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Nine Oil Wells Are Completed In Eddy Fields

All But One Producers —County Has More Drilling Operations Than in History, With Seventy-One Rigs.

Although activities in the Southeast New Mexico oil fields have been at a minimum the last week because of holiday vacations and the customary shutting down of some companies, nine completions were reported by Eddy County operators, all but one of them producers.

Several other wells, which show indications they soon will be completed as producers, and two locations also were noted.

Reports Saturday were that Eddy County was leading New Mexico oil activities with seventy-one wells drilling, as compared with fifty-nine in Lea County. The number in Eddy was the most ever reported at any one time since the fields were first opened.

Me-Tex, Stroup & Yates probably showed the most successful week of any of the operators, with two completions in the Loco Hills, both making good producers.

One, the Miller No. 1, in SW NE section 5-18-29, is estimated to be a 400-barrel well and the other, the Yates No. 3 in NW SE of the same section, is making 200 barrels.

The Continental and S. P. Yates, Travis No. 2, in SW SE section 3-18-29, was completed for seventy-five barrels in eight hours through a 3/4-inch choke on tubing.

The State No. 0-16 of Continental Oil Company in NW NE section 16-18-29 was completed as gauging thirty-five barrels an hour.

Franklin Petroleum's Ballard No. 2-B, in SW NE section 1-18-29, another completed well, is good for seventy-five barrels an hour.

The Premier, Beeson No. 3-F, in SE SW section 31-17-30 was completed for 600 barrels a day.

Arsey & Company completed Creek No. 1 in NE NW section 23-18-30, for an estimated 300 barrels.

The Neil Wills, Keyes No. 1 well, in SE NW section 15-20-30, was completed as a producer and filled all available storage, 170 barrels, in twenty hours, when it was shut off.

The only non-producer was the Harvey, Sargent & Rutter, Nelson No. 1, in SW SW section 9-18-30, which might have made a two-barrel stripper well, natural, from a total depth of 3,140 feet. However, it is being plugged to abandon because of salt water.

The reported new locations, both in Loco Hills: Yates et al, Yates No. 4-A, NE SW section 6-18-30, building road and making location, and Franklin, Yates No. 5-A, SW SW section 6-18-30, building road to location.

Drilling reports of a few of the Loco Hills wells during the last week:

Bassett & Birney et al, State 3, NE SW 10-18-29; preparing to set casing at 2,520 feet.

Underwood & Sanders, Guy 1-NX, SW NE 9-18-29; started production string cementing at 2,300 feet.

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STATE MAGAZINE FEATURING MAPS

Readers of New Mexico Magazine will find its 1940 issues filled with maps of the Southwest, George Fitzpatrick editor, has announced.

"Since the opening of hostilities in Europe, Americans have become increasingly map conscious," said Fitzpatrick. "We are not, however, selling a war. We hope merely to help tourists and readers of the magazine find what they want to see in New Mexico."

The Magazine's map campaign began with the cover of the January issue—a colored map of points of scenic, recreational and historic interest in the state.

There remain only a few days—only until Monday, Jan. 1—to receive New Mexico Magazine free for a year with a year's subscription to The Advocate.



Baptist Church 'Student Night' To Be Observed

The annual "Student Night" of the First Baptist Church will be observed at 7:30 o'clock Sunday evening, with young people who are at home over the holidays in charge of the program. The program theme will be "Above All, Christ."

The choir will be composed of high school students and Miss Eunice Boetler will be pianist. Miss Lela Bess Mann will be chorister.

The program: Prelude, Miss Gertrude Vaught and Miss Eunice Boteler; congregational hymn, "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"; responsive reading, leader, Miss Maurine Everett, and congregational leader, Miss Madge Cabot; prayer.

Scripture, Col. 1:9-18 and Phil. 1:21, Miss Gertrude Vaught; congregational hymn, "True-Hearted Whole-Hearted"; offertory anthem, "Serve the Lord in Youth"; violin offertory, Miss Dorothy Gilmore; special music, Miss Lela Bess Mann.

"An Inventory of Modern Student Christianity," by three students: "Six Greatest Mistakes of Modern Christian Students," Miss Elizabeth Muncy; "Six Greatest Helps in Student Christian Living," Miss Dorothy Gilmore; "Survival Values of a Maximum Christian Student," Miss Beatrice Rogers.

"Survival Values of the Baptist Student Union," by the Rev. S. M. Morgan, pastor; closing prayer; postlude, "O, Zion Haste."

ADVOCATE OPERATOR GOES TO KINGFISHER

Bob Fulton, linotype operator on The Advocate the last three years, and Mrs. Fulton left Saturday for Kingfisher, Okla., where Mr. Fulton has been employed by The News.

Calvin Cloud of Kansas City, Mo., has taken his place on The Advocate. He and Mrs. Cloud and their two young daughters are living in the Pistole duplex on Dallas, from which Mr. and Mrs. Fulton moved.

Public Employees Must Pay Income Tax by New Law

The public salary tax act of 1939, now in effect, renders all employees of the state, counties, cities, towns and villages, including public school teachers, liable for filing federal income tax returns, the Department of Revenue advises.

All married couples whose combined net income is \$2,500 or more, and all single individuals with a net income of \$1,000 or more, are required to file returns.

Correspondence for additional information and requests for forms should be addressed to the Collector of Internal Revenue, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Federal income tax forms covering the calendar year 1939 or fiscal year beginning in 1939 and ending in 1940 will be available for release or distribution on Jan. 3, at the office of the collector.

Huddleston Is Injured in Car Accident Monday

Lewis Huddleston of Nobby Cleaners is a patient in a Carlsbad hospital, suffering from severe injuries sustained in an automobile accident about 1 o'clock Christmas morning four miles this side of Carlsbad, when the automobile in which he and a Mr. and Mrs. McGavoc skidded into an arroyo.

He was unconscious in the hospital until about noon yesterday, suffering from a brain concussion and other injuries. It was said he has a good chance to recover.

The other members of the party were shocked and bruised. They had been in Carlsbad and were returning to Artesia when the accident happened.

Carrier Service To Be Extended In Near Future

Extension of free letter carrier service in Artesia has been approved by the Post Office Department, but it will not go into effect until houses are numbered and mail boxes have been placed on houses on the streets to be included, Jesse L. Truett, postmaster, said this morning.

The service will be carried out by the two present letter carriers, whose routes will be changed to include the streets approved.

Truett said the approved streets are: All of South First to Centre Street, the south city limit; all of Tenth north to Chisholm; all of Richardson west to Twelfth; all of Twelfth south to Missouri; then all of Missouri from Twelfth east to Ninth and south on Ninth to Washington avenue.

The postmaster urged that all property owners and tenants see to it that their houses are numbered and provide themselves with regulation mail boxes so the service can begin in the near future. These are requirements of the Post Office Department and must be complied with before the service is extended, he said.

Miss Dooley Is Guest Singer At Rotary Meeting

Members of the Artesia Rotary Club were favored at the weekly luncheon-meeting Wednesday by a musical program in charge of Augusta Spratt, the club's pianist, who presented Miss Helen Dooley, guest singer.

Miss Dooley, who has a rich contralto voice, favored the club with three solos, "A Little Bit of Heaven," by Ernest R. Ball; "Smoke Gets in Your Eyes" from "Roberta," by Jerome Kern, and "Gian-nina Mia" from "The Firefly," by Friml.

The soloist likewise led the Rotarians in the singing of "Jingle Bells," by club members furnishing the sound effects on their water glasses.

In the absence from the city of both the president and vice president, W. E. Kerr, a past president, presided.

Kerr announced that the program next week will be by W. Leslie Martin on "Club Service."

Four-H Clubs Will Be Rewarded With Charters in State

Certain Standards Required—To Fill Recognized Need of Group

Four-H Club groups in New Mexico, if certain standards are met, will be awarded charters by the New Mexico Extension Service, prepared to fill a need for recognizing 4-H Club organizations that are doing good work and that deserve some means of showing what they have accomplished.

In the spring months, immediately after 4-H Club organization, club leaders will apply to county extension agents or to county 4-H Club councils for charters. Along with an application, a list of the members and their projects, a list of the officers and a copy of the yearly program will be submitted.

This will be considered by the county organization and if found satisfactory, recommendations will be made to the State Extension Service office that a charter be granted. If any club has a membership of at least five working on the same project, a local leader in charge of the club during the club year, a local club organization with necessary officers and with duties as prescribed in the club constitution and a definite program of work for the year, the charter will be granted.

Four-H woodcraft clubs in the various counties will be asked to frame these charters in order that they may be displayed in the club meeting room or school. The charter is good for four years of active club work and, at the end of each year, a seal will be granted to the club to be placed on the charter if the members have met certain other standards. The requirements for securing a seal are that there shall be at least six regular meetings of the club during the year; a local exhibit; a demonstration team to give at least one public demonstration; at least 75 per cent of the members complete their projects; an achievement day program; the adoption of a constitution; and the conducting of meetings according to parliamentary procedure.

Rabbits cause 30 per cent of all rodent damage to trees in parts of Kansas.

Perry Is Named Chairman FDR's Birthday Balls

Elmer Perry of Artesia, Eddy County chairman of Young Democratic Clubs, has been notified by Clyde Tingley, former governor of New Mexico and present mayor of Albuquerque, state chairman of the committee for the celebration of the president's birthday, of his appointment of county chairman for the county.

Perry will name local committee chairmen, who will work out suitable celebrations for the latter part of January in the different communities.

It is presumed there will be balls in celebration of the president's birthday in Artesia, Carlsbad and Hope, as in former years.

Proceeds from the various celebrations throughout the United States are used in fighting infantile paralysis, both in the home communities, which retain a percentage of the proceeds, and at Warm Springs (Ga.) Sanitarium.

MacKay Praises Artesia Schools Following Survey

A study of the Artesia school system just has been completed by Donald MacKay, president of Eastern New Mexico College, with the conclusion this little city has one of the finest and most advanced educational set-ups and personnel in the state.

After the survey, during which President MacKay made four talks to parents, teachers and high school students, with more than 400 persons attending one meeting, MacKay said that not only the philosophy, but the faculty, under W. E. Kerr, superintendent, was "very fine."

The work of evaluation will continue among the teachers of Artesia themselves, upon the bases laid down by President MacKay. The college president has made similar evaluations at Gallup and in Lincoln County, and has been asked this year to return to Gallup and also to make studies in other cities and counties of New Mexico.

Credit Groups in State Will Hear Annual Reports

Members of the five production credit associations in New Mexico will hear their officers report on the sixth year of progress of these cooperative credit agencies, when they gather at the 1940 annual stockholders' meetings to be held in January and February.

The schedule of the New Mexico meetings, as announced by the Production Credit Corporation of Wichita, the supervising agency for the production credit associations in the ninth farm credit district, is: Jan. 27, Clovis; Jan. 29, Roswell; Jan. 31, Las Cruces; Feb. 2, Albuquerque; Feb. 5, Springer.

In six years of operation, the five associations have made production loans amounting to approximately \$26,000,000 to farmers and ranchmen of the state. In the ninth farm credit district, including New Mexico, Oklahoma, Kansas and Colorado, the 41 production credit associations have extended short term credit totaling \$120,000,000. Growth in total volume of loans made by these units has been continuous from year to year since they were organized.

Business for the first 11 months of 1939 indicates that the total for the year will be considerably greater than for 1938.

Production credit associations are governed by local farmers and stockmen who know local credit needs and problems. Each member-borrower is a stockholder and has a voice in the association affairs. Features of the credit facilities offered by the associations that appeal to all farmers and stockmen, are that loans are made for the full season, on a budget basis, and funds drawn only as needed; the interest rate is low, and interest is charged on each dollar only for the actual number of days it is used by the member.

Registration Law Applies to City Elections, Ruling

The attorney general's office reaffirmed Friday its opinion that the state's new permanent registration law applies to municipal elections as well as to general and direct primary balloting.

In an opinion for David S. Bonem, Tucumcari city attorney, Fred J. Federici, assistant attorney general, also held:

That voters in a municipal election may register at any time up to the day of the election, but unless they registered within three days of the voting, their ballots may be counted only in case of a contest.

That the same precincts set up for general elections shall be used for municipal elections.

That in cases where a precinct outside a municipality, only residents registered within the municipality shall be allowed to vote in the municipal election.

Mrs. William Dawson, Former Artesian, Dies in The East

Mrs. William Dawson, mother of Mrs. A. B. Coll of Artesia, died in Amhurst, Mass., Saturday night. Mrs. Coll was with her mother at the time of her death, having gone east by plane about a week previous.

Mrs. Dawson was the wife of the Rev. William A. Dawson, who served as pastor of the first Christian Church here from 1910 to 1912. The Rev. Mr. Dawson died about four years ago.

Mrs. Dawson leaves four children, all of whom were with her at the time of her passing, Mrs. Ruth Morley of Amhurst, with whom she made her home; William Dawson of Jackson, Miss.; Russell Dawson of Jamestown, N. Y. and Mrs. Coll of Artesia.

Burial was made Tuesday at Amhurst.

Tom Hollis Is Fatally Injured As Trucks Hit

Artesia Man, 28, Dies on Sunday as Result of Smash-up on Felix Bridge, Hagerman, on Saturday.

A. J. (Tom) Hollis of Artesia, 28, was fatally injured in a traffic accident Saturday afternoon on the Rio Felix bridge north of Hagerman involving three trucks, one of which he was driving.

He died in Artesia Memorial Hospital at 8:51 o'clock Sunday morning from his injuries.

Pat Patterson of Roswell, another driver, was injured to a lesser degree and Don Davis, driver of a diesel tank truck from Phoenix, Ariz., escaped.

The three trucks, jammed together on the bridge over the Felix, stopped all traffic over Highway 283 for several hours as workmen untangled the wreckage. The heavy diesel driven by Davis was able to proceed under its own power, but the others were badly damaged. Members of the state police routed traffic by another route until the wreckage could be cleared.

Hollis, driver of an oil truck for H. E. Ansley of Artesia, was returning here with an empty truck and met the diesel which was heavily loaded, on the bridge, said to be wide enough for the two to have passed each other. It was reported that Patterson, also driving north, overtook the diesel and pulled around it, meeting the Ansley truck driven by Mr. Hollis.

Funeral services for Mr. Hollis were at the Presbyterian Church here at 2:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon by the Rev. Henry S. Stout, pastor. Burial was in Woodbine Cemetery.

