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Production is Brought Near Town by the Eaton Well

Production Brought Within a Mile of Patented Land—Well Cleaned Itself This Morning—Fourth Well Is Added to Maljamar Area.

BULLETIN

Late information on the Eaton well on the Brainerd permit states that the hole had been drilled to a depth of 1,000 feet late yesterday afternoon until within 80 feet of the top. This morning the well made one head cleaning itself and flowing approximately 100 barrels of oil. Shortly after the first flow another head was made, lasting for ten or fifteen minutes and flowing a solid eight-inch stream to the walking beam. After a few minutes the gas broke loose and caused the oil to shoot 150 feet in the air. Matter flow amounted to around 250 to 300 barrels, according to an estimate made by Fred Brainerd. He says that the well made heads about every fifteen minutes during the greater part of the day Wednesday. This well is approximately six miles southeast of Artesia by an air line and about a mile and a half east of the river. This brings production to within one mile of patented land.

A more optimistic spirit now prevails among oil operators in the Pecos Valley, due to the bringing in of two wells during the current week, which gives the Maljamar pool four producers out of an equal number of tests to be put down. Also the Artesia field gets the credit of a producer, the Eaton No. 1 on the Brainerd permit in sec. 5-18-27 appearing like a 100 barrel producer.

Of great importance is the completion by the Ohio Oil Co., of their No. 1 on the Wm. Mitchell permit section 18-17-32. This well is midway between the discovery well and the Spelly producer, which has been drilled for ninety days, awaiting approval of title. The sand was picked up in the Ohio at 4,023 feet, and is estimated at around 250 barrels. The well is now shut down awaiting orders from the company's officials. It will be necessary to drill carefully to avoid encountering the water sand picked up in the Maljamar discovery well at 4,132 feet. The latter well is still attracting much attention as the production is continued on last page, column 3.

SANTA CLAUS COMING TO ARTESIA---WILL BE HERE FRI. AFTERNOON

Santa Claus has officially notified that he will make his appearance tomorrow afternoon at the Artesia. He has also informed that he will have a present for every child in town.

MATERIALS MOVED TO START CONSTRUCTION ON THE NEW HIGHWAY

Materials are being used in preparatory to starting construction work on the new highway running north from Artesia to the county line. While the holidays are expected to interfere somewhat with the work during the next few days, part of the construction proceed uninterrupted with the public exception of one or two days this week. The rock crusher has been moved in and located on the right north of town. The Jackson place in the north part of town has been leased for the road camp.

Trucks are expected to start moving crushed rock from the pit today. The grade and construction work will commence at the intersection of Main and First streets and proceed northward.

GEORGE BALLOW FOUND DEAD BY HIS BROTHER TUESDAY MORNING

Death Is Presumable Due To Aged Condition and Ill Health—Body Is Still Warm When Found At An Early Hour.

George Ballow, a homesteader living at the head of north Cottonwood creek, just over the Chaves county line was found dead at an early hour Tuesday morning. The cause of his death is thought to have been due to old age and ill health. Ballow had been living alone for several months, but previous to this time an attendant had been employed to stay with him. He was known to be in ill health, but his condition was not regarded as serious. He was sixty-three years of age.

The body was found by a brother of the deceased, Bill Ballow, who lived on an adjoining homestead. It was still warm when discovered, indicating that Ballow had passed away only an hour or so before the arrival of his brother.

Late reports state that burial will be made at Lake Arthur. The deceased is survived by a brother and several nephews. He was living out a government claim at the time of his death.

LAYING PIPE LINE

A pipe line is now being laid from the Lockhart Allen oil well in Reeves county Texas to Arno on the Santa Fe railway, a distance of approximately four miles.

HERNANDEZ SAID TO BE IMPROVING IN A CARLSBAD HOSPITAL

C. Hernandez, who is in the Carlsbad hospital is reported to be recovering nicely from the abdominal wounds he received in a shooting affair which occurred near Otis. No charge has yet been filed against Rudolph Williams, held in the county jail, charged with shooting Hernandez, according to the Current-Argus.

AUTO ACCIDENT

Fred Stout, who has been connected with the Continental Oil Company here for some time, had his left arm broken above the elbow in an auto accident on the highway south of here Sunday evening. Mr. Stout was riding on a truck driven by Dan Potter, when in passing another car the truck overturned with the above mentioned result. Mr. Potter escaped uninjured. The two men were returning from Corpus Christi, Texas where they went some time ago. Mrs. Stout and children, who accompanied Mr. Stout to Corpus Christi, remained for a longer visit.

COMMUNITY TREE AT HOPE

The town will have a community Christmas tree this year, according to an announcement during the past week. A program will be rendered in connection with the tree if it is planted.

TRIP TAKES A HIKE

Assistant Scout Master, J. H. Sweeney, of Troop 1 took a hike last Saturday and Sunday to the Pecos for an outing. For the trip and to assist in the task of the Scoutmaster and his helpers. They returned to Artesia on Monday.

Christmas Greetings 1926

Today's issue will be the last before Christmas. As we stand on the threshold of the approaching yuletide, we pause to wish for you and yours a merry Christmas. We truly hope that this Christmas will be the happiest enjoyed by our friends and patrons. We hope that you will radiate your happiness so that others may catch the spirit and reflect the joyous occasion throughout the land, wherever this message may reach. Christmas should be a time of unselfish happiness and we trust that the year 1926 will be no exception.

At this time we are not unmindful of the many courtesies extended us during the past year. Neither have we forgotten that your liberal patronage has better enabled us to serve the community, though the service we have rendered may not have been just what it should in every respect, we are constantly striving to improve. And to know that we have improved; to know that we have possibly helped someone along the way, gives us a measure of happiness that is fitting to this occasion.

MARTIN & BLOCKER
Publishers of The Artesia Advocate

SPEAKERS ADDRESS A ARTESIA HIGH DEFEATS DIVERSIFICATION MEET LAKE ARTHUR IN FAST THURSDAY EVENING GAME OF BASKETBALL

Owing to last minute complications, the farm diversification meeting, scheduled to be held at the old City Market, was changed to the Legion hall over Brainerd-Curtin Hardware store. The change in the meeting place probably accounts for the small turnout that greeted Prof. J. D. Tinsley, agriculture agent for the Santa Fe and County Agent Thomas of Roswell.

The address of Prof. Tinsley was confined largely to the general principles of diversification. He told of the various farming communities he has visited and how the methods employed by the various sections had worked out. He discussed the situation of the cotton grower, declaring the cotton farmer faced the same situation as wheat farmers of two or three years ago and a problem likely to be met most any year. Where the one crop system prevailed.

Legislation, according to Prof. Tinsley will never prove an effective remedy for the agriculture ills. The problem of the farmer is largely in his own hands.

Great changes have been brought about in East Texas, he says. Where once the farmer depended on the one crop, cotton, the same farmer is now raising his own feed. Where they used to go to market and buy alfalfa to make their cotton on, they now grow practically all of their feed. This is the reason the East Texas farmer has not needed alfalfa, he explained.

MRS. ACREE DEAD

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Dexter, who recently returned from Los Angeles California, bring the sad news of the death of Mrs. Dexter's mother, Mrs. M. L. Acree, which occurred at Torrance, California, on the 11th of this month. Mrs. Acree visited her daughter here for some six weeks and was taken ill. She was removed back to her former home in California and members of the family were hopeful that the change would be beneficial to her health, but it did not and her condition gradually grew worse until her death. Burial was made in the local cemetery at Torrance.

CONTRACTORS MOVE

Construction work on the oil field highway extension to the Maljamar well in Lea county has been discontinued, according to an announcement made the first of the week by Contractors Donahue and Stephens. This action was made necessary due to the lack of funds to go on with the work, however, the road has been wonderfully improved, all of the grade has been finished and the sandy stretches have been surfaced so that travel on the road is comparatively easy in muddy weather.

The Artesia high school basketball quintette journeyed to Lake Arthur last Friday evening and defeated the Lake Arthur team by a score of thirteen to eleven in one of the most exciting games played in the valley this season. The new gymnasium at Lake Arthur was crowded almost to capacity by a large group of spectators including over one hundred fans from Artesia.

Neither team had been defeated, prior to this game, therefore both quintettes were after the victory. The first half ended with the Lake Arthur lads leading by a five to four score and the second half minute period was required to break the tie. Just a few moments before the final whistle, Mann, center for the locals tossed a field goal from near the center of the court for the deciding goal.

Both teams played a defensive game, but were rather weak on the offensive class of basketball, thus preventing much goal tossing. Captain Jernigan was injured in the first five minutes of play by running against the stage on one end of the basketball court, which forced him to retire from the game. This handicapped the locals in their team work.

REQUESTS GIFTS FOR SOLDIERS

Jesus H. Baca, of Santa Fe, state commander of the American Legion, has recently issued an urgent request to the people of the state to remember the ex-soldiers this Christmas. Gifts for sick soldiers at Fort Stanton and Fort Bayard are stressed.

SCHOOLS CLOSE FOR HOLIDAYS

The city schools closed today for the holiday season. A ten day vacation will be given the pupils and students this year. The schools will convene on Monday week, January 3rd.

SNOWDEN-McSWEENEY OFFICIALS HERE

Jack Shannon, vice president and general manager of Snowden-McSweeney, oil operators and Joe Mitchell, land man for the same concern, were here Thursday on business relative to the potash developments in the southeastern part of the county.

PLANS TO REBUILD THE FIRE SWEEPED AREA OF CARLSBAD SOON

Insurance adjustments have been made on the Sweet Shop and Peoples Mercantile buildings at Carlsbad, destroyed by fire last week and plans have been made to rebuild both structures at the earliest practical time, according to the Current-Argus of Tuesday.

Announcements were made that workmen are to start tearing down the buildings to clear the grounds. Representatives of both the Sweet Shop and the Peoples Mercantile Co., are in El Paso, conferring with architects regarding the plan for the new building.

No plans are yet announced as to the character of the structures, except that they are to be modern in every way.

FIRST POTASH TEST ANNOUNCED FOR EDDY COUNTY SEC. 13-17-31

Much Interest Centered In The Potash Developments Of This Section—New Potash Company Recently Formed to be Active.

A copy of the following letter written Congressman John Morrow, relative to the potash developments is self explanatory:

(United States Department of Interior Geological Survey Washington)
December 17, 1926.

Hon. John Morrow,
House of Representatives,
My dear Mr. Morrow:

In reply to your letter of December 13:

The first potash test to be made under the act approved June 25, 1925 (Public No. 424, 69th Congress) will be located in the NW 1/4 sec. 13, T. 17 S., R. 31 E., N. New Mexico. The selection of the site was made by the Geological Survey; the Bureau of Mines will have supervision of the drilling.

The site in New Mexico was selected after it was found impossible to drill at the localities recommended by the Geological Survey in western Texas, in Upton, Crockett, and Ector counties, because of the wording of the potash act, under which the owners and lessees of land within a mile radius of the site must agree to reimburse the Government for the cost of drilling. The New Mexico (Continued on last page, column 2)

CURBING NOW BEING LAID ON GRAND AVE. TO START GRADE WORK

The paving crew is now laying curbing on Grand Avenue west to Eighth street. Engineer Hancock estimates that the curbing work will be finished by the 5th or 6th of next month should nothing occur to hinder. The grade work, preparatory to putting down the pavement proper will start next week.

It has been estimated that all the present paving program will be completed by March 1, 1927, allowing for reasonable delays.

KILLS THE PRIZE PIG

D. A. Abernathy informed us yesterday that he has recently butchered his prize pig. The animal was two years old when killed and dressed 552 pounds. After the pig was dressed, Mr. Abernathy brought the meat to town and sold it for 20 cents per pound on the local market. The proceeds of the sale netted him the neat sum of \$110.40.

"It beats raising cotton," he said.

Mr. Abernathy insisted that the proper term for the animal was a pig. We'd just like to see the next hog he brings in.

DUCKS REPORTED PLENTIFUL

Ducks have been reported plentiful in many sections of the valley. Cold weather has caused many of the birds to migrate southward. Like wise many hunters have been successful in getting their quota of quail.

BIG JO OFFICIALS HERE

E. H. Brethmann, secretary-treasurer of the Big Jo Lumber Co., F. A. Berry, district manager of the Big Jo and W. T. Branch, special representative of the Big Jo, all of Wichita Kansas, were here the first of the week in the interests of their company. Mr. Branch will remain in town for a few weeks.

O. A. Pearson Is Shot at an Early Hour This Morning

Oscar Montgomery Is Under Arrest Charged With the Shooting—Wounds May Not Be Serious—Hearing Will be in Chaves County.

Oscar Pearson, a well known farmer of the Cottonwood community was shot at an early hour this morning by Oscar Montgomery. The affair appears to be somewhat clouded and not all of the details leading up to the cause of the shooting are known. According to the story current on the streets this morning, Montgomery called at the home of Oscar Pearson at a late hour yesterday afternoon and on being informed that Mr. Pearson was not around the place returned to the Pearson home this morning, between the hours of seven and eight o'clock. He was met by Mrs. Pearson and after an inquiry as to the whereabouts of Mr. Pearson was told that he had gone to the home of his brother, Clarence Pearson, who lives just over the county line road in Chaves county.

Montgomery then proceeded to the Clarence Pearson residence and at the time of his arrival found Pearson, seated in the lot milking a cow. Few words if any were exchanged at the time of his arrival. Montgomery then pulled a .41 automatic revolver and fired at close range. The first report was that three bullets entered Pearson's body, one entering his neck near the collar bone and passing through the fleshy part of his throat, lodged near the collar bone on the opposite side, another set off part of the nose and a third entered the fleshy part of the chest, near the nipple. The wound in the nose is disputed, one source states that it was not caused by a bullet, but was due to a bite in the struggle which followed.

After the last shot was fired, Pearson arose and wrestled the gun from Montgomery, the latter receiving wounds about the head in the conflict.

Pearson was rushed to town and received medical attention from Dr. Stroup. Indications are that the wounds received will not prove fatal, but just how serious they are at present has not been determined, according to word from the attending physician at 10:45 this morning.

The examining trial will be held in Chaves county, but so far as known the date has not yet been set by District Attorney Dover Phillips of Carlsbad, who was informed of the shooting at 10:30 o'clock.

Montgomery was brought into town and placed under arrest shortly after the affair. Montgomery was later accompanied to Roswell by Special Officer, Pent Stallings.

L. L. Ferree, of Amarillo, manager of the Southwestern Public Service Co., accompanied by Frank Shram, of Roswell, general manager of the Pecos Valley properties, were in Artesia the first of the week.

EDDY COUNTY COURT CASES DISPOSED OF AT ROSWELL SATURDAY

Judge Carl A. Hatch, sitting for Judge C. R. Brice, at Roswell, heard matters of Eddy county court Saturday. A divorce was granted T. W. House vs. Margaret House. Judgment on note was given plaintiff in case of Frank P. Jackson vs. J. H. Lemond, for \$866.66 and costs. Judgment on note for \$2,143.69 and costs was given plaintiff in case of Sullivan Refineries vs. P. H. Darling.

