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ROOSEVELT SPELLERS TO MEET TUCUMCARI'S WINNERS SOON

The spelling bee held in the Pricess last Saturday has evidently attracted more than county-wide attention, for Editor Graves of the Portales Valley News, Portales, issued a challenge Sunday to Quay county for a spelling bee between the students of the two counties.

Our friend Grave seemed of the opinion we didn't have any spellers over here in Quay, but when our boys and girls got through with his spellers he'll whistle a different tune on his little saxophone.

The challenge was taken up with the Kiwanis club at its weekly luncheon Tuesday and placed in the hands of a committee to make the arrangements for the bee.

A proposition is to be offered the Roosevelt county spellers to come to Tucumcari, with a guarantee to expenses for the trip and more than likely some prizes in the way of cash will be given the best in the contest.

Quay county's representatives will be the last six standing in the bee of Saturday, or the six best spellers, according to that contest—Miss Verna Wyatt, Miss Bertha Gregory, Henry Wilkinson, Ora Miller, Curtis Williams and Dorothy Jennings.

It's the opinion of this newspaper the six named can outspell any 6 in any county in the entire state, and that's just what Editor Graves will be told when the challenge is accepted.

Arrangements cannot be perfected for the bee to take place in Tucumcari it will probably be held in Portales or in some neutral town—Tucumcari News.

The cold spell of the past week gave us chapped lips or we would laugh. Editor Dodge must have a good brand of Christmas cheer to make him think that Quay county can produce spellers in the class with the Roosevelt county kids. Dodge surely is laboring under an illusion, as was proven by a letter of the News received from him on Sunday of this week.

In this letter he says that they are willing to meet the 6 best spellers from Roosevelt county spelling match at herat Tucumcari or at Portales, and that if they will come to Tucumcari, that the Kiwanis Club will put up \$50.00 for expense money.

That is too easy, and really is unfair to Tucumcari and Quay county, as after the contest they will find that they have no spellers after all. Perhaps it would be more liberal on our part to make the following offer to Brother Dodge. That is to take 6 pupils out of our primary grades of the Roosevelt county schools and using some method of choosing the 6 like the game ring round rosy or drop the handkerchief.

But if the Christmas cheer keeps with him long enough to keep up his illusions, then we will have to accept his proposition and make arrangements to pay him a visit either on the 12th or the 19th of February. At any rate it will be a good chance to show the folks over in the Tucum hills that besides growing sweet potatoes, and cotton, that the Roosevelt county produces the smartest and fastest boys, the prettiest and brightest girls and the best spellers in the state.

MILLINERY DEMONSTRATION

On Saturday, January 8th at 2:00 P. M. at the court house, Misses Eva and Ara Ward will give a millinery demonstration consisting of velvet renovation panning crushing and brooding velvet, flower tipping, etc.

This is the demonstration with a few items added that won for them at the State College last fall the state championship in home economics also the one with which they will represent the state of N. M. at the Denver Stock Show in Jan.

The girls are 4H Club members and this is club work. The demonstration is both interesting and instructive and everyone is invited to see it. A special invitation is extended to the 4H Club girls.

CHRISTMAS AT THE CHURCHES

As far as the News has been able to learn, each church in Portales had a program, and a Christmas tree on Christmas eve night. Santa Claus attended each, and no child in Portales or vicinity but was made happy. May is always be so.

FLIRTATION OF MOTHER EARTH, MAN IN MOON

The much-heralded flirtation between the "man in the Moon" and old Mother Earth, to occur Saturday night in the rare lunar apulse, first phenomenon of its kind in 400 years, was enacted as per schedule, but few people in the sleeping city knew it. Frosty weather provided yet another but more uncommon phenomenon, a great ring around the moon, and it is generally believed, therefore, that the "flirtation" ended in an engagement.

The moon was timed to enter the Penumbra or shadow of the earth about 9 p. m. Saturday, Albuquerque, the general shadow to last until about 1:20 a. m. Although the great, wide ring around the moon was quite noticeable, the only sign of the apulse, as the phenomenon is called, was a darkening on one edge of Luna. At midnight the "face" of the moon was still noticeable, no extraordinary difference being manifested.—Albuquerque Journal.

MRS. J. P. NASH'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS A KIND DEED

Mrs. J. P. Nash teaches a class at Sunday school at Floyd, and also leads them to practice their religion everyday.

Last Tuesday Mr. and Mrs. Nash were in town and bought the fruits of the labors of this class namely 20 garments for the children in the Orphans home and box of candy for each child.

This class is composed of about 20 girls and each one took it upon herself to make one garment and a box of candy for a child in the home with the above result.

Needless to say the giftware appreciated and the class has learned the lesson "It is more blessed to give than receive."

WEDDINGS BELLS

Christmas day December 25, 1926 at six P. M. a double wedding took place in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wolford who live west of town just outside the City Limits. Rev. R. C. Gunstream pastor of the Nazarene Church officiating. Those who were united in holy wedlock were Mr. George Skinner of Malaga N. Mexico to Miss Alice Wolford. And Mr. Cecil Hamilt to Miss Marie Wolford. The two couples left Sunday afternoon for Texas to spend a short honeymoon. After which Mr. and Mrs. Skinner will make their home near Malaga, and Mr. and Mrs. Hamilt will remain in Portales. The friends present were Rev. and Mrs. A. M. Marsh (Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Arman, Mr. and Mrs. Skinner and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Knox and son, Mr. and Mrs. Mayo and family, Mr. Guss, Mr. Ham, Mr. Six, Miss Bertha Eads, Mr. Homer Orbit, Miss Zuma Skinner Miss Flora Turner, and Mrs. Gunstream. Just after the ceremony Brother and Sister Gunstream sang a special song Title When God is leading all is well, after which Mr. A. M. Marsh sang beautifully. Whispering hope, the special songs were enjoyed by all, but not near so well as the next on program which was the nice wedding supper and of course it would be impossible to tell you how this part of the program was enjoyed.

MRS. T. WERNER



Mrs. Theresa Werner, "surprise heiress" of Rudolph Valentino, whose legacy of a third of the late film star's estate may, it is said, become the center of a sensational attempt to break the will, is pictured above as she arrived in Los Angeles from her home in Italy to protect her interests in the estate. It is estimated that Mrs. Werner will get close to a million dollars under the will, if it is allowed to stand.

THE GREAT AMERICAN HOME



New Mexico Baptist Orphans Benefited

Over \$250 will be sent to the New Mexico Baptist orphanage at Portales, as a result of the Yuletide generosity of citizens here. The sum of \$103.67 was collected in the Tag day Friday for the benefit of the orphans, the downtown district being canvassed by ten young taggers, led by Miss Bertha Walker.

The Tag Day total, together with about \$150 contributed at the Christmas celebration Tuesday at the First Baptist church, will mean over \$250 for the orphans. "Our taggers were met with a welcome response," said Rev. C. M. Stumph, secretary of the New Mexico Baptist convention, who directed the drive. "The pleasing response is most gratefully appreciated, and our thanks go out to those who assisted in the cause of the little children."

ROOSEVELT COUNTY FARMER BUY GRAIN ELEVATOR

The Farmers Cooperative Elevation Association of Roosevelt County has purchased the Trout Grain Elevator in Portales and will shortly be ready for business. The board of Directors of this association is at present making arrangements for the employment of a Sales Manager.

This Association is composed entirely of grain farmers of Roosevelt County, and is a cooperative marketing organization, formed for the purpose of marketing the grain of its members. Practically all the larger grain farmers of the county are members of this Association and will handle only the grain of its members.

The Directors, as elected by the members recently, are: U. S. Franz Rogers, President; John Clem, Rogers Secretary-Treasurer; Man Clark, Inez, Tom Haislip, Rogers, and E. E. Belcher, Inez.

PORTALES BOY HONORED

Carl Reynolds was one of representative of the University of Southern California, for the fall "Y" treat at Catalina Island and Astorian Christmas week in a conference with all the colleges and universities of the Pacific coast and Arizona. He is on a council of seven members to investigate and make recommendation on campus affairs to the associated student body of the University. He will represent the University of the rifle team against the Universities of the east, including Columbia, Harvard, Yale, West Point and Princeton.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Wayne entertained a number of young people with a party at their home Tuesday night in honor of Marion Gates who is Mrs. Wayne's brother. The evening was spent in playing games. Cocoa and cake were served about ten-thirty.

LOCAL PERSONAL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Black spent the week end in Roswell.

Fred Bland of Wakita, Oklahoma came in Friday for a visit with the W. G. Privett family.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Taylor were over from Talham, Tuesday, looking Portales friends up again.

Mr. and Mrs. Mont Smith of Clovis, were guests in the W. G. Privett home for Christmas.

Ernest Rowley of Chichasha came in Friday for a weeks visit to the H. G. Rowley family.

Uncle Polk Dohoney says he is thinking of starting a lunch counter since the Christmas feeds.

Marion Gates came in Friday from Eastancia for a weeks visit to his sister Mrs. J. G. Wayne.

Mr. Joe Howard returned Wednesday last week from a visit of several weeks at Dallas Texas.

Mrs. H. T. Ward and daughter Ara and Eva, are spending the holidays, at the ranch, with Mr. Ward.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Compton of Clovis, were guests of relatives and friends in Portales during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Cat had the pleasure of entertaining at Christmas dinner, the J. H. Breck family and Edgar B. Siddall.

The Christian ladies will meet Thursday Jan. 6th at two o'clock, with Mrs. S. F. Moore. Mrs. R. W. Means has charge of the program.

The H. M. C will meet Wednesday January 5th at 1:30 at the court house at which time the annual election will be held. A good attendance is desired.

M. O. Stiff left Monday for his home at Amarillo, Texas, after spending the holidays in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Burl Johnson. Mrs. Stiff remained for a longer visit with her sister, Mrs. Johnson.

The following gathered at the Spires home Saturday evening and enjoyed the game of 42. Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Rowley, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Carr, Mr. and Mrs. Ike Hughes, and Mr. and Mrs. Rex Forrest, and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Compton.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Ford he is Christmas guests, The Henry Bremmer and Elmer Flemming families.

