

Royal Duke Makes Good Showing Shot Wed. P. M.

Rows Oil 100 Feet from Ground After Shot. Op- erators Buy Brown Wells Will Start Active Work Soon.

One of the outstanding events in the development of the field this week was the shooting of the Royal Duke well, in the SW 1/4 NE 1/4 of Sec. 29-18-28, Wednesday. Tex Thornton of Arroyo with the U. S. Torpedo Co., fired Tuesday evening and preparations were made to place the shot the following day. As the news spread a large crowd gathered to witness the shooting operations, probably the largest number ever for an event of this kind. The well was encountered in the sand at 173 feet, the sand measured approximately 31 feet in thickness, reaching to a depth of 2014 feet. When the shot was made oil was geysered over the ground surrounding the well and reached to a height of about 100 feet or more. From the present indications the well will probably equal the Illinois wells in production.

The Royal Duke is located between half and three quarters of a mile north of the Illinois well No. 3 and is producing a little closer to the surface, situated about 1 1/2 miles from the Illinois well.

Information has reached here that C. Quillin, of Clovis and C. Smith have procured a block of acreage north of the Picher wells and have drilled the first well to a depth of 500 feet and will drill to 2000 feet soon. The exact location can not be given at this time.

It was learned this week that activities would be resumed on the Brown wells Nos. 1 and 2, southeast of Artesia. These wells will be of special interest to many who own lands near the territory of these wells. Both Brown wells were formerly owned by the Tri-State Oil Co. and were taken over a few days ago by R. E. Dugan, Charles Kirkpatrick and William Whitson and will be owned henceforth as the D, K and W Co. Mr. Dugan, who has been in the oil business for some time, was formerly connected with the Empire Oil and Gas Co. for eight years. His associates, Messrs. Kirkpatrick and Whitson have been with the Standard Oil Co. for a number of years. They will resume the pumping operation of well No. 1 and will finish drilling well No. 2. Elm Parks, geologist from Denver Colorado, is working over the present findings of the company. All members of the concern are very enthusiastic over the present prospects of these wells and expect to begin an active drilling campaign on their present holdings.

Gilliland et al., have rig on the ground for their location in the SW corner of the NE of the NE of Sec. 18-28.

Keyes et al., will commence their well this week in the SW of NE 1/4 of Sec. 9-18-28. A. F. Phillips, formerly with the Illinois Co., will be in charge (Continued on last page, column one)

CHRISTMAS SEALS

The Red Cross Christmas seals will be on sale Saturday at the Methodist church, which will be held at the grocery, also at several other business houses. The proceeds of these sales are used to help to wipe out tuberculosis. It should add to Christmas joy to have even a small part in exterminating this terrible scourge, even though we have but little use for the seals.

100 CALVES SHIPPED OUT OF ARTESIA BY C. MOSSMAN TUES.

C. Mossman of Roswell, manager of the Mid-Western Investment Co., Monday of this week shipped out 100 calves from their ranch. This is the largest single shipment to leave the Artesia yards for some time. The feed pens of E. B. Bullock were used to accommodate part of the number as the Santa Fe pens were not large enough for the entire shipment. The calves we understand will be shipped to Elida and Portales where they will remain for the winter and then be taken to pastures in the

A. M. THOMAS FORMER RESIDENT OF ARTESIA DIES IN CALIFORNIA

News has been received here of the death of Mr. A. M. Thomas, at his home at Sierra Madre, California, some twenty miles north of Los Angeles in the mountains.

Mr. Thomas was for some time in charge of the land office in Artesia and during their residence here, both Mr. and Mrs. Thomas were devoted members of the Presbyterian church and public spirited citizens. Some years ago they moved to Los Angeles and a year or so ago were compelled to seek a higher altitude on account of Mr. Thomas' asthma. For the past several months he had declined until the end, which came last week. Interment was at Sierra Madre.

SILAS ROGERS PIONEER PECOS VALLEY CITIZEN DIES HERE MONDAY

Came to Lakewood in the Early Days of 1896—Had Very Eventful Record as Corporal in the Civil War.

Silas Rogers, father of Charley Rogers, well known Artesia farmer, died at his home here Monday afternoon at 2:30 p. m. Mr. Rogers had been in poor health for some time as a result of his age, but he received a fall a few months ago, which probably hastened his death.

Mr. Rogers was born at Sherbourne, Bath county, Kentucky, March the 8th, 1840 and was married to Miss Sarah E. Schooler on December 14, 1860. He moved to Illinois in October 1869 and later to Missouri in February 1888. After living in Missouri for several years he moved to Lakewood in 1896. The Pecos Valley was at that time in its infancy and was little known and the pioneer work of Mr. Rogers as an early settler forms an interesting story. After residing at Lakewood for fourteen years or more he removed to Artesia where he lived until his death.

STUDENTS HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Many of the young people, who are away at college are expected home for the holidays.

HALSEY TRANSCRIPT WILL COST \$1000.00 MADE AT ROSWELL

The transcript of the evidence in the Halsey murder case will be completed about December 25 and sent to the state supreme court at Santa Fe for review. According to the present calendar it is thought probable that the case will come to the bench some time in April 1925. The task of preparing the transcript of the large amount of evidence has been a huge one and the expense is estimated at near one thousand dollars.—Roswell News.

SPECIAL MEETING OF CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO BE HELD FRI. NIGHT

A special meeting of the Chamber of Commerce will be held at the Chamber of Commerce hall Friday evening, beginning at 7:00 p. m. Several important matters are to come up before the meeting and should receive the attention of every member.

NEW ARTESIAN WELL

Pearson brothers have drilled another artesian well on the V. L. Gates farm north of town. The well recently completed, is estimated to be good for 1000 gallons per minute. This is the second well to be drilled on the Gates farm since the first of the year.

READ THE ADS, YOUR NAME MAY BE THERE--\$2.00 FOR YOU

Here's an interesting announcement that will be appreciated at this time. To the lucky person, it will mean an extra Christmas present. Somewhere in an ad the name of a subscriber is hidden. If the person whose name appears in the ad will find his or her name and bring the paper to this office before our next publication day we will give him an order on the Golden Rule Variety Store which will entitle the bearer to \$2.00 worth of merchandise on that firm.

The name appearing this week was picked from the subscription list and was the fifth name on galley number five. To those who may think that they might be able to guess at once who the person might be, we will state that the arrangements of the names are not alphabetic. Look the ads over everybody and see how good you are at finding hidden names. You may find your name.

Beginning with this issue we will have a name hidden each week in some ad. The contest will run through January. With each issue we will give a prize of \$2.00 in merchandise on some merchant in Artesia. If your name appears in an ad come to the office, bring your paper and we will see that you get the merchandise. The only requirement we make is that you bring your name before the next publication day. This will allow you plenty of time to find the name.

As a last appeal to you let us suggest that you read carefully the Christmas ads in this issue. Whether or not you want to hunt for the hidden name, look over the Christmas offerings of the merchants and see what they have that you may need. It may save you a frantic search, a lot of worry over that last minute Christmas gift you want to send some friend or relative.

Take a walk up and down Main, see the Christmas windows of the various firms. We feel assured that you will agree with us when we say that the window displays here this year have never been equaled in beauty and attractiveness during any preceding holiday season.

ARTESIA IS ASSUMING THE APPEARANCE OF AN INDUSTRIAL CENTER

Finishing Touches are Added to Pipe Line—South First Street will Become Lively Business Center Soon.

The dump for the spur on the railroad to the terminus of the pipe line has been built and is ready for the laying of the track and ties. Finishing touches are being added to the line after the first test with gas last week. The line will probably be ready for an oil run before the first of the year, although it is doubtful if any oil will be piped before that time. No announcement has yet been made as to when the proposed refinery would likely be started.

While the pipe line project has been instrumental in the employment of a large force of men, one sees further evidence that Artesia is slowly assuming the appearance of an active town and one does not have to go outside of the city limits to readily see that there is oil activity nearby. West of South First street two or three boilers, smokestacks, casing and other oil field equipment has been unloaded. Farther up the street near the Larsh gin storage tanks and storage materials are seen, general indications are that this vicinity will become a storage place for all kinds of drilling equipment, tanks, casings, etc.

CHRISTIAN XMAS. EXERCISES

The Christian Sunday school will celebrate Christmas with a program on Christmas eve and a treat for the children.

FULL ATTENDANCE AT ROTARY LUNCHEON IN HIGH SCHOOL BLDG.

The Artesia Rotary club met at the High School last Tuesday for the luncheon hour. Lunch was served by the domestic science department of the high school. The occasion proved to be a very pleasing one for all the guests as well as the members. From the stand point of attendance, it exceeded any previous meeting.

The guests for Tuesday include: Misses Maybelle Schaefer, Harriet Rose and Josephine O'Malley, of the High school faculty, Miss Alma Givens, superintendent of Artesia schools, Mrs. F. A. Manda, secretary of the school board, R. A. Palm, the new high school principal and Col. Wells, local oil operator. Three new members of the club were also introduced. They are Ralph T. (Duke of the Broom Corn) Ferson, Rev. J. H. Walker and J. H. Jackson.

Members of the High school faculty favored the club with two songs and a reading. The first number, a vocal solo by Miss Rose, the next number a reading by Miss O'Malley and the third number was a vocal duet by the Misses Rose and O'Malley. Col. Wells gave a short talk on the "Relationship of Artesia to the oil field."

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE ELECTION WILL BE HELD NEXT JANUARY

The election of the justice of the peace and constable will be held January 12th. S. W. Gilbert, present justice, positively refuses to serve beyond the present term, which leaves the office open to new candidates. T. J. Stagner, is the only candidate who thus far has announced himself for the office.

If Artesia continues to grow both the justice of the peace and constable will in the future be important offices. For this reason considerable interest should be manifested in the coming election.

While the present constable, M. Stevenson has not declared himself, he will probably be a candidate to succeed himself.

PROSPERITY FOR THE FARMER AHEAD BUT WILL COME GRADUALLY

Present Prices for Farm Products Due to Mini- mum Production Says Wallace—Will See Better Times.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—While American agriculture is in the best position it has held since 1920 it has a long way to go to recover its pre-war condition, the secretary of agriculture declared in his annual report made to the president recently.

Preparation of the report was the last official act of the late Secretary Wallace. Secretary Gore presented the report to the president with the explanation that the most of it had been drafted under Wallace's supervision and that it had been completed by men intimately acquainted with Wallace's views.

"Prices of many crops are at the highest point in four years and costs of production have declined somewhat from the high point of the depression period," said the report.

"A favorable readjustment has taken place in price ratios between agriculture and industry. While the purchasing power of farm products is 18 per cent below the pre-war level it is 16 per cent above the index for May, 1921, when the depression was in its worst period.

"This year's harvest was the finest (Continued on last page, column two)

ADVOCATE WILL COME OUT NEXT WEDNESDAY

The next issue of the Advocate will be published on Wednesday, December 24th, instead of Thursday, our regular publication day. We make this change in order to allow the office force to have Christmas day off. All of our correspondents and others who may want to send in news items please take notice and get your copy in as early as possible. This applies to the advertisers as well.

ARTESIA PARTIES ARE SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS AT LEASE SALE DEC. 10

The state of New Mexico sold the oil rights of 1759 acres of its oil land at the court house at Carlsbad, Tuesday, December the 10th. The leases were sold at 15 cents per acre. The tracts were grouped and sold and were bid in by W. F. Daugherty of Atoka. Associated with Mr. Daugherty in the deal were: Wm. Kissinger, Ed Kissinger, J. B. Randolph, Wm. Schneider, J. B. Atkeson and Paul Terry. Also another party living in the north, represented by Mr. Randolph.

While no tentative plans were announced as to the development of the lease bought, drilling contracts will be made later.

The lease runs for ten years, and covers some very important sections of the Eddy county field. It lies across the river east from the Illinois Producers' producing acreage, some of it close enough to be a possible millionaire maker in speculation.

The sale was conducted by Justiniano Baca, state land commissioner, and Judge John W. Armstrong, assistant attorney general of New Mexico.

This sale has been watched for with considerable interest by those who keep up with the oil development in this section, as the acreage was a large block, and because the location gives promise of its being among our richest oil lands. The sale probably means an early extension of the Pecos Valley oil field section development eastward.

Essay Contest Will Be Open to New Mex. Pupils Soon

Subject Chosen by N. M. Bar Association Approv- ed by State Superintend- ents Set for March 15th, 1925.

Miss Isabel Eckels, state superintendent of schools has sent out a letter to all school superintendents, containing information relative to an essay contest to be held March 15th, open to all New Mexico high school students. The fund was made possible by the New Mexico bar association and is a vital subject to every student. The contest rules follow:

- Subject, "The Federal Constitution and the Courts."
- One hundred dollars in prizes as follows:
First prize.....Fifty Dollars
Second Prize.....Thirty-five Dollars
Third Prize.....Twenty-five Dollars
- Rules and Suggestions:
1. Every student under the age of 21 who is regularly enrolled in any high school in New Mexico at the time of submitting essay, is an eligible contestant.

2. Only one essay may be submitted by a student, and it must represent original work, which contestant has personally prepared and written.

3. Essays should not be less than 1500 words nor more than 2500 words in length. Essay should be legibly written in ink, or preferably, type-written on a good quality of legal size (8 1/2 x 13) paper, using one side of the sheet and double spacer.

4. Essays should be written while in school and preferably during some time assigned by teacher for such work. It is recommended that some time in the week of February 16th to 21st be utilized for this purpose.

5. Local administration of the contest will be under a committee of three appointed by the superintendent of the respective school. The local committee will choose the three best essays of those submitted. These will be submitted to a state committee appointed by the State Bar Association. These selected essays should be sent in to the Essay Committee, State Department of Education, Santa Fe, New Mexico, to arrive prior to March 15, 1925.

6. No name or identifying marks should appear on any essay when submitted to the state committee. Each contestant should prepare a separate sheet to be attached to essay by pin or clip, and containing the following information:

- (a) Name of Contestant.....
- (b) Address
- (c) School
- (d) Grade
- (e) Sex
- (f) Age

7. Full rights to publish any essay submitted are reserved by the state department of education and the state bar association.

8. There are no restrictions as to manner of obtaining information, and the following suggestions are made to students:

- (a) Discuss the subject with your (Continued on last page, column one)

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

M. Gerlach to O. W. Beeman SE-NW 11 SWSW 11-24-18, H. S. Wright to R. E. Draffen 17 B. 3, drill sites. A. C. Keinath to H. A. Keinath L. 14-16-18-20-29-24 C. & S. addition to Artesia, also L. 7 E 1/4 L. 9, B. 3, Artesia Imp. addition. By quit claim deed, S. D. & F. H. Jones to P. S. Ruark NE-SW 26-21-26, F. A. Manda to A. J. Crawford, water permit out of Cottonwood, W. R. Giunn to C. P. Pardue L. 15, B. 5, original, Loving.

TRUCKS DAMAGED IN COLLISION ON HIGH WAY THURSDAY NIGHT

Thursday night while Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Burrows, of Dayton were returning home from Artesia, the Ford truck driven by Mr. Burrows collided with a Nash truck of Mr. Rowland. The collision occurred about three miles south of here and is said to have been due to defective lights. Fortunately no one was injured, although Mr. Burrows received a few bruises and Mrs. Burrows a severe jolting.

Both trucks were damaged. The damages to each truck will be in the neighborhood of \$50.00 according to Mr. Burrows.

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TELEPHONE NO. 7

THE POST OFFICE STREET

Each winter during the rainy season
if there is such a thing, at least
during the damp season, we are re-
minded of rather a bothersome mud
puddle in front of the post office. It
all depends on where you attempt to
cross the street or whether you want
to alight from a passing auto near
the door as to how forceful the re-
minder is brought to your attention.

We also recall that the street in
front of the Advocate office at this
season does not approach what we
always thought the streets beyond
the pearly gates look like and the
same is true of the street in front of
Dr. Loucks. We are not especially
complaining about the conditions of
the street in front of our establish-
ment, neither is the Doctor so far as
we know, but the post office street is
the most frequented of any thorough-
fare in town outside of Main and it is
a mighty good time for the city com-
mission to do a little missionary
work; a little grade would work won-
ders. Then as a Samaritan act, an
befitting Santa Claus, the other two
mentioned streets might be graded
next in order.

The only thing we see that would
hinder good work of this kind would
be to take the same view of the post
office street as the Arkansas traveler
took of his roof.

A FUND FOR THE POOR

We think the churches and other
organizations which contributed to-
ward a Community Chest fund did a
very commendable act. We have
never learned whether all of the
churches made a contribution to this
cause or not. Neither have we
learned whether the officers of the
chest fund have made arrangements
to scatter a little Christmas cheer
among the needy of the town. Other
towns have raised a chest fund at this
season of the year, designed primarily
to take care of the poor during
Christmas times, also a fund set aside
to care for the charitable cases which
may arise from time to time. Ama-
rillo, Texas made a drive of this sort
which will probably net more than
\$25,000.

Several churches will have Christ-
mas trees and Christmas programs
this year, but regardless of the num-
ber held, not all of the children will
likely be reached. Nothing takes the
place of toys and eats for the chil-
dren who would enjoy this Christ-
mas. While most of us might enjoy
ourselves, the pleasure might be
marred to a certain extent if we knew
some poor child has been missed.

Happiness brought to others is the
true Christmas spirit. A spirit Christ
would have us emulate.

Might we suggest therefore that
the officers of the Chest fund look in-
to the matter and see what can be
done, if such action has not already
been taken.

WHILE PA AND MA WORK

It would give a paternalistic body
of politicians power over son and
daughter instead of reserving that
power to pa and ma.

While pa cut the stove wood son
and daughter could play mah jong on
the front porch.

