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HAGERMAN, CHAVES COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1929.

NUMBER 1

W. A. LOSEY TALKS TO ROSWELL LIONS CLUB ON GAME PRESERVATION

Monday night, W. A. Losey made a talk before the Lion's club at Roswell on the preservation of the game within the state.

Mr. Losey is a member of the state game and fish commission, and his talk was prompted by years of hunting experience and a real interest in the welfare of the game in the state. He believes that the game of the state is one of its greatest assets.

One of his assertions follows: "Believing that New Mexico must keep step with other western states in the propagation and preservation of wild life, the New Mexico game commission is bending every effort to not only preserve wild life in New Mexico, but to increase both the fish and game within the state."

Then Mr. Losey outlined the history of the state game commission and traced the activities of the commission, dwelling upon the future plans of the commission.

Other speakers at the meeting were H. P. Saunders, president of the Chaves County Game Protective Association, and Lion Jaffa who talked about the Christmas celebration in which the Lion's club would participate.

GINNING REPORT

The Farmer's Gin reported 2,317 bales ginned at noon to-day and the W. W. Akin Gin 1,536 bales.

Mrs. R. V. Miller, city clerk of Clovis, and small daughter, and "Mother Brown" of Clovis came to Hagerman Wednesday as guests for a few days with Mrs. Mary I. Hartline. Tuesday they went through the Carlsbad caverns.

STATE RECEIVES \$35,000 AS 1929 FOREST INCOME

New Mexico is to receive the sum of \$35,718.97 from the United States as the state's share of income from national forests within its boundaries for the fiscal year 1929, ending June 30.

That advice was contained in a letter sent to Senator Bronson Cutting by L. F. Kneipp, acting forester in the department of agriculture at Washington. Other members of the New Mexico congressional delegation were advised of the state's forestry income.

The income is derived under two acts of congress, one passed in 1910 and the other in 1908. The income under the latter is \$34,876.87 and under the former \$842.10.

Accompanying the letter to Senator Cutting is a tabulation of the area of the national forests in various counties of New Mexico, which is used as a basis for distribution of the counties' share there. The following shows the name of the forest and the acreage it occupies in each county:

Apache—Catron, 887,126 acres.
Carson—Colfax, 6,293; Rio Arriba, 768,526; Taos, 319,552. Total 1,094,371.
Coronado—Hidalgo, 124,988.
Datil — Catron, 849,792; Sierra, 366; Socorro, 734,745. Total 1,410,103.
Gila—Catron, 507,124; Grant 844,434; Hidalgo, 7,707; Sierra, 287,151. Total 1,596,416.
Lincoln — Chaves, 44,125; Eddy, 4,687; Lincoln, 443,842; Otero, 402,833; Torrance, 88,988. Total 1,114,065.
Manzano—Bernalillo, 81,047; McKinley, 120,783; Sandoval, 36,398; Socorro, 186,625; Torrance, 160,473; Valencia 94,122. Total 679,443.
Santa Fe—Mora, 71,436; Rio Arriba, 412,146; Sandoval, 294,980; San Miguel, 282,700; Santa Fe, 184,022. Total 1,245,284.
Total for the state 8,491,831 acres.

Mrs. Elmer Lankford visited in Roswell Tuesday.

Miss Nellie Burt will be in Albuquerque during the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Curry of Artesia, visited with relatives in Hagerman last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Mason were in Roswell Tuesday attending to business matters.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Ware and Mrs. Burr were in Roswell Saturday to see the Santa Claus parade.

The Levi Barnett family were in Roswell Saturday shopping.

WOMBLE IS GIVEN A SENTENCE OF 15 TO 16 YEARS IN STATE PEN

Garvie L. Womble, Roswell man who shot down Police Chief T. U. Alford and Fire Chief Rue Christmas when these men answered a distress call from his wife some weeks ago at the Womble home here, must serve from 15 to 16 years in the state penitentiary as a consequence of his crime.

This was the sentence given yesterday by District Judge G. A. Richardson when Womble was sentenced in district court.

Womble was found guilty of assault with intent to kill by a jury in district court late Saturday night. The jury, in bringing in its verdict, however, included a recommendation that the court show clemency. —Southwestern Dispatch.

SOCIAL ITEMS

BRIDGE PARTY

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Collins entertained at bridge Monday night in their home the following guests: Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Bowen, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Miller, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. McKinstry, Mr. and Mrs. Dub Andrus and Mr. and Mrs. Alma Nail.

Dub Andrus won high score. At the close of the evening refreshments were served by the hostess.

MISS PADDOCK HONORED

Miss Eleanor Paddock, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Paddock, of Hagerman, has been included on the mid-semester honor roll for work averaging B or better at Texas Women's College, Fort Worth, according to an announcement by Registrar C. M. Howard.

Sixty-two students fulfilled the grade requirement, sixteen being seniors, eleven juniors, thirteen sophomores and nineteen freshmen. Miss Paddock is a junior.

MASONS ELECT OFFICERS

At a meeting held on Wednesday night, December 11, Felix Lodge No. 29, A. F. & A. M. elected the following officers:

E. E. Lane, worshipful master; Isaac F. Wortman, senior warden; C. O. Holloway, junior warden; H. R. Miller, treasurer; C. G. Mason, secretary.

District Deputy Grand Master, Ewin Lusk, of Roswell, was present at this meeting, on his official visit to the lodge.

The appointive offices will be filled the evening of December 27th, installation night.

APPLICATIONS TO DRILL NEW ARTESIAN WELLS

Clarence W. Barnes of Roswell has made application with the state engineer's office in Santa Fe to drill a new 10 inch artesian well on his farm in lot 24, section 18 in the East Grand Plains community. O. B. Berry of Dexter has filed an application to drill a 12 1/2 inch artesian well on the Holderfer farm near Dexter. A hearing on this application was held in Roswell yesterday by Herbert W. Yeo, state engineer.

HAGERMAN TOWN TEAM WINS

The boys of the Hagerman town team outplayed the Lake Arthur town team in a basket ball game Tuesday night. The score stood 21-4 at the close of the game.

The boys are scheduled to play Artesia Monday night.

RED CROSS FUNDS

The chairman of the Red Cross drive, Mrs. F. D. Mitchell, reports a total subscription to the membership roll of fifty-six dollars.

All who assisted in the campaign feel grateful that so many responded promptly in aid of this department of social service. The Salvation Army drive, which netted four hundred dollars from Hagerman, Dexter and Lake Arthur and the Red Cross drive which brought fifty-six dollars from Hagerman alone, pay tribute to the generosity of the people of the community.

BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT TO BE HELD IN ARTESIA

The annual Pecos valley basketball tournament will be held at Artesia again this year, it was announced the first of the week. As soon as the drawings were made, it was said that the tournament would be held here and later a vote was taken and Artesia won over Roswell by a vote of 5 to 4. There are nine teams in the district. The dates set for the tournament are February 15th and March 1.

The Levi Barnett family were in Roswell Saturday shopping.

DEXTER NEWS

CHRISTMAS TREE

A Christmas program has been arranged at the Presbyterian church for Tuesday night, December 24th. A committee will decorate the tree and the church Saturday. Everyone is cordially invited and there will be a nice treat for every one.

The program follows: Prelude.....Ruby Hatch Hymn, Joy to the World.....School Prayer.....W. C. Sterrett Scripture—Luke 2-1-20

.....Beatrice Marx Hymn, O Come All Ye Faithful.....Children Solo and chorus.....

.....Rosemary Martin and beginners Silent Night, Holy Night.....

.....Double Quartette Short Address.....Rev. Anderson Hark! The Herald Angels Sing.....

.....School Santa Claus — a treat for everyone Benediction.

OPERETTA A REAL SUCCESS

The Operetta, "The Magic Maker" given at the school house last Saturday night by the boys and girls glee club, under the supervision of Miss Alma Thompson, was greatly enjoyed by a full house. Each did his part well. Music was furnished by the junior glee club between acts. The clubs and their sponsor are to be congratulated on presenting such a good entertainment.

OPEN MEETING OF THE WOMAN'S CLUB

The Woman's club held an open meeting at the home of Mrs. F. L. Mehlhop on last Thursday afternoon at two-thirty. There was a good attendance of club members and several guests. Josh McNeal the speaker for the afternoon, was at his very best, and held his audience spellbound, as he took them with him on his travel log of the past summer. At five o'clock, Mesdames McNeal, Thompson and Marx, hostesses for the afternoon, served delicious refreshments of sandwiches, cakes and coffee. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. E. N. Moore, on January 10th. The program for the afternoon will be announced at a later date.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE

On Friday evening, December 20th, there will be a community Christmas tree at the school house. Santa is expected to arrive as soon as the program has been presented, and he will have a big bag of treats and each child will be remembered by the good old saint. Bring the family, enjoy the program and let the kiddies have their treat.

MANY COLLEGE STUDENTS ARRIVE THIS WEEK

John Mehlhop, A. C. Pinson and Harry Douglas, students of N. M. M. I. will be home to-day. Miss Elizabeth Mehlhop, Everett and Wyatt Stanley, Jack Knight, Tom Hubbard and Walter Stone, all students at Las Cruces, will arrive Sunday or

HIGHWAY PROJECT ON SOUTH ROAD IS OVER 40 PER CENT FINISHED

The federal aid highway project now under construction between Carlsbad and Lakewood, is the biggest job now underway in the state. The stretch of road, which is now being put up in shape will eliminate fourteen miles of the roughest road between here and Carlsbad. Four grading crews with teams and freenos are rapidly completing the grading work, which is over forty per cent completed. Steam shovels, draglines, tractors and various special work machines are also being used on this project.

In addition to eliminating the roughest portion of the south highway, the new road will also eliminate all of the sharp curves. The new road will be ready for the summer tourist season. It will be one of the major tourist routes of the west when completed.

Miss Clyde Pearce is leaving Friday for Carlsbad to spend the holidays.

Miss Davis will spend the holidays with relatives and friends in Silver City. She will leave Friday.

The Elton Lankford family spent Saturday in Roswell shopping and watching the arrival of Santa Claus at the airport.

Monday, O. B. Berry will leave Sunday morning for Pecos, Texas, to meet Dorothy Berry and Bessie Jean Hurst, who are students of Kidd-Key, at Sherman, Texas.

O. B. Berry was transacting business in Roswell Monday of this week.

J. W. Baugh left last Wednesday for Oklahoma City, from where he will go to Garnett, Kansas, and home for the holidays.

Mrs. H. C. Garrison will leave the first of next week to spend the Christmas holidays with her mother at Dallas, Texas.

J. W. Sharp will go to Albuquerque the first of next week to spend the Christmas vacation with Mrs. Sharp and the girls.

Carner Blythe, of Hereford, Texas was in Dexter Tuesday evening on business, and also visiting with the Lloyd Harshey family.

Mrs. E. C. Reid and son Bob, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Southard and daughter attended the picture show in Roswell Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. James McKinstry of Sweetwater, Texas, will spend the holiday season with Mrs. McKinstry's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Senn.

Mr. and Mrs. George Weaver will leave the first of the week for Albuquerque, for Miss Ethel Weaver, who is a student at the State University, but who will spend the holidays in Dexter.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Abernathy, and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Johns left last Wednesday for Colorado Springs, Colorado, where the Johns family expect to make their home. The Abernathys will return to Dexter in a few days.

A most interesting meeting was held at Lake Van on Tuesday, December 17th, by the extension club. Miss Velma Borschell, in her charming manner, demonstrated salads and salad dressing to a good attendance, who enjoyed the demonstration and received many helpful suggestions.

C. N. Moore returned Tuesday from Las Cruces, where he attended a meeting of the Board of Regents on Monday of this week. The next improvement to be made at State College, is a new fireproof agricultural building, which will cost something over one hundred thousand dollars. The boys new dormitory is progressing nicely and will soon be ready for occupancy.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Paddock have returned from California, where they have been visiting for about two weeks. Miss Eleanor Paddock a student at Texas Woman's College Fort Worth, Texas, will arrive Saturday to spend the holidays with her parents. Miss Caroline Paddock, a teacher at Portales, and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Slater, of Grady, New Mexico will arrive next week and be the guests of the E. A. Paddocks during the Christmas vacation.

PRELIMINARY HEARING FOR WILLIAMS IS HELD IN CARLSBAD TODAY

Rutledge Williams, of the Otis community, is in the Eddy county jail at Carlsbad charged with shooting to death, Lee Rhynes in a domino parlor at Otis Monday evening. Jealousy was the principal factor in the shooting it was said. At an inquest which was held in Carlsbad Tuesday, it was brought out that Williams entered the domino and pool parlor in Otis, while Rhynes was playing dominoes and without saying a word, fired three times at Rhynes, shooting him dead. Ted Harris, whose sister was married to Williams, said that Williams was jealous over the attention of Rhynes to Mrs. Williams.

The Rhynes, Harris and Williams families moved to the Otis community about three months ago from Trent, Texas.

Williams and his wife had been separated for three months. Mrs. Williams said she had left her husband because he abused her.

Rhynes body was shipped back to Trent, Texas for burial.

A preliminary hearing for Williams is being held at Carlsbad today.

Mrs. A. A. Ruffey and Mrs. Clara Mitchell were in Roswell Saturday shopping.

NEW ANDREWS CO. WILDCAT WELL IS NOW CLOSELY WATCHED

New Mexico oil men are watching developments in the test of the Deep Rock Oil Co., across the state line in Andrews county, Texas, in block A-46, section 6, which promises to open up a new producing territory, 25 miles southeast of Hobbs, this state. The well is reported producing around 200 barrels daily from a line found a 4,205 to 4,309 feet. A new townsite has been laid out north of Andrews, the county seat and is the scene of considerable oil activity at this time.

Ed Lane and Dale Losey, who have been attending the Institute at Roswell, returned to spend the holidays with relatives and friends here Tuesday.

AT THE CHURCHES

METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday school at the regular hour. Morning worship subject will be: "Jesus Commercialized." Special music at every service.

Epworth Leagues for young people of all ages. Evening worship subject: "The Manger." Find your place in some church and go to work. That will do more to save you than anything else. You are always welcome.

BRYAN HALL, Pastor.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH SERVICES

Our Christmas service will be held next Sunday morning and an appropriate program will be carried out, both in the Bible school and at the eleven o'clock hour of worship. Special music at both services. The pastor will deliver a Christmas address on the "Advent of Christ." A cordial welcome will be extended to all who may be present. Your presence will be appreciated.

C. C. HILL, Pastor.

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Sunday school 10:10 a. m. C. G. How, Supt.

Morning worship 11:00 a. m. Subject, "A Message For All."

Evening service 7:00 p. m. N. Y. P. S. 6:00 p. m.

Prayer meeting each Thursday at 7:00 p. m.

Everyone is invited to attend these services. Come and push the battle for God and lost souls. Time is short and the need is great. Let us be about the Master's business. We want to help all who need God to a better life and a home in Heaven. Yours for the lost of our town and community.

MARY I. HARTLINE, Pastor.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The theme for next Sunday morning in this church is, "A Savior Which is Christ the Lord." E. O. Moore will sing an appropriate Xmas solo. Sunday school at 10:00 a. m.

Vesper services at 4:30 p. m. The Angel chorus of the High School Christmas play will repeat by special request, at 4:30 p. m. in this church, the Christmas songs sung by them in the play, giving an opportunity to any who might not have heard them and others who did to hear them again. These carols to be repeated at the Vesper service are as follows:

Holy Night.....Franz Gruber Hark the Herald Angels Sing..... Mendelssohn Luther's Cradle Hymn.....Luther Praises We sing.....Old French Song Angels We Have Heard on High..... French, traditional Jesus, Little Child.....Gaevert Behold a Rose of Beauty.....Praetorius There Was One Who Gave A Lamb..... French, Traditional Look Upon the Straw Now Lying..... Old French Carol The Sleep of the Infant Jesus..... French, traditional

There will be no services in the evening. The Christmas tree and program will be held Monday evening at 7:30 p. m.

TRACTOR DEMONSTRATION

A tractor demonstration will be given tomorrow and Saturday at the John Tweedy farm, six miles south of Roswell on the Roswell Dexter Highway. At this time the new John Deere general purpose tractor will be demonstrated by a factory representative. Farmers interested may be able to see six tractors, equipped with power shafts, pumps, plows, discs, etc. in operation. All are invited. See the announcement of the Noble Loring Hardware Co. regarding this demonstration.

ROSWELL MAN FOUND GUILTY OF ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO KILL

ROSWELL — Garvie L. Womble, was found guilty of assault with intent to kill, in connection with the shooting of Police Chief T. U. Alford and Fire Chief Rue Christmas Monday.

The verdict was returned by a jury Saturday night and it included a recommendation for clemency.

Chief Alford and Chief Christmas were shot on November 6, when they went to the Womble home in answer to an appeal for help from Mrs. Womble. Mr. and Mrs. Womble had been quarreling. When the two officers stepped upon the front porch Womble fired through the screen door hitting both officers, and then shot himself in an attempt to commit suicide.

Womble set up a plea of temporary insanity, contending that he was so upset because of jealousy and drinking liquor that he did not realize what he was doing at the time he shot the officers. Sentence will be passed by Judge Richardson at a later date.

VALUE OF COTTON CROP ESTIMATED

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The cotton combining the value of lint and seed, was valued at \$1,420,123,000 by the department of agriculture yesterday.

This year's harvest of important farm crops, including fruit and commercial truck crops, was valued at \$8,580,528,000 compared with \$9,495,788,000 last year.

REFERENDUM ON THE TOBACCO TAX UPHeld BY SUPREME COURT

SANTA FE — The state supreme court in a decision late yesterday afternoon upheld the state constitution and New Mexico statutes as they apply to a referendum—the particular case being the referendum of the tobacco tax law passed by the 1929 legislature.

The following decisions of the court were pertinent in the case.

1. A constitutional provision will be said to be self-executing if it supplies the necessary rule by means of which the right given may be enjoyed and protected or the duty imposed, enforced.

2. Chap. 41, laws of 1927, and especially Article IV thereof, includes and applies to referendum.

3. When the legislature has passed such laws as it deems necessary to the effective exercise of the referendum under the duty imposed upon it by Sec. 1, Art. IV of our constitution, the court will only consider whether something indispensable to such effective exercise is lacking.

The tobacco tax law was passed by the regular session of the legislature this year. Before the special session, which followed it shortly, the movement for the referendum had been launched and the special session attempted to block the referendum by passing a new tobacco tax law with the emergency clause. No emergency measure is subject to a referendum. Governor Dillon, however, vetoed the special session's measure, saying he wished to give the people a chance to vote on whether they wanted the new tax. At the same time he called attention to the free text book provision which was included in the tobacco tax law. The supreme court affirmed the decision of Judge Reed Holloman of the district court of Santa Fe county, denying a writ of mandamus to compel Mrs. E. A. Parrault, the secretary of state, to disregard petitions filed in her office, and to enforce the tobacco tax law at once.