Case was dismissed in C. W. Beman, C. P. Pardue and L. B. James vs. Valley Land Co., W. H. Harroun, A. L. Harroun and Harkey Gin Co., in which plaintiffs asked injunction restraining holding of stockholder's meeting, case being dismissed at plaintiff's cost, on agreement. Suit on account, Harkey Gin Co. vs. Valley Land Co. was also dismissed.—Current-Argus.

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TELEPHONE NO. 7

New York and Detroit appear to
be in a race for honors in erecting
the world's tallest building. Shortly
after announcement came from Det-
roit that an eighty-five story build-
ing would be erected there during
the year 1927, New York came back
with plans for erection of a hundred
and ten story building. The New
York building will be 1208 feet from
the street, excluding the flag pole.
The structure planned will be 516
feet taller than the Woolworth
building and will cost \$18,000,000.
We don't suppose it will be long
before they will be erecting sky
scrapers that will require the oc-
cupants of the upper story to carry
oxygen tanks in order to breathe.

FALL—DOHONEY

The acquittal of Fall and Do-
honey, at a recent trial in Washing-
ton may be according to law, but
the verdict rendered is not accord-
ing to popular opinion, one commen-
tator remarks. And this is very
true. Perhaps the method of se-
lecting the jury men had something
to do with the verdict. We hardly
see how it would be possible to se-
lect a jury, who had never read
anything about this famous case or
heard it discussed, and yet be able
to reach an intelligent conclusion.
But this limitation was placed on
the men who acted as jurors, if we
may believe the press dispatches.

AGRICULTURAL REMEDIES

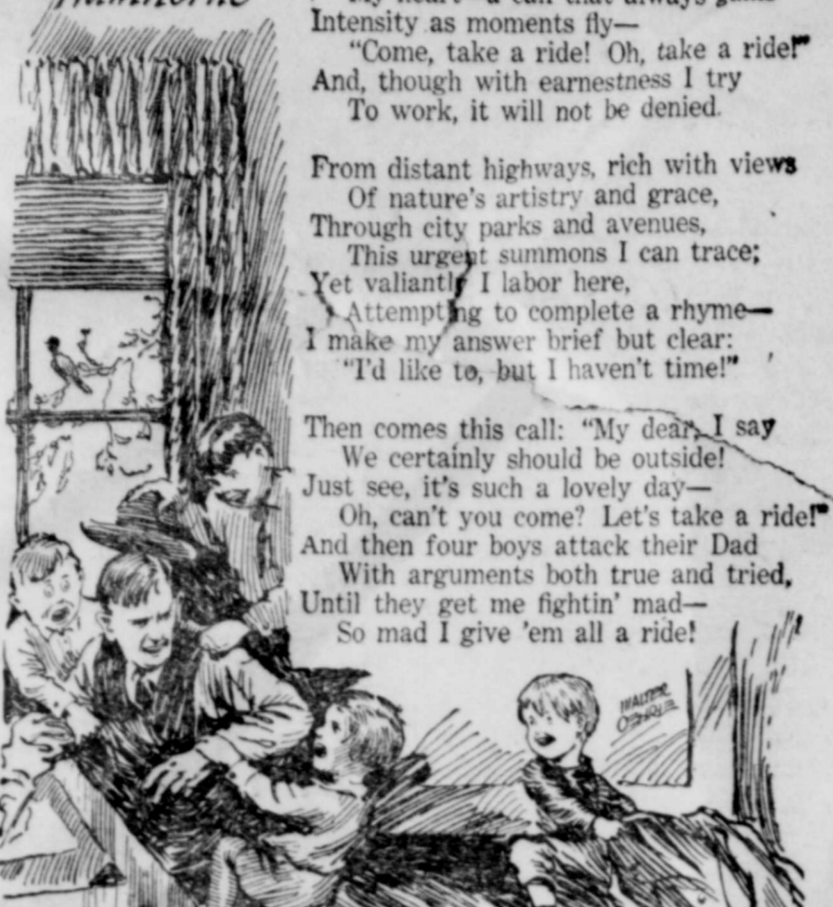
The addresses given on crop diver-
sification Thursday evening con-
tained many helpful points, but in
the main the discussion was confined
to conditions known to the best far-
mers. It does not take an agricul-
turalist to find where the trouble
really lies, but it does take a Moses
to suggest an effective remedy and
proceed to lead the people in the
right path. Diversification has been
preached in a general way for the
past ten or twelve years. Those
who take any interest in agriculture
are familiar more or less with the
usual plan advanced by the rotation
or diversification method. Diversi-
fication, however, must be made to
fit local conditions. Willingness
to adopt a special plan and to conform
to it are the essential conditions
for its success. That point has
never been reached in this section.
It may be when the farmers them-
selves see the necessity of it. Un-
til then a discussion of general
plan will prove little aid.
Many believe that the farm prob-
lem in the valley will gradually ad-
just itself. We hope so.

**NEW MEXICO
POTASH DISCOVERY**

New Mexico potash may break the
European monopoly. This assertion
is becoming a possibility. The of-
ficial reports of the United States
geological survey reveal the extent
of the discovery in the southeastern
part of the state.
Mineralogists of the survey have
told of ten beds of potash minerals
aggregating nearly thirty feet in
thickness, which were revealed by
core drilling. These beds were
struck at depth ranging from 790
feet to 1,760 feet. Samples of the
cores brought up by the drill consist-
ed of high colored polyhalite, syl-
vite and other salts which assayed
as high as 18.5 per cent potash.
The beds thick enough for mining
averaged about 12.5 per cent, it is
stated.
This is remarkable when it is de-
clared that the average run-of-the-
mine minerals of the famous Stass-
furt fields in Germany have a potash
content of only eight or ten per cent.
At about 1,430 feet in New Mex-
ico, 1-17 inch bed of a different
mineral, langbeinite was found. This

Let's take a ride!

by Lawrence Hawthorne



Reverberating through the hills,
Resounding far across the plains,
There often comes a call that thrills
My heart—a call that always gains
Intensity as moments fly—
"Come, take a ride! Oh, take a ride!"
And, though with earnestness I try
To work, it will not be denied.

From distant highways, rich with views
Of nature's artistry and grace,
Through city parks and avenues,
This urgent summons I can trace;
Yet valiantly I labor here,
Attempting to complete a rhyme—
I make my answer brief but clear:
"I'd like to, but I haven't time!"

Then comes this call: "My dear, I say
We certainly should be outside!
Just see, it's such a lovely day—
Oh, can't you come? Let's take a ride!"
And then four boys attack their Dad
With arguments both true and tried,
Until they get me fightin' mad—
So mad I give 'em all a ride!

**DID YOU EVER STOP
TO THINK?**

By E. R. Waite

THAT it would be well for people
throughout the world to study the
progressive policies of privately
owned public utilities.

THAT they are dependable ser-
vants of the people, in order to be
dependable they had to be success-
ful; in order to be successful they
had to apply certain fundamental
principles which would be acceptable
to all the people, and among them
was to give service that really serves.

THAT it has always been the am-
bition of privately owned utilities, I
mean by that, utilities whose stocks
are owned by multitudes of people,
to give the public full value for their
money, and they have done so.

THAT this class of public utilities
has gained the good will of the peo-
ple and are keeping abreast of the
progress of the territories they serve.

Privately owned utilities always
have the foresight to prepare for
the future. If it were not for their
broad expanding, building policies,
many sections they serve would be
backward in development.

In spite of the facts that stare
everyone in the face, some people,
mostly politicians, loudly cry that ef-
forts should be made to hamper them
in giving better service. Their cries
should be hushed for at every hand
can be seen the development that is
due to their foresightedness.

For Coal Phone 86 12-16-4tc

LAKE ARTHUR ITEMS
(Mrs. Alva Spence, Reporter)
(Delayed)

Solon Spence went to McKamey
and other points in Texas on busi-
ness, this week.

J. P. Shinneman went to Clovis
last week to attend the Watkins
Dealers convention.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Reeves, A. V.
Flowers and Mrs. Alva Spence went
to Roswell shopping Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Flowers, Mrs.
Redman Pate, C. G. Ditto, and Shel-
by Russell were in Roswell Monday
shopping.

There will be a special program at
the Epworth League Sunday even-
ing, everybody invited to come and
enjoy same.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Sims came in
Tuesday night from various points
in Texas where they have been on a
month's vacation.

A. V. Flowers made a trip to
Abilene last week and made a busi-
ness deal, whereby he sold his farm
south and east of town.

Mrs. D. F. Johnson and daughter,
Mrs. George Waldrip have purchased
the restaurant here, formerly owned
by Mr. and Mrs. Brannon.

John Griffith, who is working in
the oil field came in last Saturday
in response to a message that Mrs.
Griffith was real sick here. She is
better at present.

Leslie Shinneman and wife who
have been working on the Coe ranch
in the mountains, came in this week
to visit the home of Mr. and Mrs.

contains about 18 per cent potash.
Langbeinite is merely a mineral
curiosity in Stassfurt.

"It must not be imagined that
this is simply a lucky strike made
at random," says Dr. G. R. Mansfield
of the geological survey. "We have
believed for years that if paying
potash deposits were ever to be
found in this country the most like-
ly place to seek them would be the
Panhandle region of Texas and the
adjacent corner of New Mexico, and
we have actually been hunting for
them there since 1915. We have re-
ceived many indications of the pres-
ence of potash, from samples
brought up by oil well drills as well
as from other sources.

"Of course we cannot tell from a
single core drilling how extensive
the new beds are. But we do know
definitely now that working quan-
tities of rich potash minerals exist
at this place, and our previous work
indicates that potash deposits of
some sort exist in many places, dis-
tributed over an area about 300
miles long by about half as wide."

This new potash discovery was
made in the oil well of the Snowden-
McSweeney company incidental to
the boring for oil in the Artesia
area. The company cooperated with
the geological survey in its investi-
gations. Extensive exploration is
now planned.

The new discovery confirms the
original discovery fifteen years ago
by the geological survey. It has
taken that length of time to estab-
lish this mineral asset of the state's.
It will mean a big commercial de-
velopment if the new investigations
bear out all the expectations.

The discovery again emphasizes
that New Mexico's mineral re-
sources have not yet been touched.
Exploration for oil leads to discov-
ery equally as important as oil. In-
vestigation, time and capital will
bring many more industries to the
state.—Albuquerque Journal.

CLOVIS BANKER DIES

J. C. Nelson, president of the First
National Bank of Clovis died in a
hospital at Rochester, Minnesota,
Friday night according to word re-
ceived at Clovis Saturday. Mr.
Nelson was well known in the Clovis
territory.

Do you need distillate? Call
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J. P. Shinneman.
Among those who went to Roswell
Saturday to see Santa Claus, were:
Bob Rowan and family, Luther Terry
and family, E. C. Latta and family,
Ned Hedges and family, and several
others whose names we did not get.

Lyle Moots, who has been suff-
ering with a severe pain in his side,
was taken to Roswell Sunday to the
hospital, by J. R. Spence. The phy-
sician in attendance pronounced in-
flammation due to a strain, but as yet
no operation has been performed, and
it may not be necessary.

A letter was received from Edgar
Dunbar, who is in the S. U. I. hospi-
tal, Iowa City, Iowa, thanking the
many kind friends for the post cards
and other gifts that were sent him on
his birthday the 29th of November.
Edgar will be remembered here by
his many friends, who was taken to
the hospital in May and has been
there since, suffering with inflama-
tory rheumatism.

The second victory for the Lake
Arthur basket ball boys occurred last
Friday night when they met the
Hagerman boys on our new indoor
court, and won with an overwhelm-
ing score of 16 to 7. Each player
did excellent work to win a clean
game. The next game will be Fri-
day night, with Artesia, on our
court. Everybody come and enjoy
these games.

Hope and Dexter met in a swift
and snappy game of basket ball last
Friday afternoon here on our new
indoor court. Lake Arthur being a
very desirable point between the two
towns. The score was 19 to 15 in
favor of the Hope boys, after which
the girls played a very interesting
game and Dexter girls won over
the Hope girls five points, the score
being 15 to 11.

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Joe Bates will shine,
clean and dye your
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attention
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and get a new one that will
turn the motor over these cold
mornings.

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HOLIDAY NEEDS
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NOTICE!
Effective January 1, 1927, the undersigned
will set for cash with the following exceptions: To
those who have paid their monthly accounts
promptly we will continue to extend credit accom-
modations. Interest will be charged on all past due
accounts.

Special terms may be arranged on Radios, Farm
implements and other large items.

We request prompt settlements in the same
courteous manner that we solicit your future
business.

L. P. Evans
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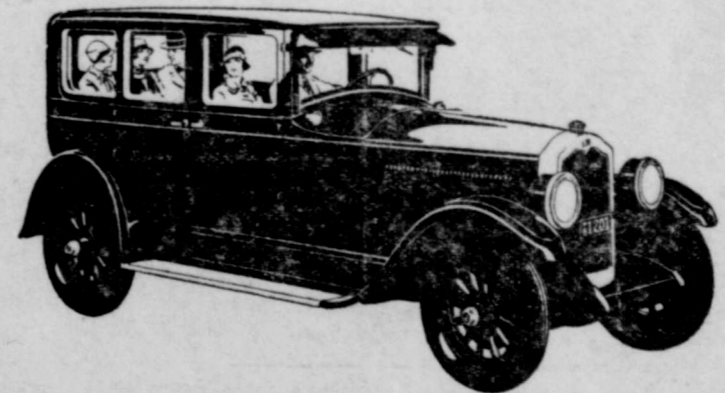
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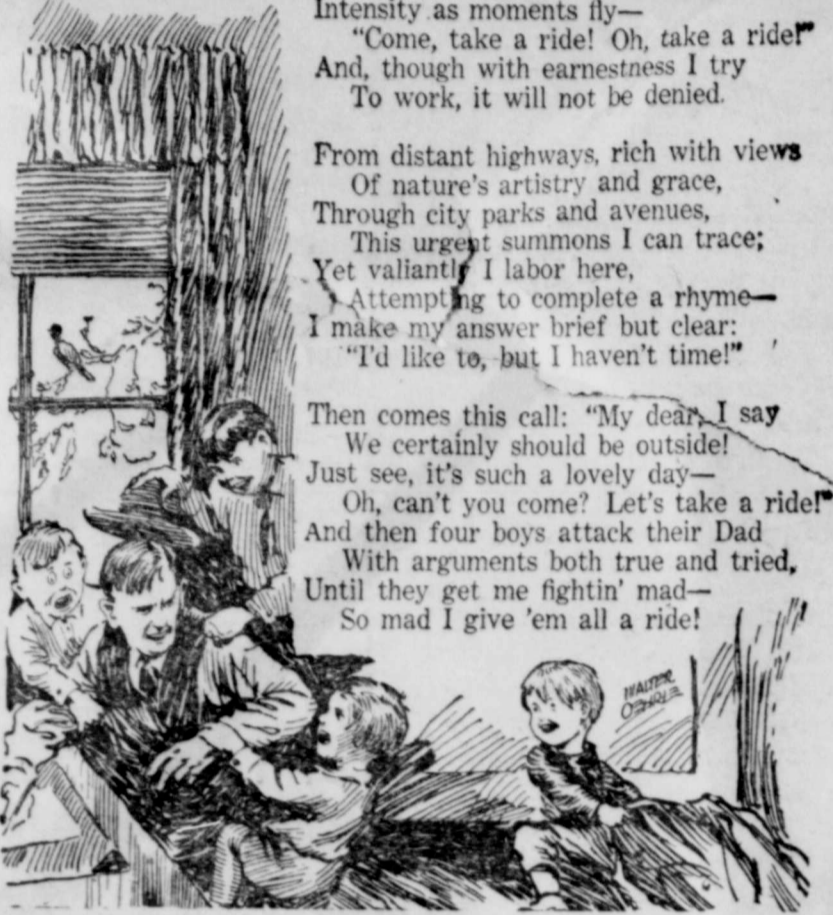
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Let's take a ride!

by Lawrence
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Reverberating through the hills,
Resounding far across the plains,
There often comes a call that thrills
My heart—a call that always gains
Intensity as moments fly—
"Come, take a ride! Oh, take a ride!"
And, though with earnestness I try
To work, it will not be denied.