While ma washed the dishes
daughter could listen to that new
congressional approved record,
"Everybody Works But the Chillun."

While pa cut the stove wood son
could whistle, "I Ain't Gon'ner Work
No Mo'."

We have said the "Child Labor
Amendment" is misnamed. It is. It
ought to be called, "an amendment
for the encouragement of idleness,"
the smashing of state rights and the
overthrow of proper paternal author-
ity.—Exchange.

FARMERS AND MINING

Not in years has the west known
such mining activity as now prevails
in almost every line of mineral pro-
duction. Scores of old dumps and
heaps are being reworked by new
processes; and ores of lower grades
that once did not pay, are now at-
tractive. The sale of the 400,000-ton
waste dump of the Tintis in Colorado,
for \$100,000, is one example. A min-
ing market is ideal for agriculture;
it is always exclusive, and it has the
cash for every local specialty. The
prosperous farmer in a locality that
can develop a mining market, can well
afford to invest a little surplus in
his home mines; both for the metals
profit, and for the splendid, exclu-
sive market that the mines afford
him.

Mining is one of the west's greatest
taxpayers and employers of labor and
is entitled to encouragement by every
state.

ADVERTISED GOODS THE CHEAPEST

A New Mexico merchant writing in
the Wichita, Kansas Price Current,
has something to say about adver-
tised goods. Part of the article fol-
lows:

I can remember in my own business
just a few years back (before adver-
tising became the indoor sport),
when I had to use two or three extra
clerks to take care of approximately
the same volume of business that my-
self and one clerk handles today. A
customer comes in the store today and
says give me a can of so and so
peaches. She has seen it advertised,
has tried it and knows what to ask
for. In the old days we would have to
explain to her which brand was the
best and why it was. Today, when
she sees it advertised in a full page
costing several thousand dollars, she
knows it has to be good or the manu-
facturer could not afford to spend
that amount to advertise it if the sale
would not repeat many times.

I don't think that advertising costs
the consumer any more as it cuts out
the expense of selling. No merchant
today can afford to pay \$25 a week
for clerks to take time to explain the
quality of each article he sells. We
have a great deal of tourist traffic
through here and we enjoy quite a bit
of this trade. They are used to help-
ing themselves in the stores and
about all we have to do is wrap up
their orders and collect, because we
stock advertised brands, brands that
they are not afraid to take from the
shelves.

TAX-EXEMPT BURDEN THE INDUSTRIES

An issue of Salem, Oregon, tax-
exempt improvement bonds, bearing
6 per cent, sold for a premium of
more than one year's interest during
life of bond. Similar bonds bring ap-
proximately equal prices.

Tax-free bonds are large enough in
volume to make it difficult to secure
money for industrial investments,
and they abnormally increase rates
for money for farms, for factories
and business. Being tax-free, they
leave the burden of national, state
and community support on operating
industries thus enforcing a double
penalty. The theory and practice is
wrong.

A FABLE FOR BUILDERS

Last summer a good citizen of a
certain town, not over a hundred
miles from almost everywhere, built
a wooden house for a woman and her
children. He built the chimney of
brick because he had to do so. The
chimney was able to stand alone, so
he did not have to prop it with wood.
But the floors of the house would not
stay up without props. The good
citizen saved a dollar by using the
chimney as a support for the floors.
He nestled the ends of the floor joist
nicely into the bricks of the chimney.
He then covered up the job and got
his money.

The rains fell and the winds blew
in the most Biblical manner and win-
ter came after its usual fashion. The
chimney settled a little and there was
a tiny crack.

One morning the woman woke up
with fire all about her. She tried to
get to her children. If she got to
them, no one ever knew it. The good
citizen who built the house was not
arrested for manslaughter. He is
still building other houses of the
same kind for other women and chil-
dren.

He makes his living by it.—National
Fire Protection Association.

FARMERS TAKE NOTICE

Five years ago, one Montana range
that served about twenty stockmen
had almost that many kinds of beef
stock; their calves were piebald, mon-
grel brutes that always brought the
bottom prices—where there were any
calves to sell. Then the ranchers got
together, bought several carloads of
pedigreed Hereford bulls, and sold
off or shot the other breeding stock.
The result has been a 100 per cent
increase in the calf crop; to make
them money. The plan of standard-
izing fruit, grain, livestock or poultry
production for any locality, is the
road to financial salvation.

We have a complete line of samples
of social stationery.—Artesia Ad-
vocate.

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STATE BRIEFS

CITY DRUG STORE AT CLAYTON SUFFERED HEAVY LOSS BY FIRE

About 8:30 last Saturday morning
fire was discovered in the basement
of the City Drug Store, evidently
having caught from the furnace. It
proved a difficult fire to bring under
control because of inability to reach
as firemen wearing gas mask protec-
tors found it impossible to penetrate
into the basement because of the
dense smoke, and finally it was de-
cided to tear up the floor in the store.
After this was done the fire was soon
put out, but not before great damage
was done to the stock of the company.
Paul I. Deed, staff adjuster, and
Chas. Wilson, independent adjuster,
of Denver, are expected here any day
to adjust the loss and damage suffer-
ed by the company. The store has
been closed awaiting their arrival.
Until they are on the scene it is diffi-
cult to estimate the loss and damage
occurred, although it is known to be
heavy. Being forced to close the store
at this time is a heavy damage with-
in itself.—Clayton News.

MORE OIL WELLS FOR THE SPRINGER FIELD IS REPORT

SPRINGER.—J. W. Bell, of the
Interior Exploration company, of Wy-
oming, spent the past week in this
city and announced that his company
had closed a contract with G. W. Gil-
lespie for the drilling of a new test
well fifteen miles east of this city.
Mr. Bell said the derrick would be
erected within sixty days and that
actual drilling would commence within
ninety days. When asked if his com-
pany would put down more than one
well, Mr. Bell stated "We will make
a thorough test of the field and will
not stop with less than three wells."
Mr. Bell stated that the leading
geologists of the country had highly
recommended the drilling on the loca-
tion selected. He feels certain that
the Floorsheim well, which is located
in the same district will be a big pro-
ducer. This well is now down close
to 2500 feet and a big producer is ex-
pected at between 3500 and 4000 feet.

SUIT AGAINST SHERIFF OUTGROWTH OF ARREST IN BLACKWELL CASE

GALLUP.—Olin Claude Walker,
Jr., of Farmington, has filed suit
against Sheriff Lou M. Myers of Mc-
Kinley county, asking judgment for
\$10,000, as the result of his arrest by
the sheriff on August 22, in connec-
tion with the Blackwell murder case.
J. W. Blackwell and his wife, a
young couple, were shot and killed on
the front porch of their home in Gal-
lup on the night of November 25,
1921, when they returned from a
movie show.

At a preliminary hearing before
Judge Reed Holloman of the district
court, Walker established an alibi. A
woman who ran a rooming house
testified that Walker was in bed at
the time the murder was believed to
have taken place.

Walker says in a printed statement
that he charges the sheriff with
falsely imprisoning him.

CARLSBAD DEFEATS ROSWELL

The Carlsbad high school basket-
ball team defeated Roswell at Carlsbad
Friday night by a score of 29-13. The
game was witnessed by a large crowd
a number of whom went down from
Roswell to see the contest.

PORTALES IS NOW WELL PAVED

The paving and highway project
through Portales is now completed
and has been turned over to the pub-
lic. This makes a splendid stretch of
highway, and gives the town of Por-
tales considerable prestige.—Portales
News.

DISTRICT COURT AT PORTALES

District Court has been in session
this week, and up to Thursday morn-
ing had transacted the following busi-
ness:

Monday the case of State of New
Mexico vs. Mose B. Hawkins charged
with assault with deadly weapon.
Jury was out one day and night on
this case and returned a verdict of
guilty. Judge Hatch assessed a fine
of \$250.00.

The Fred Stieg case is now on trial.
The jury was impaneled Wednesday
and three witnesses were examined.

LATER—The Stieg case went to
the jury Thursday night.

3,500 HEAD OF EDDY CO. CATTLE FOR PASTURE

Among the many thousand of cat-
tle shipped from Eddy county this
fall, to pasture in Mexico and Okla-
homa, where the last of a shipment of
3,500 head from the ranches of the
Suggs Cattle company, south of
Carlsbad. This last shipment num-
bered 450 head, and went forward to
pasture in Oklahoma and Kansas, ac-
companied by Tom Reeves, who was
in Carlsbad, the first of the week,
superintending their loading at the
pens south of the city.—Carlsbad
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vocate.

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GLIMPSES OF THE PAST

From the files of the Pecos Valley
News, December 19, 1907.

Doctor and Mrs. Heck, of Dayton
were shopping in town Thursday.

The new school house on the Cot-
tonwood has been about completed,
except the seats.

C. O. Brown, who has been quite
ill with fever is now able to return to
his work at the depot.

The ladies of the Christian aid so-
ciety will give their bazaar at the
Williams Hess real estate office.

J. D. Wheelan left this morning for
Corpus Christi, Texas where he will
spend the holidays with kinfolk.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Lewis, of the
Cottonwood community spent Thank-
sgiving with friends in Lake Arthur.

Arthur Williamson has returned
from his journey to foreign lands and
is now employed at the Advocate of-
fice.

Miss Gergia Kissinger came up
from Lakewood, where she is teach-
ing school and spent Sunday with
home folks.

Rev. Teer, of Artesia preached a
very interesting and instructive ser-
mon to the Cottonwood Sunday school
last Sunday.

Monday four artesian well owners
were fined before District Attorney,
O. L. Fullen for letting the artesian
water flood the public roads.

The real estate firm of Cooper and
Wilson of Dayton has been dissolved
and one of the former partners, Mr.
E. F. Cooper will remove to Artesia.

Dean Simpson left Friday morning
for Oklahoma to invoice a yard for
the Big Jo Lumber company there.
He expects to return sometime this
week.

C. E. Mann got frisky last week
and kicked a bottle so hard that a
piece of glass penetrated the leather
of his sole and now he is wearing a
rubber on that foot.

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**Record-breaking freight traffic
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Since January 1st, 1923, the Santa Fe
has purchased new equipment costing
over \$50,000,000, including 13,750
freight cars and 146 locomotives. It has
spent \$43,000,000 additional on new
shops, terminals, double track, etc.

As a result, from August 1st to No-
vember 1st, the Santa Fe Railway han-
dled 48,395 cars of commercial freight
in excess of any previous year—an in-
crease of 9.7%—without congestion or
any material delay. Notwithstanding the
heavy calls, cars have been furnished
practically on demand. In the few cases
of local shortage, due to excessive local
demand, cars have been furnished with
such slight delay as to be negligible.

Four years of legislative peace and
fair treatment under the Transportation
Act have been a vital factor in its ability
to meet satisfactorily the record-breaking
freight traffic of the past two years and
maintain a surplus of cars at all times,
barring local temporary shortages.

Good service to the farmer is of the
utmost importance when prices and crops
in the aggregate are good. Inadequate
railroad facilities cause freight conges-
tion, delays, waste, and loss to everyone.
The wholesaler, jobber, and retailer must
carry heavy stocks and place orders well
in advance, to make sure their shelves
do not become bare. The farmer must
store his grain and hold his livestock
waiting for cars to ship to market.

In a country growing like ours it is
not easy to keep pace with such growth.
During the war the railroads fell behind,
as their expansion had to be deferred
for more pressing matters. Today they
are fairly abreast of the procession. They
are pressing forward on a continued
program of improvement which, with a
continuance of present general condi-
tions, will steadily extend their ability
to serve.

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STATE BRIEFS

BANKS MERGE

The consolidation of the Citizens and the Farmers State Bank formerly take place Friday, Dec. 13, with the two organizations merged and ready for business Friday morning in their new location at the National Bank corner. As arranged last week the merged institution will operate under the name of Citizens Bank of Clovis. Those who have checks on the Farmers Bank continue to use them, as they will be paid in the regular course of business. The officers and directors of the newly merged institution are: A. Jones, president; J. Boykin, vice president; W. E. Dennis, vice president; W. Skarda, cashier; B. Herod, assistant cashier; E. Lindley, J. W. Wilkinson, Cashier; G. W. Singleton, C. S. Hart, J. T. Slaton; A. Jacobs, receiver for the First National Bank, has announced the removal of the closed bank's affairs to former location of the Citizens Bank. Mr. Jacobs will occupy this location until the business of the old institution is wound up.—Clovis.

INCOME TAXES

TOTALLED \$890,835
WASHINGTON, D. C.—New Mexico paid \$890,835.06 in income taxes to the federal treasury in the year ending on June 30, 1924, the annual report of the commissioner of internal revenue, just submitted shows. Only two states had a smaller total. They were Nevada and North Dakota. In addition to income taxes, New Mexicans paid \$240,438.62 in miscellaneous federal taxes.

NEW MEXICANS NAMED

IN FOREIGN SERVICE
Nominations sent to the senate by President Coolidge include the following as foreign service officers: Class V.—James B. Stewart, New Mexico; Class VI.—Thomas W. Voetter, New Mexico; Class VII.—Samuel S. Dickson, New Mexico; Class VIII.—Richard M. DeLamb, New Mexico; Unclassified—Charles A. Amsden, New Mexico. The New Mexico postmasters whose nominations have been sent to the senate are: Clara L. Kennedy to be postmaster at San Jon, N. M. Office became presidential July 1, 1924. Mahan Wyman to be postmaster at King, N. M. Office became presidential July 1, 1924. Carl Segelman to be postmaster at Lat, N. M. Office became presidential July 1, 1924. John H. York to be postmaster at Las Vegas, N. M., in place of E. Long. Incumbent's commission expires September 5, 1922. We have the assignment blanks for and gas lease. Advocate Office.

BARKER'S CHRISTMAS CHANGE

By Frank Herbert Sweet

THE boys yelled "Bark an' Bite" at him, because his name was Barker A. Bright, and his face rather canine in contour. But the name was a misnomer, as the boys found out. This Christmas the yell changed to "Bully Bright."

His little grocery remained open until near midnight Christmas Eve for the accommodation of late customers and those who had managed to scrape up a few coins at the last minute. Bright's shop was in a very poor part of the town, so he knew.

He kept one half-grown boy to deliver goods in a basket, on foot. But this Christmas Eve he added several extra boys to his force.

He kept them busy, too, going into all sorts of places. Barker was an expert in package wrapping, and his fingers flew swiftly except when waiting on customers. These customers were rather more than usual, but not enough to account for the packages the little grocer was hurrying into baskets.

"Gee!" panted one boy as he came in with an empty basket. "I never knew Dutch Herm nor Sleepy Hogan nor Spilkins an' some others to have any money before, but here we've stuffed 'em fit to kill. Must 'a' been rainin' money over in Goat Sluaty street."

At length the evening was over and the shop closed. Then "Bark an' Bite" dropped on his stool to figure up his day's business.

"H'm!" he at last muttered grimly. "Good thing I ain't married with a family. A single feller can economize better by not eatin' much. Seventy-five dollars is a pretty big Christmas loss."

Then he grinned. "But I guess I can stand it."

The next day, whenever he showed himself, the yell that greeted him was "Bully Bright."

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LOCALS

Tom Runyan was in town from Trail's End Saturday.

Newt Teel and wife, of Hope were shopping in Artesia Monday.

Mrs. Moore, who is staying in Roswell, spent last Friday in Artesia.

Miss Jessie Glenn Bullock is expected home from Los Angeles for the holidays.

Mrs. E. E. Coll has returned to Artesia after an extended visit at Cambridge, Ill.

Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Winans and Miss Arrabelle Rogers drove to Roswell Monday.

J. W. Reed, an old timer of the Hope community was a business visitor here Monday.

Mrs. M. C. Lee and daughter, Miss Bernice, from Lakewood, were shopping in town Saturday.

Mrs. G. P. Whithorn, who has been staying at Tatum for some time, came home last Friday for a short visit.

Clifton C. Holland, of Council Hill, Oklahoma, is here visiting his cousins, Miss Beulah Holland and Mrs. Mary Hooper.

Miss Ethel Bullock is expected home Saturday from Dalhart, Texas, where she is teaching, to spend the holiday vacation.

Mrs. Mary Kissinger has moved a house from the north part of town to her lots on south Second street and is having it fixed up to rent.

Mrs. Mary Hartline, of Hutcheson, Kansas, formerly of Artesia, will arrive in Artesia this week to take pastorate of the Nazarine church.

Miss Katherine Clarke will be home Saturday from Mt. Carmel Academy at Wichita, Kansas to spend the Christmas vacation.

The Dorcas Society of the Christian church took in \$180 at their Christmas bazaar, which was held at the Star grocery last Saturday.

M. S. Brown and Ralph Hershey of the Cottonwood were attending to business matters here Saturday. Mr. Brown reports that his cotton is gathered with the exception of a few bolls.

S. A. Lanning left Sunday for a holiday visit to relatives at Wichita, Emporia and Topeka, Kansas. Mrs. Lanning, and John Lanning, wife and baby drove with him to Roswell, where he took the train.

Mrs. Margaret Threlkeld is making many improvements to the house on the corner of Second and Richardson, which she has owned for years. Rooms have been added and the house divided into two desirable apartments.

Grant Knepple, of Lakewood tells us that according to his opinion we will soon have plenty of oil news from the west side of the river. He thinks that the territory this side of the river is due for a greater activity later.

Rev. Simmons preached for the Baptist people at Loving Sunday and incidentally put in some good work for the drive for Montezuma College. His pulpit here was occupied by Rev. W. G. McArthur, superintendent of the Baptist Orphan's Home at Portales.

Mrs. James D. Whelan and daughter, Jeanne Carroll, of Twin Falls, Idaho are visiting Mrs. Whelan's sister, Mrs. E. Ward of Hope. Mr. Whelan who now holds an editorial position with a paper in Twin Falls, is a former editor of the Artesia Advocate.