Rev. Joe F. Grizzle left Monday for Las Vegas and Albuquerque. He will return the latter part of the week.

Mrs. Henry Jones and children are at the ranch near Kenna spending the Christmas vacation.

B. B. Thigpen, returned Friday from Artesia and reports his daughter, Mrs. Ben Dunn, improving.

John Howl was in from his place near Rogers Wednesday and had his subscription for the News extended for another year.

Miss Stella Privett was the clerk for Dr. Pearce while Miss Thelma and Margie were visiting for a few days in Amarillo.

Mrs. S. E. Turner and son Adron were guests in the A. J. Goodwin home last week. Mrs. Turner is the mother of Mrs. Goodwin.

Mrs. Ida Goodwin and children were guests of her daughter, Mrs. J. R. Robert and family, in Clovis, from Wednesday until Sunday.

Miss Edna Johnston, who is teaching in the south part of the county, spent the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Nora Johnston.

Miss Irene Hutchinson who is attending school at Las Vegas, spent the holidays with her sister Mrs. Miller, and friends in Portales.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Taylor McCasland of Sventwater, Texas returned to their home at that place Wednesday after a visit to Mrs. McCasland's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Priddy.

Mrs. J. G. Whitson and son went to Roswell Tuesday on a visit to Mrs. Whitson's mother, Mrs. A. M. Woody.

Mr. and Mrs. Harley Watkins, who have been visiting, relatives here returned Saturday, to their home at Borger, Texas, accompanied by M. Watkins brother, Dolan Watkins and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Carroll of Lubbock, Texas, were guests in the E. C. Small home Thursday. They spent Thursday night in the home of his brother, Ed Carroll, and Friday night went to Richland to spend Christmas with her people, the Cooper family.

Carl McDermott Post of the American Legion is planning to have a real old Army feed in the near future. An old Army cook will prepare the meal, a bugler will sound "Sompie" and the Legionnaires will fall in for the feed. After the meal an American Legion motion picture will be shown.

This will be in connection with the Legion's memberships drive for 1927 which was outlined at a meeting last Monday night. All World War Veterans are being urged to become members of the Legion.

FARWELL FARMER TELLS OF THIRTEEN SLAYINGS

Sheriff Removes George J. Hassell From Farwell Jail As Mob Awaited A Leader

FARWELL, Dec. 30—A mob's desire for vengeance was dramatically frustrated here on Wednesday night when, as the crowd sullenly called for the father in law to lead them, George J. Hassell, confessed slayer of thirteen, was spirited from the jail by officers.

Suffering from self-inflicted wounds, Hassell was placed on an improvised cot, loaded into an automobile and whisked away. He is now held in jail at Plainview, Texas.

FARWELL, Texas—Four more deaths which occurred nearly a decade ago, were added tonight to the list of slayings attributed to George J. Hassell, farmer near here, on whose ranch Friday were found the slain bodies of his wife and eight step-children.

In a 3,000-word statement accused man is said to have calmly admitted the slain bodies of his wife step children and then made the admission that in an unnamed California town in 1917 he had killed a woman and three children.

The woman, his statement, was not his wife but his paramour. He refused to divulge the name of the town in California where the slaying took place but the statement quotes him as saying: "It was a good job and no one will ever know."

The statement leads off with the slaying of the quartet in California which the lengthy confession says occurred on the eve of registration for the world war draft act.

Following a quarrel with the woman Hassell asserted he choked her and the three small children to death and buried their bodies under his home.

In addition to revealing the California slaying the confession details how Hassell sought to take the life of his stepmother and had purchased the gun with full intent of taking her life.

"I didn't kill her though for I got drunk and the night I planned to take her life she mistook medicine for poison and died." The alleged statement says.

Hassell's statement goes in elaborate detail to describe the night of the extermination of his family at Farwell but reveals that the eldest youth, age 21, was not slain until three days later. The slayings according to the statement, occurred on December 8.

The confession quotes Hassell as saying the slaying were prompted by persistent quarrels with his wife which had grown out of his alleged intimacy with one of the step daughters.

GEORGES CRETZIANO



Georges Cretziano, newly appointed Rumanian minister to the United States.

"I had just quarreled with my wife and had gone out to the barn and took a drink of whisky," the statement says. "When I returned my wife resumed quarreling with me. I grabbed a hammer—I don't know where it came from and struck her and she fell to the floor."

About that time the youngest baby, who was in the room, began crying and I reached down and choked it. Then I reached for a stocking and wrapped it around the baby's neck.

I don't know why, but when I saw what I had done I decided I had best go on and make a good job of it.

I am not trying to whip the devil around stump or get any sympathy for I do not deserve it but I was crazy.

When I had choked the baby I ran in one of the daughter's room and hit her in the head twice with a hammer and then choked her. From there I went in another room and saw two of the boys. I had quite a little trouble with them but finally got a shotgun and killed one.

The other boy ran in the closet and I had quite a time getting him out and when I did I took an ax and hit him in the forehead. I had quite a tussle though and he hit me twice with a brick. I then killed the others with the ax."

The confession then relates the slaying of the oldest boy, who was away from home at the time and did not come home until two days later and that during that period Hassell lay in wait for him.

When the youth returned the statement says, Hassell told him that the other members of the family had gone to Okla., and this explanation was accepted.

Hassell then related how he induced the boy to play cards and they played until the youth fell asleep and after making the boy was slumbering heavily in his bed, crept up to his side, placed a shotgun at his head and blew his brains out.

The statement does not detail how Hassell placed the bodies in the dugout where they were discovered by officers.

Hassell stated that he had formerly been in the merchant marine service and papers found today by officers in the home indicated that he was discharged from this service in February, 1924.

The statement says that the family came to Farwell a year and a half ago.

Hassell denied, under questioning of officers, that he was implicated in the death of his brother at Blair, Oklahoma. His brother, the statement says died as a result of being kicked by a mule.

Hassell was living at his brother's home at the time, the statement says, and following his death induced the widow to marry him.

Frequent statements in the confession show that Hassell was involved in quarrels with his wife because of alleged intimacy with one of his stepdaughters. It also reveals that Hassell on another occasion was married but deserted his wife within three months.

The confession was made by Hassell in the presence of J. D. Thomas, county attorney; Sheriff Jim Martin and a court stenographer of Clovis.

Feeling against the prisoner was intense in Farwell tonight and the sheriff was taking every precaution to protect Hassell.

H. F. Crow and wife and B. P. Thigpen enjoyed Christmas dinner with the J. B. Crow family.

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PORTALES CANNING FACTORY WIDELY KNOWN

The Portales canning factory is being advertised both far and near recent issues of "The Canner" published at Chicago. The "Western Canner and Packer" at San Francisco, and "The Westland" at Roswell contain complimentary articles regarding the Portales factory these articles are entirely unsolicited.

The wholesalers too who handled the 1926 output of tomatoes made some very appreciative remarks concerning the quality and flavor to Carl Case the manager.

The growers are well pleased with the treatment accorded them by the management and will respond with an even greater acreage in 1927.

The Portales Valley Tomato bids fair to become as popular as his sweet potato.

PERRY PICK UPS

Rev. Clarence Burch of Melrose preached at Perry Sunday afternoon quite a few were out to hear him.

Mr. Roy Anderson of near Clovis and Miss Nora Black was calling in the W. B. Milburn and Jack Black homes Sunday afternoon.

A large crowd was at the pie supper Saturday night \$33.00 was realized from sale of the pies which is to go for the benefit of the Christmas tree at this place.

A large crowd attended Mrs. J. P. Kirks Sale Monday evening thing brought a good price considering such a bad day.

We had another good snow Monday afternoon and night.

Mr. and Mrs. Wherton of House was visiting her daughter Mrs. Jack Black Sunday.

Misses Lera Holley and Tessie Henry was all day guests of Bertha and Perle Dugan Sunday.

Mrs. Flora Gates of Maltito was visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Jim Robinson over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. McLenore was dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Holley Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Sparks and Mrs. A. B. Milburn was during their Christmas shopping in Melrose Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Dryden went to Clovis Thursday to do their Christmas shopping.

SPARE THIS TREE



The man with the proper civic spirit investigates before he criticizes. He takes the trouble to look into the future of his own home town before he condemns it.

The trouble with most critics, as with the knocker in this picture, is that they do not know enough about the things they criticize. Constructive criticism is valuable because it carries with it a full knowledge of the situation. But just mere knocking is ignorance on a rampage.

There is nothing elevating or enlightening in continually finding fault, yet the small city frequently has this type of citizen with which to contend; a small minority which thinks the town is not good enough for them. But if it depended on their efforts, there would be no town at all.

If you know anyone in Portales who cannot see the advantages of making this a bigger and better town, get him to climb the ladder as our booster in the picture has done, and maybe he will drop the axe, for he will see fruits galore, enough for him and everybody in town.

Quite a few went Christmas Eve to the Christmas tree and every one seemed and enjoyed the program.

Mrs. J. P. Kirk moved to Melrose last week where she intends to make her future home.

Several neighbors met at the School House Christmas day and brought their dinner and had a social time together.

Leonard and Haze Campbell spent Christmas with home folks.

Quite a few met in the H. J. Holley home Sunday for dinner and a good time in general.

Ande Berry, and wife was visiting Mrs. Berry's parents Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Highley Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Black and daughter Nora were dinner guest of Jack Black and wife Sunday.

Mrs. Lula Follis and children were visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Russell Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank of Oklahoma spent Christmas with Mrs. Frank Mother Mrs. A. L. Mayberry.

Mr. and Mrs. Auther Milburn of Clovis spent Christmas with W. B. Milburn of this place.

Perle Dugan who has been down so long with typhoid fever was able to be out to the Christmas tree Friday night every one was glad to see her out once more.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Sparks of Clovis was visiting their son Edgar and wife during the Christmas holidays.