Mr. and Mrs. Alters are in Santa Fe on business.

Miss Jessie George plans a trip to Kansas to enjoy the holidays with relatives.

Mrs. Blackwell, sister of Mrs. Adam Zimmerman, has returned to her home near Hobbs.

Mrs. Van Aradell has gone to Iowa to spend the Christmas holidays with her mother and father.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. White and children were in the State Capitol in Santa Fe Saturday.

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HAROLD DYE, Managing Editor

THEY ASK FOR BREAD

Jesus Christ found his first followers among the
meek and the lowly. Christianity in the beginning
took root and spread among the poor and oppressed.

But now, we are told by James Meyers, industrial
secretary of the Federated Council of Churches
of Christ in America, protestant churches are likely
to be found in greatest numbers "on the comfortable
side of town."

Meyers has just returned from the textile areas
of the south. He told his executive committee that
industrial workers are turning their backs on the
churches. The southern worker, by nature, religious,
because they have been preached to by the preachers,
struggle for decent wages and living conditions.
In some instances village ministers have been known as
the worst enemies of strikers. Meyers found similar
conditions in the mining districts of Pennsylvania and
Colorado and in big cities.

The lot of the preacher in the company-owned and
company-dominated town is not a happy one. Usually
he is pitifully underpaid, and is struggling just as hard
to keep his church going as his parishioners are to fill
their stomachs and put clothes on their backs. Disaster
is apt to follow if the animosity of the employers is
aroused.

Meyer's report is none the less a severe indictment
of the churches.

The wealthy and powerful denominations are found
wanting by the very ones their religion teaches them
they should help. They can build cathedrals, maintain
lobbies in Washington and missions and hospitals in
China and Africa, and devote their money and their
energies to politics and the effort to make the rest
of us good by law. But apparently they have no helping
hand for the thousands of downtrodden who instinctively
turn to them. The plain but unpleasant fact is that the
workers suspect that the churches are on the side of
the money-changers.

The churches defend their right to mix in politics
and agitate for reforms. Surely their right to interest
themselves in social problems like those of the industrial
south is no less. The situation Meyer pictures is a
challenge to the churches.—New Mexico State Tribune.

A CHRISTMAS THOUGHT

As we shuffle at crowded counters this season, awaiting
the chance to purchase a few Christmas gifts for
our friends, let us consider whether our gifts be worthy
or not. More hypocrites are born on Christmas time
than at any other time of the year. Instead of perpetuating
the story of the wise men who laid their gifts at the feet
of Him who later gave all for friends and enemies alike,
of the Magi who gave of their tenderest possessions
for the sake of giving, many of us carry on the example
of Pilate, who gave to Jesus a robe of purple and stood
by to watch the people mock.

We give sometimes to cause pain. We will give a
man a beautiful tie—not for the sake of making him
happy, but simply that we may point to that gorgeous
thing around his neck, and nudge our friends to call
attention to the fact that if it had not been for us, his
Adam's Apple would be bobbing under the frayed
ribbon that had adorned it until it had become the
laugh of the town.

At other times, we give in order to receive gifts.
John Boyle O'Reilly in his "Rules of the Road" sets
this trait of man forth with these words: "Take gifts
with a sigh; most men give to be paid." It is a great
man who gives magnificently, and forgets to sign his
name.

As we purchase these yuletide gifts, let us ever be
reminded of Lowell's superb philosophy on giving in
the "Vision of Sir Launfal":
"Not what we give, but what we share—
For the gift without the giver is bare."

GRUNDY'S APPOINTMENT

The appointment of Joseph R. Grundy, as a United
States senator from Pennsylvania is of more than
passing interest to the west. The appointment of
Grundy by Governor Fisher of Pennsylvania was
protested by many western senators and rightly so
for Mr. Grundy has lobbied so long for eastern manufacturers
that he is laboring under the misapprehension that
the western border of the United States is the
Mississippi river.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER

The Pecos valley for more than three weeks
has enjoyed New Mexico weather, the kind that
makes the Pecos valley an attractive winter resort
for eastern residents. Eastern New Mexico generally
has failed to capitalize one of her major resources
in not broadcasting more about our wonderful winter
climate.

GIN TURN-OUT VS. ACRE TURN-OUT

The idea seems to be firmly fixed in the minds of
many farmers that they must plant a cotton that gives
a large gin turn-out, whereas they should be interested
in acre turn-out and price instead. A large gin turn-
out, of course, is desirable, provided the acre yield of
quality cotton is satisfactory, but the amount of seed
cotton necessary to making a bale of 500 pounds of
lint, nothing else considered, has no bearing upon the
profits of cotton production, unless it is to lower them.

Of what advantage is it to any farmer to produce
a cotton that will make a 500-pound bale of lint from
1,000 or 1,200 pounds of seed cotton if he has to pick
three or four acres or more to get the bale? It is the
acre yield of cotton plus the price per pound for lint
that counts in the pocketbook.

Thousands of cotton growers in Texas and other
southwestern states in 1929 sacrificed quality and acre
yield to the gin turn-out theory and as a result, when
cotton of the tenderable staple and middling grade was
quoted at 16.40 to 17 cents and above, they were receiving
anywhere from 9 cents to 12 cents per pound. Some
of them produced cotton but little better than good
linters, and the world is fed up on linters. How much
better it would be if farmers would organize by communities
and produce a good staple of uniform variety,
pooling their production and selling it for what it
is worth.—Farm and Ranch.

PLAIN TALK

C. W. Morgan editor of the Alamogordo News gives
his readers some plain talk in an editorial under the
caption "New Bank or New Banker, Which?" In this
article which refers particularly to the establishment
of another bank in Alamogordo, Mr. Morgan gives the
facts about the business conditions of his community,
which he believes is "over competition" in many lines
at the present time. Incidentally the Alamogordo
editor lost a few subscribers in the issue, which is
likely to happen to any country newspaper man that
dares express his opinion on some community affairs.
According to some people's views, an editor hasn't
the right to express his honest opinion of a community
issue, especially, if it happens to be contrary to their
particular opinion. This same class of people will
quit the Chamber of Commerce or any other civic
organization, if they can't have their way. They
must "either rule or ruin."

Let any business institution talk of coming into a
town and there are numbers who will lend their
encouragement, but who refuse financial assistance
when the new institution comes to town. It would
make no difference with some people how many
business establishments we had of one class, they
would always encourage the coming of another,
all of which proves that folks do not always
appreciate the industries or institutions that the
town affords.

THE SMALL TOWN'S OPPORTUNITY

Aided by a comprehensive city building plan, the
small community has a better opportunity for sane
growth and healthful living than the metropolitan
centers.

One of the main features of a "comprehensive
plan" must be a street system that provides for
future growth. In many small American cities and
towns streets are narrow and poorly surfaced. Few
of them can be used as through routes. Upkeep is
costly and a continual drain on the cities' finances.

The small town has the advantage of being able
to correct deficiencies in its street system without
exorbitant expense. By beginning now it can avoid
pitfalls of traffic congestion that are apparently
insoluble problems in many of our great centers of
population. By using low cost paving materials it
can, at a reasonable figure, salvage old streets and
secure maximum service from them at a minimum
of upkeep expense.

The cities of the future are the small towns of
today. They should begin now to provide for their
development.

Religious teachers and preachers tell us that the
family altar is fast disappearing in the home. And
the Altar is not the only thing that is missing in
the modern home. Numbers of parents have never
taught their children that they owe a responsibility
to the community which they live. The idea that
the community or town in which they live deserves
their financial and moral support is a revelation to
many of our young people, who undertake seriously
the duties of a good citizen.

URGES EYE TESTS

The Motor Vehicle Commissioner of Maryland has
called attention to the need of frequent eye tests
and he says proper vision is essential to safe driving.
Those drivers who wear glasses are said to get the
best results in correct adjustment by the use of the
rigid shell rims or frames. The statement of the
commissioner says that "after every accident drivers
involved should undergo eyesight tests."

In time of war, the fellow who curses his country
and refuses to do his part is called a traitor. Public
sentiment either makes him shut up or leave the
community. In peace times, a fellow can spend
days cursing his community, knock everything and
still hold the respect of some of his fellow citizens.

Our easy Christmas shopping: For father, mother,
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Correct this sentence: "I want you to make
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As a reminder that "a place for everything
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Santa Claus plans to distribute "oodles" of
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this year. Two popular painted wooden types
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You say the defendant knocked them both out.
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A Trifling Matter
The Nurse—You've sewed up a pair of forceps in that patient, doctor.
The Surgeon—That so? Never mind. I was going to order another operation, anyway, and I'll recover them then. If I need them in the meantime I can borrow a pair.

PROFESSIONAL



Judge—Have you ever been arrested before my good man?
Prisoner—Now lissen, Judge! I don't look like no bud jes makin' her debut, do I?

INCREASED INCOME FROM NEW AUTO LICENSES

The prediction of Charles Roehl, motor vehicle commissioner of Santa Fe is that the motor vehicle licensing code would double receipts. During the first 11 days of the issuance of the 1930 motor vehicle licenses the collections were \$63,000 as compared with collections of \$33,000 in the first 11 days of issuance a year ago. The increase results from the higher minimum, cornering of old tax dodgers, and heavier license on trucks, Mr. Roehl

said. He said the number of licenses issued had been approximately the same as a year ago during the 11 day period.

FOR WANT ADS READ RESULTS

A Reduction in LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE RATES

Effective January 1, 1930



Effective January 1, 1930, another reduction in Long Distance rates will be made. This is the fourth reduction in the Bell System in a little more than three years and based on the present volume of calls, will mean a saving of more than \$5,000,000 a year to the telephone using public of the United States.

This announcement follows the rate reduction February 1 of the current year, 1929, which also represented a saving of \$5,000,000. Earlier reductions had been made October 1, 1926 and December 1, 1927.

EVENING AND NIGHT RATES UNCHANGED

The latest reductions apply to day rates on Station-to-Station calls. Evening and night rates are not changed. The term "Station to Station" designates calls on which you are willing to talk with anyone at the called telephone in another city and the new rates affect those calls 60 to 260 miles from the calling point.

Reductions have been made in accordance with the aim of the Bell System "to continue to furnish the best possible telephone service at the lowest cost consistent with financial safety."

The Mountain States Telephone & Telegraph Co.

COL. GOODNIGHT DIES AT TUSCON, ARIZONA BURIED AT OLD RANCH

The death of Col. Charles A. Goodnight, pioneer of the Texas Panhandle, which occurred at his winter home in Tuscon, Arizona, last Thursday, recalls many incidents connected with the early western Texas and eastern New Mexico. Not only did Col. Goodnight become famous for the establishment of a buffalo ranch on the panhandle, but for the establishment of the Goodnight trail, which is said to run through the Pecos valley and New Mexico. Col. Goodnight entered the cattle business following the civil war, but like many other cattlemen was handicapped for lack of a market. He decided to try the mining district of the west and it was through this decision that he established the Goodnight trail and at one time is said to have crossed the Pecos river near old Seven Rivers, where one of his partners, Loving was wounded by the Indians.

The Amarillo News of Friday gives a full history of Col. Goodnight's life. Part of this history we have clipped because it concerns this section of the state. We read:

Charles Goodnight set down and reasoned it out. He knew there had been a mining boom in Colorado; and the state had begun to fill up; that there was little or no agriculture there; that food was selling for enormous prices, and that a herd of good cattle, if got there would bring a fortune. Out of this dilemma and thought came the Goodnight trail.

Other men got the same idea soon after he did, but Goodnight was the pioneer. The rest turned their eyes toward the North and it was not long before they were following their herds up into Kansas and delivering them at railroad terminals and slaughter houses. But Goodnight was the first demonstration, and his success brought the whole movement into being and the whole southwest back to life. Cattlemen and southwestern builders in these open days are fond of sitting back and wondering what would have happened if the boy from Illinois had not driven his longhorns to market, if the cattle drives had not come. The cattle ranges of Texas would soon have been deserted, the homes in the frontier clearing would have lost their tenants, the little towns must have struggled and died and the great empire that lies out there today would even now be only in its infancy, or at least much retarded.

While other cattlemen in Texas were talking and wondering about a northern route, Goodnight used his knowledge of the Indian country and planned a trail from the head of the Concho over the desert to the Horsehead crossing of the Pecos and thence to Colorado and the first connection with any railroad. His fellow rangers smiled and showed no interest. This business of trying to drive a herd of cattle through deserts and, worse still, through the ancient hunting grounds of the wild Comanches was not for them. The Comanche braves and their chiefs claimed as their empire the land south of the Red river as far as the

Rio Grande, and they were in a mood to defend it against white encroachments. Most of the cowboys decided that they knew what that meant and declined to go along on any such adventure, but Goodnight finally found enough men to take the risk. So he set out.

"In this drive," says Colonel Goodnight—as he is called in Texas—"I had to make my own trail. The only other one had been made by Oliver Loving in 1859 and it went another way from mine. I laid my course with the help of maps and through my knowledge of the Indian lands. I started out with 2,000 cattle and 18 men. One wagon, carrying the chuck, and 20 oxen. That, I believe, was the first chuck wagon ever used. The men who rode with my herd were forced to be relieved by the others every little while, as the dust from the cattle was stifling. Three hundred miles of the Pecos river country was terrible, all alkali dust. There was a 96 mile desert that we had to cross, that lies between the Pecos and Concho rivers. We made that drive without any sleep or rest. I rode the same horse for three days and three nights and whatever rest I got was on his back. It took three days to cross the desert. The cattle went crazy with thirst. I lost 300 head for lack of water, and the suffering was almost as bad with the men. The water kegs soon went dry; the alkali bit our lips and cut our faces. Then, when we got within smelling distance of the Pecos, the cattle went wild. They dashed across the river and doubled back before they stopped. We had all we could do in our exhaustion to hold them."

Buyers in Colorado were amazed to see a herd of cattle from Texas and paid the expected high prices, so that Goodnight made a profit of \$6,000 in spite of the losses and difficulties. More important, he marked out the Goodnight trail, 600 miles long. News of its existence and of the successful drive spread about Texas. Other men made ready to drive their longhorns to the northwest.

In 1867, Goodnight made his second drive to Colorado with another 2,000 steers. On this adventure Oliver Loving, who had made the first trail journey in 1859, lost his life in one of the classic adventures of the wild west. Before that happened, Joe Loving was shot through the neck with an Indian arrow. Goodnight broke it off and extracted the shank with a pair of nippers, saving the man's life. A little later it was decided that Oliver Loving and another man, known only as Wilson, should ride ahead as fast as they could, reach Colorado and New Mexico markets some time ahead of the herds and make contracts with the local buyers for the purchase of the steers. Naturally, this would bring better prices if sold in this way than could be expected after the herd was at the selling place and had to be disposed of. Goodnight cautioned the two outriders to proceed only at night and to lie under cover by day, for the Indians were ugly and had already shown their temper. But two days away from the herd the intrepid Loving decided to throw caution aside and ride by day. On a high bank overlooking the Pecos river, the two couriers were encircled and attacked by from 500 to 600 Comanches. The two rangers fought off the Indians as best they could until

Loving fell wounded. Wilson, who had but one arm, slipped into the river, and detaching his gun butt, used it as an oar to propel himself down stream. The Indian sentinels must have seen him, for they tried to drive him back with their arrows, but he managed to slip past them and hide himself in the brush. At nightfall he set out, barefooted, for he had shed his shoes for the swim to walk 100 miles to rejoin the herd. By some miracle of power and endurance he kept on going for three days and finally rejoined Goodnight with the disastrous news.

Oliver Loving, meantime, had continued to stand off the Indians with five revolvers and his rifle, and dragged himself, weak and wounded, toward the south. Finally, he met some Mexicans who carried him to the nearest fort. There the old trail blazer and Goodnight's partner died, having fought his great fight in vain. Goodnight continued the dead man's interest in the cattle driving venture and did not feel that his obligation was discharged till he had paid the Loving family \$40,000 out of later profits.

Goodnight now became a cattle driver pure and simple. He established himself on the farthest border of Texas and there received cattle to that point, paying about \$1.00 a head above Texas prices for them. These herds he now drove further to the markets, taking full advantage of his knowledge of the trails and his better relations with the Indians. Needless to say he was making money and continued to make it.

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LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS

NOTICE TO STOCK HOLDERS
The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank of Hagerman, N. M. will be held in the director's room of said bank at 2:00 o'clock p. m., on Tuesday, January 14, 1930 for the purpose of electing a board of directors and the transaction of such other business as may be properly presented at that time.

W. A. LOSEY,
Cashier.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Department of the Interior, United States Land Office, Las Cruces, New Mexico, December 13, 1929. Notice is hereby given that John Abb Burnett, of Dexter, N. M., who, on August 29, 1927 made homestead entry, No. 033406, for Lots 1, 2, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ Sec. 5, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 8, Township 13-S., Range 27-E., N. M. P. Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make three year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Dan C. Savage, U. S. Commissioner, at Roswell, N. Mex., on the 25th day of January, 1930.

Claimant names as witnesses:
Buck R. Brinkley, William Langham, William W. Reed, and Charles R. Rains, all of Dexter, N. Mex.
V. B. MAY,
Register.

Department of the Interior, United States Land Office, Las Cruces, N. M., November 27, 1929.

Notice is hereby given that the State of New Mexico has filed in this office Indemnity School Land Selection No. 9392, Serial No. 040996, for the following land: NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 22, T. 20-S., R. 19-E.

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 protests against the approval of the selection.

V. B. MAY,
Register.

NOTICE OF SALE

By virtue of an execution issued out of the Justice of the Peace Court in Precinct No. 5, in the town of Hagerman, County of Chaves and State of New Mexico, by L. B. McCormick, Justice of the Peace of said precinct, dated November 25th, 1929 in a certain cause wherein John Campbell, as plaintiff, recovered judgment against Ramon Chavez, defendant, for the sum of \$13.06 and costs of suit, on the 5th day of December in cause No. 80, I have levied upon the following described property to-wit: One Willys Knight Touring Car.

Notice is hereby given that on the 28th day of December, 1929, at three o'clock p. m., on the corner by the bank building at said town of Hagerman, I will sell all right, title and interest of Ramon Chavez, defendant, in and to the above described property at public auction, for cash, to the highest and best bidder to satisfy said execution and all costs including costs of sale.

Dated at Hagerman, New Mexico, this 5th day of December, 1929.

E. T. PILLEY,
Constable.

Department of the Interior, United States Land Office, Las Cruces, N. M. December 14, 1929.

Notice is hereby given that the State of New Mexico has filed in this office its Selection List No. 113, Serial No. 040997, under act of May 28, 1928, for the following land: NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 6; N $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 12; NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ & SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 13; S $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$ Sec. 14; S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 15; lot 1, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ & N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 18; NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ & E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 22; NW $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ & SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 24; NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 25; N $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$ Sec. 26; NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 27, T. 14-S., R. 21-E.

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 protests against the approval of the selection.