Mr. Louis Gage returned the last of the week from Jonesboro, Arkansas where he had been for several months looking after his farm. He was accompanied by his niece, Miss Jewell Gage, who will spend the winter here with her cousin, Mrs. C. M. Cole, and attend school.

J. W. Dauron, of Lakewood accompanied by Miss Julia Bolt, of Independence, Kansas, were pleasant callers at the Advocate office Tuesday. Miss Bolt, who is a former resident of Lakewood is spending the week there visiting and attending to business matters.

We deliver parcels and light freight and collect and deliver laundry. Trunks and baggage called for and delivered.

B. D. WILSON, Phone 207

Systematic Simpkins

By Christopher G. Hazard

IN HIS earliest years Samuel Simpkins began to exhibit his methodical sameness. It is related of him that he trudged the whole length of a garden one day to put a banana skin in the proper receptacle before making the banana a part of his infant constitution, a most unnatural reversal of ordinary procedure, but an indication of the tendency to put first things second that was to follow his future course a long way. Pursued by this cart-before-the-horse system, his youthful literary experiments began with the second volume when the story was extended enough, and when this was not the case he read "The Second Fiddle" before perusing "The First Violin." As he persevered towards maturity his habit of thinking first and feeling afterwards usually deprived him of emotion and left him cold, while he thus backed out of many situations that demanded instant action. While he was considering how to characterize the case the motor car that had knocked him into the roadside bushes faded away. After he had miserably failed on the platform he discovered that in his preparations he had gone against nature by considering the twigs and leaves of his tree of address, leaving the roots and trunk to the inspiration that forgot to come. So he went on, painfully exact and systematic, but with his hand always on the reverse lever.

Simpkins' friends were not greatly surprised, therefore, when he began wishing everybody a Happy New Year on December 25. They had rather expected the blind philosopher to celebrate the Fourth of July. The year before they had imposed upon him a New York daily paper of the date of April 1 of the previous year and tried to laugh him awake to affairs of the moment. Now, they accepted his mistake, and left his Christmas out of his calendar, so that he got no greetings, no cards, no slippers, no cigars, no candy; his bachelor apartment was colorless and cheerless, without a thing to remind him to create Christmas gladness for others, a loss so great that he was shocked into the system of things that makes us, forsaking the system of things that he had made. Thus Simpkins learned why Christmas comes before New Year's day; that warmth of heart, and ministry to life, and good cheer of love, are better than thought; heralds that must go before new eras and new enterprise.

Fig Delight

One-half cupful sugar, one cupful brown sugar, half cupful milk, half cupful chopped figs, half tablespoonful butter, one teaspoonful vanilla. Boil sugar and milk until it forms a soft ball in cold water. Take from the fire, add butter and vanilla and beat until creamy. Stir in the chopped figs and pour quickly on buttered pans.

See our samples of Engraving—Artesia Advocate.

PAY-DAY

Doctor: "Your bill is \$650. Now if it will be more convenient for you we can arrange payments of \$100 down and—say \$40 per month." Patient: "Gosh—it sounds like buying a piano—or a radio set, or some 'in.'" Doctor: "I am—all of them."

MAYBE SO—

Bilkins: "Say! Have you seen Clem Harrison's wife since she got her hair bobbed?" Dexter: "No—but I guess in a way that accounts why his prize air-dale pup has run away from home." Advocate Want Ads Get Results.



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Manicure Sets
Vases
Smelling Salts
Fancy Stone Rings
Bracelets
LaValieres
Wedding Rings
Ear Drops
Pendants
Neck Chains
Lockets
Thimbles

Salad and Fruit Dishes
Sugar and Cream Sets
Sherbert Glasses
Sandwich Trays
Bread Trays
Vanity Cases
Coin Boxes
Jewel Boxes
Pepper Shakers
Cologne Bottles
Meat Dishes
Ramekins

FOR HIM

Card Cases
Cigar Cases
Cigarette Cases
Scarf Pins
Cuff Links
Collar Buttons
Emblem Rings
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TELEPHONE 35

The Beckoning Star

By Vera Adelaide Murray



IT WAS Christmas Eve in Cold Rock Camp and the day had been ushered in by a biting wind that carried with it at intervals a dry, blinding snow, which lay in drifts over the narrow, unpaved streets and on top of the squatting little houses that made up the town.

Inside the homes, however, an air of cheer and happiness was in evidence and Christmas preparations were in full swing; men, women and children ran hither and thither in the happy bustle that precedes the great festival and a spicy, appetizing odor was very pronounced.

But an observant watcher could see that at times a feeling of anxiety was evident in spite of the efforts that were made to hide it. And if he would take any of the grown folks aside and question them he would find out the reason. For every one in Cold Rock Camp, except the children, knew that Big Dave Smithers was out in the storm somewhere and those who knew the danger of such a storm as the one that was raging now on the prairie trembled for Dave's safety. The day before he had boldly set forth on his errand—an errand that not a child in all the camp knew of—he had gone to the town of Palmer, fifty miles distant, to purchase such supplies such as Santa Claus usually carried in his pack on Christmas eve.

For Cold Rock Camp was a new settlement and the grown people who lived there were fearful that Santa Claus might overlook the little town. In the multitude of tasks that were his on Christmas Eve, but this fear had never even entered the heart of any child in the camp; there was not one of them but had the most abiding faith that in spite of the town's newness and its distance from the beaten track, Santa Claus would surely find his way there.

By evening, although the wind was still cold and piercing, the snow had ceased falling and the skies were clear and bright.



By this time the fear that had been growing during the day had changed to the deepest apprehension, for no word or sign had come from Dave. A little group had gathered about the big stove in the general store to discuss the thing and see if anything could be done. They thought with chilling dread of Dave out on the wide, bleak prairie, perhaps freezing to death while they sat helpless.

And through all the fears that they held for Dave there was the thought that there would be no Christmas this year for the children of the camp—that Santa Claus would not come—and that the deep and beautiful faith that was in the hearts of the children would be shattered.

It was just after even the most optimistic had given up hope and they had all come to the conclusion that Dave had surely lost the trail that some one cried out excitedly to listen. All rushed to the door and as they opened it the sound of hoof-beats was audible; in a few minutes a cheer went up from the waiting group as Dave came into view.

He told them the story after they had divested him of the heavy wraps which had kept him from freezing, and after he had seen to it that the packages which he had brought were safely within the store. He sat before the blazing stove as he spoke and from the first there seemed something different about him from the Dave they had always known. He had started back from Palmer on the morning before Christmas Eve, expecting to make the camp long before dark. He had not been traveling long when a blinding snow began to fall but he kept to the trail for hours in spite of it. However, in spite of all his care and watching, he lost the road, and although he went over and over the ground he failed to find the way. Then he tried giving his horse the rein, but the animal seemed to be at a loss, too, and finally would not move without being urged. It was then almost dusk and hope was about gone—he had almost resigned himself to the fact that death on the prairie was to be his fate and that of his horse.

Then came the thought of the little ones at the camp—the little ones who believed so firmly that what they had asked for was coming. Dave Smithers had never been given up by prayer, but at the thought of the waiting

children something stirred within his heart and he lifted his eyes for a moment to the sky above him, which was now bright and clear. And the appeal that he made in that moment was not for his own safety, but that the little ones should have their Christmas.

And while his heart was turned to the Great Heart, which is All, he noticed almost above him a little to the east a bright beaming star. Whether it was that the night was Christmas Eve, or whether it was that he was deeply stirred just then, it seemed to him that the little star beckoned to him. He thought to himself that he would follow it—that he would at least make an effort to save himself and bring joy to the children, so he urged his horse on, all the time going in the direction of the shining star—on over the snowy ground through the long hours since dusk until finally it brought him to the trail and almost within sight of the twinkling lights from the little homes in the camp.

And when some one interrupted the story to say that of course it was just an ordinary star that he had followed, the speaker shrank quickly into a corner at the look in Dave's eyes—

"'Twere no ordinary star," he half-shouted, "'twas just a plain answer to my prayer for the little ones. And though you may smile to hear it, from now on Dave Smithers is strong for Him who loves the little folks so much."

Cream Pie

Dissolve one and one-half cupsful of sugar in two cupsful of cream. Fold in the stiffly-beaten whites of three eggs and add flavoring to taste. Bake with one crust. A tablespoonful of sifted flour may be mixed with the sugar to good advantage.

Electrical Effect



Mabel—I asked my husband to give me an electrical runabout for a Christmas gift.

Maudie—What was the result?

Mabel—He was shocked.

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The Chimes of St. Andrew Chapel

By Alec Tupper



THE St. Andrew chapel stood grim against a clear sky on Christmas Eve. The moon was half hidden behind the picturesque square tower, where the carillon in days of over two centuries had sounded forth the sweet notes of the mass and beloved old hymns and French folk songs. Because of much destruction from the war guns, the edifice was abandoned as a house of worship. On the knoll, at one side of the ivy-covered wall, a group of tall poplars was still clustered, like faithful, hooded monks in silent, reverent communion. The church was regarded as being haunted, because a mysterious light often showed at night in the vestibule leading to the tower.

It was shortly before the midnight hour when, from a small cottage, a dark form emerged and made its way across the lot, through the soft fall of snow now so gloriously white under the full moon. Jacques Martan, the old carillonneur of St. Andrew's walked with determined tread. He reached the old stone entrance of the church and with his key opened the heavy oak door as he had done daily for over fifty years, before the church was abandoned. He lighted his lantern and climbed the steps to the tower room and in a short time, the cords attached to the bells shook off their dust and sweetly through the clear air rang the notes of "O Come, All Ye Faithful," "Holy Night" and "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear." The people of the village arose from their beds and flung open their windows, welcoming the sweet, familiar songs. Everyone was so happy, yet mystified, many declaring that the spirits were sounding the holy notes of the songs. A group of people gathered at the chapel and listened and watched. Not even the dim lantern in the vestibule shone in the shadow of St. Andrew's. The old carillonneur had slipped out of the side door and made his way secretly again to his cottage, the happiest man in old Lorraine. He had thought of a way to repay the good friends who had left the gifts at his door on Christmas Eve and all the village people were happy indeed and talked ever after of the mystery of the bells.

LOCALS

Mr. and Mrs. Sid Cox drove to Carlsbad Tuesday.

E. C. and D. N. Gray were business visitors in Roswell Friday.

Miss Isabel Duffey was the week end guest of Mrs. Elzie White, Jr., in Roswell.

Miss Isabel Duffey expects to go to her home at Norman, Oklahoma for the holidays.

A. W. Fore, of the Cottonwood community was transacting business in Artesia Tuesday.

Will Watson, of Hope, has returned from Atlanta, Ga., where he has been with his brother, Joe Watson, who is quite ill.

Miss Ruth Russell is expected to arrive from Albuquerque the last of the week to spend the holidays with the home folks.

Miss Josephine O' Malley will spend the holidays with her home folks at Las Vegas, and Miss Mackie Cook, with her people in Texas.

Gayle Manda is expected home from Dodge City, Kansas to spend the holidays. He will be accompanied by his friend, Charley Wilson, from Hutchinson, Kansas.

Miss Esther Morgan will come from Roswell tomorrow to spend the vacation at home and Miss Shirley Feather will be the guests of Prof. Adlai Feather and wife at State College for the vacation.

Mrs. Andrew Hemphill, of Ft. Worth and Mr. Tom Bullock of Weatherford, Texas, are expected Saturday to spend Christmas with their mother, Mrs. M. E. Bullock, and their brother, E. B. Bullock, and family.

Mrs. Beecher Rowan received word this week of the serious illness of her mother, Mrs. Surber, at Los Angeles. Mrs. Surber visited her daughter here a few months ago and had but recently reached her home after visiting in Nebraska and Colorado.

Mr. and Mrs. Harve Muncy left yesterday by auto for California, where they will visit their children for several weeks. Their son, Roy, who has been at school at Montezuma College, came last Friday to accompany them on the trip. After a holiday visit out there he will return by rail to school at Montezuma.

DUMB DAN ABROAD

Dumb Dan: "The Russians are a funny lot. I was riding in a train there and a big Russian got in and put his feet right up in my lap." Friend: "And what did you do?" Dumb Dan: "What could I do?—I couldn't speak a word of Russian."

FOR SALE—Cotton and alfalfa farms in small or large tracts with water. Terms reasonable with cheap interest rate. E. C. Higgins. 12-4-1f-3i

WISDOM OF THE SAGES

"If you're satisfied with your lot build a house on it."

Experience Junior: "It's a great life if you don't weaken." Senior: "Yep—but if you weaken just a little—its greater."

See our samples of Engraving—Artesia Advocate.

Typewriter Ribbons for sale at the Advocate Office.

It's a mighty hard proposition to run a garage and write ads, so thinks Dr. Loucks. He is still putting out Electrical and battery work. He wants to thank you all for your patronage and good will and asks that you help him make 1925 a better year with better service by telling him of his mistakes.

Can You Concentrate Easily?

Or does your mind rove? Perhaps you easily get nervous, fidgety. Inability to concentrate is very often directly traceable to defective vision. Poor vision causes eye strain. Eye strain produces nervousness, headaches, "mental cloudiness." Have your eyes examined. You may not need glasses. Still you may, in which case a pair of Shelltex Shur-ons will not only give you solid comfort and smart appearance, but, as well, they will actually reduce lens breakage to a minimum.

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Talking to Kiddies Over the Radio

ARRIVALS AT THE HARDWICK

M. Anthony and wife, Long Beach, California; Irene Anthony, Long Beach, California; Leo Bones, J. P. Hare, Amarillo, A. C. Bum, Colorado, Texas, Geo. E. Bobb, Tulsa, Okla., H. J. Packard, Denver, Colo., L. Christina, Denver, Colo., C. L. Sayer, Okla., Vern Griggs, Okla., C. D. Miller, El Dorado, Ark., W. H. Miller, El Dorado, Ark., Elmer, Albuquerque, J. B. McMullen, El Paso, Texas, B. C. Gillstrap,

Tucumish, Okla., C. A. Doty, Albuquerque, Elm Parks, Denver, Colo., L. B. Salesbury, Roswell, Z. B. Moon, Hope, T. E. Smith, Amarillo, Texas, G. E. Quillen, West Virginia, J. E. Morgan, Shamrock, Texas, W. M. Angu, Shamrock, Texas, D. W. Killeen, Albuquerque, Ed Williams, El Paso, Texas, W. J. Wilkie, Roswell, J. Blair, Littlefield, Texas, W. R. Adams, Littlefield, Texas, J. P. Canhopi, Hope, T. A. Glascock, Hope, W. T. Wilson, Roswell, Hugh B. Bittis, El Paso, Texas, S. H. Frazier,

Moline, Kansas, H. W. Kitzleman, El Dorado, Kansas, W. E. Stone, El Dorado, Kansas, Fred S. Combs, Oklahoma City, Okla., E. E. Ezell, Amarillo, Texas, J. T. Byman, Amarillo, Texas, M. C. Oaks, Carlsbad, R. M. Kile, Hope, J. E. Beekman, Wichita Falls, Texas, J. B. Gilliland, Dallas, Texas, A. B. Merrill, Amarillo, Texas, J. B. Duvall, Butler, Mo., W. M. Atkinson, Roswell, A. J. Holderman, Winslow, Arizona, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Carr, Ranch, J. Olson and wife, Dallas, Texas, B. C. Mossman, Roswell,

LAKWOOD ITEMS

Johnny Angell and wife motored to Carlsbad Monday.

Chas. Barber and Silas Hogg were transacting business in Artesia Saturday.

Lloyd Adams who has been working at Duncan the past month has returned home.

Mrs. D. E. Webb visited a few days the first of the week at the home of her brother, Wm. Nelson on Four Mile.

Willie Nelson and Albert Lee went coon hunting Monday night but were not very successful, as brother coon was too sly for them that time.

Mrs. Jas. Fanning took her little daughter, Hazel to Carlsbad Monday for medical treatment. Hazel has been ailing for some time.

Ralph Shafer and family left for Blackwell Monday, where they will visit Mr. Shafer's mother and other relatives. They will be gone about ten days.

We forgot to announce the marriage of Levi Howell and Miss Viola Smart about three weeks ago. They went to Roswell and were married, visited a few days with Mr. Howell's parents, then went to Globe, Arizona where they will make their future home.

RAISING \$500 FOR THE DEER

The state game warden having declared she could not commit the department at this time to more than a \$500 contribution toward bringing 60 Kaibab deer to the Santa Fe canyon game refuge recently created by the state game department, the Santa Fe Game Protective Association started a committee out today to raise an equal amount to make it possible to take advantage of the Grand Canyon deer drive and bring the animals here. At noon the committee had raised \$250. Mrs. Melaven told the G. P. A. at a meeting at the Elks hall last night she would appoint a deputy approved by the association, to watch the deer after being placed on the refuge and promised all possible cooperation of the department in caring for and feeding the deer.

Legal Blanks—Advocate

G. B. Hood, Denver, Colo., C. A. Green, Roswell, Ed Toner, Carlsbad, Arch F. Allington, Brakenridge, Texas, T. A. Thompson, Trinidad, Colo., T. C. Searle, El Paso, Texas, G. E. Bennett, Roswell, H. J. Houser, Roswell.

HOPE ITEMS

Ed Watts and Charley Hardin came in from the ranch today.

Howell Gage and H. C. Beckett were in Hope selling Fords Monday.

The most wonderful weather ever known, has prevailed here up to now.

Irvin Martin is tearing down the old Getzwiller house, and moving it to his farm near Dayton.

Mrs. Murel, of Santa Rosa, was here this week visiting her son Horrel and Leona, her daughter.