The party Saturday night at Mrs. Burges was enjoyed by all who were present.

Mr. and Mrs. Die Ballen up North West of Horese spent Christmas with Mrs. Ballen parents Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Russell.

Edgar Sparks and family and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Sparks took Christmas dinner with Mrs. Armstrong.

Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Harris went to Clovis, Tuesday, and Mr. Harris and Mr. Davis went to Lubbock.

How Doctors Treat Colds and the Flu

To break up a cold overnight or to cut short an attack of grippé, influenza, sore throat or tonsillitis, physicians and druggists are now recommending Calotabs, the purified and refined calomel compound tablet that gives you the effects of calomel and salts combined without the unpleasant effects of either.

One or two Calotabs at bed-time with a swallow of water—that's all. No salts, no nausea nor the slightest interference with your eating, work, or pleasure. Next morning your cold has vanished, your system is thoroughly purified and you are feeling fine with a hearty appetite for breakfast. Eat what you please—no danger. Get a family package, containing full directions, only 35 cents at any drug store. (adv)

Through a Woman's Eyes

By JEAN NEWTON

What Would You Do?

"What would you do if you were the wife in the case? Would you stick by your husband if he had done as this one did?" That was the poser I found in the first letter I picked up in today's mail.

The "case" is that of a man with a wife and three children in a suburb and another establishment in the city where lived another woman and their seven-year-old son. His dual existence, carried on for the last ten years, was discovered only through his arrest for embezzlement of funds belonging to the firm for whom he had worked for twenty-one years.

What would I do—would I stand by him? The wife to whom he had been married for twenty-four years was asked this same question. What she said was:

"I never dreamed of this. I don't know what I'll do; I've got to think it over."

She did say he had always been good to her and the children. The other woman who had lived with him under her precarious "Mrs." for ten years, said the same for him:

"I don't know anything about it. I loved him. He was always good to me."

After all, what these women do or what the real wife does, who is the only one who can help or harm him now, will depend more upon how he treated her during the years of their married life than upon the sudden discovery of his having had a double life. If the man had never made her happy, if his great deception, discovered now, was but a culmination of general untrustworthiness and unreliability and disloyalty, then she will probably consider herself well rid of him and leave him to his fate.

If, however, as his wife of twenty-four years says for publication, he was always good to her and their children, he has doubtless earned an affection which will lead her, in spite of herself, to stand by him. When the terrible shock of her discovery has passed, her attitude will be one not of indignation at the man who has disgraced his family and broken up his home, but pity for one who has gotten terribly "in bad."

The embezzlement which brought about the denouement was the result of his attempt to maintain two homes in moderate comfort; and if, as both women say, he was always good to them, if his dual existence was the result of obligation incurred by him in a moment of foolishness and weakness, one cannot help pitying him, as we would any weakening overtaken by his punishment, even though that punishment involves, as it usually does, the innocent.

"What would you do if you were his wife?" is a bit of a poser. Who can tell what we would do in some one else's place? We ever know ourselves until the forcing hour of circumstance compels us to action? What most of us think, of course, is that such a thing would never happen to us. So doubtless thought his wife.

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Mr. and Mrs. Coe Howard spent the holidays at Shamrock, Texas with Mr. and Mrs. Cline Caperton.

NOTICE

PORTALES CHAPTER will install its officers for the ensuing year Monday night January 3rd.

All Royal Arch Masons are urged to be present and Blue Lodge Masons of Portales and neighboring lodges are invited to attend.

Who's Who TODAY

"I've sworn off this; I won't do that";

But you can bet a ten-buck hat

That good resolves are soon forgot.

For after all, they're mostly rot!



DON'T GO THROUGH ANOTHER SEASON

—with a window that has a broken glass. Now is the time to make all these necessary repairs and this is the place to buy your window glass and all other materials.

—It Pleases Us To Please You—

KEMP LUMBER COMPANY

KITCHEN CUPBOARD

By NELLIE MAXWELL

Seasonable Foods

WHEN a little pastry is left over, prepare these popular cakes:

Eccles Cakes.—Chop fine one cupful of seeded raisins and mix with three-quarters of a cupful of sugar, one soda cracker finely rolled, one well-beaten egg and the juice and rind of a lemon. Roll the pastry out into a thin sheet and cut into four-inch squares. Place a spoonful of the mixture on one side of each square, moisten the edges with cold water and fold over diagonally. Press the edges together and bake in a moderate oven from 15 to 20 minutes.

Round Steak Roast.—Take a thick slice of round steak. Chop fine one green pepper, one onion, one-half cupful of celery; add four cupfuls of bread crumbs, a spoonful of minced parsley and salt to taste. Mix the dressing, add enough water, stock or milk to moisten. Spread over the steak which has been well seasoned with salt and pepper, roll up and skewer with toothpicks. Put into a covered roaster with a slice of bacon and one cupful of stock or water and cook slowly two hours.

Carrot Pie.—Take two and one-half cupfuls of cooked and mashed carrots, add one egg, two table-spoonfuls of flour sifted with one and one-half teaspoonfuls of baking powder, one-half cupful of sugar and one-half cupful of molasses, two teaspoonfuls of sugar, salt to taste, and one-half teaspoonful of ginger. Cook in a double boiler until thick, pour into a baked shell.

Spiced Prunes.—Soak one pound of prunes overnight in water to cover. In the morning simmer in the same water until tender, adding ten cloves, the rind from half a lemon peeled very thin. When the prunes are tender drain the liquid and to each cupful add one cupful each of honey and vinegar. Bring this to the boiling point and simmer the prunes in it for an hour. Chill and serve.

CATARRH

of nose or throat is made more endurable, sometimes greatly benefited by applying Vicks Vapo-rub nostrils. Also melt some and inhale the vapors.

VICKS VAPORUB
Over 17 Million Jars Used Yearly

Notice, Taxpayers!

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE TAXPAYERS OF ROOSEVELT COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, THAT THE TAX ASSESSOR OR A DEPUTY WILL VISIT THE PRECINCTS OF THE COUNTY AT THE TIME AND PLACE DESIGNATED BELOW FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING THE ASSESSMENTS OF ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY FOR THE YEAR 1927. LIVESTOCK WILL BE ASSESSED AS OF JANUARY 1ST.

Assessor's Notice to the Public

"The laws of the State of New Mexico require that every inhabitant in the State of full age and sound mind, shall in each year, make a list of all property subject to taxation of which he is the owner or has the control or management. Such list must be on the form prescribed by law by the State Tax Commission and must be made and filed in the office of the Tax Assessor on or after the first day of January and not later than the first business day of February of each year."

Office Open Each Day During the Month of January

For the convenience of taxpayers I will be at the various places in Roosevelt County on the respective dates as follows, for the purpose of making lists of property:

Monday 3.....	Arch, morning; Inez, evening	Friday 14.....	Fairfield, all day
Tuesday 4.....	Emxy, morning; Lingo, evening	Saturday 15.....	all day in office
Wednesday 5.....	Bluit, morning; Milnesand, evening	Monday 17.....	Rogers, morning; Causey, evening
Thursday 6.....	Eagle Hill, morning; Valley View, evening	Tuesday 18.....	Garrison, morning; Richland, evening
Friday 7.....	Kenna, all day	Wednesday 19.....	Highway, morning; Redlake, evening
Saturday 8.....	all day in the office	Thursday 20.....	Dora, all day
Monday 10.....	Floyd, morning; Upton, evening	Friday 21.....	Elida
Tuesday 11.....	Claudell, morning; Derena, evening	Saturday 22.....	Elida
Wednesday 12.....	Tolar, all day	Monday 24.....	Elida
Thursday 13.....	Perry, morning; Rocklake, evening	Tuesday 25.....	Elida
		Wednesday 26.....	Elida

Any person failing to meet me at these appointments may make return to my office in Portales at any time within the limits fixed by law as given above, or blank for mailing rendition will be sent upon application, by mail or in person, to my office.

"A penalty of twenty-five per cent in addition to the regular valuation, must be added to the value of all property not listed for assessment within the time and in the form prescribed by law. No exceptions can be made to this law."

I would advise each taxpayer to bring a true description of their real estate and their School District to help eliminate many errors that get on the rolls by incorrect descriptions, and non-rendering.

An exemption of \$200 will be allowed for heads of family on personal goods only.

I SUGGEST THAT THE TOWN PEOPLE, WHEN POSSIBLE, LET SATURDAYS BE GIVEN TO THE FARMERS.

SOLDIERS MUST RENDER AND ASK FOR EXEMPTION

SAM J. STINNETT, Assessor

ROOSEVELT COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

Toby and Tyke



KEMP LUMBER COMPANY

The Table and a Reconciliation

By LUELLA GORDON

ANTOINETTE RAVEN was the sort of girl who was always chasing a new fancy. Her gods were never the same gods for long at a time. A few years ago she had been enthusiastic to the fingertips for old furniture.

Now she was golf mad. She had accumulated a house full of antique chairs, tables, beds, high and lowboys, spinning wheels, carved chests and sideboards. And there they were, neglected, despised almost by their owner now that she had taken to the golf greens.

"I'm going to have a sale," she announced to her mother. "I'm sick and tired of this old, dismal, gloomy furniture."

"You're as fickle as the wind, my dear," answered her parent. "It was merely the fact that your grandfather left you this old hermit house back on the other lot that put the idea into your susceptible head. I knew you'd tire of it."

"Yes—I know what you are going to say, mother. You know I am too busy to sell it off myself and that I am going to ask you to attend to it."

One of the first persons to ask to see the antiques was a fragile but wistfully beautiful woman. She seemed to be looking for a certain sort of drop-leaf table. She had a lovely voice and instead of leaving her to the mercy of the salesman who had been put in charge of the business, Mrs. Raven walked about with the stranger herself.

Tucked back in a corner of an anteroom was a table of the kind described. The two women came upon it just as the fading light of day was playing on its polished surface.

"Oh," exclaimed the little woman. "That's the table I want. Let me look at it, please."