V. B. MAY,
Register.

NEW MEXICO COTTON GRADES MIDDLING

The following report from the agricultural statistician at Las Cruces will be of interest to the local cotton growers:

A preliminary report on the "grade staple length and tendability of cotton ginned in the state of New Mexico prior to November 1, 1929," issued by the bureau of agricultural economics in cooperation with the New Mexico agricultural experiment station, shows that 35,400 bales out of the 37,000 bales ginned to November 1, graded extra white, middling and better, and 26,600 bales were over 1 1-32" staple length.

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Fire may also enter through the roof which is exposed to flying embers. Fire-safe shingles or tile eliminate the hazard and add materially to the beauty of the home.

While fewer fires are transmitted from the exterior walls, real fire safety implies fire-resistive construction in those parts of the house. Fire-stops in walls, unburnable stairways, proper design of fireplaces and chimneys—these are a few of the details the modern builder includes in his fire preventative.

Automobile Influences Modern Home Designs

Discussing the present day designs of homes, Joseph Holtzman, Detroit builder, contended they had been influenced, as regard their beauty, by the automobile, just as "in olden days when the 'coach and six' were our best transportation means our houses reflected the designs of the 'coach and six.'"

"Our architecture today is typical of our age and day, but it is the beginning of an era denoting the creation of the typical American home," he continued. "Aviation, which is our next step in transportation, will not materially change the designs. The airplane is a very graceful thing. It has the 'lines' of the bird, slender well fashioned, poised; a perfect design. The coming of aviation will not affect our new architecture, except to better it if anything."

Merry Christmas, Folks!

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THE CHECKERBOARD STORE

Claire, the Wallflower

By LEETE STONE

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CLAIRE CONLEY was a wallflower. Ever since kindergarten days! Now, in her last year at a fashionable finishing school nestled in the Connecticut hills, she still lacked that indefinable quality that draws men.

Claire was psychologist enough to know that one convincing public proof of power to attract men would instantly include her in that sought-for inner circle that reached out successfully toward matters masculine. She was not unpopular; she played excellent tennis and bridge, and her frank personality won her admirers among the athletic contingent. But her constant wish was to be included in that elect group of girls, who got letters every day addressed in bold characters, and were invited to every Naval Academy dance.

Looking from her open window one June morning, with the scent of new-mown hay from the great meadow behind the dormitory meeting her nostrils fragrantly, Claire admitted that her desire to make a showing before the girls was camouflage. Deep in her heart she knew she wanted a man's companionship. She visualized a home with a sun-lit living room and a yellow china tea set—and a tall man who smoked a pipe, drooping ashes on the floor, and kissing her when she scolded.

She went to attend a talk on the "Art of Social Charm," by a bespectacled female in tweeds whose mind had long outrun her charm.

Claire observed the lecturer, pencil poised over her note book, with a slight sense of pity. Angular, flat-chested and masculine . . . how could this woman have captured the art of social charm? All at once she herself was captured by the woman's incisive logic. Trenchant lines wrote themselves mechanically in her notebook and unforgettably on her mind:

"Eyelashes, lips and trim figures will catch a husband; but it needs brains to keep him caged in content" . . . and another, "it's the woman who acts immediately on the sudden, sometimes startling intuition of mind that conquers and keeps men, women and society at her feet!"

That afternoon the tennis tournament finals were due. Claire was well in line for the tall silver cup. She had never felt more fit; more alert mentally and physically. Her service and net play were superb. At the stroke of four she slashed over the vicious, court-length lob that won her the cup.

Her friends trooped the court to congratulate. Even as she smilingly responded a weary reaction set in. Athletic honors! What did they matter?

The purr and whirr of the daily mail plane sounded overhead. As the group watched it, the even drone of the motor ceased and a sputtering series of coughs and racking explosions took place. At once the graceful man-made bird began circling and gently dropping down to the long flat meadow. Ideal for landing.

In the stress of reaction a daring intuition swooped down, like the plane, to the flat, tired expanse of Claire's mind. The "Social Charm" lecturer's line returned to her consciousness with renewed force.

The mail plane glided to a skillful landing on the scented field, so near the watching girls that the pilot's tall, handsome figure as he stepped from his flying niche to the ground was distinctly visible.

"If only he will turn and look at us . . ." thought Claire, almost wavering in her daring course of action, designed to prove to the girls once for all that she was not a wallflower, but in truth a "man's woman."

As if in obedience to Claire's mental command, the young man turned and faced the group with a smile and a cheery, casual wave of his hand.

Claire's cue! Flinging her racket down, she returned the wave enthusiastically, crying to the amazed group:

"Why—why—it's Joe! They must have put him on this run!" And she flew across the field toward the pilot, who had turned back to his motor.

"Joe" looked around at the sound of Claire's running feet, and went a trifle white under his tan as she threw her arms around his neck.

"Hug me!" she whispered, "as—though you loved me! I'll explain later if you'll leave me your address."

"You needn't explain," he murmured in a breathless baritone. Suddenly he held her shoulders out at arm's length and stared hungrily at her. A flush reddened his boyish face. Then he smiled as if he visioned something no one else could see.

He folded her close again; so close Claire felt the thud of his heart. They clung so a brief moment. Rousing herself from her new heaven, and all at once a little afraid of the stare of the waiting girls, she forced his arms away, gently.

"I must—oh, I must run—my—my dear!"

"So must I," he replied, eyes on the mail bags. "But I'm coming back right to this spot—Sunday!"

"Elegy" Advanced in Price

A copy of Gray's "Elegy," published in 1751 at sixpence, was sold at Sotheby's recently for \$3,700. This is the poem which General Wolf declared: "I would rather have written it than take Quebec."

Announcement

Beginning the first of the New Year, we shall sell gas and oil STRICTLY FOR CASH.

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Letters to Santa

Hagerman, N. M.
December 5, 1929.
Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a little sewing machine, a horn, and a tricycle. Bring my little sisters something nice. I don't know what they want, but I know they want something. I want a doll bed, and a doll that will go to sleep.
DORIS HENRICKSEN.

Hagerman, N. M.
December 5, 1929.
Dear Santa Claus:
I want a jumping jack, a clown, a top, and some colored plastilene. I want some fruit and candy. Are you coming to my church again this year?
JUNIOR WHITE.

Hagerman, N. M.
December 5, 1929.
Dear Santa:
I want a doll and doll buggy. I want a set of doll dishes too. Thank you, Santa
NILA MAE WALKER.

Hagerman, N. M.
December 5, 1929.
Dear Santa:
I want a wagon, a dump cart and an airplane with a handle to guide it and a wheel on the back that will turn. I thank you, Santa.
JUNIOR BOWEN.

Hagerman, N. M.
December 5, 1929.
Dear Santa:
I want a wagon, a car, an airplane, and a dump cart. I want some candy and nuts.
I love you, Santa,
EVAN EVANS.

Hagerman, N. M.
December 5, 1929.
Dear Santa Claus:
I want a doll bed, a doll with wavy hair and a little victrola. I wish you could come to our house and stay all day. Goodbye this Christmas.
HANNAH JANE BURCK.

P. S. Please bring Sally some shoes and stockings. Sally is our doll at school. She hurt her head the other day.
Hagerman, N. M.
December 5, 1929.
Dear Santa:

I want a wagon, a BB gun and a little car. I thank you, Santa. I shall be glad to see you Christmas. Please hang everything on the tree in our front room.
LIONEL CREIGHTON,

Hagerman, N. M.
December 5, 1929.
Dear Santa Claus:
I want a tool chest and a sock of toys and a little train and an airplane and a tractor.
THOMAS.

Hagerman, N. M.
December 5, 1929.
Dear Santa:
This letter is coming from Harold. I want an egg layer and a policeman outfit. I want a crazy car too.
HAROLD.

Hagerman, N. M.
December 5, 1929.
Dear Santa Claus:
Bring me a doll and a doll bed. Bring my little sister a doll bed. I think that is what she would like. She likes what I like. Bring baby sister a rattle. Bring my bantam hen something you think she would like.
ROBERTA MEEKS.

Hagerman, N. M.
December 5, 1929.
Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a tricycle, a BB gun, a ball. I want some candy and nuts. If you have some fire crackers, I would like to have some.
Your little friend,
M. C. OWENS.

Hagerman, N. M.
December 5, 1929.
Dear Santa Claus:
I want a doll and a doll buggy. Bring Beatrice a rag doll. Bring Jimmy a doll buggy. I wish I could see you, Santa.
Your little friend,
MARIE WHEELER.

Hagerman, N. M.
December 5, 1929.
Dear Santa Claus:
You will find my brown stocking hanging up in our front room. Please put some candy and nuts in it. I want a wagon, a BB gun and a tricycle.
Thank you,
MALCOLM KEY.

THINGS THAT NEVER HAPPEN



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EX-SERVICE MEN CAN GET EXEMPTION OF ONLY TWO THOUSAND

SANTA FE—New Mexico ex-service men are entitled only to \$2,000 tax exemption on all of their property, including automobiles and are not entitled to a one-third reduction on their automobiles in addition to the \$2,000 exemption, Attorney General M. A. Otero Jr., has said in an opinion for A. Gilberto Espinosa of Albuquerque, department judge advocate of the American Legion.

That is, if an ex-service man wishes an exemption on his automobile, he may take that one-third cut, and such amount will be included when the \$2,000 exemption is figured on his other property. If he

takes his \$2,000 exemption on general property alone, he is not entitled to the one-third reduction on his automobile. He may divide the exemption, taking part on his automobile and part on his property, but in no case is he entitled to more than \$2,000 exemption.

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Our advertisers, please, that you noticed their advertisement in The Messenger.

Call by number

For the fastest long distance telephone service, call by number. Usually you'll get your connection while you hold the line.



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Your Photograph OF COURSE

The only present that will never grow old, and will be treasured through the years.

So—Call and make your appointment

Rodden's Studio

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Leave your films to be developed at McAdoo Drug Co. Hagerman, New Mexico

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Check up on your implements and see us for the **AVERY** line

Roswell Pump and Supply Co.

Roswell, New Mexico

Phone 154

119 S. Main

COTTONWOOD ITEMS

(Miss Alma Bradley, Reporter)

Olen Hill, son of Walter Hill, is ill at his home in Artesia.

Mrs. Stafford Brown and son, were visiting friends, Saturday.

Dave Hill and wife from Carlsbad were visiting A. D. Hill and family Sunday.

Mrs. Maynard Brown and daughter Eloise visited Stafford and Charlie Brown of Carlsbad.

Mrs. B. D. Briscoe, Mrs. Mary Abbot and Miss Hannah Briscoe were Cottonwood visitors Sunday.

Glenn O'Bannon bought the A. D. Hill farm this week, better known as the Fred Knowles place.

Tom Wells, who is a tire salesman, of Amarillo, was visiting his sister, Mrs. Houston Felton, last week.

Mrs. J. D. Terry and daughter, Mrs. Mamie Stroud were visiting with friends on Cottonwood, Sunday.

Mrs. V. A. Hunt and son spent Sunday with her daughter, Mrs. Louis Rowland and family of Atoka.

Glenn O'Bannon and Sterret Bros. are buying turkeys and made several trips to El Paso, during the past week.

Among those who visited Santa Claus in Roswell, Saturday were: Messrs. Jess Funk, Howard, Parker, Kersey Funk and families.

A. J. Basel, of San Angelo, Texas accompanied by Mr. Cecil is visiting here and attending to business matters this week.

The sophomore class of Lake Arthur entertained the seniors with a

party at the home of their sponsor, Miss Leonora Bradley. A jolly good time was had by all.

The Cottonwood Woman's club received a letter from Mrs. J. M. Dickson formerly of Cottonwood and who now resides in British Columbia, Canada. They like their new location fine.

The proceeds from the P. T. A. benefit dance were \$62.00. The sum

will go toward a Christmas tree and treats which will be given at the Upper Cottonwood school Friday night. There will also be a Christmas program given by the school children.

The Cottonwood Woman's club met with Mrs. H. O. Parker last week. Plans for Christmas were made. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Tom Terry the second Wednesday in January. New officers will be elected. Miss Velma Borschell was a visitor at the club and demonstrated home made Xmas gifts.

This week we are announcing that in addition to our

CRYSTAL Stop-Knock

easy going, smooth running gasoline, we have installed a Phillips Pump and you can get Phillips Gas, the gasoline with pep, that makes your car start easily these cold mornings.

Watford Service Station



GIFTS Everlasting

Christmas Day! . . . A little box beneath the tree . . . off go the wrappings, open flies the case, and lo! an exquisite little trinket, radiant with the charm of flashing gems and cunning artisanship . . . A gift everlasting, evoking tender memories of the donor. . . May we help in choosing your Yule offering? . . . You will find the right gift for her at our store.

McAdoo Drug Co.

"Hagerman's Popular Meeting Place"

The Lure of Corn Bread

By JANE OSBORN

(Copyright.)

IT MIGHT not have made your mouth water—that street car picture of corn bread—but Hope Mawson had lunched early and lightly, and the yellow square of corn bread made, as the ad said, steaming hot, with a cup of coffee at the side—also steaming—and two nice, neat butter balls on a butter plate—all this was pleasantly tantalizing to Hope Mawson, even though the picture was only an advertisement for Folger's famous cornmeal.

Hope was riding homeward on the street car and the advertisement was directly opposite her, so it was not difficult for her to dwell upon the tempting sight for many minutes.

It was Diana's night to cook dinner, to be sure, but Hope would stop at the corner grocery store, buy some Folger's cornmeal and make some corn bread and have it ready by the time Diana had finished the rest of the dinner.

Here Hope's meditations were suddenly cut short. The conductor was calling "Love-a-lavenu," and Hope knew that Lovel avenue was five blocks beyond her own street.

Brandon Jones, who had been sitting beside her, rose with her and also went toward the door. Hope walked three blocks and then stopped at the grocery store. Oddly enough, Brandon Jones went into the grocery store, watched her as she made her purchase and stammered out with considerable embarrassment: "Dog biscuits, please," when the grocer's clerk asked him what he wanted.

Then Hope proceeded, and the man proceeded. He even crossed the street where she wanted to, and proceeded her into the hall of the apartment where she and her companions, Diana and Daphne, lived. The hall boy spoke and let him pass. Obviously he was a resident. Yet why, if he lived in that apartment, did he ride on to Lovel avenue?

Hope was interested in this apparent mystery, but not so interested as to forget her cornmeal. She quickly changed from her office clothes to a washable house frock, and in five minutes more had the cornmeal and flour and milk beaten up as she had seen old Sally do so many times in her childhood.

Daphne and Diana declared the corn bread to be exactly like the corn bread old Sally used to make. They were feasting merrily on it when the bell of the apartment rang. They exchanged surprised glances, for callers never came unannounced in that apartment. Hope fled to the door, and there stood Brandon Jones.

"Excuse me," he began, and before he had time to go further with his apologies he sniffed and said: "My, but that smells good! I smelled it way up in my apartment, and that's why I came. You see—"

"I'm sure we all would like to have you come in and share it with us," said Hope, looking at Daphne and Diana, who had now appeared in the hall.

And so Brandon Jones was ushered into the living room, where the large table had been spread for dinner. Brandon then explained. He hoped Miss Mawson—the elevator boy told him her name—would accept his apologies.

He had sat beside her on the car and had been interested in the interest she showed in that corn bread advertisement. He had seen her before and knew that she lived in this apartment, so when she rode past her street he knew it must be because of her preoccupation in this advertisement.

He got off where she did and followed her into the grocery store, and to his delight she bought the cornmeal. Later he got the tempting smell of baking corn bread through his open window above—corn bread and coffee, just as the picture had suggested. He was looking for a good rule for corn bread—he thought perhaps he might be able to secure hers.

"You see, I'm an advertising man—Jones of Jones & Hancock—"

"Oh, I didn't know you were that Mr. Jones," said Daphne, with much respect, hearing the name of the largest advertising concern in the city.

"And we just took over the account of Folger's corn products—want to make a big thing of it. I thought a picture of corn bread would make a good street car card—tried to get our artist to make it as real as possible. Mr. Hancock thought that was a little too simple—wanted to try something clever, you know. But we thought we'd try it out. So when I saw you, Miss Mawson, reading the advertisement I felt that at least one street car rider was interested. And then, by jove, you went to the store and bought the cornmeal. I'll have to tell Hancock—"

Mr. Jones ate two, then three pieces of the corn bread and declared that Miss Mawson was the best cook in the world, and he never said a word about Diana who had cooked all the rest of the dinner.

But then right from the first Mr. Jones had eyes only for Hope.

"And that was as it should be," said the practical Daphne a month later when Hope and Brandon announced their engagement, because usually the men they knew admired all three—"and divided admiration," continued Daphne, "is not conducive to continued solitaires."

Art in Basketry



A basket for every need is evidently the slogan adopted in modern Christmas gift sections. Art in basketry is indeed touching the high spots this season, as the gorgeous raffia basket in the picture bears witness. The flowers are done in the bas relief and gayly painted. 'Twould indeed be a difficult matter to conceive of a more happily chosen gift coming from one woman to another at Christmas time.

Four Points Necessary to Perfect Architecture

Architectural perfection in a building is based upon four general requirements, and the more complete the fulfillment of these requirements the more certain it is to be architecturally good. C. Julian Oberwarth declares in Architectural Progress.

"The first of these is utility, or fulfillment of the purpose for which it was intended," says Mr. Oberwarth. "The second is expression, or the way the design suggests the purpose, materials, construction and general plan arrangement. The third is soundness of construction, or the durability of the materials, knowledge and ingenuity in their uses and engineering perfection in assembling; and the fourth is beauty of design."

"Each of these requisites of good architecture is dependent upon the success of the others, and unless all four have been taken care of in a successful manner the building is not an architectural success."

WILL YOU TELL

Our advertisers, please, that you noticed their advertisement in The Messenger.

Messenger Want Ads Get Results!

TWO DIXIE FLOOD HEROINES



MRS. MINEOLA LIEBERT

ACCORDING to the Mobile (Ala.) Register, two telephone operators at Elba, Alabama, braved death in the recent flood in that section, by remaining at the switchboard and sending out flood warnings. The Register, commenting editorially on the service rendered by these intrepid women, said:

"Two telephone operators at Elba, Alabama, remained courageously at their post of duty during the recent flood disaster until they could no longer render any service, and were then lifted out of the second story window of the building occupied by the telephone exchange. They were Miss Vivian Harper, the operator on duty at the time, and Mrs. P. M. Liebert, who



MISS VIVIAN HARPER

also insisted on remaining with her friend.

"Always these stories of heroism come to the front when we have disasters of any kind, for always there are men and women who are willing to risk their own lives in efforts to save the lives of others, or to be of needed service to human beings in danger and distress.

"But the mere fact that we have many of these heroic types among the men and women of this country does not detract from the heroic conduct of these two Elba telephone operators, for Miss Harper and Mrs. Liebert met their obligations beautifully and have written their names high in the annals of Elba and Alabama."