There survive Mr. Hollis, his widow, a bride of only two months, the former Miss Marie Gestes; his mother, Mrs. K. A. Williams, Davis, Okla., and six brothers and two sisters: C. H., S. H. and Kenneth Hollis, Artesia; Richard, Haley and Edward Hollis, Davis, Okla., and Mrs. Chandler Wilcox and Mrs. Faxton Williams, Manitou, Okla.

Andrew Jefferson Hollis, a son of T. C. and Lura Poston Hollis, was born Aug. 12, 1911, at Vian, Okla.

Here for the services Tuesday were Mr. Hollis' mother and all of his brothers and sisters, except Haley and Edward Hollis, who could not come.

Hold First Worship At New Community Church at Smith

First services at the New Community Church at Smith, east of Artesia in the oil fields, were held Christmas Eve by the Rev. R. B. Sherman of Roswell, district missionary, who is to preach there once a month.

The church, which is to serve worshippers of all denominations, in a common place of worship, was organized by the Rev. Mr. Sherman.

The church, across the highway from the Smith postoffice, is 26x50 feet and is to be stuccoed as soon as the weather permits. It was built through donations and with the help of some donated labor.

Sunday school will be held there at 10 o'clock each Sunday morning.

POPULAR CONTEST REPEATED TODAY

In this issue of The Advocate, Artesia business firms again are offering in an annual contest prizes to be presented the first baby born in 1940, as well as for the first couple married in the New Year.

This is the fifth year this contest has been conducted, and it has proved quite popular in subsequent years.

All contestants must notify The Advocate office in order to compete and be eligible for prizes.

The rules are to be found along with the business firms' advertisements in a full page layout elsewhere in this issue.

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TELEPHONE 7

A VENERABLE GENTLEMAN AND FRIEND

F. A. Manda and the editor have stepped on each others toes, a little hard perhaps, but they are good friends and are not falling out over each other's public statements...

That venerable gentleman, Mr. Manda, is even more respected by us than before his open letter in last week's issue of The Advocate, which he handled in a manner showing neither anger nor enmity.

Only one thing will we mention in regard to our argument anent the airport and then we will let the matter drop.

In our editorial two weeks ago we said in effect that Mr. Manda has lots to learn yet, to which he replied in the columns of this newspaper last week, "That is probably true, but I will soon be on this earth eighty years, and I believe I have learned something."

It would be very unbecoming to have meant our original statement in the light in which it was interpreted, for Mr. Manda is nearly twice our age and we have plenty respect both for his age and his wisdom. We were referring to knowledge which only the airport committee has at this time, which as yet has not been released for publication and which will open not only Mr. Manda's eyes but the eyes of the general public within the near future.

THE PLEASURE WAS OURS, MR. WIMBERLY

One of the nicest things which has happened to us in a long time was an impromptu luncheon last Thursday noon for members of The Advocate force and their wives, given by J. E. Wimberly, publisher of The Dexter-Hagerman Messenger, which is printed in this shop.

Mr. Wimberly bought The Messenger Dec. 1 from The Advocate publisher and, after only three weeks of association with the personnel here, he said he was showing his appreciation for all of us here helping him keep busy and enjoy doing it after retiring as a rural letter carrier.

His sincerity and honesty in friendship were appreciated, and they likewise made us all feel as though after all we might not be such bad fellows, reports to the contrary notwithstanding.

TOO MANY PEDDLERS IN TOWN

It has been pointed out to us there are too many peddlers in Artesia. And come to think of it, that is so.

There are plenty of legitimate businesses in this city to take care of the wants of the people and peddlers, often selling inferior merchandise, have no place here.

Our informant said he counted ten in one day at his place of business. Then there must be even more sometimes in the residence sections.

Perhaps a prohibitive peddler license fee would help in this matter.

Better still, read the advertisements in The Advocate and realize that almost anything needed in the home may be purchased from the fellows who pay the taxes and support the schools.

BAND UNIFORMS DURING 1940

One of our aims during 1940 will be to try to help get new uniforms for the Artesia High School band.

We have talked about that before and intend to bring up the subject every little while until the boys and girls look as well on parade as do the bands of other schools in this section.

E. L. Harp, band director, says the organization should have at least thirty-six uniforms, but that forty-two would be better.

At a cost of \$30 to \$35 each, it seems some way or ways can be found to have the band well uniformed by next fall.

Let's all think about this a little and see what can be done about it—and then do it!

A WHITE CHRISTMAS

This section of New Mexico gets so little snow that the fall on Christmas Eve was welcomed by young and old alike.

There is nothing quite so pleasing as a white Christmas, whether it be in the North or the South.

We do not know whether it is from the carol, "Holy Night, Silent Night," or from the famous poem in which "The moon, on the breast of the new-fallen snow, Gave a lustre of mid-day to objects below," or from what it is that we always associate snow with Christmas, but it is rather universally considered an important thing that we have snow at that time.

It may be years before Artesia enjoys another white Christmas, but we can be thankful for the one just past.

BECAUSE OF THE HURRY AND FLURRY

As we are becoming noted for apologies, we wish to apologize for our feeble efforts last week. It had been our intention to do so, even before we realized our mania for righting wrongs was discovered, but now we are prompted even more so.

In the hurry and flurry of the week before Christmas and the limited time in which to put out the weekly sheet, it was necessary to pass up many persons and firms who might have wished to extend their Christmas greetings in the good pages of The Advocate.

But time waits for no man—nor for a newspaper deadline—so we just had to stop somewhere.

That, of course, is why we had to hold publication down to only twenty pages.

STREAMLINED? OH, MY GRACIOUS!

Good heavens, no! Just because we used a trick make-up for the first page last week in the Christmas number—which incidentally has received many compliments—some people thought we might be going streamline.

Perish the thought!

CHURCHES

ST. ANTHONY CATHOLIC CHURCH 504 North Ninth Street

Priest in charge, Rev. Fr. Brendon Weishaar. Masses: Sundays, 8 a. m. and 9:30 a. m. Study Club every Wednesday evening, 7:30 p. m. Rev. Brendon Weishaar, O.M.C.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Fourth at Grand

Church school, 9:45 a. m. Morning worship, 11 a. m. Vesper service, 5 p. m. Christian Endeavor, 6 p. m. To our visiting friends we extend a most cordial welcome. We are always delighted to have you worship with us.

At our vesper service we emphasize quiet organ music, choral and congregational singing and a brief vesper talk by the pastor. Henry S. Stout, Minister

ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH Corner Fourth and Chisholm

Sunday Services Sunday school, 10 a. m. Morning worship, 11 a. m. Children's church, 7:30 p. m. Mid-week services, Wednesday, 8 p. m. Young people's services, Friday, 8 p. m. Rev. Orel Boteler, Pastor

CHURCH OF CHRIST Seventh and Grand

Wednesday Ladies' Bible study, 9:30 a. m. Mid-week meeting, 7 p. m. Sunday Bible school for all ages, 10 a. m. Preaching, 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Lord's Supper, 11:50 a. m. Training classes, 6:30 p. m. Allen E. Johnson, Minister

SAINT PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Sunday services at Saint Paul's are held as follows: Church school every Sunday at 5 p. m.

Evensong and sermon, except first Sunday of month, 7:30 p. m. The Holy Communion first Sundays, 8 a. m.

Visitors are always welcome at Saint Paul's. The Rev. F. B. Howden, Rector

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday school at 9:45 o'clock each Sunday morning; classes for every age group. Morning worship at 11 o'clock; special music by the choir.

Young people's meeting at 6:30 o'clock Sunday evening. Evening worship, 7 o'clock each Sunday.

Visitors and friends of the church are always welcome. Newcomers are invited to visit our services and to make our church their church home while in the city. John S. Rice, Pastor

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Corner Grand and Roselawn

Sunday Services 9:30 a. m., Bible school 10:45 a. m., morning worship. 6:30 p. m., Baptist Training Union. 7:30 p. m., evening worship service. Wednesday 7 p. m., prayer service and Bible study. 7:45 p. m., teachers' and officers' meeting. Thursday W. M. U. meeting, 2:30 p. m. S. M. Morgan, Pastor

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE "The Church With a Burning Message" Fifth and Quay Streets

Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. Morning worship, 11 a. m. Young people, 6:30 p. m. Evening preaching, 7:30 p. m. Wednesday prayer meeting, 7 p. m. Go to church Sunday. We welcome you. Lee P. Phillips, Pastor

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SERVICES 613 West Main

Sunday services 11 a. m. Wednesday services at 7:30 p. m. "Christ Jesus" is the subject of the Lesson-Sermon which will be read in all Churches and Societies of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday, December 31.

The Golden Text is: "I am the light of the world; he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." (John 8:12).

Among the citations which comprise the lesson-sermon is the following from the Bible: "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." (John 14:6).

The lesson-sermon also includes the following passage from the Christian Science textbook: "The Master said, 'No man cometh unto the Father (the divine Principle of being) but by me, Christ, Life, Truth, Love; for Christ says, 'I am the way.'"

Fifteen Years Ago Today

(From The Advocate Files of Jan. 1, 1925)

Another store robbery occurred at Lakewood on the night of Dec. 30. The same store, the H. D. Cass Mercantile, which was robbed last October, again suffered a loss of approximately \$150.

Wild ducks are here by the thousands at present and hunters are bringing in quantities every day. One farmer reports that they ate twenty-five bushels of kaffir corn before breakfast the other day. The birds ought to be in good condition and most of them proved to be.

Last week T. E. Hinshaw was the lucky man in the hidden name contest. He informs us that nearly every person he met on the street informed him that his name was hidden in the ad of E. B. Bullock. The fact indicates in a measure how popular ad reading has become with readers of The Advocate.

Miss Katherine Clarke entertained a number of her friends at a dancing party at her home on South Roselawn Monday evening.

Dr. Stroup and sons, Clayton, Harold and Howard; Otis Brown, Newman Smith and Lloyd Atkeson made a sightseeing trip to the Carlsbad cavern last Friday.

Calvin Dunn received an ugly bruise on his foot this week when he accidentally struck it with a sledge hammer. The bruise necessitates the use of crutches.

J. M. Johnson announces himself as a candidate for constable.

Governor to Air Plans for '40 Over Hook-up Tonight

Gov. John E. Miles will deliver a fifteen minute speech over the entire radio network of the state from the executive mansion at 8:30 o'clock this evening to discuss the progress of state government during the first year of his administration and to touch briefly on plans for 1940.

"I believe," Gov. Miles said, in making the announcement, "that the people of the state should know what their government is doing for their general welfare, how funds are being raised and how state money is being spent."

The governor's talk will be broadcast over KOB and KGGM in Albuquerque, KVSF in Santa Fe, KLAH in Carlsbad, KWEW in Hobbs, KICA in Clovis, KGFL in Roswell and KAWM in Gallup.

Mrs. W. O. Robertson of Canon City, Colo., is a guest in the home of the Rev. and Mrs. J. Vernon Wheeler. Mrs. Robertson is the mother of Mrs. Wheeler and expects to spend several days in Artesia, after which she will visit other parts of the state.

ENGRAVING—THE ADVOCATE.

eth unto the Father (the divine Principle of being) but by me, Christ, Life, Truth, Love; for Christ says, 'I am the way.'"

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH Sixth and Quay "The Church With a Bell"

A New Year He came to my desk with quivering lip.

The lesson was done. "Have you a new leaf for me, dear Teacher?"

I have spoiled this one!" I took his leaf, all soiled and blotted.

And gave him a new one, all unspotted, Then into his tired heart I smiled: "Do better now, my child!"

I went to the throne with trembling heart, The year was done. "Have you a New Year for me, dear Master?"

I have spoiled this one!" He took my year, all soiled and blotted.

And gave me a new one, all unspotted, Then, into my tired heart He smiled: "Do better now, my Child!"—Selected. J. Vernon Wheller, Minister



The Rev. J. Vernon Wheeler, pastor of the First Christian Church, has announced a "Christ Centered Crusade" as "we follow the footprints of Christ," as depicted above. A special subject in the series, to be discussed Sunday, Jan. 7, will be announced next week.

The pastor said there will be a special "New Year's" service at 11 o'clock Sunday morning, Dec. 31. Bible school, under the leadership of C. O. Brown as superintendent, begins at 9:45 o'clock. There will be no evening service this Sunday night.

This Sunday, Dec. 31, there will be a basket dinner at noon at the church, which will be followed by annual meeting of the church.

Little Man in the War

By M. J. Cunningham

Score Board In our town they built a large billboard during the last war. They painted it white and they planted grass and flowers in front of it. And then, in blue letters, they put the names of all the men from our town who had gone to fight. Later, they put red stars in front of some of the names—each star was a wound. And before some of the names appeared a larger gold star.

I was a boy then—much too young to dream of growing up and helping to win the war. Everyday I ran down town to look at the sign and to see how many more red and gold stars there were on it. As time went on there were lots of stars—both red and gold—the boys from our town were in the Argonne. But I came to think that the sign would never be finished until there were stars before all the names. I would not have been able to explain my feelings about it—but it was not orderly, that random scattering of red and gold stars. And too, they were heroes, the men who had earned the stars—and a boy must always worship heroes. Perhaps I felt a little sorry for the nonentities who had no star—not even a red one.

Yet there were names of men on that sign who would never walk the streets of our town again, and there were arms of wives and sweethearts that would forever ache to embrace them, and there were mothers who wept for sons they would never see again. But I was a boy then and I never thought of these things. Some of our boys were dead, yes, I knew that—but I also knew that for every star on that sign there were ten Germans or a hundred, maybe a thousand dead because everybody knew that American doughboys killed many more Germans than the Germans could kill of them.

To some the sign was a grim, though graphic, account of the war, and it wrung many tears from the good folk of our town. But to me it was a score board for some sort of gigantic game.

Destiny and Donald McBain Some call it Providence; others, Fate. And some, in lighter moments say that all destiny is in the laps of the gods. The astrologers point to the heavens and say that future events are written in the stars. The palmist will stare at the spider web in your hand and read the course of your days.

And it is agreed by all of these that the event and incident of a man's death meet at a moment in the inevitable future—and in no way may he detour the path of his destiny, or delay the hour of his Fate.

In the preordination of Donald McBain, 21, of Edinburgh, it was written that he would die in the North Sea as the result of the sinking of a British Man o' War by a German submarine. And if the seers had read the tea leaves of Donald's English tea and foretold

this fate, he might have given the lie to them and to all other fortune tellers when he was transferred from the Courageous a few days before she sank with a loss of about 400 of her crew, while he was safe aboard a great impregnable vessel.