She felt it; she almost caressed it. Then, opening up one of the drop leaves she bent down and looked beneath as if to see what sort of support it had. When she raised her head again her exquisite gray eyes were brimming with tears.

Mrs. Raven did not know what to say, what to do, where to turn. She felt like an intruder in a sanctum.

Then, in a moment, having dried the tears, the stranger spoke. "I'm sorry but—that table was once mine. It was the first thing we bought after we were married. We were both young; we both wrote for a precarious living and when we sold enough of our stories to buy a bit of furniture we clipped them out and pasted them on the table, or chair or whatever it was. There," pointing underneath, "is a part of an article we sold in order to buy this table."

"And your husband?" Mrs. Raven was moved to ask, timidly.

"We—that is—we do not live together now. He took a night job on a newspaper and—we began not to agree, somehow. Our little home was spoiled. I've got on my feet since, writing, and I've looked everywhere for this table. Could I buy it?" she asked, wistfully.

"I'd like to give it to you," said Mrs. Raven.

But the stranger insisted on paying for the table and left her name and address when she paid for it. She apologized again for her weakness.

The footsteps of a mysterious fate led Ned Washburne to the sale of furniture in the old hermit lodge of a late citizen of the town. What he was looking for, aside, perhaps, for color for a story he was writing, he could not have told you.

Mrs. Raven met him and took him about. He took desultory notice of the furniture itself but in the stories behind the acquisition of certain bits he showed vivid interest.

"And this table was sold yesterday to one of the loveliest little women I have ever seen. She had had a tragedy in her life—if the breaking up of her home and the loss of her husband could be a tragedy to the modern woman," said Mrs. Raven. "This table had been earned by her young husband and herself in their early married days and," turning up the leaf to display the bits of paper still clinging to the wood, "here is the story they wrote together."

Ned Washburne had gripped a tall bed-post for support. His head was whirling.

"Why—" Mrs. Raven stood against the white face of the man.

He raised a kindly hand and put it on her shoulder. "That was—my wife. This is our table."

"Come into the house," begged Mrs. Raven.

The man followed her across the garden and into the comfortable library. There he told her what the little stranger of the preceding day had told her—and more. He did not spare himself.

After an hour of suggestions, plans, surmises as to what could be done, Mrs. Raven was smiling when she said good-by.

Ned Washburne and his still beloved wife were to begin house-keeping anew with the same old table they had struggled to buy.

An address, a telephone conversation, tears, glad laughter and an understanding soul in the person of Antoinette's mother, had brought about the reconciliation.

"So, you see, mother," Antoinette said that night when she had heard the story, "even if I do chase rainbows there is sometimes a pot of gold at the end—for some one."

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Mrs. N. I. Jones, Mrs. A. B. Belner and children Vera and John were Christmas guests of Mrs. Jones, daughter Mrs. Clarence Hulm and family four miles east of town.



Howdy, Young Fellow!

With a full appreciation of the many courtesies shown during the past year, we extend best wishes for Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Yoachum's Grocery



Our Hope Is That

The New Year will be crowded with plenty of Joy, Good Health and Great Prosperity.



The Shifting

Sands of Time start on a new year. May they pour out a continuous run of Good Fortune and Unmarred Happiness

CROW Produce Co.

Happy New Year

There's a "Lucky 7" in 1927, you'll notice. That's a sign it's going to be your "Lucky Year" in everything. At least we sincerely hope so.

McCall Grocery Company



Hotody!

Thought it would be kind of nice to drop in here and tell you how very sincerely we trust this New Year will bless you with unnumbered joys.

E. N. SMITH, Agent
Gulf Refining Company

ANOTHER year has swung slowly through its twelve months' span, has matured and declined while this old world worked and built and prospered. And as it moves grandly into eternity from whence it came, we show no false regrets but welcome its successor, the Infant 1927. We face another year—and it is to be a year of achievement. Another year—and science, culture and commercial prosperity will have moved our old world a step farther towards ultimate perfection.

We hail our new torchbearer, as yet untried, the youthful 1927. For twelve full months he is to be our guide. He will lead where we will, for he is as inexperienced as ourselves. With a willing world behind him, he cannot but guide us to Happiness in the next year.

Poised on the threshold of normalcy, America is about to enter another period of better regulated living, more industrious production and of sounder merchandise values.

We have been fortunate in the "comeback" following the black war days. We are blessed with plentiful crops, generally speaking, enriched with greater wisdom and heartened by the fact that each succeeding New Year's day since 1918 has brought greater hope.

We know that those blessings, faith, hope, love, peace, that were brought to the race with the dawn of the Christian era are with us today in greater degree than ever before. We know that what comes to us will come to each and every individual in our community.

Ding--
Dong!
Ding--



Dong! These New Year Bells are ringing out our Happy New Year wish for your cars.

City Bakery

A Happy Little Bass Drummer



That New Year chap. We hired him to drum up a lot of joy for you during the next 52 weeks.

W. W. Van Winkle



Message--

For you, folks. We just penned it. What does it say? We're bashful. You read it. Here it is: Success and Happiness to you all in 1927.

Carr Lumber Company



Peaceful and Content lies the 'countryside at the dawn of the New Year. May your New Year be equally as peaceful and content under a mantle of Happiness.

Magnolia Petroleum Company
Watt Stewart, Agent

Father Time

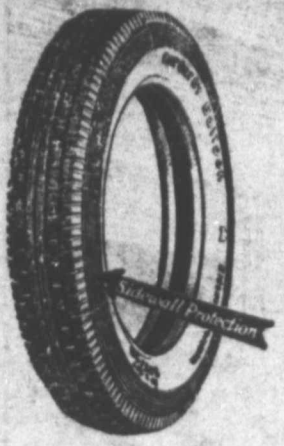
Brings us a new year. You wonder, we wonder, will it be happy? This we know, if we have our way, yours will be a perpetual round of gladness

Ballou & Price



Lilac Park Tourist Camp

WHITE BROS.



We handle the best at the same price—That good Gulf Gasoline, Supreme Motor Oils, Corduroy Tires, Exide Batteries and Garage and Battery Work.

BATTERIES CHARGED FOR \$1.

Try a P-V-N Want Ad

Westinghouse

Turnover Toaster and Bread Tray

This Week's Special

\$6.00

NEW MEXICO UTILITIES

Come--Sign Up



OLD Daddy Time wants to do you a big favor! With a new year lying before you. Sign his resolution to save and 1907 will mark a big step forward in your progress toward independence.

First National Bank

Portales, New Mexico



MRS. BUCHANAN'S PARTY

Mrs. H. H. Buchanan, was at home, Monday afternoon from 2:30 to 5, to a number of her friends with bridge. There were two tables playing. The hostess served a delicious drink and candy during the game, and a most delicious luncheon at the close of the game.

Miss Sara Kerr won high score and was presented with a beautiful Christmas candle sticks and candles Mrs. Maude Smith held low and was given a box of candy.

Those present were: Mrs. Maude Smith, Mrs. Lucile Cumble, Mrs. Jas. Christae, Mrs. Edwin Neer, Miss Sara Kerr, Mrs. Maryorie Richardson, Mrs. T. A. Martin.

MRS. MARJORIE RICHARDSON ENTERTAINS BRIDGE PARTY

Mrs. Marjorie Richardson was hostess to a number of her friends on Tuesday afternoon, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Spires, with three tables of bridge.

At the conclusion of the game Mrs. Edwin Neer held high score and received the prize, a beautiful corsage. Mrs. A. E. Hendon received the consolation a package of stick candy. Mrs. Richardson served an appetizing two course luncheon at the conclusion of the game.

Those enjoying this party were: Mrs. Jas. Christae, Mrs. R. H. Smith, Mrs. J. Rex Forrest, Mrs. Ike Hughes, Mrs. Harve Walton, Miss Mattie McClelland, Mrs. T. A. Martin, Mrs. H. H. Buchanan, Mrs. Edwin Neer, Mrs. Lucile Cumble, and Mrs. A. E. Hendon.

MR. AND MRS. H. G. ROWLEY ENTERTAIN

Mr and Mrs. H. G. Rowley were at home to a number of their friends Monday evening with auction.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Carr, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Spires, Mr. and Mrs. Coe Howard, Mrs. Jas. Christae, Mrs. R. H. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Ike Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. J. Rex Forrest, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Compton, Mr. and Mrs. H. Walton and Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Harris, Mrs. Rowley served a delicious salad course and cherry pie and whipped cream and cocoa.

Dr. Means and Family Enjoy Christmas.

Dr and R. W. Means and children had an unusually happy Christmas. They left Portales Thursday morning to Amarillo, where they enjoyed a delicious pre-Christmas dinner with the doctor's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Means.

Friday the entire party motored to Clayton, N. M. their former home, also the home of Mrs. Means' parents Mr. and Mrs. Ray Sutton, where they participated in the Christmas festivities for several days.

Mrs. Means' brother, formerly of the Navy, and whom she had not seen for six years, was also present. The home coming was a very happy occasion, long to be remembered.

The doctor and family returned to Portales Tuesday.

H. M. C. Canning Report 1926.

Each year the H. M. C. members are requested to report to the coun-

ty extension agent the amount of food stuff canned and the 1926 report shows a decided gain over that of 1925 and this in spite of the fact that this was a very poor fruit year.

In 1926 seventy one women representing twelve communities sent in reports the total amount reported 19,001 quarts nearly 3,000 quarts more than the previous year and twenty one more women reporting.

Floyd was first with 4,226 quarts and Arch a close second with 4,079 quarts Portales has the largest number of women reporting and the largest individual report was Mrs. Olsen of Floyd with 614 qts.

The women are learning more each year about the food values of vegetable with which their garden abound in the summer months and are also learning to conserve them for winter use when vegetables are high in price if at all obtainable.

Surprise Party.

Miss Dorothy Stewart and Heber Stewart entertained a number of their friends at their home, Dec. 27th, with a party. The young folks enjoyed games of rook, forty-two, dominoes and flinch. Then the tables were put away and Abe Ribble, Bill Barton and Watt Stewart furnished plenty of excitement.