Cotton picking is practically over and farmers are preparing to begin plowing and getting ready to plant

another big crop, principally cotton.

Livestock are wintering in fine shape, and with a reasonable amount of precipitation, spring will show a wonderful improvement in conditions here.

Wedding bells are ringing, and the next time we write you we may be able to say that two old timers were united in marriage. That is unless some very unusual thing happens, because they are both of the same mind now.

We have an appropriate gift for everyone.
12-11-2tc **PALACE DRUG STORE**

We have a complete line of samples of social stationery—Artesia Advocate.



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A Radio will bring to your home a variety of entertainment that will be enjoyed by every member of your family. Lectures, music, news from every part of the land awaits your choice most any hour of the day or night.

Batteries for Every Make

L. P. EVANS

Yuletide Suggestions

Year after year our satisfied customers make this store their headquarters for Christmas buying. Our comprehensive stocks offer big quality merchandise at moderate prices, and our policy of fair dealing assures every purchaser the utmost satisfaction or his money back. Come in tomorrow and see the values we are displaying.

VERY SPECIALLY PRICED

- Pocket Knives
- Carving Set
- Perculators
- Flashlights
- Pyrex Glassware
- Coleman Lamps
- Alarm Clocks
- Safety Razors
- Aluminum Roasters
- Shaving Brushes
- Coleman Lanterns

COMMUNITY PLATE

- 26-Piece Buffet sets \$12.75 up
- Teaspoon Sets
- Tablespoon Sets
- Berryspoons
- Cream Ladle
- Knife and Fork Sets
- Salad Fork Sets
- Baby Spoons
- Cold Meat Forks
- Boullion Spoons
- Butter Knife
- Sugar Spoons
- Soup Spoon Sets

Men's Gifts

Shirts, Ties and
Gloves of Well-
known makes.

The Mosaic Scarf, latest
fad, pure camels wool, for
\$3.00 each—ask to see
them.

The famous Interwoven
Sox in Holiday Boxes—
just the right gift for a
he-man, all qualities and
prices.

Also Bath Robes, Hand-
kerchiefs and everything
a man will desire

Fancy
Pillow
Cases
Towel
Sets
Bed
Quilt
Sets

Women's Gifts

She will appreci-
ate any of these.
Stocks are new.

- Beaded Bags
- Mesh Bags
- Vanity Cases
- Bandeaus
- Silk Hose
- Silk Underwear
- Genuine French

- Kid Gloves
- Bed
- Room
- Slippers

CHILDREN'S GIFTS

These will go
fast.

- Velocipedes
- Kid Cars
- Skooters
- Boys' Wagons
- Air Rifles
- Electric Trains
- Juvenile Automobiles
- Rubber Balls

Toys too numerous to
mention.

Come and look them over

Quality and price combine
to make these especially
attractive.

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HARDWARE DEPARTMENT

DRY GOODS DEPARTMENT

Home for Christmas

By Frank Herbert Sweet

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GRANNY SAYLES, taking the last batch of Christmas mince pies from the oven and placing them, one by one, on the zinc table top saw through the corners of her eyes a skulking figure outside.

"Sammy," she thought, "tired an' mebbe half-starved. 'Thinkin' 'bout Christmas, an' startin' home, but 'fraild to come in. Poor boy! Been off two months this time."

Her eyes grew soft and sad. Many years ago her son, Ben, had been that way, wild and resentful of restraint. They—her husband had been harsh with him, or rather just, punishing when punishing was due, and sternly promising more, and more severe, at any repetition. But Ben only acted worse, and soon ran away.

It was twenty years before they heard from him, dying, and they had gone and brought his son, Sammy, back, then nearly ten.

And now her grandson was going the same way, impatient of advice and control, though only fourteen.

A slight shadow fell across the floor, though she did not look up. She knew, Sammy was peeping in hungrily.

"Some can be driven, an' others must be led," Granny murmured, with moist eyes. "One way's been tried, the other hardly touched. Poor Sammy! He's suspicious an' morose, an' may run off if I ain't careful."

She picked up a pan of scraps, such as were usually given the chickens, and went to the open door calling, "Chick, chick, chick." Scattering the scraps as far as the corner, she suddenly dropped the pan and had her arms around Sammy's neck.

"I felt you'd come home for Christmas, Sammy," she exclaimed joyously.



"Forty Miles," mumbled Sammy, "An' Not a Bite on the Way."

"Smelled my cookies an' doughnuts, likely, My! my! how you used to make 'em fly. Now come in an' try some, an' the mince pies, too. I want to know if they're all right. Then you can go up an' wash. 'Pretty cold, I'd say, walkin'." But you always did like campin' out an' walkin'."

"Forty miles," mumbled Sammy, as he allowed himself to be urged in, "an' not a bite on the way."

"In too much hurry to get home for Christmas," chuckled grandma, trying to keep pity out of her voice. "But you really shouldn't go hungry, boy; it isn't good for growin' young folks." Sammy eyed the food longingly, but hesitated. "Where's grandpa?" he asked.

"Sick in bed with rheumatism, an' discouraged," grandma answered. "Farm work all whichaway. I—found him cryin' 't'other day."

"Not—grandpa?" incredulously. "Yes, but don't ever mention it to him. He hid his face under the bed-clothes when I went in, thinkin' I didn't see. Yes, grandpa feels that 'bout everything in life has gone cross with him, partly his fault, maybe."

Two doughnuts, twice as many cookies and half a mince pie disappeared in silence, then, "Td-like to help if—if—but he wouldn't want—"

"Yes, he would. Grandpa's bark is all on the outside. If you really tried to help, I guess his face would go under the clothes ag'in, so we couldn't see what he did. Then Cousin Andrew an' his family, an' Miss Nancy Bell, an' Aunt Mary's children are comin' this evenin' to spend Christmas. Grandpa not being round, you'll have to help entertain. Take the young people round in the car, play games, an' all sorts of things."

"Grandpa wouldn't let me touch the car," despondently. "He'd say I was too young."

"No, he wouldn't—not now." Sammy drew a wondering breath. But more cookies and the other half of mince pie went before he said, definitely:

"I was in jail two days for taking something to eat. I didn't mean to eat."

NEWS BRIEFS OF THE WEEK

U. S. senate favors private operation of Muscle Shoals.

Four persons killed at grade crossing at Serling, Colo., on Tuesday.

Plans are made to have a third party at the next presidential election.

Poison hooch kills nine in New York during the first three days of the week.

Six persons die when an apartment in lower New York catches on fire. Hospital is menaced.

Living costs increase for November, average about one half of one per cent higher than preceding month.

Wheat and corn takes another rise on the market this week. Stocks continue to rise on the New York markets.

Arrangements are being made in Santa Fe for the inauguration of A. T. Hannett, next governor of New Mexico.

Deputy sheriff at Laredo, Texas is fatally shot Monday while trying to apprehend whiskey smugglers on the Mexican border.

Secretary Hughes tells British that the United States will uphold right to collect war debt from Germany under the Dawes plan.

President Coolidge is thought to favor increased postage rates on third class mails as a means of raising funds to give postal clerks a better salary.

James P. Overstreet, famous yeggman arrested at Ft. Worth Tuesday wanted for robbing the Federal National bank at Shawnee, Okla., on December 10th.

A cold wave moves south along the eastern slope of the Rocky mountains, hits northern New Mexico Wednesday. Zero weather prevails in Montana and Wyoming.

Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, dies at San Antonio, Texas. The body was buried at the Sleepy Hollow cemetery in New York. Funeral services were broadcasted.

You will be remembered every week in the year if you send the Advocate to the folks back home.

What Christmas Brings

By KATHERINE EDELMAN

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CHRISTMAS, the brightest day of the year, is with us again, rekindling faith and trust within our souls and filling our hearts with tender and blessed memories of the past. For on this day there comes to us in the fullest measure all that is beautiful and worth while in life: we share in each other's happiness and joy, putting aside selfishness and greed and hate, and giving the best that is in us that someone else may be glad. We become, in a measure, as little children again, rejoicing in the simple little pleasures of home, forgetting for the time being all the vexations and problems of the world, and feeling within us a surging of the beautiful faith and trust that was ours in the long ago. On this day, too, we see the best that is in our fellow-man, overlooking the little faults and failings of his that may, perhaps, have stirred us to anger yesterday. Today he is our brother, a fellow-being to be helped and encouraged and loved as far as it is possible for us to do, for today with the new vision that has come to us we see him as ourselves, struggling the best he knows how with the worries and cares of life. "Would to God that this beautiful spirit of love and peace and giving that hovers over the world on Christmas would live through all the days to follow, for if it did many of the heart-wearingly problems that are bringing sorrow and pain to the world today would be no more!

Peace and Good Will

The real Christmas spirit is not the spirit of extravagant expense, of covetous delight. To be peaceful with God and with our fellow-creatures; to be willing to do good for Him and for them—that is the peace and good will which can make of our lives a continuous Christmas feast. It costs nothing; it hurts no one; it wins heaven and earth; it gives "glory to God in the highest." The oldest Christmas wish is still the best—Peace and good will.—Herald and Presbyterian.

"You poor boy!" Grandma took him into her arms. Then he broke down. "You still want me to come?" he sobbed. "More than ever, dear. We need you just as much as you do us." "Then I'll stay. It was awful, grandpa. I never want to go away any more. I—I'll stay here always, if you and grandpa want me to."

LOCALS

Ed Kissinger and wife made a trip to Carlsbad Tuesday.

Fred S. Coombs of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, is visiting John Fanning this week.

Mrs. Herbert Muncy returned Tuesday from a few days' visit with relatives at Hope.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Rogers and Mrs. Albert Richards motored to Roswell yesterday.

Dwight McCree, who is studying at Clarendon College, Clarendon, Texas, is expected home to spend vacation.

Mrs. Joe Jesse has bought the Moore house, on the corner of Second street and Washington avenue.

Clair Henderson recently went to Arizona to live with her sister, Mrs. Ross Connor and to seek employment there.

Miss Luella Henderson entered the Eddy County hospital at Carlsbad this week to resume her training as a nurse.

Mr. and Mrs. Solon Spence, of Lake Arthur, accompanied by Mrs. Roy Vermillion, were shopping in Artesia Tuesday.

Hannah Bell, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Will McCaw, who has been severely ill the past week, is improving.

W. R. Hornbaker is the proud possessor of a new Studebaker sedan. The purchase was made at Roswell last week.

Dwight Lee and wife, of Loving, were transacting business in town yesterday. They were accompanied by Mrs. Lee's mother, Mrs. J. D. Millman of Lakewood.

Tom Spivey has been having a tussle with an eye, caused from an infection. He has been under the care of a specialist for the past week and states that his eye is slowly improving.

Newman Smith will arrive Sunday from Oklahoma City, Okla., to visit his mother, Mrs. Sallie Smith, and sister, and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Brown during the Christmas vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Lee, Miss Julia Bolt and Judge Dauron were up from Lakewood to attend the funeral of Mr. Silas Rogers, which was held at the Christian church on Tuesday afternoon.

Virgil Brookshire, a former Artesia boy is now stationed in Long Beach, Calif., in the employment of the Edison Company. Virgil is getting along very nicely and is well pleased with his present position.

J. T. Mitchell, of Gibbs, Mo., arrived in Artesia this week to spend the winter here. Mr. Mitchell, who owns property north of town will probably locate in Artesia later. He states that he is well pleased with the present prospects here.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Douglas will arrive Christmas eve from Columbus, this state, to spend Christmas with Mrs. Douglas' mother, Mrs. Jack Hastie, and family. Mr. Douglas' father and mother, from Evansville, Indiana, will come with them.

Rev. L. R. Simmons left Wednesday for Las Vegas and expects to return home today with a number of Artesia students who are attending Montezuma college. The party includes: Norman Bullock and the Misses Zilla Simmons, Dora Roady and Ruth Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Corbin drove to Roswell Sunday afternoon to meet Bishop Howden and bring him here to hold a confirmation at St. Paul's Mission. The service was held in the evening, Mr. Harvey Reading and Mrs. Ables being confirmed. The bishop returned to Albuquerque that night.

Bert Spivey, brother of Tom Spivey, who has been here for several months, will drive to Alamogordo Saturday to meet his wife, who is coming from California on the Rock Island. The Misses Vella Spivey and Vesta Frisch, from State College, will join them at Alamogordo and come on home with them.

Miss Jane Spence, who was a student in our high school last year, was in town from Lake Arthur Tuesday, accompanied by her niece, Miss Nelle Hill. Miss Jane is attending high school at Abilene, Texas, this year and is at home for the holidays. Her sister, Mrs. Hill and daughter, Miss Nelle, of Abilene, accompanied her home to Lake Arthur to spend Christmas.

HER REASON

Fat Lady Motorist (rattling up to filling station): "A half gallon of gasoline, please."

Man at Pump: "Ain't going far, are you?"

Fat Lady: "Oh yes—but I'm putting this car on a diet."

Glasses that fit. Edward Stone, 12-18-1tc

See the New Oldsmobile at Widney's.

Want Ads

TERMS:—A rate of ten cents per line will be charged for classified ads for the first insertion and five cents per line thereafter. No ad accepted for less than 25c. An average of 6 words or dinarily constitute a line. Charges will be based on this average. Cash must accompany all ads sent by letter, otherwise they will not be inserted.

FOR SALE

BLUE PRINT MAP of Eddy county Oil Field brought up to date, by mail or on sale at our office. \$1.00 per copy. H. & H. EXCHANGE.

FOR SALE—Deeded land with oil and gas right; commercial leases, state oil and gas leases. J. R. Hoffman, Artesia, N. M. 12-20-1tc

FOR SALE—Income business property on Main street. Address Makins & Son, Abilene, Kansas. 12-11-4tc

OIL OPERATORS NOTICE—Have new, heavy drilling machine, tools complete. Would ship to New Mexico if enough contracts can be secured to justify the shipment. Ready to go. C. F. Finefield, Wagoner, Oklahoma. 12-18-3tp

FOR SALE—Nice five room house with bath and sleeping porch. Well located. Second house west of City park on Quay Ave. Part cash, balance like rent. See D. G. DeGeer at Ferriman's store. 12-18-2tc

FOR SALE—Fine young S. C. R. I. roosters. Mrs. Ed Stone. 12-18-1tc

FOR SALE—40 acres improved land three miles from Artesia. Inquire of L. L. Feather. 12-4-4tp

FOR SALE—Cotton and alfalfa farms in small or large tracts with water. Terms reasonable with cheap interest rate. E. C. Higgins. 12-4-1f-3i

Guaranteed hosiery, samples your size free to agents. Write for proposition paying \$75.00 weekly full time, \$1.50 an hour spare time, selling guaranteed hosiery to wearer; must wear or replaced free. Quick sales, repeat orders. INTERNATIONAL STOCKING MILLS, 5475, Norristown, Pa. 11-20-6tc

FOR SALE—80 acres good farm land with flowing well and pumping plant. Plenty of water for 40 acres. Cotton averaging one bale per acre on this land. Fair improvements. Call at Advocate office for particulars. 11-27-4tp

FOR SALE—Pure arcala cotton seed for planting. This cotton averaged 37 per cent and on one block made two bales per acre. Price 4 cents per pound. Place orders with Cecil, Durand or Buchanan at C. A. P. ranch. 11-27-4tp

FOR TRADE—Close-in Roswell residence property or 20 acres adjoining townsite, for business property in Artesia. 210 West Fifth Street, Roswell, New Mexico. 12-18-2tp

WANTED

WANTED—Table boarders, rooms in connection if available. Prices reasonable. Apply to the Terrill house. 11-20-4tp.

L. L. Feather Carpenter & Contractor Estimates Furnished 11-27-4tp

LOST

LOST—Ladies purse with the name Roy Vermillion on inside of purse. Return to Advocate office and receive reward. 12-18-1tp

See the New Oldsmobile at Widney's.

We have a complete line of samples of ecocial stationery—Artesia Advocate.

KILLED AND INJURED IN AUTO ACCIDENTS

WASHINGTON—More than 22,000 people were killed and 678,000 injured in street and highway accidents throughout the nation last year it was revealed Monday at a meeting of highway, police, automobile and insurance commission Secretary of Commerce Hoover called the conference to draft a national policy and campaign to cut down the increasing list of accidents and to eliminate street and highway congestion.

CURE FOR SPEED MANIA

"Drive as fast as your one-cylinder brain dictates to the nearest filling station; buy 10 gallons of gasoline and have it put in a wash tub which you have brought with you. Then stick your head in it three times—and take it out twice."

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—Two furnished rooms for housekeeping. Connecting bath. Apply at Advocate office.

FOR RENT—Three modern house-keeping rooms, lights and water furnished. Mary E. Abbott, phone 271. 12-18-1tp

FOR RENT—Furnished, one of the finest homes in Carlsbad. Call on or address J. M. Pardue, Carlsbad, New Mexico. 12-18-2tc

DID YOU EVER STOP TO THINK

THAT the merchants of your are eager to be of service to you. THAT their stocks were never complete with goods of high value than now. They can satisfy the discriminating buyers.

THAT some people don't seem to know their own minds. When it comes to buying they do too much hesitate. THAT if you see something advertised that you need, go buy it. Don't hesitate.

THAT nobody knows better your merchants the prime necessities complete with goods of high value and holding the confidence of people of your city.

THAT in no city do the merchants more strict attention to the quality of their goods than in Carlsbad. THAT your city is noted for its tail establishments. They are remarkable for a city of its size.

THAT the people who have visited your city before are surprised at its shopping facilities. The more they investigate, the bigger their surprise.

THE STORES OF YOUR CITY ARE WONDERFUL. THE STOCKS ARE THE SAME.