And they, in their time-old mysterious wisdom might have sadly answered, "The war is not yet over." But it is over for Donald McBain. Because Donald was transferred to the Royal Oak.

Paris Vignette The cobbler shut the door of his shop and tacked up a sign. Then he hurried off to join his regiment. Later, a one-legged man swung by between his crutches and stopped to look at the sign. The sign read, "Gone to the Frontier," and underneath those words the cobbler had added an optimistic note, "—Back Soon."

And the one-legged man, a veteran of the last Great War, sadly shook his head and swung away to find another cobbler. His one shoe was wearing out and he needed another boot. But it was too bad that Jean had gone. Jean was his friend, a lean, wiry little Frenchman with a biting tongue and a mind to say what he felt. Never would he forget the fine eloquent lashing the little fellow gave him when he complained about the way his shoe was always wearing out.

"Name of a dog, but I have never seen so ungrateful a man!" he had exclaimed. "With but one shoe to buy, one shoe to repair, one pair of laces to last twice as long—and he has the supreme courage to grumble about the wearing out of his boot. Ah, mon ami, have a care, or the Bon Dieu will give you something for your lamenting!" A fine fellow, that Jean, never a one to make a man feel sorry for himself that his leg is in the soil of a little hill two kilometers west of the Marne.

So the one-legged man was a little sad as he went off down the street. In the weeks to come, he would at times come swinging down the street of the cobbler's shop simply out of the long habit he had once formed of dropping by for a little chat with the cobbler—sometimes over a glass of red wine. Always he would stop, and propping himself between his crutches, stare long and hard at the cobbler's sign.

One day in October, when the wind carried a chill with it, and the one-legged man was bundled up in his old army great-coat he was astonished to see that the sign had gone from the cobbler's door—and he was even more amazed to see inside, the cobbler, himself, bent low over his bench. Almost he fell, in his hurry to get inside. The cobbler looked up and when he saw his friend, the one-legged man, a great broad grin stretched across his face and the one-legged man was warmed with it as no army coat could do.

"Ah, mon ami, you have won the war already, no," he asked slowly and with a question in his voice not asked in the words he said. The cobbler did not reply to the question. Instead he said, "So, you is my lucky friend, the man with one shoe. But not so lucky as me, my old one, still you have to come to me for one boot but I—I have no need to trouble myself at all with shoes for the feet I had."

There were ten births and eight deaths in December.

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WHAT'S WHAT —in— NEW MEXICO

News Briefs of the "Sunshine State," Gleaned from Many Sources

If testimonial advertising can "sell" tooth paste, shaving cream and beauty lotions, then it ought to be able to sell New Mexico, Director Joe Bursey of the State Tourist Bureau decided. As a result, the testimonial of Cartoonist Robert Ripley next year will shout from billboards that Carlsbad Caverns is at the top of the "Believe-it-or-Not's."

De Baca County brought its voters' registration totals up to date and advised Secretary of State Jesse Gonzales it had 1,033 Democrats, 272 Republicans and 290 others, compared with previous totals of 982, 252 and 246.

All capitol employees who have admitted they can carry a tune gathered on the lawn of the governor's mansion last Thursday night for carol singing.

Congressman J. J. Dempsey has agreed to seek federal money to erect a monument in Mesilla, commemorating the acceptance of the Gadsden Purchase there in 1853. Wallace Perry, president of the Dona Ana County Museum Society, said the congressman told him that a congressional appropriation probably would not be necessary. "I believe the National Park Service may be persuaded to set aside enough money for such a monument and to erect it," said Dempsey. Rep. Dempsey said he would take the monument proposal up on his return to Washington.

A total of 121,217 automobiles were registered in New Mexico during the first ten months of this year for an increase of 7.52 per cent over the comparable 1938 period, Revenue Commissioner J. A. Gallegos announced, adding it was the biggest registration gain of any state in the nation. The registration increase was coupled with a 6.15 per cent gain in gasoline consumption—from 65,896,231 gallons in the first ten months last year to 69,952,110 through October this year.

Thousands of pounds of grass seed harvested in Eastern New Mexico this fall are to be used to grow grass in the southern plains "dust bowl" and "tie down" the land against blowing winds. James A. Jackson, area conservationist of Soil Conservation Service, said the seed is being planted on eroded and blowing areas where a cover of crop stubble or weeds already has been obtained. Large quantities of blue grama and blue stem grass seed have been harvested in the Vaughn and Melrose sector of New Mexico, then sent to Amarillo, Tex., for threshing and cleaning.

The State Department of Public Welfare expects to appoint a merit system board "sometime after the first of the year," Mrs. Jennie Kirby, director, said. Mrs. Kirby said the merit system demanded by the social security laws has been approved in "principle" by the state welfare board, and that she was "not worried" about federal funds being cut off if the state merit system board is not appointed, approved by the social security board, and functioning by Jan. 1, 1940, deadline.

The federal statute demands a merit system of civil service for state agencies that administer federal funds for social security programs.

Biological Survey hunters killed 570 predatory animals in the state during November, according to the monthly report. The kill included 75 coyotes, 59 bobcats, 3 mountain lions, 15 porcupines, 18 miscellaneous.

A substantial increase in the feeding of lambs in New Mexico this fall was reported by the Agriculture Department. The Department also said the shipments of lambs into Corn Belt states from July through November were 7 per cent larger than the same time a year ago and the largest since 1934. In the 11 Western states, the department found, the number of sheep fed would be smaller than last season, but not so big a decrease as had been expected earlier.

Attorney General Filo Sedillo, holding unconstitutional a section of the 1939 election law providing for absentee ballots, said his opinion had no effect upon the rest of the statute. "My opinion pertains only to instruction No. 13 to election judges," he said. Sedillo held that the 1939 legislature, in including among instructions to election judges an order to accept absentee ballots, had ignored a 1936 State Supreme Court decision holding absentee ballots unconstitutional.

Additional funds totaling 325,000 have been allocated the state

National Youth Administration for use on out-of-school work projects, State Director H. Y. Atherton said. The new allocation increases to \$520,000 the amount allotted for the purpose during the present fiscal year. It will mean the employment of about 200 additional youths on existing projects, according to Atherton. Out-of-school projects employ youths not attending educational institutions. An example is the one maintained at the State Fair for improvement of the grounds.

Sam Cook, janitor of Roosevelt County courthouse, was arrested by Sheriff R. L. Hollis last week on a liquor law violation. Hollis said Cook was "bootlegging liquor from the basement boiler room of the courthouse," and that he was arrested with an alleged customer as they emerged from the basement. The sheriff said a small stock of liquor was discovered in the boiler room.

New Mexico oil operations outside the southeastern fields showed little activity last week, with the only production, a carbon dioxide gas flow in Colfax County, according to the state oil conservation commission's weekly scout report.

An anti-rustling organization was chartered by the state corporation commission last week. Named the National Anti-Theft Assn., the association's headquarters were named at Hobbs and its incorporators are all Lea County stockmen. Its purposes were officially stated as fraternal, non-profit and "for prevention of theft of domestic animals." Incorporators were Tom Lee, Carlton Clinton, N. C. Sweatt and C. D. Komagay.

Gov. John E. Miles' elk—the one he shot during the hunting season—grazed the tables of the needy. The governor left orders that it be divided among charitable organizations for Christmas dinners.

The lack of snow in Northern New Mexico this winter was viewed as a danger to next year's trout fishing. "Unless we get more snow, the trout streams will be periously low next spring," said State Game Warden Elliott Barker. "Mountain tops that are usually completely blanketed with snow at this time of year have only little snow spots here and there."

State Comptroller C. R. Sebastian praised the financial administration of "a majority" of New Mexico counties. Commenting on a recently released Eddy County audit, which showed extensive budget

State Sets High Safety Mark In Transportation Of Students

New Mexico has set a high safety mark in the transportation of school children.

A few more than 100 buses are in operation on the state's roads, transporting 26,000 pupils, but only three accidents happened in 1939, said Mrs. Grace J. Corrigan, state superintendent of public instruction. All three were of a minor nature. Not a single passenger was injured.

J. T. Reece, director of the transportation division of the State Department of Education, has won widespread recognition for his work in New Mexico.

His specifications for a small bus with a carrying capacity of less than twenty-four, have been adopted in practically all of the Rocky Mountain states. This bus was designed especially for mountain roads.

Specifications for the large buses had been adopted by the National Conference on School Bus Standards at Columbia University. New Mexico adheres to these. Buses of this type, however, were not fitted to New Mexico's needs in many instances, especially in the mountainous sections, so Reece worked out a standard for small buses. And other states similarly situated have been granted permission, upon their request, to make use of them.

Continual inspection of drivers and buses is being carried on. Reece has in his office in the capitol reports, made out on these forms, on every driver, his substitute and every piece of equipment. All the answers have to be right. Otherwise there would be a new driver, or the driver would have to get a new bus.

savings, the comptroller said: "Our counties are growing increasingly 'budget-minded' and a majority of them are in splendid financial shape."

The S. S. American, new luxury liner recently launched by the United States Steamship Lines, will not have to navigate the Rio Grande to get a look at New Mexico. Fremont Ellis, Santa Fe artist, has been selected as one of five muralists to decorate the new ship. His contribution will be a New Mexico landscape.

Practically all equipment now in use is of steel.

In the majority of counties bus driver organizations meet periodically, in conjunction with a safety council. This also was Reece's idea, said Mrs. Corrigan, and the plan has helped reduce the percentage of accidents.

Dr. M. S. S. Noble of Columbia University, who made a national survey of pupil transportation sponsored by the Rockefeller Foundation, ranked New Mexico third among all states in safety precautions. That was last year. Mrs. Corrigan believes a big improvement has been made since then.

While looking after the safety of the pupils, Reece also has been trying to cut transportation costs. He has done something in this direction but hopes to do more. Despite the high safety standards he insists upon, the per capita cost has reduced from \$37.13 to only 61 cents.

By permitting only a regularly approved driver to drive a bus, or his recognized substitute, Reece has made it possible to get fleet insurance at a reduced cost in this item.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Berry laid covers on Christmas Day for Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Roundtree of Little Rock, Ark.; Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Conner and family; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gant of Carlsbad, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Martin and family; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Dunn and family and Ned Martin.

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Recreation leaders' training schools were held in four districts of the state during the last month with 125 members of women's extension clubs, 4-H Club leaders and older club members from fifteen counties in attendance.

These schools were conducted by Miss Madeline Stevens of the National Recreation Association, in cooperation with the New Mexico Extension Service. The first of the schools was held in Espanola, the second in Socorro, the third in Alamogordo and the fourth and last in Tucuman. Assisting Miss Stevens at the Socorro and Alamogordo schools was Jack Knapp, dramatic specialist of the National Recreation Association.

The purpose of these schools is to promote recreational activities in the rural districts of New Mexi-

co. After attending a school, the delegates returned to their homes to assist in developing the recreation program in their communities.

During the schools, emphasis was placed on music and dramatics. In each school the delegates dramatized a simple one-act play. Musical games, folk dancing and singing were featured also. In addition, several social and active games were included in the program.

With the assistance which will be rendered by the 125 delegates who attended these schools, it is anticipated that the recreation program in New Mexico will be greatly improved during the coming year.

Paris, France, has more auto accidents than any other city in the world.

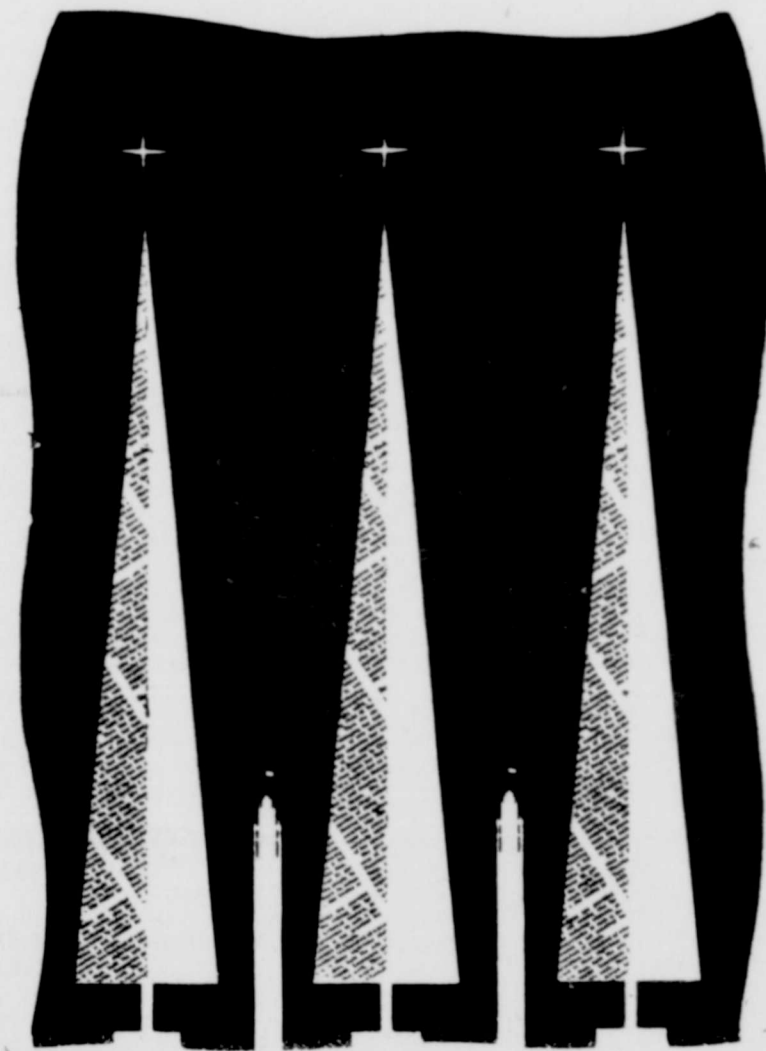
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Miss Elaine Feemster to Become Bride Benjamin Jarboe Friday

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The bride will wear an attractive street frock of night blue crepe, her accessories will be of harvest wine color and she will wear a shoulder corsage of harmonizing color.

Miss Feemster was born in Artesia and after graduating from high school she was employed in the office of the New Mexico Eastern Gas Company for 7 years. For the last 2 years Miss Feemster has been assistant manager of the Artesia Hotel. She expects to continue with her duties at the hotel until her position is filled.