Mrs. Stewart served delicious refreshments of chicken sandwiches, jello with whipped cream and cake.

Those present were: Orla Spigawa, Carl Yonchum, Abe Ribble, Clint Fairly, Blant Fulton, Kermit Southard, Robert Deen, Leon Jones, Leonard Barton, Bill Warton, Watt Stewart, Alvin Kiker, Fred Florence, R. C. Miller, Misses Myrl Miller, Norene Yonchum, Inez Barton, Della Mae Yonchum, Iris Ribble, Enla South, Hazel South, and Mrs. Miller.

Misses Marjorie and Lucile Thurston gave a tea party Tuesday afternoon from three to five in honor of Miss Willie Mae Lee of Waco, Texas who is their guest during the holidays. Christmas colors were carried out in the decorations of the house and the tea table. Elizabeth Greaves poured tea during the first hour and Laura Turner poured the last hour. Della Mae Feeman furnished music during the afternoon and Kathryn McCall told fortunes.

Ten, nut sandwiches stuffed celery and candy were served to a host forty young ladies who called during the afternoon.

MARY ALICE WALTON ENTERTAINS

Mary Alice Walton entertained with an auction 42 party honoring her cousin Miss Mattie McClelland and Misses Mary Jane and Alice Ruth Williams. The decoration were suggestive of the Christmas holiday season.

Chicken salad, bread and butter sandwiches, wafers and cocoa were served at eleven-thirty.

Those present were: Willie Mae Lee, Lucile Rowley, Helen Compton, Floyd Thurston, Marjorie Thurston, Mr. Payne, Ernest Rowley, Carroll Moon, Oscar Thurston, Howard Fletcher, Marian Gates, Ed Smith, Otto Kaptian, Ray Thurston and J. G. Wayne.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Carr Entertain

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Carr were at home to twenty four of their friends Friday evening, December 24th. The party began at 9 o'clock, after the exercises at the Christmas tree, and lasted until midnight. The crowd enjoyed 42 at six tables.

At midnight Mrs. Carr served a most delicious lunch, cafeteria style piece de resistance being baked ham and boiled custard. Needless to say each member of the party did credit to this part of the party. At the close of the game Mrs. Rowley held high score for ladies and Mr. Spires for the men.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Spires, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Black, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Compton, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Doughton, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Rowley, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Greaves, Mr. and Mrs. J. Rex Forrest, Mr. and Mrs. Ike Hughes, Mrs. Harve Walton, Miss McClelland of Ft. Worth, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Wise.

L. L. Brown's Celebrate Silver Wedding.

Saturday evening, December, 25th Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Brown celebrated their silver wedding. Invitations were sent to a few of their friends to help in the celebration, and 7:00 o'clock found all gathered at the Brown home west of town.

Miss Layon was in charge and conducted the guests thru many interesting as well as skillful games. In fact the crowd rolled back the curtain of time felt themselves to

Kiddies' Evening Story

By MARY GRAHAM BONNER

The Fairy Queen

"There was once," commenced Daddy, "a grand ball given on New Year's eve by all the elves and brownies."



The Brownies Looked Very Cunning.

ies, for they were graceful and dainty, and the way they could twirl on their toes and spin around flirled the brownies with envy.

"The brownies looked very cunning in their little brown suits and quaint brown hats, but they were much too fat to be good dancers."

"Often they would topple over in dancing, and how the elves would laugh and how mad it made the brownies feel!"

"Toward the latter part of the evening they forgot all envious feelings and joined together in doing square dances and Virginia reels."

"When they were almost ready to drop from dancing so much and playing so hard they decided it was about time to stop."

"So they all sat down on the grass for the most marvelous supper you can ever possibly imagine."

"First they had broiled gilly tongues on toast (a fairy dish), then some fried ferns with mushroom sauce, delicious grass salad, and for dessert pink ice cream to match the pink lemonade, for they voted on pink as their favorite color."

"Of course they had nuts and raisins and bonbons of all colors to pull with each other."

"In the bonbons were all sorts of little toys, whistles, paper caps and mottoes, wooden soldiers and toy animals."

"Suddenly a most beautiful fairy appeared, dressed all in white, with a silver crown on her head, a silver wand and silver stars glittering on her dress."

"The Queen of the Fairies," said they all breathlessly.

"And at this moment at a far distance were heard the sounds of bells ringing in a new year."

"Happy New Year to all the elves and brownies!" said the Queen.

"Happy New Year, beautiful fairy!" said all in reply.

"The Fairy Queen waved her wand and in the loveliest, most musical voice said:

"I wish you all good luck!"

"Then she vanished, and in the lap of each elf and brownie lay a glittering round gold piece with 'Good luck from the Fairy Queen' engraved upon it."

"Never had the elves and brownies had such a fine visit from the Fairy Queen—to have actually had her visit them on New Year's eve oh, it was wonderful!"

"And they knew how lucky they were, for if the Fairy Queen wished them good luck it would be sure to follow them all their lives."

"For the Fairy Queen knew how to make wishes come true."

"And you may be sure all the little elves and brownies were the happiest creatures in existence as they crawled into their flowery beds very, very early that New Year's morning."

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be sixteen.

Delicious refreshments, consisting of sandwiches, coffee, sherbert and cake were served.

"The crowd joined in singing old melodies 'Silver Threads Among the Gold' and 'Put on Your Old Gray Bonnet' being favorites."

Mr. and Mrs. Brown were presented with numerous pieces of silver in honor of the occasion.

Those present were: Rev. L. L. Thurston, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Wheeler, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Mueller, Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Greaves Mr. and Mrs. W. Kint.

NEW MEXICO ORPHAN'S BENEFIT

The Orphan's Home was the recipient of a splendid gift from the American Legion. The gift was made through Mr. Fred Luper and consisted of one half pound box of Delicious chocolate candy for each of the thirty three children in the home.

The children thank the American Legion for their thoughtfulness.

The New What-Is-It



This might be a large fat sheep-dog. But as a fact it's a musk ox which was captured in Greenland and presented recently to the London Zoological Society.

LAURA WALMSLEY



Miss Laura Walmsley, who was elected clerk of the Third Appellate court district in Illinois by more than 50,000 plurality, running on the Republican ticket. She is the first woman to hold this office in Illinois and her plurality was the largest ever recorded for that position.

CARROLL-CAVANAUGH

On Friday, Christmas eve, at 11:00 o'clock, Miss Vivian Carroll became the bride of Mr. Floyd B. Cavanaugh in Amarillo, Texas. Rev. O'Malley of the Christian church performed the ceremony.

Miss Carroll is well known in Portales, being the granddaughter of Mrs. Eastwood and the daughter of J. H. Carroll of Portales. She went to Amarillo some months ago and has been cashier for the Bridges Drug Store.

Mr. and Mrs. Cavanaugh will make their home in Amarillo, but will be on a visit to Portales relatives and friends some time soon.

Christmas Party.

The R. R. Will home on Montana street was the setting for a gem of a party when Mrs. Will on Thursday night entertained thirteen of the friends of her son Ralph Jr.

the Christmas tree was in all its splendor of toys and trimmings, but Old Santa was so busy he could not come so sent Mrs. Santa in his stead—much to the dismay of the children. Mrs. Santa may go however, and after becoming acquainted the tiny tots seemed to love her as much as Old Santa himself.

The hostess served dainty refreshments completing the evenings pleasure.

Resolved--

That during the year 1827, I will eat home grown, grain fed beef, thereby help the farmers find a market for their products. This beef is on sale at

Young & Hatch Market

E. N. NEER HARDWARE E. N. NEER HARDWARE



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YOU can bring new beauty into your home with Duco! It's applied with a brush, it dries fast, and it lasts! In a wonderful assortment of colors, pastel tints, and stains. Let us show you what amazing results you can obtain!

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COSY THEATRE

B-E-N-E-F-I-T

These pictures are to be shown at the COSY for the benefit of the Roosevelt county boys' stock judging team and to help pay expenses to the Denver Stock Show, Jan. 15.

Tuesday and Wednesday, Jan. 4-5

"The Keeper of the Bees"

BY Gene Stratton Porter

Thursday Night, January 6

Rin Tin Tin While London Sleeps

Admission - 20 and 35 cents

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ROOSEVELT COUNTY, STATE OF NEW MEXICO

In the Matter of the Estate of James W. Haney, Deceased, No. 350.
Notice of Final Hearing on Final Report, Petition and Summons:

State of New Mexico to John Z. Haney, Marjorie Haney Dawson, Sarah L. Haney, John Haney, Claude Haney, Clyde Haney, Vivian Haney, William Gamble and Howard Gamble, Greeting:

Notice is hereby given to you and to each of you that Sarah L. Haney, administratrix of the estate of James W. Haney, deceased, has filed her final report as such administratrix, together with her petition praying for her discharge as such administratrix of said estate.

The Hon. F. T. McDonald, Probate Judge of Roosevelt County, New Mexico, has set the 1st Monday in March, 1927 at the hour of 10:00 a. m. at the Court room of said court in the City of Portales, New Mexico, as the day, time and place for hearing objections, if any there be, to said report and petition.

At the same time and place the Court will determine the heirship of said decedent and the ownership of his real estate and the interest of each respective claimant thereto and thereupon determine the persons entitled to share in the estate of said decedent.

The postoffice address of the administratrix is in Roswell, New Mexico. The attorney for the administratrix is J. D. Mell and his business address is rooms 202-3 American Securities Building, Roswell, New Mexico.

Witness my hand as Clerk of said Court and the Seal thereof at Portales, New Mexico, this 11th day of December, 1926.

PAUL E. MORRISON, Clerk.