MRS. LATTION IS AWARDED DAMAGES

Mrs. Dennis Lattion, of Hagerman, former resident of Dayton was awarded damages amounting to \$5,000, against the Santa Fe railroad by the Chaves county jury at Roswell last week. Mrs. Lattion filed suit against the railroad after her husband was killed at a grade crossing near Hagerman about a year ago. The attorneys for the Santa Fe announced that they would appeal.

When the cat's away the mice will play—but maybe the cat's not having such a rotten time either.—Life.

Messenger want ads get results.

NOT WHAT HE WANTED

Weary Willie was out of work, as usual, and he was exploring a new neighborhood.

He rapped timidly at the door of a poor looking house on the corner. It was opened by Mrs. Murphy.

She was very red in the face, and her hands were still covered with soapuds. Also, she was very angry at being interrupted at her washing.

"Did you wish to see me?" she belted darkly.

Weary Willie backed down the steps with downcast eyes.

"If I did," he said meekly, "I've had my wish, thank you."

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Coming Into His Own
Brags (to his table fellow)—Look Briggs; that man is taking your umbrella from the stand.
Briggs—Ssh! Be quiet; he may recognize it!

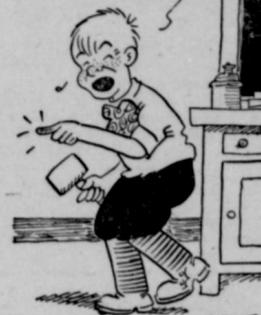
HOT WORK



"Does it make you red in the face and sweat like that when you call on a girl you knew years ago?"
"Not necessarily, but it's hot work rekindling an old flame."

MICKIE SAYS—

GOCH, THE FUSS OUR FOREMAN MAKES OVER EVERY JOB OF PRINTING, WOULD THINK HE WUZ OLE MICKIE ANGELO, TURNIN' OUT MASTERPIECES— BUT I GUESS IT'S ALL RIGHT, BECAUSE OUR CUSTOMERS ALWAYS COME BACK FOR MORE



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LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

STATE LAND SALE
CHAVES COUNTY
OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER
PUBLIC LANDS
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the provisions of the Act of Congress approved June 20, 1910, the laws of the State of New Mexico and the rules and regulations of the State Land Office, the Commissioner of Public Lands will offer at public sale to the highest and best bidder at 2:00 o'clock p. m., on Saturday, January 25th, 1930, at the front door of the court house in the town of Roswell, county seat of Chaves County, New Mexico, the following described tract of land:

Sale No. 2388

E 1/2 SE 1/4 Section 20, Township 15-South, Range 26 East, N. M. P. M., containing 80 acres. There are no improvements.

No bid will be accepted for less than Ten and No-100 dollars (\$10.00) per acre and the successful bidder will be required to pay at the time of sale five per cent (5%) of the amount of his bid, the value of the improvements and the costs of sale. The balance of the price offered will be payable at any time within thirty (30) years with interest on all deferred payments at the rate of four percent (4%) annually, in accordance with the terms of the contract to be entered into by the successful bidder.

All minerals on the said land reserved to the state and the Commissioner reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Dated at Santa Fe, New Mexico, this 25th day of October 1929.

AUSTIN D. CRILE,

Commissioner of Public Lands.
First Publication, November 7th, 1929.
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FOR READ WANT ADS RESULTS

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And Attractive 20-Piece Set of Dishes

Descriptive Folder with Many Special Waffle Recipes FREE!



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AN IDEAL CHRISTMAS GIFT—COME IN TO SEE THEM!

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Company



THE MAN OF THE HOUR...

Is filling up his bag for mother, father, brother or sweetheart at

Price & Co.
ROSWELL, N.M.

The Store of Useful Gifts

Here you will find a large assortment of gift suggestions . . . many packed in attractive gift boxes . . . for every member of the family.

We invite you to come in, look around, and buy if you find it to your advantage.

Sunday School Lesson

By Rev. P. B. FITZWATER, D.D., Member of Faculty, Moody Bible Institute of Chicago.
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Lesson for December 22

THE CHILD IN A CHRISTIAN WORLD

(Christmas Lesson)

LESSON TEXT—Matthew 18:1-6; Mark 10:13-16; Luke 9:47-49

GOLDEN TEXT—Suffer little children and forbid them not to come unto Me for of such is the kingdom of heaven.

PRIMARY TOPIC—The Story of the First Christmas.

JUNIOR TOPIC—The Story of the First Christmas.

INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—Finding and Following Right Leaders.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—Christian Obligations to Childhood.

I. The Greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven (Matt. 18:1-6)

Jesus answered concretely the disciples' question as to who is greatest in the kingdom of heaven by placing a child in their midst and declaring:

1. The condition of entrance into the kingdom (v. 3).

But in order to enter the kingdom one must become childlike. He thus pointed to these ambitious disciples a change of heart was necessary to enter to even enter the kingdom at all, alone having an honorable position therein. Birth from above is essential, even to see the kingdom (John 3:3, 5).

2. Those who possess childlike humility are the greatest (v. 4). The child is dependent, lowly and modest. Such characteristics are only possible to those who have been regenerated.

II. Little Children Brought to Jesus (Mk 10:13-16)

1. The mothers' desire that Jesus might touch their children (v. 13).

Doubtless they had witnessed the healing power of His touch and coveted it for their children. All Christians' parents want their children to come into contact with Jesus (Christ).

2. The disciples rebuke (v. 13).

They thought the children were too insignificant to be allowed to interfere with Jesus' work, therefore they rebuked the mothers for bringing them to Him.

3. Jesus reply (v. 14).

He declared that the kingdom belongs to the children, therefore the children have a right in the presence of the king.

4. Jesus blesses the little children (v. 16).

He took them up in His arms and blessed them. Christianity is peculiarly favorable toward children. Only where Christ is known is the child duly recognized.

III. The Child Jesus (Luke 2:1-20)

1. His birth (vv. 1-7).

It took place at Bethlehem according to prediction (Micah 5:2). The child moved upon the emperor to enforce the decree of taxation just in time to bring Mary to Bethlehem. His surroundings were of the most humble sort. The eternal God condescended to be thus incorporated with humanity, to be born in a manger, becoming the poorest of the poor, that none might be hindered in coming unto Him.

2. Jesus' birth announced (vv. 8-14).

(1) By whom. An angel of the Lord was the first to give the gospel message.

(2) To whom. His birth was announced to the shepherds who were keeping watch over their flocks by night.

(3) The nature of the message. It was good tidings of great joy. It was good tidings because the darkness of heathendom which had so long covered the earth was beginning to vanish; the casting out of Satan, the prince of the world, was about to take place. Liberty was soon to be proclaimed to those who were in bondage. The way of salvation was to be open to all. So glorious was this message that a multitude of the heavenly host accompanied it with their song of praise.

3. The shepherds investigating (vv. 15-16).

They did not stop to argue or raise questions, though these things were in doubt passing strange to them. They went immediately to Bethlehem where they made investigation and found everything just as represented. They had the privilege of first gazing upon the world's Savior, the Lord of glory.

4. The shepherds witnessing (vv. 17-20).

They found things as announced. When they beheld the Lord of glory they could not remain silent, therefore they went back praising God and making known what their eyes had beheld. Those who really hear the gospel can not be silent—they must tell it out to others.

5. The shepherds returning (vv. 21-24).

They returned to their flocks, and found that the angels had been with them, and that the child Jesus was still there.

6. The shepherds' testimony (vv. 25-28).

They testified to the child Jesus, and to the angels who had appeared to them, and to the things which they had seen and heard.

7. The shepherds' return (vv. 29-32).

They returned to their flocks, and found that the child Jesus was still there.

8. The shepherds' return (vv. 33-35).

They returned to their flocks, and found that the child Jesus was still there.

9. The shepherds' return (vv. 36-38).

They returned to their flocks, and found that the child Jesus was still there.

10. The shepherds' return (vv. 39-41).

They returned to their flocks, and found that the child Jesus was still there.

11. The shepherds' return (vv. 42-44).

They returned to their flocks, and found that the child Jesus was still there.

12. The shepherds' return (vv. 45-47).

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14. The shepherds' return (vv. 51-53).

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20. The shepherds' return (vv. 69-71).

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21. The shepherds' return (vv. 72-74).

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Soaking, steaming, or cooking stock feeds increases their digestibility slightly, but usually not enough to pay for the expense and work. When maximum gains are desired, cooking may encourage the animals to eat more.

According to available reports more than one-third of the annual farm slaughter of hogs takes place during one month—December. In some years more hogs are killed on farms in December than in all the packing-houses and other places where federal meat inspection is carried on.

When the calf is three weeks old, it should be given a little hay and grain. Clean, bright clover, alfalfa, or mixed hay is best. Alfalfa hay that is too leafy should not be fed to a very young calf. Sorn, oats, wheat bran, and linseed meal are the best grains for a calf.

Shredded corn stover has about the same feeding value as unshredded stover. It is better than timothy hay or straw for milk cows, and better than straw for horses. For bedding purposes, shredded stover is more valuable than straw, and much better than the long unshredded stover.

Failure to grade eggs is one reason why many farmers don't get a higher average price per dozen for their eggs. When small and bad eggs are marketed with good ones the result is a lower price for all. If only a few eggs are obtained from a small flock, grading is less likely to be done than when the eggs are produced by a good sized flock. A flock of 200 to 400 birds is particularly desirable, in order that the marketing of the eggs and also the management of the flock may be put on the most economical basis.

How to Reclaim Sahara
Creation of a vast lake of salt water to change the climate of the Sahara desert and convert a sandy waste into a productive plain has been proposed to the French government by Dwight Braman of New York, with plans designed by John F. Stevens, who was engineer of the Panama canal, says Popular Mechanics Magazine. The idea is to dig a canal from the Mediterranean, connecting a series of small lakes which dry up every summer, and admit enough salt water from the sea to keep the lakes filled the year around. An area 265 miles wide would be flooded. The presence of so big a body of water would modify the climate to such an extent, it is claimed, that 210,000 square miles could be reclaimed for farming.

How Air Aids Diagnosis
That his system of pumping rarified air into the brain has been successful in determining the exact location of tumorous growths through X-ray photographs, is the claim of Dr. Max Ludin, director of the X-ray department of a hospital at Basel, Switzerland. The discovery is being studied by scientists of Europe. Dr. Ludin says that these pictures of the brain, after the air has been pumped out, show the healthy cells as white stains, and the diseased ones as black. In locating growths in the spinal column, Dr. Ludin injects, instead of air, a fluid that photographs well. The fluid runs down the spine until stopped by the growth.

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"We're workin' boss. We's carryin' dis desk upstairs."
"I don't see any desk."
"Fo' de Lord's sake, Carbon, we dun forgit de desk!"

My poor man, I suppose you have had many trials in your life?
Yes, ma'am, but only one conviction.

How much do I pay for a marriage license?
Five dollars down and your entire salary each week for the rest of your life.

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THE WINTER BRIDGE PROGRAM OF HIGHWAY DEPT. GETS UNDERWAY

SANTA FE—A winter repairing and building program of state highway bridges is getting under way with four crews of men and equipment at work, states a highway bulletin released last week.

One outfit is repairing bridges on U. S. Highway 485 between Tesuque and Pojuaque. The work is intended to strengthen and put these bridges in shape for the heavy strain usually put on them by the freezing weather and sudden freshets resulting from warm day thaws.

A new bridge near the Esperanza Hotel in Jemez Springs has just been completed, the report states. It is two spans in length with rock piers. The original bridge on this site was washed out by the unprecedented fall floods.

Work is being started now on building a new span onto the south end of the Cerrillos bridge. When this bridge was first constructed there was some doubt in the minds of the engineers as to where it would be subjected to the most strain owing to the changeable nature of the stream. Accordingly, plans were made so that a span could be added on if it was found necessary without working on the bridge proper. The September floods indicated the necessity of such a move which is now going into effect.

A new bridge in a new location is being started about ten miles north of San Ysidro on the Farmington-Bernalillo road. The existing bridge was threatened by floods so that it has been decided by the bridge engineers to move it and lengthen it. Two miles of road will be built to the new location.

With highway funds again made available by the recent sale of debenture bonds, it is stated, that bridge work all over the state will get under way as fast as crews and equipment can be made available.

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INSIDE INFORMATION

Never fit a garment wrong side out. A person's left and right sides are seldom exactly alike and when the garment is turned right side out it may not fit smoothly.

Flat sausage cakes, molded half an inch thick and cooked until brown and crisp on both sides are extra good if served on slices of fried pineapple cooked in the sausage fat.

For sweetening punches and fruit beverages, make sirup, using two parts of sugar to one of water, cook together about 10 minutes and cool. This sweetens more uniformly than granulated sugar and is more economical.

Instead of making apple sauce to serve with pork serve baked apples occasionally. With very thick pork chops place half an apple, cored but not peeled, on each chop after it has been browned, and cook in a casserole, on a rack, tightly covered but without water, until the meat is tender and the apple is done.

Several times a year, or whenever waste water begins to run away slowly from the kitchen sink or wash tubs or other plumbing, the pipe should be flushed with boiling hot water to soften the grease. Follow with a strong solution of caustic potash (lye) or caustic soda, and half an hour later flush again thoroughly with clear hot boiling water.

When you wash rayon, treat it gently and you will get good results. Use lukewarm water with suds of a pure, neutral soap. Don't rub, squeeze repeatedly and rinse in water of the same temperature. Rough finger nails or rings on the fingers may tear the wet rayon. Hang the washed rayon garment over the line but do not use clothes pins. Use medium heat in ironing.

To make good corned beef hash, put a pound of cooked corned beef through the meat grinder, with about 5 boiled potatoes, and a little onion to flavor. Mix well, add a dash of cayenne, and pat into a lightly greased heavy iron skillet in an even layer. Cook over low heat until a golden brown crust is formed, then place in a pan or lid over the skillet, and turn out. Slip the uncooked side into the skillet and cook. Slip whole onto a platter and garnish with parsley. Accompany with spinach, kale or other greens.

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Earth a Rebuke to Atheism
God never wrought miracles to convince atheists, because His ordinary works convince them. It is true, that a little philosophy inclineth man's mind to atheism; but depth in philosophy bringeth men's minds about to religion.—Francis Bacon.

Good Breeding Shows
There are few defects in our nature so glaring as not to be veiled from observation by politeness and good breeding.—Stanislaus.

THERE'S LOTS OF PLEASURE AND JOY IN REMEMBERING YOUR



Friends and "dears" at Christmas time.

You both get real pleasure out of sensible and serviceable gifts too.

While we have everything for the man to wear—we especially recommend an Overcoat or Light Leather Jacket for your consideration—

Overcoats eighteen to thirty dollars
Leather Jackets twelve to forty dollars

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TURNING ON THE GAS

Editor Murphy of the Penasco Valley News announces in a thirty-six point headline that he is going to get married. Go easy there, Pat, if Jo Maggard backs out now, you'll be in an awful fix.

About this time of the year and life, all us kids wish that we were centipedes, so we would have enough stockings to get some real presents. But we find consolation in the fact that if we are suddenly stricken with corns on our toes, we don't have 1,000 toes to hurt.

Some people want to pull the beard out of old Santa Claus, and others want to braid it with gold ribbon. The old boy must find it hard to please everybody. Santa came to our house one time and let Dad play with our pop gun till he broke it and it wouldn't shoot. Why does he let our dads play with our things before we get them. 'Tain't fair. But it served Dad right because the sox Santa gave him were too small and the collar to his new shirt choked him—and his red tie—boy! Yes, even an old saint like Santa finds it hard to make everyone satisfied at Christmas time.

Carries Sweet Odor



Santa Claus likes to carry these ornamental bags wherever he goes, for the sweet odor of their contents (garden lavender) scents up his entire pack. They are made of coarse, colorful netting with frills at the top and handpainted embroidery hoop handles. Gift shops report them as among their most popular numbers. They measure from nine to twelve inches across.

A negro evangelist was preaching concerning the horrors of hell. In front of him was a coffin piled high with flowers. Newspapers had announced that it was the funeral of a neighbor. There was no word of praise from the preacher's mouth. "Breth'n an' sistahs," he shouted, "ough deceased friend heah done committed eye's sin in the catalog. He wasn't ready when de trumpet de angel called him. He was unprepa'ed. He was wicked an' had to face judgment in his wickedness." At the end of the sermon every member of the congregation was eager to crowd forward and view the "remains." Solemnly they filed past the coffin. It was empty, but in the bottom was a mirror that

DECISION IN THE NEW STATE LEASE RULING ANNOUNCED SOON

SANTA FE—District Judge Reed Holloman Monday afternoon took under advisement the test oil suit to gain a court construction of section 14 of the 1929 oil leasing laws.

He instructed the attorneys to file briefs in the case and said it would probably require a week or ten days before the decision would be ready.

The afternoon hearing in the mandamus action which was brought by the Atlantic Oil and Producing Co., against Dr. Crile, state land commissioner, was taken up entirely by attorneys Jim Hery and Clarence Hinkle in the presentation of the case for the oil company which contends that in converting its old lease which expires January 23, 1930 that it should receive a full five-year lease from the land office.

The oil attorneys contended that since the 1929 statute states specifically that all oil leases shall be issued for terms of five years, that the only possible interpretation of the words "in lieu of same," in section 14, is that new leases granted in exchange for relinquished leases shall be for terms of five years.

After the close of the hearing this afternoon, Judge Holloman said he did not mind expressing his present opinion of section 14, with the reservation that he may change his mind after making a thorough study of the briefs.

"My present opinion of section 14," he said, "is that the legislature did not intend to give something for nothing. A necessity grew out of a vague uncertainty—there was some doubt about the leases. The people knew it and the legislature knew it."

"In order to protect the rights of the people who spent money, the legislature passed this section 14. Anyone in doubt about a lease can swap their leases for ones worded differently, so as to leave no doubt about the validity of their property, but their new lease was intended by the legislature to hold only for the term of the original lease. Then those people gain the same rights as others."

"I do not believe the legislature intended to give a bonus to the speculator. My view is that the primary purpose of the court is to hold for the benefit of the state and institutions and not for the speculators. I mean the professional holders of property waiting to see if that property will go up in value."

Self-Imposed

Penalized Doughboy—Say, Sarge, this is no day to make men repair roads. It's 90 in the shade.

M. P.—Well, who's astin' ya to stay in the shade?—Army and Navy Journal.

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reflected the face of every "mourner" that looked in.

DILLON WANTS STATE TO BE ABLE TO ISSUE VALID OIL LEASES

SANTA FE—Governor R. C. Dillon in a public statement Saturday gave oil men of New Mexico his assurance that New Mexico "is anxious to make leases for oil and gas which can never be questioned."

The governor said: "Oil and gas leasing in New Mexico is of recent origin. For a number of years we were purely a wild cat state and laws were made to fit such conditions, but recently we have become an oil producing state and this change in condition in the state required amendment and change of law."