Say it with glasses. Consult your optician. 12-18-1tc

Santa Claus is Here

Just 5 Days Left 'TILL CHRISTMAS AND OUR BIG CHRISTMAS SALE

WILL BE OVER

Make it a point to trade at our store during this sale and save money on your gifts

WE OFFER THESE BARGAINS:

- \$4.50 Rubber Tire Tricycle.....\$2.98
- \$5.50 Rubber Tire Tricycle.....\$3.98
- \$4.50 Rubber Tire Pedal Bike.....\$2.98
- \$5.50 Rubber Tire Pedal Bike.....\$3.98

HOURLY SALES

- FRIDAY, DEC. 19th, 10 to 11 A. M. 10c Glass Tumblers, Barrel Shape.....6c
- SATURDAY, DEC. 20th, 10 to 11 A. M. Set 6 Knives and Forks, Malacca Plated.....79c
- SATURDAY, DEC. 20th, 2 to 3 P. M. 40c lb Christmas Mixed Candy, per pound only.....25c

GIFTS FOR EVERYBODY—SANTA'S TOYLAND

Golden Rule Variety Store

ARTESIA, NEW MEXICO

Christmas Gifts

Visit our store if you want something for the car

Auto Gifts

are the most appreciated gifts

EVERYTHING FOR THE CAR

A Merry Christmas to all

Pior's Service Station

Christmas Trees in the Forest

By KATHERINE EDELMAN

THE children of the little folks of the forest met in council the morning before Christmas.

Baby Jack Squirrel was the spokesman for the crowd and he voiced their wrongs in a few short, terse sentences: "All the children in the world of people have beautiful Christmas trees fixed for them. Why should the children of the forest be denied such things? Is it fair? Is it just?"

Every little one of the forest who present cried loudly that it was except Baby Rabbit, who was a little timid about using her voice, so she just nodded her head.

Just then a beautiful fairy came and among the little forest folk: "Children," she said, "I have just been listening to all that you have saying and I want to tell you that you are all wrong. If each one of you will close your eyes for a moment I will take you on a little trip to me and prove to you that you are wrong yourselves unhappy without me."

All the little ones present shut their eyes tightly and as they did so felt themselves moving swiftly through air. There was no fear in their hearts at all for the good fairy was right beside them all the time and was smiling at them so pleasantly.

They were then taken to the windows of some homes where Christmas trees were already set up and decorated and they were allowed to gaze at them. After several hours of this the little people began to grow weary, and the fairy kept them moving from place to place and often they had to travel a long way to find homes where the tree was fixed so far ahead, as if people wait until Christmas Eve to set up the Christmas tree.

When, finally, the fairy brought them to their own forest, she took them to the tree and pointed out to them the beauty of each. Then she led them to the prettiest tree of all and asked them to look hard at it. And the little folks looked hard they thought that this tree was more beautiful than any of the trees they had seen on any of the trees that were set up for the children of the forest.

For Jack Frost and Old Man Winter had gone to all manner of trouble to decorate this tree and it sparkled and shone with a radiance that far surpassed that of the Christmas trees they had just seen in people's homes. It was not alone this tree that was beautiful, but every single tree in the forest was beautiful also, only that a particular one seemed to be a little lovelier than any of the rest.

When the little children of the forest saw that they had no just cause for blame, and discontent vanished from their hearts, for they felt that there was no more beautiful Christmas tree in all the world than the one which was their very own and which they so near them in their own home. And they thanked the good fairy for the month for what she had shown them and they all wished her a merry Christmas.

In The Toy Department

By KATHERINE EDELMAN

HE LOOKED very tired and very old and very weary as he walked through the big department store. You would have felt yourself safe in guessing that the weight of three score years or more lay on his shoulders. He had just purchased a present he always gave at Christmas—a gift for his nephew whom he had not seen for five years. He was the only relative he possessed and he was often very, very lonely.

It was the rush hour in the store, and everywhere people were trying to get to the counters. Absently walking among them—he found himself in the toy department. A certain wistfulness in the face of two small boys caught his attention. They were neatly dressed and looked rather thin and frail, he thought. An hour later the old man left the store. On either side of him was a happy boy, who was giving to him this year. And as the old man led the children to the cafe and was downstairs, he looked at least years younger than when he entered the store, and there was a new gleam of interest and hope in his eyes. Two small boys were to be a new part in his life, for they had promised to be his visitors at their home just as he was lonely.

A TRAITOR IN THE CAMP
Comrade dumbowski: I denounce you are pandering to the capitalist class.
Comrade Horakoff: Liar!
Comrade dumbowski: Then why do you begin your name with a capitalist letter?

DIST. JUDGE AT SANTA FE MAKES BALLOT CASE PERMANENT

The temporary restraining order previously granted to prevent county clerks in all counties from disposing of ballots and poll books in view of contemplated contests for state offices Monday was made permanent by Judge Reed Holloman of the district court of Santa Fe county until such time as the court decides they are no longer needed for the contests.

None of the county clerks, who with the secretary of state, are defendants in the action appeared and there was no resistance to making the order permanent.

Felipe Sanchez y Baca's petition to intervene was granted by the court at the same time.

The temporary restraining order was issued heretofore on petition of Manuel B. Otero, A. T. Chavez, J. W. Chapman, Prager Miller and Tom McGrath, who at the time indicated their intention of bringing contests by means of quo warranto proceedings after the first of the year for the offices of governor, state auditor and attorney general (incumbents of which constitute the state board of finance) land commissioner and corporation commissioner. In view of this, they wanted the ballots and poll books preserved.

Alleging many irregularities, particularly in republican counties, Mr. Sanchez then filed his petition to intervene. In this he also stated it to be his intention to file quo warranto proceedings against Edward Sargent, republican, who has been issued the certificate of election as lieutenant governor.

Judge Sam G. Bratton appeared as attorney for Mr. Sanchez, owing to Summers Burkhardt's inability to come up from Albuquerque; and Carl Gilbert of Renchan & Gilbert appeared as attorney for the republican candidates.

The Christmas Treasure Chest

OF COURSE one wants to send something for the new baby's Christmas, something "different," something besides the usual spoon, or cup, or baby pins. Any of the following is easy to make, and sure of an enthusiastic welcome.

Buttons—A row of three tiny pearl buttons sewed to a piece of linen tape is often used instead of the gold baby buttons. A set of six of these tapes, fastened to a dainty card, could be enclosed in a letter of welcome to the little stranger.

Blanket Pins—Winter is rapidly approaching and the lively youngster who kicks off his blankets will need some way to fasten them down. The small baby garters may be purchased in pink and blue as well as white. A rosette of baby lace surrounding two or three ribbon rosetts is sewed to the tape to conceal the safety pin. The pin is fastened to the mattress and the blankets are held firmly but with no danger of tearing by the garter clasp.

Sweater—Many mothers prefer the all-wool sweater of lightweight wool to the flannel sacque, because these stay closed in front, are easy to wash and require no ironing. The woman who loves to knit can fashion one in a few hours. Remember to make the neck large with a drawstring so that it will be easy to pull over the baby's neck. With the left-over wool make a pair of mittens to match; then the set will be useful to wear under the little coat when the air is frosty.

Comfort—Every mother should know what a joy a comfort made of cheesecloth is. It can be washed out in a minute and dried almost as quickly. Cut two pieces of cheesecloth of a good grade to fit the crib, put a thin layer of wool batting between them. Use pink or blue embroidery silk to quilt it in large squares, working a rambler rose at the intersections, and finish by buttonholing the edges with the silk. Ribbon roses may be used in place of the embroidered ones, but they do not launder so well.

A baby swing will be very useful before the baby is many months old. Be sure to dress up your gift with one or two washable covers to protect the canvas. These may be cut, with the swing as a pattern, from flowered cretonne and the edges bound in tape, and, of course, tapes to tie them on. Or they may be made from white Indian head, or unbleached muslin, with dainty cross-stitched flowers in the corners and a colored binding. Or you may bind the edges in colored cretonne. If you wish to make the gift very elaborate add a few toys tied on with ribbon or tape to match the binding.

No Troubles Till Then
"Didja have any trouble getting your girl her ring for Christmas?"
"Not yet! The first payment don't start till January."

IT'S POSSIBLE

City Man: "I understand there is a great deal of money in farming."
Agriculturist: "Well, there ought to be. I for one am putting in all I can get my hands on."

AT THE CHURCHES

METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. M. A. Brown, superintendent. The attendance was remarkably good last Sunday. We hope to have more next Sunday.

Preaching service at 11:00 a. m. "The Richly Titled Child" will be the sermon subject. Special Christmas music.

Epworth Leagues each meet at 6:00 p. m. Interesting and helpful topics are discussed.

Evening worship at 7:00 p. m. Subject of sermon, "Under the Christmas Star."

Christmas exercises, conducted by the Sunday school, will be held next Wednesday evening—Christmas eve.

To all who mourn and need comfort, to all who are tired and need rest, to all who are friendless and need friendship, to all who are homeless and want sheltering love, to all who pray and to all who do not pray but ought, to all who sin and need a Saviour, and to whomsoever will, this church opens wide its doors and in the name of the Lord Jesus says welcome.

JAMES H. WALKER,
Pastor.

ST. PAUL'S MISSION

The Right Rev. F. B. Howden D. D., bishop of New Mexico and also West Texas, visited this mission Sunday and administered the rite of Confirmation to Harvey Reading and Julia Roberta Able.

The Bishop preached one of his splendid and inspiring sermons, and it will long be remembered by the members and friends of the mission.

The Bishop was conveyed from Roswell by that solid pillar of the church, Mark Corbin, and was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Corbin at dinner.

Christmas Day, 1924—Choral Eucharist and short address by the Rev. F. A. Thorold Eller at 10:00 a. m.

The members of the church have plans in view for a program in connection with the little Sunday school.

THE CHURCH OF THE NAZARINE

Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Preaching at 11:00 a. m. and 7:00 p. m. A hearty welcome awaits all. Come and hear the old time religion preached. Prayer meeting every Thursday night.

BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. Preaching at 11:00 a. m. B. Y. P. U.'s meet at 6:00 p. m. Preaching service at 7:00 p. m. Our contest is on, in a great way. Brother Givens and Mrs. Bullock have charge this week of group No. two. They say if you are a friend of theirs, prove it by being at the Baptist church both morning and evening of next Sunday. They also promise that if their friends help them win, a seat will be given them at the "banquet" by the groups losing.

We will have our Christmas program on Christmas evening beginning at 7:30.

We cordially invite all our friends. Strangers are especially welcomed. L. R. SIMMONS,
Pastor.

CHRISTMAS AT THE METHODIST CHURCH

The Sunday school is planning to hold a Christmas entertainment on Christmas eve. The exercises will be given by the primary and junior departments of the Sunday school and will consist of songs, pieces and exercises by the children and tableaux upon the Christmas theme. Santa Claus will appear among the Christmas greenery with his treat for the scholars.

On Sunday afternoon at half past three o'clock there will be a Vesper service for the cradle roll in the Sunday school room, to which the parents and grandparents of the babies are invited.

PRESBYTERIANS TO HOLD CHRISTMAS EXERCISES

The Presbyterian Sunday School will give a Christmas entertainment at the church on Christmas eve. There will also be a Christmas tree and a tree for the members of the school.

Orange Pie

Add one rounding tablespoonful of cornstarch, mixed with one cupful of cold water, to three-quarters cupful of boiling water and cook three minutes. Add a pinch of salt, the grated rind of three oranges, one cupful of sugar and the white of one, both well beaten, and pour into a paste-lined plate.

Bake and cool slightly. Cover with a meringue made from the white of one egg beaten stiff with a level tablespoonful of powdered sugar and set in a cool oven for ten minutes.

Pumpkin Pie

Mix four cupfuls of strained pumpkin with nine eggs, beaten separately, two quarts of milk, a teaspoonful each of cinnamon, mace and nutmeg, one and one-half cupfuls of sugar. Bake with one crust.

We have a complete line of samples of social stationery—Artesia Advocate.

Christmas Joy

Genuine Christmas joy will overflow with conquering enthusiasm into other circles than that of its own experience. It is always exuberant and manifests a spirit of helpfulness to others. The happy song of angels at the birth of our Savior sought sympathetic response in the souls of the surprised shepherds. The announcement of the angel, "I bring you good tidings of great joy," indicates the power of the movement that would in some way through Christians of other ages, carry this joy "to the people." The band of shepherds, after they had visited the new-born Babe, who had returned "adoring and praising God," instantly and gratefully made known abroad the character and the cause of their gladness.—Herald and Presbyter.

Christmas Time

I have always thought of Christmas time, when it has come around as a good time, a kind, forgiving, charitable, pleasant time; the only time I know of, in the long calendar of the year, when men and women seem by one consent to open their shut-up hearts freely. And therefore, though it has never put a scrap of gold or silver in my pocket, I believe that it has done me good and will do me good; and I say God bless it.—Charles Dickens.

SIMPKINS SYSTEM

Jones: "Bill Simpkins, conductor on the jerkwater local, has a great cash system."

Decker: "So?—I haven't heard about it."

Jones: "Well, Simpkins collects quite a few cash fares on his daily trips. To determine jest who the money belongs to, he flips a coin. If it's head, he puts it in the right pocket. If it's tails, he puts it in the left pocket—and if it lands on the bellcord and balances there—it goes to the company."

Typewriter Ribbons for sale at the Advocate Office.

Look Listen Come to the CITY BAKERY

For Your Christmas Candies—Right from the Factory, Fresh and Fine, Boxed Chocolates, O' Boy Just the Kind to Send Mother, Sister or Sweetheart.

FRUIT CAKES YOU WILL AGREE AS GOOD AS YOU EVER ATE

Doughnut Cakes and Pies that will make you smile and your guests will say "give me another slice, so delicious and fine."

AND "FOR GOODNESS SALES, THAT BREAD YOUR BAKER MAKES IS THE BEST THAT I EVER ATE.

The City Bakery



HEADQUARTERS

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Bell Peppers, Lettuce, Celery, Cranberries and Grapes

ORANGES -----40c, 50c, 60c
BULK DATES -----20c

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Pickles in Bulk—Sour, Dills and Sweet

The Star Grocery

TELEPHONE 48

J. S. SHARP, Proprietor

SANTA MAKING UP HIS LIST



Lake Arthur, N. M., Dec. 1, 1924.
Mr. Santa Claus,
North Pole.

Dear Santa:
I am a little girl seven years old and I am in the second grade.

Please, Santa I want a purse, a pretty ring and lots of good things to eat and just anything else you have to spare.

I hope you and your reindeer don't get snowbound for I want these things very much.

Your little friend,
Edith Wilson.

Artesia, New Mexico.

Dear Santa:
How are you? I would like for you to send me four nice thick books and a football. I would like to have some house slippers for my old ones are worn out. I want my Daddy to have a pipe stand and my mamma would like a kitchen chair. Please send the other children plenty of things. Where I said my mamma would like a kitchen chair I mean one of those tall stools.

I would like for you to send a poor little boy or girl a nice warm coat and a toy train for a boy and a nice doll for a girl. I guess I had better close now. I will write again.

Your friend,
Osborne Keller.

Artesia, N. M., Dec. 1, 1924.

Dear Santa Claus:
Are you coming to visit us this year? This is what I want for Christmas, a coaster wagon, 22 gun and car and a pop gun and a steam engine and a B B gun and a pair skates and a train and some candy and nuts too. Good bye.

Your friend,
Charles Brown

Artesia, New Mexico.

Dear Santa:
I want you to bring John Reed a tooth brush and me a doll and pencil. I am four years old. Bob wants a ball.

Emma Jane Brewer

Eastland, Texas, Dec. 8, 1924.

Dear Santa Claus:
I would like to have a doll, a doll bed, and a basket ball. I would like for you to get a bed to have wheels on it. My little sister Juanita is nearly five years old and she wants a doll, a cradle, and a little trunk. I always like for Christmas to come because you have always been so nice to me and you have always brought me so many nice things. I live away up in Texas but I am writing this letter in care of the Artesia Advocate and I hope that you get it alright.

Lovingly yours,
Kathryn and Juanita Lankford

Artesia, N. M., Dec. 7, 1924.

Dear Santa Claus:
Will you please bring me a ball and a doll chair. Please bring me a sleepy eyed doll, candy nuts and oranges. I have been a good girl so you can come to my house.

Good bye,
Mary Ellen Griggs

Artesia, New Mexico.

Dear Santa Claus:
I want you to send me a doll cart, a doll bed, a doll table, a doll safe, a doll trunk, a doll that will cry in her bed and some candy.

From your friend,
Reba Ryerson

Artesia, N. M., Dec. 5, 1924.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am 5 years old and will be six Christmas and I want to go to school. I would like to see you dear old Santa. I want you to bring me a train, gun and a knife and I have a sister

named Dorothy, bring her a doll and a buggy and don't forget to bring brother John something to play with. Don't forget to bring candy, nuts and oranges.

Goodbye Santa Claus,
Mitchell Vogel.

Artesia, New Mexico.

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a toy car that hauls sand, it is called "Sandy Andy" and a balking mule that winds with a spring and a little speedster car. I would like to get some candy and nuts and oranges in my stockings too, but dear old fellow if you think this is asking too much I will be pleased with just what you want to bring me. I would like for my little friend to get some things too, but if you don't have enough to go around I will divide mine with him.

Your loving friend,
Ed Conner, Jr.

Artesia, N. M., Dec. 5, 1924.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl nine years old in the third grade at school.

I want you to stop at my house if the snow is not too deep. My home is about four miles south east of Artesia on the River Valley farm. I want you to bring me a doll that can say mamma, story book and skates and do not forget to bring me some nuts, fruit and candy.

A little girl,
Hannah Vogel.

Artesia, New Mexico.

Dear Santa:
I am writing to tell you what Mary Anne and I want for Christmas.