Dec. 16 Jan. 13-Mell

IN THE NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

State of New Mexico)
County of Roosevelt)
No. 2212

American National Company, a corporation, Trustee for the P. B. Collins Investment Company; American National Company and E. W. Bowen, Receivers for the P. B. Collins Investment Company and Dr. Wallace Smith, Plaintiff, vs. Bertha O. Melner, A. E. Melner, Carl Melner, W. H. Melner, Della M. Melner, J. W. Ham, Era Ham, E. D. Matthews, John L. Hale, Edith E. Hale, Thomas F. Singleton, Eray Singleton, Robert A. Wilkinson, G. W. Damm, J. E. Erwin, Joe Cox, Walter Fletcher, Mrs. Annie L. O'Connell, E. A. Ricker, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
WHEREAS, on the 6th day of October, 1926, decree was entered in the above styled court and cause, by which the plaintiffs recovered judgment for the sum of \$200.00, and of such amount to bear interest at the rate of 10 per cent per annum from date of judgment until paid; and the said decree further adjudged that the real estate involved in this action hereinafter described be sold by the undersigned special master.

NOW THEREFORE, Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, Lee Carter, Special Master, will on January 10, 1927 at 11:00 o'clock, a. m. at the front door of the court house in Portales, Roosevelt County, New Mexico, offer for sale and sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described real estate situated in Roosevelt County, New Mexico, to-wit:

NE 1/4 NW 1/4 and W 1/2 NW 1/4 NE 1/4 and SE 1/4 NE 1/4 SW 1/4 of Sec. 12, NE 1/4 NW 1/4 and NW 1/4 NE 1/4 Sec. 13; Twp. 2, S. Range 34, E. 10th M. P. M.

and the proceeds of such sale will be applied to the payment of costs of suit and sale, and to the satisfaction of the judgment of plaintiffs as directed in the said decree.

The amounts due are as follows:
Judgment of plaintiffs \$200.00
Int. thereon to date 21.25
Costs of suit to date 41.28

Total due plaintiffs \$262.53
and in addition thereon costs of this sale estimated at \$50.00.
Done at Portales, New Mexico, this 4th day of December, 1926.

James L. Erickson, Plaintiff.
James L. Erickson, Plaintiff.
LEE CARTER, Special Master.

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NOTICE.

The attention is called of all owners of dogs within the Town of Portales, N. M., to Ordinance No. 7, which provides for the licensing of same and you are hereby notified to report all such dogs, either male or female, at once to the Town Clerk and to pay license on same or the provisions of said ordinance will be enforced.

Also the attention of all owners of automobiles is called to ordinance within the Town of Portales, N. M. Your attention is specifically called to sections 17 and 26 of said ordinance and you are hereby notified to comply with these provisions at once.

Your attention is called to these matters with the hope that you will co-operate with the officials in their efforts to enforce the law in all cases and thereby make Portales the cleanest and most attractive town in this section of the state.

December 21st, 1926.

CARR LYONS, Town Marshal.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION PENDING.

Notice is hereby given that letters of administration have been issued to Elizabeth Kirk of Melrose, New Mexico, on the estate of J. P. Kirk, deceased, in the probate court of Roosevelt county, New Mexico, in cause No.—in said court.

All persons holding claims against said estate will present them to said administratrix within the time prescribed by law or the same will be barred.

Dated at Portales, New Mexico, this 18th day of December, 1926.

Elizabeth Kirk, Administratrix.

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WATCH AND JEWELRY REPAIRING

W. E. BAZEMORE

Portales, N. M.

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NE 1/4 NW 1/4 and W 1/2 NW 1/4 NE 1/4 and SE 1/4 NE 1/4 SW 1/4 of Sec. 12, NE 1/4 NW 1/4 and NW 1/4 NE 1/4 Sec. 13; Twp. 2, S. Range 34, E. 10th M. P. M.

and the proceeds of such sale will be applied to the payment of costs of suit and sale, and to the satisfaction of the judgment of plaintiffs as directed in the said decree.

The amounts due are as follows:
Judgment of plaintiffs \$200.00
Int. thereon to date 21.25
Costs of suit to date 41.28

Total due plaintiffs \$262.53
and in addition thereon costs of this sale estimated at \$50.00.
Done at Portales, New Mexico, this 4th day of December, 1926.

James L. Erickson, Plaintiff.
James L. Erickson, Plaintiff.
LEE CARTER, Special Master.

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NOTICE.

The attention is called of all owners of dogs within the Town of Portales, N. M., to Ordinance No. 7, which provides for the licensing of same and you are hereby notified to report all such dogs, either male or female, at once to the Town Clerk and to pay license on same or the provisions of said ordinance will be enforced.

Also the attention of all owners of automobiles is called to ordinance within the Town of Portales, N. M. Your attention is specifically called to sections 17 and 26 of said ordinance and you are hereby notified to comply with these provisions at once.

Your attention is called to these matters with the hope that you will co-operate with the officials in their efforts to enforce the law in all cases and thereby make Portales the cleanest and most attractive town in this section of the state.

December 21st, 1926.

CARR LYONS, Town Marshal.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION PENDING.

Notice is hereby given that letters of administration have been issued to Elizabeth Kirk of Melrose, New Mexico, on the estate of J. P. Kirk, deceased, in the probate court of Roosevelt county, New Mexico, in cause No.—in said court.

All persons holding claims against said estate will present them to said administratrix within the time prescribed by law or the same will be barred.

Dated at Portales, New Mexico, this 18th day of December, 1926.

Elizabeth Kirk, Administratrix.

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Portales, N. M.



CHAPTER XI.—Moira O'Donnell comes to accept Robert and Peter as friends. Murray leaves O'Donnell, Moira, Robert and Peter to bury his half of the treasure on the Dead Man's Chest (Treasure Island) while he sails on a five-day voyage. Thus the pirates are ignorant of the whereabouts of part of the treasure, the gold being hidden when Murray returns.

CHAPTER XII.—Flint is indignant over the discovery of the spot made in his absence, but after a conference with John Silver agrees to take a portion and accept the situation.

CHAPTER XIII.—Fearing treachery from Flint, Robert and Peter swim to the Walrus and learn of the stockade. They return with the news. Flint attempts a surprise, is beaten off. Some of the pirates, insane at the Walrus. A running fight begins. O'Donnell is killed during the fight. The pirates encounter a violent hurricane. The Royal James reaches the Dead Man's Chest, a wreck, and is beached.

CHAPTER XIV.—Murray at once begins preparations to make the Royal James seaworthy. The Walrus is sighted. Murray abandons the ship and takes refuge in the forest. Some of the pirates, insane at thought of the treasure, forget discipline and begin a wild celebration. Murray orders five of them to be given 150 lashes apiece.

CHAPTER XV.—Flint lands a force and a night attack is made. The attackers being admitted into the stockade of the year 1927, the same being the tenth day thereof, that said election shall be held in all respects as General Elections are held, except that no Registration of voters shall be required and no ballots or other election supplies shall be furnished at the expense of the County of Roosevelt.

It is further proclaimed by the Board of County Commissioners that the Board of County Commissioners and they are hereby appointed to serve as Judges at said Election.

Precinct No. 1, West Portales, J. K. Robertson, P. H. Alford, R. M. Sanborn.

Precinct No. 1, East Portales, Carl Turner, J. E. McCall, E. C. Small.

Precinct No. 2, T. U. Bridges, L. A. Anthony, Lum Acker.

Precinct No. 3, S. M. Hara, J. A. Bacon, J. R. Chapman.

Precinct No. 4, D. A. Gordon, Geo. Sweet, J. F. Morgan.

Precinct No. 5, H. G. Eastwood, C. A. Watkins, J. C. McIntire.

Precinct No. 6, J. G. Horroir, R. C. Marshall, J. D. Hitt.

Precinct No. 7, H. P. Townsend, W. P. Holland, E. M. Framm.

Precinct No. 8, Wm. Gabriel, G. A. Bailey, Frank Thomas.

Precinct No. 9, J. A. Betts, W. P. Graves, Riley Tate.

Precinct No. 10, S. E. Richard, C. H. Shack, E. F. Dunn.

Precinct No. 11, Jap. Post, D. G. Horn, Sam Anderson.

Precinct No. 12, Vane Victor, J. W. Wallen, W. H. Shaler.

Precinct No. 13, M. P. Dudley, J. A. Moss, G. B. Thatcher.

Precinct No. 14, Fletcher Judah, A. G. Blakey, C. H. Alford.

Precinct No. 15, John Harth, L. M. Walker, C. I. Wortham.

Precinct No. 16, Wm. Todd, Sr., Dave Burroughs, C. F. Morrison.

Precinct No. 17, John Russell, John Hines, J. W. Dorris.

Precinct No. 18, J. A. Tarnabill, W. M. Stephens, C. M. Francis.

Precinct No. 19, Norvin Deputy, J. T. Turner, Ira Walker.

Precinct No. 20, W. H. Morgan, C. C. Phillips, H. Hink.

Precinct No. 21, A. G. Wilson, R. V. Phillips, T. E. Poland.

Precinct No. 22, J. B. Creech, N. J. Perks, Roy Betts.

Precinct No. 23, E. C. Cummings, P. H. Morris, Tom Elvum.

Precinct No. 24, C. H. Sims, Edgar A. Corder, J. R. Singleton.

Precinct No. 25, W. L. Perkins, W. Lee, J. H. Couch.

Precinct No. 26, Arthur Brown, John Propps, W. A. Gunn.

Precinct No. 27, Lee Woods, J. H. Carter, B. E. McCallough.

It is now ordered that Court adjourn subject to the call of the Chairman.

W. O. McCormack, Chairman.

ATTEST: Paul E. Morrison, Clerk.

A limited supply of young Jersey Bulls for sale. These are of the best breeding I have.—J. A. Fairly.

Mrs. J. D. Stolk underwent an operation for appendicitis Thursday in the Baptist hospital at Clovis.

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leg dangling inside. When we discovered him he started to swing his leg over the top, evidently intending to abandon his companion. But whether because of something the other man said or because he feared he must injure himself in dropping the eight feet to the ground without anyone to check his fall, he abruptly changed his mind and faced about toward us very resolutely, seizing hold of the crutch which hung from his neck by its throat.

