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## Christmas Wishes to All

### TWO LOCAL CHURCHES MAY GIVE A UNION CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Unless it should prove wise to give up all Sunday gatherings owing to the prevalence of flu the Presbyterian and Christian Sunday schools have arranged for a joint program Sunday evening December 23 in the Presbyterian church building, the Rev. C. C. Hill to preside. The program will consist largely of music and the singing of the old Christmas hymns with a few recitations and special numbers. At the close of the program a treat will be given by a distributing committee of both schools. If it should be decided not to have any public gathering that evening the two schools will give their treat at their own sessions Sunday morning.

### HARD TO GET NEW J. P.

W. E. Bowen and Perry Crisier have been appointed as judges, and R. Tanner and I. B. McCormick as clerks to hold the election for Justice of the Peace in this precinct January 8, 1929, but so far no candidates have announced for the office. J. F. Campbell, the present incumbent, says that he only took the job in an emergency to fill out Job Miller's unexpired term, and that he will not serve after the election; that he is not a candidate and will not serve if elected.

I. B. McCormick is being boosted for the position, but he says he doesn't want it. However, his friends say they will make him serve—and predict that "Doc" will be the next squire.

### LOCALS

John Mann was in Roswell Monday.

Rev. Hedges was in Dexter Tuesday.

Mrs. C. G. Mason was a Roswell visitor Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Wimberly were in Roswell Tuesday.

John W. Campbell was a business visitor to Roswell Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Aikin, of Cottonwood, attended church here Sunday.

Froy Womble, of Hereford, Texas, spent the week end with his daughter, Mrs. Lester Henderson.

Misses Dorothea Cowan, Bernice Matt and Laveta West are home on C. I. A., at Denton, Texas, to spend the holidays.

Miss Eleanor Paddock came in from W. C., Fort Worth, Texas, Wednesday to spend the holidays with her folks.

Frank Lattion was taken to the hospital at Roswell Monday for an operation for appendicitis. At last report he was doing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Stroud and daughters, Glennie Ona, and Blanche Mr. and Mrs. Starkey left Sunday for Alta, Oklahoma to attend the funeral of Mr. Stroud's mother, who died suddenly Saturday night.

### TURKEY RAISERS AT HOPE FORM POOL AND SELL 1,000 TURKEYS

Turkey raisers at Hope recently sold their turkey crop, amounting to approximately 1000 head and sold at a price to the highest bidder at a sale ranging around 20 cents per head dressed. A produce house in Roswell was the successful bidder. The sale was consummated sometime last week and the turkeys delivered last week. The large barn on the Bryant Williams farm, near Hope was used as a distributing center, where all of the turkeys were brought and dressed and made ready for shipment.

—Artesia Advocate

Messenger Want Ads pay.

### SOCIETY ITEMS

#### L. C. CLUB

The L. C. club met with Mrs. Fred Adams on Thursday, Dec. 13, with the following members present: Mesdames Wiggins, Sanders, M. D. Menoud, N. M. Ehret, E. D. Menoud, Stine, Holloway, Bauslin, Heitman, Utterback, Burck, Mitchelet, Jacobs, Aubrey Evans and the hostess. A splendid business and devotional program was enjoyed by all present. The club decided to hold a Christmas program at the next meeting, but later decided to postpone this meeting because of the prevalence of sickness. Delicious refreshments were served.

#### THURSDAY CLUB

The regular meeting of the Thursday club was held December 6th at the home of Mrs. Roy Lockhead, with Mrs. Lockhead as leader. The subject for discussion on this date was "France," and it was very well handled.

A number of members were absent on this occasion because of illness, but those present enjoyed themselves despite the small attendance. At the conclusion of the program delicious refreshments were served by the hostess.

The next meeting will be held December 20th, at the home of Mrs. Pardee, with Mrs. White as leader. Subject: "Germany."

#### WOMAN'S CLUB

There will be a call meeting of the Woman's club held at the club room Friday, January 4th, at 2:30 p. m., every member is urged to be present on that day as important business is to be transacted by the club.

All members having books for the library are requested to bring them in on that day. Mrs. R. N. Thomas has been appointed librarian.

The sale of Christmas seals is now in full blast. The seals are on sale at most of the Hagerman stores. Use them on every letter or package you send out and help in the great fight being waged against tuberculosis. Hagerman made a splendid record in the sale of Christmas seals last year, and it is hoped that this record will be broken this year.

#### BIRTHDAY DINNER

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Williamson gave a birthday dinner Sunday in honor of their daughter, Mrs. Chas. Michelet.

The dinner was all that could be desired, and those present report a good time had—and lots of food.

Those who partook of the feast were: Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Michelet and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Bailey and family, Dr. and Mrs. Brown and the host and hostess and their daughter, Miss Alice Williamson.

#### CELEBRATE GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Nail, of this city, were given a surprise dinner Wednesday celebrating their fiftieth wedding anniversary, by their son, A. L. Nail, daughter, M. E. Hamilton, and three granddaughters, Mesdames J. W. Longenecker, Louie Heick and W. D. Sterett.

The party was a surprise to Mr. and Mrs. Nail, a present of a fine mahogany clock—which though a handsome present, should have been of gold—but they were forgiven this error because the clock was of more value to them than had it been of gold.

Of five couples, friends of Mr. and Mrs. Nail who were married during December 1878, they are the only survivors.

Eight great grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Nail were present to help enjoy the festivities of the day, and photos of the four generations were made.

#### ROSWELL CHIEF OF POLICE IS FREED

T. U. Alford, Roswell chief of police, indicted at his own request for the killing of George T. McClure Jr., by the Chaves county grand jury, was freed of the charge Saturday by Judge Richardson.

### DEXTER NEWS

Mr. Paul McMains, agriculture instructor is out of school with the flu.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom McKinstry, of Hagerman, were in Dexter, Tuesday on business.

Mr. John Mehlhop who has been attending the N. M. M. I. is home for the Christmas vacation.

Mrs. John Wier returned Friday from Burnett, Texas where she has been for the past two weeks on business.

Mr. C. L. McMains was called to Oklahoma Sunday by the death of his sister, Mrs. William Barnes, he expects to be gone about two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Reineke visited with Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Reineke a few days last week. They returned Friday to their home in Pittsburg, Penn.

Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Garrett, and little daughter, Betty Joe, came in Wednesday from Clovis. They are visiting Mrs. Garrett's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Beck.

Miss Josephine Martin who was attending Knox college, in Illinois is home for the Christmas vacation. The college there was turned out early on account of the flu.

The Girls Scouts' food sale which was held in Deck's store Saturday was quite a success. Everyone recommended the girls' foods highly. They sold out and were through by about 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Caraway, returned home Friday from their honeymoon to Spur, Texas, where they visited Mr. Caraway's parents. They will reside in Artesia where Mr. Caraway will resume his position with the Continental Oil Co.

Mr. Robert Monical, who has been employed in Savannah, Georgia for the past two years is home for the Christmas vacation. Mr. Phillip

#### WEEKLY BUILDING AND IMPROVEMENT NEWS

(Reported by Kemp Lumber Co.) E. O. Moore is building a four room residence on his farm west of Hagerman.

B. J. West is building a new garage at his residence in Hagerman.

J. T. Brown is putting a new floor in his residence northeast of town.

A. V. Evans is moving his house to town this week.

Ed Howell is painting his garage and other outhouses.

John Langenegger is doing some inside painting on his new home.

#### JOHNSON-LODEWICK CO. SELLS

The Johnson-Lodewick Company have sold their tanks, trucks, etc., here to W. H. Keith, of this place, and will hereafter make deliveries from their Roswell plant.

They announce that they are not retiring from this field, but are dispensing with the local agent, as most of their business can be taken care of from Roswell as well as from here.

Mr. Keith plans to conduct a wholesale oil business here.

Mesdames J. W. Campbell and E. T. Swisher were in Roswell Tuesday.

#### SON OF MR. AND MRS. CHARLEY RAINS DIES

The four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Charley Rains died last Thursday of flu and double pneumonia. Funeral services and burial at Pleasant-Mound cemetery.

#### MRS. W. W. COLEMAN DIES

Mrs. W. W. Coleman, who went to the hospital last Monday for a serious operation, died Wednesday morning. She is survived by a husband and two small sons. She had a host of friends around here who regret to hear of her death.

Earl Wolf motored to Artesia Saturday.

Glady's McMains was in Roswell Friday afternoon.

J. W. Taylor is confined to his home with flu-monia.

Mr. and Mrs. O'Rien McMains have been on the sick list the past week but are improving.

Mrs. Jim Coffield, Mrs. Joe Winkler and Minnie Campbell motored to Roswell Saturday to do some Xmas shopping.

Mrs. Roy Bailey went to Roswell Saturday to meet her husband, who has been at Lubbock, Texas, the past three weeks on business.

Mrs. J. W. Southard, of Artesia, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Caffell, Mrs. O'Brien and daughter, Eva Mae, were shopping in Roswell Monday.

Mr. Louis Hick received word Thursday from Crown Point, Indiana, that his father was seriously ill at that place. He left at once for his father's bedside.

Monical, who has been working in Arizona for the past few months returned home Sunday for the holidays.

#### LOUIE HEICKS FATHER DIES IN INDIANA TUESDAY

Mrs. Louie Heick received a telegram from Crown Point, Indiana, Wednesday stating that her father-in-law, Phillip Heick, had died Tuesday night at his home at that place. Mr. Heick had been called to the bedside of his father last week.

Mr. Phillip Heick has a daughter, Mrs. Glen Cruikamire, besides his son, Louie Heick, of this place, and has frequently visited here and at Artesia, and on these visits has made a number of friends in both towns who will hear of his death with regret.

#### BOB DOW GETS GOOD POSITION

SANTA FE. — Attorney General Bob Dow has been appointed president and general manager of the Roosevelt hunting club of Kansas City, Mo., according to a telegram to Mrs. Dow here recently.

The club own a large acreage of hunting land in New Mexico, Arizona and Old Mexico. Dr. Howard Hill of Kansas City is chairman of the board of directors.

Mr. Dow is expected home from Kansas City in two or three days. His term as attorney general expires December 31— State Tribune.

### LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa: I will hang up a big red stocking. Please fill it up with toys, candy, and nuts.

I would like a 22 rifle, an iron car with rubber tires and some new tires for my tricycle. I would also like a new wagon.

I think I have been a good boy.

Yours lovingly,  
GEORGE CASSABONE

Dear Santa: Will you please bring me a doll

and bed, and a doll buggy and some candy. Miss Pettigrew is my teacher. I am a good girl.

ALICE KING

Dear Santa: I will hang up a brown stocking. Will you put in it an air rifle and a lot of B. B. shots. I want a little car; it costs 95 cents. I am a good boy.

JAMES WESLEY MEADOWS

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### AT THE CHURCHES

#### AT THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Special Christmas services will be held at this church next Sunday morning. A special program at the Sunday school hour, ten o'clock. The pastor will preach at eleven. Sermon subject: "The Mission of Jesus." God's first Christmas gift was the Babe of Bethlehem. What was His purpose in bestowing upon the world this "unspeakable gift." Come out next Sunday morning and worship with us. All welcome.

C. C. HILL, Pastor.

#### METHODIST CHURCH

Everything considered we had a good day last Sunday, but we want a better day next Sunday. Come to Sunday school—Come on time. We appreciate the high standard maintained by our Sunday school. Sunday morning Rev. A. L. Moore, our presiding elder will preach for us. Let's give him a large congregation. The pastor will preach Sunday evening. The leagues are doing just fine. You have a very cordial invitation to the Methodist church.