Mary wants a doll dresser and a mama doll, and I would like a Bible and a blackboard. We both would like nuts, candy and fruit. Hoping you will remember us and all the other children.

Yours,
Lillie Mae Miller

Artesia, New Mexico.

Dear Santa Claus:
I want you to send me a car, a train, a boy doll, a drum and some candy and a top.

From your friend,
Carl Ryerson

Artesia, New Mexico.

Dear Santa Claus:
I have been a pretty good little girl and I want you to bring me a bicycle and that will be all this Christmas.

Santa you will have to hunt me up for I don't know where I will be. I am at the Hardwick hotel now.

Your little friend,
Virginia Hawkins

Artesia N. M., Dec. 19, 1924.

Dear Santa:
I heard you were coming to Artesia in a few days. I will be at the train to see you when you get off.

I would like for you to bring me a sleeping, walking and talking doll and doll buggy and a doll sewing set. Please bring it along too for I love to sew doll clothes for my pretty doll which I am going to name Betty Lou. I want her to have long, curly hair. Please do not disappoint me by not coming. My stocking will be near the stove. Please bring grandpa a nice warm coat and bring grandma a pair of nice warm shoes. Bring mamma a coat and dress. Bring papa a shirt and a pair of pants. Well I guess that is all for this Christmas.

Written by,
Armadine Hooper

P. S. Be sure and give my friends

some presents too. Emma, my sister says she wants a cute little dog.

Artesia, N. M., Dec. 8, 1924.

Dear Old Santa:
I heard you were coming to Artesia in a few days and I will be there to meet you at the train when you get here.

I would like for you to bring me a sleeping, walking and talking doll and a doll buggy, candy, nuts and fruit. Bring grandma a nice warm coat and grandpa a pair of shoes, mamma a nice hat and daddy a new coat. Emma, my sister a new coat or shoes one and Armadine a baby doll.

I would like some pet animals but I don't guess you can bring them well. Please Santa give something to every girl and boy if they are good or bad because the bad ones will probably be good sometime.

I will save you a piece of pie and cake. I must close and go help grandpa.

Love to Santa,
Margaret Hooper

P. S. I am eight years old but awfully small. Size of a six year old girl.

Artesia, New Mexico.

Dear Santa Claus:
I wish you would bring me a bicycle and some books and a gun and a target. I am eight years old. I go to school every day. I try to be good too. I help mamma every day. I try to get my lessons right. I live up by the water tower. I live in a green house. We have a fire place and don't forget to come down the chimney. I have three brothers and one sister.

Junior Hannah

Lake Arthur, N. M., Dec. 7, 1924.

Mr. Santa Claus,
In care of the Advocate.

My dear Santa Claus:
Will you please bring me a doll with moving eyes and dress of orange and white with bonnet to match. It has wool booties and long stockings. I want a cradle that has rockers on it. I have tried to be a good girl and I hope you will bring me the things I want.

Mae Pearson,
Cottonwood.

Lake Arthur, N. M., Dec. 7, 1924.

Mr. Santa Claus,
In care of the Advocate.

My dear Santa Claus:
Will you please bring me a doll with long curls. She has real hair and long curls. She has a pink dress and bonnet to match of crepe material. I want a watch that will really run. If you have any little girls compact I would like to have one. I have tried to be a good girl and I hope you will bring me those things.

Alma Pearson

Artesia, N. M., Dec. 6, 1924.

Dear Santa Claus:
I will tell you what I want you to bring me. A little car and a wagon and a little shovel, hoe and rake and Oh! bring me just a lot of good things for I have been an awful good boy for the last week or two and I think you are the best old fellow in the world.

Good bye Santa Claus,
Leonard Spivey

Artesia, N. M., Dec. 6, 1924.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little boy seven years old. I have a little sister five years old and a little brother that will soon be three years old.

I would like to have an electric train. One that has a head light. My little sister wants a doll that will talk, walk and sleep. My little brother wants a little train.

If you don't have these please leave us something else. Be sure and don't forget the candy.

We all send love to Santa Claus.

Wayne Brown.

Artesia, New Mexico.

Dear Santa Claus:
I have tried to be a good boy and I wish you would please bring me a Dump Ped Kar and a toy steam shovel. I also want a gun that shoots B B shot, if you think I am big enough. Please bring Mary Frances a Kiddo bike with pedals and a teddy bear that squeaks. We both want some candy, nuts and oranges and a rubber ball.

Thank you,
Douglas O'Bannon

Artesia, New Mexico.

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a little red wagon, humming top, a train, little shetland pony, a little dog that says bow bow, lots of candy, nuts, oranges and chewing gum. Oh! and Santa I want a teddy bear and a nice overcoat.

Lovingly,
Harold Edward Ryerson

Artesia, N. M., Dec. 8, 1924.

Dear Santa Claus:
Will you please send me a little red car and a wagon and a humming top and also a spinning top and a little train and a pretty shetland pony and a bicycle and a sweater

Your friend,
Arthur Ryerson

Artesia N. M., Dec. 8, 1924.

Dear Santa Claus:
Will you please send me a doll and a doll bed and a doll buggy and a set of dishes and a coaster and a wagon and some candy, oranges, bananas, nuts, and chewing gum and a new dress and a dresser too, and a coat.

Your friend,
Emma Holland

Cottonwood, Dec. 13, 1924.

Dear Santa:

I thank you for the nice things you

The
Christmas Star
By HAROLD C. WARREN
in Herald of Gospel Liberty

THE Christmas star swung bright and low
To guide the Wise Men long ago;
And shepherds on Judea's hill
Learned God's desire for man's good will,
Beneath its glow.

The Christmas star through clouded years
Through manhood's wars and woman's tears,
Sent glintings faintly understood;
Until, with dawning brotherhood,
The star again appears.

The Christmas star this wintry night
Invades my home with tender light;
It sprinkles gold where baby lies,
And star dust dances in my eyes,
My heart's delight.

The Christmas star, it shines afar
Where our eternal treasures are,
Men hear the good Christ's gentle call,
As twilight lets her curtain fall
And pins it with a star.

gave us last Christmas. Please bring me a friendship book and a box of crayolas. Please bring my little sister Marjorie a washing set and a little iron.

We have kept our doll buggies and dolls nice from last year only my doll needs a wig. Please bring my brother Joe Bill a tool chest and he wants a top also.

My little brother and sister didn't know you had hid some of your things in the cottonseed house and they found them, but they say they will stay away from there after this. We would all like dates, nuts, candy and oranges.

I am eight years of age and in the fourth grade. Joe Bill is 6 and in the first grade. Marjorie Belle is not in school, but wipes dishes for mamma.

We all think you are a dear little man and very kind.

Lots of love from,
Helen Vera Funk

P. S. Marjorie Belle says to tell you she is 4 years old.

Artesia, N. M., Dec. 11, 1924.

Dear Santa Claus:

I wish for a merry-go-around. How are your folks?
I love you. Did it snow?
I wish you would bring me a saxophone. I want a steel wheel wagon. Please bring Billie something too.

Your loving friend,
Eddie Champ Gray

Artesia, N. M., Dec. 11, 1924.

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a pair of skates. How are your folks?
Please bring sister a doll. Please bring me a watch. Please bring sister a kitchen cabinet. Please bring me a peddle car. Please bring me a B B gun.

Your Loving friend,
Paul Gray

BLOND BESS OPINES

"Talk may be cheap, as is sometimes said—but not when you're sassing a traffic cop."

NATURE STUDY

Little bits of clover,
Little drops of dew,
Makes a horse roll over
Or a cow say "Moo."

FLOWERS

Oh, heave a big sob,
For poor Jacob Mills,
By mistake he took three
Little T-N-T pills.



For Christmas Week
and for Your Special Xmas Dinner

Cranberries, Nuts, Apples, Oranges, Salad
Dressing, Welch Rarebit, Candies, Boiled
Ham, Steaks, Prunes, Grapes, Pumpkin,
Maple Syrup, Beef Roast, Cream Spaghetti, Tomato Soup.

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Everything honestly priced and many special values await you.
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"OUR STORE"

J. W. Nicholson

THE JUDGE: Who'll Collect the Reward. -----by M.B.



School Notes

ORANGE AND BLACK

Elaine Feemster—Editor
 Le Johnson Howard Yeager
 Le Schnoor Nelle Horne
 Class Reporters

ORANGE AND BLACK

The first school luncheon of this year was served Thursday, December 11, under the supervision of Miss Morgan. The money obtained at this luncheon will be spent on buying the school dining room and room.

A concert was given in assembly Tuesday, December 10, by the high school orchestra, the glee clubs and the branches of the music department which is under the supervision of Miss Raguse. On account of the weather, there were few outside visitors. The following program was given:

- Junior March—Ascher—H. S. Orchestra.
- Christmas Carols—Fifth year class.
- Sweet Melody Waltz—Ascher—S. Orchestra.
- The Climate—Stevens
- Shine—College Tune—Boys' Glee Club.
- Pilgrims Chorus—Waynes
- Skipper March—Ascher—H. S. Orchestra.
- Morning—Crieg—Girls' Sextette
- Ward, Helen Bullock, Glenda Ay, Elaine Feemster, Elizabeth Adams, Irene Trimble.
- Students March—Ascher
- Barcarole—Offenback—Orchestra.
- Hymn to Music—Franch
- Stars Brightly Shining—Bronte
- Girls' Glee Club.
- Metropolitan March—Ascher—Orchestra.

Every year a contest is staged at H. S. between classes to see who is the prettiest girl, most popular teacher, etc. This year the cleverest girl and the ladies' man have been chosen from each class. From the freshman class, Lucile Floore and Edna DeArcy were candidates, from the sophomore class, Elaine Feemster and Harry Jernigan, from the junior class, Elizabeth Adams and Robert Feemster, and from the senior class, Gertrude Wingfield and Wilton Tarr. The preliminaries ended Friday afternoon and the two candidates having the highest number of votes were retained. Elaine Feemster and Harry Jernigan of the sophomore class and Elizabeth Adams and Robert Feemster of the junior class are the new contestants. If any person in town would like to vote, they may send their pennies out by a teacher (they are to be trusted) who will drop it in the candidates box. We are hoping that the box will soon be full because the money is for the usual.

Jewell Gage was enrolled in the freshman class Monday.

The home economic class under the supervision of Miss Morgan served the rotary club in the high school dining room Tuesday, December 16. The following menu was served:

- Meat Loaf
- Baked Potatoes
- Buttered Peas
- Olives
- Coffee
- Perfection Salad
- Wafers
- Mince Pie

The high school has received the first shock of this school year. Miss Cook has resigned because she is not strong enough physically to continue until the end of the school year. We all lose an excellent English teacher, the sponsor of the dramatic club and sponsor of the sophomore class. Although we are grieved at her leaving we certainly shall follow her with our very best wishes.

The boys' and girls' basket ball teams were defeated in their first game at Hagerman Friday. The girls' score 24 to 1, and the boys' score 33 to 3, indeed, looked discouraging to the players. Although our teams were badly defeated they took their defeat like good sports. The teams were served with delicious refreshments after the games by the home economics department of the Hagerman school. The Artesia players have resolved to forget this game

W. M. BELL WELL EDDY COUNTY, N. M.

Location: Northwest corner Section 25-18-26.

- First water 783 feet, second 820.
- 0 to 8 feet—soil
- 8 to 15 feet—gumbo
- 15 to 25 feet—gravel
- 25 to 85 feet—gyp
- 85 to 150 feet—sand
- 150 to 160 feet—gyp
- 160 to 207 feet—white sand
- 207 to 213 feet—red sand
- 213 to 218 feet—concrete
- 218 to 222 feet—red sand
- 222 to 228 feet—concrete
- 228 to 240 feet—gyp rock
- 240 to 250 feet—sand rock
- 250 to 395 feet—red shale
- 395 to 405 feet—white sand
- 405 to 420 feet—gyp rock
- 420 to 510 feet—gumbo
- 510 to 540 feet—red shale
- 540 to 590 feet—gyp rock
- 590 to 630 feet—gumbo
- 630 to 680 feet—red sand
- 680 to 700 feet—blue clay
- 700 to 740 feet—red sand
- 740 to 750 feet—concrete
- 750 to 758 feet—red sand
- 758 to 770 feet—hard rock
- 770 to 783 feet—shale, rock
- 783 to 790 feet—water rock
- 790 to 808 feet—red shale
- 808 to 820 feet—water rock
- 820 to 835 feet—hard rock
- 835 to 843 feet—red sand
- 843 to 853 feet—sand rock
- 853 to 860 feet—sand rock
- 860 to 874 feet—hard flint rock
- 874 to 876 feet—hard sand rock
- 876 to 895 feet—hard rock
- 895 to 900 feet—gyp
- 900 to 910 feet—black sulphur rock
- 910 to 912 feet—blue clay
- 912 to 935 feet—hard sand rock
- 935 to 976 feet—hard lime
- 976 to 978 feet—white sand rock
- 978 to 989 feet—hard brown rock
- 989 to 994 feet—soft brown rock
- 994 to 996 feet—white sand rock
- 996 to 1000 feet—dark brown rock
- 1000 to 1002 feet—light brown rock
- 1002 to 1074 feet—chocolate sand rock with oil and gas
- 1074 to 1103 feet—hard gyp
- 1103 to 1140 feet—lime shells
- 1140 to 1153 feet—dark clay
- 1153 to 1170 feet—hard gyp
- 1170 to 1198 feet—very hard limestone
- 1198 to 1223 feet—broken shells
- 1223 to 1240 feet—gyp
- 1240 to 1267 feet—limestone
- 1267 to 1282 feet—light colored sandstone
- 1282 to 1306 feet—gyp
- 1306 to 1318 feet—broken formation
- 1318 to 1342 feet—hard lime

THE INVISIBLE GUEST
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 PREPARE a place for him in your hearts. Admit him to your table. Make room for him at Christmas—the Invisible Guest!
 He requires no food but Good will, no drink but Happiness, no sauce but Mirth.
 His greatest joy is your joy; he comes but to increase it. Yet he is never forgetful of the lonely, the sad, the less fortunate.
 His presence will give you true pleasure. His absence will be like a shadow on everything you do.
 Open the door and let him in—the Spirit of Christmas!—M. B. Thomas.

Christmas Tree Decorations
 Effective Christmas tree decorations can easily be made at home. Take candy sticks and dress them up in crepe paper and ribbons and thus convert them into novel candy dolls. Gilded nuts, acorns hung from the branches with colored ribbon and balls of cotton sprinkled with diamond dust, as well as rings of tiny tinsel strung on white thread, make effective trimming.

and make a better score in the future games.

Several high school girls formed a hen party, and serenaded some of the teachers. The one serenaded the most was an occupant of a new Ford car. Snowballs were used to impress these songs.

The staff of the high school notes on behalf of the school, wish you a merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Christmas

By MARY TASH LLOYD
 in the Presbyterian

GOD gave his dear Son for a Savior,
 When the world was by sin so distressed,
 He took human form in descending,
 In a young mother's arms was caressed.

At Christmas we ponder His coming,
 There was no place for Him but a shed,
 And Mary, His mother, watched o'er Him
 In a manger where cattle were fed.

Oh, wonderful story and precious!
 There were shepherds with flocks on the hill,
 Who followed His star till they found Him,
 He who did Scripture's promise fulfill.

The wise men with homes at a distance,
 Quickly journeyed in haste to be there;
 They knelt by the Child and adored Him,
 And they offered Him gifts rich and rare.

Dear Christ Child, so pure and so holy
 Whom the angels are praising today
 May we at Thy feet leave love's offering,
 Carry with us Thy blessing away

IN ARKANSAS
 An automobile tourist was stepping on the gas in a long, straight lane when suddenly a man appeared directly in front of his car. Applying the brakes he was just able to stop. "For heaven's sake, where did you come from?"
 Stranger: "I'm sorry—but do you know that's the fifth time I've fallen outta my cotton patch this morning."

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LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Roswell, New Mexico, November 13, 1924.

NOTICE is hereby given that Nicholas L. Heintzleman, of Tabor, Oklahoma, box 42, who, on July 15th, 1921, made Enlarged Homestead and Additional Homestead, No. 049220, 049223, for Lots 4 and 5, Section 6, Tp. 17-S, R. 25-E, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, and E 1/2 NW 1/4, Sec. 31, Tp. 16-S, R. 25-E, Lots 2, 3, and S 1/2 NW 1/4, Sec. 1, Tp. 17-S, R. 24-E, NE 1/4 Section 31, Township 16-S, Range 25-E, N. M. P. Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Five year final Proof, to establish claim to the land above described before (Claimants testimony before Mrs. C. K. Maddox, County Clerk, Sapulpa, Creek County, Oklahoma) Witness testimony before S. W. Gilbert, U. S. Commissioner, at Artesia, Eddy County, New Mexico, on the 20th day of December, 1924. Claimant names as witnesses:

Thomas S. Cox, of Artesia, New Mexico.
Ben F. Pior, of Artesia, New Mexico.
Robert K. Caraway, of Artesia, New Mexico.
James P. Bates, of Artesia, New Mexico.

JAFFA MILLER, Register.
11-20 to 12-18

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Roswell, New Mexico, November 19th, 1924.

NOTICE is hereby given that Basil D. Kimbrough, of Artesia, New Mexico, who on December 22nd, 1921, made Enlarged Homestead, No. 049859, for E 1/2 E 1/2 Section 28; E 1/2 SE 1/4 Section 21 and W 1/2 SW 1/4 Section 22, Township 18-S, Range 29-East, N. M. P. Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make three year final proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before S. W. Gilbert, U. S. Commissioner, at Artesia, New Mexico, on the 27th day of December, 1924. Claimant names as witnesses:

Edgar Shuler, of Artesia, New Mexico.
Holly Shuler, of Artesia, N. M.
Charles P. Riley, of Artesia, New Mexico.
John D. Dillman, of Lakewood, N. M.