"The law passed at the last legislature known as chapter 125 has had some questions raised about it. Already the first question has been decided by the supreme court and in that decision a second one was raised and that is now in court."

"After this decision our law will have been interpreted by the supreme court and all lease will be made according to a law which has been interpreted by the supreme court and New Mexico is then on a final solid basis for carrying ahead its oil development work."

"We want to assure oil men everywhere that New Mexico is very anxious to make leases for oil and gas which can never be questioned. This is conclusively shown by the fact that we are anxious to have the courts interpret the law so that there can be no future doubt raised on it."

Suit Filed

SANTA FE—A mandamus suit was filed in district court here Saturday in behalf of the Atlantic Oil and Producing Co., against A. D. Crile, land commissioner to gain a court interpretation of the much disputed "section 14" of the New Mexico oil leasing laws.

The test suit was brought by Attorneys Reid, Hery, Dow and Hill of Roswell in behalf of the company and it seeks to compel the issuance of oil and gas leases for a term of five years in lieu of a lease now held by the Atlantic Oil and Producing company, covering lands in the restricted district of Lea county. The expiration date of the existing lease is January 23, 1930.

Point At Issue

The major point at issue is whether the law is to be construed that new leases are to be issued for the full five year term, or for the unexpired term of the existing lease only, which in this case would be next January 23. One part of the 1929 law states that all leases shall be issued for term of five years, and the court construction in the present mandamus suit hinges almost entirely upon the meaning of the words, "in lieu of same," as used in section 14—which governs the converting of leases.

The suit will result in an interpretation of section 14, chapter "125 of the session laws of 1929," which appears to be the only remaining portion of that law which is disputed.

Dr. Crile said: "It has been the desire of the commissioner to issue leases in accordance with the provisions of the laws of the state of New Mexico. A difference of opinion has existed and does exist, regarding the meaning of section 14. The commissioner hopes that a speedy determination of this matter will be had and has employed J. O. Seth, of Santa Fe, Hurd and Crile, of Roswell, together with Charles B. Barker, attorney for the land office, to represent the state in this matter."

Pewter for Christmas



It's fashionable to give pewter this year. So jot down in your Christmas list a few apropos articles, such as a quaint candlestick, perhaps a vase, or a nut bowl, or if one gives generously, an entire coffee or tea service. There's no doubt about it—pewter is "it" for Christmas or wedding gifts.

A Deadly Insult

Mr. Thinkboard—I must compliment you on your pie crust.

Mrs. Borden-Lodge—Are you meaning to be sarcastic? You have just eaten the paper plate that the pie came on.

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The Girl With the Ukulele

By BRUCE F. RICHARDS

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BILLY GREEN was rather inclined to be out of sorts. He had just made a place for himself in the social circles of the town where his firm had sent him, when he received orders to hand the office over to his successor and to go on himself to Clarkville to organize and start a branch in that lively little city.

Billy didn't know a single soul in Clarkville, and while he had no doubt that he would make friends and business acquaintances in time—that didn't help him on the first lovely Sunday afternoon that he found himself at leisure.

Well, at least he could take his classy little roadster and drive out to the lake which offered a delightful spot nearby for those who wished to enjoy an afternoon close to nature.

Following a woody road, he drove slowly on down to the edge of the lovely sheet of water which glistened through the trees. The end of the trail found him on a little bluff pleasantly sheltered, although there were camps up and down the shore, and happy children playing and wading on the sandy beach.

Billy pulled a magazine out of the pocket on the door, but before he had opened it his ears caught a quaintly melodious sound, and craning his neck, he saw an extremely pretty girl swinging along the pathway, as though she were the only person anywhere around.

She was fair and her hair of the bright auburn tints Billy particularly admired. Her features were regular and her form shapely. There was no doubt about this, for she was wearing a green bathing suit. Over that was a colorful cretonne coat which floated wide open in the breeze. Her little feet were covered with low, white canvas shoes, and her stockings rolled down to the top of them.

She was strumming a ukulele, occasionally breaking into a low snatch of song as she approached. Billy might have been a thousand miles away for all the notice she took of him, but in spite of that his heart was going pit-a-pat, rub-a-dub, and he was wondering who she was and how he could make her acquaintance.

By this time she had passed his parking place, and he noticed that under her arm was tucked a large towel.

The watcher in the car followed the girl with the ukulele with his eyes, noticing that she went into a cottage just beyond. He decided to await developments. Presently two girls came forth from the cottage all ready for a plunge into the lake. Billy wondered how he could introduce himself and make a favorable impression.

Billy Green's philosophy in life was that if you want to do anything, the course to pursue is to stop, make a plan, and then put that plan into action. That was just what he did now.

He made up his mind to wait until the girls came back from their swim, and then while they were inside of the cottage, to go over, rap at the door and ask to borrow a pail in which he could carry water from the lake to his radiator. He knew this was a shameless subterfuge as he had filled the radiator that very morning, but he wanted to meet the girl with the ukulele.

The girls stayed in the water a long time. Billy kept track of the green clad figure as it swam about gracefully, or dived from the raft.

At last he saw the girls come up from the beach and run dripping to the cottage. Discretion caused him to wait a few moments.

Before long he heard the strum of the ukulele and reasoned that his lovely mermaid was ready for callers. He hoped—yes, he prayed, that she would be the one to open the door! But she wasn't for when that door opened he found a motherly-looking, white-haired woman eyeing him in quirkily.

Although Billy always carried his courage right with him, he found himself stammering and apologizing profusely for his intrusion.

"I'm a stranger around here," he explained, "so I don't know where the nearest service station is. I have just come to Clarkville and this is my first visit to your lovely lake."

He handed her a neat business card which read, "William E. Green, Superintendent Big Chief Oil company."

The lady looked up quickly. "You don't happen to be Billy Green, from Stoneham, do you?" she inquired eagerly.

"The very same," laughed Billy, "but—you have the advantage of me."

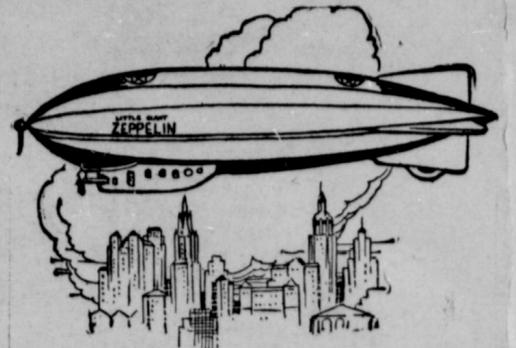
"Of course," she responded. "The secretary of the Big Chief Oil company happens to be a brother of mine, and knowing that I was summering here, he wrote and asked me to invite you out to the cottage, as you would doubtless be lonely in Clarkville. He thought you might like to meet my daughter Barbara and her friends. Sally Eldred is here with her ukulele. She and Barbara have just been for a swim. Do come in and meet them, as I assure you any friend of my brother's is always welcome."

Two minutes later Billy found himself being formally introduced to Barbara Matthews and Sally Eldred. Sally still had the ukulele under her arm, and Billy's heart sang with joy.

Barely loud enough to be heard the ukulele vibrated softly to the melody of the "Indian Love Song."

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Circles the Tower

A fascinating mechanical toy . . . the aeroplane circles the tower and turns somersaults in the air. 10 inches high.

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FOR SALE

FOR SALE—One good Jersey milk cow, four years old, just fresh. W. A. Losey. 52-2tc

FOR SALE CHEAP—One two room house, one five room house, in Dexter. Will sell worth the money. See Mrs. Breeb Hurst. 52-2tc

STRAYED OR STOLEN—\$2.50 per head for information leading to the recovery of four horse mules. Two small brown, brand cross V bar on shoulder, one large black, branded K on neck, one large brown, no brand. H. L. Green, Box 32, Hagerman, N. M. 52-2tc-A-M

Mrs. William Heitman returned to Hagerman Saturday after an absence of about six weeks, visiting relatives in Columbus, Ohio.

HAGERMAN FOLKS MAY NOW TRAVEL ON OILED ROAD TO ROSWELL

Hagerman citizens may ride all the way to Roswell on the new oiled road now, as the road from Hagerman to Dexter was completed Tuesday.

This is a welcome improvement over the old graveled highway to Dexter. Instead of the waves and bumps, to say nothing of the wear on tires caused by the sharp rocks, there is now a road as smooth as pavement, guaranteeing greater tire mileage as well as riding comfort.

No Time to Waste
Old Lady—Aren't you a bit ashamed, a big, strong man like you begging? Have you never tried to work?
Tramp—Yes'm, but it took away too much of my time.

Numerically Speaking
First Husband—I and my wife are one.
Second Husband—My wife and I are ten; she is one and I am the elpher.



JUST A
JOLLY
CHRISTMAS
SEASON

BOWEN BARBER SHOP

A friendly town
A friendly community
Served by a friendly paper.

THE MESSENGER

Hagerman—Where the spring
with healing in its waters
is located.

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W. A. LOSEY TALKS TO ROSWELL LIONS CLUB ON GAME PRESERVATION

Monday night, W. A. Losey made a talk before the Lion's club at Roswell on the preservation of the game within the state.

Mr. Losey is a member of the state game and fish commission, and his talk was prompted by years of hunting experience and a real interest in the welfare of the game in the state. He believes that the game of the state is one of its greatest assets.

One of his assertions follows: "Believing that New Mexico must keep step with other western states in the propagation and preservation of wild life, the New Mexico game commission is bending every effort to not only preserve wild life in New Mexico, but to increase both the fish and game within the state."

Then Mr. Losey outlined the history of the state game commission and traced the activities of the commission, dwelling upon the future plans of the commission.

Other speakers at the meeting were H. P. Saunders, president of the Chaves County Game Protective Association, and Lion Jaffa who talked about the Christmas celebration in which the Lion's club would participate.

GINNING REPORT

The Farmer's Gin reported 2,317 bales ginned at noon to-day and the W. W. Akin Gin 1,536 bales.

Mrs. R. V. Miller, city clerk of Clovis, and small daughter, and "Mother Brown," of Clovis came to Hagerman Wednesday as guests for a few days with Mrs. Mary I. Hartline. Tuesday they went through the Carlsbad Caverns.

STATE RECEIVES \$35,000 AS 1929 FOREST INCOME

New Mexico is to receive the sum of \$35,718.97 from the United States as the state's share of income from the national forests within its boundaries for the fiscal year 1929, ending June 30.

That advice was contained in a letter sent to Senator Bronson Cutting by L. F. Kneipp, acting forester in the department of agriculture at Washington. Other members of the New Mexico congressional delegation been advised of the state's forestry income.

The income is derived under two acts of congress, one passed in 1910 and the other in 1908. The income under the latter is \$34,876.87 and under the former \$842.10.

Accompanying the letter to Senator Cutting is a tabulation of the area of the national forests in various counties of New Mexico, which is used as a basis for distribution of the counties' share them. The following shows the name of the forest and the acreage it occupies in each county:

Apache—Catron, 887,126 acres.
Carson—Colfax, 6,293; Rio Arriba, 768,526; Taos, 319,552. Total 1,094,371.

Coronado—Hidalgo, 124,988.
Datil—Catron, 849,792; Sierra, 165,566; Socorro, 734,745. Total 1,750,103.

Gila—Catron, 507,124; Grant 844,434; Hidalgo, 7,707; Sierra, 237,151. Total 1,596,416.

Lincoln—Chaves, 44,125; Eddy, 134,667; Lincoln, 443,842; Otero, 402,833; Torrance, 88,988. Total 1,114,095.

Manzano—Bernalillo, 81,047; McKinley, 120,783; Sandoval, 36,398; Socorro, 186,625; Torrance, 160,473; Valencia, 94,122. Total 679,443.

Santa Fe—Mora, 71,436; Rio Arriba, 412,146; Sandoval, 294,980; San Miguel, 282,700; Santa Fe, 184,022. Total 1,245,284.

Total for the state 8,491,831 acres.

Mrs. Elmer Lankford visited in Roswell Tuesday.

Miss Nellie Burt will be in Albuquerque during the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Curry of Artesia, visited with relatives in Hagerman last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Mason were in Roswell Tuesday attending to business matters.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Ware and Mrs. Burr were in Roswell Saturday to see the Santa Claus parade.

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WOMBLE IS GIVEN A SENTENCE OF 15 TO 16 YEARS IN STATE PEN

Garvie L. Womble, Roswell man who shot down Police Chief T. U. Alford and Fire Chief Rue Christman when these men answered a distress call from his wife some weeks ago at the Womble home here must serve from 15 to 16 years in the state penitentiary as a consequence of his crime.

This was the sentence given yesterday by District Judge G. A. Richardson when Womble was sentenced in district court.

Womble was found guilty of assault with intent to kill by a jury in district court late Saturday night. The jury, in bringing in its verdict, however, included a recommendation that the court show clemency.—Southwestern Dispatch.

SOCIAL ITEMS

BRIDGE PARTY

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Collins entertained at bridge Monday night in their home the following guests. Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Bowen, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Miller, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. McKinstry, Mr. and Mrs. Dub Andrus and Mr. and Mrs. Alma Nail. Dub Andrus won high score. At the close of the evening refreshments were served by the hostess.

MISS PADDOCK HONORED

Miss Eleanor Paddock, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Paddock, of Hagerman, has been included on the mid-semester honor roll for work averaging B or better at Texas Women's College, Fort Worth, according to an announcement by Registrar C. M. Howard.

Sixty-two students fulfilled the grade requirement, sixteen being seniors, eleven juniors, sixteen sophomores and nineteen freshmen.

MASONS ELECT OFFICERS

At a meeting held on Wednesday night, December 11, Felix Lodge No. 29, A. F. & A. M. elected the following officers:

E. E. Lane, worshipful master; Isaac F. Wortman, senior warden; C. O. Holloway, junior warden; H. R. Miller, treasurer; C. G. Mason, secretary.

District Deputy Grand Master, Ewin Lusk, of Roswell, was present at this meeting, on his official visit to the lodge.

The appointive offices will be filled the evening of December 27th, installation night.

APPLICATIONS TO DRILL NEW ARTESIAN WELLS

Clarence W. Barnes of Roswell has made application with the state engineer's office in Santa Fe to drill a new 10 inch artesian well on his farm in lot 24, section 18 in the East Grand Plains community. O. B. Berry of Dexter has filed an application to drill a 12 1/2 inch artesian well on the Holdefer farm near Dexter. A hearing on this application was held in Roswell yesterday by Herbert W. Yeo, state engineer.

HAGERMAN TOWN TEAM WINS

The boys of the Hagerman town team outplayed the Lake Arthur town team in a basket ball game Tuesday night. The score stood 21-4 at the close of the game.

The boys are scheduled to play Artesia Monday night.

RED CROSS FUNDS

The chairman of the Red Cross drive, Mrs. F. D. Mitchell, reports a total subscription to the membership roll of fifty-six dollars.

All who assisted in the campaign feel grateful that so many responded promptly in aid of this department of social service. The Salvation Army drive, which netted four hundred dollars from Hagerman, Dexter and Lake Arthur and the Red Cross drive which brought fifty-six dollars from Hagerman alone, pay tribute to the generosity of the people of the community.

BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT TO BE HELD IN ARTESIA

The annual Pecos valley basketball tournament will be held at Artesia again this year, it was announced the first of the week. As soon as the drawings were made, it was said that the tournament would be held here and later a vote was taken and Artesia won over Roswell by a vote of 5 to 4. There are nine teams in the district. The dates set for the tournament are February 28th and March 1.

The Levi Barnett family were in Roswell Saturday shopping.

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CHRISTMAS TREE

A Christmas program has been arranged at the Presbyterian church for Tuesday night, December 24th. A committee will decorate the tree and the church Saturday. Everyone is cordially invited and there will be a nice treat for every one.

The program follows:
Prelude.....Ruby Hatch
Hymn, Joy to the World.....School
Prayer.....W. C. Sterrett
Scripture—Luke 2-1-20.....Children

Solo and chorus.....Beatrice Marx
Hymn, O Come All Ye Faithful.....Children
Solo and chorus.....Children

—Rosemary Martin and beginners
Silent Night, Holy Night.....Children
—Double Quartette
Short Address.....Rev. Anderson
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing.....Children

School
Santa Claus—a treat for everyone
Benediction.

OPERETTA A REAL SUCCESS

The Operetta, "The Magic Maker" given at the school house last Saturday night by the boys and girls glee club, under the supervision of Miss Alma Thompson, was greatly enjoyed by a full house. Each did his part well. Music was furnished by the junior glee club between acts. The clubs and their sponsor are to be congratulated on presenting such a good entertainment.

OPEN MEETING OF THE WOMAN'S CLUB

The Woman's club held an open meeting at the home of Mrs. F. L. Mehlhop on last Thursday afternoon at two-thirty. There was a good attendance of club members and several guests. Josh McNeal the speaker for the afternoon, was at his very best, and held his audience spell-bound, as he took them with him on his travel log of the past summer. At five o'clock, Mesdames McNeal, Thompson and Marx, hostesses for the afternoon, served delicious refreshments of sandwiches, cakes and coffee. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. C. N. Moore, on January 16th. The program for the afternoon will be announced at a later date.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE

On Friday evening, December 20th, there will be a community Christmas tree at the school house. Santa is expected to arrive as soon as the program has been presented, and he will have a big bag of treats and each child will be remembered by the good old saint. Bring the family, enjoy the program and let the kiddies have their treat.

MANY COLLEGE STUDENTS ARRIVE THIS WEEK

John Mehlhop, A. C. Pinson and Harry Douglas, students of N. M. M. I. will be home to-day. Miss Elizabeth Mehlhop, Everett and Wyatt Stanley, Jack Knight, Tom Hubbard and Walter Stone, all students at Las Cruces, will arrive Sunday or

HIGHWAY PROJECT ON SOUTH ROAD IS OVER 40 PER CENT FINISHED

The federal aid highway project now under construction between Carlsbad and Lakewood, is the biggest job now underway in the state. The stretch of road, which is now being put up in shape will eliminate fourteen miles of the roughest road between here and Carlsbad. Four grading crews with teams and fresnos are rapidly completing the grading work, which is over forty per cent completed. Steam shovels, draglines, tractors and various special work machines are also being used on this project.

In addition to eliminating the roughest portion of the south highway, the new road will also eliminate all of the sharp curves. The new road will be ready for the summer tourist season. It will be one of the major tourist routes of the west when completed.

Miss Clyde Pearce is leaving Friday for Carlsbad to spend the holidays.

Miss Davis will spend the holidays with relatives and friends in Silver City. She will leave Friday.

The Elton Lankford family spent Saturday in Roswell shopping and watching the arrival of Santa Claus at the airport.

Monday. O. B. Berry will leave Sunday morning for Pecos, Texas, to meet Dorothy Berry and Breebia Gean Hurst, who are students of Kidd-Key, at Sherman, Texas.

