however, she saw no way to keep up the cherished custom.

During the past months her income had shriveled to where it would buy only the necessities for herself and Emma, her faithful servant. Through no scrupling of saving could even the tiniest gifts be sent to those whom she wished to remember.

Now, as she watched the whirling flakes of snow, she thought how lovely it would be to see the big room full of gaily tied packages, waiting to be sent on their various ways. Regretfully she pictured the disappointment of relatives and friends who would think she had forgotten; they would never dream she had grown too poor to buy Christmas gifts; they all believed her wealthy.

With a heavy sigh she looked around the beautiful living room. The furnishings were luxurious; many of them had been in the family for generations. . . . Suddenly a cry came from her lips. She had thought of a quick, sure way to fulfill her desires. She would sell a few of the lovely old pieces. She would send for the proprietor of the antique shop without a moment's delay! Her Christmas gifts would be on their way tomorrow! —Katherine Edelman.  
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### Santa Claus as Usual

"Santa Claus is comin' around a usual in December," said Uncle Eben, "tryin' to bring along enough good cheer to beat de tax collector."

### Non-Christians and Christmas

Non-Christians frequently join in the social observance of the day. To them, it simply has no religious significance.

### Christmas Cards Old Custom

The sending of Christmas cards by way of friendly greeting and remembrance has grown up since about 1800.

### Christmas Puddings Made Round

Christmas puddings are made round so that they may go round.

Social Security forms and systems—The Advocate.

### Col. Boles Hopes To Exceed 200,000 In Cave for 1938

Caverns Chief Barnstorms in Texas to Drum Up Trade

With a dogged determination to pass the 200,000-mark for tourists through the Carlsbad Caverns during 1938, Col. Thomas Boles, superintendent, last week staged a promotional tour in West Texas to garner the necessary 2,000 before the books are closed Saturday of next week.

December travel, being slow as usual, the genial superintendent figured he could jigger up the caverns travel by means of personal contact.

"I'm not a mathematician," said the cave chief, "and 200,000 looks about twice as big to me as 198,000. I was afraid that would be the way it would look to other people, too, so I decided to see if something couldn't be done about it."

Thus far this month, travel at Carlsbad Caverns has averaged only about 155 tourists daily—and that, the colonel concluded, wasn't enough.

He went to Odessa, Midland, Big Spring, Lubbock, Lamesa and Colorado, Tex., where he contacted schools and chambers of commerce and newspaper men. He said the newspapers in every town gave the cave a good play, and that he had the promise of several groups during the holidays.

Col. Boles doesn't hope to bring this December's travel above that of a year ago, but he does believe the month's total will exceed 6,000, which would put the year's list "over the hump." Bad weather is seen as the only thing which would keep the total under the 200,000-mark.

On his trip, Col. Boles checked up on tributary highways which might affect cave travel.

In Odessa, the cave boss addressed 500 school children, meeting with them later at luncheon in their cafeteria.

Buy your Christmas Cards now — See our window — Artesia Advocate.

### A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!



### Merry Christmas to All



### THE SMOKE HOUSE

A Very Merry Christmas To Everyone

It is our sincere wish for each of you a very Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

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## The Season's Greetings



## Come Right On In . . . . .

Howdy Neighbor! It's nice to see you at Christmas time and tell you how much we've appreciated your friendship during 1938. And it's nice to have this opportunity to say to you—

## MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

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West of the Pecos since 1890  
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Dear Santa Claus:  
I want a pair of skates for Christmas.

Your friend,  
May Wheeler

Central School, Artesia, N. M., Dec. 17, 1938.  
Dear Santa Claus:  
I want a Snow White doll. I want an electric iron and electric stove. I want a wrist watch and a sewing machine.

Your friend,  
Nona Lee Glasscock

Artesia, N. M., Dec. 17, 1938.  
Dear Old Santa:  
Will you please bring me a Christmas tree in Missouri, a pop gun, some cowboy boots so I can be a good cowboy, tractor and some little cars, and candy and nuts and popcorn in my stocking. I will try to be a good boy and I won't put mud on my little girl friend's mama's house any more.

Your friend,  
Lyle Dickey Bert

Central School, Artesia, N. M., Dec. 17, 1938.  
Dear Santa Claus:  
I want a pair of house shoes and a blackboard, skates, doll buggy and a telephone, doll bed, jumping rope, nuts, candy, oranges and apples.

Your friend,  
Margaret Gomes

Central School, Artesia, N. M., Dec. 17, 1938.  
Dear Santa Claus:  
I have been a good boy. I want a football and a bicycle for Christmas and an electric train too.

Your friend,  
Cyril J. Alcorn

Central School, Artesia, N. M., Dec. 17, 1938.  
Dear Santa Claus:  
I want some candy, a wagon with sideboards, a BB gun and a watch.

Your friend,  
George Henry Savoie

Central School, Artesia, N. M., Dec. 17, 1938.  
Dear Santa Claus:  
I have been a good boy, and I want you to bring me a bicycle on Christmas night.

Your friend,  
Cloma Sue Chaney

Central School, Artesia, N. M., Dec. 17, 1938.  
Dear Santa Claus:  
I want a train for Christmas and also an airplane. I want lots of candy and nuts too. I want a moulding set also.

Your friend,  
Tommy John Ansley

Central School, Artesia, N. M., Dec. 17, 1938.  
Dear Santa Claus:  
I want a doll for Christmas and a stove too. I would like a piano and a bird.

Your friend,  
Betty Jo Mitchell

Central School, Artesia, N. M., Dec. 17, 1938.  
Dear Santa Claus:  
I want a bicycle for Christmas and a doll too. I want an ironing board.

Your friend,  
Kathleen Daughtrey

Central School, Artesia, N. M., Dec. 17, 1938.  
Dear Santa Claus:  
I want a slate and I want a cork gun too and I will thank you for them.

Your friend,  
Bobby Ray Brown

Artesia, N. M., Dec. 17, 1938.  
Dear Santa Claus:  
I'm a very little girl but I would like a rubber dolly, a puppy and a big Teddy bear.

Your friend,  
Darlene Cobble

Central School, Artesia, N. M., Dec. 17, 1938.  
Dear Santa Claus:  
Please bring me a train, a football, a punching bag and an electric saw.

Your friend,  
Billy Waldron

Central School, Artesia, N. M., Dec. 17, 1938.  
Dear Santa Claus:  
I want some candy, a wagon with sideboards, a BB gun and a watch.

Your friend,  
George Henry Savoie

Central School, Artesia, N. M., Dec. 17, 1938.  
Dear Santa Claus:  
I want a set of dishes, a little ironing board, and a big doll too, and a table.

Your friend,  
Ramona Rodriguez

Central School, Artesia, N. M., Dec. 17, 1938.  
Dear Santa Claus:  
I have been a good boy, and I want you to bring me a bicycle on Christmas night.

Your friend,  
Wallace Smedley

Central School, Artesia, N. M., Dec. 17, 1938.  
Dear Santa Claus:  
I want a French harp and a bicycle.

Your friend,  
James McClendon

Central School, Artesia, N. M., Dec. 17, 1938.  
Dear Santa Claus:  
I want a pair of roller skates and a key. I wish I had a sweater too, and a jumper dress, too.

Your friend,  
Veatrice Meadows

Central School, Artesia, N. M., Dec. 17, 1938.  
Dear Santa Claus:  
I would like to have a football and a BB gun for Christmas.

Your friend,  
J. W. Blevins

Central School, Artesia, N. M., Dec. 17, 1938.  
Dear Santa Claus:  
I want a pair of boxing gloves and a punching bag.

Your friend,  
Leonard Ripley

Central School, Artesia, N. M., Dec. 17, 1938.  
Dear Santa Claus:  
I want a French harp and a Jew's harp, a watch and a bicycle for Christmas.

Your friend,  
Alton Box

Central School, Artesia, N. M., Dec. 17, 1938.  
Dear Santa Claus:  
I wish you will bring me some Christmas presents. I wish you will bring me a big bicycle and roller skates and saxophone for Christmas time. Can you bring me all these things?

Your friend,  
Elveta Hernandez

Central School, Artesia, N. M., Dec. 17, 1938.  
Dear Santa Claus:  
I want an ironing board, an iron, a bath robe, and an electric stove.

Your friend,  
Velma Lee Jensen.

Central School, Artesia, N. M., Dec. 17, 1938.  
Dear Santa Claus:  
I want you to bring me an

electric train and a chain guard.

Your friend,  
Henry Juarez

Central School, Artesia, N. M., Dec. 17, 1938.  
Dear Santa Claus:  
I want a Sleeping Beauty doll, an electric train, a set of dishes and house shoes, No. 1.

Your friend,  
Mary Catherine Martin

Central School, Artesia, N. M., Dec. 17, 1938.  
Dear Santa Claus:  
I will be glad if you will come to school. I want a bicycle, BB gun and a wagon.

Your friend,  
Daniel Cortez

Central School, Artesia, N. M., Dec. 17, 1938.  
Dear Santa Claus:  
I want you to bring me a BB gun and a bicycle.

Your friend,  
E. B. Boyce

Central School, Artesia, N. M., Dec. 17, 1938.  
Dear Santa Claus:  
I want a bicycle, roller skates, boots and house shoes.

Your friend,  
Hettie Jewell Teague

Central School, Artesia, N. M., Dec. 17, 1938.  
Dear Santa Claus:  
I want a bicycle, some boxing gloves, an electric train, a chemistry set, machine gun, BB gun and a pair of boots.

Your friend,  
Robert Stuart

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Dear Santa Claus:  
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Your friend,  
Elveta Hernandez

Central School, Artesia, N. M., Dec. 17, 1938.  
Dear Santa Claus:  
I have been a good girl. I do not want very much. I want a bath robe and a pair of house shoes and some books. I know that there are boys and girls that will not get dolls and BB guns.

Your friend,  
Leatha Vogel

Central School, Artesia, N. M., Dec. 17, 1938.  
Dear Santa Claus:  
I wish you bring me a big bicycle, some dishes, house shoes, watch and roller skates.

Your friend,  
Catalina Corona

Central School, Artesia, N. M., Dec. 17, 1938.  
Dear Santa Claus:  
I have been a good boy. How are you? I am just fine. I wish that you would bring me a BB gun and nuts, candy, apples, oranges. I will have my stocking on the wall.

Your friend,  
Delbert Wayne Gurley

Central School, Artesia, N. M., Dec. 17, 1938.  
Dear Santa Claus:  
I want a football, sweater, scooter and a pair of boots.

Your friend,  
Carlton Roberson

Central School, Artesia, N. M., Dec. 17, 1938.  
Dear Santa Claus:  
I have been a good boy and these are the things I want: an electric train, a chemistry set and a bicycle. That is all I want this Christmas.

Your friend,  
John Yates

Central School, Artesia, N. M., Dec. 17, 1938.  
Dear Santa:  
I want some toys. I want a BB gun and some BB's. And a target set.

Your friend,  
Wesley Needham

Central School, Artesia, N. M., Dec. 17, 1938.  
Dear Santa Claus:  
I wish you would bring me a doll, a box of dishes, a bicycle, a dress and some roller skates and a sweater and a hat.

Your friend,  
Mary Lou de la Rosa

Central School, Artesia, N. M., Dec. 17, 1938.  
Dear Santa Claus:  
I want you to bring me a pair of roller skates and some lights and a chain guard for a bicycle.

Your friend,  
Nancy Juarez

**This Week's Hardware Lesson—**

**Brainard-Corbin Hardware Co.**

**THE BRITE SPOT**  
Beer—606 S. First—Liquors

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I'm safe saying that. My own customers won't do it. That's what they're through doing. Maybe they thought it was just another one of their guesses the first time they drove in here for my Special Winter Blend Conoco Bronz-z-z. Now they know they've got the right one, and every cold morning tells them so, and they're getting swell mileage along with starting that never misses. I've even got one man that always had heat in the garage, but keeps it off now, and saves the expense, and tells me the car never used to start up near as fast as it does on Conoco Bronz-z-z. He's one of the ones that keep sending me in other people, which is a heap sight better than my trying to out-yell all the different brands of gasoline.