Mr. Jarboe who came to the state from Oklahoma, is a son of J. W. Jarboe of Lenepah, Okla. He completed his education at the University of Kansas. Mr. Jarboe is field superintendent for the Me-Tex Supply Co. of Hobbs and drilling and supply superintendent for the Me-Tex, Stroup and Yates Oil Company of Artesia.

Plans do not include a honeymoon trip for the present time. The newly-weds will be at home in one of the Welch apartments above the postoffice.

ARTESIA WOMAN'S CLUB HAS HOLIDAY DANCE

A gay holiday dance given by the Artesia Woman's Club was enjoyed at the American Legion Hut Wednesday evening with about thirty couples present.

The beautiful decorations used for the Fun Lovers' Dance were intact for the occasion and several vocal numbers were rendered by Miss Helen Dooley. Music was furnished by the Knowles Orchestra.

OFFICERS OF MISSIONARY SOCIETY ARE INSTALLED

Officers for the coming year of the Methodist Missionary Society were installed when the society met at the home of Mrs. John S. Rice last Thursday afternoon for their Christmas party.

The officers included Mrs. Reed Brainard, who was re-elected president, and Mrs. E. B. Bullock, vice president; Mrs. Roger Durand, recording secretary; Mrs. G. E. Kaiser, corresponding secretary; Mrs. C. R. Baldwin, treasurer; Mrs. George Frisch, assistant treasurer; Mrs. Rice, secretary of the young woman's group; Mrs. Howard Giesler, superintendent of study; Mrs. J. H. Jones, superintendent of supplies; Mrs. Howard Stroup, superintendent of baby specials; Mrs. Pat Gormley, superintendent of Christian social relations; Mrs. Walter Solt, superintendent of local work; Mrs. Mary Macdonald and Mrs. J. H. Walker, superintendents of spiritual life groups; Mrs. A. P. Mahone, agent for "The World Outlook," and Mrs. Nell Feemster, superintendent of publicity.

A program on "Our Available Resources for Meeting the New Year Day" was in charge of Mrs. Walker. She was assisted in the discussion by Frisch and Mrs. C. D. Knight. Christmas carols were sung, after which gifts for the church kitchen were opened. A business meeting was held and the society was divided into two circles, leaders of which are Mrs. I. C. Dixon and Mrs. Dale Thomas.

Mmes. G. E. Kaiser, O. S. Matteson and Rice, co-hostesses, served light refreshments carried out in the Christmas motif to seventeen members.

MRS. ROBISON HOSTESS TO ACE HIGH BRIDGE

Members of the Ace High Bridge Club met at the home of Mrs. Carl Robison of Maljamar Wednesday of last week.

Christmas gifts were exchanged from a brilliantly lighted Yuletide tree and rounds of auction bridge were enjoyed with Mrs. Luke Taylor winning the high score, Mrs. Dick Hicks, second high, and Mrs. Dru Taylor, low.

The hostess served holiday refreshments to Mmes. Hicks, Luke Taylor, Dru Taylor, Kyle Taylor, Cecil Sweat, Cecil Holeman, J. Will Taylor, George Westall, Garel Westall, Dan Nancy, Ray Williams and J. B. Cooper.

Mr. and Mrs. Gail Hamilton and children laid covers on Christmas day for Mr. Hamilton's sisters, Misses Louise Hamilton and E. S. Hamilton of Roswell. Miss E. S. Hamilton recently came from San Francisco to live in Roswell with her sister.

Social Calendar

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FRIDAY

The 1937 Bridge Club, Mrs. Fay Hardeman, hostess, 1 o'clock luncheon, Artesia Hotel.

Viernes Bridge Club, Mrs. C. R. Vandagriff, hostess, 2 p. m.

Miercoles Bridge Club, Mrs. Lewis Story, hostess, 2 p. m.

Chatterbox Bridge Club, Mrs. Joe Greeno, hostess, 2 p. m.

TUESDAY

Hi-Lo Luncheon Club, Mrs. John Williams, hostess, 1 p. m.

First Afternoon Bridge, Mrs. Arba Green, hostess, 2 p. m.

WEDNESDAY

Artesia Woman's Club, club house, 2:30 p. m.

Pitch Club, Mr. and Mrs. Nevil Muncy, hosts, 6:30 p. m.

Artwood Pirates Bridge Club, Mrs. Bryan Shoemaker, hostess, 2 p. m.

Wednesday Night Bridge Club, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Vandagriff, hosts, 7 p. m.

THURSDAY (NEXT WEEK)

Methodists Missionary Society, at Church, 2:30 p. m.

Presbyterian Women's Association, at Church, 2:30 p. m.

ASSOCIATION MEETS AT TUTTLE HOME THURSDAY

The Presbyterian Women's Association met at the home of Mrs. Ruth Tuttle last Thursday for their Christmas party.

Mrs. Frank Smith, in charge of the program, used as her theme, "Weightier Matters of the Law." She was assisted by Mrs. B. G. Robinson and Mrs. Jesse L. Truett. Christmas carols were sung, after which the hostesses, Mrs. Tuttle and Mrs. Henry S. Stout, served light refreshments and Christmas favors were given to thirty members.

MRS. SIMER HOSTESS AT PARTY THURSDAY

Mrs. Will Simer was hostess when she entertained members of the Morning Glory Club with a Christmas party last Thursday.

Christmas gifts were exchanged and "mystery friends" were revealed, after which Miss Vernita Conley, of Carlsbad, county demonstration agent, demonstrated how to make small Santa Claus and some attractive and edible salads.

Those present were Miss Conley, a guest, and Mmes. W. J. Dixon, Will Simer, J. C. Stephens, M. J. Howard and I. C. Liebhart, and Mrs. Jack Morland and son, Billie, and Misses Vilma Bisbee and Millie.

ARE DINNER HOSTS ON TUESDAY EVENING

The Rev. and Mrs. S. M. Morgan were hosts Tuesday evening, when they presided at an informal turkey dinner, having as their guests officers of the different organizations of the Baptist Church.

Plans for the coming year were discussed. Covers were laid for Mrs. Fred Cole, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Mann, Walter Johnson, Louis Cole and T. F. Wilson and the hosts, Mr. and Mrs. Morgan.

AUTO EMPLOYEES ARE HONORED WITH DINNER

Jack Armstrong was host when he presided at a banquet at the Artesia Hotel Roof Garden Friday evening, complimenting the employees of the Artesia Auto Company.

Covers were laid for Jack Conner, Eugene Boans, W. G. Carter, Thomas Ditto, C. W. Edwards, Neil Jackson, Arvel Knox, R. M. Wooten, Frank Alaniz, J. L. Walker, Elzie Swift, John Conner, Bill Steiwig, E. W. Ditto, George Alaniz, Arlee Reno, Vernon Mitchell, Sanders Mills, Tommy Hopkins, Leon Barker, Herbert Mathis, F. C. Hart, Bobbie Bourland and the host, Mr. Armstrong.

ADVOCATE FORCE IS HONORED WITH DINNER

J. E. Wimberly, publisher of The Dexter-Hagerman Messenger, was host when he complimented The Advocate force and their wives with a four-course Christmas luncheon at Longacre's Cafe last Thursday noon.

Covers were laid for C. R. Blocker, publisher of The Artesia Advocate, and Mrs. Blocker, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Bert, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Fulton, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Duke, Mr. and Mrs. Garland Stuart, Miss Marbeth Jones and Calvin Cloud and the host, Mr. Wimberly.

Ed Wilson of Lubbock, Tex., is visiting home folks over the holiday season.

Western Girl Represents East



Miss Mary Louise Armstrong was chosen by the student body of New Mexico State College to represent Catholic University of Washington, D. C., as "Sun Princess" in the Sun Carnival in El Paso on New Year's Day.

President Hugh M. Milton received a telegram from Arthur J. Bergman, coach at Catholic University, asking that the student body select a Catholic girl from State College to represent them in the Sun Carnival. Coach Bergman

was formerly coach for State College in 1923.

Miss Armstrong is a sophomore, majoring in home economics and is from El Paso, where she attended El Paso High School before entering New Mexico State College. She is secretary-treasurer of the Student Commission and was formerly vice president of her freshman class. She is a member of Beta Nu chapter of Zeta Tau Alpha and is a member of the Pep Club. Miss Armstrong is five feet tall and is 19 years of age.

and coffee were served to the twenty-four members and guests present.

LEGION HUT SCENE OF FUN LOVERS' DANCE ON TUESDAY

A red and green theme in holiday decoration was used to form a colorful background Tuesday evening for a formal dance at which members of the Fun Lovers' Club were hostesses.

The gay affair was given at the American Legion hut, which was beautifully decorated with winter green and silver pine cones. Red and green tapers were placed on the wall and the lights were covered with red and green paper. Dancing was enjoyed between the hours of 8 o'clock and midnight and light refreshments were served in mid-evening.

Announcement of the pledging of Misses Barbara Wheatley, Janice Mann, Peggy Hamill, Betty Flint and Charlene Martin to the club were made. Hostesses for the evening were Misses Mary Baird, Edna Carder, Wanda Story, Jane Shugart, Catherine Louise Williams, Peggy Linell, Bettynele Lanning and Sybil Pior.

More than 100 guests were present.

BRIDGE CLUB HAS CHRISTMAS PARTY

All members were present for an all-day meeting of the Viernes Bridge Club, which met at the home of Mrs. Wallace Hastings Friday.

A covered dish luncheon was served buffet style from a long dining table, which had a Santa Claus with his reindeer as the attractive centerpiece. Christmas gifts were exchanged, after which rounds of contract were enjoyed. Mrs. Jack Clady held high score and Mrs. Joe Holyfield, second high, at the conclusion of the games.

Members present were Mmes. Clady, Holyfield, C. R. Vandagriff, A. G. Glasser, Boone Barnett, Andy Company and Wren Barker, and the hostess, Mrs. Hastings.

COTTONWOOD EXTENSION HAS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Mrs. Bob O'Bannon was hostess to the Cottonwood Community Extension Club Wednesday of last week.

Ted Best and Everett Dean O'Bannon gave several musical numbers on the Hawaiian guitar and violin, with Mrs. Best accompanying at the piano. Floyd Monroe Howard gave two readings, "Accordin' to Law" and "Follow the Star."

A large Christmas tree placed near the living room window was beautifully decorated and gifts were exchanged by members and guests.

Miss Vernita Conley, county home demonstration agent, gave an interesting demonstration of colorful salads and the making of a Santa Claus for Christmas tables. She also presented a beautiful charm string made of vegetables, cotton bolls and seed pods, painted in various colors.

It was decided to entertain the husbands and children with a covered dish supper and a social affair for the January meeting, to be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Howard at a date which will be announced later.

Delicious refreshments of chicken salad sandwiches, fruit salad topped with whipped cream, cake

PINOCHLE CLUB MEETS AT THE DUNN HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Dunn were hosts when they entertained members of the Pinochle Club at their home Friday evening.

A covered dish supper was served buffet style from a long dining table, which was beautifully decorated with lovely sweet peas in the center. Christmas decorations added the correct note of color to the room. At the close of the pinochle games Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Kiddy held the high score.

Present were Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Burks, substituting guests; Mr. and Mrs. Kiddy, Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Schulze, Mr. and Mrs. William Linell, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith and the hosts, Mr. and Mrs. Dunn.

MUNCYS ARE HOSTS AT A CHRISTMAS DINNER

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Muncy were hosts when they presided at a turkey dinner at their home Christmas Day.

Covers were laid for Mr. and Mrs. John Beckett of Los Angeles, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. Nevil Muncy and daughters, Miss Florine and Billy Jean; Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Muncy, Mr. and Mrs. George Williams, Hub Muncy and children, Ynova and Gail, and the hosts, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Muncy.

MRS. BARR ENTERTAINS J.U.G. BRIDGE CLUB

Members of the J. U. G. Bridge Club met at the home of Mrs. Ralph Barr Friday for their Christmas party.

Games of contract were enjoyed with Mrs. George Oliver winning the high score award and Mrs. Glenn Buford cut prize. The hostess served a delicious desert course from a long dining table decorated in the Christmas motif.

A large white taper in a colorful holder formed the centerpiece for the table. Members exchanged Christmas gifts from a brilliantly lighted Yuletide tree.

Present were Mrs. George Williams, a club guest, and Mmes. Oliver, Buford, W. L. Vandever, Frank Palmer, Neil Russel and William Gelwick, and the hostess, Mrs. Barr.

Mr. and Mrs. William Linell were hosts on Christmas day, having as their guests, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Gilbert, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Clady and son, Jackie; Mrs. Joe Jesse, Misses Delores Mayrhofer and Shirley Watson, and their children, Dorothy, Peggy and Albert.

Miss Annadele Williams, student of the Stephens College in Columbia, Mo., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Williams, and grandmother, Mrs. T. C. Woods, over the Christmas and New Year holidays. Guests in the Williams home for Christmas were Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Stromberg.

The Rev. John S. Rice family had as their dinner guests Tuesday evening Miss Helen Gates and Charles Mac Kneodler.

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WARRANTY DEEDS—
Clara Armstrong et al to Locke B. Foster, all Section 27-20-23, \$10 etc.

William Allen Smith et ux to Billie Clark, 515 acres out of E 1/2 SW 1/4, NE 1/4 Section 35-24-25, \$10 etc.

Carl Smith to L. T. Lewis et ux, S 1/2 SW 1/4, Sec. 19-23-28, \$10 etc.

Claude A. Reno et ux to R. C. Journey, Lot 9, Block 25, Artesia Imp. Co.'s Addition to Artesia, \$10 etc.

R. C. Journey et ux to Claude A. Reno, Lot 11, Block 4, Tyler Subdivision to Artesia, \$1,500.

Paul Blanchard et ux to Julian Woodhouse, Lots 10 and 12, Block B, Swigart Subdivision Carlsbad, \$10 etc.

Francis G. Tracy et ux to Ella M. Jones, Lot 3, Block 147, Lakeside Country Club Addn. to Carlsbad, \$10 etc.

Nora C. Wilson et vir to J. L. Younger, Lot 14, Block 4, Tyler Subdivision to Artesia, \$1 etc.

Charles T. Kuykendall to J. J. Schnoor, Lot 5, Block 43, Artesia Imp. Co.'s Addn. to Artesia, \$10 etc.