A. E. WATFORD

#### CHRISTMAS AT METHODIST CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL

On account of so much sickness in the community, the Christmas program for Monday evening has been called off. A special program is being prepared by the committee for Sunday morning at the regular Sunday school hour. There will also be a treat for each member distributed at the close of the program. Every boy and girl under 85 is expected to be present promptly at 9:45.

A. A. PADDOCK, Supt.

#### CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Sunday School 10:00 a. m. Great rally day in Sunday school, everyone please be present.

Preaching service 11:00 a. m., sermon by Mrs. Henry.

N. Y. P. S. meeting at 6:15 p. m. Evening service at 7:15 p. m., Sermon by the pastor—Evangelist A. Warren Henry.

Services every night this week, subject Friday night, "The Great White Throne Judgment." Saturday night, "Halting Between Two Opinions."

These services are being well attended by all. You are welcome. Sunday night December 23 will be the closing night of the revival.

Everyone come and hear the quartette and Jack and Ruby Carter sing.

#### SCHOOL NOTES

Only two of the faculty have been ill up to the present time. Miss Snyder was out of school three days last week, and Superintendent White has been unable to be up since Saturday. It is hoped that he will soon recover, and that no one else will succumb.

School closes Friday afternoon for the holidays, and begins Monday, December 31. The majority of the faculty will spend the week in their respective homes.

Chapel Tuesday morning consisted of piano by her sister, Merle, and these two numbers were well rendered and were greatly enjoyed by everyone present.

#### HIGHWAY NEAR READY

The new highway, 132-B federal aid project, northward towards Roswell is very nearly completed and will be opened in a few days. The highway department hoped to open the road for travel some days ago, while final details were being completed. However, motorists made such speed through the construction gangs, drove through bars, drove through lanterns and otherwise interfered with work so greatly that the plan had to be abandoned.—Current-Argus.

#### PROJECT GINNINGS 9,771 BALES

The total ginnings of the seven gins under the Carlsbad project is given as 9,771 bales, according to a recent report in the Carlsbad Current-Argus.

### COTTON GINNINGS IN AREA ARE SMALLER THAN A YEAR AGO

The reports from the gins here and at Greenfield and Lake Arthur show some 1655 bales less cotton to have been turned out than at the same date last year.

The yield will be much smaller this season than last, due to hail, too much rain during the time the plant was putting on fruit and other reasons.

Quite a bit of cotton is still in the field, owing to weather conditions preventing picking, but this will not bring the total up to last year's figures.

More bolls will be harvested this season than any other year since cotton has been grown in this section.

#### BOY INJURED BY TEAM

Lester Robinson, the eight-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Robinson, was injured by a team of horses Monday morning. His injuries are not thought to be serious, unless he is injured internally.

The boy, it seems, was playing around the horses, which were hitched to a wagon in the barnyard of his home, when they became frightened and ran away; knocking the boy down and injuring him. No one knows whether the wagon ran over the boy, or whether his injuries were caused by the trampling of the horses' feet.

### LOCALS

T. H. Kirkland, of Dexter, was in town Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Nail were in Roswell Tuesday.

C. E. Carter was a business visitor to Greenfield Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Alter were in Roswell the first of the week.

Mrs. C. G. Mason and little daughter, Betty, were in Roswell Thursday.

Wednesday night was the coldest night of the season so far; the thermometer registering around 10 above here.

S. J. Harris, and family left Tuesday for Phoenix, Ariz., to visit Mr. Harris' mother, Mrs. T. M. Harris, through the holiday season.

Mr. and Mrs. N. S. West left Wednesday morning for Lubbock, Texas to bring Jeff West, George Lang and Wayne Graham, students at the Tech college, home for the holidays.

#### DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE IN THE RED

The State Democratic Committee finished the recent state campaign with \$950.00 unpaid bills, according to Clinton Anderson of Albuquerque, acting treasurer. The receipts were \$31,611.65 and the disbursements amounted to \$32,011.65.

#### ARRANGEMENTS MADE TO STAGE MOVIE IN CARLSBAD CAVERNS

J. C. Irwin, of Hollywood, California, independent moving picture producer, is a visitor in Artesia today. Mr. Irwin plans to produce a moving picture centered around the Carlsbad Caverns and states that preliminaries are underway to start production on January 20th. The title of the production is known as the "Medicine Man" and has its setting back in the early days of 1848 on the old Butterfield trail. The scenario on which the picture is based begins at Topeka, Kansas and moves into New Mexico as the story progresses. Two negatives will be made for all scenes in the Caverns, one for sound effect and one for silent effect.

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## CHRISTMAS OR XMAS?

Back in the "good old days" we worked on a paper edited by a man whom we all called the "Count." He was not of noble blood, but he had a Russian name, and an exalted opinion of himself—which led to the nickname. The "Count" was extremely particular—even fanatical on some subjects, and insisted on having his way about spelling, punctuation, and such things regardless of what the dictionary or printers' rules had to say on the subject.

His pet aversion was to having the word Xmas used for Christmas and issued an order that the word Xmas was not to appear in the columns of his paper. Asked for a reason for this, he said: "X is an algebraic term, meaning unknown quantity, or something unknown, while Christmas denotes that it is the anniversary of the birth of Christ."

But the "Count" evidently never had studied the subject, or he never would have taken this stand; because if "X" means something unknown—then Xmas would be much more appropriate than Christmas, because if there ever was a festive day that no one knows when it started, it evidently must be Christmas.

Years before Christ came to earth, we are told that the German and Celtic Tribes observed this season and called it "Yuletide." About 400 years A. D. the Eastern Church began observing January 6th as the anniversary of the birth of Christ; later the Roman Church began observing the same day, but later changed to December 25th, which corresponded to the Yuletide season observed by the German and Celtic tribes, and gradually all churches adopted this date as the anniversary of the birth of the Nazarene—but many objects inseparably with the Christian festival had their origin in paganism.

Christmas is now celebrated in all Christian nations as a holy day, which is very fitting. But when you try to get fanatical about whether you call it "Xmas" or "Christmas"—that is something else.

## LOYALTY AND DEPENDABILITY

(By Edson R. Waite, Shawnee, Oklahoma)

"To my mind loyalty and dependability are two of the strongest traits of human character. We may possess many faults, but if we are thoroughly loyal, many of them will appear infinitesimal in the eyes of our associates.

"You should never try to accomplish by deception—it almost always leads to failure. Experience has taught that honesty is the best principle. This does not mean money matters alone. If you are entrusted with important work which you know you are incapable of handling, the honorable thing to do is to admit your inability. You can express a willingness to try; then, if you fail, you will not be censured.

"Always be on the level with your fellow workers—have a decent regard for their point of view. They will like you better for it and will aid you in your work. Some men loaf on the job, but always make every effort to gain their share, and more of the credit for the work done. By this method they usually lose the respect of their fellow workers and sooner or later, their superiors will see through it. Currying favor with your superiors is a bad practice, for they will surely decide, in time, that you are seeking undeserved credit. There is in human nature a rather strange obstinacy to withhold credit where it is obviously sought and to bestow it generously when apparently disregarded.

"Enthusiasm is the carburator of human mechanism. Did you ever see an enthusiastic person who wasn't a happy optimist? He radiates success, and as life is a sort of reflection, he attracts that which he radiates. Trouble seems to hit him and slide off; if he falls, he usually hits on his feet. He always seems so busy enjoying his work that he hasn't time to worry. His good cheer permeates the entire force and frequently takes hold of others. He takes charge of each task in such a way that his superiors know that it will not only be done, but that it will be done well. You know that cold, warm or hot water will not run an engine. It must be boiling. You may be as sharp as a briar, but unless you have enthusiasm at boiling point, you will not reach the top notch. It multiplies manpower not only in the enthusiastic worker, but in those about him, as well. It is contagious. It breeds ideas, creates initiative, and results in effective work that bears the trade mark of superiority."

The damp cloudy weather is hard on asthma sufferers, as well as farmers who have not finished picking cotton.

Some people are leaving here for other places, and some are coming here from other places—the number being about equal.

## A BRIEF SUMMARY OF ECONOMIC CONDITIONS

The following summary, taken from the "Agricultural situation" published by the U. S. Department of Agriculture, will give an idea of economic conditions at the close of the present year.

"Except for some cotton still to be picked and some corn to be husked, the field work for 1928 is ended. More land was in crops than last year. Yields per acre were slightly better than last year and better than average. Total crop production was 7.6 per cent above the average of the last ten years.

"The crop production has increased, the number of mouths to be fed in this country has increased still faster. Per capita of the whole population, the crop output this year was one-half of one per cent below the 10 year average. Agricultural expansion must be tempered by the recollection that population is not increasing at as fast a rate as formerly. Inevitably some of the important crops were larger than average and some smaller. Potatoes, for instance represent a case of overproduction.

"Hard winter and durum wheats, oats, barley, peanuts, and grain sorghums are large crops. Cotton, hay, buckwheat, flax, sweet potatoes, tobacco, and apples are about average crops. Cabbage and onions are short crops. The corn crop is estimated at about 120 million bushels more than last year, a better distributed crop of higher quality, the ears better filled and holding less moisture. The eastern corn belt has a much better crop than last year, fully a third more, while the south has around 14 per cent less corn. The carry-over of 1927 corn was practically exhausted by last month, so that, all told, we have not a great deal more corn on hand now than a year ago.

"The potential demand for corn appears to be about as great this season as last. There are fewer hogs but more cattle on feed, and relative prices favor heavy feeding of both hogs and cattle. A fourth more feeder cattle were shipped into the corn belt, thru public stockyards from July to October this year, than last. Most of the increase went into feed lots west of the Mississippi. During those same four months, also, a few more lambs were shipped into the corn belt than last year, tho it appears that the west, as a whole, will feed rather fewer lambs this winter."

## WHO IS TO BLAME?

A state official was traveling from Albuquerque to Santa Fe a few night past. He edged to the middle of the road behind another car. The "clear space ahead" greeted him and he stepped on the gas to pass the slower traveling vehicle.

The lights on the car passed were not very good and did not cast a beam sufficiently ahead as they were pointing toward the sky—violating one of the first rules of safe night driving. The state official straightened out on his side of the road and settled back to drive comfortably on. But—!

There, just a few feet in front of him was a wagon with no tail light! By running into the ditch he avoided crashing in to it. Now, the point is, if he had hit the wagon—who would have been to blame?

There is no law compelling the wagon on the road at night to show a red tail light. If in a case like this, a driver's headlights are not straight ahead by reason of turning or rounding a curve, there is nothing to indicate the presence of the wagon.

If a driver smashes into such a wagon, he is the cause of an accident and must stand the damages. Whether this is fair or unfair there is still another angle to consider.

Suppose he does smash into the wagon going 35 or 40 miles per hour in a car weighing from 3500 pounds up. It would be nothing short of a miracle if the driver and occupants of the wagon were not killed or badly mangled.

Whether the law requires the wagon driver to show a red light or not; whether he can legally collect damages from a motorist who hits him under these conditions or not, the law of self preservation should tell him that damages do not do much good to a dead man. If you get hit because you have no tail light, answer the question honestly to yourself, WHO IS TO BLAME?

## ODD BITS OF NEWS

Mrs. William Headly of Pierpont, Ohio, has given birth to three sets of twins in three years. Five of the twins are girls.

In a recent decision at Wichita Falls, Texas, the judge of the juvenile court, recommended a juvenile training school for young girls, who had committed the first offense.

At Phoenix, Arizona the mysterious disappearance of several colonies of bees was finally solved. Skunks had eaten them. Examinations of the stomach of one skunk revealed 265 bees.

The department of commerce finds that the average motorist used 227 gallons of gasoline during the first six months of 1928.