JAFFA MILLER, Register.
11-27-12-25

NOTICE

In the Probate Court, Eddy County, New Mexico.

IN THE MATTER OF THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF E. M. TEEL, Deceased.
No. 501.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: NOTICE is hereby given that an instrument purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of E. M. Teel, deceased, has been filed for probate in the Probate Court of Eddy County, New Mexico, and that by order of said Court the 5th day of January, 1925, at the hour of 10 A. M., at the Court Room of said Court in the city of Carlsbad, New Mexico, is the day, time and place set for hearing proof on said last Will and Testament.

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

Dated at Carlsbad, New Mexico, this 24th day of November, 1924. (SEAL)

G. W. SHEPHERD, County Clerk.
11-27-12-18

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Roswell, New Mexico, November 25th, 1924.

NOTICE is hereby given that Lullien Davidson, of Artesia, New Mexico, who, on September 20th, 1919, made additional Homestead, No. 045720, for Southeast Quarter Section 33, Township 17-S, Range 25-East, N. M. P. Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make five year final Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before S. W. Gilbert, U. S. Commissioner, at Artesia, New Mexico, on the 6th day of January, 1925. Claimant names as witnesses:

Earnest Horner, of Artesia, N. M.
Carroll W. Brown, of Artesia, N. M.
Andrew J. Shockley, of Artesia, N. M.
Arthur H. Horner, of Artesia, N. M.

JAFFA MILLER, Register.
11-27-12-25

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Roswell, New Mexico, December 4th, 1924.

NOTICE is hereby given that Conrad Hatchett, of Acme, Texas, who, on December 27th, 1919, made Stock Raising Homestead, No. 040680, for All Section 2, Township 17-S, Range 24-East, N. M. P. Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make five year final Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before S. W. Gilbert, U. S. Commissioner, at Artesia, New Mexico, on the 14th day of January, 1925. Claimant names as witnesses:

George P. Whithorn, of Artesia, New Mexico.
George R. Ray, of Roswell, New Mexico.
Mrs. George R. Ray, of Roswell, New Mexico.
Samuel G. White, of Artesia, New Mexico.

JAFFA MILLER, Register.
12-11-1-8

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Department of the Interior, U. S.

TO THE LADIES

By Erwin Greer, President Greer College of Automotive Engineering, Chicago, Illinois.

It is to be confessed, at the beginning, that my discourse is not directed at all drivers—but at a comparatively small number of motorists with driving experience which should have taught them better, whose handling of their cars lacks, in my opinion, something to be desired.

Ladies, don't loll. It is distressing to see even a mere man sprawled out behind a steering wheel, but far more so in the case of a woman. The woman who holds herself well has a way of making a good impression wherever she may be, and this applies equally whether she is driving a car or sitting at a dinner table.

Don't take advantage of the fact that you are a woman, because most men drivers will make way for you even when you are in the wrong; they will think the less of you while they do so. And there are some men who will insist upon their "rights" as motor car drivers. Should you encounter this last named special there is likely to be a crash.

Don't think about the possible impression you may be making upon other road users. Attend strictly to the business in hand. There still exists in the minds of a good many people an idea that it is not safe for women to drive automobiles. Do your best to destroy this false impression by handling your car with care and consideration for others.

Don't imagine that other drivers will unnecessarily stare at you. If they do, it will be not because they are admiring you, but because you have done something that has made them doubtful of your ability to drive. Show them that you are mistress of the art.

Don't shave things. Leave that trick to the barber. Good drivers give other vehicles clearance.

Don't drive carelessly over wet streets. A hole full of water may not mean much to you, but to the pedestrian who receives in his face the water ejected from the hole by your tire, is a matter of moment—damnable moments. Remember the time that you were splattered with mud.

And if you must speed, buy a racing car. Those things were built especially for people who have nowhere to go and who want to get there in a hurry.

Now pass this little article on to friend husband—that he too may read and gain driving wisdom thereby.

Next week's article: "How to Keep Down Motor Car Expense."

SHOULD POTS AND PANS BE WHITE OR COLORED?

Almost any housewife, if given her choice between a new white saucepan and a blue or gray one, would unhesitatingly choose the white one. However, Miss Margaret O'Laughlin of the home economics department of the New Mexico College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, tells us that the choice is not simple if we consider utility as well as appearance.

Let us consider first the sort of food which is to be cooked in the vessel. If we are canning peaches or apricots, or some other food containing acid, or, as is usually the case in New Mexico, if we must cook with water which is strongly permeated with alkali, we should choose enameled ware which will not discolor by the process. The extent to which the utensil will withstand the solvent action of the hot acid or alkaline solution is determined by the kind of enamel and the way in which the coating is applied. White enamel, the more popular for household use, is more easily attacked by acid foods than is colored.

Enameled ware consists of a glassy coating over steel. If the white enamel is heated to a temperature sufficiently high to render it acid-proof there is danger that it will burn to a dark color. Therefore, colored enameled ware is preferable if we consider resistance to acid, for such corrosion shortens the service of the article.

Another advantage of the darker enamel is its ability to withstand the bumps and bruises which are the fate of any pan in an ordinary kitchen. The glassy coating in the darker enamel need be only thick enough to cover the steel beneath, and the thinner the enamel the more it resists impacts and sudden changes in temperature.

A good grade of enamel is therefore more economical than white enamel ware, because it does not chip easily and is not readily attacked by acid.

Land Office at Roswell, New Mexico, December 5th, 1924.

NOTICE is hereby given that Connie V. Horner, of Artesia, New Mexico, who on December 6, 1923, made Original Homestead entry, (Stock-raising), No. 051744, for S 1/2 SE 1/4 Sec. 33; S 1/2 SW 1/4, SE 1/4 Sec. 34; SW 1/4, Section 35, Township 19 S, Range 24 E., N. M. P. Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make three year Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before S. W. Gilbert, U. S. Commissioner, at Artesia, New Mexico, on the 14th day of January, 1925.

Claimant names as witnesses:
Andrew J. Foster, of Artesia, N. M.
Jim Foster, of Lakewood, N. M.
Allen M. Fell, of Roswell, N. M.
Joseph E. Horner, of Artesia, N. M.

JAFFA MILLER, Register.
12-11-1-8

INDUSTRIAL REVIEW NEW MEXICO WEEKLY

Factory Products Formed Only 17 Per Cent of the Total Domestic Exports in 1850, Rose to 49 Per Cent in 1923 and in Nine Months Ended September, 1924, Were 55 Per Cent of Total Exports. Thus Does Industry Create Employment And Steady Payrolls.

Government will spend \$80,000 on Frijolic-San Ildefonso road through prehistoric cliff dwellers' country.

Hillsboro—Grading of Caballo-Hillsboro road practically completed to 6-mile post north of here.

Raton—Range grass throughout Colfax county in good condition.

Las Cruces—Movement under way for better road between this place and Alamogordo.

Tucumcari—Vaughn Auto Company's new building nearing completion.

Albuquerque—Bernalillo County court house contract let for \$221,700.

Silver City—Construction of section of road, west of here, nearing completion.

Vaughn—Reconstruction of Vigil house to be completed soon.

Albuquerque—Contracts let for \$24,000 city library and \$25,000 Spanish Methodist church.

Carlsbad—Otis Gin & Warehouse Company installing new 160-horse power engine at plant.

Gallup—Contract let at \$200,770 for construction of 9-mile road from this place north to Navajo reservation.

Portales valley has best crop of yams in many years.

Las Cruces—Plans completed for construction of secondary dam and reservoir for development of hydroelectric power in connection with Elephant Butte dam.

Carlsbad—Local cotton crop estimated at 14,000 bales.

Santa Rosa—Santa Fe Petroleum Company spuds in first well on Augua Negra ranch near here.

Tucumcari—Water tower to be erected to augment city water supply.

Albuquerque—Santa Fe budget provides \$800,000 for improving railroad shop here.

Farmington—100 room hotel, three stories, 100x125 feet size, to be built here.

Roswell—New Mexico Military Institute will build barracks to cost \$46,000.

Melrose—Contract let for new school house to cost \$26,800.

Las Vegas—Bids called for to build new Methodist church.

Santa Fe—First National Bank plans to build new two story building.

Three thousand Greetings Cards to make your selections from.
12-11-2tc PALACE DRUG STORE

Typewriter Ribbons for sale at the Advocate Office.

SUIT FILED AGAINST POE ESTATE FOR OVER \$25,000 ON PROMISSORY NOTE

Suit was filed by the U. S. District Clerk's office at Santa Fe by W. J. Innes, receiver of the Citizens National Bank of Roswell, vs. Sophie M. Poe, executrix of the estate of John

W. Poe, deceased, asking judgment for \$25,729 with interest at 10 per cent from May 14, 1923. It is on a promissory note alleged to have been given in 1923 by J. W. Poe and J. W. Rhea. R. D. Bowers of Roswell is attorney for plaintiff

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What a journey you would have if you traveled with Santa Claus while he was selecting the Gifts that are to go on the Christmas trees! For so great is the demand for new gifts, novel gifts, practical gifts and useful gifts, that Santa Claus long ago gave up the idea of making them all at his North Pole home.

So now he travels from country to country, selecting with the greatest care the Gifts that will prove satisfactory to you and to me.

At this Christmas Store the best of all the Gifts, from nearly every country that supplies Santa Claus, has been assembled ready for you to examine and compare. The Christmas Store is ready!

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When in Carlsbad make your
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Joy
Unexpected

By Emily Burks Adams

"O H! MOTHER, I don't see
how you stand it here—"
"Well, daughter, what I
endure all the time, you
can surely put up with dur-
ing your Christmas vaca-
tion. If college is going to
make you narrow, instead
of broaden your views, you'd
best stay home. This is our home;
our business is here. This is where
we make the dollars to educate you
and I do hope you won't let father
know how you feel about it. These
are good people, dear; a worthy peo-
ple; I've worked to promote commu-
nity interests and I hoped, when we
sent you away to college, you'd re-
turn different and full of helpful
ideas and suggestions."

"But, mother, these queer-looking
people and that community singing
Why, they can't sing those Christmas
carols at all, and that Christmas
pageant is a mess."

"Well, Irene, it isn't as good, per-
haps, as Boston would do it, Chicago
or New York, but if one person is
happier, one person made to see
Christmas in a new and true light and
a better community results, I'll feel
that my community Christmas tree is
a grand success. Just wait until
Christmas night; maybe it won't all
be so bad. We get out of life, Irene,
double what we put into it, and I
trust, Irene, you're not to be a cling-
ing vine or a parasite."

"Well, but mother, all my party
dresses and no where to wear them,
and Christmas, too."
"Irene, maybe the other girls would
enjoy seeing your dresses. If you
don't like their parties, why don't you
give them one. Never criticize unless
you have something better to offer. A
pretty party, with some of your big
ideas, would help the boys and girls
mightily. But let's retire dear, for
with the Christmas tree to look after,
I'll be busy. Yes, a Christmas party
would add cheer, I'm sure, Irene.
Good-night, dear."

Irene kissed her mother good-night.
"You are a wonder, Mumsey, and what
would this community do without
you?"

She retired but not to sleep. The
words, "Don't be a parasite," rang in
her ears.

"Christmas is the time to give joy,"
mused Irene. "I'll give the prettiest
party I can, and invite everybody.
I'm going caroling with the bunch,
too."

So many were Irene's plans and so
happy was she over the idea of serv-



"Irene, Maybe the Other Girls Would
Enjoy Seeing Your Dresses."

ice, she soon fell into happy dreams.
The next morning Mrs. Castle was
delighted to see the wonderful change
in Irene. Bubbling over with the joys
of Christmas.

Irene told her mother of the pretty
Christmas party she'd planned, and
that she'd be so happy to lead one
bunch of the carolers.

"Well, dear," said Mrs. Castle,
"that's true service; helping others is
a part of God's divine plan."

Christmas eve came; the community
tree—the first Baden had ever seen—
was beautiful to behold and something
never to be forgotten. The singing in
the open air seemed to sound His
praises and Christ seemed in the
midst. The happy handshakes, the
joyous greetings and the throngs of
happy children, was a sight to Irene,
far surpassing anything she had ever
witnessed.

She stepped to her mother's side
and said in a low tone—"Oh! mother,
wonderful! True service does
it!"

remembered every
you send the Ad-
back home.

graving—Ar-

Results.

WOMAN'S CLUB OF
ROSWELL HOLD 2ND
ANNUAL PRINT SHOW

The Roswell Woman's Club held its
second annual print exhibition at the
Masonic Temple, on the afternoon and
evening of December fifth. The collec-
tion was a notable one, being com-
posed chiefly of one of the circulating
exhibits of the California Print Mak-
ers Society. The Roswell Woman's
Club is an associate member of this
organization. In addition, also, there
were several one-man collections, of
a dozen or more prints each, by such
famous print makers as Bertha E.
Jaques, Birger Sandzen, Ralph Pear-
son, Helen Hyde, Earnest Watson,
and Timothy Cole. One section of the
hanging space, was devoted to wood-
blocks by Japanese artists.

The collection was composed of
etchings, — including dry points,
aquatints, and mezzotints—litho-
graphs, block prints, and engravings.
Of the latter, some twenty prints of
Timothy Cole's famous series of re-
productions of European master-
pieces, made a most distinguished
showing.

There was also on exhibition, a col-
lection of six paintings, done by
James Scott, a prominent young ar-
tist of New York City. These with
their attractive subject matter and
lovely color, formed an effective and
pleasing variation. These pictures
chanced to be in Roswell at this time
on their regular circuit of the clubs
of the state.

The one hundred and fifty prints
which embraced the work of some
fifty of the most distinguished ar-
tists working in this medium, in this
and other countries, was assembled
by the state chairman of arts, Mrs.
J. G. Osburn.

The affair was in the nature of a
benefit for the club house fund, and
was given under the direction of the
art committee, of which Miss Mary
White is chairman, assisted by the
music and drama committees, Mrs.
John T. McClure and Mrs. J. D. At-
wood, chairmen respectively. A pro-
gram was given from four to five in
the afternoon, which consisted of vo-
cal, piano, and violin selections by
Roswell's best musicians. Mrs. Os-
burn also delivered an address on Art
in Washington. This included a re-
sume of the convention of the Ameri-
can Federation of Arts, which she at-
tended as a delegate, representing
the N. M. F. W. C., which is a chap-
ter of the A. F. A., and as a speaker.
The entertainment at night took the
form of a cabaret, and was highly
artistic as well as diverting to the
one hundred and fifty guests seated
around the refreshment tables.

This affair was successful from an
artistic, educational, and social as
well as financial standpoint.

"Well, I am sorry Mr. Carson," mak-
ing a bow to an imaginary form, "but
I didn't know you existed."

Grace gasped, threw all good sense
and dates to the wind and answered:
"Yes, that would be jolly."

BABY'S CHRISTMAS
TREE

BABY'S own tree should be all
glistening with dainty white.
One such tree which was much
admired was all trimmed in
white and silver with tiny tar-
latan stockings buttonholed with
silver tinsel cord, such as con-
fectioners use. All packages
were wrapped in white tissue
paper and tied with silver cord.

Each tiny sprig of the tree
was tipped with a popcorn flake,
fastened on with a pin, and it
took several papers of pins to
"snowflake" this tree, but the
effect repaid for the trouble.

Silvered English walnut shells
contained tiny china dolls, one
for each little guest. The tree
was bountifully sprinkled with
silver tinsel and spun glass,
which makes such a beautiful
sparkling mist over the green.

There were quantities of sil-
ver stars and silver paper chains
interlaced, kindergarten fashion.
This tree was pronounced "a
thing of beauty" by all who
saw it.

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An Innocent
Incident

By Eleanor E. King



ELL, snowing again! It
most certainly is regular
Christmas weather. All
right! All right! Keep on
backing!"

The car stopped and went
ahead instead. Grace
couldn't understand why her
friend, Laura, was not pay-
ing any attention to his directions. She
opened the car door to say something
and her eyes met a handsome new pair
of heavy brogans. She gave a little
gasps of surprise and murmured some-
thing about, "Nice to have some one
back the car out for them," and
slammed the door shut. As she did so
she caught a glimpse of her friend,
Laura, standing near the garage. She
could no longer restrain her laughter.
In her haste and embarrassment she
had not glanced up to see the face of
the owner of the brogans.

Elsie, another member of Grace's
circle, entertained the girls at a little
holiday reunion for dinner and the
evening. The friendships and good
times, begun in high school and col-
lege, had continued in what they liked
to term their Bachelor's club. The
name was rather misleading, which ap-
pealed to the members immensely, for
it was such a huge joke. The party
was over, and the girls were getting
their cars started when the "innocent
incident" occurred. Grace, still con-
vinced with laughter, made her way to
Laura.

"I couldn't understand why you
didn't keep on backing up," she said
between fits of laughter. "Then when
I saw the pair of brogans—I was sim-
ply dumfounded. I shut the door so
quickly I didn't even catch a glimpse
of his face."

Laura burst into laughter.
"That is Mr. Carson, Elsie's brother.
He is home for the Christmas hol-
idays."

"Well, I am sorry Mr. Carson," mak-
ing a bow to an imaginary form, "but
I didn't know you existed."

Although Grace was teased a great
deal about her escapade, she had finally
put it out of her mind by Christmas.
She was dressing to go to a Christmas
party when the phone rang and she
was informed she was wanted.

"Miss Darnelle? Merry Christmas!
Wondered if I could take you out to-
night? By the way, this is Ralph Car-
son."

Grace gasped, threw all good sense
and dates to the wind and answered:
"Yes, that would be jolly."