C. W. Bartlett to Carl W. Bartlett, Lots 9 and 11, Block 12, Clayton & Stegman Addn. to Artesia, \$1 etc.

S. C. Scarborough to A. L. Burke, part of lot 13, block C, Rio Vista Add. Carlsbad, \$10 etc.

Walter T. Amstutz et ux to W. T. Santo et ux, N 1/2 SW 1/4 SE 1/4, Section 21-17-26 and interest well etc., \$25.

Elberta J. Ogg et vir to C. L. Ogg, 50 x 140 feet SE corner blk. 32, Fairview Addition to Artesia, \$10 etc.

E. Barker to Earl Weldy, S. 35 feet lot 9 and S. 35 feet of West 60 feet lot 7, blk. 2, Greene's Highland Add. to Carlsbad, \$10 etc.

Pecos Irrigation Co. to Percy Thompson, lot 2, blk. 3 South Carlsbad Subdivision, \$85.

QUIT CLAIM DEEDS—

Carl Smith to L. T. Lewis, tracts 489, 490, 491, 502, 503, 504, 512 and 513, Sec. 30-23-28, \$10 etc.

Carl Smith to L. T. Lewis S 1/2 NE 1/4 Sec. 6-23-28, \$10 etc.

Mrs. Gertrude Gilliland et vir to Lanning farms, property known as Woods Farm, \$5,000.

George W. Lanning to Lanning Farms, property known as Woods Farm, \$5,000.

Melvin E. Lanning, Sr., et ux to Lanning Farms, property known as Woods Farm, \$5,000.

David M. Weems et ux to Chas. T. Kuykendall, lots 9 and 11, blk. 43, Artesia Imp. Co.'s Addn. to Artesia, \$10 etc.

Allen Tipton to May S. MacNaul et vir, N 1/2 SW 1/4 Sec. 25-22-27, \$1.

TAX DEEDS—

State Tax Commission to C. T. Kuykendall, lot 5, blk. 43, Artesia Imp. Co.'s Addn. to Artesia, \$52.94.

BILL OF SALE—

Loraine Jordan to L. E. Folkner, dwelling on lot 9, blk. 21, Morningside Addn. to Artesia.

Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Spratt had as their dinner guests Saturday evening Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Willey, Mr. and Mrs. Spratt and Mrs. F. P. Turner had as their guests on Sunday their brother and son, Dr. J. P. Turner, and Mrs. Turner and Mrs. F. P. Turner's brother, A. N. Spencer, all of Carrizozo.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Rowley and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Cranford and children spent Christmas with their sister, Mrs. Verne Brittan, and Mr. Brittan at their home near Carlsbad.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Huggins and their grandsons, Bill and Jimmy, of Santa Fe, were guests on Christmas in the home of their daughter, Mrs. D. A. Miller, Mr. Miller and children.

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LOCALS

Mrs. M. Murphy of Toas joined her husband here for the Christmas holidays.

Jimmy Haskins, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Haskins, spent the Christmas holidays in Midland, Tex.

Lorid Sharp, who is doing graduate work at West Texas Tech in Lubbock, is home for the holiday season.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ross returned Wednesday noon from a holiday visit with Mr. Ross' brother, J. C. Ross, and family at Clovis.

Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Ruppert and small daughter of Carlsbad were holiday guests of Mrs. Ruppert's grandmother, Mrs. A. C. Brown.

Clarence Kaiser, son of B. F. Kaiser, a student at the University of Oklahoma in Norman, is spending the holiday vacation with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Hunton of Clovis were guests in the home of their daughter, Mrs. C. C. Dannenbaum, and Mr. Dannenbaum, over the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ransbarger, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Walker and H. L. Davis were visitors over the week-end and Christmas in Santa Fe and Madrid.

C. T. Gaskin was called to Lubbock, Tex., Tuesday noon because of the illness of his father, 84 years old, who was to undergo an operation Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Lanning laid covers on Christmas Day for Mrs. Lanning's mother, Mrs. C. Bert Smith, and an uncle and aunt, Dr. and Mrs. C. E. Stevens of Baldwin, Kans.

Miss Elizabeth Muncy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. N. Muncy, a student and assistant teacher of literature at Baylor University in Waco, Tex., is home for the Christmas vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Leslie Martin and their small son, Marshall, and Mrs. Martin's mother, Mrs. Hiley Johnson, returned Tuesday from a Christmas holiday visit with Mr. Martin's parents in Abilene, Tex.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Shugart and family have visiting them this week Mrs. Shugart's mother, Mrs. Frank Middleton, and a sister and brother, Miss Mary and W. J. Middleton, of Marion, Ind.

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Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Kneodler and son spent the Christmas holidays in Blandville, Ill., with Mr. Kneodler's parents. Mrs. Kneodler's mother, Mrs. Anna Leaf, who had been visiting in the Kneodler home, returned to Illinois with them.

Miss Betty Jo Brainard, a student of State College at Las Cruces, and Miss Peggy Brainard, a student of the University of California at Berkeley, are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Reed Brainard, over the Christmas and New Year holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Reed Brainard and Misses Betty Jo and Peggy Brainard laid covers on Christmas Day for Mrs. Brainard's sister, Mrs. Harold Keinath, and Mr. Keinath and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brainard and Mrs. C. V. Brainard and Mrs. Brainard's father, Dave Runyan.

H. M. Kiesow, a former oil well driller in the Eddy County fields, and Mrs. Kiesow of Amisted, N. Mex., came Saturday to spend the holidays as guests of Mr. and Mrs. P. V. Morris. They intend to leave for their home next Saturday. Mr. Kiesow was employed when here by Flynn, Welch & Yates.

Dr. and Mrs. J. J. Clarke, Sr., Dr. and Mrs. John J. Clarke, Jr., Dr. Lawrence Clarke and Miss Katherine Clarke, a student at Loyola University at New Orleans, La., who is home for the Christmas holidays, drove to Madrid Tuesday to see the Christmas lights.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Chambers left Friday for Longbeach, Calif., accompanied by Mrs. Lowell Naylor, who will visit her mother and brother, Mrs. Effie Wingfield and Frank Winfield. Upon her return she will bring her small daughter, Nila, who has been with her grandmother. They are expected to return today or Friday.

Miss Mamie Bell Terry, a student at the University of Oklahoma at Norman, is visiting in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Terry, over the Christmas and New Year holidays.

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Hope Items (Marjorie Johnson)

Fred Hill of Artesia made an official visit to Hope Tuesday.

George Teel spent Christmas day at El Paso, where he visited his friends.

Mrs. Mary McDonald of Artesia spent Christmas here with relatives.

Mrs. Mattie Goodman and her son, Earnest Bunting, spent the early part of the week in Alamogordo where they visited friends.

Sydney McKenney of San Diego, Calif., is here spending the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Clem McKenney.

Hoyt Traylor of Junior College, Portales, is here spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Traylor.

Charley Fink left last Thursday for Los Angeles, where he will be until the first of the year visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Johnson of Las Cruces spent the week-end here with his mother, Mrs. Nora L. Johnson, and family.

"Uncle" Claberon Prude went to the Davis Mountains in Texas Saturday to spend Christmas with his brother, Andrew Prude.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Anderson and Jeanne Kimbrough spent the holidays in from their ranch with Mr. and Mrs. Wink Hardin.

Eunicell and Emilene Crockett, students at Normal University, Las Vegas, are here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Crockett, during the vacation.

Mrs. Ed Payne, Roy Payne and Mr. and Mrs. Ira Payne of Hot Springs visited here during the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Lee Payne.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Reneau and family of Hobart, Okla., arrived here Sunday to spend the holidays visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Lovejoy, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Horn and Mrs. Betty French of Santa Fe spent Christmas here with Mrs. French's daughter and Mrs. Horn's sister, Mrs. Aliene Scoggin.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Lovett arrived here several days ago to spend the holiday season here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Wathen.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Jones of Rosebud are here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wathen, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Jones.

Miss Martha Kletke accompanied her father, E. G. Kletke, and sister, Hilda Kletke, of Artesia, to Alta, Okla., where they are spending the holidays.

The Rev. and Mrs. Wayne Douglas of Loving, former residents here, spent Christmas Day here as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ches-Teague and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Hilton Cox and daughter, Dona Lynn, of Roswell, spent Christmas Day here with Mr. Cox' parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Cox, and family.

Mrs. Ida Prude came in from the Prude ranch Sunday and left for Hobbs where she is spending the holidays with her daughter, Mrs. Finn Watson, and family.

A three-inch snow which fell Christmas Eve surprised the Hope people Christmas morning, as it was the first time in several years they had enjoyed snow on this particular day of the year.

Mr. and Mrs. Lavern Wilburn and family went to Alamogordo Sunday and returned here Tuesday, after they had enjoyed Christmas with her father, Sam Buckner.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Wathen and daughter, Marie, and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Jones, who are here from Rosebud, and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Lovett, who are here from Selinas, Calif., spent Monday in Dexter with Mr. Lovett's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Salazar and son spent the week-end and Christmas Day at the Coffin ranch with Mrs. Salazar's mother, Mrs. Anna H. Coffin, and her brothers, Thomas and Paul. They returned to their home in Albuquerque Tuesday.

The Rev. and Mrs. Wayne Norris and children left Sunday for Mountainair where they spent Christmas with his parents. They continued their trip to Hot Springs Monday, where Mrs. Norris and the baby son remained for the child to take hot bath treatments.

Miss Maxine Bunting, who is attending a business college in Phoenix, Ariz., and who is spending the holidays in Artesia with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Bunting, has spent several days of this week here visiting Mrs. Jessie Buckner.

Simmie White of Wilmington, Calif., arrived here Saturday to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hilary White, Sr. They were joined Christmas Day by Mrs. Hal Hammill and Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Horner of Artesia.

Mr. and Mrs. Dee Swift spent Christmas Day in Portales, where they attended a Christmas dinner at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Harold Merhins. They accompanied their daughter, Mrs. Ed Bryant, and Mr. Bryant to Portales and returned with them Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bragg and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Marten and children of Hobbs spent the Christmas week-end here with Mr. and Mrs. Dick Carson and family. Mr. and Mrs. Bragg are the parents of Mrs. Carson and are former residents of Hope. They returned to Hobbs Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Cole entertained at their farm home Tuesday evening with a dinner and "forty-two" party. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Ed McAuliffe, Mr. and Mrs. George Teel, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cole, Mr. and Mrs. Hilton Cole, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Cole, LeRay Teel and D. W. Carson.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Autry and son, Larry Kent, who spent Christmas week-end in Clovis with her parents and the early part of the week in Albuquerque with his parents, plan to return the latter part of the week here in order that Mr. Autry may assist in completing the lunchroom which is being built at the schoolhouse.

Miss Betsy Parks of Holbrook, Ariz., is at the Parks ranch this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Parks. Mr. and Mrs. Robert White of Lubbock also are among the holiday visitors at the Parks ranch home, and Wayland Hodges of California is at the Parks ranch visiting his sister, Mrs. Robert Parks.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Keller entertained at their home Sunday with a turkey dinner, honoring a number of their friends in the community, Mrs. Aliene Scoggin, Mrs. Sam Lovejoy, Lewis Scoggin, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cole, Mr. and Mrs. John Ward and family; Robert and Elizabeth Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Jackson, Gene Kinder and members of the Keller family.

Elsie Dell and Lon Beckett of Canoga Park, Calif., stopped here for a short time Saturday to visit their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Dee Swift. They were returning to their home in California from Detroit, where they had been for a few days. Mr. and Mrs. Swift accompanied them on a hurried trip to Lower Penasco where they visited a cousin, Mrs. Edsel Runyan.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Parks entertained at their ranch home Saturday evening with a dinner and Christmas tree. The guest list included Mr. and Mrs. Sy Bunting, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Keys and Mr. and Mrs. Hal Hammill of Artesia, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. White of Lubbock, Miss Betsy Parks of Holbrook, Ariz., and Wayland Hodges of Long Beach, Calif.

Mrs. Nora L. Johnson entertained at her home Christmas Day with a dinner honoring her children and families, who had returned to spend Christmas with her. They were Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Atterbery and children, Dickie and Margaret, of Alamogordo, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Johnson of Las Cruces, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Dunne of Buckeye, Frances and Max Johnson of Carlsbad and Marjorie Johnson of Hope.

Members of the Order of the Eastern Star held their annual installation services at the chapter hall last Thursday evening with Mrs. E. C. Hawkins of Monument acting as retiring matron and a Mrs. Jacobs of Denver City installed as acting matron. Other officers installed were: Mrs. Frank Crockett, Elk, associate matron; Mrs. Carl Lewis, Artesia, conductress; Marjorie Johnson, associate conductress; Mrs. Bonnie Altman, secretary; Mrs. Don Riddle, treasurer; John Prude, patron, and Less Glascock, associate patron.

A few years ago, when Hope was a more prosperous little town than it happens to be today, farmers were making Hope history through the quality of a fine fruit crop produced here. Since the decrease of water, industrious farmers have had to turn to trade in order to keep up a market which would comply with weather conditions of this area. Again an industry is being developed for which Hope is being recognized.

More than 500 turkeys were sold in Hope and the Pecos Valley during the holidays. At the Bryant Williams farm more than 300 birds were dressed, wrapped in white celophane and tied with large red bows before they were sold. Twenty dollars worth of celophane was used to dress the turkeys from this farm. Until Hope again receives some permanent source of water, industrious farmers here will strive to retain a production which requires less water than a fruit and farm crop.

Odie Ludlow, school superintendent, remained here during the holidays to see that the room which is being arranged for hot lunch room is completed when school opens on Jan. 2. The northwest room of the large building, which formerly has been used as the school office, has been remodeled inside with partitions, kitchen cabinets and shelves. Hot lunches will be served to all of the children in school. Some of the commodities are being furnished through the government commodity office and parents are given the opportunity of donating cash or commodity offerings. No charges will be made for the hot lunches for the children. Menus for the meals will be sent here from the home economics department at State College, Las Cruces, and will be followed as nearly as the commodities on hand will allow.

In The WEEK'S NEWS



BAGS BUCK WITH BOW AND ARROW—L. M. Stamps, archery expert, with the four-point buck which he killed with bow and arrow on the newly provided archer's preserve on the slopes of the Cascades near New Winthrop, Wash. No fire arms are allowed on the preserve.



THOUSANDS TO GET JOBS—Domestic and foreign orders for airplanes have caused plane manufacturers in the United States to add many thousands of workers to their employment rolls. Pictured above are applicants at an Aircraft plant at Santa Monica, California.