The man at the foot of the stockade gathered himself together like a coiled serpent and plucked a long knife from his belt. He had been in the shadow until then, but now the moonlight shone over his torso and we recognized him for the blind man, Pew. He had lost his green eyeshade and his pock-marked face was cadaverous in the yellow glow. His eyes were open, and they seemed to smolder dully as they strained at us. His knife glinted in his hand.

"Will you be assisted down and be hanged whole, or must we cut you down, Silver?"

He, like the rest of us, ignored the blind man. Our attention was fixed upon Silver, his broad face very calm in the moonlight.

"Then there ain't exactly tempting terms, Cap'n Murray, sir," Silver answered temperately. "Couldn't ye be a little mite more generous?"

"I am serving you a dish no more highly sauced than that you intended for me," returned my great-uncle dully.

"Now, sir; now, sir," remonstrated Silver. "How can ye say that? All we done was to try and persuade ye to give us our share of the treasure—ye havin' eight hundred thousand pound stowed away special, accordin' to your own story. And if we come in by the back door after it, why that was so's we'd hurt ye least."

"You'd argue yourself to a block of ice in hell, Silver," rejoined my great-uncle amusedly. "Throw down that crutch! Drop that knife, you scoundrel, Pew—or whatever your name is!"

Sword in hand, he advanced ahead of the rest of us, who were strung out all the way from the gap in the stockade. Coupeau was at his elbow, and Peter and I close behind.

"Come," he adjured them a second time. "I'm in no mood to talk terms, and if you delay 'till make your end the more painful."

Silver's face went livid in the moonlight.

"Aye," rasped the one-legged man. "I'll lash us bloody raw like the lads as let us in tonight."

As he spoke he continued to advance, he struck out with his crutch.

"Keep off," he shrieked. "Keep off! And then: 'I can't reach him. Ezra, let him have it.'"

Pew crouched with his knife-hand drawn back.

"Aye, it takes blind Pew to let him have it," he croaked in his hateful voice.

His hand jerked forward. There was a flash in the moonlight, and my great-uncle staggered, the flung knife buried to the hilt in his side.

"Am I stabbed?" he gasped. Silver brandished his crutch over his head.

"Pew's stabbed Murray!" he shouted. "Come on, Walruses! Lay off, ye James lads—we'll not harm ye, mates. Treasure for all, and no more tyranny!"

Peter and I caught my great-uncle as he fell. Coupeau jumped at the blind man with a howl of rage, cutlass raised to strike; but as he came within reach Silver poised his crutch like a spear, leaped over and drove the sharp spike of the ferrule through the gunner's eye into the brain. Coupeau dropped in his tracks.

"I'll ha' done for Coupeau," Silver shouted angrily. "Don't make Long John do it all lads!"

There was such a rush of enemies, such a howl of exultation, as took my breath away.

"Do you hold Murray, Peter?" I said. "I'll finish that precious pair."

And I ran in at Pew, albeit more warily than Coupeau; but the blind man's hearing was so marvelous as to make up for it—retained a clubbed pistol, which was a serviceable weapon at close quarters, and Silver covered him overhead with that deadly crutch. I shouted to the after-guard to shoot them, but our people had not reloaded their pieces and many were already engaged with the party we had just driven off.

The gunner swarmed in again through the same gap. Those of the James' men who were nearest were palpably lukewarm, and Silver, atop of the stockade, perceiving his advantage, thrust his crutch at me and continued trumpeting his rallying cries.

"Murray's a goner, mates! Coupeau's shark bait! There's only the two Buckskins left. Go easy 'till they Jameses. Naught for ye to fight about, James lads! We'll divide square with ye."

Men swirled toward us from all sides of the stockade, and the James' crew mingled with the Walrus, and where our people fought at all 'twas faint-heartedly and to no purpose. We were pressed back, and presently were put to it to avoid being surrounded.

"We go to der house, Bob," squeaked Peter. "Der James men don't fight for us no more."

He had Murray's limp body slung over one shoulder and still retained the iron barrel of his musket—the stock had been demolished; but he ran easily beside me through the sand.

We reached the blockhouse alone on the side opposite the door, and crept cautiously, no little concerned for Moira's safety, for pistols were popping and cutlasses clashing in several directions close at hand. With the moon obscured we could not see a musket's length ahead, and as I turned in toward the black oblong of the doorway I tripped over a corpse.

"Tis on your own head your death will be, my man," said a cool voice. "I can hear you fine, and if you're not after—"

"Moira!" I exclaimed.

"And is it you, Bob? Oh, blessed saints, but I'm that glad. I thought you were— Is that Peter?"

"Ja," said Peter.

"And what will ye have on your shoulder? A dead man? Is it him I shot a few minutes back?"

"Tis Captain Murray," I answered, making way for Peter.

"Oh, Queen of Heaven! Sure, we're in bad case."

"We are," I assented grimly as I followed Peter inside. "Have you a light?"

She took a lantern from under a cloth, and its scanty rays played hide-and-seek with the shadows over the rude log walls and the piles of rum barrels and kegs of hard-tack and the clumsy stack of treasure.

Peter laid my great-uncle gently upon the earthen floor—there was no softer bed—and began cutting away the garments from around the hilt of the knife, which was still fixed in his right side.

"And why didn't you go with them?" I asked. She gave me an indignant look.

"And be leaving the two of ye! I am not that kind of friend, Bob!" Peter looked up from his task.

"You got to watch dot door, Bob. And, Moira, you bring me some rum. Maybe Murray gets back his sense before—"

I suddenly found myself unwilling to believe it could be so.

"He can't, Peter!"

"Ja," replied the Dutchman patiently. "Pretty soon he goes. He bleeds inside."

I stumbled to the doorway with my head in a whirl. Murray dying? "Twas incredible! That tremendous personality, so masterful, so aloof, dominating all with whom he came in contact, so calmly compounded of wickedness, greatness, wisdom and naive vanity! And explain it how you will, I suddenly discovered an admiration for him which had been growing for months beneath my surface resentment. Up to this moment I had detested him. But I choked now at the thought of his death. Whatever he was, he was no coward. And there was about his end in this sordid, haphazard fashion, stabbed by a blind man in the dark, a redeeming touch of high tragedy. He, whose ambitions had vaulted the stars, to perish by the hand of Pew! And in a moment when apparently he had snatched victory from defeat!"

Mechanically I carried chests of gold and silver ingots from the heap of treasure and built a barricade across the doorway. But nothing came. Feet shuffled in the sand all around the blockhouse; voices called, questioned and argued; an occasional shot was fired—no more. Flint's triumph had been too amazingly complete for him to grasp, and evidently there were discussions in the pirates' ranks as to what the next step should be.

The hour-glass had been fetched from the Royal James stood by the door, and I remembered that I turned it twice before Peter tapped my shoulder.

"He wants you," he said.

Murray lay with his head in Moira's lap. On his face was stamped a weary pallor. His nostrils were sunken and pinched in. A crimson froth showed at the corners of his mouth, but his tawny eyes blazed with a mad, unshining fire of his spirit. As I stooped over him a mocking gleam radiated from his black depths, and his lips moved in almost voiceless speech.

"Sorry, eh?" I nodded, and the mockery became more pronounced.

Bill Ding

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MIDWAY SCHOOL NEWS

Misses Lucille Palmer and Estelle Smith are suffering with burns, not serious, but very painful. The Midway School Carnival was put over with a great success. The proceeds will go for Stage Society.

There will be a Christmas Tree at Midway School House next Friday night. Everyone is invited to attend and bring the kiddies to see Santa Claus.

The Midway Captain of the girls Basket Ball Team, Matched a game with the Causey girls for last Friday afternoon, December 17, on Wednesday afternoon Causey's Captain went to Dora, and also matched a game with them, for the same afternoon.

When the Midway Bull Dogs arrived at Causey to their great surprise. They found Dor and Causey playing a very one sided game, the scores being 19 to 6 in favor of Dora.

The Midway Bull Dogs, still believing Causey would play both games they matched, stayed for their time to come, but Causey refused to play. Afraid of the Bull Dogs, it is true.

Midway begged and pleaded but to no avail.

When Causey found that the Bull Dogs would count it a 50-0 Victory. Taking the large end of the scores. They stood with eyes and mouth both wide open. The Bull Dogs left them in that way while we left for home singing 50-0 Victory for the Bull Dogs.

There's singing every sun night at Midway. Everyone invited to attend.

A group of the Midway Flappers spent a very interesting day, last Sunday, with a bunch of Texas Jellies. If you don't believe it, ask Punching Silvers. Nothing Palmer or Pee Wee Smith.

The Tacky party at Mrs. Harner's last Saturday night, was a great success. Alvin Smith won the prize for being the tackiest boy. But the Judges were unable to decide which was the tackiest girl. Naomi Silvers or Lucille Palmer. Therefore a prize was awarded to both of them.

The false news got out that Lucille Palmer and Estelle Smith were expelled from school last week. But this isn't true and we wish for it to be corrected.

CARD OF THANKS

To all who assisted us in any way during the recent illness and death of our dear mother, we take this means of expressing our most heart felt appreciation. Especially do we appreciate the generosity of the Missionary Society ladies for thoughtfulness in preparing so many good things for our physical comfort in that sad hour.

Also we sincerely appreciate the untiring kindness and comforting words of Rev. L. L. Thurston signed:

Rev. J. G. Thomas, Brownfield C. C. Thomas, Goodwell, Oklahoma. R. J. Thomas, Spur Texas, J. M. Thomas, Strawn Texas, Mrs. R. B. Ragin, Lamesa Texas, Mrs. J. C. McPhon, Lamesa, Texas, Mrs. R. E. Echols, Lamesa, Texas, Mrs. N. W. Kiker, Portales N. Mex., Mit Thomas, Portales N. Mex.

The News was handicapped this week, the linotype operator being off on a Christmas vacation. On Tuesday afternoon we were able to secure the services of Forrest Weimhold of Sudan, Texas the youngest linotype operator in America. The entire composition of this issue was set by this lad who is only twelve years old.