From distant highways, rich with views
Of nature's artistry and grace,
Through city parks and avenues,
This urgent summons I can trace;
Yet valiantly I labor here,
Attempting to complete a rhyme—
I make my answer brief but clear:
"I'd like to, but I haven't time!"

Then comes this call: "My dear, I say
We certainly should be outside!
Just see, it's such a lovely day—
Oh, can't you come? Let's take a ride!"
And then four boys attack their Dad
With arguments both true and tried,
Until they get me fightin' mad—
So mad I give 'em all a ride!

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By E. R. Waite

THAT it would be well for people
throughout the world to study the
progressive policies of privately
owned public utilities.

THAT they are dependable ser-
vants of the people, in order to be
dependable they had to be success-
ful; in order to be successful they
had to apply certain fundamental
principles which would be acceptable
to all the people, and among them
was to give service that really serves.

THAT it has always been the am-
bition of privately owned utilities, I
mean by that utilities whose stocks
are owned by multitudes of people,
to give the public full value for their
money, and they have done so.

THAT this class of public utilities
has gained the good will of the peo-
ple and are keeping abreast of the
progress of the territories they serve.

Privately owned utilities always
have the foresight to prepare for
the future. If it were not for their
broad expanding, building policies,
many sections they serve would be
backward in development.

In spite of the facts to stare
everyone in the face, some people,
mostly politicians, still cry that ef-
forts should be made to hamper them
in giving better service. Their cries
should be hushed for at every hand
can be seen the development that is
due to their foresightedness.

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LAKE ARTHUR ITEMS (Mrs. Alva Spence, Reporter)

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by Russell were in Roswell Monday
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There will be a special program at
the Epworth League Sunday eve-
ning, everybody invited to come and
enjoy same.

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Tuesday night from various points
in Texas where they have been on a
month's vacation.

A. V. Flowers made a trip to
Abilene last week and made a busi-
ness deal, whereby he sold his farm
south and east of town.

Mrs. D. F. Johnson and daughter,
Mrs. George Waldrip have purchased
the restaurant here, formerly owned
by Mr. and Mrs. Brannon.

John Griffith, who is working in
the oil field came in last Saturday
in response to a message that Mrs.
Griffith was real sick here. She is
better at present.

Leslie Shinneman and wife who
have been working on the Coe ranch
in the mountains, came in this week
to visit the home of Mr. and Mrs.

contains about 18 per cent potash.
Langbeinite is merely a mineral
curiosity in Stassfurt.

"It must not be imagined that
this is simply a lucky strike made
at random," says Dr. G. R. Mansfield
of the geological survey. "We have
believed for years that if paying
potash deposits were ever to be
found in this country the most like-
ly place to seek them would be the
Panhandle region of Texas and the
adjacent corner of New Mexico, and
we have actually been hunting for
them there since 1915. We have re-
ceived many indications of the pres-
ence of potash, from samples
brought up by oil well drills as well
as from other sources.

"Of course we cannot tell from a
single core drilling how extensive
the new beds are. But we do know
definitely now that working quan-
tities of rich potash minerals exist
at this place, and our previous work
indicates that potash deposits of
some sort exist in many places, dis-
tributed over an area about 300
miles long by about half as wide."

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made in the oil well of the Snowden-
McSweeney company incidental to
the boring for oil in the Artesia
area. The company cooperated with
the geological survey in its investi-
gations. Extensive exploration is
now planned.

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original discovery fifteen years ago
by the geological survey. It has
taken that length of time to estab-
lish this mineral asset of the state's.
It will mean a big commercial de-
velopment if the new investigations
bear out all the expectations.

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that New Mexico's mineral re-
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bring many more industries to the
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ceived at Clovis Saturday. Mr.
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territory.

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Among those who went to Roswell
Saturday to see Santa Claus, were:
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others whose names we did not get.

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ing with a severe pain in his side,
was taken to Roswell Sunday to the
hospital, by J. R. Spence. The phys-
ician in attendance pronounced in-
flammation due to a strain, but as yet
no operation has been performed, and
it may not be necessary.

A letter was received from Edgar
Dunbar, who is in the S. U. I. hos-
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and other gifts that were sent him on
his birthday the 29th of November.
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the hospital in May and has been
there since, suffering with inflama-
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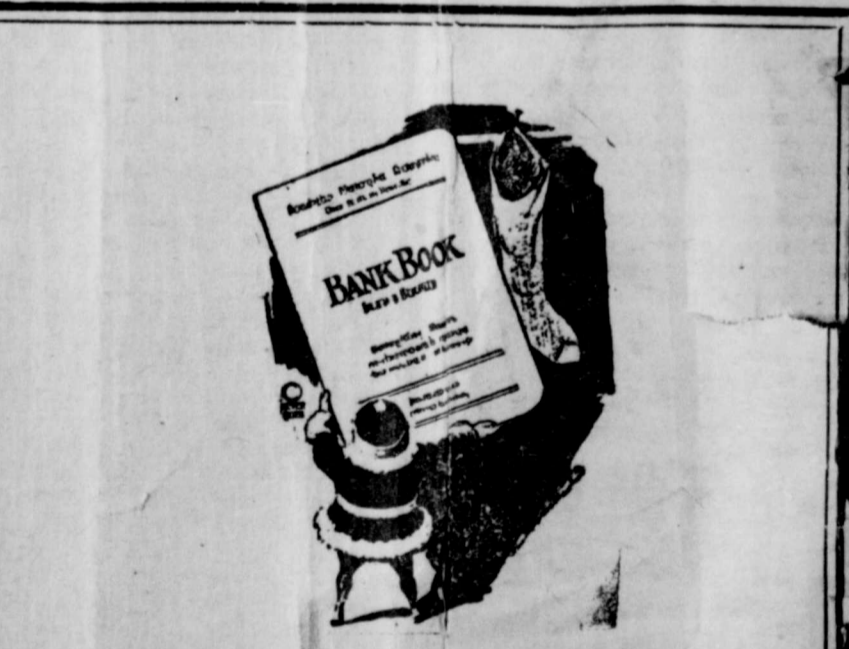
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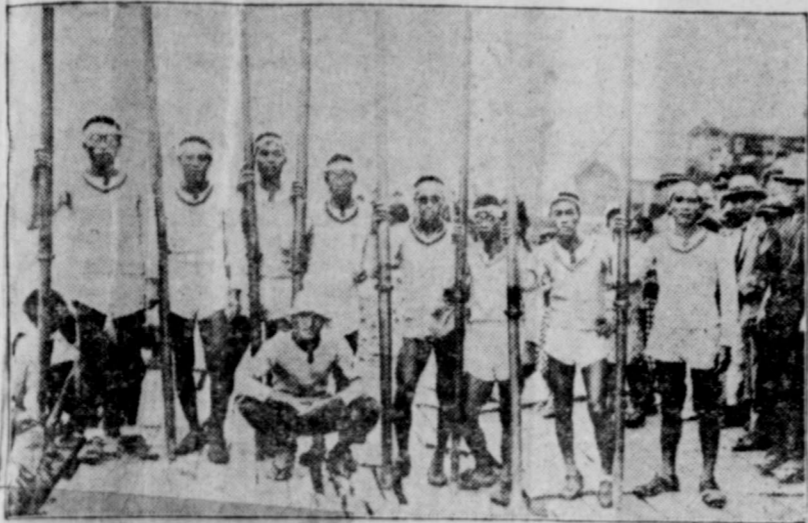
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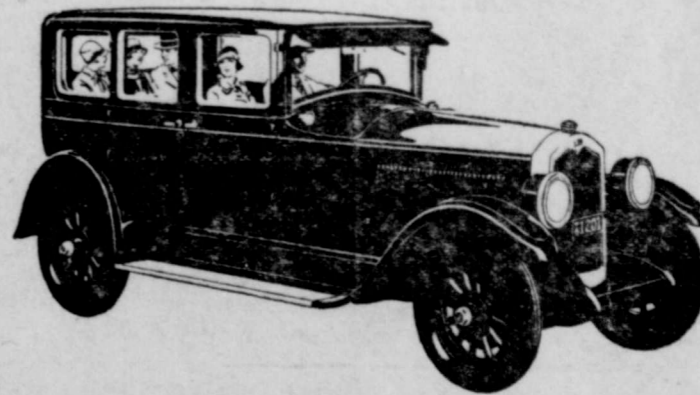
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BRIDGE PARTY

Mesdames E. N. Bigler and Walter Ferriman entertained at a bridge party last Friday afternoon at the Ferriman home, which was attractively decorated in holiday greens and a handsome Christmas tree. Refreshments were served in two courses, the Misses La Rue Mann and Ruth Bigler assisting in serving. Present were Mesdames Corbin, G. R. Brainard, Lewis Story, Will Linell, Landis Feather, Oscar Gilbert, McGinn, Neil, Yates, Brooks, Fielding, Fred Cole, John Lanning, Rowan, Hightower, Hartell, Albright, Weiton, Baish, Fred Brainard and L. P. Evans.

SUPPER AT THE BUSY BEE

Mr. and Mrs. George Frisch were hosts at a special six o'clock supper at the Busy Bee Monday evening, complimentary to four young gentlemen, Messrs. Leslie Weight, Harry Kent, Bruce Sage, and Grimm Strickland, who are students at State College and schoolmates of the Misses Vesta Frisch and Vella Spivey, who were also present at the supper as well as little Miss Margaret Frisch. On Tuesday the young ladies accompanied the boys on a trip to the Carlsbad Cavern. Mr. Weight is the son of an American planter in Hawaii, who has made his home for many years in the islands, where the young man was born.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn will entertain at Christmas dinner, Mrs. Glenn's mother, Mrs. Cowan, who has been here some time from Texas, R. O. Cowan and family and Mr. and Mrs. Leon Meeks and children from Hagerman.

The special Christmas music at the Presbyterian church last Sunday was rendered by the choir which was augmented by Mrs. M. Yates and Messrs. Cecil Roberts and E. N. Bigler. The anthems "Bethlehem" and "Nazareth" were beautifully rendered. At the evening service the junior choir rendered the anthem "No Room in the Inn," while the pastor gave Van Dyke's Christmas Story; "The Other Wise Men," to an appreciative audience.

YOUNG MOTHERS' CLUB

The Young Mothers Club held its regular meeting at the home of Mrs. O. E. House last Friday afternoon. In keeping with the holiday season, a handsome Christmas tree occupied the post of honor in the living room and presents were distributed to all of the babies. A salad course was served by the hostess. Present were Mesdames John Dunn, Mehrens, Barnett, Margaret Ellis, Harvey, Jim Jackson and Patton.

MARRIED AT CARLSBAD

Miss Nellie Braun and Thomas W. House, both of Artesia were quietly married at Carlsbad, Saturday afternoon, Judge D. G. Grantham, officiating. Mr. and Mrs. House are employed by the Western Union Telegraph Co., here. Mr. House is serving in the capacity of local manager, a position he has held for the past several months, while Mrs. House is serving as clerk.

The best wishes of a number of friends here are extended to Mr. and Mrs. House. They will make their home in Artesia.

COMMUNITY TREE AT THE OIL FIELD SCHOOL HOUSE

Plans are under way for holding a community Christmas tree at the oil field school house in the Flynn, Welch & Yates camp tomorrow evening at 7:30. About 150 children are expected to be present. An appropriate program will be rendered in connection with the tree.

INAUGURAL BALL FOR GOVERNOR DILLON TO BE HELD AT ARMORY

SANTA FE.—Definite decision to hold the inaugural ball in the Armory, the old Governor's Palace and the library, joining the three buildings by runways, was reached at a meeting of the executive committee in charge, held Monday night. Attempts to secure the Scottish Rite cathedral or one of the hotels failed. The program for the ceremonies sent to Governor Hannett and Governor-elect Dillon for their approval, was not announced today, as Governor Hannett had not been heard from. A telegram from Encino stated that the program met with the full approval of the governor-elect.

Arthur Seligman, acting chairman of the committee, announced that the dinner for the newly elected governor and his family on New Year's day would be held at St. Vincent's

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THURSDAY

Pageant, "The Star of Hope," at the Presbyterian church this evening.

FRIDAY

Christmas exercises by the Sunday school at the Baptist church at 7:30 p. m.

Christmas exercises by the Sunday school at the Christian church at 7:30 p. m., with Santa Claus and a Christmas tree.

Pageant, "Fruits of His Labor," at the Methodist church Friday evening at 7:30 p. m., with a short preliminary exercise by the Primary department.

MONDAY

Installation of officers at the Masonic lodge at regular meeting hour.

TUESDAY

Second Bridge Club at the home of Mrs. Fred Cole at 2:30.

STUDENTS HOME FOR VACATION

Among the students who have come from higher schools for the vacation are: The Misses Vesta Frisch and Vella Spivey, State College; Miss Adele Ohnemus, Business College, Lubbock, Texas; C. O. Brown, Cecil McLean and Elvin Jonas, State University at Albuquerque; Miss Ella Brown, Polytechnic School, Lubbock, Texas; Miss Helen Bullock, West Texas Teacher's college Canyon, Texas; Miss Bertha Richards, Woman's College, Ft. Worth, Texas; Miss Helen Mann, Simmons University, Abilene, Texas; Herman Cole, Montezuma College, Las Vegas; Dyke Cecil, Guy Reed Brainard, Frank Wingfield and Glenn Choate, Military Institute, Roswell. Miss Margaret Shirley is at home from Montezuma College at Las Vegas, for the holiday vacation.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

Mr. and Mrs. Gail Hamilton will entertain at Christmas dinner, their guests being Miss Louise Hamilton, J. T. Collins, Warren Collins and family and Mr. and Mrs. Otis Brown and baby son.

FAMILY CHRISTMAS DINNER

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Turknett will have with them for Christmas dinner, their children and grandchildren, Mrs. Nellie Cogdell and children and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Jones and sons.