O. B. Berry was transacting business in Roswell Monday of this week.

J. W. Baugh left last Wednesday for Oklahoma City, from where he will go to Garnett, Kansas, and home for the holidays.

Mrs. H. C. Garrison will leave the first of next week to spend the Christmas holidays with her mother at Dallas, Texas.

J. W. Sharp will go to Albuquerque the first of next week to spend the Christmas vacation with Mrs. Sharp and the girls.

Carner Blythe, of Hereford, Texas was in Dexter Tuesday evening on business, and also visiting with the Lloyd Harshey family.

Mrs. R. C. Reid and son Bob, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Southard and daughter attended the picture show in Roswell Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. James McKinstry of Sweetwater, Texas, will spend the holiday season with Mrs. McKinstry's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Senn.

Mr. and Mrs. George Weaver will leave the first of the week for Albuquerque, for Miss Ethel Weaver, who is a student at the State University, but who will spend the holidays in Dexter.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Abernathy, and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Johns left last Wednesday for Colorado Springs, Colorado, where the Johns family expect to make their home. The Abernathys will return to Dexter in a few days.

A most interesting meeting was held at Lake Van on Tuesday, December 17th, by the extension club. Miss Velma Borschell, in her charming manner, demonstrated salads and salad dressing to a good attendance, who enjoyed the demonstration and received many helpful suggestions.

C. N. Moore returned Tuesday from Las Cruces, where he attended a meeting of the Board of Regents on Monday of this week. The next improvement to be made at State College, is a new fireproof agricultural building, which will cost something over one hundred thousand dollars. The boys new dormitory is progressing nicely and will soon be ready for occupancy.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Paddock have returned from California, where they have been visiting for about two weeks. Miss Eleanor Paddock a student at Texas Woman's College Fort Worth, Texas, will arrive Saturday to spend the holidays with her parents. Miss Caroline Paddock, a teacher at Portales, and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Slater, of Grady, New Mexico will arrive next week and be the guests of the E. A. Paddocks during the Christmas vacation.

Rutledge Williams, of the Otis community, is in the Eddy county jail at Carlsbad charged with shooting to death, Lee Rhynes in a domino parlor at Otis Monday evening. Jealousy was the principal factor in the shooting it was said. At an inquest which was held in Carlsbad Tuesday, it was brought out that Williams entered the domino and pool parlor in Otis, while Rhynes was playing dominoes and without saying a word, fired three times at Rhynes, shooting him dead. Ted Harris, whose sister was married to Williams, said that Williams was jealous over the attention of Rhynes to Mrs. Williams.

The Rhynes, Harris and Williams families, moved to the Otis community about three months ago from Trent, Texas.

Williams and his wife had been separated for three months. Mrs. Williams said she had left her husband because he abused her.

Rhynes body was shipped back to Trent, Texas for burial.

A preliminary hearing for Williams is being held at Carlsbad today.

Mrs. A. A. Bailey and Mrs. Chas. Michelet were in Roswell Saturday shopping.

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NEW ANDREWS CO. WILDCAT WELL IS NOW CLOSELY WATCHED

New Mexico oil men are watching developments in the test of the Deep Rock Oil Co., across the state line in Andrews county, Texas, in block A-46, section 6, which promises to open up a new producing territory, 25 miles southeast of Hobbs, this state. The well is reported producing around 200 barrels daily from a lime found a 4,305 to 4,309 feet. A new townsite has been laid out north of Andrews, the county seat and is the scene of considerable oil activity at this time.

Ed Lane and Dale Losey, who have been attending the Institute at Roswell, returned to spend the holidays with relatives and friends here Tuesday.

AT THE CHURCHES

METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday school at the regular hour. Morning worship subject will be: "Jesus Commercialized."

Special music at every service. Epworth Leagues for young people of all ages.

Evening worship subject: "The Manger." Find your place in some church and go to work. That will do more to save you than anything else. You are always welcome.
BRYAN HALL, Pastor.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH SERVICES

Our Christmas service will be held next Sunday morning and an appropriate program will be carried out, both in the Bible school and at the eleven o'clock hour of worship. Special music at both services. The pastor will deliver a Christmas address on the "Advent of Christ." A cordial welcome will be extended to all who may be present. Your presence will be appreciated.
C. C. HILL, Pastor.

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Sunday school 10:10 a. m. C. G. How, Supt.

Morning worship 11:00 a. m. Subject, "A Message For All." Evening service 7:00 p. m. N. Y. P. S. 6:00 p. m. Prayer meeting each Thursday at 7:00 p. m.

Everyone is invited to attend these services. Come and push the battle for God and lost souls. Time is short and the need is great. Let us be about the Master's business. We want to help all who need God to a better life and a home in Heaven. Yours for the lost of our town and community.
MARY I. HARTLINE, Pastor.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The theme for next Sunday morning in this church is, "A Savior Which is Christ the Lord." E. O. Moore will sing an appropriate Xmas solo. Sunday school at 10:00 a. m. Vesper service at 4:30 p. m.

The Angel chorus of the High School Christmas play will repeat by special request, at 4:30 p. m. in this church, the Christmas songs sung by them in the play, giving an opportunity to any who might not have heard them and others who did to hear them again. These carols to be repeated at the Vesper service are as follows:

Holy Night.....Franz Gruber
Hark the Herald Angels Sing.....Mendelssohn
Luther's Cradle Hymn.....Luther
Praises We sing.....Old French Song
Angels We Have Heard on High.....French, traditional
Jesus, Little Child.....Gaevert
Behold a Rose of Beauty.....Praetorius
There Was One Who Gave A Lamb.....French, traditional
Look Upon the Straw Now Lying.....Old French Carol
The Sleep of the Infant Jesus.....French, traditional

There will be no services in the evening. The Christmas tree and program will be held Monday evening at 7:30 p. m.

TRACTOR DEMONSTRATION

A tractor demonstration will be given tomorrow and Saturday at the John Tweedy farm, six miles south of Roswell on the Roswell Dexter highway. At this time the new John Deere general purpose tractor will be demonstrated by a factory representative. Farmers interested may be able to see six tractors, equipped with power cultivators, planters, plows, mower, rake, etc. in operation. All are invited. See the announcement of the Mabie Lowrey Hardware Co., appearing elsewhere in this issue.

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ROSWELL MAN FOUND GUILTY OF ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO KILL

ROSWELL—Garvie L. Womble, was found guilty of assault with intent to kill, in connection with the shooting of Police Chief T. U. Alford and Fire Chief Rue Christman Monday.

The verdict was returned by a jury Saturday night and it included a recommendation for clemency.

Chief Alford and Chief Christman were shot on November 6, when they went to the Womble home in answer to an appeal for help from Mrs. Womble. Mr. and Mrs. Womble had been quarreling. When the two officers stepped upon the front porch Womble fired through the screen door hitting both officers, and then shot himself in an attempt to commit suicide.

Womble set up a plea of temporary insanity, contending that he was so upset because of jealousy and drinking liquor that he did not realize what he was doing at the time he shot the officers. Sentence will be passed by Judge Richardson at a later date.

VALUE OF COTTON CROP ESTIMATED

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The cotton crop combining the value of lint and seed, was valued at \$1,420,123,000 by the department of agriculture yesterday.

This year's harvest of important farm crops, including fruit and commercial truck crops, was valued at \$8,580,528,000 compared with \$8,495,788,000 last year.

REFERENDUM ON THE TOBACCO TAX UPHELD BY SUPREME COURT

SANTA FE—The state supreme court in a decision late yesterday afternoon upheld the state constitution and New Mexico statutes as they apply to a referendum—the particular case being the referendum of the tobacco tax law passed by the 1929 legislature.

The following decisions of the court were pertinent in the case.

1. A constitutional provision will be said to be self-executing if it supplies the necessary rule by means of which the right given may be enjoyed and protected or the duty imposed, enforced.

2. Chap. 41, laws of 1927, and especially Article IV thereof, includes and applies to referendum.

3. When the legislature has passed such laws as it deems necessary to the effective exercise of the referendum under the duty imposed upon it by Sec. 1, Art. IV of our constitution, the court will only consider whether something indispensable to such effective exercise is lacking.

The tobacco tax law was passed by the regular session of the legislature this year. Before the special session, which followed it shortly, the movement for the referendum had been launched and the special session attempted to block the referendum by passing a new tobacco tax law with the emergency clause. No emergency measure is subject to a referendum. Governor Dillon, however, vetoed the special session's measure, saying he wished to give the people a chance to vote on whether they wanted the new tax. At the same time he called attention to the free text book provision which was included in the tobacco tax law.

The supreme court affirmed the decision of Judge Reed Holloman of the district court of Santa Fe county, denying a writ of mandamus to compel Mrs. E. A. Perrault, the secretary of state, to disregard petitions filed in her office, and to enforce the tobacco tax law at once.

Mr. and Mrs. Alters are in Santa Fe on business.

Miss Jessie George plans a trip to Kansas to enjoy the holidays with relatives.

Mrs. Blackwell, sister of Mrs. Adam Zimmerman, has returned to her home near Hobbs.

Mrs. Van Arsdol has gone to Iowa to spend the Christmas holidays with her mother and father.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. White and children were in the Santa Claus parade in Roswell Saturday.

Miss Clemons is planning on spending the Christmas vacation with relatives and friends in Amarillo, Texas.

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THEY ASK FOR BREAD

Jesus Christ found his first followers among the
meek and the lowly. Christianity in the beginning
took root and spread among the poor and oppressed.

But now, we are told by James Meyers, industrial
secretary of the Federated Council of Churches
of Christ in America, protestant churches are likely
to be found in greatest numbers "on the comfortable
side of town."

Meyers has just returned from the textile areas
of the south. He told his executive committee that
industrial workers are turning their backs on the
churches. The southern worker, by nature religious
is beginning to have doubts about the preachers,
because they have been powerless to help in the
struggle for decent wages and living conditions.
In some instances village ministers have been known as
the worst enemies of strikers. Meyers found similar
conditions in the mining districts of Pennsylvania and
Colorado and in big cities.

The preacher in the company-owned and
company-dominated town is not a happy one. Usually
he is pitifully underpaid, and is struggling just as hard
to keep his church going as his parishioners are to fill
their stomachs and put clothes on their backs. Disaster
is apt to follow if the animosity of the employers is
aroused.

Meyers' report is none the less a severe indictment
of the churches.

The wealthy and powerful denominations are found
wanting by the very ones their religion teaches them
they should help. They can build cathedrals, maintain
lobbies in Washington and missions and hospitals
in China and Africa, and devote their money and their
energies to politics and the effort to make the rest
of us good by law. But apparently they have no helping
hand for the thousands of downtrodden who instinctively
turn to them. The plain but unpleasant fact is that the
workers suspect that the churches are on the side of
the money-changers.

The churches defend their right to mix in politics
and agitate for reforms. Surely their right to interest
themselves in social problems like those of the industrial
south is no less. The situation Meyer pictures is a
challenge to the churches.—New Mexico State Tribune.

A CHRISTMAS THOUGHT

As we shuffle at crowded counters this season, awaiting
the chance to purchase a few Christmas gifts for
our friends, let us consider whether our gifts be worthy
or not. More hypocrites are born on Christmas time
than at any other time of the year. Instead of perpetuating
the story of the wise men who laid their gifts at
the feet of Him who later gave all for friends and
enemies alike, of the Magi who gave of their tenderest
possessions for the sake of giving, many of us carry
on the example of Pilate, who gave to Jesus a robe of
purple and stood by to watch the people mock.

We give sometimes to cause pain. We will give a
man a beautiful tie—not for the sake of making him
happy, but simply that we may point to that gorgeous
thing around his neck, and nudge our friends to call
attention to the fact that if it had not been for us, his
Adam's Apple would be bobbing under the frayed
ribbon that had adorned it until it had become the
laugh of the town.

At other times, we give in order to receive gifts.
John Boyle O'Reilly in his "Rules of the Road" sets
this trait of man forth with these words: "Take gifts
with a sigh; most men give to be paid." It is a great
man who gives magnificently, and forgets to sign his
name.

As we purchase these yuletide gifts, let us ever be
reminded of Lowell's superb philosophy on giving in
the "Vision of Sir Launfal":
"Not what we give, but what we share—
For the gift without the giver is bare."

GRUNDY'S APPOINTMENT

The appointment of Joseph R. Grundy, as a United
States senator from Pennsylvania is of more than
passing interest to the west. The appointment of
Grundy by Governor Fisher of Pennsylvania was
protested by many western senators and rightly so
for Mr. Grundy has lobbied so long for eastern manufacturers
that he is laboring under the misapprehension that
the western border of the United States is the Mississippi
river.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER

The Pecos valley for more than three weeks
has enjoyed New Mexico weather, the kind that
makes the Pecos valley an attractive winter resort
for eastern residents. Eastern New Mexico generally
has failed to capitalize one of her major resources
in not broadcasting more about our wonderful winter
climate.

GIN TURN-OUT VS. ACRE TURN-OUT

The idea seems to be firmly fixed in the minds of
many farmers that they must plant a cotton that gives
a large gin turn-out, whereas they should be interested
in acre turn-out and price instead. A large gin turn-
out, of course, is desirable, provided the acre yield of
quality cotton is satisfactory, but the amount of seed
cotton necessary to making a bale of 500 pounds of
lint, nothing else considered, has no bearing upon the
profits of cotton production, unless it is to lower them.

Of what advantage is it to any farmer to produce
a cotton that will make a 500-pound bale of lint from
1,000 or 1,200 pounds of seed cotton if he has to pick
three or four acres or more to get the bale? It is the
acre yield of cotton plus the price per pound for lint
that counts in the pocketbook.

Thousands of cotton growers in Texas and other
southwestern states in 1929 sacrificed quality and acre
yield to the gin turn-out theory and as a result, when
cotton of the tenderable staple and middling grade was
quoted at 16.40 to 17 cents and above, they were receiving
anywhere from 9 cents to 12 cents per pound. Some
of them produced cotton but little better than good
linters, and the world is fed up on linters. How
much better it would be if farmers would organize
by communities and produce a good staple of uniform
variety, pooling their production and selling it for
what it is worth.—Farm and Ranch.

PLAIN TALK

C. W. Morgan editor of the Alamogordo News gives
his readers some plain talk in an editorial under the
caption "New Bank or New Banker, Which?" In this
article which refers particularly to the establishment
of another bank in Alamogordo, Mr. Morgan gives
the facts about the business conditions of his
community, which he believes is "over competition"
in many lines at the present time. Incidentally the
Alamogordo editor lost a few subscribers in the issue,
which is likely to happen to any country newspaper
man that dares express his opinion on some community
affairs. According to some people's views, an editor
hasn't the right to express his honest opinion of a
community issue, especially, if it happens to be contrary
to their particular opinion. This same class of people
will quit the Chamber of Commerce or any other
civic organization, if they can't have their way. They
must "either rule or ruin."

Let any business institution talk of coming into a
town and there are numbers who will lend their
encouragement, but who refuse financial assistance when
the new institution comes to town. It would make
no difference with some people how many business
establishments we had of one class, they would always
encourage the coming of another, all of which proves
that folks do not always appreciate the industries or
institutions that the town affords.

THE SMALL TOWN'S OPPORTUNITY

Aided by a comprehensive city building plan, the
small community has a better opportunity for sane
growth and healthful living than the metropolitan
centers.

One of the main features of a "comprehensive
plan" must be a street system that provides for future
growth. In many small American cities and towns
streets are narrow and poorly surfaced. Few of them
can be used as through routes. Upkeep is costly and
a continual drain on the cities finances.

The small town has the advantage of being able
to correct deficiencies in its street system without ex-
orbitant expense. By beginning now it can avoid
pitfalls of traffic congestion that are apparently insol-
uble problems in many of our great centers of popu-
lation. By using low cost paving materials it can,
at a reasonable figure, salvage old streets and secure
maximum service from them at a minimum of up-
keep expense.

The cities of the future are the small towns of
today. They should begin now to provide for their
development.

Religious teachers and preachers tell us that the
family altar is fast disappearing in the home. And the
Altar is not the only thing that is missing in the
modern home. Numbers of parents have never taught
their children that they owe a responsibility to the
community which they live. The idea that the com-
munity or town in which they live deserves their fi-
nancial and moral support is a revelation to many of
our young people, who undertake seriously the duties
of a good citizen.

URGES EYE TESTS

The Motor Vehicle Commissioner of Maryland has
called attention to the need of frequent eye tests and
says proper vision is essential to safe driving. Those
drivers who wear glasses are said to get the best re-
sults in correct adjustment by the use of the rigid
shell rims or frames. The statement of the commis-
sioner says that "after every accident drivers involved
should undergo eyesight tests."

In time of war, the fellow who curses his country
and refuses to do his part is called a traitor. Public
sentiment either makes him shut up or leave the com-
munity. In peace times, a fellow can spend days cursing
his community, knock everything and still hold the
respect of some of his fellow citizens.

Our easy Christmas shopping: For father, mother,
son, daughter, sister, brother, cousin, aunt, friend
and acquaintance give a subscription to the Advocate. Let
your own enthusiasm specify the number of years.

They say long skirts are coming again, and we
suppose it won't be long before the men will wonder
if women really have legs after all.

If all our customers would pay in advance this
month we would believe in Santa Claus ourselves.

Correct this sentence: "I want you to make
a fair profit, and I am not kicking on the bill."

The man who looks 1930 in the eye with no
debts behind him is sitting pretty.

Well, one good thing, congress will adjourn for
Christmas.

Holds Toothbrush



As a reminder that "a place for ev-
erything and everything in its place"
is a good precept, Santa Claus plans
to distribute "oodles" of cunning
toothbrush holders to the "kiddies"
this year. Two popular painted wood-
en types are shown in the picture. An
amusing model which brings a smile
at every glance is that of a wee china
dog or kitty cat which holds the brush
so that it looks like the tail of the
little creature.

You say the defendant knocked
them both out. Did he start the
fight?

Oh, no, they were fighting when
he came along.

Where did he come in?
They wouldn't stop fighting when
he asked them to, so he walloped
'em both.