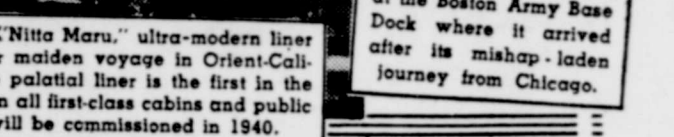
FETED at a reception given in his honor at New York. H. Fujiwara, right, Executive Director of Japan Tourist Bureau at Tokyo, is greeted by steamship line official. At the reception attended by transportation and travel officials, Mr. Fujiwara said that the year-long celebration in 1940 marking the 2,600th anniversary of Japan's founding will make Nippon the World's tourist Mecca.



PONDEROUS SNOW CRUISER—The 27 ton Snow Cruiser taken aboard the Byrd South Pole Expedition is shown at the Boston Army Base Dock where it arrived after its mishap-laden journey from Chicago.

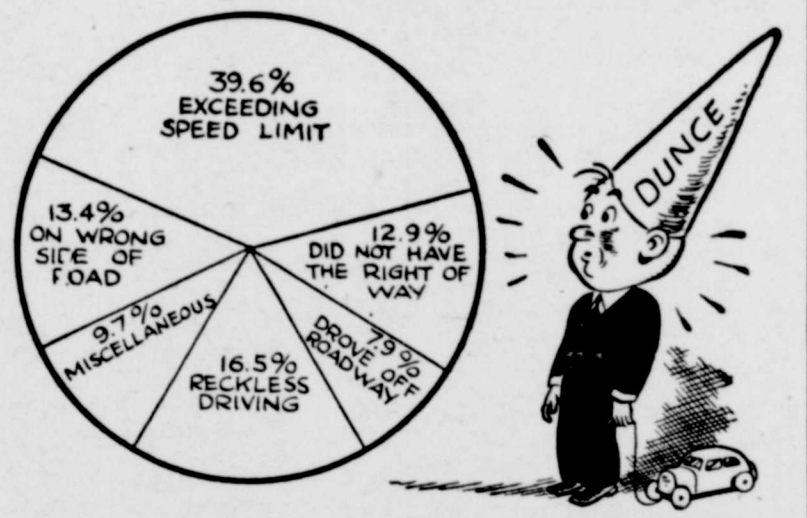


BABY THRIVING AFTER REMOVAL OF HEAD—Born with two heads, the tiny daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Emory Herron, Indian Springs, Tenn., is doing nicely after an operation by the attending physician who removed a rudimentary head from the base of the baby's skull, shortly after birth.



ARTIST'S CONCEPTION of "Nitta Maru," ultra-modern liner of N.Y.K. Line, to make her maiden voyage in Orient-California service in April. The palatial liner is the first in the world to be air-conditioned in all first-class cabins and public rooms. Two sisterships will be commissioned in 1940.

Exceeding Speed Limit Tops Traffic Violations



The percentage of fatal automobile accidents due to excessive speed increased again in 1938 according to an analysis released by The Travelers Insurance Company. Three years ago, in 1936, 32.6% of all persons killed as the result of some driver's lawlessness met death because of speed. In 1937 that percentage rose to 36.8%. Last year, 8,410, or 39.6% of the total of 32,000 persons who died in automobile accidents, were killed because of exceeding speed limits. Is experience the best teacher? If so, the lesson taught by the annually mounting total of deaths due to excessive speed is not being taken seriously by drivers. Millions of words are poured into type each year in an effort to stem the rising tide of fatalities due to the single factor of speed, but just as children will play with matches, so the automobile drivers of America continue to toy with speed, killing thousands annually. No one can regard with complacency last year's record of 32,000 killed and more than a million injured, or the fact that speed was the largest contributing factor to that disastrous record.

Cottonwood Items (Ora Buck)

Mr. and Mrs. John Havena of Lake Arthur were business visitors in Roswell one day last week. Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Coleman of the Cottonwood community were business visitors in Roswell Tuesday. Betty Funk, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kersey Funk of this community, has been on the sick list several days. Mr. and Mrs. John Buck and Mrs. Charles Buck of here were in Roswell Tuesday of last week. Charlie and Noah Buck sold their 80-acre tract of land west of Cottonwood School to T. L. Lewis of Roswell last week. Drs. H. A. Stroup and Wainright Miller of Artesia were on Cottonwood last Thursday hunting. Dr. and Mrs. O. E. Puckett of Carlsbad visited their daughter, Mrs. Ray Zumwalt and Mr. Zumwalt Friday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Larry Knoedler and little son and Mrs. Knoedler's mother, Mrs. Leaf, who were here visiting the last three months, left early last week for Mrs. Leaf's home in Illinois, where Mr. and Mrs. Knoedler spent the Christmas holidays with other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Cloves Taylor of Texas are here for the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Taylor and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Taylor. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dreanon of the Cottonwood community entertained their friends with a party and dance Saturday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Ray Sylvester and Joe Bill Funk of Las Cruces are here for the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Sylvester's and Joe Bill's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Funk, and their sister, Mrs. James Thigpen, and family of Artesia. Four feet of water was reported to have seeped into the trench silo of L. T. Lewis and Ed and J. L. Taylor of Cottonwood. Beautifully appointed was a holiday party given Wednesday night of last week for the Lake Arthur Junior High School children, with an exchange of gifts. Members of the Cottonwood Community Club enjoyed the annual Christmas party at the beautiful new home of Mrs. Everett O'Banion Wednesday of last week. Gifts were exchanged. Mr. and Mrs. John Buck and son, Ted, spent Christmas with Mrs. Buck's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Hobbs of Malagar. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Payne and daughter and son, Mary Dee and

Iva, of Ancho, N. Mexico; Mr. and Mrs. Ira Payne and their little son, Ira Verman, and Roy Payne of Hot Springs, N. Mex., Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Schares and daughter, Darline, of Jicarilla, N. Mex., and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Payne of Hope spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Buck.

Meditations Of Your Country Cousin

Why is it folks don't say much about parents disgracin' their kids? Got to show some judgment 'bout wishin' folks a successful New Year—bein's it's Leap Year! Always keep a diary in kin—if you don't you'll sure be tempt'ed 't change a lot of it later! It's th' feller that keeps his eye on th' post on th' other side of th' field that makes a straight line across it. Well, th' New Year is just such a field—'n' it's covered with glistenin' snow so th' path'll show mighty plain. If Santa came in a speedin' plane it's a sure sign that you're puttin' on years, 'cause if you're still a child he mused along with poky, overworked reindeer! Hennie 'lows she'd almost rather be lied to gracefully than to be given th' truth rough-shod. Havin' a soft heart don't necessarily mean you've got a soft head! Miss June Brookshire, a teacher in the Roswell schools, and her friend, Miss Helen Archer, a teacher at Las Cruces, were guests in the home of Miss Brookshire's sister, Mrs. Nevil Muncy, Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. John Beckett of Los Angeles, Calif., and Mr. Beckett's mother and sister, Mrs. Dan Beckett and Mrs. Walter Pellington, both of Jal, are guests in the Elzie Swift home this week. America's most prolific living inventor is Carleton Ellis, Montclair, N. J. At 63 he has received patents on 750 inventions, compared to 1099 for Edison. He is particularly outstanding for his patents on quick-drying paint. Mr. and Mrs. S. Bradley had visiting them over the Christmas holidays a daughter, Mrs. J. L. Wright, and Mr. Wright of Las Cruces and a son, H. J. Bradley, and Mrs. Bradley of Carlsbad, and a granddaughter, Mrs. H. P. Dermody, and Mr. Dermody, also of Las Cruces. Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Chipman of Monahans also visited in the Bradley home Sunday evening.

WORLD NEWS BRIEF FORM

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

At Adelphia, N. J., the sneeze Frank Cook turned loose while putting fuel in a stove cost him plenty. His teeth popped into the fire and were destroyed. Carl R. Eggenberger said his wife and her mother ganged up on him and made him a "household drudge." He told Judge W. Heber Dithrich of Pittsburgh that, one day in the laundry, his wife "had a pole and her mother a knife, as they compelled him to mop the floor." Once, he added, his wife cut him with a pair of scissors and at another time hit him on the forehead with a whetstone. Eggenberger wanted a divorce. Judge Dithrich said okay.

Add to candidates for title "Meanest Thief" the burglar who stole supplies from Tucumcari's Santa Claus shop, where Jack Kirkpatrick mends toys for Christmas distribution to poor children.

Mr. and Mrs. Harley Brown waited five hours within a few feet of each other to keep their Christmas shopping date, then finally got together, 200 miles apart, by telephone. They drove to Kansas City from Fort Scott, Kas., and agreed to meet at a department store. Mrs. Brown thought he said "Mezzanine floor"; he thought she said "Front door." Faithfully each waited until the store closed for the night. Then Brown, worried because his wife was wearing \$1,500 in jewels, notified police. Meanwhile, Mrs. Brown had gone home by train. On a long chance, she telephoned a hotel where Brown sometimes stays. She found him there, overjoyed to hear her voice.

Henry W. Nichols, curator of the Field Museum, Chicago, found some sands of rare geological value in Northern Illinois and sent them to Andre Cailleux, an outstanding authority. Back came the reply: "Thank you heartily for your samples. I shall study them after the victory. I am now a lieutenant of artillery in the French army."

More than 58,000 home owners who were in financial distress a few years ago when the Home Owners' Loan Corporation was set up to assist them have now paid off their loans in full, although they might have had an average of eleven years to pay this indebtedness.

Here's "the little man who wasn't there." Pittsburgh jury acquitted John D. Biddle, 36, of drunken driving, but he went to jail just the same. Judge Thomas Crichton gave him a five-day sentence for not being in court to hear the verdict and also ordered him to pay 80 per cent of the trial cost.

Mrs. Stella M. Farina of Hudson, Mass., weight 100 pounds, told Probate Judge Arthur E. Beance that her husband, weight 250, knocked her unconscious during their honeymoon and later sent her a photo of herself from which he had cut her eyes and ears. She got her divorce.

Two packages have just come to the Alamo in San Antonio, Tex., for David Crockett. Crockett, bear hunter and Tennessee congressman, died a hero in the Alamo in 1836. Postmaster Dan Quill said the packages were mailed recently from an Indianapolis publishing house.

Borrowers from the Home Owners' Loan Corporation have saved up to date \$300,000,000 on interest alone, that amount representing the difference between the HOLC rate and the one they previously paid on their mortgages.

According to an announcement just made by the Department of Agriculture farmers in the United States received an estimated cash income of \$6,335,000,000 from marketings and government subsidies in the first ten months of this year. Their comparable income last year was reported as \$6,193,000,000. The income in October was put at \$894,000,000 against \$836,000,000 in the same month last year. Government benefit payments were \$82,900,000 against \$82,000,000.

Reports made to the Rural Electrification Administration show that in the last three weeks for which figures are available 8,402 miles of power lines have been completed, an average of about 560 miles a working day. More than 300,000 farm families and other users are now receiving service from REA financed lines and a total of 400,000 is indicated by the end of the calendar year.

At Richmond, Va., Sparky, a cocker spaniel, got a mighty expensive drink of water from his master, Thomas J. Hounihan. Mrs. Hounihan, occupied with baking, put her diamond ring and wedding band into a glass. Hounihan came in and gave the pup water from the glass. Something clinked against the pup's teeth. A veterinarian X-rayed Sparky, spotted the rings and recovered them. Sparky was none the worse for it all.

Proprietors of the general store at Cranley Station, Conn., left their safe open and put a "Safe Unlocked" sign on it. Nevertheless, somebody broke in, took a quantity of tools and stamped envelopes, battered the dial from the safe and slammed the door. Now nobody can open it.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Johnson of Groom, Tex., and Mr. and Mrs. Buford Chunn of White Deer, Tex., were guests in the George Frisch and Wallace Hastings homes over the Christmas holidays. Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Chunn and Mrs. Hastings are daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Frisch.

Social Security forms and systems—The Advocate.

WEEKLY JINGLE

Old Father Time, the resper, Has just a few days more To finish up his business Before the year is o'er. It's time for resolutions And before they are all made, Resolve that the Star Grocery Store Is the place that you will trade.

Happy New Year



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"At the Balalaika" "The Magic Of Your Love"
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...many more great songs of love and action!

NEW YEAR'S EVE FROLIC SUNDAY NITE, DEC. 31--10:30

Little Known Facts and Sidelights on Oil Industry

Fuel for Flying—
Four new refining processes designed especially to produce the 100-octane aviation gasoline which is making possible the recent tremendous strides in commercial and governmental aviation have been announced by petroleum scientists. These new methods, plus a number of previously-developed thermal catalytic, and chemical processes, will give the United States potential productive capacity of 6,000,000,000 gallons of super aviation gasoline a year, 60 times the present annual consumption of all aviation fuels. This year about 20,000,000 of the 100,000,000 gallons of aviation fuel used is super 100-octane fuel. Ten years ago one gallon in the laboratory cost \$1.30.

Much of the future progress in aviation, technologists believe, depends upon the development of engines capable of most efficient use of the high-octane gasolines. Constant increase in the octane rating, or anti-knock value, of gasoline has brought about a steady rise in the load-carrying capacity of airplanes and an increase in cruising and climbing speeds. The effect is to raise the altitudes at which they perform most efficiently and to shorten the take-off run required for safe operation.

More powerful fuels have made possible the use of lighter weight engines. It is believed that the aviation engine designed for consumption of 100-octane gasoline will surpass the high-speed diesel engine in all-around performance.

It is believed also that the availability of the new fuels in such large quantities will serve to increase the power and efficient performance of tomorrow's motor car powered with an engine designed to consume 100-octane fuel. Premium gasolines used in today's motor vehicles average about 79 octane.

First of the new processes is thermal alkylation which makes neohexane, a new member of the 100-octane fuel group. It is produced under pressures as high as 5,000 pounds to the square inch and at temperatures of about 950 degrees.

A second process, sulfuric acid alkylation, uses sulfuric acid as a catalyst to speed chemical reactions and transforms lighter hydrocarbons and olefins into large quantities of blending stocks for 100-octane gasoline. These alkylation processes cause the union of paraffinic hydrocarbon compounds with olefinic types. Other recently-announced processes for the production of aviation gasoline are catalytic reforming and catalytic dehydrogenation.