Put Faith in Image to Frighten Smallpox

Motor along a country road in India, the attention of tourists was called to a curious-looking object by the roadside. It was a roughly carved little image, mounted on a small stool, with three legs.

The image betrayed no signs of expert workmanship and was quite clearly the handwork of some rough village carpenter. The eyes and mouth were roughly carved, and vermilion paint brought these into prominence. The little creature had also two wooden arms.

Stopping the car, the tourists waited until some villager came along the road, and questioned him as to the reason why this image had been left by the roadside. He pointed out that it had been placed a few yards over the boundary line of the village, and that it had been there since the early hours of the morning.

It was an image of the goddess of the village temple, so common in south India, and represented the deity who controls smallpox. The scourge had broken out and had laid low a number of people, and it was felt that unless the goddess could be persuaded to transfer the evil more would fall sick.

So the little image was made and removed outside the bounds of the village. Naturally, the people in the next village did not appreciate this attention, and the custom is to move it from village to village. Then sometimes it is possible to get a Mohammedan, for a small fee, to destroy it completely.

Thus does the Indian villager deal with the troublesome disease.

Trachoma Blamed on Faulty Food Habits

Trachoma, that dangerous disease which so often ends in blindness, may be caused by inadequate diet, like scurvy, rickets and similar deficiency diseases, according to a statement from the National Committee for the Prevention of Blindness. While trachoma is spread all over the world, the highest incidence is among people who have faulty food habits.

The apparent contagiousness of trachoma may be due to another eye disease that is associated with it. On Ellis Island, where there is always some trachoma and where hundreds of cases of it are handled each year, no doctor, nurse or orderly has ever contracted the disease. Similarly, in long steerage trips from eastern Mediterranean ports, passengers with trachoma never caused outbreaks of this disease during the voyage, although the conditions for the transmission of a contagious disease were most favorable.—Hygeia Magazine.

Explaining Military Salute

There have been several ideas advanced as to the origin of the military salute. It was supposed to have been the practice in Rome at the time of Julius Caesar for inferiors to raise the palm of their hand to the front of their caps in order to show that it contained no dagger. This was on account of the fact that assassinations were so common in those days. It has been suggested that time and custom have modified this to the military salute. Another idea suggested was that in the British army during the American revolution it was customary for inferiors to uncover before superiors and equals in acknowledgement of their presence. On account of the clumsy headgear, this custom degenerated into saluting without removing the cap.

Ski Travel Made History

Messengers on skis provided a turning point in Sweden's history in the Sixteenth century. When King Gustav Vasa called for men to repel the Danish invaders, the cautious phlegmatic men of Dalarne, the ancient Swedish province, took counsel and were not sure whether they should respond. Bereft of support, the king started for the Norwegian border, but had not been on his way long till the Dalarne men decided to throw in their lot with him against the foreigner and messengers raced after him on skis and brought him back. To that event and these men modern Sweden owes her renaissance. To this day an annual ski race is held in winter to commemorate this turning point in the country's history.—London Sphere.

Given String of Names

The longest name yet wished on a defenseless infant has been bestowed on a daughter of Arthur Pepper, Liverpool (Eng.) laundryman. The child's initials exhaust the alphabet. Taking the letters in order, omitting p, which is provided by Pepper, the child was christened Anna Bertha Cecilia Diana Emily Fanny Kate Louise Maude Nora Ophelia Quinte Rebecca Starkey Terest Ulysis Venus Winifred Xenophon Yetty Zeno Pepper. She is sometimes called Miss Alphabet Pepper for short.

Nude Horse

Dorothy and Sally, age five and three, were visiting their grandparents in a southern Indiana town. One morning they had been out playing when they suddenly burst into the house very much excited and frightened. Being asked the reason for their hurried entrance, Dorothy gasped out: "Oh, there was a horse went running down the street and nobody was with it. And it didn't have a thing on, not even a strap—nothing but just its skin and its tail."—Los Angeles Times.

Two Viewpoints

Sometimes the man who insists his wife is his "right hand" never lets his right hand know what his left hand does. Such consideration may be prompted by the best of motives, and then again by another reason.—Grit.

FLOYD ITEMS

School and Community Notes

The six weeks exams have been given and the students are ready to make a stronger effort to raise their grades for the mid-term exams. Miss Maurine suggests that the history class try a new method when studying their history.

The Spanish Class have received their magazines, and are having some interesting Spanish lessons.

Even though our spellers went down at the final contest we are proud of them because we know they can spell. It was indeed hard to tell in the final contest here at Floyd just who would be the representatives. We are quite sure that their greatest difficulty was excitement. Lottie Crawford and Thelma Jones were the representatives from Floyd.

The stock judging team returned from Las Cruces very much pleased with the outcome of the contest. The team this year was composed of the following: Albert Parish, Allen Tipton, John Bostic. The total score of the Floyd team was 1392.75 out of a possible 1800. This was but 16.5 points below the winning team. Considering the fact that this was the first year for these boys in stock judging, they did remarkably well. This is the third year that third year that we have won second place and as all of these boys will be eligible for the team next year, Mr. Lang says it will take a good team to beat them.

Harold Russell was a school visitor Tuesday. It surely seems natural to see Harold skipping around on the ball court once more.

The grades will put on their program Friday afternoon. The Art Class has been working on designs for Christmas cards the past week.

Roy: Has Miss Maurine had the Mumps?

Nelonia: No.

Roy: Gee! I hope she takes 'em.

The east hall was occupied by Elta Jones, Kathryn Wilson, and Mike Hall Wednesday noon of last week and would probably have remained there the entire noon hour, if they had not been disturbed by a member of the faculty.

Willie Mae Thornton and Emery Walker spent the noon hour Wednesday at noon in the gym eating apples.

Mildred Bacon has gone to the dairy business, and will probably continue the occupation through out the winter.

Rosh: Say Luke, what's our Spanish lesson?

Luke: All of the October issue of the magazine we are studying.

Rosh: Oh, s that all? I thought she might have signed a little in the book in addition to that.

Every body was glad to see Donald Gordon back in the Floyd Community once more. Donaly

has been attending school at Las Cruces.

There will be no Christmas tree at Floyd this year, due to the fact that there are several cases of mumps in the community.

The Floyd basket ball boys are making a good beginning. The game between Rogers and Floyd Friday night went to the Floyd boys.

Glen Wilkins has started to school.

Bentley Bostic says if you ever cross the international bridge in old Mexico you want to be sure and tell the customs officers everything that you purchased while in Mexico.

Floyd boys congratulate Portales team, and wish them the best of success at the Denver Contest.

John Spears says never go into a jail without you have the money to pay your way out.

Allen Tipton's hat is being supplied with ties and clamps by the Domestic Art-Department.

We are glad to see that Mr. Milton McCluskey is able to be out with us again.

Monroe Botley purchased three turkeys from Lullios Foliver.

Grant Gordon has a large supply of Christmas gifts which gives the store all appearances of Christmas.

Those spending Christmas at home are: Beatrice and Florence McAllister, Eurith Compton, Fay Jones, Corinore Tipton, Donald Gordon, Harold Russel and Bertie Toster.

Willie Terrell spent the week end with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Terrell. She returned to Lubbock Monday, where she is attending school. She will not be home again until some time in June.

BAPTIST CHURCH

A very successful year for the church has just closed. Next Sunday will open the New Year. May we meet with the determination to make 1927 the greatest of the church.

A special service will be conducted from 10:00 to 11:15 after which will follow the regular morning worship.

B. Y. P. U. all meet at usual hour.

Evening services promptly at 7 p. m.

On Thursday evening January 6th, a Men's Banquet and business meeting will be held in the church annex. Every man of the church is urged to attend.—Joe F. Grizzle.

DORA DOTS

Mrs. H. A. Morrison took sick. She is reported better at this Monday night Dr. Price was called, writing.

Greetings, Friends!



GLAD to see you all smiling...happily looking forward to the new year. Perhaps you surmised the wish we were going to make you. If not, let us add to your happiness by extending our

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Cotton Seed Cake	1.70
Maize Chops	1.25
Matches, 6 for	.25
Lard Compound	1.10
Oatmeal, 4 pounds for	.25
Flake Hominy, 3 pound	.25
Peabody Coffee, 3 pounds	1.00
2 lb. pail Peanut Butter	.25
White Swan Rolled Oats, 3 for	.25
25c K. C. Baking Powder	.22
80c K. C. Baking Powder	.65
50c K. C. Baking Powder	.40
5 lb. Calumet Baking Powder	1.00
35c Calumet Baking Powder	.32
Great West Flour	2.25
Tomato Soup	.10
Homemaker Flour	2.20
3 lb. box Crackers	.25
Macaroni, 3 for	.25
Prunes, 25lb. box	3.00
All Toilet Soaps, 3 for	.25
Cigarettes, carton	1.25
All 10c Tobaccos, 3 for	.25
Prince Albert, two for	.25
Quick Cook large Navy Beans, 3lbs.	.25
California Lima Beans, 2 lbs.	.25
No. 3 Galvanized Wash Tub	1.25
No. 2 Galvanized Wash Tub	1.00
Pinto Beans, 4 lbs.	.25
No. 1 Galvanized Wash Tub	.90
No. 0 Galvanized Wash Tub	.75
Cranberries, lb	.15
10 lb. pail Honey	1.70
Islands, 2 lbs.	.25
12lb. Sugar	1.00
Raisins, 4 lb. special package	.50
No. 2 Van Camp's Beans	.10
8 qt. Galvanized Pail	.25
10 qt. Galvanized Pail	.30
12 qt. Galvanized Pail	.35
14 qt. Galvanized Pail	.40
16 qt. Galvanized Pail	.45
Extra Heavy Dairy Pail, 14 qt.	.80 and .85
Pure New York Buckwheat Flour and Maple Syrup	
Aunt Jemima Pancake Flour	.18
Seedless Raisins, 25 lb box	2.75

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