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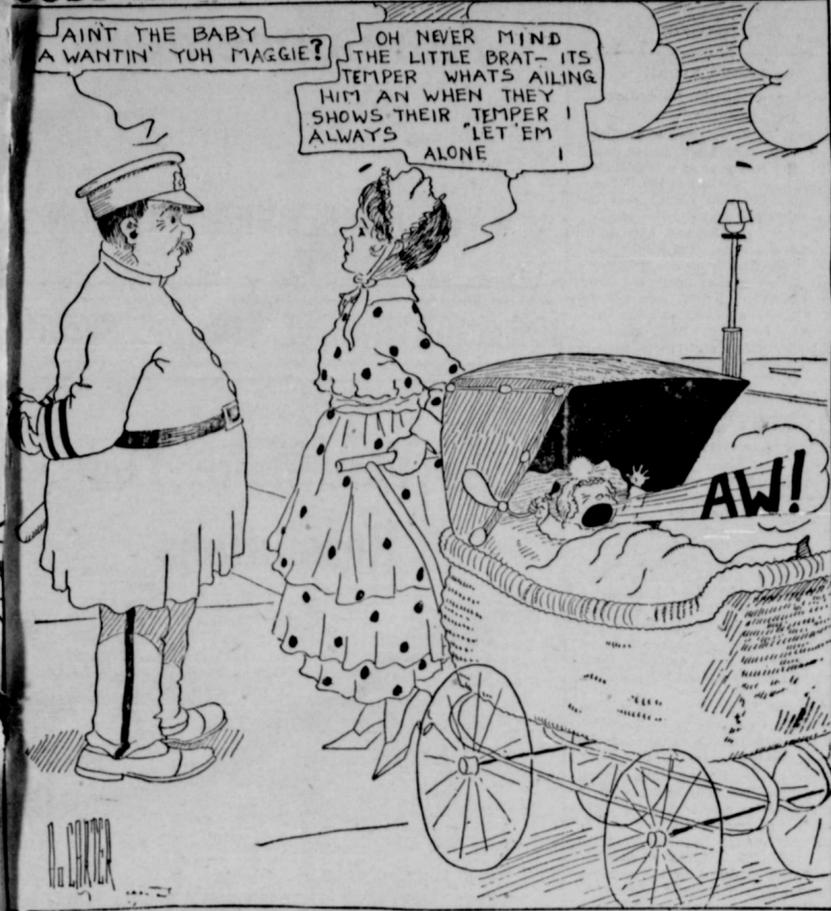
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What to Give Him



If he is a man of discriminating taste here is something worthwhile to give him for Christmas—a brass magazine and newspaper holder, designed by that master American genius whose modernistic conceptions are creating such a sensation in art gift sections. The Diana motif in the picture is one of the masterpieces which is attracting the attention of connoisseurs. Other unique and characteristic conceptions include lamps, the sea gull motif best known, also such intriguing articles in brass or bronze such as doorstops, smoking sets, candlesticks and so on.

A Trifling Matter

The Nurse—You've sewed up a pair of forceps in that patient, doctor.
The Surgeon—That so? Never mind. I was going to order another operation, anyway, and I'll recover them then. If I need them in the meantime I can borrow a pair.

PROFESSIONAL



Judge—Have you ever been arrested before my good man?
Prisoner—Now Iissen, Judge! I don't look like no bud jes makin' her debut, do I?

INCREASED INCOME FROM NEW AUTO LICENSES

The prediction of Charles Roehl, motor vehicle commissioner of Santa Fe is that the motor vehicle licensing code would double receipts. During the first 11 days of the issuance of the 1930 motor vehicle licenses the collections were \$63,000 as compared with collections of \$33,000 in the first 11 days of issuance a year ago. The increase results from the higher minimum, cornering of old tax dodgers, and heavier license on trucks, Mr. Roehl

said. He said the number of licenses issued had been approximately the same as a year ago during the 11 day period.

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This announcement follows the rate reduction February 1 of the current year, 1929, which also represented a saving of \$5,000,000. Earlier reductions had been made October 1, 1926 and December 1, 1927.

EVENING AND NIGHT RATES UNCHANGED

The latest reductions apply to day rates on Station-to-Station calls. Evening and night rates are not changed. The term "Station to Station" designates calls on which you are willing to talk with anyone at the called telephone in another city and the new rates affect those calls 60 to 260 miles from the calling point.

Reductions have been made in accordance with the aim of the Bell System "to continue to furnish the best possible telephone service at the lowest cost consistent with financial safety."

The Mountain States Telephone & Telegraph Co.

COL. GOODNIGHT DIES AT TUSCON, ARIZONA BURIED AT OLD RANCH

The death of Col. Charles A. Goodnight, pioneer of the Texas Panhandle, which occurred at his winter home in Tuscon, Arizona, last Thursday, recalls many incidents connected with the early western Texas and eastern New Mexico. Not only did Col. Goodnight become famous for the establishment of a buffalo ranch on the panhandle, but for the establishment of the Goodnight trail, which is said to run through the Pecos valley and New Mexico. Col. Goodnight entered the cattle business following the civil war, but like many other cattlemen was handicapped for lack of a market. He decided to try the mining district of the west and it was through this decision that he established the Goodnight trail and at one time is said to have crossed the Pecos river near Old Seven Rivers, where one of his partners, Loving, was wounded by the Indians.

The Amarillo News of Friday gives a full history of Col. Goodnight's life. Part of this history we have clipped because it concerns this section of the state. We read:

Charles Goodnight sat down and reasoned it out. He knew there had been a mining boom in Colorado; and the state had begun to fill up; that there was little or no agriculture here; that food was selling for enormous prices, and that a herd of good cattle, if got there would bring fortune. Out of this dilemma and thought came the Goodnight trail.

Other men got the same idea soon after he did, but Goodnight was the pioneer. The rest turned their eyes toward the North and it was not long before they were following their herds up into Kansas and delivering them at railroad terminals and slaughter houses. But Goodnight made the first demonstration, and his success brought the whole movement into being and the whole south back to life. Cattlemen and southwestern builders in these opulent days are fond of sitting back and wondering what would have happened if the boy from Illinois had not driven his longhorns to market, if the cattle drives had not come, if the cattle ranges of Texas would soon have been deserted, the homes on the frontier clearing would have lost their tenants, the little towns must have struggled and died and the great empire that lies out there today would even now be only in its infancy, or at least much retarded.

While other cattlemen in Texas were talking and wondering about a northern route, Goodnight used his knowledge of the Indian country and planned a trail from the head of the Concho over the desert to the Horsehead crossing of the Pecos and hence to Colorado and the first connection with any railroad. His fellow rangers smiled and showed no interest. This business of trying to drive a herd of cattle through deserts and, worse still, through the ancient hunting grounds of the wild manches was not for them. The manche braves and their chiefs claimed as their empire the land south of the Red river as far as the

Rio Grande, and they were in a mood to defend it against white encroachments. Most of the cowboys decided that they knew what that meant and declined to go along on any such adventure, but Goodnight finally found enough men to take the risk. So he set out.

"In this drive," says Colonel Goodnight—as he is called in Texas—"I had to make my own trail. The only other one had been made by Oliver Loving in 1859 and it went another way from mine. I laid my course with the help of maps and through my knowledge of the Indian lands. I started out with 2,000 cattle and 18 men. One wagon, carrying the chuck, and 20 oxen. That, I believe, was the first chuck wagon ever used. The men who rode with my herd were forced to be relieved by the others every little while, as the dust from the cattle was stifling. Three hundred miles of the Pecos river country was terrible, all alkali dust. There was a 96 mile desert that we had to cross, that lies between the Pecos and Concho rivers. We made that drive without any sleep or rest. I rode the same horse for three days and three nights and whatever rest I got was on his back. It took three days to cross the desert. The cattle went crazy with thirst. I lost 300 head for lack of water, and the suffering was almost as bad with the men. The water kegs soon went dry; the alkali bit our lips and cut our faces. Then, when we got within smelling distance of the Pecos, the cattle went wild. They dashed across the river and doubled back before they stopped. We had all we could do in our exhaustion to hold them."

Buyers in Colorado were amazed to see a herd of cattle from Texas and paid the expected high prices, so that Goodnight made a profit of \$6,000 in spite of the losses and difficulties. More important, he marked out the Goodnight trail, 600 miles long. News of its existence and of the successful drive spread about Texas. Other men made ready to drive their longhorns to the northwest.

In 1867, Goodnight made his second drive to Colorado with another 2,000 steers. On this adventure Oliver Loving, who had made the first trail journey in 1859, lost his life in one of the classic adventures of the wild west. Before that happened, Joe Loving was shot through the neck with an Indian arrow. Goodnight broke it off and extracted the shank with a pair of nippers, saving the man's life. A little later it was decided that Oliver Loving and another man, known only as Wilson, should ride ahead as fast as they could, reach Colorado and New Mexico markets some time ahead of the herds and make contracts with the local buyers for the purchase of the steers. Naturally, this would bring better prices if sold in this way than could be expected after the herd was at the selling place and had to be disposed of. Goodnight cautioned the two outriders to proceed only at night and to lie under cover by day, for the Indians were ugly and had already shown their temper. But two days away from the herd the intrepid Loving decided to throw caution aside and ride by day. On a high bank overlooking the Pecos river, the two couriers were encircled and attacked by from 500 to 600 Comanches.

The two rangers fought off the Indians as best they could until

Loving fell wounded. Wilson, who had but one arm, slipped into the river, and detaching his gun butt, used it as an oar to propel himself down stream. The Indian sentinels must have seen him, for they tried to drive him back with their arrows, but he managed to slip past them and hide himself in the brush. At nightfall he set out, barefooted, for he had shed his shoes for the swim to walk 100 miles to rejoin the herd. By some miracle of power and endurance he kept on going for three days and finally rejoined Goodnight with the disastrous news.

Oliver Loving, meantime, had continued to stand off the Indians with five revolvers and his rifle, and dragged himself, weak and wounded, toward the south. Finally, he met some Mexicans who carried him to the nearest fort. There the old trail blazer and Goodnight's partner died, having fought his great fight in vain. Goodnight continued the dead man's interest in the cattle driving venture and did not feel that his obligation was discharged till he had paid the Loving family \$40,000 out of later profits.

Goodnight now became a cattle driver pure and simple. He established himself on the farthest border of Texas and there received cattle to that point, paying about \$1.00 a head above Texas prices for them. These herds he now drove further to the markets, taking full advantage of his knowledge of the trails and his better relations with the Indians. Needless to say he was making money and continued to make it.

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LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS

NOTICE TO STOCK HOLDERS
The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank of Hagerman, N. M. will be held in the director's room of said bank at 2:00 o'clock p. m., on Tuesday, January 14, 1930 for the purpose of electing a board of directors and the transaction of such other business as may be properly presented at that time.

W. A. LOSEY,
Cashier.

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NOTICE FOR PURCHASE

Department of the Interior, United States Land Office, Las Cruces, New Mexico, December 13, 1929. Notice is hereby given that John Abb Burnett, of Dexter, N. M., who, on August 29, 1927 made homestead entry, No. 033406, for Lots 1, 2, S½NE¼, S½ Sec. 5, W½NE¼, E½NW¼ Sec. 8, Township 13-S., Range 27-E., N. M. P. Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make three year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Dan C. Savage, U. S. Commissioner, at Roswell, N. Mex., on the 25th day of January, 1930.

Claimant names as witnesses:
Buck R. Brinkley, William Langham, William W. Reed, and Charles R. Rains, all of Dexter, N. Mex.

V. B. MAY,
Register.

Department of the Interior, United States Land Office, Las Cruces, N. M., November 27, 1929.

Notice is hereby given that the State of New Mexico has filed in this office Indemnity School Land Selection No. 9392, Serial No. 040996, for the following land: NE¼SW¼, NW¼SE¼ Sec. 22, T. 20-S., R. 19-E.

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 protests against the approval of the selection.

V. B. MAY,
Register.

NOTICE OF SALE

By virtue of an execution issued out of the Justice of the Peace Court in Precinct No. 5, in the town of Hagerman, County of Chaves and State of New Mexico, by I. B. McCormick, Justice of the Peace of said precinct, dated November 25th, 1929 in a certain cause wherein John Campbell, as plaintiff, recovered judgment against Ramon Chavez, defendant, for the sum of \$13.06 and costs of suit, on the 5th day of December in cause No. 80, I have levied upon the following described property to-wit: One Willys Knight Touring Car.

Notice is hereby given that on the 28th day of December, 1929, at three o'clock p. m., on the corner by the bank building at said town of Hagerman, I will sell all right, title and interest of Ramon Chavez, defendant, in and to the above described property at public auction, for cash, to the highest and best bidder to satisfy said execution and all costs including costs of sale.

Dated at Hagerman, New Mexico, this 5th day of December, 1929.

E. T. PILLEY,
Constable.

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Department of the Interior, United States Land Office, Las Cruces, N. M. December 14, 1929.

Notice is hereby given that the State of New Mexico has filed in this office its Selection List No. 113, Serial No. 040997, under act of May 28, 1928, for the following land: NE¼SW¼ Sec. 6; N½S½, SW¼SE¼ Sec. 12; NW¼ NE¼ S½SE¼ & SE¼SW¼ Sec. 13; S½S½ Sec. 14; S½SE¼, SE¼ SW¼ Sec. 15; lot 1, NE¼NW¼ & N½NE¼ Sec. 18; NW¼NE¼, SE¼NE¼ & E½SE¼ Sec. 22; NW¼, NW¼NE¼, N½ SW¼ & SW¼SW¼ Sec. 24; NW¼NW¼ Sec. 25; N½N½ Sec. 26; NE¼NE¼ Sec. 27, T. 14-S., R. 21-E.

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V. B. MAY,
Register.

NEW MEXICO COTTON GRADES MIDDLING

The following report from the agricultural statistician at Las Cruces will be of interest to the local cotton growers:

A preliminary report on the "grade staple length and tendability of cotton ginned in the state of New Mexico prior to November 1, 1929," issued by the bureau of agricultural economics in cooperation with the New Mexico agricultural experiment station, shows that 35,400 bales out of the 37,000 bales ginned to November 1, graded extra white, middling and better, and 26,600 bales were over 1 1-32" staple length.

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Our advertisers, please, that you noticed their advertisement in The Messenger.

Concrete First-Floors Are a Fire Protection

A considerable proportion of house fires originate in basements—around heating plants or in stores of fuel, ash, trash or other inflammable material. The simplest fire barrier is a concrete floor; aside from the fire safety such a floor guarantees, it adds structural rigidity to the house and offers great possibilities in decorative floor treatment.

Fire may also enter through the roof which is exposed to flying embers. Fire-safe shingles or tile eliminate the hazard and add materially to the beauty of the home.

While fewer fires are transmitted from the exterior walls, real fire safety implies fire-resistive construction in those parts of the house. Fire-stops in walls, unburnable stairways, proper design of fireplaces and chimneys—these are a few of the details the modern builder includes in his fire preventative.

Automobile Influences Modern Home Designs

Discussing the present day designs of homes, Joseph Holtzman, Detroit builder, contended they had been influenced, as regard their beauty, by the automobile, just as "in olden days when the 'coach and six' were our best transportation means our houses reflected the designs of the 'coach and six'."

"Our architecture today is typical of our age and day, but it is the beginning of an era denoting the creation of the typical American home," he continued. "Aviation, which is our next step in transportation, will not materially change the designs. The airplane is a very graceful thing. It has the 'lines' of the bird, slender well fashioned, poised; a perfect design. The coming of aviation will not affect our new architecture, except to better it if anything."

Merry Christmas, Folks!

I appreciate the business you have given me during the past year.

Thank You!

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TODAY'S PRICE 43c

J. T. WEST
THE CHECKERBOARD STORE

Claire, the Wallflower

By LEETE STONE

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CLAIRE CONLEY was a wallflower. Ever since kindergarten days! Now, in her last year at a fashionable finishing school nestled in the Connecticut hills, she still lacked that indefinable quality that draws men.

Claire was psychologist enough to know that one convincing public proof of power to attract men would instantly include her in that sought-for inner circle that reached out successfully toward matters masculine. She was not unpopular; she played excellent tennis and bridge, and her frank personality won her admirers among the athletic contingent. But her constant wish was to be included in that elect group of girls, who got letters every day addressed in bold characters, and were invited to every Naval Academy dance.

Looking from her open window one June morning, with the scent of new-mown hay from the great meadow behind the dormitory meeting her nostrils fragrantly, Claire admitted that her desire to make a showing before the girls was camouflage. Deep in her heart she knew she wanted a man's companionship. She visualized a home with a sun-lit living room and a yellow china tea set—and a tall man who smoked a pipe, dropping ashes on the floor, and kissing her when she soiled.

She went to attend a talk on the "Art of Social Charm," by a bespectacled female in tweeds whose mind had long outrun her charm.

Claire observed the lecturer, pencil poised over her note book, with a slight sense of pity. Angular, flat-chested and masculine . . . how could this woman have captured the art of social charm? All at once she herself was captured by the woman's incisive logic. Trenchant lines wrote themselves mechanically in her note-book and unforgettably on her mind: "Eyelashes, lips and trim figures will catch a husband; but it needs brains to keep him caged in content" . . . and another, "It's the woman who acts immediately on the sudden, sometimes startling intuition of mind that conquers and keeps men, women and society at her feet!"

That afternoon the tennis tournament finals were due. Claire was well in line for the tall silver cup. She had never felt more fit; more alert mentally and physically. Her service and net play were superb. At the stroke of four she slashed over the vicious, court-length lob that won her the cup.

Her friends trooped the court to congratulate. Even as she smilingly responded a weary reaction set in. Athletic honors! What did they matter?

The purr and whirr of the daily mail plane sounded overhead. As the group watched it, the even drone of the motor ceased and a sputtering series of coughs and racking explosions took place. At once the graceful man-made bird began circling and gently dropping down to the long flat meadow. Ideal for landing.

In the stress of reaction a daring intuition swooped down, like the plane, to the flat, tired expanse of Claire's mind. The "Social Charm" lecturer's line returned to her consciousness with renewed force.

The mail plane glided to a skillful landing on the scented field, so near the watching girls that the pilot's tall, handsome figure as he stepped from his flying niche to the ground was distinctly visible.

"If only he will turn and look at us . . ." thought Claire, almost waver in her daring course of action, designed to prove to the girls once for all that she was not a wallflower, but in truth a "man's woman."

As if in obedience to Claire's mental command, the young man turned and faced the group with a smile and a cheery, casual wave of his hand.

Claire's cue! Flinging her racket down, she returned the wave enthusiastically, crying to the amazed group:

"Why—why—It's Joe! They must have put him on this run." And she flew across the field toward the pilot, who had turned back to his motor.

"Joe" looked around at the sound of Claire's running feet, and went a trifle white under his tan as she threw her arms around his neck.

"Hug me!" she whispered, "as—though you loved me! I'll explain later if you'll leave me your address."

"You needn't explain," he murmured in a breathless baritone. Suddenly he held her shoulders out at arm's length and stared hungrily at her. A blush reddened his boyish face. Then he smiled as if he visioned something no one else could see.

He folded her close again; so close Claire felt the thud of his heart. They clung so a brief moment. Rousing herself from her new heaven, and all at once a little afraid of the stare of the waiting girls, she forced his arms away, gently.

"I must—oh, I must run—my—my dear!"

"So must I," he replied, eyes on the mail bags. "But I'm coming back. Right to this spot—Sunday!"

"Elegy" Advanced in Price
A copy of Gray's "Elegy," published in 1751 at sixpence, was sold at Sotheby's recently for \$6,700. This is the poem which General Wolf declared: "I would rather have written it than take Quebec."