A Denver judge called a defendant arraigned before him on charge of drunken driving, a liar.

A book printed on paper from corn stalks, was recently issued in New York. The object was to demonstrate the use of farm waste products in industry.

Two centenarians, natives of New Mexico, died recently at Las Cruces. Lion Zamora claimed to be 106 years old while Mrs. Maria Armijo, a full blood Navajo Indian was 122 years of age.

## MODELED AFTER WORDS OF LINCOLN

A century and a half ago our fathers brought forth upon this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal in political, industrial, social and commercial opportunity, and that the golden outward swinging doors shall never be closed on any human being.

A nation of freemen thus conceived and dedicated has endured over a hundred and fifty years, and developed a high degree of prosperity by citizens industrious in peace and valorous in war.

They gave their lives that we might enjoy the blessings of freedom with fair and equitable laws, enacted under a constitution where the chance to improve conditions might always remain open for the poorest child to become the heir of the greatest fortune.

This sacred heritage of wise statesmanship has endured the test of time and will continue to stand superior to all vicious delusions, promises and inventions of paternalism and the wildest dreams of Russian bolshevik or soviet, where everything is owned by everybody and nothing is owned by anybody.

Our country shall continue to be a government of the people, by the people and for the people, and shall not perish from the earth.

## Sent a Box of Mistletoe to Recall a First Kiss

"SIGN on the dotted line, lady." "But are you sure this is for me?"

"It says, 'Miss Martha Brent, 220 Cassland; ain't that you? There's no mistake; its yours all right.'"

Miss Brent drew the box into the house and opened it with trembling hands. And there stood a box filled with mistletoe, lovely white berries like pearls.

"What in the world!" ejaculated Miss Brent.

"Mistletoe for an old maid! It must be a joke!"

But she took it out and decorated her tiny home.

That night her door bell rang. When she went to the door there stood a prosperous, middle-aged man.

His hair was beginning to turn gray and he had a vaguely familiar look. "Miss Martha," he said, "thirty years ago tonight we were attending a party at Mary Holland's. I kissed you under the mistletoe and you boxed my ears soundly. I said, 'I thought girls liked to be kissed.' You replied, 'Not by a good-for-nothing Fitzgerald.'"

"I'm no longer good-for-nothing. May I try again, Martha?"—Jane Roth.

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The Way He Figures



"I'm afraid, child, you are asking old Santa for too much this year."

"Well, it is a good bit, mother, but with all the toys he's got he'll never miss 'em."

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**Christmas Time Clears the Road to Happiness**

...were bad. All year they had been bad, and were worse. The pile of books on the desk, one on top of the other, on the desk, and sheets of ruled paper covered with figures lay all around, and sheets of scrap covered with penciled calculations. And heaven knew how to meet them, or what to meet with. A book on hand that wouldn't move, bills outstanding that wouldn't come, debtors that wouldn't pay, and darkness and despair and black hidings everywhere. The world no better off than he, the burning match of national hatred lying low over the powder barrel, the warships and landlets threatening to start another World War. The yellow peril. Great oriental peoples torn by internal turmoil, but slowly turning their hatred from each other to concentrate it on the western races. War in Europe threatening to give place to war against Europe. Strife in the East slowly preparing the way for strife between East and West. Why struggle and struggle for ever against the petty troubles of a tiny business world, only to graduate into the greater troubles of a world ready for the melting pot? Why strive for nothing? Why labor without reward? Why win when there was no prize? The quickest out of the fight was the easiest winner. The little drawer opened almost automatically. There beneath his fingers lay the real solution. The short key out. Thumb and forefinger caressed the beautiful, shining breach of the dull metal magazine. It fitted so snugly into his palm. Why? Why not? Ding, ding, ding, dong. Ding, dong. There was a church across the street. BING, DONG. The Herald angels sing, the choir was singing. The clock struck midnight, Christmas morning. The weapon fell useless into the water. Another day, perhaps, but not today. If a dying world could sing to God, what little, trumpety, elaborate dry-goodsman had any right to give in? There was almost a laugh in his face as he called to the night watchman, on his way home, "Merry Christmas, John." "Merry Christmas, sir. Workin' late tonight?" "Yea. All finished now, though. MERRY CHRISTMAS!"—AL E. PERKS. © 1928, Western Newspaper Union.)

**Christmas Time Brings Angelic Choirs' Refrain**

THE heavens bend low above the earth at Christmas time. It is then that the things above join and blend with the things below. It is then that the angels and archangels crowd above the Judean hills and the refrain of angelic choirs falls upon the ears of men. It is Christmas time, when the shining glory of visitors from the sky settles alike sleeping flocks and watchful shepherds. At Christmas the stars of heaven find the paths of men and lead the kings of the East to the cradle of the new-born Prince. It is then that the star of Bethlehem shines through the lanterns of weary travelers and greet the Light of the World. It is then that angels and men join in praise to God in the highest, and peace and goodwill mantle the earth. All these are but small symbols of a finer blending, that richer communion of divine love and human pity which brought the spirit-born Son of God to live in the flesh-born Son of Mary, to be the Christ of God and the Savior of men. At Christmas the heaven looks down to earth and the earth looks up to heaven.—William Gaston. © 1928, Western Newspaper Union.)

**Economical**

Do you know that our Joseph had a 'fallin' out with his girl and she it is almost Christmas. Joe always was lucky, wasn't he?"

**No Return Gifts**

Christmas giving, however lavish, is truly generous unless it includes some from whom there can be no return of gifts.

**Christmas in Spain**

In Spain the Bethlehem manger scene is a necessary feature of the opening of Christmas.

**DEER AND TURKEYS ARE ON INCREASE IN LINCOLN FOREST**

ALAMOGORDO — Both deer and turkeys are increasing in the Lincoln National forest, according to survey figures given out here by the forest supervisors.

The number of deer for 1928 was estimated at 5,975 as opposed to 5,775 for 1927, and turkeys have increased from 1,950 to 2,350. The figures were compiled from field reports to the forest offices.

The report estimated that 1,413 hunters visited the national forest the past big game season and killed 626 deer and 106 turkeys.

Other species of animals estimated were wild mountain sheep, 175, antelope, 35; and black deer, 61. It was estimated that predatory animals during the past year killed 116 mule deer, 25 white tail deer, 470 turkeys and 25 mountain sheep.

The census of predatory animals showed 2,201 coyotes, 1,420 wild cat or lynx, 24 mountain lion, 3 wolves, compared with 20 last year, 240 raccoons and 194 eagles.

Predatory animals killed in the forest this year or on adjoining lands were estimated at 434 coyotes, 256 wild cats, 34 fox and 122 skunks.

**NO \$250,000,000 FORDRY ENFORCEMENT**

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The senate agreed Monday to the conference report on the treasury department bill eliminating the Bruce amendment increasing the funds for dry law enforcement from \$13,500,000 to more the 270,000,000.

The report was accepted by a vote of 38 to 35 after a sharp row between wets and dries. The vote was almost on straight party lines with democrats opposing the conference action. Many dries urged acceptance of the amendment, which was put into the bill by a wet, Senator Bruce, of Maryland.

**MAY LIMIT STUDENTS**

Possibly the University of New Mexico may follow the lead of Denver University in limiting the number of freshmen who are permitted to enroll, as a drastic measure of economy, was foreseen in a statement issued Monday by Dr. J. F. Zimmerman, president of the University.

The recent announcement of Denver University that its freshmen enrollment would be limited to 402 next year has caused considerable comment in New Mexico, but the action came as a result of serious problems analogous to the situation which the University of New Mexico is confronting at the present time, Dr. Zimmerman said.

The action of Denver University is in no sense a new move on the part of private educational institutions in the United States, and the practice has already begun in several state universities which are limiting by qualitative requirements the number of students who can enter the freshmen class. While it is true that the fundamental purpose of a state university is to offer the advantages of higher education to every student in the state, the demand upon institutions in the past has been so great that many have been forced to turn away high school graduates because they were unable to care for them.

The University of New Mexico is in a peculiar position at the present time in regard to enrollment. Although many high school graduates are still going outside the state for their college training, the University has increased in enrollment so rapidly in the past two years that the present capacity of the University, both in teaching force and in buildings and equipment, is inadequate to take care of a larger number of students.

An Irishman, who was an eligible bachelor, visited a widow in his district every evening and had tea with her. A friend suggested that he should marry the lady. "I have often thought about it," he said, "but where should I spend my evenings then?"



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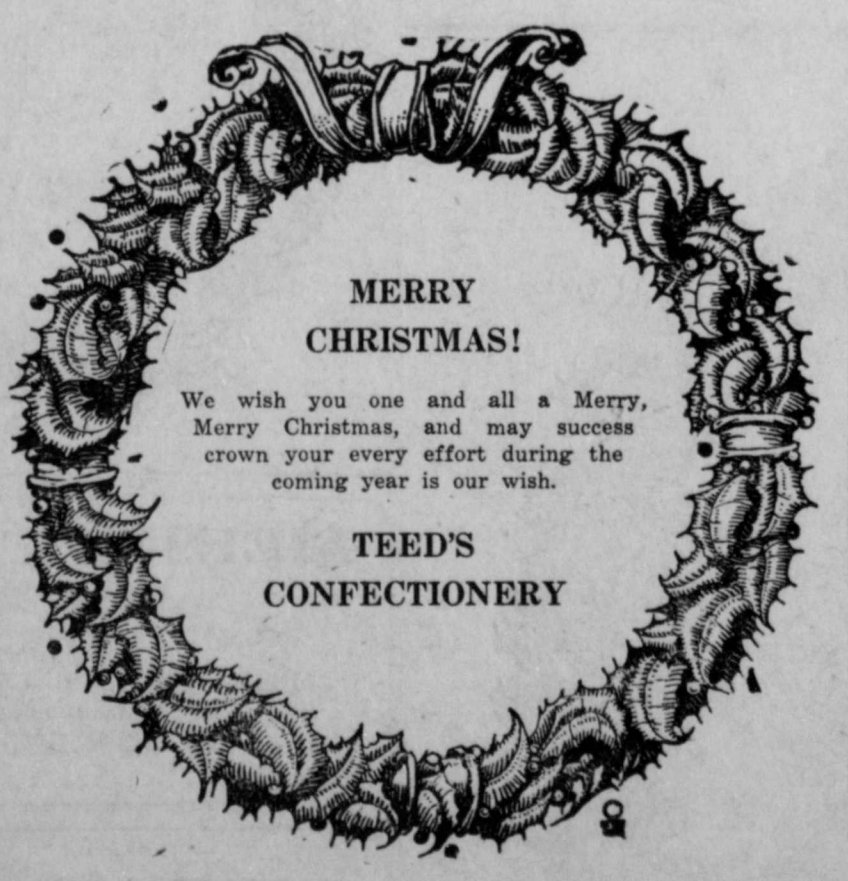
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**HOUSE RECEIVES THIRD OF NINE BIG SUPPLY MEASURES**

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The house received from its appropriations committee Friday the third of nine big annual supply measures, that for the agricultural department, providing \$153,148,147, a decrease of \$565,246 from the total of the current year. In lopping off \$535,648 from budget estimates for next fiscal year the committee adhered to its policy of trimming original recommendations as it did in both the treasury-post-office and interior bills. Several million dollars were cut from budget proposals in the latter measures.

In addition to the \$142,598,047, the bill reported Friday provides 11,048,436 for the permanent annual appropriations of the department which had been previously authorized and require no congressional approval at this time. Among the important items in the bill are \$74,000,000 for federal aid highways; \$898,000 for corn borer control; \$8,000,000 for forest roads and trails; \$567,500 for gypsy and browntail moth control; a reappropriation of \$97,120 for an available unexpected balance from pink boll worm eradication, and \$1,440,000 for agricultural experiment stations.