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FROM YOUR MILEAGE MERCHANT

**Best Wishes For a MERRY CHRISTMAS**

*Greetings*

May good cheer, good will and good fortune greet you on this happy day and for many days to come. It is with extreme pleasure that we send you our best greetings for Christmas and the New Year.

*Peace on Earth*  
*Good Will Toward Men*

**Tally-Ho and Good Cheer**

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And a Very

**Happy New Year**

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\$25.00 for return of eight-inch, 100-foot endless belt, two smaller belts and tarp. Return to Clarence Pearson, no questions asked. 50-3tp-52

**FOR SALE**

**FOR SALE**—Basel Farm on Eddy-Chaves County line. Complete set new farm implements is included. Farm on electric line. Small down payment, balance like rent. Low rate interest. See owner, A. J. Basel, Artesia, New Mex. 39-tfc

**FOR SALE**—Six room house one half block from new school building, good location. Fred H. Beckworth, 905 Richardson Street. 50-2tp-51

**FOR SALE**—Prime Electric Fences. Interview upon request. Jack McClure, Agent, Lake Arthur, New Mexico. 50-2tp-51

**FOR SALE**—Unimproved eighty acres, surface well, abundance of water. Eight-room house cheap—Gilbert & Collins. 51-2tc-52

**FOR SALE**—A few improved farms. Choice locations. D. D. Sullivan. 51-2tp-52

**FOR SALE**—Oasis Farm and Swimming Pool, cash, rent or trade. Two and one-half miles east of Artesia on state highway. Flowing well. — Owen Campbell. 51-2tc-52

**FOR RENT**

**FOR RENT**—Furnished apartment, 319 Quay Street. Telephone 351. 51-ltc

**FOR RENT**—Modern apartment, see Mrs. Nora B. Clayton, above Everett Brothers' Furniture Store. 51-ltc

**FOR RENT**—One three room apartment, furnished. 808 West Missouri. A. W. Wilde. 51-ltp

**WANTED**

**WANTED TO RENT**—Six room modern house. Artie McAnally, phone 79. 51-tfc

**SANTA LEAVES GIFTS AT LEGION HUT**

Santa Claus handed out gifts to nearly 100 persons at the Legion hut Monday evening, when American Legion and Auxiliary members and their families had their Christmas party. Each person attending provided a gift and numbers were drawn before Santa appeared to preside. A covered dish supper was served at 7 o'clock, after which Santa made his flying visit. Dancing and cards were enjoyed the remainder of the evening.

**SOCIETY.**

**REBEKAH CHRISTMAS PARTY MONDAY NIGHT**

The Christmas party of the Rebekah lodge was well attended Monday night at the lodge hall.

This was the occasion when "mystery friends" were revealed. Gifts were exchanged and two members, Mrs. Effie Wingfield and Mrs. C. Bert Smith, were honored by the organization for their years of service in the lodge. They were each presented a lovely gift of costume jewelry. Light refreshments were enjoyed at the close of the evening.

**COTTONWOOD EXTENSION HAS CHRISTMAS PARTY**

The Cottonwood Community Extension Club held its annual Christmas party Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Glen O'Bannon, with Mrs. Monroe Howard as co-hostess. A lighted Christmas tree and many other appropriate decorations beautified the rooms.

At a business meeting presided over by Mrs. D. A. Bradley, it was decided parents would meet with the 4-H Club children during the coming year.

Mrs. Howard was elected recreational leader. Mrs. Bradley resigned as secretary, treasurer and club reporter and Mrs. Everett O'Bannon was elected to fill this vacancy. Mrs. Howard is to be kitchen demonstrator. Mrs. O. B. Montgomery, vice president, will

have charge of the year book.

Miss Vernita Conley, county home demonstration agent, announced a radio broadcast by the fair committee, will be the last Friday in February.

Mrs. Fred Chambers, the new president, and the other new officers were introduced by Mrs. Bradley, retiring president, and each spoke a few words concerning the year's work.

Delightful games were led by Miss Conley. Presents were exchanged, unwrapped and admired.

Mrs. Phillip Porter invited the club for an all-day meeting at her home in February.

Refreshments were served to the following members and visitors: Mrs. D. A. Bradley, Mrs. O. B. Montgomery, Mrs. Everett O'Bannon, Mrs. Wayne Norris, Mrs. J. W. Buck, Mrs. H. V. Parker, Mrs. James Buck, Mrs. F. B. Chambers, Mrs. Manard Brown, Miss Vernita Conley, Mrs. N. C. Doering, Mrs. Jackson, Mrs. J. P. Prentice, Mrs. Ben Marable, Mrs. Bobo, Mrs. Basil

Bobo, Mrs. Florence King, Mrs. Paul Robinson, Mrs. J. H. Felton, Mrs. Phillip Porter, Kate Thagard, Roberta Chambers, Juanita Gline, Mildred Cline, Lois Howard, Mary Frances O'Bannon and the hostesses.

The January all-day meeting will be with Mrs. Monroe Howard. Each member is to bring a covered dish.

**RAINBOW JUNIORS HAVE YULE PARTY**

The Rainbow Juniors of the American Legion Auxiliary enjoyed a Christmas party at the hut Saturday afternoon. Their sponsor was Mrs. John R. Brown, who was assisted by Mrs. J. H. Naylor.

Dorothy Linell presided and a Christmas program planned by the juniors themselves was enjoyed as were the music and games. Thirty-two youngsters exchanged gifts from a beautifully lighted Christmas tree. Ice cream and cookies

were served at the close of a lovely Christmas party.



The richest gift of all is health, it is the one gift that only you can give to yourself. Through its representative, your family doctor, medical science offers you new and modern ways of obtaining sufficient vitamins for the prevention of disease and infection. Your physician will outline a healthful program to insure a future of physical well-being for both you and yours.

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**Turkeys lb. 27<sup>c</sup>**  
Fresh Dressed, Choice Quality

**Gum Drops Orange Slices Choc. Drops ..... lb 10c**

11-12 pound average  
**HAMS . lb. 25c**  
Peyton's Tender

Bulk  
**MINCE MEAT ..... lb. 10c**

Mint Jar  
**JELLY ..... 16 oz. 23c**

Cocktail Jar  
**SAUCE ..... 10 oz. 22c**

Dry Pack can  
**SHRIMP ..... 5 oz. 17c**

Veal Shoulder  
**ROAST . lb. 20c**

Stokely's Bottle  
**CATSUP ..... 14 oz. 13c**

Canada Dry—Quart Bottle  
**Ginger Ale ..... 23c**  
**Lime Rickey ..... 23c**  
**Sparkling Water .... 23c**

Sealship, Large, Pint  
**OYSTERS . 35c**

**MIRACLE WHIP ..... qt. 35c**

Wesson  
**OIL ..... pt. can 25c**

Cudahy's, Canded, Sunlite  
**EGGS ..... doz. 33c**

Stokely, Party, No 2 can  
**PEAS can ..... 18c**

Campbell's  
**BUTTER ..... lb. 30c**

Ripe  
**OLIVES ..... 1 lb. 15c** can

**NUTS**  
Mixed  
Pecans, Almonds, Walnuts, Brazils  
**lb. ... 20c**

Arizona  
**ORANGES**  
220 size  
**doz. ... 18c**

Stark's Delicious  
**APPLES**  
125 size  
**doz. ... 25c**

Eatmor  
**Cranberries**  
**lb. .... 20c**

Arizona  
**LETTUCE**  
**head .... 5c**

New Texas Red  
**SPUDS**  
**4 lbs. 25c**

Large size  
**WALNUTS**  
**lb. .... 20c**

Cranberry  
Ocean Spray  
**sauce ... 14c**

CHB Sweet  
**PICKLES**  
**qt. jar 27c**

CHB Preserved Tiny Midget  
**PICKLES**  
jar  
**12 oz. 27c**

Halves O'Gold  
**PEACHES**  
Large can  
**2 for ... 29c**

Full O'Gold  
**Fruit Cocktail**  
1 lb. can  
**2 for ... 23c**

Full O'Gold  
**Fruits for Salad**  
1 lb. can  
**2 for ... 29c**

Libby's No. 2 Seive  
**PEAS**  
**2 for ... 25c**

Powdered, Brown, 1 lb. box  
**SUGAR**  
**3 for ... 25c**

Libby's Co. Gentleman  
**CORN**  
No. 2 can  
**2 for ... 25c**

Libby's Red  
**SALMON**  
1 lb. can  
**2 for ... 45c**

Swansdown  
**CAKE FLOUR**  
pkg. .... 25c

Six Delicious Flavors  
**JELLO**  
**3 for ... 16c**



**SAFeway**

# Christmas Eve

*'Twas the night before Christmas  
And all through the house  
Not a creature was stirring,  
Not even a mouse.  
The stockings were hung  
By the chimney with care,  
In hopes that Saint Nicholas  
Soon would be there.*



## "Burning Daylight," Character of Old West, Spins Yarns on Short Stopover in Artesia

Baron Munchausen wouldn't stand a ghost of a chance with Capt. Jack Lloyd—"Burning Daylight" is what they call him, pardner—because the captain has clippings to prove what he says is true.

"Burning Daylight" scoured through Artesia last week heading for the warm winter sun of Florida and paused long enough at The Advocate office to spin a few yarns and pick up another clipping.

Hold your hat, stranger, here we go!

He killed sixty-nine men on the Western frontier—that's why they call him "Burning Daylight," he reached for his gun so fast, you see—fought with the Cossack Legion of Death in the Russo-Japanese War; did a hitch in the French Foreign Legion when it was a Legion; helped the British end the Boer War; backed up Teddy Roosevelt in Cuba; rode with Pancho Villa for four years; served as a major in the British Intelligence Corps; was one of the Sandino's front-line brain trusters and took part in so many South American revolutions he has forgotten which sides he fought on! Something like a dozen and a half flags, all told.

Had enough, stranger? Well you haven't heard anything yet!

"Burning Daylight" was in the Klondike when they found gold, in Kimberly when they found diamonds and he has followed the oil derricks from Baku, Russia, to the New Mexico and Texas oil fields.

Just name a place, stranger, and "Burning Daylight" will spin a yarn about it. The Congo? Sure he was there. "See those stones? Well sir, they're genuine tiger eyes and you won't find them anywhere but in the Congo."

"Burning Daylight" is slowing up now and can't get around like he used to. He was 70 last June. This year he's only been able to get around to thirty-five states. Yep, he's slowing up.

The last time the captain was in The Pecos Valley was in the early '90's. Buffalo Bill persuaded him to travel with Bill's Wild West Show. The captain was a sharpshooter.

"I always shoot from the hip; learned how to do it down in Del Rio, Tex., when I was a kid," he said. "They started to calling me 'Burning Daylight' when I was 16, 'cause if a man reached for his gun I'd burn daylight through him before he knew what was happening."

Jack London wrote a book about me. "Burning Daylight" it's called and I've got it right here to prove it. Yes sir, that Jack London was a great guy. I met him in the First and Last Chance Bar in California. I had just slipped down the rat rope of a ship out of China and didn't have a dime. Jack and I began spinning yarns and drinking, and he got the idea for a book. You remember 'Dede,' the girl in the book? Well I married her and she died in Johnsbury. Some of my newspaper friends down there look after her grave.

"Oh yes, I was a newspaper man in my day. Worked on 6,000 newspapers in 57 countries. Yes sir, started out in the West. It was tough being a newspaper man then. But I'd come into a new town, find myself a desk, flop my two guns down and say, 'Boys you've got a newspaper.' You had to know how to handle your guns, too."

Oh, Capt. Jack knew them all. Poker Alice and Calamity Jane and Billy the Kid. He was an editor in Leadville, Cripple Creek, Silver City, Gold Creek, Durango—just name a town, stranger.

Capt. Jack was a member of the wedding party of "Silver Dollar" Tabor which went to Washington, D. C., to witness the marriage of "Baby Doe." Man that was a party! Capt. Jack was editor of the Leadville News then.

He had a million when he came out of the Klondike, but they took it away from him in New York with adding machines. He hasn't worried much about money since.