THE SENIOR PLAY

"Clarence," the delightful comedy by Booth Tarkington, was successfully given by the senior class to a full house last evening. The parts were very well taken and the inimitable humor of Tarkington "got across" to the audience, which registered its enjoyment at frequent intervals. Ernest Ohnemus, who took the role of Clarence, made a decided "hit" and Miss Florence Conner and Miss Glenda Gray divided honors in the female roles. Chester Cave, who took the "heavy" role of the harassed father of a strenuous family, fitted into the part perfectly. In short all of the parts were very well done. Credit is due to Miss Detter, who coached the play, for its signal success. Not a little of the pleasure of the evening was due to the music of the High School orchestra, which under the direction of H. Hyams Washam, is decidedly making good. The proceeds of the entertainment will help defray the expenses of the Annual.

CARLSBAD PROJECT GINS 1,187 BALES

The eight gins of the Carlsbad project have turned out a total of 1,187 bales of cotton up to Tuesday noon, according to a recent report.

CHRISTMAS MAILING

Christmas business at the post office will be about the same as last year, when totaled up, according to E. A. Hannah, postmaster. One extra clerk has been employed to assist with the Christmas mailing until the holiday rush is over. Out of town mailing apparently reached its peak Tuesday, when fifty-three sacks of mail were carried to the afternoon train.

sanitarium here, with Adelina Otero Warren, of the governor's staff, as special aide and hostess. The governor's immediate family, numbering eleven, will be the only ones admitted.

Five hundred tickets have been put on sale at the banks of the state, and the committee are particularly desirous that the public realize that the affair is not an invitation one but is open to all.

FRIDAY EVENING BRIDGE CLUB

Mr. and Mrs. McRae were hosts to the Friday Evening Bridge Club last Tuesday evening at which time Dr. and Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Rose Baish and Mrs. C. R. Blocker substituted for absent members. The usual dinner was served preceding the playing. The next meeting will be at the Hightower home New Year's Eve.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY

A social service program was given at the meeting of the society, which was held at the home of Mrs. Matteson last Thursday afternoon, with the president, Mrs. Kinder, as discussion leader. The special subject was, "What is the Church's responsibility toward the thousands of working children in our nation?" Light refreshments were served by Mrs. Matteson and Mrs. Eipper, joint hostess.

ONE O'CLOCK LUNCHEON

Miss Ruth Russell was the honor guest at a three course luncheon, which was served at one o'clock on Tuesday by Mrs. Chester Russell. The Christmas motif was stressed in the decorations and the rooms were charmingly illuminated by Christmas candles. Covers were laid for Mesdames S. W. Gilbert, Joe Jesse, J. H. Jackson, Mary Abbott, Paris and Hamilton and Miss Louise Hamilton of Cedar Falls, Iowa, the honor guest and the hostess.

FAMILY CHRISTMAS DINNER

According to its usual custom the Gray family will have a dinner together on Christmas. This year it will be at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. Bert Smith. Those present will be Will Gray and family, D. N. Gray and family, Ed Gray and Mr. and Mrs. John Lanning and little Bettyelle.

MISS RICHARDS HOME (From T. W. C. Department of Journalism)

FT. WORTH, Dec. 18.—Miss Bertha Richards, a sophomore in Texas Woman's College, Ft. Worth, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Richards at Artesia. Miss Richards has been in T. W. C. two years, and is a member of the Susan M. Keyes literary society. She is a reporter on the Handout, and is vice-president of the Home Economic Club. Miss Richards is also a member of the New Mexico Club.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

Mr. and Mrs. Tex Polk will have a family Christmas dinner at which there will be present Mr. and Mrs. John Runyan and children, Mr. and Mrs. Skelt Williams and little son, and Miss Keith Trammel of Sweetwater, Texas. They are also hoping to have their son, Kelly from Abilene, Texas.

CHRISTMAS AT THE PHILLIPS CAMP

Santa visited the employes of the Phillips Petroleum Co., at the camp in the oil field yesterday evening. Employees of the Phillips Petroleum Co., with their families first assembled at the camp where a six course supper was served. After the supper, all present attended the Christmas tree, where a number of presents awaited various members of the families assembled. The employees presented J. C. Albright, district manager and E. H. Carter with a beautiful fountain pen and pencil set each. Following the Christmas tree a dance was enjoyed.

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BIG GAME CENSUS OF STATE ANNOUNCED TOTALS REACH 21,528

LAS CRUCES.—R. F. Hare, agricultural statistician here, in figures released Monday estimates that 1,300 sheep are on the Natajo reservation at the present time. The annual wool clip is estimated at 4,000,000, one million pounds of which are woven into blankets by the women of the reservation.

Big game in the national forests of the state were estimated by J. H. Schoeller, of the national forest service, as totalling 21,528, at the beginning of the year. The total was divided up as follows:

Antelope, 711; black and brown bear, 660; grizzly bear, 22; deer, 20,009; elk, 78; mountain sheep, 150.

Peculiar Plant Diseases

Mosaic diseases which affect plants are so called because the leaves of the plants attacked by them lose their green color in small angular patches, giving the remaining tissue a pattern which resembles a mosaic pavement.

For Coal Phone 86

MISS LOIS RANDOLPH MAKES APPOINTMENTS

SANTA FE.—Miss Lois Randolph state school superintendent-elect, has added her appointments to those previously announced, it became known here Tuesday when announcement was made of the appointment of Miss Clara D. True, of Santa Fe, as certification clerk, Mrs. Margarita Reed, of McGaffey, as chief clerk, and Jose Castillo, Gallup, and Ernestine Armijo, Santa Fe, as stenographers. The appointment of John V. Conway as assistant was announced previously.

Three supervisorships in the department will be unchanged, the incumbents holding federal contracts which will be effective until next summer. These positions are supervisors of rehabilitation, vocational agriculture and home economics, D. W. Rockey, H. M. Gardner and Mrs. Vina Gardner holding the positions, respectively.

The list of appointments to date, exclusive of those made by Miss Randolph mentioned above are: Adjutant-general, James Baca; penitentiary warden, Pat Dugan; chief tax commissioner, Nathan Jaffa; associates, J. R. Aguilar and George Uldick; secretary, John Joerns; mine inspector, W. W. Risdon; game commission, Charles Probstel, Kenneth Baldridge, and W. A. Losey; assistant comptrollers, Miss Mary Bartolino, W. G. Halthusen; field deputy gas tax collector, Tom McGrath; chief clerk at the penitentiary, William A. Bayer; and Jose Fernandez, J. B. Martinez, Juan N. Ortiz, Charles Lamb, and Misses Anna Grabber, Josefita Salazar, and Josie Sanchez to the various positions in the corporation commission.

Important appointments which remain to be made are those of state comptroller, insurance commissioner, the highway commission, of which Charles Springer, present republican member, is the only one assured; highway engineer, state engineer and state bank examiner.

Gilberto Mirabal, of Santa Fe, is reckoned as having the best chance for the comptrollership, his name having been the only one mentioned to date. Numerous persons have been mentioned in connection with other offices.

GINNINGS TO DEC. 13TH TOTAL 15,542,249 BALES NEW MEX. GETS 53,040

WASHINGTON.—Cotton of this year's growth ginned prior to December 13, totaled 15,542,249 running bales, counting 557,729 round bales as half bales and excluding linters, compared with 14,831,846 and 306,616 to that date last year, the census bureau announced Monday.

The department of agriculture's preliminary estimate of this year's crop placed production at 18,618,000 bales of 500 pounds.

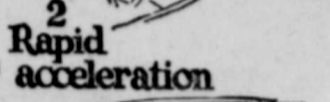
The ginnings by states include: Arizona, 82,654. California, 97,914. New Mexico, 53,040. Texas, 4,858,287.

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PROSPERITY PAST TWO YEARS REFLECTED IN CHEERFUL OUTLOOK

NEW YORK.—An impressive array of holiday dividends, celebrating the nation's unparalleled prosperity in the past few years, unquestionably has contributed to the more cheerful financial outlook marking the close of 1926. The U. S. Steel corporation's proposed 40 per cent distribution, aggregating more than \$20,000,000 alone was sufficient to create a widespread feeling of optimism since it implied that the most conservative of the great corporations was fairly content of continuing business.

Under cover of these favorable developments certain irregularities in the trend of trade and industry have been obscured, but of these have been in the nature of seasonal recessions in the manufacturing activities.

In the close of the week a general bull movement was under way in the stock market, prompted apparently by the belief that the dividend was an expression of confidence in the 1927 outlook on the part of the country's foremost financial and business leaders. Several other large corporations are expected to pass on to the stockholders early next year a portion of their undistributed surpluses.

Mounting steadily in volume, holiday trade promises to establish a new high record this year. The purchases of Christmas merchandise have been augmented by a demand for winter clothing and supplies due to cold weather in most sections of the country.

Railroad traffic has been maintained at a higher rate than expected because of the large movement of fuel and merchandise. In the first week of December, 251,626 cars were loaded with coal, the largest number ever handled in a single week. Car loadings up to that time exceeded 50,000,000, a new high record.

Promises of expansion in the steel industry after the turn of the year decided with the favorable dividend action of the United States steel corporation. Apart from railroad buying, the weekly trade reports reported that new business lagged and that a slight recession in output was to be expected in the holidays.

Being the greatest year in its history, the automobile industry has had to take alarm over the decline in sales and output. On the basis of present inquiries several companies are confident that the spring will set a record business.

LOCAL

Miss Dorris Glenn is at home in her school, near El Paso, for vacation.

Mr. J. S. Worley returned Tuesday from an absence of several days in Alabama.

Priest, coach at the high school is planning to take a trip to California during the holidays.

Williams, of Wichita Falls, was here several days last week at the request of Mr. and Mrs. Beecher.

Kelly's shine parlor, formerly on the Midway, has been moved to the east of the old stand and is now known as the New State parlor.

Pior, of Amarillo, Texas, was here last Friday and Saturday with his brothers, C. C. Pior and J. P. Pior, and families and looking after business matters.

Misses Maxine Rowan and Mable Hightower drove to Roswell this afternoon to meet Leon Wood. Mr. Wood is coming from Santa Fe for a few days visit with friends.

Misses Morgan, of the Roswell school faculty, will spend the holidays at home. Miss Shirley Morgan also teacher in Roswell will be the guest of her mother, Prof. Feather, and wife at the home for the holidays.

Mr. Brown, who lived on the Brown and Estes place on the Pecos during the past year, has located near Albany, Texas and moved with his family to his new home there. He will be employed in the oil field near Albany.

December 30th has been designated the date for opening bids on building a dormitory and kindergarten at the New Mexico school for the deaf at Alamogordo. It is expected that construction work will begin on the \$65,000 structure soon after that date.

J. M. Kugler, who was stationed here for a number of months in the employ of the Ohio Oil Co., is now living at Albuquerque and is with the Navajo Oil Co., of that city. Mr. Kugler writes us that they are experiencing some cold weather up this way.

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ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH
E. C. Henderson, in charge
Sunday school, 10:00 a. m.
Morning service, 11:00 a. m.
Young peoples meeting, 6:00 p. m.
Evening service, 7:00 p. m.
Mid-week prayer meeting at the church, 7:00 p. m.
The public is invited to attend all these services.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY
I. O. O. F. Hall.
Sunday service at 11:00 a. m.
Wednesday service at 7:30 p. m.
Subject for Bible lesson, Sunday, December 26: "Christian Science."
All are cordially invited to attend these services.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Corner Fourth and Grand
Rev. John Sinclair, Pastor.
Phone 249

Sunday, 26th December.
9:30 Sabbath school.
11:00 a. m., morning worship and sermon. Subject: "Savior, Star and Sages." Special music.
6:30 p. m., Young Peoples service.
7:30 p. m., Popular Peoples' Service. Anthem by Junior choir. Sermon subject "The Land of Beginning Again"—A message in view of the New Year.
Tuesday 28th Dec. 7:30 p. m., young peoples social and business meeting.
Wednesday 29th 7:45 p. m., devotional service.
A thought for the New Year—"Forgotten things that are behind and reaching forward to these things which are before I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

BAPTIST CHURCH
Corner Roselawn & Grand Avenue
L. R. Simmons, Pastor.
Phone 123

Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.
Praching services, 11:00 a. m.
Subject "The Coming of the Prince of Peace."
B. Y. P. U., 6:00 p. m.
Evening worship, 7:00 p. m.
Subject: "Behold the Bridegroom Cometh, Go Ye Out to Meet Him."
Payer meeting each Wednesday at 8:00 p. m.
We had a good attendance last week at our prayer meeting, let us make it better this week.
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ARTESIA METHODIST CHURCH
Fifth & Grand Avenue.
Rev. Claudius C. Higbee, Pastor
Residence 407 W. Richardson,
Phone 26.

9:45 a. m., Sunday school. M. A. Brown, superintendent.
11:00 a. m., Morning Worship. Text: "Unto you is born a Savior," Luke 2:11. Anthems: "Bethlehem" and "The Angel's Song."
6:00 p. m., Epworth League. Miss Lois Gable, president.
7:00 p. m., evening worship. Text: "Thou shalt call his name Jesus, for he shall save his people from their sins." Matt. 1:21. Anthem: "Oh Little Town of Bethlehem."
7:00 p. m., Wednesday, prayer meeting. "Prophecies concerning Christ."
7:30 p. m., Friday, Christmas programme, by Sunday school. And pageant: "The Fruits of His Labor" by young people.
Let's make the best possible use of the last Sunday in 1926 by attending the church of our choice.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Corner 7th and Grand Ave.

Our Christmas services will be on Christmas evening, starting at 6:00 o'clock. There will be congregational singing, and scripture reading dwelling on the birth of our Lord, in connection with the program. The teachers of the different classes will have charge of the program. Be sure and study the life of Christ so you can answer the questions that will be asked during the service. There will be Bible quotations also so be sure and come prepared to give a good quotation.
There will be a little gift for all the children of the Sunday school. We hope every member of the church will be present as you will enjoy this service. Everybody welcome to this service.
There will be Bible school Sunday at 10:00 a. m.
Preaching at 11:00 a. m. and 7:00 p. m. A hearty welcome extended to all.

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
8th and Missouri
E. E. Hale, Pastor

Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.
Morning worship, 11:00 a. m.
Y. P. S. meeting, 6:00 p. m.
—Evangelistic service, 7:00 p. m.
Christmas program, 7:45 p. m., Thursday, December 23rd. A cordial welcome to all.

PAGEANT AT THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
"The Star of Hope," a pageant of the Nativity will be presented by the members of the Presbyterian Sabbath school at the church this evening at 7:30 p. m. Chorus singing will be the main feature of the

HEALTH NEWS

It has been found that about nine out of every ten public drinking cups or glasses examined have some kind of bacteria.
More than one third of the public drinking glasses, as a rule, bear tubercle bacilli.
It is safe then to assert that tuberculosis, pneumonia, influenza, diphtheria, scarlet fever, measles, common colds, syphilis, gonorrhea and many other diseases may be transmitted by cups or glasses that are not sterilized after each using.
Some states and some cities are trying to induce all hotels, restaurants, soda fountains and ice cream factories to sterilize each dish, cup, spoon, knife, glass, plate or saucer after each using. It is suggested that these precautions be used in Eddy County.