In the corn borer appropriation, the committee increased by \$49,640 the provision for scouting and cleanup work and for replacing funds expended this fiscal year to cover the cost of loaning stubble pulverizers to farmers in Ohio and Michigan. This increase would be taken care of, however, by the reappropriation of \$50,000 for the unexpected balance of the original \$10,000,000 appropriation of February 1927.

Reappropriations under the original appropriation for corn borer control also were made to the following bureaus:

Chemistry and soils, for extension work in the economic utilization of corn cobs, stalks and other corn waste, \$4,000, and for expanding the work of determining the possibility of control by means of insecticides, \$6,000; entomology, for introduction from abroad of parasitic enemies of the borer, \$40,000; agricultural economics, for expanding studies of adjustments, systems of farming necessitated by the borer, \$25,000; public roads, for development of machinery for use in corn borer control, \$25,000.

**MICKIE SAYS—**

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**WANT ADS PAY**

**FUNDS OF THE WOOL GROWERS' ASS'N ARE IN GOOD CONDITION**

Wool growers of the state have contributed \$4,500 the last year for the continuance of the Eat More Lamb campaign, which is being conducted by the national wool growers, it was announced by Frank Hubbell Jr., secretary of the sheep sanitary board in a report to the board in session on Thursday afternoon at Albuquerque.

The board, which was in session throughout the day went on record in favor of a new law which would give the sheep sanitary board the right to use a portion of its funds for work other than sanitation. At present funds are used only for salaries of inspectors and other employees and for the eradication of scabies.

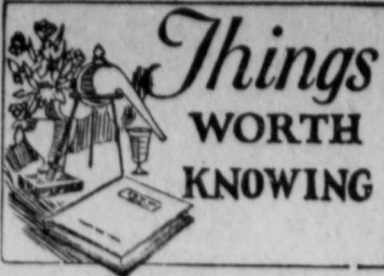
The board members reported that there are not many scabies in the states and were given the assurance by Dr. F. L. Schneider of the bureau of animal industry that the bureau would continue its work in cooperation with the sheep board.

The secretary announced that the recent snows have kept the ranges in good condition and that the snow was not heavy enough to do any damage.

The price of wool at present is 40 and 41 cents a pound in Boston or 5 cents better than it was prior to the election, the secretary reported. Mr. Hubbell also reported that the funds of the board were in good condition, showing a healthy cash balance. No changes were made in inspectors, it was announced.

**PUBLIC BATH HOUSE FOR HOT SPRINGS**

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Sen. Bratton, democrat, New Mexico, Thursday introduced a bill in congress to provide for the erection and operation of public bath houses at Hot Springs, New Mexico.



Anybody's health ought to be worth five or ten minutes of their time daily, declares Irving Bacheller, novelist and philosopher, in a New Year's message to his friends throughout the country.

The statement is peculiarly apt and significant, coming from Mr. Bacheller, because he was given up by the doctors when he was 14 years old, but fought his way back to his present health.

"Tuberculosis was the doom appointed me," he writes in the American magazine. "But it happened that a man came to our town who had been a famous public lecturer. He had a tall, impressive figure, with a musical voice and an art in using

it which had won great rewards of fame and fortune.

"I went to him one evening to rehearse a declamation that he had kindly promised to hear. No hour of my life has been so fruitful. He gave me a sheet of paper containing these directions.

"For five minutes every day, slowly fill the lungs and empty them; for five minutes inhale and exhale to the limit of your lungs' capacity at the rate of about ten times a minute; for three minutes, fill and empty your lungs as rapidly as possible.

"I began to do as he bade me. It was strenuous exercise and tiresome, but I stuck to it. And what a change it wrought in me! I came out of the road that leads to early death. My chest expanded. My weight and strength increased. No burden appalled me. In time I achieved the chest measurement of the greatest athlete of my generation—John L. Sullivan. Thus I met and capitalized my initial turn of fortune."

If you have a house or room for rent, try a messenger want ad.

**Winter Clearance**

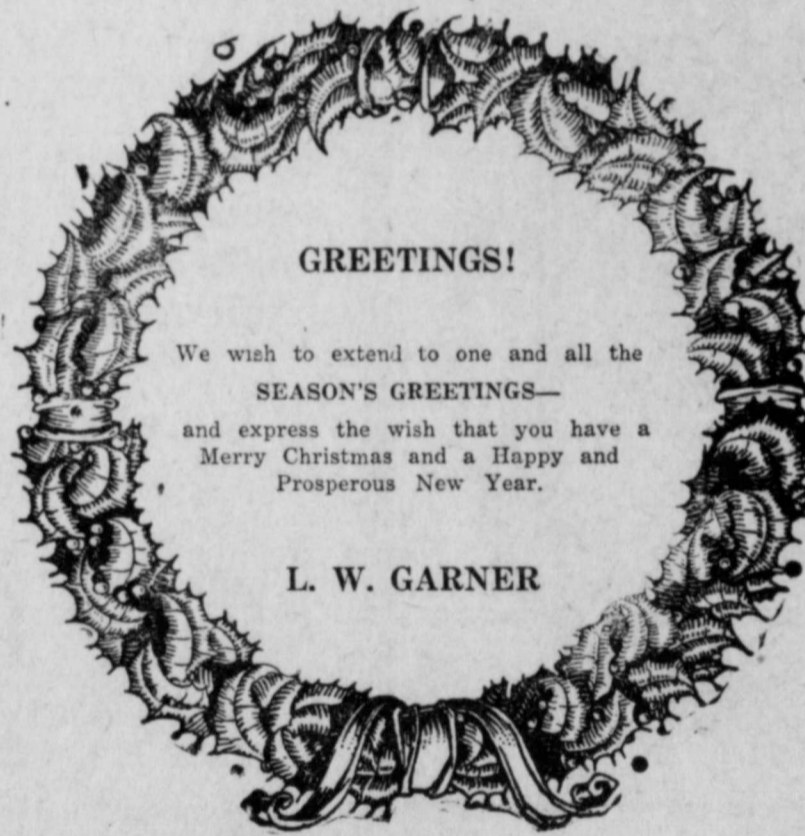
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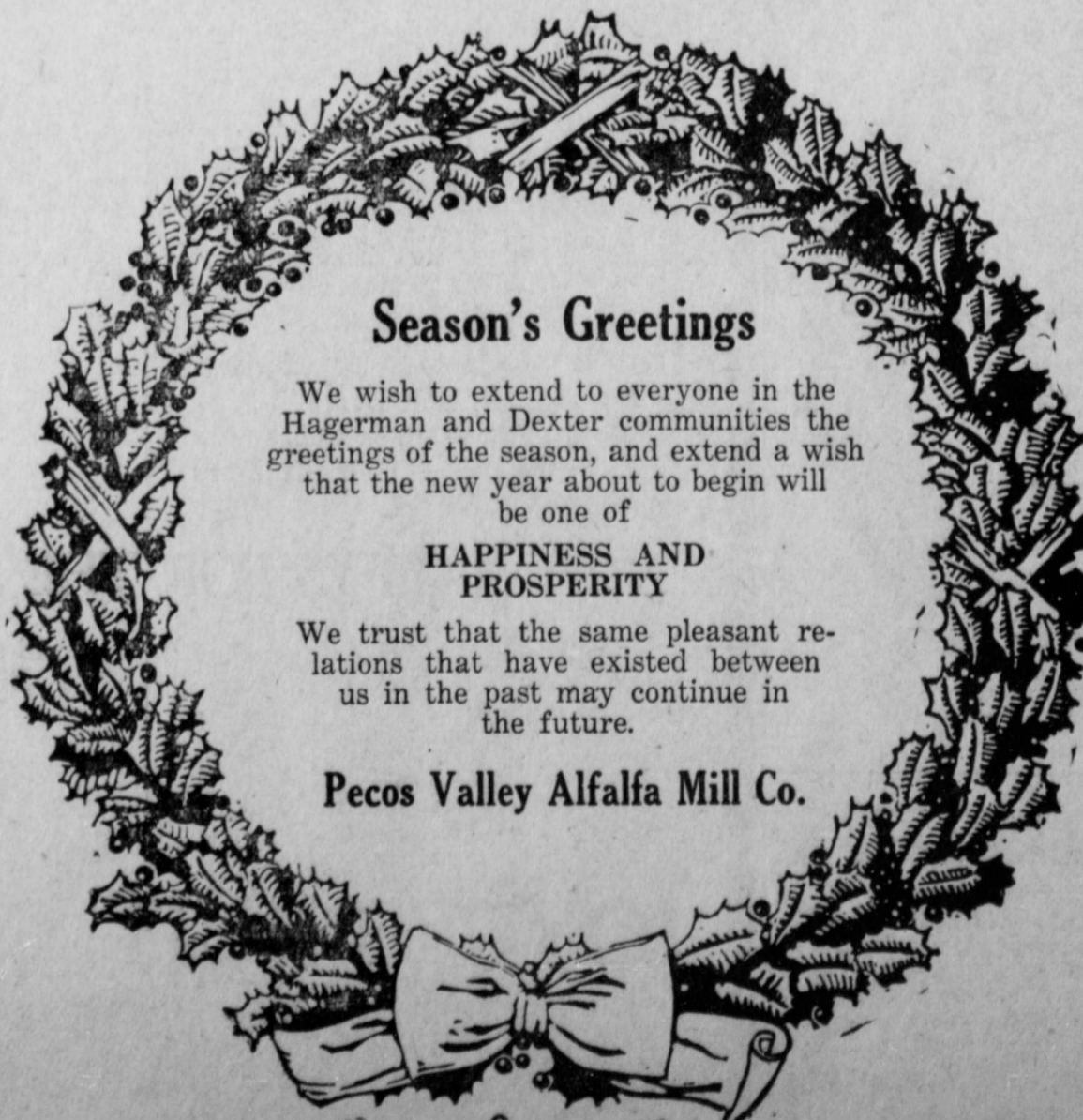
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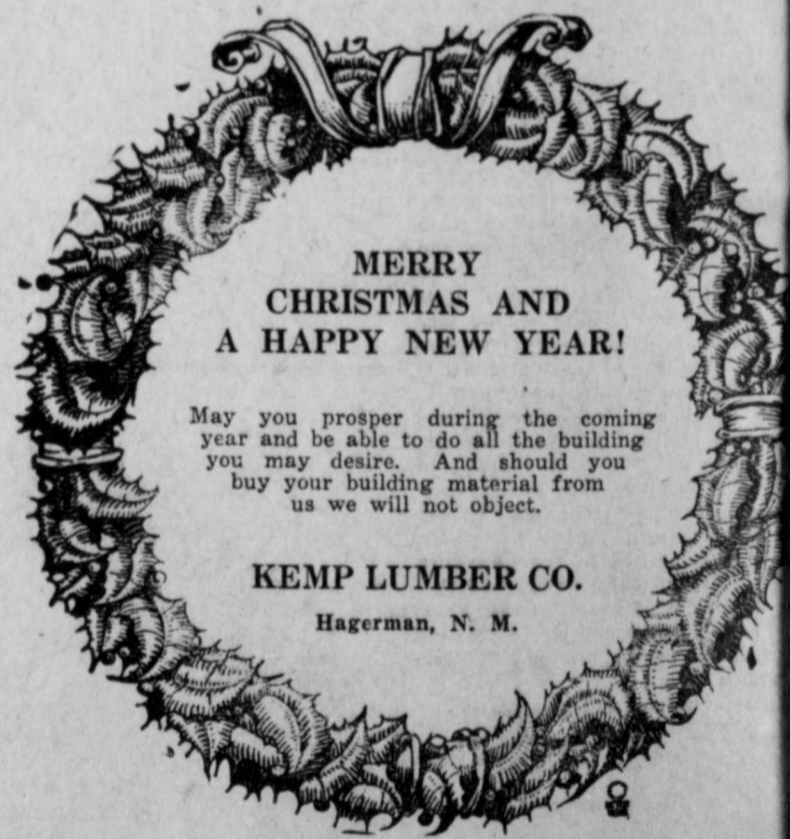
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**WEDDING INVITATIONS—THE MESSENGER**



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## PROTEST OF SANTA FE OVER REDUCED COAL RATES IS DENIED

SANTA FE—Max Fernandez, chairman of the State Corporation Commission was advised Saturday that Interstate Commerce Commission had denied the protest of the Santa Fe railroad over reduced coal rates established by the State Corporation Commission on coal shipments from the Dawson-Raton group, Gallup and Waldo Mines to points on the Santa Fe railroad from Encino to Clovis and Clovis south of this.