And stranger if you ever doubt Capt. Jack's word its just too bad. He swings into action before you can bat your eyes and opens a scrap book that would break your back to carry.

In the old Western days, "Burning Daylight" served as a peace officer in a number of cow towns and mining camps. He stayed longest in Silver City, N. Mex., which was a rip-roaring mining town, where the law had to be quick on the trigger. Texas claimed him for awhile too, serving as one of the Texas Rangers.

But Capt. Jack wouldn't tarry longer and had to quit spinning yarns, for with only thirty-five states under his belt this year, not to mention Canada and Alaska in recent months, he had to get going in order to put more miles and a few states behind him by the end of the year.

John Castleberry of Midland, Tex., father of Mrs. Jimmy Haskins, arrived Wednesday for a Christmas visit with his daughter and family.

### Spanish-American Entertainment at Christian Church

The Christmas entertainment by Spanish-Americans in Artesia at 7:30 o'clock Christmas Eve will be at the First Christian Church instead of the Methodist Church, the Rev. Constantino Gonzales has announced.

Everybody is invited and there will be presents for all, the Spanish pastor said.

The Rev. Sr. Gonzales has received some clothing to be distributed to needy Spanish-Americans, but there will remain many who are badly in need but will not be taken care of unless additional donations are received.

The Advocate is serving as a clearing house for the pastor and any clothing to be given for this purpose may be left here, where it will be picked up prior to the Christmas Eve entertainment.

Advocate Want Ads Get Results!

### International Store Absorbed By Bethlehem

The International Supply Company store in Artesia, along with nineteen others supplying oil field equipment, will become a subsidiary of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation in a transaction to be completed Jan. 1.

The Bethlehem Supply Company of Tulsa, Okla., with the millions of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation behind it, has bought out International.

Variouly estimated to involve between \$1,500,000 and \$2,000,000, the deal is considered by oil men

as a big step in developing the oil business.

Bethlehem already had about twenty outlets at base field stores and now will have about forty.

The stores will be known after Jan. 1 as the Bethlehem-International Company.

Employees of the Artesia store have been notified no changes in personnel are contemplated.

Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Wilson are expecting as their holidays guests, their daughter, Mrs. George Willgrod, and two children of Gallup and another daughter, Mrs. Stuart Compton of Fort Worth, Tex. Their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wilson, of the Oil Field will join the family on Christmas day.

### Lower Penasco (Mary Sunbeam)

R. E. Hill was an Alamogordo visitor a few days ago.

Mrs. E. J. Chandler and Mrs. C. Curtis were in Artesia Saturday.

Arthur Strang of McDonald Flat was a business visitor in this community a few days ago.

A few of the ladies from Camp Valley View were in El Paso the middle of the week.

J. W. Harwell was delivering some cattle to El Paso the middle of last week.

Bert Morrison of Portales was transacting business on the Penasco recently.

Austin Reeves returned a few days ago from Texas, where he

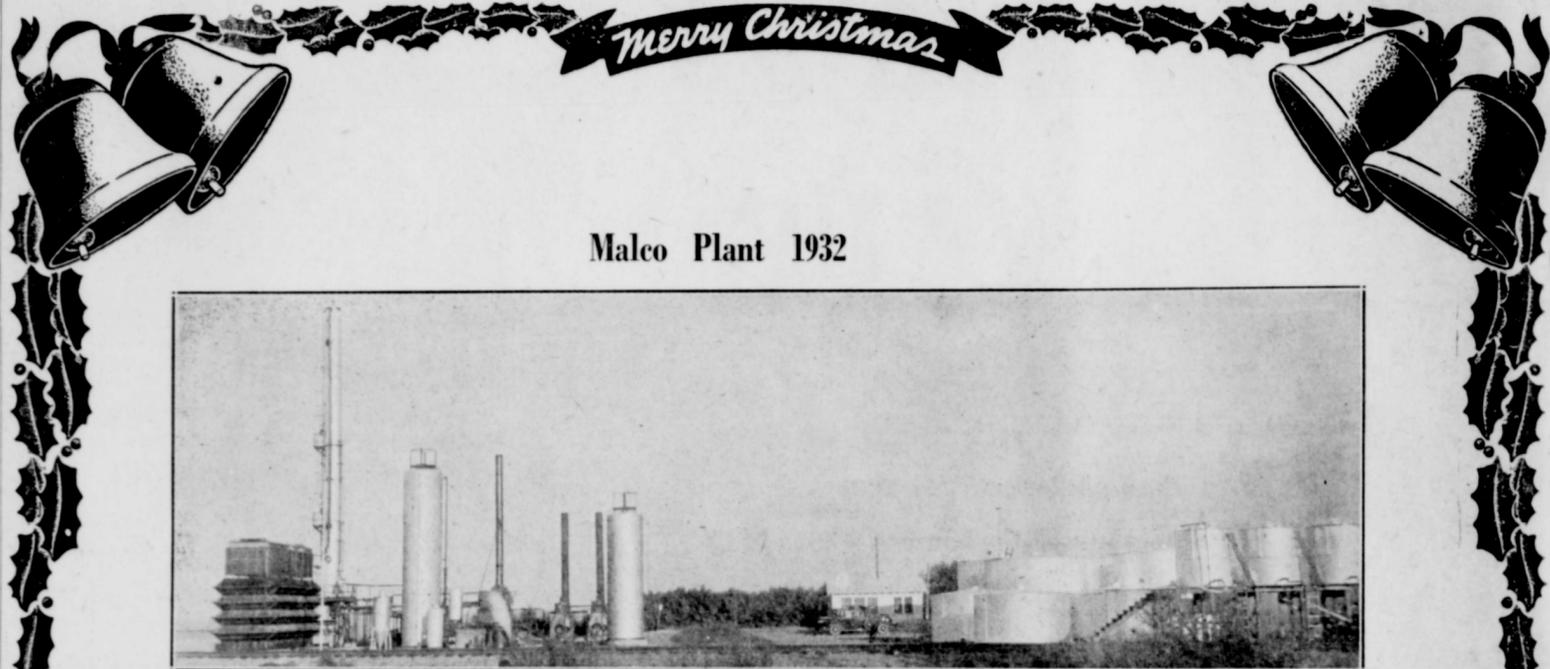
had gone to attend a stock sale. Mr. Reeves purchased some nice cattle while there.

Mrs. Clay Duncan and Mrs. Frank Reno were among those going to El Paso last week.

Jesse P. Bell of near Weed broke his leg last week while dragging some wood down a hillside. He was taken to Carlsbad for treatment.

Mary Sunbeam will close her items by wishing each and every one a very Merry Christmas and that everyone survives the holiday feast.

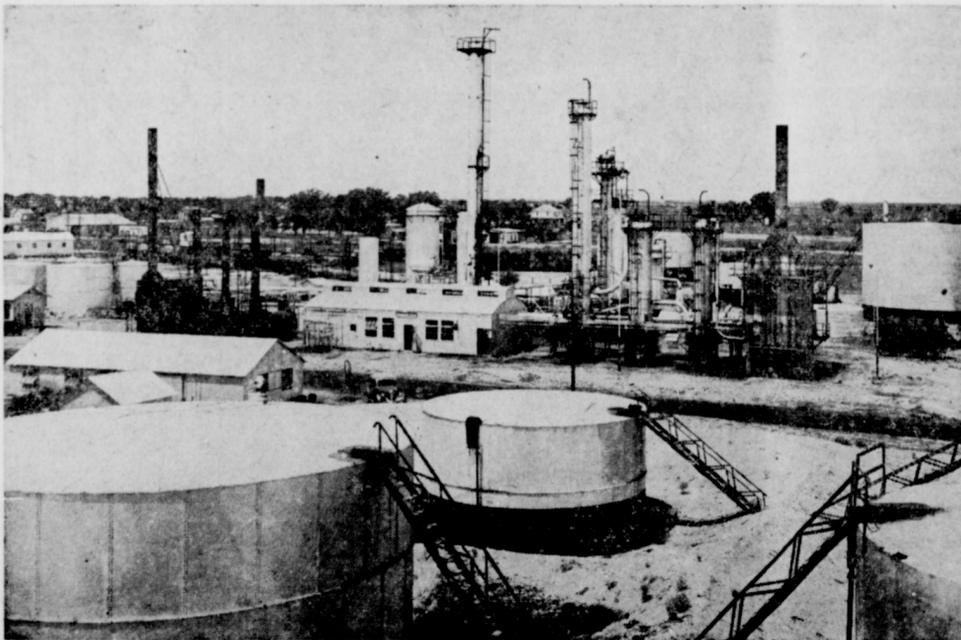
Mr. and Mrs. Willard Griffin and family of James Canyon were visiting in the Fred Griffin home last week. While down, Willard and his father and two brothers did some threshing at the Griffin farm.



Malco Plant 1932

# A MERRY CHRISTMAS

The Malco Refineries, Incorporated, happy to be an institution of the Great Southwest and a factor in its well-being, takes this means of expressing thanks to the many friends of the company and of its employees as individuals in best wishes for a Merry, Merry Christmas and a Happy, Prosperous 1939.



Malco Plant Today

# Malco Refineries, Inc.

The Following Employees Join in Extending to You the Season's Greetings:

M. E. Baish, Pres.  
Ethel Lewis  
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G. Roberts  
F. Collins  
W. J. Haskins  
R. Jones  
F. Owens

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A. C. Sturgis  
K. Williams  
W. Hastings  
J. Holyfield  
B. Smith  
E. Fuller  
C. Ireton

## The Little Fir Tree

By Henry Harding

THERE was very little sunlight in the forest. The trees were so big, all the grown up trees. The little fir tree stretched himself, and tried to imagine himself grown. Looking up at the stars and the moon, he listened to the big trees talk. "Isn't the moon bright tonight," one would say; and there would be a gentle rustling of their leaves as the trees would shake their heads in agreement.

"I'm afraid you're going to be stunted, because there is so much shade here," a little squirrel said to the fir one day as he jumped into its branches and brushed the top limbs with his bushy tail. "It takes sunlight to make anything grow strong and tall."

So the little fir tree stretched himself up, and kept his head pointed up toward the spot of sunlight he saw clear up through the maze of heavy tree growth. He could be straight and upstanding, even if he hadn't grown tall.

Today the ground was all covered with the snow which stayed white in the forest. All but a few birds had gone south. Every once in a while there was the sound of steel striking against wood, and infrequently a crashing sound of falling trees.

The tall trees began to tremble. The woodcutters are out. But this is a funny time of year," one mur-



"I never saw a more beautiful tree," he said. "It seems to glow."

mured to the others. Then one of the little snow birds spoke. "Have you forgotten that every year they come to cut Christmas trees?"

"What are Christmas trees?" the little fir asked.

"Oh, they cut down the trees and take them in the house, and put candies on them so they look like stars, and spangles that look like snow shining in the moonlight. And the people sing songs and give each other gifts, and it is a time of being glad," the little snow bird twittered.

"Oh, I wish they would take me," the little tree cried in excitement. "I'd love to see it all. I'd love to make people happy. But I'm too little," and he sighed unhappily.

"Sh! Let's all be quiet," one of the tall trees exclaimed. "The woodsmen are coming near us. We must be quiet so they won't notice us. Then we won't be cut down and left to die."

But in spite of their silence, the men drew near. They looked at the trees, and one of them said: "Oh, these are all too tall. No house or church could hold them. Let's get on."

Just then a little lad who was riding in the sled, called to his father: "Dad, can we find a little tree for sister? Couldn't we find a cute little tree to put in her very own room?"

"Ho! Ho!" laughed a big rough man. "In her own room? No little girl will stay in her room on Christmas day!"

The lad's father answered, sadly: "Yes, my little girl will. She had infantile paralysis last summer, and hasn't been able to walk since. Surely, son, we'll find a little tree for her."

"Here I am, here I am! come and get me," the little fir tree called out lustily. And the little boy turned and saw the branches trembling, and the little snow bird flying away.

"Why, dad, there is a cute little tree over there. Such a beautiful straight tree. Wouldn't that do?" he called.