Hiring Fairs Still Held
"Hiring Fairs" are held in the large country towns of England, says the Dearborn Independent. All farm laborers and boys gather in the streets of the nearest towns and wait for someone to employ them for the next six months. After the question of wages is settled and a shilling given as guaranty, everyone joins in merry-making.

Ups and Downs
If success goes to your head you'll eventually find yourself at the foot—Kokomo Dispatch.

pageant which will reverently recount the scenes which gather around the first Christmas story. The following will take part:
Angel—Maud Oldes.
Attendant—John Bill Collins.
King Herod—Wallace Gates.
Mary—Jeanne Wheatley.
Joseph—Fletcher Collins.
Wise Men—Cavatt Jackson, Richard Wheatley, Edley Finley.
Shepherds—Frank Clowe, John Gates, Richard Wheatley, Edley Finley, Homer McRae.
Bethlehem Girls—Mona Sinclair, Myrna Yeager, Evelyn Finley, Martha Sinclair, Mary Louise Paris.
Pianist—Grace Sinclair.
Reader—Mrs. J. Montgomery.
Readings—Billie Paris, Jane Shugart, Edith Sinclair, Jimmy Ferriman.
Santa Claus Song—"We're Waiting" Edith Sinclair.
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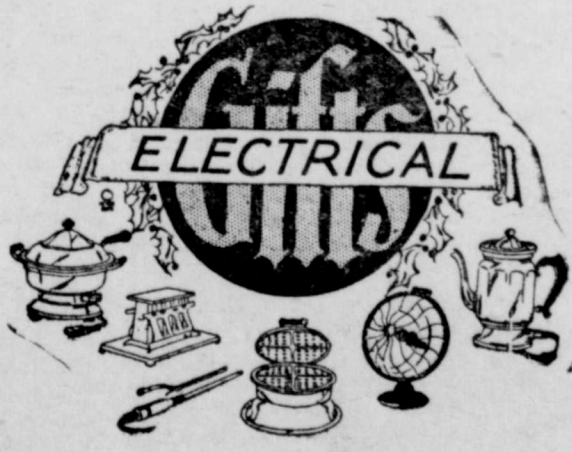
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How to Play BRIDGE

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Author of "PRACTICAL AUCTION BRIDGE"

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ARTICLE No. 10

One thing that players should always strive to retain, is an open mind on all questions. Don't allow yourself to become so sure of your own skill that you aren't willing to consider a good suggestion from another. On the other hand, don't be too willing to follow another's lead. Learn to consider both

points of view, your own and the other fellow's, and then draw your own conclusions. An open mind is a great asset, as valuable at the auction table as everywhere else. The point was well illustrated the other night and by the following hand:

Hearts—9, 4	Clubs—9, 8, 7, 3, 2	Diamonds—7	Spades—Q, J, 9, 5, 2
Hearts—K, J, 7, 6, 2	Clubs—A, Q, 4	Diamonds—K, J, 10, 8, 5	Spades—none
Hearts—Q, 5	Clubs—K, J, 6, 5	Diamonds—A, 3	Spades—A, K, 10, 8, 3
Hearts—A, 10, 8, 3	Clubs—10	Diamonds—Q, 9, 6, 4, 2	Spades—7, 6, 4

Y : Z :
A : B :
C : D :

No score, rubber game. Z dealt and bid one spade and A doubled. Y realized that his hand was worthless except at spades, so he bid four spades over the double. All passed. A opened the jack of diamonds and Y-Z lost their contract by one trick. After the hand was over, A said to his partner: "It's too bad you didn't get a chance to bid, partner," and the latter replied: "With a two suiter, you made a big mistake in doubling one spade. With the type hand you held, you should have first bid the heart suit and then, if overbid, you should have bid the diamonds. We had a game in either hearts or diamonds so your bad double cost us the rubber." A was very much taken aback for he had never realized that he shouldn't double when holding a two suiter. However, he showed the proper spirit, for he replied to his partner: "I am very sorry but I never looked at it in that light. I will try it out and see how your suggestion works out." That is an illustration of the "open mind." If a new point is brought up, think it over and give it a trial. You can improve your game many times by this method and never lose, even when you try out a theory and later reject it. It is a good common sense method from any angle.

his contract if B has four clubs to the king. Work this out for practice, giving B four clubs to the king. It is a pretty example of deciding which hand should be in the lead to accomplish a given result. When playing with the dummy, take your time and figure out carefully in advance which hand you want in the lead and why.

Answer to Problem No. 12

Hearts—A, 3, 2	Clubs—10, 9, 4	Diamonds—K, Q, 10, 9, 6, 3	Spades—J
Y :	Z :	A :	B :
C :	D :	Hearts—J, 7, 6, 5, 4	Clubs—A, Q, 6, 2
Diamonds—A	Spades—K, 7, 3	No score, rubber game. Z dealt and bid one club, A one spade, Y two diamonds and B passed. Z bid two hearts and all passed. A opened the deuce of diamonds and Z won the trick with the ace. He now led the four of hearts and allowed B to win the trick with the nine of hearts. B now led the seven of diamonds. What should Z play and how should he plan the play of the hand? Z should discard a club for A's diamond lead is a marked singleton. A will be forced to trump and now no matter what he leads, Z is in a strong position provided A has the ace of spades which his bid indicates probably is in his hand. If he leads the spade ace, Z must win the next trick, no matter what he leads. Z's play of this hand is to drop the remaining hearts by lead of his ace and then set up dummy's diamonds. He must keep his spades so that if the hearts do drop, he can trump a spade in dummy and thus have a re-entry for his diamond suit. Note that the discard of a spade at trick three, instead of a club, will enable A-B to save game if A will lead the ace of spades and a low spade after trumping the diamond. Play this out for practice. This hand is an excellent example of figuring out which hand you want in the lead and then providing means for obtaining that result. A's hand was as follows:	

Hearts—Q, 10, 8
Clubs—K, J, 8
Diamonds—7
Spades—A, 10, 9, 8, 4, 2

Answer to Problem No. 11

Hearts—4	Clubs—J, 10, 8	Diamonds—A, J, 9, 8, 4, 2	Spades—J, 10, 4
Y :	Z :	A :	B :
C :	D :	Hearts—10, 7	Clubs—A, Q, 9, 7, 4
Diamonds—K, Q, 10	Spades—Q, 9, 8	No score, first game. Z dealt and bid one club, A three hearts, Y four clubs and B four hearts. Z bid five clubs, and A and Y passed and B doubled. All passed. A opened the king of hearts and all followed. A then led the trey of diamonds. How should Z plan the play of the hand? Z should win the trick in dummy with the jack of diamonds and then should lead the jack of clubs. If B has the king of clubs as his double indicates, Z should just make his contract. Please note that if Z wins the trick in his own hand and trumps a heart in dummy, he cannot now make	

DAYTON ITEMS
(Mrs. W. H. Rambo, Reporter)

(Delayed)

W. F. Daugherty and family left for California last week.

Louis Hellburg was visiting with friends in Dayton Sunday.

James Fulton moved from the Myers farm to the Lattion farm Thursday.

Rev. J. E. Thomas was with us Sunday evening and preached a very interesting sermon.

Bob Gushwa and J. W. Floyd, of Lakewood came in from McKamey, Thursday evening.

G. M. Winans returned from Texas and Oklahoma Wednesday, reporting weather and roads bad.

C. A. Myers and wife, of St. Louis, were in Dayton Thursday, looking after their farm while here.

Mrs. Jessie Thomas, of Carlsbad, spent the week-end with her parents, Will Sterling and family.

Mrs. S. A. Hughes, of El Paso Gap is spending the holidays with her parents, H. N. Owens and family.

Dayton will have a nice program and Christmas tree Friday night at the Methodist church. All are welcome.

Mrs. Will Sterling left for Carlsbad with her daughter, Mrs. Jessie Thomas and will visit with the family a short time.

Price Bowman and Hoyt Owens left for Weed Saturday and expect to bring back a nice Christmas tree for the Dayton people.

Rev. J. D. Terry and wife left Monday morning for Altus, Oklahoma to attend the wedding of their granddaughter, Miss Beulah Stroud. Rev. Terry will officiate at the wedding.

Announcement was received by friends that a son has come to gladden the home of Robt. Floyd and

SANTA CLAUS LETTERS

Panhandle, Texas, Dec. 4, 1926
Dear Santa Claus:
I would like to have a doll, doll jumper and a sweater and cap for my doll, a set of dishes and an iron, a bath robe and pair of house shoes, and a story book, nuts and candy. I try to be a good little girl. I go to school. I am nearly seven years old.
With Love,
PEGGY JUANITA LANKFORD

Panhandle, Texas, Dec. 14, 1926.
Dear Santa Claus:
I want a doll and an iron, a set of ukelele strings, a bridge, pick and instructive book, a bath robe and pair of house shoes, candy and nuts.
Much Love,
KATHRYN LANKFORD

P. S.—Please bring me a little diamond ring. I want one so badly.

Artesia, N. M.
Dear Santa Claus:
Bring me a teaset and some books. Bring Betty Jo a doll with long yellow curls and a doll dresser.
Yours,
PEGGY BRAINARD

P. S.—Bring Betty Jo a basket for her doll.

MAYOR'S LETTER TO SANTA

We have received the following letter from the mayor of Artesia with request that it be published and here it is:
Artesia, N. M., Dec. 21, 1926.
Mister Santy Claus,
North Pole
Dear Santa:
So many boys and girls have written you this Christmas that I wife, the 13th of December. The baby's name is Robert William Jr.
J. C. Turnbull motored to Elida Saturday morning returning Sunday night. His daughter, Miss Mary, who has been visiting with friends for the past two weeks, returned with her father.

ROAD BONDS TOTALING \$91,000 ISSUED BY THE TREASURER SINCE 1924

The state still has \$162,178.98 in banks which have gone broke in the last few years, according to State Treasurer Warren R. Graham's report for the last biennial period, ending June 30.

All but \$12,850.68 of this amount is secured by personal bonds. State Treasurer Graham says: "Some of the counties and towns are delinquent in the matter of paying their interest on bonds owned by the state. Those defaulting at this time are Harding county, Catron county, Estancia and Tularosa. This condition has been reported to the comptroller and tax commission several times."

The state's bonded debt is given at \$3,919,500. During the last two years the report says, \$160,000 was off.

There is what State Treasurer Graham calls a "casual deficit" of \$110,852.07. The expenditures exceeded by this amount at the close of the last fiscal year. Since the end of the fiscal year the deficit has been reduced to \$20,908.04.

Investments of permanent funds for the two years were \$290,000 in United States bonds and \$91,000 in New Mexico county road debentures. The state had deposits in thirty-five banks which were chosen in recent years. While the report shows the deposit in each case, the total is not given.

The amount that the state still has in these banks, however, is \$162,178.92. Reimbursements are classified as follows:

United States bonds, \$158,980.39.
Surety bonds, \$800,315.87.
Personal bonds, \$39,354.80.
Dividends, \$102,184.57.

In other words, the state has recovered these amounts out of the defunct banks.

The total investment of permanent funds for the benefit of the common schools and state institutions is shown to be \$1,844,905.62. The lowest rate of interest paid by any of the bonds is 5 1/2, on Liberty bonds, and the highest 8 per cent, on Clovis paving bonds.

Under the heading "bonds paid during the 13th and 14th fiscal years," is listed \$141,000 Santa Fe and Grant county railroad bonds.

Road bonds totalling \$91,000 were issued during the two years.

Miss Alma Norton returned the last of the week from southern California.

Bob Henderson, oil operator left Artesia Saturday for Los Angeles, where he will spend the holidays with his family. Mr. Henderson will remain a few days to make a report to his associates relative to the oil operations here during the past few months.

For Coal Phone 86

thought I would write you and see if I had any luck. Please bring the town the following, to-wit and if it crowds your sleigh too much, any time during 1927 will suit us:

We want a four story hotel, several blocks of paving, a city auditorium, natural gas, a community center house and a few more oil wells, preferable 10,000 barrel wells, also three or four thousand more people. But Santy please see that none of these items is charged to the city. The city council also requests that you include in your list of presents a Maxium silencer for their use in 1927.

Your little friend,
CHARLEY MANN.
December 21, 1926.

Dear Santa:
I am a little boy five years old. I live in Artesia, New Mexico. I am trying so hard to be a good boy and do the things that Mother and Daddy want me to do.

Please bring me a little car and lots of toys and good things to eat. Yours for a jolly time,
JUNIOR BEWLEY.

FILED FOR RECORD IN CO. CLERK'S OFFICE

December 14, 1926.
Certificate of Redemption:
R. B. Armstrong to W. A. Moore S 1/2 Sec. 7 Twp. 23 S., R. 28 E; to H. Batton Lot 18, Blk. 8 C & S Add. Artesia.

In the District Court:
No. 404 Tax Suit. State of New Mexico vs. Jay E. Small, et als S 1/2 SW 30; S 1/2 SE 25 Twp. 23 S., R. 28 East.

No. 4333 Order. Walter Nugent vs. Jewel Nugent.
No. 4372 Divorce. Meda Wilson vs. Paul Wilson.

December 15, 1926.
Oil and Gas Lease:
Oliver Pearson to J. O. Hammond NW 1/4 9-16-25.

Warranty Deed:
D. L. Golden to J. N. Livingston \$10.00 S 1/2 SE 21-24-29; N 1/2 NE 28-24-29.

In the District Court:
No. 4373 Suit on Contract. Alexander Hamilton Institute vs. Dean Smith \$126.00.

No. 4373 Suit on Account. Oil Well Supply Co. vs. Valley Dev. Co. NENE 9-18-28. \$1,023.98.

December 16, 1926.
Oil & Gas Lease:
Thos Sandham to F. M. Privett, et als SW 14; E 1/2 SE 15 Twp. 16 S., R. 25 East.

Warranty Deed:
J. H. Long to Joe Moresi \$800.00 Und. 1/2 int. Lot 2 and 4, Blk. 15 Blair Add. Artesia.

December 17, 1926.
Quit Claim Deed:
Pauline Oyczascheky to Fred L. Oyczascheky \$3,500.00 Lots 10 & 12 Blk. 14; Lot 2 Blk 15 La Huerta.

In the District Court.
No. 4375 Suit for appointment of a receiver. Majamar Oil & Gas Co. vs. Sullivan Refineries, Inc. \$18,000.

December 18, 1926.
Tax Deed:
R. B. Armstrong to Myrtle D. Harkley Lots 4 and 5, Blk. 7 Malaga; Malaga Tr. 751, 752, 754, 756, 758, 759 760, 761, 764, 765 Sec. 18, Twp. 24 R. 28 E.

December 20, 1926.
Warranty Deeds:
J. C. Overcash to R. C. Alexander \$10.00 NWSW 23-22-27 W. R.

Special Master's Deed:
Chas. H. Jones to E. Moyer \$963.54 Und. fourth interest in SWNW; SW 1/4 18-23-28 W. R.