188 proof Denatured Alcohol for
your radiator. \$1.35 per gallon.
12-11-2tc PALACE DRUG STORE

Typewriter Ribbons for sale at the
Advocate Office.

Go to the
Sanitary Barber Shop
for first class barber service
We specialize in ladies hair bobs
We also carry a full line of can-
dies, tobaccos and pop corn
Shines—Try Our Service

WE GIVE
PROMPT
AND
EFFICIENT
SERVICE
Guaranty Abstract &
Title Co.
Carlsbad, N. M.
"Reliable Abstracters"
BONDED

OIL MEN

We have just received another
full car of well rig timbers in-
cluding everything to complete a
Standard Rig

Big Jo Lumber Co.

Phone 19

I AM AGENT FOR THE OLDEST AND
Largest Nursery in Texas
SEE ME FOR ANYTHING IN THIS LINE
MRS. AUSTIN STUART
Two Blocks West of Pior's Filling Station

All Kinds of Machine Work
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REASONABLE
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Artesia Machine
Shop

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WANT ADS GET RESULTS

OIL LEASES

Between Walker-Mitchell and California
No. 1 Wells—Close Up.

	Sec.	Twp.	Rge.	Acres.	Price.
NW 1/4	36	18	28	160	\$30.00 A.
NE 1/4 NE 1/4, W 1/2 SE 1/4	32	18	29	120	\$12.50 A.
N 1/4 NE 1/4, SE 1/4 NE 1/4	29	19	29	120	\$ 4.50 A.

We have acreage on Manning Dome, Close
by Danciger and Zeppenfield Wells
Near Roswell.

McDONALD & JEWETT

Roswell, New Mexico

We have contracted for 30,000 pounds of
Acala No. 5 Pedigreed Seed
from the well known seed breeder, Mr. F. F.
Ferguson

Orders being taken now at

10c the Pound

Place your orders early if you want any as this is all we can get.

Artesia Alfalfa Growers Association

Getting the Comforts
of Life

The comforts of life are within the reach of all.
Happiness and contentment can—if you so will—
belong to you.

Are you comfortable and happy in your sur-
roundings or disgruntled with your lot in life?
Hard work and systematic savings are the graces
that opens comfort's door. Regularly setting
aside a portion of the income will keep the door
open.

START RIGHT BY STARTING A SAVINGS
ACCOUNT AT

Citizens State Bank

Our Business is Banking

Main and Third Streets, Artesia, N.M.

FORD CARS ONLY

\$1.25

This stock is limited and consists of Tourings, Coupes, Tudors and Four Door Sedans equipped with rubber tires...\$1.25

ARTESIA AUTO COMPANY

Santa Claus is slipping into Artesia every day with attractive gifts for Children, Women and Men.

Call and Select Your Christmas Tree Family Size Trees Just from Santa Land... **\$1.00**

Don't fail to examine our windows filled with many useful gifts in the automotive accessory line

Aluminum Running Board Step Plates Only \$2.00 Each

We Give "S. & H." Green Stamps

MAKE THIS AN AUTOMOTIVE CHRISTMAS GIVE SOMETHING USEFUL FOR THE CAR

- Rear View Mirrors, attractively priced at...\$1.50
- Windshield Wipers, attractively priced at...\$1.25
- Dash Lights, attractively priced at...\$.60
- Emergency Kits, very useful, only...\$1.50

All the above gifts are specially packed in Christmas boxes, wrapped with holly paper ready for the Christmas surprise.

HERE ARE GIFTS ALWAYS APPRECIATED—VERY USEFUL

EVER READY FLASH LIGHT in all sizes and styles, prices ranging from \$3 down to...\$60c

Protect your car, extend the life of your parts by equipping with "ALEMITE ZERK TYPE LUBRICATING SYSTEM," Ford Types easily installed Only...\$6.50

Cigar Lighter and Trouble Lamps Combined...\$1.25

Protect your Ford Car from the thief by installing the Toledo Lock Steering Wheel, installed...\$16.00

Freeman Dust Cloths, only...75c

Boyce-ite removes the carbon, increases power and mileage, specially priced, 3 cans for...\$1.00

Make Your Presence Known by Equipping Your Car with an Electric Spartan or Klaxon Horn, Specially Priced, only...\$5.00

Bar and Wing "Kant Steal" Radiator Cap...\$3.50

Shaler 5-Minute Vulcanizer with 12 patches...\$1.50

Boyce Motometers, all types, specially priced from \$10.00 down to only...\$3.50

Stop and Parking Lamps, only...\$4.50

Say! Surprise the family with set of Balloon Tires for the car. j e bowman

THE BEST GIFT FOR ALL THE FAMILY—FORD TOURING CAR DELIVERED AT YOUR DOOR JUST \$481.00, FORD SEDAN JUST \$410.00, TUDOR SEDAN JUST \$632.00, TUDOR SEDAN JUST \$699.00 and FORDOR SEDAN JUST \$778.00. Call for one of our salesmen and allow us to deliver to you one of the above models and by so doing you will then be equipped to enjoy every minute of the Christmas Holiday.

Let us help make your holidays enjoyable

Artesia Auto Company

We Give S. & H. Green Stamps

ROYAL DUKE MAKES A GOOD SHOWING WHEN SHOT WED. AFTERNOON

(Continued from first page) of the drilling operations. Illinois No. 7, 550 west of well No. 3, in Sec. 32-18-28, drilling below 1350 feet.

Illinois No. 6, 550 feet south of well No. 3, waiting on fishing tools at 1765 feet.

Mitchell-Walker well No. 2, 500 feet north of well No. 1, in Sec. 28-18-28, setting casing at 550 feet. Well No. 3 of this concern has material assembled for rig waiting on rig builder.

California No. 1, Burgess and Goodale, on the McCrary permit in Sec. 30-18-28, drilling at 1000 feet.

Rotary-Illinois No. 1, in NE 1/4 of Sec. 30-18-28, drilling at 725 feet.

Ohio Oil Co., on the Francis Tracy permit in the NE corner of Sec. 34-21-26, have experienced considerable difficulty with a crooked hole. The hole has been abandoned and the rig skidded 30 feet for a new test.

Roswell No. 1, New State Oil Co., in Sec. 4-18-28, are drilling at 2250 feet. Oil in quantities continues to show as the well goes down. The gas pressure is said to have increased and when ignited recently, flames shot to the top of the derrick. The present showings of both oil and gas is said to look more encouraging than any previous showings encountered thus far in the well.

L. P. Caldwell commenced a well last week on the Reiff permit in the SW 1/4 of Sec. 8-20-28; The well is drilling, but depth is not learned as we go to press.

Danciger Oil and Refining Co. have rig en route from Kansas City, Mo., and will drill a deep test in the SW 1/4 of Sec. 18-18-28.

Rig has been moved on the location in Twp. 12-23, six miles west and three miles south of Roswell.

Etz No. 1, Oscar Howard et al., in Sec. 22-18-27, drilling at 2540 feet.

L. Peckenpough, Oscar Howard, Eureka Oil Co., in Sec. 2-19-26, drilling at 1450 feet.

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ESSAY CONTEST WILL BE OPEN TO NEW MEXICO STUDENTS SOON

(Continued from first page) teacher, parents, and members of the bar.

(b) Devote considerable time to selected readings. Suggested lists of references will be issued for your help.

(c) Do not wait until February 15th before doing some writing, but try yourself out from time to time, getting your outline constructed and your thoughts in order.

(d) Express yourself clearly and simply.

9. Essays will be judged primarily upon a knowledge of the subject, although composition and appearance will be factors in awarding prizes.

This contest is made possible by the foresight and generosity of certain members of the state bar association, and has the hearty support of the state department of education.

Isabel Lancaster Eckles, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Santa Fe, N. M.

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FAIR QUESTION

He: "What do you think of trial marriages?"

She: "Not so bad—but who gets the radio set when comes?"

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the Interior, U. S. 12-11-18

PROSPERITY FOR THE FARMER AHEAD BUT WILL COME GRADUALLY

(Continued from first page) in years. Though not the greatest in volume of production it was the best balanced and represented the best income.

"Yet it would be a mistake to conclude that the American farmer is done with the troubles of the depressed period. The improvement that has taken place has not yet lasted long enough to produce any marked betterment in the finances of the farmer."

Summarizing the course of agriculture during the past four years Wallace said the American farmer had passed through a period of unprecedented depression, involving great increases in farm mortgaging, tax delinquency, and tenant buying while the average value of plow lands throughout the country declined 27 per cent making financial recovery difficult.

Wallace ascribed the depression to overproduction brought on by the combined stimulus of high prices and patriotic appeal during and immediately after the war. He suggested no direct cure for the situation but indicated that "in the slow and painful process of recovery" the practical readjustment of the "farmers themselves" by reducing production has been "perhaps the greatest single helpful influence."

This year's crops, on the whole, were good, the report pointed out. The wheat crop was estimated at 856,000,000 bushels compared to 785,000,000 last year, corn at 2,458,800,000 compared to 3,046,387,000; cotton at 12,500,000 bales compared to 10,140; potatoes at 423,500,000 bushels compared to a five year average of 390,722,000; tobacco at 1,182,000,000 pounds or about 200,000,000 below the five year average; and 2,200,000 acres of vegetable in truck gardening areas compared to 1,800,000 in 1918.

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SILAS ROGERS, PIONEER PECOS VALLEY CITIZEN DIES HERE MONDAY

(Continued from first page) commanders, among whom were General Geo. H. Thomas and engaged in three of the hardest fought battles during the war, including the battle of Missionary Ridge, Chickamauga and Shiloh. He was in Sherman's march to the sea. Later he was privileged to hear the famous Gettysburg address of President Lincoln.

He is survived by his wife, three sons, S. D. Rogers of Hastings, Neb., W. H. Rogers of Carthage, Mo., and Chas. Rogers of Artesia and also one daughter, Miss Cora Rogers of Artesia.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday afternoon by Rev. L. R. Simmons, pastor of the Baptist church. The pall bearers were old friends and acquaintances of Mr. Rogers. They were: A. C. Crozier, J. E. Robertson, Wm. Kissinger, E. B. Bullock, Geo. Frisch and E. L. Humphrey. Interment was made in Woodbine cemetery.

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THERE'S A LIMIT

Insurance Agent: "Are you looking for a permanent investment?"

Prospect: "Well—not too permanent. I want to get my money back sometime."

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Get Results.

TIES FORD TO AWNING OLD TIME HITCHING POST MAY COME BACK

Hitch your jitney to a post, will likely soon be the slogan in Artesia. Today there was parked near the Advocate a jitney with the front wheel chained to a nearby awning post. The old fashioned hitching post may be fashionable in Artesia before long if this style is copied.

It is not known what the motive of the Ford owner was. Perhaps he was afraid it might follow somebody home. Then again it might be that he feared the jitney would get frisky since the Christmas season is approaching.

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A MEXICAN IS SHOT AT CARLSBAD SUNDAY. WOUND IS NOT FATAL

Meager information has been received here relative to a difficulty between a negro and Mexican at Carlsbad Sunday afternoon. The Mexican received a nasty wound in the shoulder from a gun shot at the hands of the negro, whose name we could not learn. The trouble is said to have arisen from family affairs. The shot did not happen to be fatal and the Mexican will survive. Arrests have been made in the case it is understood.

LEGION AUXILIARY

The Auxiliary met in regular session at the home of Mrs. Frank Linell on Monday afternoon. Routine business was transacted and election of officers was held. The vote resulted in Mrs. Louis Story being chosen president; Mrs. Albert Richards, vice president; Mrs. G. B. Dungan, secretary; Mrs. Harvey Widney, treasurer; Mrs. T. S. Cox, historian and Mrs. Frank Linell, sergeant-at-arms. The time of meeting was changed from the second to the first Wednesday in the month. Plans were made to have a turkey dinner at the next meeting, which will be held in the Legion hall the evening of the first Wednesday in January, at which time the husbands will be entertained.

PRESBYTERIANS CALL DR. ADAMS

Dr. W. Hooper Adams, of Jefferson City Mo., has been called to the Presbyterian church as Stated supply for 1925. Quite a number of people in Artesia "listened in" last Sunday evening and heard Dr. Adams' farewell sermon at Jefferson City, over radio. Those who listened were pleased with the result. There were sixteen who listened at the Hamilton station and as many more at others, so Dr. Adams had most as many listeners as he would have had, had he been in Artesia. He announced that he would leave at once for the Pecos valley and would spend the balance of the year Roswell, N. M., and come to Artesia and begin his work the first of January.

Post Up

It is a good thing to remember that it is well to be prepared in case one of the children becomes curious and asks you something about the true meaning of Christmas.

How She Worked It

"Do you expect Santa Claus to treat you good this Christmas?"

"You bet! I've revived acquaintances with eight of my old boy friends."

See the New Oldsmobile at Widney's.

Items of Social Interest In and Around Artesia

TURKEY DINNER

Mrs. Wallace Merchant served a splendid turkey dinner to the members of the Dorcas Society, which met at her home last Thursday to sew for the Christmas bazaar. Nineteen members of the society enjoyed Mrs. Merchant's hospitality.

THE LAST MINUTE BAZAAR

The Methodist ladies will hold a Christmas bazaar in the Star grocery store next Saturday afternoon. This is your last chance to patronize a bazaar for home made Christmas gifts. Cooked food will be offered for sale in connection with the bazaar.

WORKERS' COUNCIL MEETING

The Sunday school Workers' Council held a business and social meeting in the Methodist Sunday school room last Thursday evening. Mesdames Allinger, Landis Feather and Stroup were hostesses for the evening and in honor of the holiday season, served a turkey dinner, with all the "fixins," the other members contributing. The holiday motif appeared in the decorations of Christmas bells and ropes in the Christmas colors, which were festooned above the long table. Little Christmas trees, fashioned from cardboard by Miss Leona Allinger, made very attractive place cards. The Misses Nellie Gray, Helen Sage, Mildred Frisch and Leona Allinger assisted the hostesses in serving the dinner. Following the feast the council members sat around the fire and discussed the various problems of the Sunday school.

MR. AND MRS. WILSON ENTERTAIN SUNDAY

Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Wilson, of the Cottonwood community entertained Sunday with a huge turkey dinner in honor of their son, Edward's tenth birthday. Mr. J. G. Hedgecoxe and granddaughters, Laura and Permelia, whose birthdays fell in the same week were equally honored.

Turkey with all its trimming was served after which a birthday cake bearing 72 candles was brought in and much merriment was caused by Mr. Hedgecoxe's effort to light and blow them out.

A smaller cake bearing ten candles was lighted and blown out in turn by the three children who had just reached their tenth year. Just the two families were present.

MAH JONG CLUB

Wavis Brag entertained her Mah Jong club at her home last Saturday evening. Other games were played beside Mah Jong and refreshments were served by the young hostess. The girls composing the club are, besides Wavis, Ruth Bigler, Edna Bullock and Anna Belle Spivey.

A DELIGHTFUL DANCE

A very pleasant evening was spent last Thursday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Lowry, when a dance was given in honor of Miss Ruby Moore. The guests were the Misses Duffy, Harriet Rose, J. O'Malley, Mazine Rowan, Maebelle Shaffer, Jack Hightower, Laura Raguse, Marjorie Welch, Glenda Gray, Ruth Morgan, Inez Buchannon and Mason, Mr.

and Mrs. Corbin, and Messrs. Coke Floore, Guy Stevenson, Wm. Grisham, Howard Rogers, John Richards, Louis Michelet, Bob Ferriman, Oliver Crozier, Campbell, Luther Caraway, Stanley Blocker, W. C. Wells, Dr. Thies, and Mark Corbin, Jr., Punch was served and everyone present enjoyed the evening very much.

STATE GETS A COLD DEAL

SANTA FE—"It begins to look though we are going to get a deal."

So remarked Gov. James F. Hinkle, commenting on the failure of Congressman John Morrow's attempt to secure a national monument, however, this land was taken away from the state. As the result, the governor pointed out, the state can not spend any money to make it more easily accessible and, he added, congress so far has refused to do so.

In the governor's opinion, had the land been left to the state, there would have been little trouble to get the legislature to make an appropriation for this purpose. Figuring that 50,000 persons will visit the cavern yearly, when it gets to be well advertised over the country, Governor Hinkle believes the state could have gotten back the money so expended in two years, charging a small fee for visitors. This argument would have carried weight with the legislature. However, since Uncle Sam has taken over the cave this is now out of the question.

See the New Oldsmobile at Widney's.

THE ADVERTISING CAMPAIGN

The valley wide advertising campaign instituted by the various Pecos valley towns sometime ago is still going forward. The campaign according to our information will run approximately two months more. Several inquiries about Artesia and the valley have been sent to the banks, the real estate men and to the secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, Dr. J. J. Clarke. The communications addressed to the commercial secretary have probably been heavier, but hardly as many as were expected. During the month of November Dr. Clarke kept count of the number of letters received, which totaled forty-three. The month of November, however, was probably lighter from the standpoint of communications received than the preceding month.

CARD OF THANKS

We desire to thank the neighbors and friends for the many acts of kindness during the recent illness and death of our beloved husband and father.

MRS. SARAH E. ROGERS AND FAMILY

We have a complete line of samples of social stationery—Artesia Advocate.

FOR SALE—Cotton and alfalfa farms in small or large tracts with water. Terms reasonable with cheap interest rate.

E. C. Higgins. 12-4-tf-31

FOR SALE—No. 5 Underwood Typewriter. Good shape, reasonable. Terms if desired. Big Jo Lumber Co.

12-18-2tc

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SPECIAL

Price made by the Western Electric Co., on the FAMOUS ELECTRICAL WASHERS \$15 OFF ON EACH MACHINE

Which will enable you to buy a real machine for THIS ONE \$10.00

RICHARD'S Electrical Shop

PHONE 42