The man got out from the sled. He walked to the tree and fondled it gently. "I never saw a more beautiful tree. It seems to glow. Molly will love it," he said with a smile.

The little tree was so happy that he didn't feel the blows from the ax that cut him to the ground. And when they put him into the sled, he was still happy. The little boy called to his father: "It sounds as if the little tree was singing when the wind blows through its branches." And the little tree laughed delightedly.

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FARMERS OWNING AUTOMOBILES IN THE U.S. INCREASED FROM 64% IN 1930 TO 71% THIS YEAR, ACCORDING TO A BUREAU OF CENSUS SURVEY

TAXES PAID BY 150 LEADING CORPORATIONS LAST YEAR AMOUNTED TO \$1,631,000,000—OR MORE THAN TWICE THE AMOUNT PAID IN 1932.

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## Filed for Record

**WARRANTY DEEDS—**  
 C. H. Alvarado, et ux to Manuel S. Garcia, lot in Artesia Heights Add. to Artesia, \$50.  
 Solomon P. Banks, et ux to E. W. Dimock, land in sec. 12-19-26, \$1,000.  
 E. W. Dimock, et ux to Forest Lee, land in sec. 12-19-26, \$2,600.  
 Henry C. Dickson, et ux to M. C. Edwards, et ux, blk. 34, Belva Subd., \$72.  
 Dick W. Carson, et ux to Leo A. Carson, et al, land in sec. 29 and 19-17-23, \$1 &c.  
 Leo A. Carson, et al to United States of America, land in sec. 19, 20 and 29-17-23, \$1,935.65.  
 William Allen Smith, et ux to John B. Sears, et ux, land in sec. 25-24-25, \$500.  
 John A. Cooper, et ux to O. C. Neal, land in sec. 2-22-26, \$475.  
 Reed Brainard, et al to Lena Brainard, land in sec. 11 and 12-18-26, \$10 &c.  
 J. Clark Bruce, et ux to George Williams, lot in Artesia Imp. Co. Add., Artesia.  
 John H. Perry, Jr., et ux to Sallie A. Bearup, lot in Lowe Add. to Carlsbad, \$10 &c.  
 John A. Cooper, et ux to Eleanor Gertrude Brose, part sec. 2-22-26, \$90.  
 Wilson R. Broadbent, et ux to Leona M. Le Bleu, tract of land in sec. 25-24-25, \$1 &c.  
**MINERAL DEEDS—**  
 C. L. Tallmadge, et ux to New Mexico Royalty, Inc., part of sec. 9-18-25, \$10 &c.  
**QUIT CLAIM DEEDS—**  
 Cleto Torrez, et al to Paz Pelaez, lots in Artesia Heights Add. to Artesia, \$10 &c.  
 Leduska Kline, et al to Hope Water Users Assn., twelve hours water right, \$960.  
 Ralph A. Shugart, et ux to Edward Stone, lot in Clayton & Steward Add. to Artesia, \$10 &c.  
 R. P. Thompson, et ux to L. L. Gremillion, land in 2-22-26, \$10 &c.

**TAX DEEDS—**  
 State Tax Commission to Wm. E. Farmer, land in sec. 8 and 9-18-25, \$240.  
 State Tax Commission to Board of Missions of M. E. Church South, lots in Artesia Heights Add. to Artesia, \$40.  
**CEMETERY DEEDS—**  
 Woodbine Cemetery to Fred L. Howard, lot in Woodbine Cemetery, \$50.  
 Woodbine Cemetery to Mrs. Amanda Wetig, lots in Woodbine Cemetery, \$25.  
**DISTRICT COURT—**  
 No. 6835. Mary Elizabeth Courtney vs. Felton Courtney. Divorce.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Flint of Lovington were here visiting the Flint families Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Flint were hosts at the Artesia Hotel Coffee Shop Sunday evening with covers laid for the visitors and Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Flint and the hosts.

Advocate Want Ads Get Results!

## Merry Christmas to You

We wish to thank our patrons for their business during the last year and to extend to them the Season's Greetings and best wishes for

A Happy New Year

ARTESIA SALVAGE CO.

WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENTS—PHONE NO. 7



## CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Thankful for your good will and patronage, we take this means of expressing to you our best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Rideout Plumbing & Tin Shop

## LOCALS

Miss Laura Bullock of Portales is expected home for a brief Christmas visit.

Mmes. J. B. Davis, John Mathis and V. M. Hayes left Saturday by automobile for the West Coast to spend the holidays with relatives.

Dr. T. E. Presley of Clovis, an old-timer of the Pecos Valley and a one-time rancher on the Penasco, paid The Advocate office a call Saturday. Dr. Presley has kept in touch with the oil fields of this section since the opening of the Artesia field. He said he relies on The Advocate for correct oil news.

Mrs. Joy Courtney and son, E. C. Courtney, of Chicago arrived

Sunday for a holiday visit with Compton and Mr. Compton of Fort Worth, Tex. Their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wilson, of the Oil Field will join the family on Christmas day.

Mrs. Laura Welch, formerly of Artesia, who is visiting her son and family, Dr. and Mrs. Edward Welch and Billy, in Hibbing, Minn., announced in Christmas messages to friends here the recent adoption of an infant son by Dr. and Mrs. Welch.

Dr. and Mrs. C. Russell left Sunday for Albuquerque to spend the holidays with their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Russell and son, and the doctor's sister, Miss Ruth Russell. A daughter, Miss Dora Russell, of Clovis, will join them for Christmas. They expected to be away for about two weeks.

Typewriter Ribbons—The Advocate

## In the Yuletide Spirit



That effervescent, catching spirit of gaiety which characterizes the attitude of one friend toward another during the holiday season is the spirit we wish to convey to you, our friends and customers. And so we wish for you and yours—

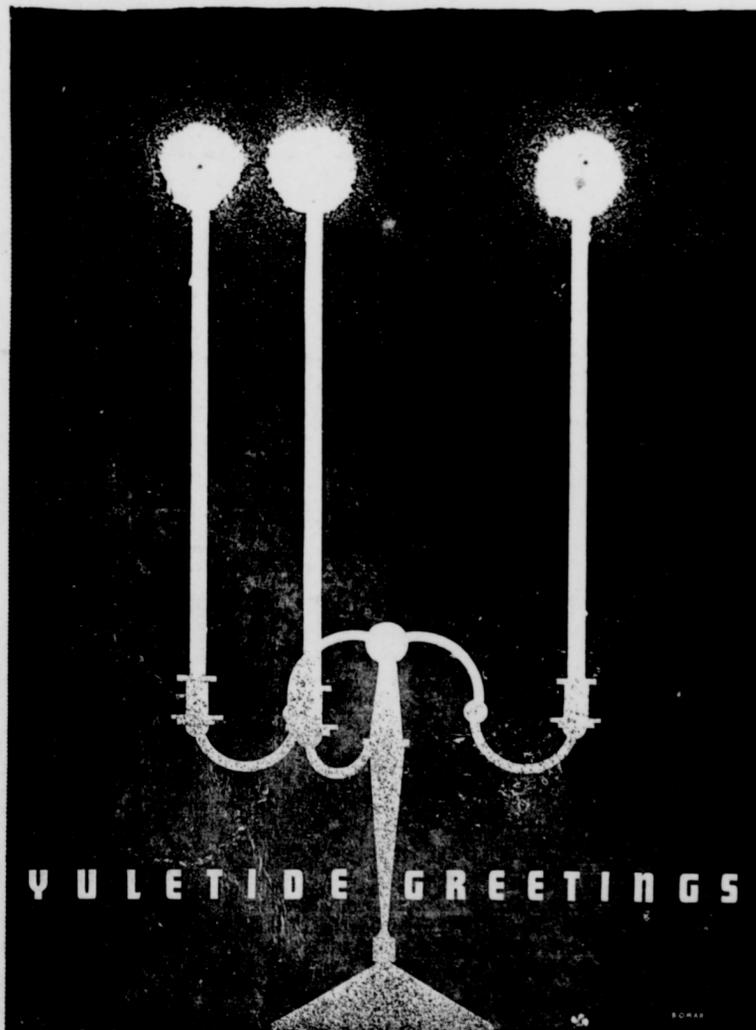
A Very Very

Merry Christmas

And a Happy

Prosperous  
New Year

PIOR RUBBER CO.



Mere words cannot begin to bring you the many good wishes which we hold for you and your family. As a tiny token of our high regard for your patronage and friendliness during the last year—and as a constantly renewed pledge of the service which we constantly strive to render—may we take this occasion to send you our very best grade of Christmas and New Year greetings.

New Mexico Eastern Gas Co.



## When a Fence Is Not a Fence

By T. C. RICHARDSON, Secretary  
Breeder-Feeder Association

To discuss the details of fence building might seem like carrying coals to Newcastle were it not for the every-day observation that a great many people either do not know how to build a fence properly, or else they do a poor construction job with a false idea of economy. A well built fence can be kept in repair with little effort, while a poorly built fence demands constant tinkering. A loose, sagging fence is a constant temptation to stock, and its direct cause of breachy habits, which, once learned, are hard to break.

The trend toward balanced farming and away from the cash-crop system in the Southwest calls for well-fenced farms. Livestock of all kinds are coming back to the cotton and wheat fields not only to help with the farm work, but to turn raw farm materials into concentrated, marketable form. Time expended in building good fences between crop seasons is repaid many times over by the time saved when weeds are growing, crops need plowing, and every daylight hour is needed in the fields. Did you ever have to climb off the cultivator or stop the grain binder to drive the cows out and patch up the fence? If you have, you know what it costs to start the season with poor fences.

The principal point to be remembered is that a wire fence cannot stand alone, as the old stone, Virginia rail and other types of wooden fence do. The life of the barbed wire or woven wire fence is in its corners; no "panels" between line posts is self-supporting, and all together will be no better than the solidity of the corners make them. The heavier the weight of the fence the higher the tension on the corner and brace posts; and tension is the essence of any wire fence. It must not only be tight when made but must be so well braced that it will remain so.

Everyone knows that wire expands and contracts with heat and cold. The enormous power of this contracting force is exerted against the corner posts and the braced "stretching" posts in the line, and is in direct proportion to the number and size of the line wires in the fence. Its force can be distributed among all the posts by stapling each wire tightly, but this interferes with repairs and tightening, and should not be done. It is best to use long staples in the line posts and leave the wires free to slip.

This places the entire burden on the braced posts in the line and at the corners, and nothing must be left undone to make them staunch. Once they "give" under the tension the fence can never again be made taut without taking it loose and resetting the braced posts.

Large corner posts are best, but size without adequate bracing will not do. Braces set against the bottom of the supporting post and the upper half of the corner post merely serve as levers to help the tight wires lift the corner post out of the ground; set the brace either level or with a slight angle, and twist wires tightly between the top of the supporting post and the bottom of the corner post. Brace the second and third posts together, and staple the wires tightly to all three.

Never build a fence on a curve, for the contracting force of the wires will pull the line posts over. Run short straight lines, bracing each angle post both ways, and stretch from angle to angle. The proper distance between braced line posts (stretching posts) depends on the topography of the ground and the weight of fencing used. A good "stretch" for woven wire is necessarily shorter than for barbed wire, in which each wire is stretched separately; and "hog fence" can be properly stretched farther than full height woven wire.

Carey Thompson, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Thompson, is home from Lubbock for the holidays.

## Mary Pines for Her Pines

(A Christmas Story)

By Luella B. Lyons

MARY MINTER left her home from south of the Mason-Dixon line to marry Jack Howard. That's how she happened to be hating her new home in the North—hating the snow and cold and the fireworks she knew she was missing down home that Christmas day. Gazing out of the window all she could see were pine trees from four inches to sixty feet in height. Cedars! Pines! Spruces! She hated the words, even.

"How about a Christmas tree in the house, honey? Maybe that would help cheer you, do you suppose? I know you're eating your heart out with lonesomeness for home this, your first Christmas away," Jack offered, but Mary spurned his sympathy.