"Safe as a Truck Driver"
If you're going to drive your

Reduced Rate on Cotton Explained By AAA Assistant

Made in Accordance With Formula Outlined in 1938 Act

A statement issued by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration in regard to the 1940 conservation payment for cotton is made public by Royce Banks, state administrative assistant for the AAA.

The recently announced reduction in the conservation payment for cotton from 1.8 to 1.6 cents a pound under the 1940 AAA program was made in accordance with a formula outlined in the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938. Principal factors affecting the change in rate are the increase in the official normal yield of cotton from 215 to 230 pounds an acre and a higher estimated participation for 1940 compared with the estimated participation at the beginning of the 1939 program. Banks, quoting the statement issued by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, said:

"Because of the slightly larger adjustment required by other crops, the proportion of the funds available for cotton is 23.5 per cent in 1940 as compared with 23.9 per cent in 1939. This change in the distribution of funds and the

higher cotton yields resulted in the reduction of the cotton payment from 1.8 cents per pound in 1939 to 1.6 cents in 1940.

"This rate is applied to the normal cotton yield which was estimated at 230 pounds per acre when the 1940 rate was determined, compared with an estimate of 215 pounds for 1939. In each of the last two years, the proportion of cotton producers participating in this program has been larger than estimated at the beginning of the year when the rates were determined. This has resulted in payments to cotton producers larger than those estimated at the beginning of each year. Participation for 1940 is estimated at 95 per cent which is considerably higher than the estimated participation on which the 1939 rate was based."

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Glasser laid covers on Christmas Day for Mr. and Mrs. Boone Barnett and daughters, Billy Sue and Betty, and Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Robinson and daughter, Patricia, and Mrs. Milton Foran, mother of Mrs. Robinson.

Mr. and Mrs. Gail Manda of San Bernardino, Calif., arrived Sunday for a holiday visit with Mr. Manda's father, F. A. Manda, and a brother, Carl Manda, and family. They were guests Christmas Day in the Carl Manda home.

The farmer depends on milk for 18 per cent of his income. Industry can now turn extra milk into wool, glue, pens, combs, buttons and hundreds of other products.

Santa Fe Pecos Superintendent Smyer Retires

The retirement of C. E. Smyer, superintendent of the Pecos division of Santa Fe Western lines, which serves Artesia and the Pecos Valley, after fifty-two years of railroadng, and the appointment of J. E. Lester, as successor, was announced by J. A. Gillies, general manager. The changes are effective Jan. 1.

In making public the retirement, General Manager Gillies declared that Smyer's "long record of service stood for itself and that all regret his leaving the railway."

Smyer, one of the best known railway officials in the Southwest, began railroadng with the Southern Railway, in 1887. Subsequently he worked on other roads in the South and prior to entering Santa Fe service in 1894 he worked in Mexico. His first job of his forty-five years of Santa Fe employment was as brakeman at Raton. Later he became a conductor on the New Mexico division and passenger conductor of the Missouri division. He became trainmaster of the plains division, headquarters in Amarillo, in 1908 and later trainmaster of the Western division.

He attained superintendency of the Pecos division, with headquarters in Clovis, in 1918, was transferred as superintendent of the Colorado division in 1930, but returned to the Pecos division in 1932.

Army's 'West Point Of Air' Will Enlist Many Flying Cadets

A total of 1,200 young men between the ages of 20 and 26 will be appointed as flying cadets in the army's "West Point of the Air," according to an announcement from Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Tex.

New classes are scheduled to enter training in February, March and April of 1940 at nine civilian schools which have been selected by the War Department to instruct flying cadets in the primary phase of flying. It is estimated that approximately 400 qualified applicants will be appointed for each new class.

To be eligible, applicants must be unmarried male citizens of the United States between the ages of 20 and 26 inclusive, who have satisfactorily completed two or more years of college work or are able to pass a written educational examination in lieu thereof. Physical requirements are also particularly exacting, due to the nature of the training that will be given.

The total valuation of all the automobiles produced in 1900 was less than \$5,000,000. The industry now can produce equivalent value in 15 hours.

NOTICE OF ELECTION OF DIRECTORS FOR DISTRICTS NOS. 1 AND 4 OF THE PECOS VALLEY ARTESIAN CONSERVANCY DISTRICT.

WHEREAS, it is provided by Section 5 of the Election Code of the Pecos Valley Artesian Conservancy District that the Board of Directors thereof shall publish notice of the time and place of holding an election for Directors of the Pecos Valley Artesian Conservancy District.

NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned members of the Board of Directors of the Pecos Valley Artesian Conservancy District, do hereby proclaim and give notice that an election will be held in Director's Districts Nos. 1 and 4 for the purpose of electing Directors in each of said Districts.

The time, place, election officials and manner of holding said election, and the rules and conduct thereof, shall be as follows:
Time: January 13, 1940.
Hours of Voting: 8 o'clock, A. M. to 6 o'clock, P. M.
Polls or Location of Ballot Boxes:
District No. 1:
Office of the Artesian Well Supervisor, Court House, Roswell, New Mexico.
District No. 4:
Office of E. C. Jackson, Main Street, LaRe Arthur, New Mexico.
and
City Hall, Artesia, New Mexico.

Election Judges:
District No. 1:
Guy Rowe
Arthur J. Stevens
W. C. Urton
District No. 4: Lake Arthur
E. C. Jackson
C. H. Foster
Clarence Pearson
District No. 4: Artesia
T. J. Terry
G. G. Golden
Charley Powell

Nomination of Candidates:
Candidates for Directors in the respective Districts shall be nominated and their names printed upon the official ballots by nom-

inating petitions filed in the office of the Pecos Valley Artesian Conservancy District, at the Court House in Roswell, New Mexico, at least three days prior to the date set for the election. Any petition containing the signatures of not less than twenty-five qualified electors in the District in which it is sought to nominate a candidate, filed within the time above provided, shall be sufficient to nominate such candidate.

Qualification of Candidates:
Directors, at the time of their election, must be free holders in the District from which elected.

Qualification of Voters:
Directors shall be elected by the popular vote of the owners of real property situated in the respective Director's Districts.

Boundaries of District No. 1:
All property within the boundaries of the Pecos Valley Artesian Conservancy District North of Second Street in the City of Roswell, and North of the township line between Sections 10 and 11 South, N. M. P. M.

Boundaries of District No. 4:
All property in the Pecos Valley Artesian Conservancy District between the North section lines of Sections 8, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 18 Twp. 14S., Rge. 26E., and Sections 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, and 18, Twp. 14S., Rge. 25E., Chaves County, N. M. and South Section line of Sec. 7, Twp. 17S., Rge. 27E., and Sections 7, 8, 9, 19, 11 and 12, Twp. 17S., R. 26E., and Sections 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12, Twp. 17S., Rge. 25E., Eddy County, N. M.

Said Election will be held and conducted in accordance with the Election Code of the Pecos Valley Artesian Conservancy District, copies of which code may be had upon application to the Clerk of the District Court of Chaves County, New Mexico, or obtained from the office of the Pecos Valley Artesian Conservancy District in the Court House in Roswell, New Mexico.

Dated this the 6 day of December, 1939.

Signed:
M. Y. MONICAL
J. I. FUNK
AUSTIN D. CRILE
J. H. MULLIS
S. A. LANNING
49-41-52

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Creomulsion relieves promptly because it goes right to the seat of the trouble to loosen germ laden phlegm, increase secretion and aid nature to soothe and heal raw, tender, inflamed bronchial mucous membranes. No matter how many medicines you have tried, tell your druggist to sell you a bottle of Creomulsion with the understanding that you are to like the way it quickly always the cough or you are to have your money back.

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for Coughs, Chest Colds, Bronchitis

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Call 221
24-Hour Service
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We wish to express

Our Thanks

for your past patronage and solicit your continued good will during 1940.

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Security **Safety**

Checks

ARE GREAT "PEACEMAKERS"

Many a "little war" starts over a disputed payment. But peace is quickly restored when the payer can produce the canceled check, which is a perfect receipt.

It is so easy, so safe, and so economical to pay-by-check that cash should be used principally for "pocket transactions." All important obligations should be settled by check—so that they will stay settled.

It can easily be arranged to open a checking account for YOU.

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OFFICERS:
H. G. Watson, President
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L. B. Feather, Cashier
Fred Cole, Assistant Cashier
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Satisfaction **Service**

First Baby of the Year

We Will Give The
First Bride and Groom of 1940

First Bride and Groom Contest

And

RULES FOR THE CONTEST

1—For the first baby born in the Artesia trade area and the first bride and bridegroom married in 1940 a number of attractive and useful prizes are listed on this page, as gifts from Artesia business houses. For the purpose of this contest, the Artesia trade area is defined to embrace the Artesia, Cottonwood, Hope, Dayton, Lakewood, Oil Field, Lower Penasco and Lake Arthur communities. Parents of the first baby must live in this area. Either the bride or bridegroom or both must reside in the Artesia trade area, in which the marriage ceremony must be performed.

2—The contest opens at one minute after midnight New Year's Eve.

Confirmation by the attending physician of the day, hour and minute of a child's birth is necessary in order to make him or her eligible. Likewise the officiating clergyman or public official must confirm the day, hour and minute of a marriage in order for it to count.

3—Contestants must be registered at The Advocate office by 12 o'clock noon, Saturday, Jan. 6, 1940, in order to compete, provided one each entry has been made in the baby and bride and bridegroom divisions. In that case, the contest for the division affected will be extended until 12 o'clock noon Saturday, Jan. 13. Winners will be announced in the first issue after the contest can be closed.

4—Merchants will not award prizes until authorized to do so by the contest manager, The Advocate.

The Advocate will give A Year's Subscription to the Bride

We Will Give

\$2.50

IN CASH

To the

First Bride and Groom of 1940

Malco Refineries, Inc.

their
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inner
Magre's
Drive-In
Cafe

Artesia Laundry and Cleaners

Will Present

The First Bride and Groom

with

\$2 in Laundry Service

and

\$2 in Cleaning Service

We Will Give

\$2

In Merchandise to the

FIRST BABY of 1940

JOYCE-PRUIT STORES

We Will Give

THE FIRST BABY OF 1940

\$1

IN CASH

KEMP LUMBER COMPANY

We Will Give The

First Bouncing Baby

Born in 1940

One of Our

Best Baby Blankets

Free of Charge

PEOPLES MERCANTILE CO.

We Will Give

THE FIRST BABY

of 1940

\$2

In Merchandise

J. C. PENNEY CO.

We Will Give The

FIRST BRIDE AND GROOM

of 1940

10 Gallons of Gas

ARTESIA AUTO CO.

We Will Give

The First Bride and Groom

of 1940

\$2.50 in Merchandise

and the

FIRST BABY

of 1940

\$2 in Merchandise

McCLAY FURNITURE CO.

We Will Give to

The Parents of the First Baby of 1940

A 48-Pound Sack of Golden West Flour
(Made in the new, modern mill by the Clovis Mill and Elevator Co.)

E. B. BULLOCK

We Will Give

The First Bride and Groom of

1940

a

Seiberling Tube

or

\$2

IN MERCHANDISE

(Not gas or oil)

PIOR Rubber Co.

We Will Give

10%

Discount on a G. E.

Refrigerator

To the

First Bride and

Groom of 1940

Russell Auto Supply Co.

We Will Give

\$3

In Baby Merchandise to the

First Baby of 1940

MANN DRUG CO.

We Will Give

The First Baby of 1940

An 8x10 Portrait

VAN ANTWERP STUDIO

We Will Give the

FIRST BRIDE

of 1940

\$1

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FOR SALE—Trailer houses, new and used; Schultz & Glider trailers. H. L. Jones, dealer. 408 E. Second St., phone 824, Roswell, New Mexico. 49-4tp-52-1f

FOR SALE—Several good used pianos, especially one small upright, slightly used. Easy terms. Ginsberg Music Co., Roswell, N. Mex. 50-3tp-52

FOR SALE OR TRADE—Attractive new Santa Fe home, Pueblo style architecture, one and a half acre lot, best restricted residence section, three bedrooms, two baths, large living room, dining room, dinette, kitchen, maid's quarters with bath, double garage, will be interested in trading partly for Artesia city, country or oil property. No agents, deal direct with owner. Box 1041, Santa Fe, N. M. 52-2tc-1

FOR SALE—My 4-room house with small basement and sleeping porch at 1005 West Main Street, possession at once. Clyde Guy. 51-1fc

WANTED

WANTED—To rent four or five room house, unfurnished. Phone 262. 52-3tp-2

WANTED—Reliable woman to do housework and care for children, stay nights. Mrs. Carl Folkner, Box 308, or call 154. 52-1tc

FURS WANTED—The fastest growing house in the South. Our aim is to satisfy you. Ship your furs to us. If requested we will hold separate and send check for our best offer. If it is not satisfactory we will return furs, paying postage both ways. Give us a trial. JACKSBORO FUR CO., Jacksboro, Texas. 51-2tp-52

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—New duplex apartment, 2 rooms and bath. Rent \$15 month. Furniture for sale. Address P. O. Box 95. 52-1fc

FOR RENT—Three-room house, new and modern. 611 Missouri. 52-1tp

MISCELLANEOUS

LOANS for remodeling and refinancing. Long term loans, small monthly payments. Chaves County Building & Loan Assn., represented by E. A. Hannah. 42-1fc

HOME LOANS without red tape, through the Roswell Building and Loan Association. J. S. Ward, local representative. 203 W. Main, phone 173.

Oil Activity—

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Flynn, Welch & Yates, Langford 1, NE NW 9-18-29; shot from 2,457 to 2,477 feet; producing 150 barrels naturally.

Carper & Brookover, State 1, SE NW 16-18-29; drilling at 2,615 feet.

R. W. Fair, Watson & Smith No. 2, NE SE 4-18-29; drilling at 1,835 feet.

S. P. Yates, Brainard 3, NE SW 3-18-29; cleaning out after shot at 2,100-20 feet.

R. W. Fair, SE NW 2-18-29; drilling at 2,145 feet.

Yates & Sallee, State 1, SW NE 2-18-29; drilling at 2,345 feet.

Aston & Fair, State 1, SW NE 11-18-29; drilling at 740 feet.

Continental, State M-2 No. 2, SE SE 2-18-29; drilling at 2,310 feet.

Dixon & Yates, Ballard 1-A, SW SE 1-18-29; cleaning out after shot; good for big well.

Frank Montgomery, Saunders 1, NE NW 12-18-29; drilling at 2,622 feet.