Potash Leases.
E. B. Swope, Commissioner of Public Land to Frances E. Nixon all of sec. 2; S 1/2 13; SE 1/4; S 1/2 SW 14; all 16 and 22; N 1/2 23; N 1/2 NW 24-21-30; all of sec. 36, twp. 30 S. R. 21-30.

E. B. Swope, Commissioner to Frances E. Nixon all of Sec. 32-20-31; SWNE; SW 1/4 17-21-31; NE 1/4 19; NW 1/4 20; All of sec. 16, E. 21 S. R. 31; E 1/2 SE; SWSE 28; all of 32 and 36, twp. 21 S. Range 30 E; NW; S 1/2 NE; N 1/2 NE; S 1/2 sec. 16 twp. 20 S., Range 31 east.

In the District Court:
No. 4307 Judgment. Frank P. Jackson vs. J. H. Lemond \$800.00 No. 4320 Decree. Sullivan Refineries Inc. vs. P. H. Darling Lot 10, Blk. 36 East Dayton; also Lot 9, Blk. 16 Orig. West Dayton.

December 20, 1926.
Tax Suit No. 405:
State of New Mexico vs. G. Arnold, et als.

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FOR SALE

I have for sale at Atoka, my household goods, one good Jersey cow, fresh, one Star car, mules and horses. This offer holds good until January 1st. W. F. Laugaerity. 12-16-2tp

FOR SALE—Modern three room house with bath and sleeping porch. See I. C. Hunt, Jr., at Big Jo Lbr. 12-9-3tc

FOR SALE—Dry apple wood. All sizes. Apply J. B. Cecil. 12-9-tic

FOR SALE

One two row planter, one cultivator, both new; one 3 1/2 horse power gasoline engine, one wagon and harness, several saddle horses, a few young bred sows. K. L. Paris. 12-9-4tp

FOR SALE—If you want a good Ford roadster, 1925 model, write Box 425, Artesia, N. Mex. 10-28-3tp-tf

FOR SALE—Several pieces of furniture, also lawn mower and hose. See these at home of Chas. McCree, 31 W. Dallas Ave. Lucy Thomas. 11-18-1tc

FOR SALE—No. 3 National Drilling Rig, almost new, only drilled 200 feet. Has 12x12 engine and 50 H. P. Firebox Boiler. Delivered F. O. B. cars Los Angeles \$200.00. Will sell without boiler and engine. Casing all sizes also for sale. E. D. TAYLOR, 1119 W. M. Marland Building, Los Angeles, California. 12-16-3tp

FOR SALE—Two young cows, two hogs, eighty thoroughbred Rhode Island Red chickens, all household goods. Four miles south and two miles east of Artesia. Mrs. G. McKee. 12-23-1tp

FOR SALE—Two extra bargains. One 320 acre mountain ranch, can run 200 head cattle on outside. Has 200 cultivated, water rights. \$3000. Terms: A house, four acres in Hope. Price for quick sale \$550.00, terms. See L. Johnson, Hope, N. M. 12-23-11-cor

FOR SALE—Two lots and four houses located three blocks south of Lopez-Fruit store. Will sell cheap if taken at once. Mrs. R. B. Kishbaugh. See S. E. Ferree. 12-23-1tc

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—First apartment in west apartment house, Main Street, furnished. Has been occupied by Lon Hawkins since built. Available after Thursday, 23rd. W. Ragsdale. 12-23-1tc

FOR RENT—Four room house, edge of town. S. E. Ferree. 10-21-tfc

FOR RENT—Four room modern cottage. Apply to S. A. Lanning. 11-11-tfc

MISCELLANEOUS

LAND TO LEASE
100 acres good land joining Dayton. Would like to lease for a term of years and sell our horses, cows and implements. Good six room house, plenty of water, good rabbit proof fence. C. H. Smith, Box 396, Dayton, New Mexico. 10-7-tfc

ROOM AND BOARD—at the Terrace house, good meals served family style, 512 W. Richardson, phone 144. 10-21-tfc

Miss Corona V. Coon will enroll pupils for second term in dancing at the Majestic Theater January 2nd, at 8. Regular classes at the same place. 12-23-1tp

Man's Exchange open every afternoon. Baked food, fancy work etc. Cunningham Building. 12-23-1tc

WANTED

WANTED—A few Leghorn hens, a team, good milch cow. R. L. Sims. 12-9-4tp

LOST

LOST—Several weeks ago, torn-rim nose glasses. Reward for return at Advocate office.

Merry Xmas

FROM

Edward Stone

DRILLING REPORT

The only newspaper in New Mexico carrying first hand information on the important test wells drilling in southeastern New Mexico. If interested in this section read The Advocate. We give this information a week to ten days ahead of any other paper published in the state. Our constant aim is to get accurate information and when a misrepresentation occurs we are always glad to make a correction.

Eddy County.

Compton No. 2, Mann permit, NW NW sec. 2-18-27; Drilling below 1000 feet. Oil sand at 800 feet.

Danciger et al., M. E. Turner permit, NE 1/4 sec. 20-17-31; Drilling validation hole at 450 feet. 12-17-29

Eaton and Co., on Brainard permit, NE corner SW 1/4 sec. 5-18-27; Cleaning out after shot. Empire Gas & Fuel Co., Harry Wright No. 1, NW NE sec. 2-18-27; Drilling below 1150 feet.

Empire Gas & Fuel Co., twin well to State No. 1A, in the NW NE NW sec. 2-18-27; Drilling below 250 feet.

Hamilton Petroleum Co., Billings No. 1 in sec. 12-19-26; Swabbing. Hammond Oil Co., No. 1 in NW SE-SW sec. 15-16-25; Location.

Lackawanna Oil and Refining Co., NE SE sec. 17-16-27; Moving in materials. Navajo Oil Co., No. 2, SW 1/4 sec. 28-17-28; Rebuilding derrick. Shut down at 2395 feet.

Ohio Oil Co., Marland No. 1 SW SW sec. 13-22-29; Drilling at 200 feet. Oscar Howard, Etz permit in the NE SE sec. 11-18-28; Drilling below 300 feet.

Pueblo Oil Co., center of SE 1/4 sec. 26-17-29; Location. Pueblo Oil Co., NW corner sec. 35-17-29; Moving material.

Prairie Oil and Gas Co., Keel No. 1, SE SE sec. 10-17-31; Drilling below 1750 feet. Skelly Oil Co., Lynch permit, sec. 22-17-31; To complete after first of year.

Bruce Sullivan No. 1, SW corner sec. 1-18-31; Shut down. Wooley & Jones No. 1 Beeson, SE corner sec. 33-17-30; Drilling below 3460 feet.

Wooley Jones No. 1 McIntire, in center of SE 1/4 sec. 21-17-30; Drilling below 1550 feet. Williams Petroleum Co., well No. 5, in sec. 17-18-28; Drilling below 2871 feet.

Chaves County.

Arena Oil Co., SE 1/4 sec. 24-13-30; Moving tools. Buffalo Roswell, in sec. 25-11-27; Shut down at 4010 feet.

F. W. Bozo et al., Kenna No. 1, center east line of NW 1/4 sec. 12-6-31; Location. Deimar Oil Co., sec. 22-11-26; Shut down at 405 feet. 10-inch casing frozen.

Etz, De Vito et al., NW SE sec. 24-11-25; Shut down. Gibson Oil Corp., Forsyth No. 1, center NE 1/4 sec. 8-11-23; Drilling by bailer at 610 feet.

Hall et al., NW 1/4 sec. 8-14-24; Shut down at 1580 feet. Sparrow and Drake, Fahrlander No. 1, sec. 11-6-27; No report.

Texas Company No. 1, Dunkan Dome, SW 1/4 sec. 29-17-18; Drilling below 2520 feet. 1500 feet water in hole.

Lea County.

Cap Rock Oil and Gas Co., Leonard and Levers well No. 1, SE 1/4 sec. 11-16-32; Sidetracking rotary tools at 800 feet. Govert et al., No. 1, NE NE sec. 15-21-33; Drilling below 1000 feet.

Exp'ration Company, well No. 1, in the NE 1/4 sec. 25-19-35; Drilling below 250 feet. Henderson-Dexter-Blair, Wyatt No. 1, SW SW sec. 34-17-33; Drilling below 3560 feet.

Ingfield & Bridges, sec. 4-17-34; Preparing to set 8 1/2 inch casing at 3500 feet. Maljamar Oil and Gas Corp., State No. 1, in the SE 1/4 sec. 16-17-32; Drilling at 3820 feet.

Grace Mitchell No. 1, in the SW corner sec. 5-17-32; Sidetracking broken stem at 3660 feet. T. P. McDonald NE 1/4 sec. 22-18-34; Shut down at 200 feet.

Ohio Oil Co., Wm. Mitchell No. 1, NE corner SW 1/4 sec. 18-17-32; Drilling below 4025 feet.

Curry County

Frio Oil Co., Saunders No. 2, in sec. 11, twp. 5N, 35 E.; No report. Steinberger et al., No. 1, in the center of the NE 1/4 sec. 21, twp. 3N, 35 E.; Location only.

Quay County.

Argo Oil Co., sec. 5-7-31; Moving material. Gibson Oil Co., NW 1/4 sec. 25-8-32; Completed water well. Ohio Oil Co., sec. 24, twp. 7 N, rg 29 E.; Drilling below 800 feet.

DeBaca County.

McAdoo Petroleum Corp., State No. 1, sec. 16-1-27; Drilling below 2380 feet. Salt at 2235 to 2245.

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ELECTION PROCLAMATION

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the Board of County Commissioners of Eddy County, New Mexico, met in Special Session on this the 22nd day of December, 1926.

Present: W. G. Brown, Chairman; G. R. Brainard, District No. 2; Rich R. Carter, District No. 3; G. W. Shepherd, Clerk; E. S. Shattuck, Sheriff.

The following proceedings were regularly had, to-wit: WHEREAS, by virtue of the laws of the State of New Mexico, it is made the duty of the Board of County Commissioners, to proclaim the elections that are to be held in the respective counties for the purpose of voting for the candidates for the office of Justice of the Peace and Constable in the various precincts of each county, and to give public notice by publication of the same.

THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners of Eddy County, New Mexico, in public session held at Carlsbad, New Mexico, on the 22nd day of December, 1926, having ordered an Election to be held Monday, January 10th, 1927, in each precinct in Eddy County for the purpose of electing one Justice of the Peace and one Constable for the term beginning February 1st, 1927.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, that the said election be held at the following voting precincts in said County as follows, to-wit:

Precinct one, Carlsbad; Precinct two, Malaga; Precinct three, Hope; Precinct four, Lakewood; Precinct five, Loving; Precinct six, Artesia; Precinct seven, Dayton; Precinct eight, Queen; Precinct nine, Otis; Precinct ten, Cottonwood; Precinct eleven, Oil Field.

IT IS THE FURTHER ORDER, that the following named persons are hereby appointed as Judges of Election in the several precincts as hereinbefore set forth, for the Election to be held January 10th, 1927, for the purpose of electing a Justice of the Peace and Constable in each precinct.

Precinct One, Carlsbad: H. C. Dickson, J. U. Falke, L. G. Ryan. Precinct Two, Malaga: Arthur Mayee, J. C. Queen, Claud Hays. Precinct Three, Hope: C. R. Barley, J. H. Bridgman, O. M. Scoggin. Precinct Four, Lakewood: J. V. Collins, H. D. Cass, George McGonagill.

Precinct Five, Loving: Arthur Donaldson, G. R. Howard, W. L. Muggerridge. Precinct Six, Artesia: C. M. Cole, E. C. Gray, J. M. Jackson. Precinct Seven, Dayton: J. S. Worley, Mrs. W. H. Rambo, W. J. Gushwa. Precinct Eight, Queen: Dave McCollum, Scibay Cox, W. R. Shattuck.

Precinct Nine, Otis: R. L. Compton, R. M. Gortley, E. R. Potteet. Precinct Ten, Cottonwood: John M. Norris, C. C. Powell, Lloyd Privett. Precinct Eleven, Oil Field: Mrs. Gray Coggin, Mrs. Pearl Johnson, Mrs. J. A. Wylie. Whereupon the Board adjourned subject to call.

W. G. BROWN, Chairman.

Attest: G. W. SHEPHERD, Clerk. 12-23-2t

MRS. DILLARD'S BROTHER DEAD

Mrs. J. M. Dillard, of Carlsbad, county superintendent of schools received word Tuesday morning that her brother, Estelle Pelly, who lives on a ranch near Denver was killed in a rock slide the previous day. Mrs. Dillard left the same day for Denver to attend the funeral of her brother.

You may get the electric percolator Christmas eve. Ask us. Bartlett Electric Co. 12-23-1tc

LAKE ARTHUR ITEMS

(Mrs. Alva Spence, Reporter)

Mrs. Mamie Walton is driving a new 1927 Ford sedan now.

J. H. Reeves had the misfortune to lose a fine milk cow this week.

Miss Ola Roberts is clerking in J. H. Reeves store during the holidays.

Lee Shinneman and family left this week for Texas where they will visit a few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Sigler, of the Hagerman Messenger were in town a few minutes Saturday, on business.

W. A. Hamilton left Saturday for Tucson, Arizona to bring his son, William, home for the Christmas holidays.

Miss Amanda Baker, who is teaching school at Cuba, N. M., came home Friday to spend the holidays with the folks.

John and Stewart Haven accompanied by Mrs. Grace Murphy and George Miles, went to Roswell shopping Saturday.

Rev. and Mrs. Moon, of Artesia were in town Sunday, and Rev. Moon delivered a splendid sermon at the Methodist church.

Baker Flowers, who is a freshman in the New Mexico State College at Las Cruces, came in Sunday to spend Christmas with his parents.

Solon Spence and wife, accompanied by Mrs. B. C. Moots, went to Roswell, Thursday to see Lyle Moots, who was taken there for treatment last week, he is much better, so they report.

Calvin Graham has been in Texas the last several days, called by the death of his brother, John. "Uncle Johnny" is well and affectionately remembered here as he had at different times made lengthy visit at the Calvin Graham home.

A community Christmas tree will be held in the new auditorium tonight (Thursday) in order for some of the teachers to spend Christmas day with relatives at a distance. A splendid program has been arranged for the evening, and Santa Claus has been invited to be present and remember all the good boys and girls.

The members of the Sew and So club met at the home of Mrs. Will Walden last Wednesday afternoon and enjoyed a very pleasant afternoon, in sewing, games and a Christmas fish pond. The delicious refreshments were served in the dining room, where a beautiful snow scene furnished the dining table adornment. Refreshments consisted of fruit salad, cake and hot chocolate. The next meeting will be January 5th at the home of Mrs. Ned Hedges.

One of the most interesting games ever witnessed in Lake Arthur occurred last Friday evening when the Artesia high boys met the Lake Arthur boys in a game of basketball on our local court. The game was hard fought, and at the close of the game the score stood 11 to 11, a tie. A five minute contest for victory was played, the home boys showed fire, spirit and pep, but their efforts were futile. Artesia made one more score during the time, thereby winning the game.