"A tree. A tree, did you say? Ha ha," she laughed bitterly, "go out there and on up the Ridge and look at those trees there by the hundreds and thousands. Imagine they are all Christmas trees if you like." Jack gave up trying to placate her but he understood—she was at that stage of homesickness.

About noon there came a phone call from their nearest neighbor, Milt Spears. His wife was in the city hospital, 40 miles away, and he had promised to visit her there, taking the two youngsters, but about an hour ago Milt had sprained an ankle and now—would Mary and Jack take the kids and go in his place?

What difference did it make if it was nearly nightfall when the pair and the two youngsters reached



They Reached Ann Spear's Hospital Room and Made Explanations.

Ann Spear's hospital room and made the explanations and witnessed the relief that was so evident on the anxious wife's face.

"But where did you find such a novel tree arrangement, Mrs. Howard?" Ann's doctor wanted to know the moment he sighted the midget Christmas tree Mary had fixed up at a moment's notice. "Why, they are the niftiest things I've ever seen yet, and I'd like to buy a dozen of them."

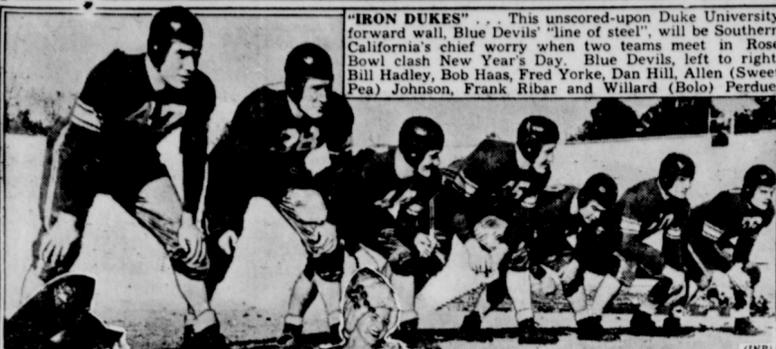
A strip of painted tin that was bent to hang over the head of a bed into the shape of a shelf or bracket formed the foundation. A tiny cedar seedling about eight inches high formed the tree. Mary had striped a wealth of tube roses she had been growing, to tie the blossoms all over that midget village tree. Fitting into a slot on that little tin bracket, it smiled its blessing upon the gathering.

Any Yuletide you might stop by the Howard Midget Christmas Tree Farm to find Mary and Jack getting a bit of rest from their labors, another glorious selling campaign over for another year.

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Miss Catherine Clarke, a student of dentistry at Loyola in New Orleans, is expected home tonight for a holiday visit with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. J. Clarke, and her brothers, Dr. John and Dr. Lawrence Clarke.

# In The WEEK'S NEWS



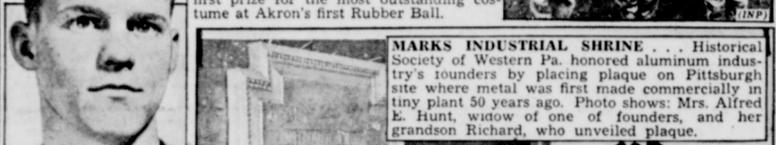
"IRON DUKES" . . . This unscored-upon Duke University forward wall, Blue Devils' "line of steel", will be Southern California's chief worry when two teams meet in Rose Bowl clash New Year's Day. Blue Devils, left to right, Bill Hadley, Bob Haas, Fred Yorke, Dan Hill, Allen (Sweet Pea) Johnson, Frank Ribar and Willard (Bolo) Perdue.



"MEN FROM MARS" . . . Anti-gas troops of General Francisco Franco's army (below), dressed in gas-proof clothing and gas masks, said to be efficient in protecting soldiers against all types of gas, are mute evidence that Spanish Civil War is being used as proving ground for defensive as well as offensive war measures.



LUCKY DOG! . . . Sergeant Major Jiggs, 3rd, bulldog mascot of Marine Corps, has situation well in hand (like all good marines) as he was admired by Mrs. Mary Richards at Philadelphia's 44th annual dog show which the "Sergeant", attended by numerous marines, visited from Quantico, Va.



MERGER OF ERAS . . . With Marie Antoinette period gown, created of new substance scientists call koroseal which is rubber-like though made from limestone cokes and salt, Miss Doris Aumman won first prize for the most outstanding costume at Akron's first Rubber Ball.



SPY SUSPECT . . . Federal authorities are believed to have uncovered well-organized spy ring with arrest and secret indictment by grand jury, on espionage charges, of Karl Allen Drummond, 21, who is accused of attempting to sell important military secrets to Japan.



MARKS INDUSTRIAL SHRINE . . . Historical Society of Western Pa. honored aluminum industry's founders by placing plaque on Pittsburgh site where metal was first made commercially in tiny plant 50 years ago. Photo shows: Mrs. Alfred E. Hunt, widow of one of founders, and her grandson Richard, who unveiled plaque.

## LOCALS

Mr. and Mrs. George Johnson entertained at a dinner Sunday, laying covers for Mr. and Mrs. Will Taylor of Maljamar and Mr. and Mrs. Will Cobble of Artesia.

Miss Margaret Nellis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Nellis, who is an employee of the Gulf Oil Company in Roswell, will be home Friday and remain until Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Beecher Rowan left Wednesday morning for Phoenix, Ariz., to spend Christmas Day with their daughter, Mrs. Ferris Arnold, and family. They expected to go on to the West Coast for a holiday visit with their son and daughters.

Miss Ida Hastings of Lefors, Tex., is here for the Christmas holidays with her mother, Mrs. Florence Hastings, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Folkner and children spent the week end in Albuquerque and Santa Fe, where they were joined by Mrs. Folkner's sister and husband, Mrs. Fred

Mrs. Flora Sellick, mother of Mrs. Harold Bruton, arrived Sunday from her home in Vandalia, Mo. Mrs. Sellick will spend the rest of the winter with her daughter and family.

Kennedy and Mr. Kennedy, of Gallup. They visited the little city of Madrid, which is noted for its beautiful Christmas lightings. Carl says that of all the many cities of New Mexico which he has visited only Madrid excels Artesia in Christmas lighting.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Griggs of Kirksville, Mo., arrived Monday to spend the remainder of the winter with Mrs. Griggs' mother, Mrs. C. A. Sangster. Miss Mary Ellen Griggs, a teacher in the Roswell public schools, will spend the holidays here with her parents and grandmother.

Mr. and Mrs. Terry Hornaday and children left Sunday for Houston, Tex., to spend the holidays with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Lewis, ranchers near Pinon, spent several days last week here with their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Lewis and boys. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis

stopped here enroute from El Paso, where they visited two daughters and their families.

Loren E. Neeley, who was critically ill in St. Francis Hospital, Carlsbad, was brought Wednesday afternoon to the Artesia Hotel, where he is convalescing. As soon as he feels strong enough for the trip, he is to go to the Veterans' Hospital at Albuquerque for further rest.

Buy your Christmas Cards now—See our window—Artesia Advocate.

We Send to You Our Greetings:

May your way be gay; your pleasures unending; your Christmas a merry one; your New Year a prosperous one. These are our wishes for you. For ourselves? All we want is your continued friendship and patronage. This is enough for anyone.

**DR. EDWARD STONE**

Season's Greetings from **RUSSELL'S**

Our Christmas carol has a lilt to it this year—a swing and a cadence that's bright and gay—with tunes and words typical of our times—but, all in all, in nothing different than the words and thoughts offered at the very first Christmas. It's simply this—

**MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU**

**AUTO SUPPLY CO.**

The Kemp Lumber Company

Desires to extend their thanks to those loyal friends and patrons we have served during the past thirty-five years.

We solicit a continuation of that friendship and patronage. May the New Year be a happy, healthy, prosperous one and bring many friends to you and yours.

**ALL KINDS OF JOB PRINTING—PHONE 7**

One Brightly Shining Christmas Star . . .

As the star that guided the wise men toward the manger at Bethlehem twinkles brightly in the Christmas sky, we extend our heartiest wishes of the season to all of you who have made 1938 such a pleasant year for our firm. To each of you we extend our most heartfelt Christmas greetings and the hope that 1939 will be for you a year of great joy.

**Big Jo Lumber Co.**

To My Friends and Customers

I wish to thank you for your patronage and business during the last year and to extend you greetings for

**A Merry Christmas**

and a

**Happy New Year**

**POLK'S TOGGERY SHOP**

After Jan. 1, I will be located in the building now occupied by Dr. Ed Stone, 203 W. Main

Wishing You

A very Merry Christmas and a most happy and prosperous New Year. May 1939 bring you health, happiness and prosperity.

We appreciate the patronage with which you have favored us during the past year and assure you that it has been a pleasure to serve you.

**BALDWIN'S**

# The Christmas Dinner

By Alice B. Palmer

IT WAS Christmas Eve! Ice coated—snow covered—crisp and delightful! Great preparations for the holiday feast were in progress in the old homestead at the far end of Jay street. A gorgeous Christmas tree and attractive berry-laden holly wreaths shone through the windows, while the evergreens without added to the beauty of the festive atmosphere.

There were just seven of them in the little family—father, mother and children. They were all busy in the happy holiday task of helping mother. The turkey was spud-



Long Ago There Had Also Been "Just Seven of Them!"

tering in the oven and the cranberries were popping. Joyous song and laughter rang through the gaily decorated home.

Lucia Bell, a new resident several doors down the same street, was sitting alone dreamily gazing out upon the Christmas ice castles.

Just then she heard a knock. Who in the world could be rapping at her door on Christmas day? "Come in!" cried the startled Lucia Bell. In stepped a small girl beaming with the very joy of being alive.

"My mudder—my—we all want you to Christmas dinner!"

Lucia Bell, smiling a smile of Christmas joy, was truly delighted and accompanied the happy little girl to the house of great Christmas preparations.

"Won't you be one of us," said mother sweetly, "and cut the Christmas pies?"

Lucia Bell was thrilled and before anyone knew it she had them trimly cut and ready to serve.

'Twas at the height of the Christmas dinner that something very wonderful happened to Lucia Bell. Why there they were—all of them! Strange she hadn't noticed before! In those other days long ago there had also been "just seven of them!" Opposite to her now, she could plainly see her own brothers and sisters sitting around that other table. She rubbed her eyes and blinked at the happy scene. At that very moment the little family before her became Christmas fairies in the mind of Lucia Bell; and she smiled a smile of tender gratitude toward each one of them.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Shugart and daughter, Jane, and son, Ralph, Jr., left this morning for Santa Fe on a combined business and pleasure trip. They expect to visit the little city of Matrid while away and will return here by Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Blount will have as their Christmas guests, their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Blount and two sons of Cushing, Okla., and another son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Byrl Blount and two boys of Santa Fe.

Typewriters for Rent—The Advocate.

## WORLD NEWS —In— BRIEF FORM

From Near and Far, Some Timely, Some of Human Interest

A thief who keeps up with the times was half ready in Pittsburgh for the new year. Allen Grove complained to the police, that while he attached one of his 1939 license tags to the front of his car, a thief stole the rear one.

In Utah, evidently the WPA rolls are small, for Dagget County's rolls were cut 50 per cent last week when two forest service workers were released, leaving only two trappers on the lists. Dagget County's WPA rolls were increased 50 per cent that week. A woman was employed to manage a school hot lunch program.

Several weeks ago citizens complained there were too many traffic violations at Hampshire, Ill. The village board hired C. W. Everts as a special policeman to remedy the situation. But the citizens complained again. There were too many arrests. The village board fired Special Policeman Everts, refunded fines assessed against 11 villagers and warned the regular marshal to confine himself more to warnings than arrests.

At Paducah, Ky., they have found a "Corrigan hunter." A farmer, clad in a hunting outfit and seated in an automobile with a 12-gauge shotgun at his side, was arrested on a charge of drunkenness. "Been bird hunting," he told officers. From the hunting coat a patrolman pulled—a six-pound fish!

Two policemen at Pittsburgh dressed up like wealthy women in an attempt to trap purse snatchers but all they lured were a couple of motorist mashers who hailed them with a "Hi, honey!" To hide his embarrassment, Paul Javonic, one of the officers, lighted a cigarette—and set fire to his veil.