Franklin, Coppedge 2, NW NW 5-18-30; drilling at 2,655 feet.

Carper, State 1, SE SW 32-17-30; drilling at 2,590 feet.

Franklin, Masteller 1, NW NE 7-18-30; hole full of water at 2,870 feet.

Leo Manning et al, McClay 1, NW NE 21-18-30; total depth 3,140 feet; shot two pays and collapsed casing; now cleaning out and swedging casing.

The Artesia Drilling Company's Hoffman No. 1, in SE SW 14-17-24, in the Lakewood vicinity west of the Pecos, was drilling below 645 feet.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our many friends for their kindness shown at the death of our beloved son, husband and brother. Also for the beautiful floral offerings. Mrs. K. A. Williams, Mrs. Tom Hollis and the Hollis family. 52-1tp.

The Boomerang

By MYRA A. WINGATE

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"HERE comes our jointed garden," announced Jack from the window. "Old Red Sandstone!" he finished, chuckling.

Professor Stone, athletic and Auburn-haired, came briskly up the path, all unconscious of the resentment in the breasts of the younger Claytons.

"Stone walls do not a prison make, nor iron bars a cage," remarked Isabel, the college senior. "Exit Isabel."

"Steal from the world and not a Stone tell where I lie," quoted Rob, from Grandmother Clayton's sampler. He had one leg over the window-sill.

"Tell how you lie, you mean," contributed Jack, already departing by the same window.

John Clayton had left his children a letter explaining his reasons for appointing Judge Harding of the firm of Harding and Harding, and Cleveland Stone, the young instructor, as the boys' guardians. Harding had sound business sense. Stone would understand and sympathize with boy problems.

Winning though Professor Stone's personality was, the boys were slow to yield their friendship. Jack, the petted youngest, viewed with alarm

SHORT STORY

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the professor's increasing friendliness for his sisters.

"We got to break it up," he told Rob. "It's Glad he wants, and if he took Glad you know how Bell would boss us."

"How you going to do it?" asked skeptical sixteen.

"Might make him think Geoff Harding was ahead of him," suggested Jack.

Professor Stone heard without comment Jack's awkwardly conveyed news that his sister was "as good as engaged to a feller named Geoff."

Jack knew that the information "took" for Professor Stone's calls were less frequent and his manner more formal. Surprisingly enough, he found that he missed the young instructor's likable presence; also his boy conscience pricked him. He finally wrote Geoff Harding, explaining his innocent use of the other's name.

"I thought you wouldn't care," he finished. "So far away it won't mean a thing to you. Glad always did lean your way a little. It's all right, isn't it?"

The junior partner in Harding & Harding whistled when he read the letter. He frowned, he laughed—then, tilted back in his office chair, his hands clasped behind his head, he gazed dreamily at the wall. True, he was thirty-eight, Gladys but twenty-four, yet—He drew up to the desk and began to write.

A few days later Gladys's gay spirits were noticeable. Still a few days later, Jack and Rob were commissioned to meet Mr. Harding at the train. Speeding back from the station, Rob whistled gaily, with derisive glances at guilty Jack.

Professor Stone, coming around the house, swinging a tennis racket, met the trio near the front door. Jack grasped his arm desperately. The two must not be allowed to meet, for all might be discovered. "Wait a minute, professor," he urged.

"What's up, Jack-in-the-Box?" asked Stone mildly.

His eyes, following Jack's agonized glance at the living room window, beheld Geoff Harding advance to meet Gladys, stoop quickly, and kiss her. Jack's world reeled around him. That old fossil!

"Jack," said Stone tensely, "is that gentleman the one you call Geoff?"

"Yes," groaned Jack.

He was amazed at the lightning of the other's face. Isabel appeared, and magically the two were walking down the path together. It penetrated the boy's benumbed brain that Isabel had been the one all the time. He and Professor Stone had misunderstood each other.

Bob vaulted the rail, landing beside the enfeebled Jack.

"Pretty mess you've made," he said scathingly. "I popped in with the baggage just in time to see the clinch. Geoff said, 'Something Jack wrote me hope.' Now we'll be bossed, sure. That idea of yours was a whiz."

"A boomerang," amended Jack heavily.

Elephant Goes on Rampage

Thoroughly enraged because his meal did not arrive punctually, a bull elephant belonging to the Maharajah of Mursan, threw his keeper over a fence, pulled down the telephone wires and vanished into the jungle at Etar, United Province, India. He then broke his chain, uprooted the tree to which he was tied, and pulled down every telegraph wire in the vicinity. Everyone who crossed his path was picked up and hurried aside as he made his way to the jungle.

USE TAX RUBBER STAMPS

THE POCKETBOOK OF KNOWLEDGE

By TOPPS

34 PROFESSIONAL MAN
35 SHOES
36 RETAIL STORE
37 WOOD OF THE UMBRELLA TREE, USED BY AUSTRALIAN FARMERS FOR FENCE POSTS, SMELLS LIKE RASPBERRY JAM!
38 WAR SLOWS PROGRESS
39 THE RICHEST MAN IN THE WORLD... THE NISAM OF HYDERABAD, OF INDIA, WORTH \$1,000,000,000 EATS WITH HIS FINGERS!
40 HE USES NEITHER KNIFE, FORK NOR SPOON—EVEN FOR SOUP!—AND WITH ALL HIS WEALTH HE SLEEPS IN A BED WITH NO SPRINGS!

Artesia Memorial HOSPITAL

Brief Items

Fidelia Hamill, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hal Hamill, spent two days at the hospital this week for medical treatment.

Ether Lou Byler, young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl E. Byler of Artesia, underwent an operation for the removal of her tonsils Wednesday.

Hugh Lipscomb of Hope entered the hospital Tuesday for medical treatment.

Mrs. S. D. Gates has been a medical patient since Christmas Day.

R. H. Shafer, Jr., who entered the hospital Sunday as the result of an automobile accident, returned home Wednesday.

Mrs. Boyd Williams of Hope, who has been a patient in the hospital since Dec. 17, is improving nicely.

Little Gracie Mae Ford of Lake Arthur, premature baby born Nov. 11, still is gaining weight and doing nicely.

Lawrence L. Wood of Sacramento is recovering from a broken leg. He entered the hospital Dec. 18.

The condition of Mrs. R. N. Moore, who entered the hospital Dec. 20, is about the same.

Mrs. Lillian Van Buskirk, who entered the hospital last Thursday for medical treatment, is doing nicely.

W. F. Culbertson of Elk, who entered the hospital Dec. 21, is recovering from a major operation.

The condition of little Yvonne Dunlap, a patient since Dec. 5, was reported this morning as satisfactory.

W. F. Bryan and Fred Griffin, who were burned in an oil well fire at Maljamar, are improving nicely.

Mrs. Clay Cade of Artesia entered the hospital Wednesday for medical observation and returned home today.

Are Nominees, Not Candidates in the Chamber Election

It has been pointed out the men who were elected directors of the Chamber of Commerce and those who were defeated in the election by mail, which was completed last week, were nominees, rather than candidates.

The names were placed on the ballots by a nominating committee, but the men were not candidates in the sense in which candidates seek public office. In the case of the Chamber of Commerce election, nominees are named by the committee and they are voted for without any sort of campaign.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Anderson recently moved into their new home adjoining the Skillet on the south highway. They were formerly in the Pistole duplex on Dallas street.

As late as 1877, the use of steel in bridge-building was prohibited.

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Local Ginnings

Census reports show there were 18,452 bales of cotton ginned in Eddy County from the 1939 crop prior to Dec. 13, compared with 12,297 bales up to the same date a year ago.

Four of the five North Eddy County gins had ginned a total of 8,353 bales up to this morning. The Cottonwood gin could not be reached by telephone.

Ginnings reported: Association, Artesia, 2,035 bales; Association, Espulla, 2,495; Association, Atoka, 1,696; Farmers, 2,127.

Artesia Lions Have An Impromptu Quiz

The Artesia Lions dispensed with the customary type of meeting Wednesday noon and had a sort of "go-between gathering," as Fred Cole, president, termed it, to carry things along during the week between Christmas and New Year's Day.

Cole shot a number of questions at the Lions in an impromptu quiz contest for entertainment.

Visitors were Dr. Byron B. Thorpe, physician who recently moved to Artesia from Farmington, N. Mex., and Ed Goodwin of Amarillo.

Mary Ann Miller, daughter of Frank E. Miller, entered the hospital yesterday for medical attention.

Patricia Merle Jones, 13-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Jones, entered the hospital Wednesday, suffering from a severe cold.

MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED BY THE COUNTY CLERK

Mrs. Rude Wilcox, county clerk of Carlsbad, was kept busy during the Christmas week end issuing marriage licenses.

Among those from Artesia securing marriage license in Carlsbad were: John Lucian Smith and Bernice Neva Hill, both of Artesia; Max Stephens of Artesia and Bettie Galladay of Midland, and Eldon Knox and Bethel Jean Swisher, both of Artesia.

PASTOR TO RETURN FROM SPAIN SOON

A wire was received Friday by Mrs. Constantino Gonzales of Carlsbad, revealing that the Rev. Mr. Gonzales, pastor of the Spanish Methodist Church here, has disembarked at New York City and will return to the valley sometime next week.

The Rev. Mr. Gonzales has just returned from Spain, where he went to visit his aged mother.

Justin Newman, a student of New Mexico Normal University at Las Vegas, is visiting home folks over the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Riley and small daughter, Marian, of Sacramento, spent Christmas with their mother and grandmother, Mrs. Vena Newman.

Mrs. Cash Austin of Farmington, who came Christmas Eve to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Hightower, returned to her home Wednesday. She was accompanied home by her sister, Mrs. Stanley Blocker of Malaga, who also spent Christmas with her parents. They expected to stop in Madrid to see the Christmas lights.

Mr. and Mrs. Beecher Rowan had as their guests on Christmas Day their son, K. B. Rowan, and Mrs. Rowan of Sunland, Calif., and daughter, Mrs. Bob McLean, and Mr. McLean of Demmit, Tex., and a granddaughter, Miss Emily McLean, who is a student at Texas Tech in Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Carter Miller of El Paso arrived Saturday and were guests over Christmas of their son, Dr. Wainright Miller, and Mrs. Miller.

Miss Florine Muncy, formerly a student at Normal University at Las Vegas, accepted a position shortly before the holidays as secretary at the WPA project office in Santa Fe. Miss Muncy returned to Santa Fe Tuesday after a short visit with her parents. H. C. Monroe of Fort Stockton, Tex., was a guest in the Muncy home while Miss Muncy was here and accompanied her to Santa Fe.

The first menu was invented in 1489 by a German nobleman, Henry of Brunswick, who had his cook list all the foods in the order of their service—so he could save his appetite for the foods he liked best!

Jobs in industry have increased to a point where today more people are employed in the distribution of goods than worked in all U. S. manufacturing at the turn of the century.

In Japan's oldest city, Nara, there is a bronze Buddha so large that a mature man can easily pass through one of the nostrils.

According to the rules of the canal, any vessel grounded in the Suez Canal for more than two days must be blasted out.

Greeno Gives Out Official List Grid Men Who Earn "A"

Coach's Authorized Group Includes Twenty-Two Bulldogs This Year

Joe Greeno, chief coach of the Artesia High School Bulldogs, this morning broke a precedent and announced the names of the team members who earned their letters during the 1939 grid season, rather than wait for a special assembly or banquet as has been done heretofore, as an unauthorized list purporting to be the lettermen was circulated last week.

The list already made public was substantially correct, Greeno said, but it did not come from him nor from Allan Thompson, line coach. As members of the Bulldog squad could figure out who are entitled to letters, Greeno said he believes some football player released the list without his knowledge or permission.

Twenty-two lettermen were named by Greeno, including Clyde Dunn, manager of the team.

Had the coach not given out the list for publication this morning, it would not have been disclosed until after the holidays, he said, either at a high school assembly, or at a banquet for the Bulldogs sometime early next year.

Greeno, in looking back over the grid season, said that the Bulldogs made a total of 169 points to 110 for their opponents. In all of their games they did not encounter the Notre Dame system once, which Greeno said was unusual. However, his boys played against double wings twice, the short punt four times and the single wing five times.

The Bulldogs who earned their letters, as disclosed by Coach Greeno and authorized for publication by him:

Clyde Dunn, manager; J. H. (Squirt) Ansley, quarterback; John Rice, left half, who also made all-district, all-Southeastern New Mexico and all-state; Lonnie Juarez, fullback and right half; Ray Lewis, right half; N. Newberry, quarterback, guard.

B. McCasland, quarterback; Bud Cleve, left half; Charles Rogers, fullback; Bob Ferguson, right half; Harvey Burgess, right end, who also made all-state and all

South New Mexico; Paul Crocker, tackle; Howard Creer, guard; Christ, center, right all-Southern New Mexico; tackle, Haldeman, tackle, left end; Scoggins, right end; Dow, right half, end; James M. right guard; Edwin (Pokey) left guard; R. D. Wright, left guard.

ARTESIA IN AT RUIDOSO

A car driven by Damon Netherlin of Artesia, out of control about 1 o'clock this morning in Ruidoso, added to the slippery icy riding a tree. None of the occupants was injured seriously.

Those in the car were Emery Champion, Ralfeur, Icyle Chaffeur, Virgil Banks and Ramon Netherlin of Artesia, and Dillard Jackson of Roswell.

The car was heading in the direction of Ruidoso when it struck the tree about a mile into Ruidoso Junction.

Miss Louise Ricudent of T. W. C. College, Worth, Tex., is visiting hills over the vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Hddy and son, Donald, left day for Jenks, Okla., where they spent the holidays with Mr. Fmother, Mrs. Mary Kiddy, her relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson and son, Fred, spent mas in Hutchinson, Kans., Mr. Watson's mother, Mrs. Whipple and Mr. Whipple.

D. D. Buckles left first of the week for an extent with relatives in the Centres. He expected to spend Chr. at the home of his nephew, Chester Buckles, in Urbana, Ia. also planned to visit relatives and other points.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. as had as their guests over Christmas holidays, Mrs. Ha-sister, Mrs. Myrtle McNett, children of Tahlequah, Okla.; Mrs. Jack Tellis, and Mr. T. Muskogee, Okla., and Mr. K. Musker's father, John Castleber Midland, Tex. They also as a guest George McNett, f Mrs. Myrtle, who is staying in Artesia going to school.

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