The decision which was handed down by the Interstate Commerce Commission on December 3, and of which notice arrived Saturday, represents a coal rates controversy which was carried through the state supreme court to the I. C. C. since August 31, 1927.

The case opened in 1927 and the State Corporation Commission after conducting hearing issued a schedule of reduced rates to become effective April 23, 1928. On April 22 the Santa Fe railroad carried the case to the supreme court.

Justices Parker, Bickley and Watson upheld the new rates and on September 28 the court likewise denied a motion by the railroad for a hearing and instructed that the rates should go into effect twenty days from that date.

The railroad through its attorneys argued that the rates should be held in abeyance until the Interstate Commerce Commission had decided upon another case before it involving intrastate coal rates. The supreme court denied that request and the state corporation commission instructed that new rates be printed on the tariff schedule. To the bottom of the schedule the railroad appended a note stating "these rates are considered unjustly low and are published under protest."

The new rates show a reduction from thirty-four cents to \$1.75 a ton of 2,000 pounds on lump coal from the three mining centers to the state points.

The east state points primarily affected by the reductions were: Encino, Vaughn, Fort Sumner, Tularosa, Roswell, Clovis, Portales, Elida, Roswell, Dexter, Hagerman, Lake Arroyo, Artesia, Carlsbad, and Otis.

The denial of the petition was conceded to Mr. Fernandez by George McGinty, secretary of the Interstate Commerce Commission, in a letter to H. C. Barron, of Chicago, commerce attorney for the Santa Fe railroad.

## WORK GOES ON IN MOGOLLONS

SILVER CITY.—The Frisco river-reserve cut-off road in the forest was under construction. The contract was let to F. D. Shufflebarger, contractor, of Albuquerque. The project is twelve miles in length and will eliminate the present rough road which serves as road from the junction of the Reserve and Ringville roads. When finished the highway will be one of the most scenic attractions in the southwest, tourists using the road last season have claimed to bring bureaus.

## When Jesus Was a Boy; Loved by His Playmates

WHEN it is candle-lighting time on Christmas Eve, and mother reads the "Night Before Christmas" and told you the story of the Christ Child, of the Wise Men who came on their soft-stepping camels across the desert; of the shepherds who followed the Star; of the angel who sang, and of the manger cradle, have you ever thought:

"I wonder what sort of a boy Jesus was when He was as old as I?"

The Bible doesn't tell much about boyhood, but there are two legends which you may like to remember while the berries are red on the holly and the whole house is smelling evergreen. One tells of a little boy who followed the shepherds that first Christmas night. While he was kneeling before the Christ Child, he felt the tiny hands touch him. When he arose, he no longer needed his crutch. He who had always hobbled slowly and painfully had been healed, and could run with the swiftest.

Another legend tells of the time when the boy Jesus was playing with his comrades and held a lifeless bird. He touched it, and it flew away up, up into the blue sky, singing a song of thanksgiving.

These are only legends. They may not be true, but of this we may be sure: the boy Jesus was well loved by His playmates, and He was always kind and thoughtful.

Suppose you take one of the candles from the tree and tie it up in a knot of holly berries where you can see it when. As often as you see it remember that Christmas is the birthday of the Christ Child. So try to be like Him by doing some kind deed every day.—Frank H. Sweet.



**Alias Joe and His Christmas**  
by Clara Agee Hays

A NORTHWESTERN gale swept dry snow around the corner where old Joe sold papers. Shoppers in heavy wraps hurried past, arms loaded with bundles. Children skipped in anticipatory happiness. Old Joe pulled his worn sack coat about him and fastened it tighter with a piece of wire. His hands, in dirty outling mittens, were cold. He knocked the backs of them together gingerly and stamped his feet feebly on the icy walk.

"Paper! Evening Journal! Paper!" he droned monotonously. Mentally he figured his gain. Enough for a fifteen cent bed and sandwiches, maybe. But, tomorrow's being Christmas, nobody'd buy papers. He wanted to get enough to buy a little something to—his old face took on a foolish and shamed grin—maybe to make him happy and help him to forget just what an old beggar he was. Then, he wouldn't have to eat so much either. A vagabond. That's what he was. Never been much else—for years.

"Well, hello, Santa Claus!" a young man's voice hailed merrily.

Old Joe turned. "Paper?"

A laughing, well-dressed couple faced him. "Why, Jack!" the girl mischievously remonstrated.

"How are yuh, Uncle George?" her irreverent companion continued.

Old Joe grinned sheepishly behind his beard. "Wanna paper?" he asked.

"I say, Fran!" the youth exclaimed, "Here's our Christmas!" He drew her farther away and whispered. They returned. "Hey! How'd you like to come to our house for Christmas?"

They talked some time before they convinced old Joe that they meant it. Too cold to be proud, he even submitted to the bath and hair cut that Jack paid for. In a suit too small for Jack's father, Joe came abashed into the kitchen and ate.

"You see, Fran's my sister," explained Jack. "The folks went off on their Christmas spree and left us home. We told 'em, we'd do something rare for our celebration!"

Jack and Frances had eaten down town. It was late. Joe was given some blankets and put on a cot in the corner of Jack's long room.

In the night Joe awakened suddenly. Painfully, he raised and listened. "Hey you—Uncle George! Gosh, I'm sick!"



"Wh—Whar'd Ye Git This?" He Demanded.

Jack moaned. Old Joe turned the light on as he was told and called Frances. She wailed, "I can't come! I'm sick. I've been trying to call some one."

The next morning, the doctor on his second call, turned to an old man with a neatly trimmed beard and a clean suit. "They're all right, now, with the nurse here. It was something they ate last night."

Jack was better. He smiled faintly. "Well, the joke was on us, wasn't it, Uncle George? You did us the favor by getting the doctor here and running errands in the night. Before you go, step in the closet there and get my case."

Joe popped rheumatically out of the closet, wide-eyed, carrying not a case but an old enlargement. "Wh—Whar'd ye git this?" he demanded, hands trembling.

"Oh, that's why we call you Uncle George. You see, it's a habit we have to—er—sort of tease Dad. That's his brother, George. He ran away when he was young. Nobody's heard of him since. Dad says he was smart and sure to make his mark somewhere. One of these days, he says, Uncle George will drive up in a Rolls-Royce with enough hundred dollar bills to paper our house. Dad's actually proud of him. We are, rather, too. But we call—er—different fellows 'Uncle George' to make Dad—well, you see—" Jack stopped in embarrassment.

Old Joe nodded. "Wall, I gotta be goin'!"

"Wait! There's some money in my case. I want to pay you."

"Naw, jest come down an' buy papers of me ef you wanna help. I'm a gonna start savin' up to buy a stand."

Outside Joe's trembling hands opened an almost empty purse, and pulled out the small original of the enlargement upstairs. A tear contradicted the sheepish grin. "Wall, it's a good thing the fellers took to callin' me Joe, lately, stead of George," he told himself.

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## SNOW PLOWS FOR NEW MEXICO

SPRINGER.—The State Highway Commission has authorized the purchase of two V-type snow plows with wings which will bring the clearing width to 16 feet for use in the northern part of the state.

These V-type plows are for placement on the front of the large trucks now in the highway department service. They will push the snow off the roads in front of them in a manner similar to that employed by railroads where the rotary plows are not in operation.

It is understood that the highway training school at Encino is also being equipped with snow plows for use in the central portion of the state where snow fall is bad in the hilly sections.

With plows in operation the main tourist arteries can be kept open the year round, even where the snow fall is heavy. This will be conducive to even greater travel in this state.

**FOR READ WANT ADS results**

## Christmas Kaleidoscope

CHRISTMAS places a kaleidoscope in my hand. Fantastic designs of rare coloring and exquisite form show themselves—pictures of people, and places, and episodes—dreams unfulfilled . . . persons whom I have loved and lost pass before me. They all but speak. I seem to catch a distinctive note and a familiar ring of laughter. . . . places teeming with sweet memories and hallowed associations come, too, and are gone! . . . Ghosts of unaccomplished desires, unsolved problems, unattained goals, pass in review. . . . It is Christmas! Joyous in its present gladness, but thrice blessed in memories! A day in which music, if but the laughter of a child, is richer than royal feasts, and when a tried friendship is more heartening than richest wine.—W. D. Penny-packer.

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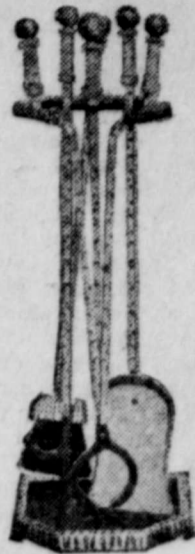
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## Telephone News

## GROWING WITH NEW MEXICO

New Mexico has over twice as many telephones as in 1912.



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The number of telephones in a community is a good index of its up-to-dateness, of its prosperity.

In 1912 there were but 3,460 telephones in the entire state—one telephone for approximately every 39 persons.

Today New Mexico has 18,858 telephones, one for every 21 persons, and the growth of the service makes your service increasingly valuable.

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"Our policy and purpose are—the most telephone service and the best, at the least cost to the public. Without overlooking the fact that we lack the big money incentive for maximum profits and the drive for improvement that results from active and strong competition, we believe the telephone company is organized to make continuous and effective progress."

From an address by  
Walter S. Gifford, President,  
American Telephone and Telegraph Company.

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## THE PECOS VALLEY'S REAL GIFT SHOP

A shop where you will find the most varied and alluring array of gifts that have ever been shown in Southeastern New Mexico.

When in Roswell looking for gifts that are unusual and different—be sure to visit our shop and see if you won't find them.

Our showing of Christmas Greeting Cards this season is beyond description—you have to see them to appreciate them.

**COBEAN STATIONERY SHOP**

"Roswell's Most Interesting Store"

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## WINK, TEX. RESTURANT OWNER IS VICTIM OF BOOTLEG KIDNAPPERS

WINK, Texas.—The reported reprisal of a whiskey-running ring for the hijacking of a valuable cargo of "Christmas" liquor Tuesday presented a kidnaping mystery in the barren Trans-Pecos oil country that entailed all of the cold-blooded cruelty of modern day urban racketeering.

The presumed victim was P. O. "Denver Blackie" Burcham, Wink restaurant owner who was believed to be lost in the semi-arid and almost entirely unpopulated expanse of sage and mesquite, after having escaped from a water trough where he reputedly was bound and left to die by rum runners.

Reports Tuesday said a dozen tired posses, including more than 100 men, headed by redoubtable Texas Rangers and the Rio Grande border patrolmen, had not found the man after a day of hard riding over the mesa. Both sides of the Texas-New Mexico state line were combed without avail.