Forie Smith was repairing the floor of her house, once used as a postoffice, at Canyon City, Ore. Beneath the boards she found a package of 1911 magazines—addressed and stamped. The postman delivered them to the one-time subscribers still residing in the vicinity.

One Butte, Mont., city employee thinks he has made the record buy in automobiles for all time. He bought eight of them for \$1-12½ cents each—recently when the city advertised for bids but none were received. The cars were junk models that had been abandoned during the year on city streets.

The United States Navy's new dirigible K-2, largest non-rigid airship ever constructed, soared Eastward last week toward Lakehurst, N. J., for final trials and delivery to the government. It is 246 feet long. Inflated with more than 400,000 cubic feet of helium, it has an over-all height of 76.5 feet.

"The charge?" asked the desk sergeant as he studied the unsteady figure wedged between two big patrolmen in Memphis, Tenn. "Drunkenness and begging." "But I'm not drunk—my leg's broke," the man insisted. "Examine him," the desk sergeant ordered. The patrolmen found the prisoner's wooden leg was splintered.

Designed originally as a novelty for motorists, an automobile horn that imitates a barking dog was found to be a real boon to drivers on Western roads where cattle be-

## THE POCKETBOOK OF KNOWLEDGE BY TOPPS

**PLAY BALL!**  
IN THE EARLY DAYS OF BASEBALL UMPIRES WORE RACK COATS, CARRIED CANES AND ORNATE HATS WHILE SITTING ON A CHAIR IN BACK OF HOME PLATE.

**WORK BUYS MORE HERE—**  
POUNDS OF GRAIN AN HOUR'S AVERAGE WAGES WILL BUY?

**THE PEOPLE OF SYRIA ALWAYS EAT 2 KINDS OF CHEESE FOR BREAKFAST.**

**AMERICAN PROGRESS 1910 1937**

IT COSTS THE U.S. APPROXIMATELY \$50,000,000 TO BUILD A MODERN BATTLESHIP FOR THE NAVY. THE FIRST UNITED STATES NAVY COMPREHENSIVE FIGHT VESSELS COST BUT \$134,833! THE BOATS WERE BOUGHT AND FITTED OUT FOR THIS SUM AT THE BEGINNING OF THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR—

16,372,000 SAVINGS DEPOSITORS IN 1910... LAST YEAR THERE WERE 44,216,776—A 170% INCREASE IN LESS THAN 30 YEARS.

came a nuisance on the highways. Ordinarily a steer pays no attention to even the loudest horn, but sound the "barking dog" horn and the cattle waste no time in getting out of the way.

Here is the average American motorist: He is 43, has a son and a daughter; earns between \$20 and \$30 weekly; his second hand car has a market value of \$238 (odds are 2 to 1 that he never owned a new car); his jalopy is four or five years old and has been driven 8,500 miles annually; he uses 600 gallons of gas, 35 quarts of oil a year and pays annual automobile taxes of \$52.99.

H. P. Fritts, deputy sheriff of Kingston, Tenn., stepped on a set of outsize scales and sighed when the pointer stopped at a scant 462 pounds. This figure maintained his position as heaviest peace of-

ficer in Tennessee but he fondly recalled the 700 pounds he weighed only a few years ago, and wondered if this shrinkage would keep on until he scales a scrawny 300 to 400.

### PICK-UP TRUCK IS DAMAGED BY FIRE

A pick-up truck belonging to Joyce-Fruit Stores was badly damaged about 1 o'clock Saturday morning at the home of W. Johnson, Jr., manager of the dry goods department of the firm.

The fire, evidently caused by a short, destroyed the interior of the cab.

Miss Catherine Ragsdale, J. T. Caudle and Ed Shockley of Artesia and Miss Ruth Womack of Carlsbad visited Matrid, the Christmas city of New Mexico, over the week end.

## Vox Populi

Sometimes I wonder if the people of Artesia really appreciate what a Santa Claus the WPA has been to them.

Fortunately or unfortunately, the CWA and the ERA and later the WPA were born under a Democratic administration, and whether we like it or not, it is with us and bids fair to be with us for some time to come.

Back in 1931 and '32 we will all admit that conditions were not at their best, and that proverbial corner around which prosperity awaited with open arms did not "put a chicken in every pot," because pots were scarce and chickens were scarcer.

The government made several mistakes in 1933, '34, '35 and '36 and considerable time and money was spent for which no lasting benefits were secured, but out of those mistakes we made much progress and thousands of cities and towns have secured WPA projects that are an asset to the community as a whole, and Artesia has been right in the big middle of it all because she had some real public minded citizens who were not afraid to go to the bat and ask for and get the things that would be a benefit to Artesia and the entire community.

The city of Artesia could not have prevented the national Congress from enacting the WPA. So—as long as we had to contribute our share of the taxes, why not get our part of the money spent, we thought, and that is exactly what these men did.

Did it ever occur to you, Mr. Artesian, that these men put their time and quite a sum of money on the line out of their own pockets, and not one of them has been repaid?

Just how much time and money have you, Mr. Citizen, put up other than the taxes you have paid? There has been quite a lot of criticism, but not much has been constructive.

Not so very long ago, you will remember, we did not have so very many paved streets, and some are

not paved yet, but they are far better than they were in 1935, also, we did not have much curb and gutter, but we have quite a lot of it now and more to come, "Thanks to the WPA."

In the last two months there has been a great increase in the number of citizens visiting the new hospital and the new City Park, and they are showing a genuine interest in what the WPA and the city are doing for you and the generations to come.

Considering her size, Artesia has fared extremely well, and we say that she is fortunate in having within her borders men who were not afraid to go out after the things that would make Artesia a better place in which to live as a result of the WPA program.



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MERRY CHRISTMAS  
And a Very  
HAPPY  
NEW YEAR

We wish to express our thanks for the patronage given us during the last year and to solicit your continued good will throughout the coming year.

L. P. EVANS

TO EVERYONE:  
A Very Merry Christmas!



As Christmas draws near, it is only natural that our thoughts turn to those of you who have played such an indispensable part in our success. Our best way of wishing you a very merry Christmas and a prosperously happy New Year... is to assure you of continued high quality and courteous service throughout the coming year... and all the years to come.

SKILLET

## Merry Christmas



Happy New Year

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Many letters to Santa Claus found their way to The Advocate office. The majority are published today, just as they were written.

But an unlucky thirteen, insufficiently signed, had to be left out. The Advocate's staff, as Santa's helpers, could not guess who the boys and girls were, so Santa could not be expected to know, with all the work he has to do in the next several days. There are too many Marys and Anns and Johnnys for him to guess which one is writing.

Anything for publication in a newspaper should be fully signed, even straight news items, so it is known from what source they come. Otherwise the common practice is to ignore them and consign them to the waste basket.

Central School, Artesia, N. M., Dec. 17, 1938.

Dear Santa Claus:

I have been a nice girl and I want you to bring me a star checker board and a Sunday dress and a washing machine and a blackboard and an electric stove and that will be all.

Your friend,  
Ada Billingsley

Central School, Artesia, N. M., Dec. 17, 1938.

Dear Santa Claus:

I want a little doll, a little chair, a little table, a bicycle to ride to school and some books to go to school when it's cold. I want lots of things for my Christmas. I think this is all for this time. I don't know what I am going to send for Christmas the next December.

Your friend,  
Belva Gomez

Central School, Artesia, N. M., Dec. 17, 1938.

Dear Santa Claus:

I want a doll and some dishes for Christmas. My little sister wants a doll for Christmas, too. My big sister would like a sewing kit, and I would like to have some skates, too.

Your friend,  
Vertie Helvey

Central School, Artesia, N. M., Dec. 17, 1938.

Dear Santa Claus:

I wrote you a letter last Christmas telling you what I wanted. Now this Christmas I am going to tell you what I want. This is what I want. I want a Little Orphan Annie stove, a little ironing board, a pair of roller skates and a housecoat. Now remember, we don't have a chimney.

Your friend,  
Jean Noling

Central School, Artesia, N. M., Dec. 17, 1938.

Dear Santa Claus:

I have been a good girl. I do not want much for Christmas. I want a bicycle and a watch and a new stick game and a bathrobe.

Your friend,  
Rosemary Murphy

Central School, Artesia, N. M., Dec. 17, 1938.

Dear Santa Claus:

I want a doll and a pair of boots and I want a set of dishes. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Your friend,  
Mary Foster

Central School, Artesia, N. M., Dec. 17, 1938.

Dear Santa Claus:

I want a doll, table, skates and some house shoes. I have been a good girl all this year. I will hang my stocking by the fireplace. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Your friend,  
Marie Birchwell

Central School, Artesia, N. M., Dec. 17, 1938.

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a football valve, a Bingo game, a bicycle, a pair of boxing gloves and a punching bag. I hope you will bring me the toys.

Your friend,  
Eugene Batie

Central School, Artesia, N. M., Dec. 17, 1938.

Dear Santa Claus:

I want a blue bicycle and a set of dishes.

Your friend,  
Essie Hernandez

Central School, Artesia, N. M., Dec. 17, 1938.

Dear Santa Claus:

I want a machine gun, a pair of house shoes, and a bicycle. I have been a good boy.

Your friend,  
Joe De Voss

Central School, Artesia, N. M., Dec. 17, 1938.

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a football, Erector set and a punching bag. Please bring Betty a bicycle.

Yours truly,  
Jim Blue

Central School, Artesia, N. M., Dec. 17, 1938.

Dear Santa Claus:

I wish you would bring me a bicycle, a Chinese checker game and a bag of marbles.

Yours truly,  
Glen Rogers

Central School, Artesia, N. M., Dec. 17, 1938.

Dear Santa Claus:

I want a Betsy Wetsy doll and a doctoring set for Christmas. I would like a chalk set, too.

Yours truly,  
Shirley Sue Feather

Central School, Artesia, N. M., Dec. 17, 1938.

Dear Santa Claus:

I want a house coat and a pair of house shoes and I hope that you will be able to get them.

Your friend,  
Virginia Lee Stagmiller

Central School, Artesia, N. M., Dec. 17, 1938.

Dear Santa Claus:

I hope you will bring me a pair of gloves and a bag of marbles.

Yours truly,  
Milton Youtsey

Central School, Artesia, N. M., Dec. 17, 1938.

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a bicycle, a tennis set and a BB gun. Please bring me an Erector, a microscope and a Weeden steam engine.

James Melvin Henderson  
P. S.—Santa, I have been a bad boy at times, but hope you will forgive me and bring me these toys.

Central School, Artesia, N. M., Dec. 17, 1938.

Dear Santa Claus:

I want you to please bring me a bicycle, sewing machine, skates, doll and a bed for Christmas.

Yours truly,  
Doris Hall

Central School, Artesia, N. M., Dec. 17, 1938.

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a big doll. I want a table and chair. I would like to have a big ball.

Yours truly,  
Mary Lou Shafer

Central School, Artesia, N. M., Dec. 17, 1938.

Dear Santa:

Will you please send me a BB gun, archery set, football and the valve, ping-pong set, boxing gloves and a drum?

Yours truly,  
Niven Baird, Jr.

Central School, Artesia, N. M., Dec. 17, 1938.

Dear Santa Claus:

Will you please bring me some presents for Christmas? If you will I want a bicycle and a football for presents for me. I want you to bring these toys to me if you can and if you will.

Yours truly,  
Dick Collins

Central School, Artesia, N. M., Dec. 17, 1938.

Dear Santa:

Please bring me a bicycle, a football, a tennis set, and also a BB gun. I will be careful not to hurt anyone with them.

Yours truly,  
Billy Daniel

Central School, Artesia, N. M., Dec. 17, 1938.

Dear Santa:

Will you please bring me a cooking set and a set of dishes if you think I have been a good girl?

Nancy Hart

Central School, Artesia, N. M., Dec. 17, 1938.

Dear Saint Nicholas:

I want a doll, dy dress, coat, cap, shoes, socks and dresses for her too, please. I want a bicycle, little typewriter, Bingo and tennis.