The Masonic Lodge held their annual election of officers Saturday night, with the following results: Howard Sims, W. M.; Ross Haven, S. W.; Robert E. Rowan, J. W.; John Haven, secretary; W. S. Haven, treasurer; Joint installation is to be held the evening of January 27, with the O. E. S., who will install the following officers: Pearl Hedges, W. M.; Velma Pate, A. W. M.; John Haven, W. P.; Ivy Beasley, secretary; Ned Hedges, treasurer; Marie Sims, conductress; Grace Lane, assistant conductress.

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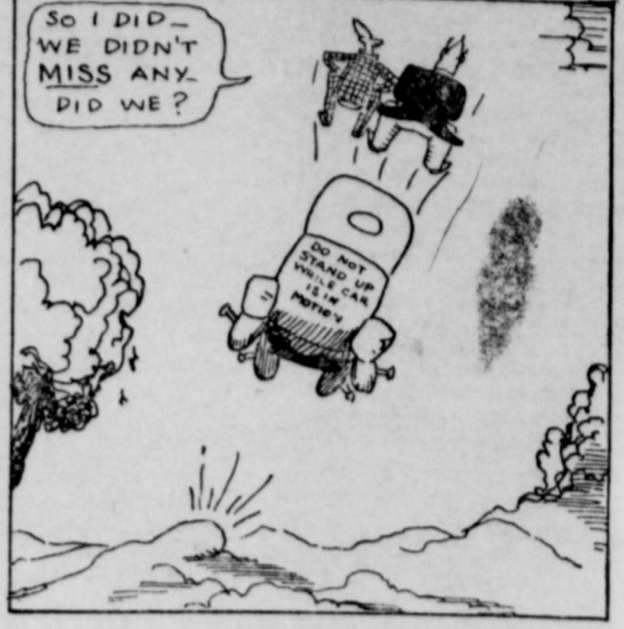
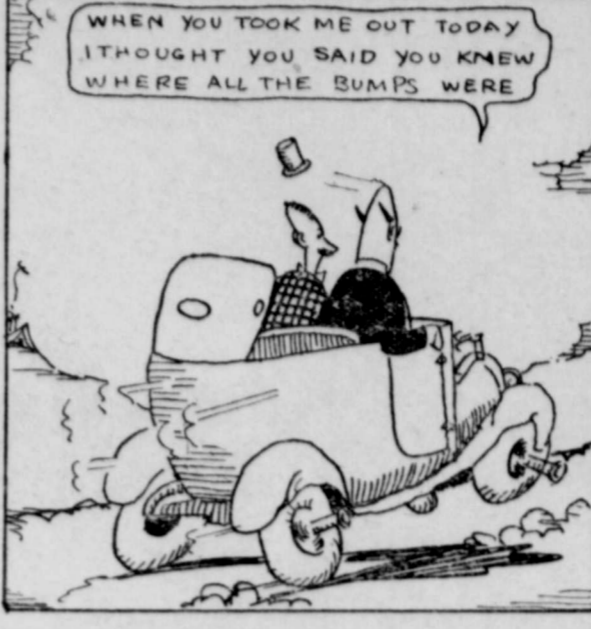
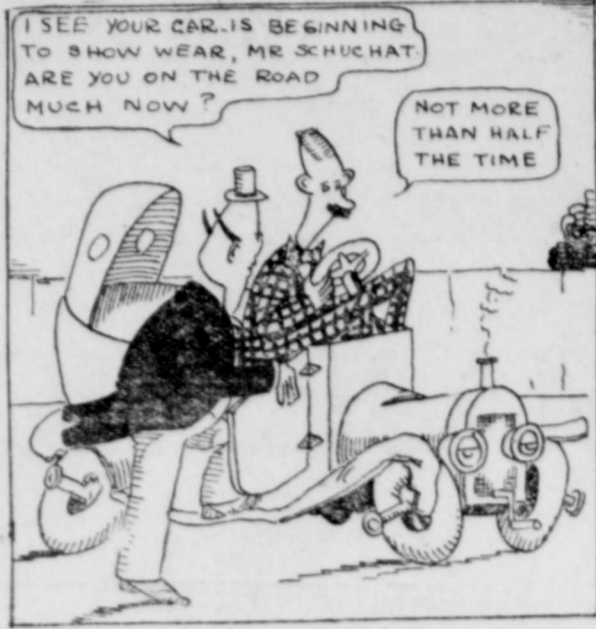
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NOTICE OF PENDING SUIT

THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:
To U. E. Campbell

You are hereby notified that there is a suit pending against you in the District Court of Eddy County No. 4331, wherein Lucy Campbell is the plaintiff and you are the defendant, and that the object of the suit is to obtain a divorce and sever bonds of matrimony between you and the plaintiff and for such other and further relief as to which the plaintiff may be entitled in law and in equity.

You are further notified that unless you answer or otherwise enter your appearance in this suit on or before the 24th day of January, 1927, a judgment will be taken against you by the plaintiff by default and for the demands of the complaint and that J. B. Atkeson whose post office is Artesia, New Mexico is attorney for the plaintiff.

In witness whereof I have set my hand and official seal this 7th day of December, 1926.
(SEAL)

G. W. SHEPHERD,
Clerk of the District Court of Eddy County, New Mexico.
12-9-4t

NOTICE OF MASTER'S SALE

Whereas, an order was made and entered in the case of Cummins Brothers vs. Sandburg Petroleum Company, a corporation, J. P. Mills, John Sandburg, E. A. Fisher and Sandburg & Fisher, a partnership, No. 4522, on the docket of the District Court of Eddy County, by the Hon. Chas. R. Brice, judge of the said Court, on the 10th day of December, 1926, wherein a decree was rendered foreclosing a lien on certain real and personal property, to-wit:

The NW¹/₄ of NE¹/₄ of Sec. 9, Twp. 18 S., Range 28 E., and the casing and pipe in the oil well on the said land, One 250 barrel oil tank and 400 feet of two inch pipe, in satisfaction of a judgment rendered by the said Court for work and labor done and performed on the said well in the sum of \$735.00 principal \$58.88 interest, \$75.00 attorney fees and cost of suit \$17.50 and the further cost of carrying this order into effect, and appointing me, F. G. Hartell, special master, to make sale of the said property.

Now, therefore, notice is hereby given that I will sell the said property, or so much thereof as is necessary, to satisfy the said judgment, at public out-cry on the 12th day of January, 1927, at 10 o'clock A. M. to the highest and best bidder for cash, at the front door of the Citizens State Bank in the town of Artesia, Eddy County, New Mex. Witness my hand this 15th day of December, 1926.

F. G. HARTELL,
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LAND COMMISSIONER MAY PUT INTO FORCE NEW OIL LEASE POLICY

"Uncle Ben" Pankey, newly elected state land commissioner, is considering the advisability of putting into force a new oil lease policy when he takes over his office on the first of the year.

Two objectives are sought, he explained. The first is to encourage greater development and the second to produce a greater amount of revenue for the common schools and the state institutions for whom the lands are held in trust.

"My plans are still in the formative stage," said Mr. Pankey. "I'm not going to do anything arbitrarily. I shall be glad to hear what the oil men or any other persons who are interested think about them and I shall give careful consideration to any suggestions coming from any qualified source."

Charles E. Baker, who is to be temporary law clerk, his law practice making it impossible for him to accept a permanent appointment, according to Mr. Pankey, is now at work on new forms of leases intended to carry out the new administration's aims.

There will be two forms of oil leases, if the plans go through. Basically these forms are what are known as 35 and 36, which were the result of the 1922 land office policy; but with amendments which are believed to be desirable to protect the state's interests.

New legislation will be necessary to permit using the new leases.

Form 35 is what is known as an advertised lease and is sold to the highest bidder at public auction, no bid being accepted, however, for less than five cents an acre. Drilling requirements during the first year are a feature of this form with forfeiture of the lease the penalty for non-compliance. The term is ten years.

An "ordinary producer's lease" is the way he describes form 36, adding it proved a money-maker in the past. It is an unadvertised lease with a minimum rental of 5 cents. While it is granted for only five years it may be renewed by the lessee at the end of this time at double the original rental.

At present five forms are said to be in use by the land office.

"It would be a mistake to continue the present policy," said Mr. Barker, adding he was making this observation without any political prejudices. "It doesn't bring in the revenue that the state ought to be getting out of the oil boom. Neither does it tend to promote the greatest possible amount of development."

New limitations may be prescribed for the acreage to be included in leases. However, Mr. Pankey has not reached any definite conclusion on this point.

Another act which he has under consideration is a rule to make the leases reasonably compact as to acreage. Now a single lease may contain 40 acres in San Juan county, 20 in Union, 160 in Lea and 360 in Hidalgo county. The result is that a test hole on one tract doesn't in any way develop the rest of the lease. Mr. Pankey's intention is not to insist that the acreage be all in one tract, but that the tracts included in a single lease be "reasonably adjacent," and not scattered all over the face of the state.

Another plan is to raise the rentals in producing areas. The idea is not to make them exorbitant, but to get the top price for the state without discouraging drilling. Mr. Pankey has not finally made up his mind as to this proposal. However, leases are said to have been sold for one cent in Lea and Eddy counties subsequent to the discovery of oil in the Artesia field, and he believes the state could have gotten a better price.

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HOPE ITEMS

(Noel L. Johnson, Reporter)

Uncle Sim White has been very sick, but is reported to be improving.

J. D. Bunting has purchased the Bear Spring ranch and 1000 ewe lambs.

C. R. Coffin has been on the sick list for a week, but is better at present.

Bryant Williams and wife will spend Christmas in Texas at the old home.

Henry Jernigan, Ed Watts and S. S. Tidwell, were in for a day from the ranch.

J. C. Prude has been spending a few days with his father, C. G. Prude at Weed.

Virgil Craig had the misfortune to cut his foot the other day but is recovering slowly.

Will Fenton and Mr. Dudley have been buying cattle in this part of the country lately.

NATHAN JAFFA HAS BEEN NAMED AS CHIEF TAX COMMISSIONER

SANTA FE.—Nathan Jaffa of Santa Fe has been named as appointed for chief tax commissioner and John Joernes as secretary by Governor-elect Dillon, it was learned semi-officially Saturday.

Although the incoming governor yet has not announced other appointees on the commission, Rafael Aguiar of Wagon Mound is expected to be the other republican member and George Ulrich the democratic minority member.

WHO KNOWS?

CARLSBAD.—Joseph Wertheim, a local cotton buyer, has suffered loss by fire on two occasions since November 7. He informs his friends that so far as his personal knowledge is concerned, neither fire was caused by electric lights, arc lights or Israelites.—Albuquerque Journal.

Not Musical

Stenographer—I'm sorry we haven't the data, but we will look you up in our records.

Jones—What do you think I am? A jazz orchestra?

L. O. Miller will move to Arizona about the first of the year, where he expects to make his home.

Hez Powell, with several others attended to business before the U. S. Commissioner C. B. Altman, Monday.

There are five surveyors working on the survey of the Penasco at present with a view to locating a reservoir sight and making a report for increasing the water in the Hope community ditch. Very satisfactory progress is being made.

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FORD ANNOUNCES IMPROVEMENTS TO BE MADE ON NEW CARS.

Notable improvements have been recently made to the Ford line. They are new color options, standardization of the gasoline vaporizer on all Ford models, and standardization of Ford wire wheels on Fordor sedan.

Selection from three colors is now possible in coupes, tudor and fordor sedans; choice of two colors may be made in touring cars and roadsters. The three colors for the closed models are:

Highland green with cream stripe. Fawn gray with cream stripe. Royal maroon with vermillion stripe.

Open car colors are: Sun-metal blue. Phoenix brown.

All colors are in pyroxilin lacquer applied with an air brush. Truck cabs, stake and express bodies are also furnished in commercial green pyroxilin.

Hoods are furnished to match wheels. Radiator shells are unchanged—i. e. nickel plated on closed cars; black on open cars.

Standard equipment on Fordor Sedans now includes Ford "one-piece" top center wire wheels. Since making balloon tires standard equipment on all models, June 1926, the popularity of Ford wire wheels has continued to increase. The standard Fordor equipment includes five of these wheels, a spare wheel carrier, special speed wrench for changing wheels, and four balloon tires and valves.

Although standardization of the vaporizer on all Ford models materially increases the cost of the car, experiments and observations convince the Ford Motor Company that the additional cost of adding them to all models is justified by the increased engine efficiency accompanied by their installation.

With this vaporizer the primary supply passes through a pipe which runs directly through the exhaust manifold. This hot air picks gasoline at the needle valve of carburetor and brings it up past hot plates. This is a thin metal plate which is ridged to break up gasoline charge and is heated by exhaust to about 600 degrees F. For a few explosions in the cylinder. The gasoline, hitting this hot plate, turns to vapor just as water thrown on a hot stove turns to steam.

The installation of these vaporizers on gasoline engines produces very strikingly noticeable improvements in the motor's performance. The hot plate vaporizes the gasoline, even the low gravity variety, much quicker than does the ordinary carburetor. The gas is also much more thoroughly vaporized by the plate method. This permits more thorough combustion, greater power, faster speed, and greater economy operation. Also, since the combustion is more complete, less dilution of the crankcase lubricant takes place, with a substantial saving of lubricant.

More thorough vaporization permits more even distribution of gas to the cylinders, which causes the engine to run smoother and to settle down to a much slower speed, both while driving in city traffic and idling.

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Once the health officer is notified, he can take the necessary control measures. However, present day quarantine in scarlet fever is not a jail sentence. Adults in the family are free to go about their business, while living at home, provided they are not in regular contact with children. School teachers and others who deal with children must stay away from houses where scarlet fever exists.

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SETTINGS ANNOUNCED FOR JANUARY TERM OF THE FEDERAL COURT

(Santa Fe New Mexican)
U. S. District Judge Colin Neblett has made the following settings of cases to be tried at Roswell, during the special January term.

Wednesday, January 5.
J. W. Davis vs. B. D. Judah. For judgment or dismissal for want of prosecution. Attorneys, T. E. Mears, Portales; Sam G. Bratton, Washington.

A. T. McGhee vs. B. C. Hernandez, trial. Attorneys, R. L. Young, Las Cruces; Turney, Burges, Culwell, Holliday & Pollard, El Paso; John W. Wilson, U. S. Atty. Albuquerque.

Thursday, January 6.
War Finance Corporation vs. S. W. Lewis. Trial: Attorneys, J. O. Seth, Santa Fe; H. M. Dow, Roswell.

Erma J. Roten, et al. vs. J. R. Holt, et al. Trial: Attorneys, H. M. Dow-Roswell; R. C. Dow, Carlsbad; J. O. Seth, Santa Fe.

State of New Mexico vs. W. J. McInnes, Rec. Trial: Attorneys, J. C. Gilbert, Roswell; Reid, Hervey, Dow & Hill, Roswell.

Jesse Brown, Trustee, etc. vs. E. H. Lile. Defendant's demurrer to complaint. Attorneys, Jones, Buck & Gibson, Fort Worth, Texas; L. O. Fullen, Roswell; E. P. Bujac, Carlsbad.