Burcham has been missing since late last week. The story of the kidnaping came out Monday when officers questioned a youth known here only as "The Blue Punk" who told them that a booze running gang had seized the restaurant owner and had taken him to an isolated spot, where he was thrown into a water trough bound with rope, fish line and barbed wire, and left to die.

Investigators found substantiation of the story at the trough but Burcham was gone, presumably having slipped his fetter and wandered off into the near desert, which contains no potable surface water. Bits of burned rope, wire and bloody fish-line were found in the trough, and it was thought the victim had managed to ignite the inflammable parts of his fastenings, then escape the wire bindings.

"The Blue Punk" told officers that the act was in revenge for the hijacking of a half-million dollar cargo of liquor last Friday for which the leader of the whiskey running gang held Burcham responsible. He said the runners had brought the liquor in from Mexico, crossing the Rio Grande near El Paso and headed for the Winkler county oil fields with prospects of ready sale to the hardened oil field workers.

Before reaching the destination, the caravan was halted by hijackers who took the liquor and cars and turned the first owners loose afoot to make their way to civilization.

Half a dozen men were arrested and more arrests are expected as the result of the rescue here Tuesday of P. O. (Denver Blackie) Burcham, Wink cafe proprietor, who claims he was lost three days on the desert after being kidnaped, bound and deserted by rum runners.

Burcham was found Tuesday morning by "Winkler Walt" Wood, deputy sheriff of Winkler county, who spent two days and one night in the saddle, dismounting only six times during the man hunt which started when Burcham's plight became known.

When found Burcham was unable to talk coherently because of hysteria and exposure, but later charged that several men in the community with complicity in the kidnaping. Those he accused retaliated by charging that Burcham held up a \$500,000 cargo of liquor bound from Jaurez to the West Texas oil fields Friday, took the liquor and hid it. They asserted that they had not intended to allow Burcham to die of exposure, but had bound him to a fence rail and thrown him into an empty water tank in an effort to make him divulge the location of the cache.

### MILLERS SELL FAMOUS 101 RANCH WILD WEST SHOW

PONCA CITY, Okla.—Announcement was made here Monday night that control of the Miller Brothers 101 Wild West Circus had passed to the American Circus corporation, a combination which also includes the Hagenbeck-Wallace, Sells-Floto, Sparks and John Robinson shows.

The deal was conducted at the 101 ranch Monday night and the announcement was made by George Miller, one of the founders and owners of the 101 circus.

"The Millers are retiring from the show business," he said. "Their interests have been placed with the American Circus corporation. Our organization is taken over by the corporation and will go ahead in the future as in the past under our name."

"Today's action means that the circus man is beginning to realize more and more every day that he must put his show on a thoroughly business-like basis, and the American Circus corporation is the result."

Bert Bowers of Peru, Ind., representing the corporation; Ben Austin, general agent; Theo Forestall, auditor and Sylvester Cronin, who will be the corporation's representative here, came here to complete the deal.

Mike: "This is a great country, Pat."  
Pat: "An haw's that?"  
Mike: "Sure, th' paper sez yez can buy a foive-dollar money order for three cints."

## THINGS THAT NEVER HAPPEN

By GENE BYRNES



Congress has frequently been asked to adopt a national flower but has taken no step to that end.

School children have selected state flowers for several states, of which Alabama, has the golden rod; Maine which has the pine cone; Mississippi which has the magnolia; New Mexico which has the yucca; New York state has the rose; Rhode Island which has the violet. The American beauty rose is the emblem of the District of Columbia; the passion flower was selected by the Horticultural Society for Tennessee.

The people of several states expressed their preference for flowers which were accepted as state flowers, as follows: Idaho, syringa; Iowa, wild rose; Nevada, sagebrush; North Carolina, golden rod; and Washington, rhododendron.

Legislatures selected the following state flowers: Arizona, saguaro cactus; Arkansas, apple blossom; California, golden poppy; Connecticut, mountain laurel; Delaware, peach blossom; Florida, orange blossom; Georgia, Cherokee rose; Illinois, wood violet; Indiana, tulip tree blossom; Kansas, sunflower; Kentucky, goldenrod; Massachusetts, mayflower; Louisiana, magnolia; Maryland, black-eyed susan; Michigan, apple blossom; Minnesota, moccasin flower; Missouri, hawthorn; Montana, bitter root; Nebraska, goldenrod; New Hampshire, purple lilac; New Jersey, violet; North Dakota, wild prairie rose; Ohio, scarlet carnation; Oklahoma, mistletoe; Oregon, grape; South Carolina, yellow jessamine; South Dakota, pasque flower; Texas, bluebonnet; Utah, sego lily; Vermont, red clover; Virginia, American dogwood; West Virginia, rhododendron; and Wyoming, Indian paintbrush.

The Irate Father: "I can see right through that chorus girl's intrigue, young man."

The Lovesick Son: "I know dad, but they all dress that way nowadays."

If you have a house or room for rent, try a Messenger want ad.

### Crepe Paper "Hanky" Bag



A bit of flowered crepe paper, a bisque doll head, a short length of passepartout gold paper binding, some paste, and you have the materials required for the creating of this whimsical bag, wherein soiled handkerchiefs are out of sight. There's an opening at each side as indicated in the picture. At little expense of time or money one could remember any number of friends at Christmas time with this pretty, useful gift.

"Does your son Josh ever come back to visit you, since he got in the movies at Hollywood?"

"Every summer," answered Grandma Tuttle, proudly; "every summer of the three years he's been gone."

"And did he bring his wife with him?"

"Each time," she answered. "And they were three as purty girls as you ever laid eyes on."—Life.

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### CHRISTMAS TREES?

IN REGARD to why Christmas trees came into use, the following explanation is given: It was the desire of the church to combat the heathen customs which prevailed at this season Christmas carols and Christmas plays were introduced and later "Christ trees," or Christmas trees, adorned with lights and gifts, the latter in commemoration of the gifts brought to the Christ Child by the "wise men." There is a diversity of opinion as to where the Christmas tree custom originated, it being credited to both Italy and Germany.

### A Fine Christmas Plant

The Solanus Capsastrum or what is better known by its old-fashioned name of Jerusalem cherry has become a very popular Christmas plant; and nearly all greenhouses grow a quantity of these for their Christmas trade.

### Gifts an Ancient Custom

The giving of gifts at Christmas probably originated in one of the Christ Child stories, that of the Three Wise Men who brought to the Holy Baby gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

### Till Christmas Comes Again

Though Christmas does come in the calendar but once a year, the gift made at this time exceeds its substantial cheer till Christmas comes again.

### Read About First Christmas

The natural way to turn the current of your thoughts in the desirable direction is to read the accounts of the First Christmas.

### Christmas Eve Bread

According to an old superstition, bread baked on Christmas eve will never become stale or moldy.

### For the Fireside



That handsome basket you are planning to give for Christmas—be sure to accompany it with a quaint hand-painted heartstone broom. The two together make a gift supreme. The stores are showing these brooms and baskets painted in gorgeously gay flowers and that is the cry these days, color, color, more color!

"I've just bought a new set of Dickens."

"Are they good 'tires'?"

Messenger Want Ads pay.

### Christmas Superstition

There is an old superstition that nine holly leaves tied in a handkerchief with nine knots and placed under the pillow on Christmas night will cause the sleeper to dream of his or her future wife or husband.

### Drinking the Wassail

The ancient custom of wassailing was always an indispensable factor in the celebration attendant to the old-time Christmas, New Year's and Twelfth Night.

### Rosemary for Christmas

Rosemary once played a far greater part than holly in Christmas decorations.

Question: "Give the names of your parents?"

Applicant "Mama and Papa."—Catalina Islander.