Sincerely,  
Sue Ann Booker

Central School, Artesia, N. M., Dec. 17, 1938.

Dear Santa:

I want a wagon, a basket ball and a set of tools. I hope you aren't working too hard getting here, but I do want them.

Sincerely,  
John Berton Lanning

Central School, Artesia, N. M., Dec. 17, 1938.

Dear Santa Claus:

I want a big doll and I want some wedge heels and I want some roller skates and I want some house shoes and I want a bathrobe and I want a housecoat.

Your little friend,  
Betty Jo Hnulik

Central School, Artesia, N. M., Dec. 17, 1938.

Dear Santa:

I think I have been a good girl this year. Do please bring me a doll, sewing set and some more tops and games and please don't forget my little sister. Bring her some toys too.

Your little friends,  
B. LaVerne Grimlan  
Linorie Grimlan

Central School, Artesia, N. M., Dec. 17, 1938.

Dear Santa Claus:

I want you to bring me a blackboard and chalk, a doll bed and some fireworks. Do not bring them to the wrong place.

Love,  
June Roberts

Central School, Artesia, N. M., Dec. 17, 1938.

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little girl, not quite two years old. Please bring me a little tricycle, a rocking chair, a dollie and some candy. I have been good and I am waiting to see you for my first time.

Narberta Yeager

Central School, Artesia, N. M., Dec. 17, 1938.

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a doll and doll bed. I would like to have a doll house and a table and chairs. That's all 'till next Christmas.

Love,  
Nancy Jo Caraway

Central School, Artesia, N. M., Dec. 17, 1938.

Dear Santa Claus:

I have been getting along just fine in school. I have been a good girl, too. Will you please bring me a little sewing machine and a pair of skates?

Love,  
Betty Jean Boone

Central School, Artesia, N. M., Dec. 17, 1938.

Dear Santa Claus:

I would like to have some toys for Christmas please. I would like to have a bicycle, doll, typewriter and a pair of skates, please.

With love,  
Mary Frances Jenkins

Central School, Artesia, N. M., Dec. 17, 1938.

Dear Santa:

I have tried to be a good little girl. So please bring me an electric iron and ironing board and a paint set and a green ribbon.

From your little friend,  
Ruth Bailey

110 Richardson Street

Artesia, N. M., Dec. 17, 1938.

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little boy four years old. Please bring me a big red wagon, a train, a football, road grader and some candy and nuts.

Junior Golden

Artesia, N. M., Dec. 17, 1938.

Dear Santa:

Will you please bring me a bicycle and some candy and books and dy-dee doll? Please!

Lots of love,  
Betty Blue

Artesia, N. M., Dec. 17, 1938.

Dear Santa:

I want a doll and a suit case and some doll clothes.

Linda Clayton

Artesia, N. M., Dec. 17, 1938.

Dear Santa:

I am a boy, five years old. I am a good boy. Please bring me a tricycle and a tin wagon. Bring my little sister a doll and chair.

Your friend,  
Clarence Carrol Conner

Central School, Artesia, N. M., Dec. 17, 1938.

Dear Santa Claus:

I want a doll, a doll bed, some dishes, a table and some chairs.

Yours truly,  
Charline Ann Hall

Artesia, N. M., Dec. 17, 1938.

Dear Santa:

I haven't been a perfect boy this year, but as good as most boys. I would like for you to bring me a tricycle, some fireworks, fruits and candies, also some crayolas. I have a little brother. His name is Floyd Dean. He wants some boxing gloves and a little truck. Wishing you a Merry Christmas.

Your friend,  
Durrell Walden

Central School, Artesia, N. M., Dec. 17, 1938.

Dear Santa Claus:

I want a BB gun, a cowboy suit, a pair of guns and a little wagon.

Your friend,  
Manuel Sosa

Artesia, N. M., Dec. 17, 1938.

Dear Santa:

Please bring me a doll, pair of slippers, some candy and fruit. Remember all the little children who might not get many toys.

Your friend,  
Betty Brown

Central School, Artesia, N. M., Dec. 17, 1938.

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a sulky and a big baby doll. And I want a table and some chairs.

Yours truly,  
Margaret Sharp

Central School, Artesia, N. M., Dec. 17, 1938.

Dear Santa Claus:

I would like a football for Christmas. I would like the rest of the things surprises.

Yours truly,  
Fred Watson

Central School, Artesia, N. M., Dec. 17, 1938.

Dear Santa Claus:

Santa Claus, please bring me a play farm with horses and cows and sheep.

Yours truly,  
Charles Powell

Central School, Artesia, N. M., Dec. 17, 1938.

Dear Santa Claus:

I want a watch and a cowboy suit.

Your friend,  
Bennie Wilson

Central School, Artesia, N. M., Dec. 17, 1938.

Dear Santa Claus:

I want a Snow White doll for Christmas and a pair of skates, too. Mickey Mouse wrist watch and typewriter and sewing machine would be nice.

Your friend,  
Mary Grace Johnson

Central School, Artesia, N. M., Dec. 17, 1938.

Dear Santa Claus:

I want a little train.

Your friend,  
David Runyan

Central School, Artesia, N. M., Dec. 17, 1938.

Dear Santa Claus:

I want a printing set. I want

a typewriter. I want a football.

I will have a surprise for you.

Your friend,  
Archie Hollis



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You'll want Christmas atmosphere in your home, and you'll delight in spreading the holiday spirit among your friends. The simplest and finest way of promoting Yuletide atmosphere is with Christmas flowers. Our supply of poinsettia and clematis plants and other Christmas flowers will give you the Christmas idea.

**Poinsettias**  
Lovely, colorful, gay plants that are symbols of Christmas.

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But we thought we should use a mighty elegant illustration to show you the elegance of our Christmas wishes for you. And when we say "Merry Christmas to You"—we do mean you!

## NOBBY CLEANERS

Wishing All of Our Patrons  
A Very Merry Christmas  
and a  
Happy New Years

## ARTESIA AUTO CO.

# A MERRY CHRISTMAS

Mere words cannot begin to bring you the many good wishes which we hold for you and your family. As a small token of our high regard for your patronage and friendliness during the last year—and as a renewed pledge of the service which we constantly strive to render—may we take this occasion to send you our very best greetings for a Merry Christmas and

# A HAPPY NEW YEAR

## New Mexico Glycerin Co.

### WHAT'S WHAT In NEW MEXICO

News Briefs of the "Sunshine State." Gleaned from Many Sources

Republican state headquarters finished the recent campaign with a balance of \$40,399. According to the report of expenses filed with Secretary of State Elizabeth F. Gonzales by George Craig, party state chairman, and Al W. Kaune, Santa Fe, treasurer. Receipts are given as \$30,521 and disbursements as \$30,480, which total \$8,146 less than the expenditures reported by the Democratic state headquarters. The biggest contributors to the Republican cause were Cyrus McCormick, Albert Simms and Mrs. Ruth Hanna McCormick Simms, who gave \$5,000 each. Other big givers were Ernest Everly, Waite Phillips and New Mexico Liquor Distributors, \$1,000 each; E. C. Crampton, T. D. Burns, Pearce C. Rodey, Manuel Sanchez and Albert Mitchell, \$500 each. Manuel Sanchez is listed as giving another \$500 as "agent." The disbursements are classified as follows: Speakers and special workers, \$1,378.53; publicity, \$9,668.11; general headquarters expense, \$5,546.58; campaign expenses, \$150; women's organization, \$625; Young Republicans club, \$100; convention expenses, \$160; county organizations, \$12,552.31.

Funeral services were held Sunday at Roy for Frank A. Roy, who in 1902 founded the Northeast New Mexico town bearing his name. He died Saturday at the age of 74 years.

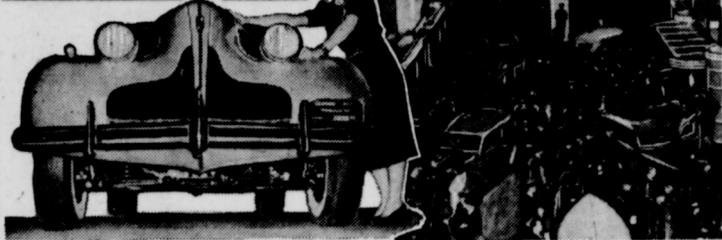
A two-point legislative program will be presented to the state legislature convening next month. R. J. Mullis, secretary of the New Mexico educational association said. One is revision of the school equalization law to maintain the state budget through a three-year county wide assessment. This would create a basic school allowance. Governor Tingley recently blamed a budget increase and a drop in tax collection as cause of a threatened school deficit. The other legislative objective is a teachers' retirement plan whereby teachers pay into retirement fund 4 per cent of their salary. Retirement eligibility age would be 60 years with payments based on years of service and salary.

Nine-year-old Danny Fentress of Portales sees upside-down and backwards—possessing the unusual faculty of being a "mirror reader." Dr. R. P. Kandle, district health officer, made the discovery last week after an examination prompted by the boy's apparent inability to read or associate letters in combinations, forming words. When writing, his teachers were surprised to learn, he always started at the right side of the page and wrote backwards. Dr. Kandle said correction might be obtained by treatment from eye specialists. His experience is one of looking constantly into a large mirror, a condition common to small babies in which everything is upside-down or backwards. With growth this condition usually corrects itself. Danny still writes his name, "Dan," as "Dna," but readily learns numbers and has a healthy, normal memory for oral instruction.

The board of directors of the Las Vegas State Asylum announced

### Motor Makers Optimistic As '39 Cars Find Favor

ZOOMING over the horizon in sleek new streamlines, the 1939 models of the nation's favorite automobiles are making their bows at the coast-to-coast series of automobile shows. Public reception at the National Show, in New York City, made manufacturers optimistic, caused them to predict greater sales, heavier employment.



NOT SO-MADDDING CROWDS. Young and old, the motor minded flock to the season's premier show, the automobile show, as this glimpse of a corner of the New York exhibit attests.



(Right) And here Society, in the person of Martha Stephenson, herself a 1938-model deb, revels in the smooth silkiness of the new breathing-back upholstery.

ALL PRESENT—Great and small, famous and insignificant, all put in an appearance at the mecca of motorists. Here, for example, is Mary Pickford at the wheel of a smart sports roadster.



While here Al Smith (left) and Charles M. Schwab, famous industrialist, try out one of the many new models.



MR. & MRS. & JR.—The whole family inspects with the deepest interest the displays set out for them by the motor industry, in this case a miniature loom that shows them just how the soft velvet for their new car's upholstery is woven. Yes sir, looks fine for '39!

noticed that bids would be called for Dec. 29 for the construction of five building additions approximating a total cost of \$275,000 subject to the approval of the State Board of Finance. Board Chairman H. A. Kiker said the board proposed to issue bonds for the project "since it doesn't seem that we'll get a PWA loan" and that he was trying to get the finance board to meet as soon as possible to consider the proposal.

Power of Zuni tribal gods was substantiated once again last Thursday night when a slow, steady rain and sleet fall marked the opening of this year's Shalako dance at the world's largest inhabited pueblo. Much needed moisture was one of the pleas made this year to the Shalako, as the time neared for their visit to the pueblo, basically to dedicate eight new houses added to the Indian village and to distribute other blessings to the tribe. Just before dawn the six Shalako gods, adorned in their tall, weird costumes, disappeared into the gray, fog-covered plains toward Thunder Mountain, from which they will not appear for another year.

Sheriff B. H. Mitchell of Raton has had this one framed: "Dear Friend: We, the undersigned pris-

oners, wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation for the fine Thanksgiving Day dinner that you gave us. Again thanks a lot to one of the whitest men we know." It was signed by every prisoner in the sheriff's jail.

New Mexico Military Institute cadets left Roswell on Christmas furlough, Friday, for their homes in 31 states. Most of the cadets from foreign countries will visit friends in the United States. The cadets are due back Jan. 9.

Colfax and San Juan Counties held the oil spotlight outside New Mexico's Southeastern oil fields last week with showings reported by two test wells, according to the State Oil Conservation Commission. Tex-Mex Oil Company reported a small oil showing at 790 feet on their location, 2-26-24, in Colfax County. In San Juan County a showing was reported at 717 feet in gray sand, at the George Goodrum location, 23-29-11.