Friday, January 7.
W. A. Barnard vs. P. R. Barnard, et al. Trial: Attorneys, J. C. Gilbert, Roswell; A. W. Hockenbuhl, Clovis; Patton & Patton, Clovis.

Monday, January 10.
Chas. W. Walz, Tariff act. Attorney, Geo. R. Craig, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Wm. Fishback, Tariff Act. Chas. Rubens, Sec. 211 P. G. Code. Polo Aries, Secs. 10138 1/2 A.

The following are prohibition cases:
Park Edmondson, Ernest Kimble, Mrs. S. M. Lebow, William Kindrice Cain, James Hennessey, Ollie Benson, John E. Dawson.

Thursday, January 13.
W. J. McInnes, Rec. etc. vs. Board of Education of the Village of Fort Sumner, New Mexico. Plaintiff's demurrer to defendant's answer; and for trial. Attorneys, Keith W. Edwards, Ft. Sumner; J. E. Pardue, Ft. Sumner.

Mamie Foster, nee Reynolds, Adm. de bonis non, etc. vs. Citizens National Bank of Roswell, and American Surety company to the complaint. Attorneys, Francis C. Wilson, Santa Fe, for Insurance Co.; J. C. Gilbert, Roswell, for plaintiff.

DISPOSITION HAS BEEN MADE OF PRACTICALLY ALL N. M. SCHOOL LANDS

Disposition of all pending cases of school sections involving the question of their mineral or non-mineral character and their transfer to western states has been completed with the exception of those necessitating further investigation or report from the field, according to word from the Interior department to Santa Fe.

Recently the secretary of the Interior appointed a special committee to examine into 1,706 school section cases unsettled in the department with a view of expediting their adjustment. Of this total number, 871 school sections or parts of sections were awarded to states on the ground that they were not known mineral and consequently passed to the states under the school-land grant. In the case of 219 school sections, it was found that they were known to contain mineral at the time the grant went into effect. Under the law these sections will be retained in federal ownership, the states being permitted to select other public lands in their place.

In addition, further hearings or investigations are progressing in 329 cases, which will be settled after reports are made in the field. It was also found that 287 cases involved unsurveyed lands or land in forest or other reservations and were not subject to action at this time.

In the state of New Mexico 288 school sections were found to be non-mineral and were ordered transferred to the state, while 86 were adjudged mineral in character and remain in federal ownership. Further hearings and investigations were ordered on sixteen school sections in New Mexico and twenty-nine were not determined on the ground that they were located in forest reserves or on unsurveyed public land.

ESTABLISHES GAME REFUGE IN COLFAX CO.

The state game commission has established a new game refuge in Colfax county. The territory for the refuge was donated by the owners of the Bartlett ranch.

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Officers and medical practitioners are fully justified in making use of what is available, without undue optimism as to results.

CARLSBAD WINS FROM ALBUQUERQUE

The Carlsbad High School Cavemen won a hard fought game of basketball from the Albuquerque Bulldogs on the Albuquerque court Saturday night by a score of 18 to 15. Carlsbad won the decisive score in the last quarter.

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TWO ANNOUNCE FOR OFFICE OF CONSTABLE

M. STEVENSON

The announcement of M. Stevenson as candidate for constable, precinct No. 6, appears in this issue. He is the first candidate to ask for office in the coming precinct election, which will be held here Monday, January 10, 1927. "Steve" is so well known to the community that what we might add by way of introduction would be of little avail. During his residence here which has extended over a period of more than twenty years, Steve has served the community in some capacity connected with the law enforcement the greater part of this time. He has acted as deputy sheriff, constable and town marshal and if experience counts, he should be in a position to render fair and impartial service to the town in the capacity of constable. His record as an officer is open for inspection. He will be glad to have the consideration of every voter.

H. L. JONES

H. L. Jones, this morning authorizes us to announce his candidacy for the office of constable, precinct No. 6. Mr. Jones is an old time resident of the community and therefore enjoys a wide acquaintance. He is serving as deputy sheriff at the present time under E. S. Shattuck of Carlsbad. His past experience has well fitted him for the office to which he aspires and he is willing to submit his past record as a peace officer, in the event any one wishes to investigate his qualifications. Mr. Jones believes in law enforcement without fear or favor and will endeavor to execute the duties in an impartial manner, should the voters see fit to honor him with this office.

LOCAL

J. R. Means, of Hope, was in Artesia the first of the week, transacting business.

J. R. Hoffman came home Tuesday from Alamogordo to spend Christmas with his family.

Commissioner G. R. Brainard made a business trip to Carlsbad Tuesday. Mrs. Bainad accompanied him.

Publicity Director Wm. McGinn and wife, left this morning for El Paso, where they will remain over the holidays.

Miss Ollie Simmons, who is governess at the Tulk ranch in the Maljamar country, came home yesterday for the holidays.

Mrs. R. B. Kishbaugh and son, Gordon left this morning for San Antonio, Texas, where they will spend the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Dunn and children, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Francis and Mrs. Billy Cox were Roswell visitors last Wednesday.

R. Ohnemus, brother of Frank Ohnemus of this city, was up from his home at Carlsbad Monday, visiting with his brother Frank and family.

Aubrey Dunn returned last Thursday from a visit at Ft. Stockton, Texas. Mrs. Dunn, who had been there for several months, accompanied him home.

E. R. Black, of Portales, former resident of Artesia, was here this week on business connected with the sale of the W. F. Daugherty merchandise stock at Atoka.

O. E. Fellmeyer, who has been representing the Business Men's Insurance Co., of Kansas City for the past year or more, left today for Albuquerque and from there will go to Kansas City for a month's stay.

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BOY SCOUTS PLAN MANY GOOD TURNS FOR CHRISTMAS

According to information released from the Boy Scout office Eastern New Mexico Scouts are going to play Santa Claus in a good many different ways this Christmas. Each of the thirty-five active Boy Scout troops have planned a Christmas "good turn." The "good turn" planned by the different troops covers all sorts of activities. One troop is giving a turkey and all the trimmings to a needy family. One troop is gathering up clothes to distribute to the more unfortunate, another troop has been gathering up clothes and old toys for weeks. The Scoutmaster's house has been turned into a regular workshop; paint, nails and interested Scout workers have made old toys as good as new. The Scouts from this troop claim they have enough toys to supply every needy child in their town and Christmas Eve they are going to see to it that Santa doesn't make any mistake.

The Eastern New Mexico Scout Council has increased its membership fifty per cent during the year 1926. Training for citizenship through the community activities has been one of the things stressed by the organization and practically every one of the twenty-three towns having troops have been served in various ways by the Scouts.

FIRST POTASH TEST ANNOUNCED FOR EDDY COUNTY SEC. 13-17-31

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site is on Government land.
Cordially yours,
signed:

JULIAN SEARS,
Acting Directors.

The blocking out of the potash deposit known to exist east of the city of Carlsbad will soon be under way by the American Potash Company who will develop this wonderful resource. A core drilling machine is now en route to the acreage controlled by this company who will put down a number of holes the first 600 feet of which will be drilled by cable tools.

By this method any surface water will be cased off although little was encountered in the initial test drilled on the V. H. McNutt permit in Sec. 4-21-30 which was cored to a depth of 2150 feet. The next location to be drilled will be on the Wm McGinn permit in Sec. 31-20-31, two miles northwest of the McNutt test. After the cores have been taken the extent of the deposit can be estimated.

Announcement has also been made by the Bureau of Mines of a drilling site in the southeastern part of the state, which has been designated as fifth in order of availability for potash exploration, in the joint investigation being conducted by the departments of the interior and commerce to determine the location and extent of potash deposits in the United States, with a view to the development of a domestic supply sufficient to safeguard the interests of this country. This site is in the NW 1/4 of sec. 13, twp. 17S., r. 31E., Eddy county, New Mexico, approximately thirty-five miles east of Artesia. The exact site of the test may be within the quarter section specified. The site selected is on government land, is at least a mile from any state or privately owned lands, and is thus not affected by the clause of the enabling act which requires that leases must be negotiated by the Bureau of Mines with all owners of land or mineral rights within a radius of one mile of any proposed bore-hole before drilling operations can be commenced.

It is recommended by the Geological Survey that for this test a complete core be taken from top to bottom. This will give valuable information affecting the selection of other possible sites in this region and also bearing on the possible subsequent sinking of a shaft. The top of the potash-bearing salts should be reached at about 850 feet; the total depth recommended for drilling is 2,000 feet, which may possibly be shortened to 1,850 feet or extended to 2,300 feet, depending upon the showings of the core at the time of drilling.

In the selection of this site, the following factors have been considered: Proximity to an area of favorable showings; potential value of site for future mining; favorable conditions for drilling; accessibility; fuel and water supplies; and possible further investigation of an extended area.

Announcement has previously been made of the designation of four alternative sites in central western Texas, two in Upton county and one each in Crockett and Ector counties. These four alternative sites, being located on privately owned lands, are affected by the terms of the enabling act requiring the negotiation of lease with all land owners and holders of mineral rights within a one-mile radius.

Mrs. T. C. Schenck, who is now under medical treatment in El Paso, is doing nicely, according to word received from her. She expects to be able to return to Artesia about the first of the year.

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LAKE ARTHUR SCHOOL BUILDING DEDICATED ON MONDAY EVENING

(Lake Arthur Correspondent)
The new school building recently completed for Lake Arthur, was officially dedicated Monday evening with an appropriate program arranged by Superintendent Rowan. The new building which has just been completed by Joe Clayton of Artesia, embodies all of the modern and up to date features usual to the more recent structures. The building includes modern class rooms, a laboratory, shower baths and a large auditorium with removal seats, which is so arranged that the same space may be used for indoor athletics. All of the rooms have been equipped with modern plumbing, steam heat and electric lights.

The program as originally planned included a number of out of town speakers, but owing to the weather conditions not all of the speakers were able to be present. Mr. Pate opened the evening's program and made a brief talk in behalf of the school board. Others to appear on the program were: E. C. Jackson, Miss Jewell Flowers, representative of the senior class, Coach Hines of the athletic department, Howard Beasley, the new 1927 basketball captain, Miss Asher, English and history instructor, Mrs. O. L. Johnson and W. A. Hamilton.

After the program, refreshments were served to a large number by the home economic class, under the direction of the home economic instructor, Miss McAlister.

PRODUCTION IS BROUGHT NEARER TO TOWN BY THE EATON WELL

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apparently increasing, having for the past week been gauging better than 200 barrels daily. This is considered remarkable due to the water encountered and also the fact that the well was off production for considerable time due to fire. North of the Maljamar No. 1, a distance of 600 feet, this company's No. 1 state lease well in the SE SE section 16-17-32 picked up a pay sand at 3,800 feet, which when drilled into a distance of approximately eight feet, is giving up the oil freely, the well having made several heads. Storage is being erected by the Illinois Pipe Line Co. at both the Ohio and Maljamar producers.

The next location to be drilled by the Maljamar company will offset the state well to the east, being drilled on the S. S. Beardsley permit in the SW SW section 15-17-32.

The Wooley & Jones No. 1 on the McIntyre permit, section 21-17-30 is attracting considerable attention. A correlation made from the bottom of the salt shows this well to run 198 feet higher structurally than the No. 1 Beeson, two miles to the south. The bottom of the McIntyre is now 1,500 feet.

The Prairie Oil & Gas Co.'s No. 1 on the Keel permit, in the SE SE section 10-17-31 passed out of the salt at 1,710 feet.

A small rainbow of oil was picked up in the Henderson, Dexter & Blair No. 1 in section 23-17-33 at 3,280 feet. The hole is now down 3,500 feet.

The Cap Rock Oil & Gas Corp'n. have moved cable tools to their No. 1 in section 11-17-32 and are sidetracking the lost rotary pipe and fish tail that have delayed progress on this hole for the past two months. The No. 1 of Ingelfield & Bridges is preparing to drill deeper. A string of 8 1/2 inch casing will be set at 3,500 feet and the red sand is expected at around 3,800 feet.

Four new locations are now being worked out by the Texas Co., who have shipped in a number of rigs and about ten carloads of casing. This company's test on the Dunken Dome, section 29-17-18, after setting 2,500 feet of 10-inch casing, drilled an additional sixteen feet and encountered another flow of water.

The Arena Oil Co. are moving tools to their location in sec. 24-13-30, thirty miles east of Dexter, drilling to start within the next ten days.

East of Carlsbad, the Ohio Oil Co.'s No. 1 is drilling at 200 feet, this well being on the Marland block in section 13-22-29. Another location is reported to be made by the Marland company, this being in the center west line section 11-20-30.

The Eaton-Brainard well came as a welcome surprise for while a small producer was almost assured still the most optimistic failed to look for such a good well. A shot of 240 quarts was run late Tuesday afternoon most of it being from 1892 to 1902 feet, some being placed in a streak of pay fourteen feet above. The well cleaned itself following the shot and all of Wednesday was flowing by heads, the production being estimated at 100 barrels. This is the closest producer to this city ever completed being approximately six miles southeast of town. The well is located on a structural high worked out by Arthur Rich.

Work of completing the Navajo Oil Co. No. 2 in sec. 28-17-28, has been delayed, the derrick being partly wrecked when the crew attempted to pull a string of pipe. The present depth is 2995 feet.

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POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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For Constable, Precinct No. 6:—
M. STEVENSON
H. L. JONES

Ships Swallowed by Sand

Historical records show that ships have been engulfed in quick or shifting sands. The sand moves with the water around it and a person or a boat caught may be gradually drawn down into it. The famous Goodwin sands off the southern coast of England are extremely dangerous to vessels. In 1703 13 warships were lost in a night by the power of these treacherous quicksands. The wrecks were entirely swallowed.

World's Meat Consumption
According to an English journal, Americans are the greatest meat eaters of the world with an average per capita consumption of 175 pounds a year. The largest part of this meat is beef, although the English, known as beef eaters, average only 110 pounds of meat. The French eat only half as much as the English, and the consumption is still less in Germany, Austria and Italy.

WANTED—Clean cotton rags at Advocate Office.

IN POLICE COURT

Craig Baker, of Roswell, was arraigned before the Justice court here Monday on three counts, growing out of three separate charges. Two charges were filed against defendant on passing bad checks. One charge was for driving an automobile while intoxicated. Defendant paid checks and was given a sixty day jail sentence for driving car while intoxicated. The sentence was suspended.

SINGER SEWING MACHINE CO. MAKES A CHANGE

Jess Carpenter has taken over the management of the Singer Sewing Machine agency and moved the business into one of the Cunningham rooms on Rose Lawn. E. P. Rutherford, former manager, left Tuesday to spend Christmas with his father in Oklahoma City. Mrs. Rutherford stopped in Roswell to visit her mother. They expect to locate in Alamogordo.

MORE RAINS

This section has received moisture during the early part of the week. Rains have hindered cotton gathering operations, but many fields were dry enough to some picking yesterday. The range are in fine shape, stock water plentiful and cattle are doing well. The mountain districts received another snow fall at the time of the rains here.

Highways are in a fair condition and most of the community roads are passable.

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