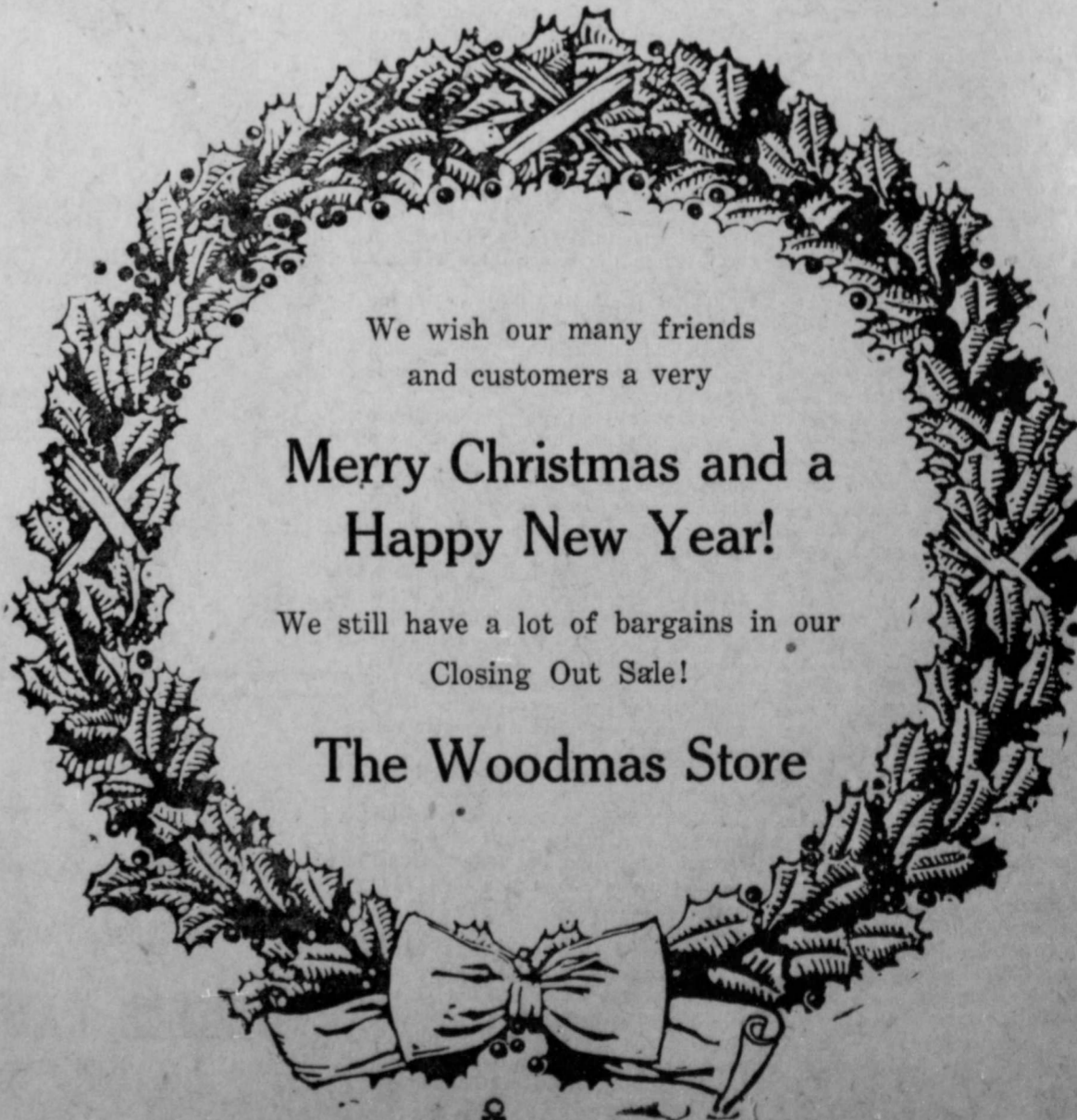
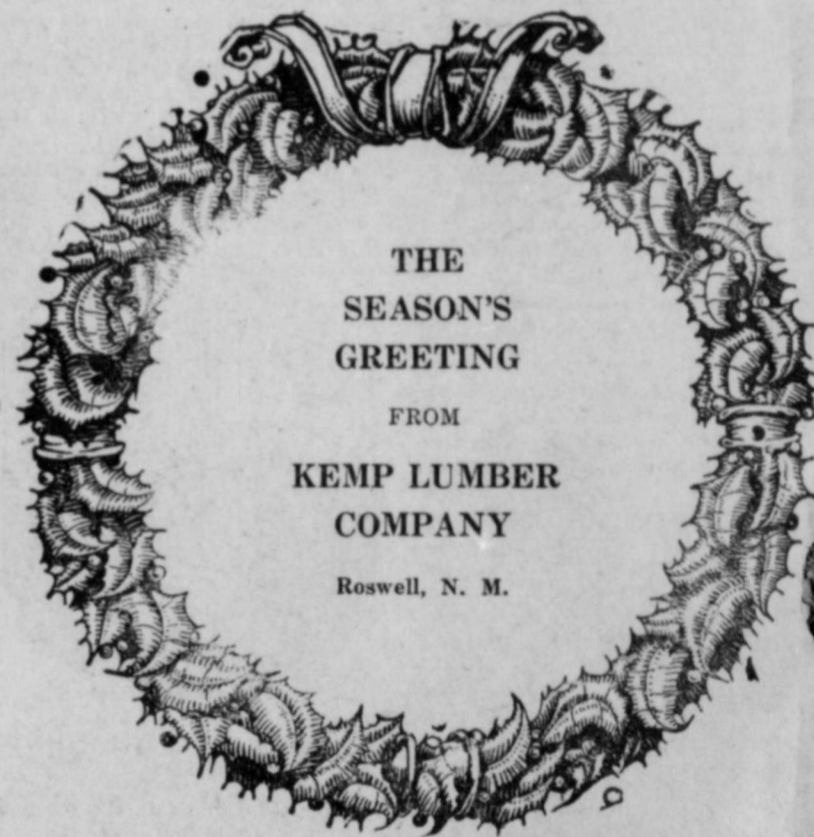
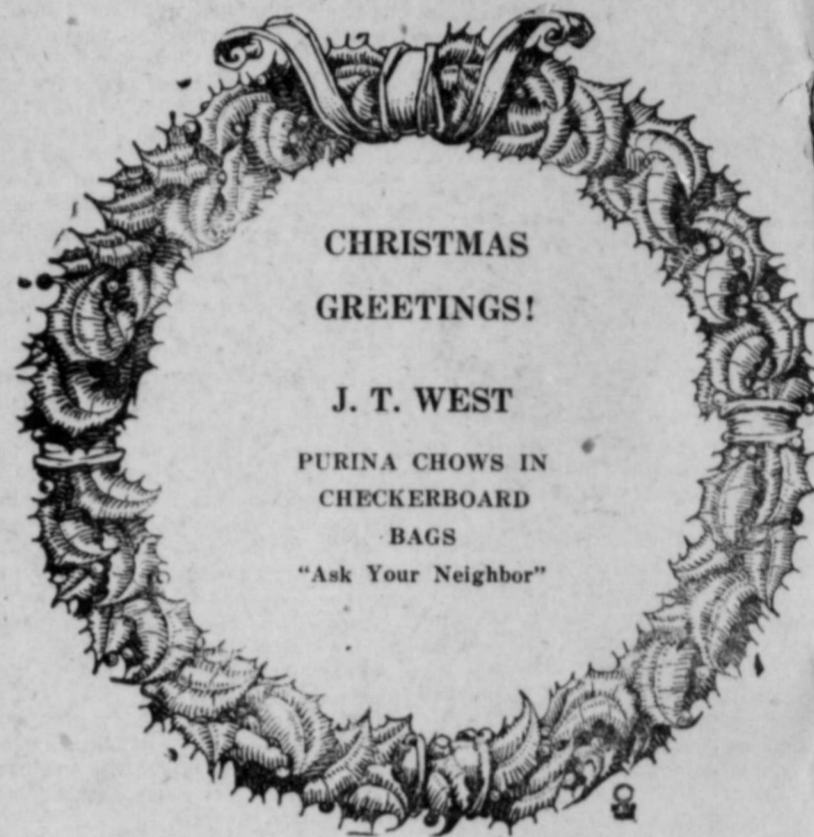
### PARDON TWO YOUTHS. FROM REFORM SCHOOL

Governor Dillon Friday issued pardons to two boys in the Springfield school, Sipio Salazar, 17, sentenced from Chaves county in 1927 to serve from three to four years, was pardoned on condition that he return home to help support his mother.

Edward Smith, sentenced from Otero county in January, 1927, to serve one to three years was given a complete pardon effective January 1, at which time Smith will have completed his minimum sentence.

Stranger: "So you are the postmaster, storekeeper, justice of the peace and constable of this town?"  
Native: "Yessir!" you might say I'm the Mussolini of Buckeye Corner."—Chatham News.

Wife: "I've put your shirt on the clothes-horse, Jim."  
Jim: "What odds did you get?"





# Improved Uniform International Sunday School Lesson

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Moody Bible Institute of Chicago.)  
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## Lesson for December 23

### PAUL'S LAST MESSAGE

**LESSON TEXT**—II Timothy 4:1-18.  
**GOLDEN TEXT**—I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith.

**PRIMARY TOPIC**—Paul's Last Message to His Friends.  
**JUNIOR TOPIC**—Paul's Farewell to His Friends.  
**INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC**—The Christian's Goal.  
**YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC**—Paul's Victorious Faith.

#### I. Paul's View of Death (v. 6).

It is:  
1. An offering (v. 6). "I am ready to be offered." This specifically meant a drink offering—a libation. This figure shows that Paul was looking forward to a violent death. The shedding of his blood was to be an offering poured out upon the sacred altar as an act of worship. Death can only be an offering to God when the life has been wholly yielded to the doing of God's will.

2. A departure (v. 6). "The time of my departure is at hand." The same idea is expressed in Philippians 1:23. "Departure" is a nautical term which signifies the loosing of a ship from its moorings, in order to enter upon its voyage. It is not the end of the voyage, but its beginning. It indicates that the vessel is outward bound. The anchor is being lifted and the sails are being spread for the homeward.

#### II. Paul's Backward Glance at Life (v. 7).

God has a definite purpose for each life. Life should be so spent that at its close one can look back with the definite consciousness that that purpose has been accomplished. This backward look is presented in three figures:

1. "I have fought a good fight." The figure here is that of a soldier. The Christian life is a warfare—conflicts, dangers and temptations must be met. As a soldier, the Christian must fight and overcome all these.

2. "I have finished my course." The figure is that of an athlete who sets out to win a race. The Christian life is a race to be run; we must not only begin the race, but persistently run to the end.

#### III. Paul's Forward Look to the Future (v. 8).

1. He saw before him a life with God. Fellowship with God is a prize greatly to be desired.

2. A prize was laid up for him—a crown of righteousness. This award will be given at the coming of the Lord to all who love His appearing.

IV. Paul's Associates (vv. 9-12).

Paul was a very lonely man, though faithful to God. To be alone in the world is likely to be the experience of all who follow hard after God.

Demas the renegade (v. 10). Demas became immortalized as one who was religious, but because of the attractions of the world he went after it. The love of the world caused him to turn his back upon principle, friendship, honor and duty.

2. Luke the faithful (v. 11). What a comfort it must have been to have with him this one faithful soul! Perhaps he was the best fitted of all to minister unto Paul.

3. Mark the restored runaway (v. 11). Mark had gone back, but he was restored. We do not know how long a time elapsed between his running away and his restoration.

#### V. Personal Matters (vv. 13-18).

1. Bring the cloak, books and parchments (v. 13). In the jail the cloak would be needed for his comfort. The books and parchments would be needed for his study and writing.

2. Alexander the coppersmith (vv. 14, 15). We have no way of determining just when the coppersmith did him much evil. It was given as a warning to this young minister, Timothy.

Defended by the Lord though forsaken by men (vv. 16-18).

Paul in his last trying hours was much like his Lord—left alone. He said, "All men forsook me." It was the will of Christ, "They all forsook me and fled." Paul manifests a like spirit. "I pray God that it might not be laid to their charge." Christ said, "Father forgive them for they know not what they do." Though it was wrong for them to leave him alone, he not only forgave them, but prayed that the Lord might forgive them.

#### For Religion's Sake

I say the whole earth and all the men in the sky are for religion's sake.—Walt Whitman.

#### A Faithful Man

A man of faith is one who trusts God. A faithful man is one whom God can trust.—D. T.

#### Christian's Commission

Why run? Suffering is a part and lot of the Christian's commission.—W. Lee.

#### From on High

Power from on high made those reborn fishermen irresistible.—J. Lee.



## Announcing the Birth of a King and Savior

IN FACT and fancy, walk by night the squat-walled streets of old-time Bethlehem. A bright star hangs above the house of David—the old Inn of Chimham. Homes are emptied. With fright and awe the people stand gazing at the flaming herald. To the south and west a cloud of fire has lowered over the fields of Boaz, where once Ruth gleaned barley behind the reapers. The night air is burdened with silent melodies. The strange starlight mantles the village with a stranger happiness. Strange omens crowd the hour.

People are gathering down by the old Inn. They stand in silence; men are as voiceless as the night. Only the few have dared to whisper. A man comes out of the Inn, now and then he presses his lips against a neighbor's ear and whispers: "Strangers from Nazareth—a child is born."

Now the people fall back to make room for a company of night watchmen from the sheep flocks, their begrimed faces bright with excitement and wonder. They are from the Boaz hills. They tell excitedly the story of angels singing praises to God and announcing the birth of a King and Savior. They have come to see. Follow them through the old house into the adjoining caves, where even meek-eyed beasts share the wonder of the night. There are the strangers from Nazareth, and there in the manger their new-born Child. The simple shepherds kneel before the Child and tell the story of the sky. They declare the Child is a King.

Scarcely are the shepherds gone before a slight commotion heralds the coming of bearded strangers, travel stained, but richly garbed. They had seen the star months before and they had followed from the east. It was a king they had come to find. They bow down and worship. They pile gold beside the swaddled babe and fill the cave with the odor of incense. An elder from the synagogue brings a scroll and reads, "And His name shall be called Counselor, the Mighty God, the everlasting Father, the prince of Peace." Then understand—you have witnessed the mightiest miracle of earth. Here is the place where Divinity became humanity that humanity might become divinity.—William L. Gaston.

Ice is one crop that costs little or nothing to raise the small amount of time, labor, and expense incurred in harvesting and storing natural ice will pay big dividends next summer. Under average dairy farm conditions about 1 1/2 tons of ice per cow are needed annually. This allows for shrinkage and for household use also.

When beef cattle are to be finished on grass with supplementary feeds, it is better to rough them through the winter on a ration of silage, straw, and cottonseed or linseed meal, or on a hay and straw or stover ration with some protein meal in the absence of a legume hay, and to save the grain for summer feeding on grass, states the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Now that reed grains are lower in price than at other times of the year, buying in quantity will result in saving for the poultry keeper provided the feed is well stored. Grains should be thoroughly dried before storing and should be kept where they will not be rained on or absorb moisture from the floor. Grain in sacks can be kept on low racks with space between the rows for air circulation.

Nearly fifteen per cent of the total volume of trees cut on a recent hardwood logging operation in central Louisiana was lost because of butt rot which entered through fire injuries, according to observations by officers of the Forest Service, United States Department of Agriculture. The loss in quality was even greater than indicated by the volume reduction. The entire loss could be attributed to the effects of two forest fires that occurred in 1916 and 1924.