Miss Pauline Clayton is here for the Christmas vacation with her mother, Mrs. Nora Clayton. She will return to Woodbury College in Los Angeles after the holidays.

Mrs. Margaret Threlkeld will spend Christmas with her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. George Threlkeld, in Roswell.

Gail Hamilton, who has been ill for five weeks and who was taken to the Veterans' Hospital in Albuquerque two weeks ago, is somewhat improved, but is not expected home for the holidays.

Miss Louise Hamilton of Roswell is expected Saturday for Christmas with Mrs. Gail Hamilton and children.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Bartlett of Los Angeles, Calif., arrived by train Wednesday night and will spend the Christmas holidays with their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Bartlett and children.

### "Promise Presents" by Luella B. Lyons

"NOT a cent to spare for gifts this year, Clara dear, I'm sorry," Mrs. Jordan told her daughter shortly before Christmas. "We can afford cards, though, so you figure up how many you have to send and I'll get them when I go to the store tomorrow."

No gifts, and yet there was money for greeting cards. Well, why not spring a surprise on all of them? Yes, that would work and it would be a grand surprise and yet heaps of fun, too.

"No, I don't want any greeting cards, mother, but if you'll just get me a dozen stamped envelopes instead, I'll be all set for Christmas."

"Well, I must say you take this like a good sport and you are easy to please, but you might let me in on this secret, child!"

"Nope, it wouldn't be a secret then," she sent back, smiling with her knowledge.

Granny Hitchcock, over on the corner, was the first always on her Christmas list. "My Christmas gift to you this year is—my promise to come to read to you once every week in the new year and I'll write our letters, too, on that same day each week." The envelope sealed completed the wrapping of that gift. The next on the list was the garage mechanic's wife.

"Dear Mrs. Simmons: My Christmas gift to you this year is my promise to stay with and keep Buddy after school, one day each month—the day the Mothers' club meets from 4:30 to 6:00. You won't



"Nope, it wouldn't be secret then," she sent back.

have to hire any one on those occasions."

There was a promise to Mina Hillman that Clara and some of her classmates would come down and recite their pieces and sing some of their songs.

"Other folks will be thanked just once during the year, but I'll be seeing folks smile and hear them saying 'thanks,' and know they really mean it, the whole year long. Money presents cheat the givers out of a lot of fun, that's sure," she reminisced.

To All Our Many Friends

Who have made this the best Christmas season we have enjoyed in Artesia.

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All of the new Elgins have a style and dash that sets them apart from other timepieces.

May we help you select your Elgin for Christmas—today?

Paula Ott's  
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SHOP at the SIGN of the WATCH  
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## MERRY CHRISTMAS

A good wish for you and your family in this merriest of seasons is the wish of

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And We Wish You a Happy New Year

A Little Time for

Ten More Years of Life?

You want to prolong your years of usefulness, and live to your fullest, don't you? Then take care of your health. The human body is a wonderful piece of mechanism and stands for a great deal of abuse and neglect, but how it does respond to fair treatment!

Have a regular yearly physical examination—follow out the Doctor's suggestions about diet, rest, exercise and any little necessary physical attention. This will take little of your time or money, but what a tremendous amount of new energy, new life—longer, fuller, and richer life good health in abundance can give you.

Take time to check up regularly.

Take time to care for your health.

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## AAA Program for Next Year Is Now Ready for Farmers

Offers Ruralists First Complete Test of Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938

Approval by the secretary of agriculture of detailed provisions of the 1939 Agricultural Conservation Program has been announced by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration. The 1939 program follows closely the program for 1938 and only those changes have been made which were necessary because of changed crop conditions of which experience with the 1938 program showed would simplify administration.

General outlines of the program were announced on Aug. 16, following a national conference in Washington of farmer-committeemen and other AAA field workers. Certain other phases of the program, such as the wheat acreage allotments, have also been announced previously.

The completed program is now ready to present to farmers, and meetings for this purpose are to be held throughout the country during the next few months in order that all farmers may have the necessary information well in advance of the 1939 crop planting season.

"The 1939 program offers farmers the first complete test of the farm program contemplated under the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938," Royce Banks, AAA state executive officer said. "In 1938 the program was not available until after all of the winter wheat crop had already been planted and farmers were ready to plant other crops. For 1939, farmers will know well ahead of time what the program offers them and they can make their plans accordingly. In 1938, even though they did not know their acreage allotments until late in the planting season, cotton, corn and tobacco farmers demonstrated that they could cooperate on a national scale to adjust their operations to the national and international situation facing their crops. Now, for 1939, it will be possible for all farmers to take full advantage of the national program."

Nationally, the program provides for encouraging soil conservation, for a level of agricultural production that will meet the country's domestic requirements and all possible export markets, and for adequate reserves. These national objectives are to be accomplished through national acreage goals and acreage allotments for individual crops or groups of crops, and by conserving the soil of the cropland not used for growing commercial crops.

Individual farmers will participate in the program through seeding crops within acreage allotments representing the farm's share of the national, state and county allotments, and through carrying out soil-building practices. For each farm a maximum payment will be computed, based upon the size and type of operation for the farm, and cooperating farmers who meet all requirements will earn these maximum payments. Where farmers seed more than their allotment, or carry out less than the maximum soil building practices for their farm, the payments which they can earn will be less than the maximum.

The 1939 program sets a national soil-depleting crop goal of between 270 and 285 million acres; provides for conservation payments to participating farmers on the basis of \$500,000,000 annual appropriation authorized in the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938; and provides for continuing the soil-building practices which have been an essential part of the AAA programs since 1936. In addition to the conservation payments, \$212,000,000 in price adjustment was authorized by the last congress to be paid to cotton, wheat, corn, tobacco and rice producers. These payments will be made only to farmers who seed

## Cottonwood Items (Orá Buck)

The Ladies Aid served lunch at the sale of K. A. Bivens Tuesday. Ira Tidwell of the mountains was a visitor here Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Welch and family of Lake Arthur were in Roswell Saturday.

The 4-H Club girls met at the home of Miss Mary Frances O'Bannon Monday afternoon.

A. E. Crain was a business visitor here from his home at Roswell Saturday.

An all-day singing convention has been planned for Jan. 8 at Cottonwood. Everyone is invited.

Mrs. Irene Sellars is here from her home in California visiting her mother, Mrs. M. Crook.

The small baby of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Mahand, who has pneumonia, is much better.

Mary Frances O'Bannon spent one night last week with Lois Howard.

The 4-H Club girls and boys will meet at the Cottonwood auditorium at 7 o'clock this evening.

Mrs. Noah Buck and son, Eugene, expect to leave today for Hot Springs, to spend Christmas with her mother, Mrs. Ella Avant.

A large number of folks from here and Lake Arthur were in Artesia Saturday Christmas shopping.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Mahand plan to move to a farm near Artesia, where they will farm next year.

Jim Elliott and J. R. Cline, who left Dec. 4 for Texas, where they attended to business, returned to their homes Sunday night.

Miss Rebecca Mosier expects to leave after Christmas for Lubbock, Tex., where she will take a beauty course.

There was a Christmas tree and a good program at the Cottonwood School auditorium Wednesday night of last week. A good sized crowd attended.

Among those from here who were in Roswell Friday were Mrs. Oscar Pearson, Clarence Pearson, Ralph Pearson and Roy Ingram.

Cooper and Ernest Molone, sons of Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Molone, who are away attending school, are expected home for the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. Jim Buck is expecting her sister, Mrs. Babe Wooten, and son, Pete, and her brother, Dave Hart, of Coleman, Tex., Saturday to spend the Christmas holidays.

The Cottonwood School basketball team played Lake Arthur there Friday afternoon and lost. In a return game here Monday night, Lake Arthur won 35 to 15.

Mrs. Roxie Rowels of Tularosa stopped over for a few days' visit with her sister, Mrs. Monroe Howard, and family while on her way to Texas, where she will visit relatives.

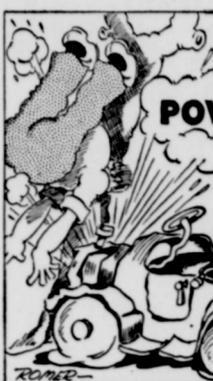
The Cottonwood store was entered and robbed of a large amount of merchandise Wednesday night of last week. Thieves have been working in this community for several weeks. A number of articles have been reported stolen.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Munson and children, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Anglen of Avis, visited Mr. Munson's mother, Mrs. C.

within their farm acreage allotments. For example, a farmer who overplants his farm wheat acreage allotment will not be eligible for any wheat adjustment payment. A range conservation program, similar in most respects to the one in effect in 1938, is a part of the general program.

In developing the 1939 program special attention has been given to the problems of small farmers and changes have been made which meet more closely the requirements of certain areas and producing groups, particularly the commercial vegetable producing areas. Several practices which have been tried out in experimental county programs during the last three years have been incorporated into the 1939 programs.

## THE ADVENTURES OF OZZIE



Munson, at Artesia and relatives of Mrs. Anglen on Cottonwood Wednesday of last week.

A cantata, "Chimes of the Holy Night," presented by members of the Lake Arthur and Hope Methodist churches, was given at Lake Arthur Sunday evening and at Hope last evening. Those of Lake Arthur who sang in the cantata were Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Elington, Emma Pearce, Redman Pate, the Rev. and Mrs. Jameson, A. D. Jameson and Mr. and Mrs. Webb.

Mrs. A. L. Bert and sons, Leon and Lyle, left Wednesday afternoon for Edina, Mo., to spend the Christmas holidays with their parents and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Ashby. They were accompanied by Miss Hilda Kletke and Miss Merrill Bradley, teachers

in Central School, who were going respectively to Alva, Okla., and Kirksville, Mo., to visit home folks.

Employees of the Artesia store of the J. C. Penney Company will share in a Christmas bonus which will be distributed to the more than 30,000 employees of the company. Those who have been in the company's employ a full year will receive two weeks' extra salary. Employees with less than a year to their credit will receive a bonus in proportion.

Miss Kitty Flint, who is attending college in Fort Worth, is expected home Friday for a holiday visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Irby and Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Morgan of

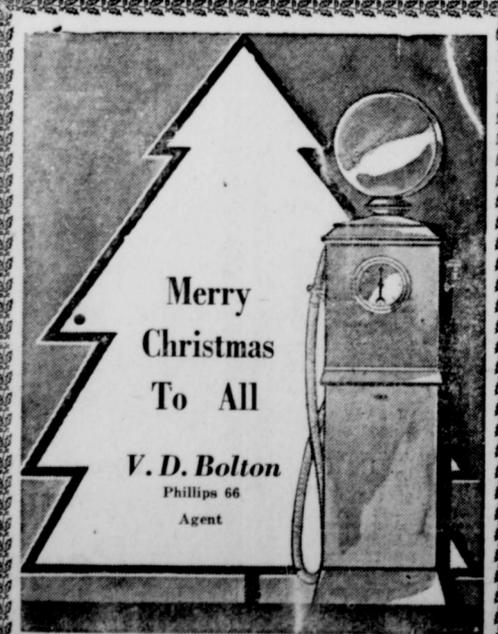
Carlsbad were guests at the E. B. Bullock home Sunday.

The Rev. and Mrs. J. Vernon Wheeler are expecting Mr. Wheeler's parents, the Rev. and Mrs. J. T. Wheeler, of Marion, Kan., for a holiday visit. The Rev. J. T. Wheeler is pastor of the First Christian Church in Marion. The visitors are expected the first of next week.



Let's wish together! Let's overlook our little complaints, and let's be thankful for what we have and for what we intend having. Let's wish for each other's joy in this great season . . . and hope for each other's happiness in the coming year. It's easier this way, and more enjoyable. All together, then! A brighter, happier year.

## ROSELAWN BARBER SHOP



## Holiday Greetings

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## A Yule Symbol

This brightly burning Christmas candle symbolizes the warmth in our hearts for the loyal customers who have made the past year so pleasant. To all of you, a right Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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