The home fruit grower with only a few trees can rid them of the destructive San Jose scales without the expensive spraying apparatus used in commercial orchards. A spray of fish-oil soap, applied with a brush or even with old cloths, is excellent in such cases, says the U. S. Department of Agriculture, and should be applied while the trees are still dormant, at the rate of two pounds of the fish-oil soap to a gallon of water. Rather severe pruning will simplify the treatment and will also produce a new growth of uninfested wood.

It is sometimes a good plan for communities of small producers of beef cattle in range areas to buy bulls cooperatively in carlots, suggests the U. S. Department of Agriculture, where the number of bulls produced is not enough to supply the demand. Such a plan is economical, as a better price is usually obtained. If good care is given the bulls, they may be useful longer than three years, and instead of having to dispose of an otherwise good bull to prevent possible crossing with his own offspring, exchanges can be made between producers on rangelands so situated that there is little chance of the bulls straying back to their former ranges.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE, LAS CRUCES, N. M., NOV. 23, 1928.

Notice is hereby given that the State of New Mexico has filed in this office Indemnity School Selection List 9297, Serial No. 038621, for the following land:  
NE 1/4 NE 1/4 Sec. 31; SE 1/4 NE 1/4 Sec. 34, T. 19S., R. 20E., N. M. P. M. E 1/4 SW 1/4 Sec. 10; SE 1/4 NW 1/4, NW 1/4 SE 1/4 Sec. 15; NE 1/4 NW 1/4 Sec. 21; SW 1/4 SW 1/4 Sec. 34; S 1/4 NE 1/4 Sec. 22, T. 20S., R. 20E., N. M. P. M. SW 1/4 NW 1/4 Sec. 9; SW 1/4 NE 1/4, & SW 1/4 SW 1/4 Sec. 15; NE 1/4 NE 1/4 Sec. 18, and NE 1/4 NW 1/4 Sec. 29, T. 20 S., R. 21E., N. M. P. M.

The purpose of this notice is to allow all persons claiming the land adversely, or desiring to show it to be mineral in character, an opportunity to file their objections to the allowance of the selection.  
V. B. MAY, Register.

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**CHRISTMAS GREETINGS!**

We wish to thank our patrons and friends for the business given us during the year that is coming to a close, and wish you one and all a Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year.

**CARTER'S GROCERY**

## INSIDE INFORMATION

Select a young turkey weighing from 12 to 14 pounds. Dress, remove all pin feathers and the oil bag. Wipe the inside of the turkey and sprinkle with salt and pepper. Fill the cavity with not stuffing, but do not crowd the stuffing in tightly or it will not have the right fluffy consistency that so many persons prefer. Fold the wings back on the neck. Tuck the legs into a band of the skin and flesh below the tail, or tie or skewer them down. Sew the cut surfaces so that the dressing will not fall out or become moist when basted. After the turkey is stuffed and trussed, rub the surface with butter, and sprinkle with salt, pepper, and flour. Lay a piece of fat over the breast bone and put the turkey on a rack in a covered roaster. Put a small quantity of water in the bottom of the pan. Cover and put in a hot oven (about 450° F.) for 1/2 hour or longer, until the turkey is slightly browned. Reduce the oven temperature to 375° F. and continue the cooking for 2 or 2 1/2 hours longer. It is sometimes necessary to baste the turkey with the drippings even though a covered pan is used. The turkey should be turned first on one side and then on the other during the cooking so that it browns well all over and the breast does not become too brown or dry. A good way to test a turkey for "doneness" is to pierce one of the legs near the breast bone. If the liquid does not show a red tinge, the turkey is ready to serve. Another test is to lift the wing and see whether it would be easy to disjoint in carving. Place the bird on a large hot platter, remove the strings with which it is sewed, and garnish with parsley.

Candlewax stains are often found on garments worn during holiday festivities. They usually consist of paraffin colored with pigment dye. Much of this material may be scraped away. If the wax has penetrated the fiber most of it may be removed by placing clean blotting paper over and under the spot and passing a warm iron over it. A grease solvent such as carbon tetrachloride, chloroform, gasoline, and others, may be needed to take out the last traces of wax. If dye remains on the fiber the spot may be sponged with wood alcohol.

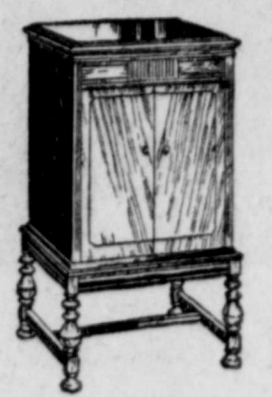
SANTA FE TO ISSUE \$30,204,000 BONDS 181,224 NEW SHARES

WASHINGTON.—An issue of 30,204,000 in 20 year 4 1/2 per cent convertible bonds by the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe railway, was approved Saturday by the interstate commerce commission.

The railroad also was permitted to create 181,224 shares of new common stock which will be held in its treasury to meet any conversion of demands from the bondholders. The proceeds of the bond issue will reimburse the railroad's treasury for expenditures already made on additions and betterments to its railroad system.

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We wish for you and yours all the JOY—GOOD HEALTH—and HAPPINESS that Christmas should bring to mankind.

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#### COTTON SPINNING FOR NOV.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The census bureau's report yesterday on cotton spinning activities for November showed active spindle hours for the month totaled 8,524,399,388 or an average of 241 hours per spindle in place.

Spinning spindles in place No. 30 totaled 35,373,996 of which 30,596,840 were operated some time during the month, compared with 30,315,086 for October this year and 32,314,114 for

for November last year.

The average number of spindles operated during November was 38, 232,864 or at 108.1 per cent capacity on a single shift basis compared with 103.9 per cent in October this year and with 106.7 per cent capacity in November last year.

**WANT ADS PAY**

## LEA COUNTY WANTS A PEGOS VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL MONAHANS INTO STATE SCHEDULE COMPLETE

SANTA FE.—A committee of six men from Lea county appeared before the state corporation commission Monday to request the assistance of the corporation commission if necessary to obtain permission for the construction of the Texas and New Mexico railroad into Lea county. The Texas and New Mexico, which is a branch of the Texas Pacific, has applied to the interstate commerce commission for permission to build the road, and at the same time the Santa Fe railroad has a similar request for railroad building in Lea county before the I. C. C. in Washington.

The committee, which included Seth Allison, told Commissioner Hugh Williams that the people of Lea county wanted the Texas and New Mexico railroad in preference to the Santa Fe railroad in the event the interstate commerce commission decided to grant a permit to only one of the railroads instead of both of them. Mr. Williams told the committee that its petition should go to the interstate commerce commission and that in the event the I. C. C. so ordered, that the state corporation commission would conduct a hearing in Lea county.

#### WILLIAM BURCK WINS THE FIRST PRIZE IN THE POULTRY JUDGING

Prof. Huelet, head of the department of Agriculture and coach for the basketball team, accompanied the high school representatives in the State Agricultural Judging contest, at Las Cruces, on Wednesday, December 12, to attend the contest held there on Thursday, December 13, and Friday, December 14, in which nine schools in the state of New Mexico competed.

Las Cruces, coached by Frank Wilberly, took first in the stock judging contest in which students judged draft horses, dairy cows, fat beef, breeding beef, fat hogs, breeding hogs and fat sheep.

In the poultry judging contest held Friday the following type of poultry was judged: White Leghorn pullets, White Leghorn Cockerels, Rhode Island Red Cockerels and Barred Rock pullets. In this contest William Burck, of the Hagerman high school, took first prize amounting to about \$40.00.

#### HALF MILLION TAXES PAID IN

State Treasurer Warren Graham said Saturday that so far \$510,000 worth of the state's \$900,000 share of taxes collected for the first half of 1928 has been received at the treasurer's office and redistributed to the banks designated as state depositories.

Mr. Graham expects the full \$900,000 to have been paid in by the end of next month. Grant county to date has been the banner county, having turned in a check for \$104,000.

The remainder of the taxes are expected to come in later because several counties such as Bernalillo and Santa Fe do not finish their collection until January 15.

The tax funds are distributed and returned as quickly as they are received, to the various banks which have given security and serve as banks for the state funds, so that the money is idle only during the brief time required for the county treasurer to send it to the state treasurer and for the state treasurer to transfer it to the state depositories.

Friday the treasurer's office through R. L. Ormsbee, deputy state treasurer, distributed \$400,000 among the various state banks.

The following is the complete Pecos valley basketball schedule for the remainder of the season:

December 21, Hagerman at Hope, Artesia at Lake Arthur, Carlsbad at Roswell, Dexter, open.

December 28, Lake Arthur vs. Hope at Artesia, Dexter at Roswell, Artesia at Carlsbad, Hagerman, open.

January 4, Hope open; Lake Arthur at Roswell, Dexter at Artesia, Hagerman at Carlsbad.

January 11, Roswell at Hope, Dexter at Lake Arthur, Artesia at Hagerman, Carlsbad, open.

January 18, Roswell, open; Hope at Artesia, Lake Arthur at Carlsbad, Dexter at Hagerman.

January 25, Carlsbad at Hope, Artesia, open; Lake Arthur at Dexter, Roswell at Hagerman.

February 1, Dexter at Hope, Hagerman at Lake Arthur, Artesia at Roswell, Carlsbad, open.

February 8, Hope at Hagerman, Lake Arthur at Artesia, Roswell at Carlsbad, Dexter, open.

February 15, Hope at Lake Arthur, Carlsbad at Artesia, Roswell at Dexter, Hagerman, open.

February 22, Roswell at Lake Arthur, Artesia at Dexter, Carlsbad at Hagerman, Hope, open.

March 1, Lake Arthur, open; Hope at Roswell, Hagerman at Artesia, Dexter at Carlsbad.

March 8, Artesia at Hope, Lake Arthur at Carlsbad, Roswell, open; Hagerman at Dexter.

#### NOTICE TO DOG OWNERS

Your attention is called to ordinance No. 6 of the town of Hagerman governing dogs, wherein are set forth the following regulations:

Sec. 2. The Marshal and Police Officer of the town is hereby authorized to kill and remove any dog, male or female, found running at large within the limits of the town and any dog—male or female, shall be considered running at large unless marked and licensed for in this ordinance and in the personal charge of its owner or keeper.

The public is further advised that the owner of any dog found running at large shall be held liable for any damage caused by said dog.

All dogs not licensed and marked with the name of owner on a collar or substantial material by the first day of January, 1929 shall be subject to the section of ordinance 6 above set out.

License tags may be had at the office of O. R. Tanner, clerk of the town of Hagerman, and the owner of a dog or dogs shall be required to pay for such tag or tags, \$1.00 for each male dog in his or her possession and \$2.00 for each female dog.

HAROLD MILLER, Mayor.

51-2tc.

#### AUTOMOBILE LICENSE PLATES

The 1929 automobile license plates are now being sold at the Lowrey Auto Company, Roswell, New Mexico. After January 1st a penalty of 25% will be added. Please get your plates as early as possible and avoid the last few days rush.

51-2tc.

Rev. J. A. Hedges was in Roswell Monday.

Messenger Want Ads pay.

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Ads over 5 lines first run, line...35c  
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STRAYED—From Manifee's pasture; one black mare mule, weight 850 or 950 pounds; smooth, blocky work mule 6 or 7 years old. Liberal reward for her return or information leading to her recovery. W. L. Roberts. 51-1tc.

LOST, Strayed or stolen—Small Jersey cow, weighing about 700 pounds, small horns; slightly brindled; will be fresh soon. Reward. Arthur Robinson. 51-1tc.

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