Announcement

Beginning the first of the New Year, we shall sell gas and oil STRICTLY FOR CASH.

WATFORD SERVICE STATION

JOB PRINTING AT THE MESSENGER

As You Make Your Resolutions

for the year 1930, don't overlook the obligation you owe your family to have a good bank account. We shall be glad to render any service to you. We extend the best wishes for the coming year.



THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK
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Chevrolet Sixes Since Jan. 1, 1929

This wonderful sales record testifies to the superiority of the six in the price range of the four!

WE HAVE ORDERED A CAR LOAD OF 1930 models to be delivered soon. Watch for announcement

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WEDDING INVITATIONS—THE MESSENGER

Greetings and Best Wishes

We extend to the people of Hagerman our heartiest wishes for a merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

We have appreciated your partonage in the past, and will be glad to serve you in the future.

Lawing Market
Hagerman, N. M.

SUNDAY

DEC. 22

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NIGHT 7:15-9:00

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Matinee 15c & 40c
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A continuous laugh from start to finish . . . singing, jokes . . . a dandy story of college love, college pranks, etc. . . also two talking comedies, "Ladies Man" and "Garden of Eatin'."

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"THEY HAD TO SEE PARIS"
HEAR AND SEE AMERICA'S
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Letters to Santa

Hagerman, N. M.
December 5, 1929.
Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a little sewing machine, a horn, and a tricycle. I don't know what they want, but I know they want something. I want a doll bed, and a doll that will go to sleep.

DORIS HENRICKSEN.
Hagerman, N. M.
December 5, 1929.

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a jumping jack, a clown, top, and some colored plastilene. I want some fruit and candy. Are you coming to my church again this year?

JUNIOR WHITE.
Hagerman, N. M.
December 5, 1929.

Dear Santa:
I want a doll and doll buggy. I want a set of doll dishes too. Thank you, Santa.

NILA MAE WALKER.
Hagerman, N. M.
December 5, 1929.

Dear Santa:
I want a wagon, a dump cart and an airplane with a handle to guide and a wheel on the back that will turn. I thank you, Santa.

JUNIOR BOWEN.
Hagerman, N. M.
December 5, 1929.

Dear Santa:
I want a wagon, a car, an airplane, and a dump cart. I want some candy and nuts.
I love you, Santa,
EVAN EVANS.

Hagerman, N. M.
December 5, 1929.

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a doll bed, a doll with curly hair and a little victrola. I wish you could come to our house and stay all day. Goodbye this Christmas.

HANNAH JANE BURCK.
P. S. Please bring Sally some shoes and stockings. Sally is our doll at school. She hurt her head the other day.

Hagerman, N. M.
December 5, 1929.

Dear Santa:
I want a wagon, a BB gun and a little car. I thank you, Santa. I shall be glad to see you Christmas. Please hang everything on the tree in our front room.

LIONEL CREIGHTON.
Hagerman, N. M.
December 5, 1929.

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a tool chest and a sock of toys and a little train and an airplane and a tractor.

THOMAS.
Hagerman, N. M.
December 5, 1929.

Dear Santa:
This letter is coming from Harold. I want an egg layer and a policeman outfit. I want a crazy car too.

HAROLD.
Hagerman, N. M.
December 5, 1929.

Dear Santa Claus:
Bring me a doll and a doll bed. Bring my little sister a doll bed. I think that is what she would like. She likes what I like. Bring baby sister a rattle. Bring my bantam hen something you think she would like.

ROBERTA MEEKS.
Hagerman, N. M.
December 5, 1929.

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a tricycle, a BB gun, a ball. I want some candy and nuts. If you have some fire crackers, I would like to have some.

Your little friend,
M. C. OWENS.
Hagerman, N. M.
December 5, 1929.

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a doll and a doll buggy. Bring Beatrice a rag doll. Bring Jimmy a doll buggy. I wish I could see you, Santa.

Your little friend,
MARIE WHEELER.
Hagerman, N. M.
December 5, 1929.

Dear Santa Claus:
You will find my brown stocking hanging up in our front room. Please put some candy and nuts in it. I want a wagon, a BB gun and a tricycle.

Thank you,
MALCOLM KEY.

COTTONWOOD ITEMS
(Miss Alma Bradley, Reporter)

Olen Hill, son of Walter Hill, is ill at his home in Artesia.

Mrs. Stafford Brown and son, were visiting friends, Saturday.

Dave Hill and wife from Carlsbad were visiting A. D. Hill and family Sunday.

Mrs. Maynard Brown and daughter Edise visited Stafford and Charlie Brown of Carlsbad.

Mrs. B. D. Briscoe, Mrs. Mary and Miss Hannah Briscoe were Cottonwood visitors Sunday.

Glenn O'Bannon bought the A. D. farm this week, better known as the Fred Knowles place.

Tom Wells, who is a tire salesman, of Amarillo, was visiting his sister, Mrs. Houston Felton, last week.

Mrs. J. D. Terry and daughter, Mrs. Mamie Stroud were visiting with friends on Cottonwood, Sunday.

Mrs. V. A. Hunt and son spent Sunday with her daughter, Mrs. Lewis Rowland and family of Atoka.

Glenn O'Bannon and Sterret Bros. are buying turkeys and made several trips to El Paso, during the past week.

Among those who visited Santa Claus in Roswell, Saturday were: Messrs. Jess Funk, Howard, Parker, Percy Funk and families.

J. Basel, of San Angelo, Texas accompanied by Mr. Cecil is visiting and attending to business matters this week.

The sophomore class of Lake Ar- entertained the seniors with a

THINGS THAT NEVER HAPPEN



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EX-SERVICE MEN CAN GET EXEMPTION OF ONLY TWO THOUSAND

SANTA FE—New Mexico ex-service men are entitled only to \$2,000 tax exemption on all of their property, including automobiles and are not entitled to a one-third reduction on their automobiles in addition to the \$2,000 exemption, Attorney General M. A. Otero Jr., has said in an opinion for A. Gilberto Espinosa of Albuquerque, department judge advocate of the American Legion. That is, if an ex-service man wishes an exemption on his automobile, he may take that one-third cut, and such amount will be included when the \$2,000 exemption is figured on his other property. If he

will go toward a Christmas tree and treats which will be given at the Upper Cottonwood school Friday night. There will also be a Christmas program given by the school children.

The Cottonwood Woman's club received a letter from Mrs. J. M. Dickson formerly of Cottonwood and who now resides in British Columbia, Canada. They like their new location fine.

The proceeds from the P. T. A. benefit dance were \$62.00. The sum

takes his \$2,000 exemption on general property alone, he is not entitled to the one-third reduction on his automobile. He may divide the exemption, taking part on his automobile and part on his property, but in no case is he entitled to more than \$2,000 exemption.

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For the fastest long distance telephone service, call by number. Usually you'll get your connection while you hold the line.



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Check up on your implements and see us for the AVERY line

Roswell Pump and Supply Co.
Roswell, New Mexico

Phone 154

119 S. Main



GIFTS Everlasting

Christmas Day! . . . A little box beneath the tree . . . off go the wrappings, open flies the case, and lo! an exquisite little trinket, radiant with the charm of flashing gems and cunning artisanship . . . A gift everlasting, evoking tender memories of the donor. . . May we help in choosing your Yule offering? . . . You will find the right gift for her at our store.

McAdoo Drug Co.

"Hagerman's Popular Meeting Place"

This week we are announcing that in addition to our

CRYSTAL Stop-Knock

easy going, smooth running gasoline, we have installed a Phillips Pump and you can get Phillips Gas, the gasoline with pep, that makes your car start easily these cold mornings.

Watford Service Station

The Lure of Corn Bread

By JANE OSBORN

(Copyright.)

IT MIGHT not have made your mouth water—that street car picture of corn bread—but Hope Mawson had lunched early and lightly, and the yellow square of corn bread made, as the ad said, steaming hot, with a cup of coffee at the side—also steaming—and two nice, neat butter balls on a butter plate—all this was pleasantly tantalizing to Hope Mawson, even though the picture was only an advertisement for Folger's famous cornmeal.

Hope was riding homeward on the street car and the advertisement was directly opposite her, so it was not difficult for her to dwell upon the tempting sight for many minutes.

It was Diana's night to cook dinner, to be sure, but Hope would stop at the corner grocery store, buy some Folger's cornmeal and make some corn bread and have it ready by the time Diana had finished the rest of the dinner.

Here Hope's meditations were suddenly cut short. The conductor was calling "Love-a-lavenu," and Hope knew that Love avenue was five blocks beyond her own street.

Brandon Jones, who had been sitting beside her, rose with her and also went toward the door. Hope walked three blocks and then stopped at the grocery store. Oddly enough, Brandon Jones went into the grocery store, watched her as she made her purchase and stammered out with considerable embarrassment: "Dog biscuits, please," when the grocer's clerk asked him what he wanted.

Then Hope proceeded, and the man proceeded. He even crossed the street where she wanted to, and preceded her into the hall of the apartment where she and her companions, Diana and Daphne, lived. The hall boy spoke and let him pass. Obviously he was a resident. Yet why, if he lived in that apartment, did he ride on to Love avenue?

Hope was interested in this apparent mystery, but not so interested as to forget her cornmeal. She quickly changed from her office clothes to a washable house frock, and in five minutes more had the cornmeal and flour and milk beaten up as she had seen old Sally do so many times in her childhood.

Daphne and Diana declared the corn bread to be exactly like the corn bread old Sally used to make. They were feasting merrily on it when the bell of the apartment rang. They exchanged surprised glances, for callers never came unannounced in that apartment. Hope fled to the door, and there stood Brandon Jones.

"Excuse me," he began, and before he had time to go further with his apologies he sniffed and said: "My, but that smells good! I smelled it way up in my apartment, and that's why I came. You see—"

"I'm sure we all would like to have you come in and share it with us," said Hope, looking at Daphne and Diana, who had now appeared in the hall.

And so Brandon Jones was ushered into the living room, where the large table had been spread for dinner. Brandon then explained. He hoped Miss Mawson—the elevator boy told him her name—would accept his apologies.

He had sat beside her on the car and had been interested in the interest she showed in that corn bread advertisement. He had seen her before and knew that she lived in this apartment, so when she rode past her street he knew it must be because of her preoccupation in this advertisement.

He got off where she did and followed her into the grocery store, and to his delight he bought the cornmeal. Later he got the tempting smell of baking corn bread through his open window above—corn bread and coffee, just as the picture had suggested. He was looking for a good rule for corn bread—he thought perhaps he might be able to secure hers.

"You see, I'm an advertising man—Jones of Jones & Hancock—"

"Oh, I didn't know you were that Mr. Jones," said Daphne, with much respect, hearing the name of the largest advertising concern in the city.

"And we just took over the account of Folger's corn products—want to make a big thing of it. I thought a picture of corn bread would make a good street car card—tried to get our artist to make it as real as possible. Mr. Hancock thought that was a little too simple—wanted to try something clever, you know. But we thought we'd try it out. So when I saw you, Miss Mawson, reading the advertisement I felt that at least one street car rider was interested. And then, by jove, you went to the store and bought the cornmeal. I'll have to tell Hancock—"

Mr. Jones ate two, then three pieces of the corn bread and declared that Miss Mawson was the best cook in the world, and he never said a word about Diana who had cooked all the rest of the dinner.

But then right from the first Mr. Jones had eyes only for Hope.

"And that was what should be," said the practical Daphne a month later when Hope and Brandon announced their engagement, because usually the men they knew admired all three—"and divided admiration," continued Daphne, "is not conducive to diamond solitaires."

Art in Basketry



A basket for every need is evidently the slogan adopted in modern Christmas gift sections. Art in basketry is indeed touching the high spots this season, as the gorgeous raffia basket in the picture bears witness. The flowers are done in the bas relief and gayly painted. 'Twould indeed be a difficult matter to conceive of a more happily chosen gift coming from one woman to another at Christmas time.

Four Points Necessary to Perfect Architecture

Architectural perfection in a building is based upon four general requirements, and the more complete the fulfillment of these requirements the more certain it is to be architecturally good. C. Julian Oberwarth declares in Architectural Progress.

"The first of these is utility, or fulfillment of the purpose for which it was intended," says Mr. Oberwarth. "The second is expression, or the way the design suggests the purpose, materials, construction and general plan arrangement. The third is soundness of construction, or the durability of the materials, knowledge and ingenuity in their uses and engineering perfection in assembling; and the fourth is beauty of design."

"Each of these requisites of good architecture is dependent upon the success of the others, and unless all four have been taken care of in a successful manner the building is not an architectural success."

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Our advertisers, please, that you noticed their advertisement in The Messenger.

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TWO DIXIE FLOOD HEROINES



MRS. MINEOLA LIEBERT

ACCORDING to the Mobile (Ala.) Register, two telephone operators at Elba, Alabama, braved death in the recent flood in that section, by remaining at the switchboard and sending out flood warnings. The Register, commenting editorially on the service rendered by these intrepid women, said:

"Two telephone operators at Elba, Alabama, remained courageously at their post of duty during the recent flood disaster until they could no longer render any service, and were then lifted out of the second story window of the building occupied by the telephone exchange. They were Miss Vivian Harper, the operator on duty at the time, and Mrs. P. M. Liebert, who



MISS VIVIAN HARPER

also insisted on remaining with her friend.

"Always these stories of heroism come to the front when we have disasters of any kind, for always there are men and women who are willing to risk their own lives in efforts to save the lives of others, or to be of needed service to human beings in danger and distress.

"But the mere fact that we have many of these heroic types among the men and women of this country does not detract from the heroic conduct of these two Elba telephone operators, for Miss Harper and Mrs. Liebert met their obligations beautifully and have written their names high in the annals of Elba and Alabama."

MRS. LATTION IS AWARDED DAMAGES

Mrs. Dennis Lattion, of Hagerman, former resident of Dayton was awarded damages amounting to \$5,000, against the Santa Fe railroad by the Chaves county jury at Roswell last week. Mrs. Lattion filed suit against the railroad after her husband was killed at a grade crossing near Hagerman about a year ago. The attorneys for the Santa Fe announced that they would appeal.

When the cat's away the mice will play—but maybe the cat's not having such a rotten time either.—Life.

Messenger want ads get results.

NOT WHAT HE WANTED

Wearry Willie was out of work, as usual, and he was exploring a new neighborhood.

He rapped timidly at the door of a poor looking house on the corner. It was opened by Mrs. Murphy.

She was very red in the face, and her hands were still covered with soapuds. Also, she was very angry at being interrupted at her washing.

"Did you wish to see me?" she belted darkly.

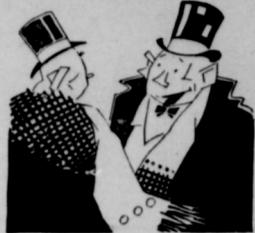
Wearry Willie backed down the steps with downcast eyes.

"If I did," he said meekly, "I've had my wish, thank you."

Messenger Want Ads pay.

Coming Into His Own
Bragg (to his table fellow)—Look Briggs; that man is taking your umbrella from the stand.
Briggs—Ssh! Be quiet; he may recognize it!

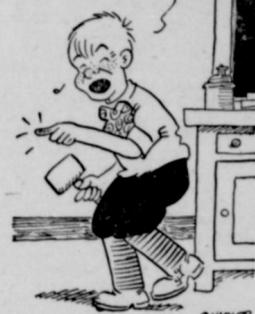
HOT WORK



"Does it make you red in the face and sweat like that when you call on a girl you knew years ago?"
"Not necessarily, but it's hot work rekindling an old flame."

MICKIE SAYS—

GOSH, THE FUSS OUR FOREMAN MAKES OVER EVERY JOB OF PRINTING, WOULD 'THINK HE WUZ OLE MICKIE ANGELO, TURNIN' OUT MASTERPIECES— BUT I GUESS IT'S ALL RIGHT, BECAUSE OUR CUSTOMERS ALWAYS COME BACK FOR MORE



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LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

STATE LAND SALE
CHAVES COUNTY
OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER
PUBLIC LANDS
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the provisions of the act of Congress approved June 20, 1906, and the rules and regulations of the State Land Office, the Commissioner of Public Lands will offer at public sale to the highest and best bidder at 2:00 o'clock p. m., on Saturday, January 25th, 1930, at the front of the court house in the town of Roswell, county seat of Chaves county, New Mexico, the following described tract of land:

Sale No. 2388
E 1/4 SE 1/4 Section 20, Township 15-South, Range 26 East, N. 23R P. M., containing 80 acres. There are no improvements.
No bid will be accepted for less than Ten and No-100 dollars (\$10.00) per acre and the successful bidder will be required to pay at the time of sale five per cent (5%) of the amount of his bid, the balance of the improvements and the balance of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be payable at any time within thirty (30) years with interest on all deferred payments at the rate of four percent (4%) annually, in accordance with the terms of the contract to be entered into by the successful bidder.

All minerals on the said land reserved to the state and the Commissioner reserves the right to sell any and all bids.

Dated at Santa Fe, New Mexico this 29th day of October 1929.

AUSTIN D. CRILEY
Commissioner of Public Lands
First Publication, November 7th, 1929
Last Publication, January 16th, 1930

FOR WANT ADS
READ THE MESSENGER

Westinghouse Waffle Iron



And Attractive 20-Piece Set of Dishes

Descriptive Folder with Many Special Waffle Recipes FREE!



One Pint of Wesson Oil Given Free with Each Set

\$15.95

95c Down—\$2.00 per Month With Light Bill

AN IDEAL CHRISTMAS GIFT—COME IN TO SEE THEM!

Southwestern
PUBLIC SERVICE
Company



THE MAN OF THE HOUR...

Is filling up his bag for mother, father, brother or sweetheart at

Price & Co.
ROSWELL, N.M.

The Store of Useful Gifts

Here you will find a large assortment of gift suggestions . . . many packed in attractive gift boxes . . . for every member of the family.

We invite you to come in, look around, and buy if you find it to your advantage.

ed Uniform International
Sunday School Lesson
 P. B. FITZWATER, D.D., Member of Faculty, Moody Bible Institute of Chicago.
 1929, Western Newspaper Union



Lesson for December 22
CHILD IN A CHRISTIAN WORLD
 (Christmas Lesson)

OPEN TEXT—Matthew 18:1-6. The front door of the kingdom is open to all who will enter. (Matt. 18:1-6)

CLOSED TEXT—Suffer little children and forbid them not to come unto me, for of such is the kingdom of heaven. (Matt. 18:1-6)

PRAYER TOPIC—The story of the Christmas.

TEACHING TOPIC—The story of the Christmas.

THE GREATEST IN THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN (Matt. 18:1-6)

THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS LIKE A KING WHO WENT TO TAKE UP A KINGDOM (Matt. 13:1-12)

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THE WINTER BRIDGE PROGRAM OF HIGHWAY DEPT. GETS UNDERWAY

SANTA FE—A winter repairing and building program of state highway bridges is getting under way with four crews of men and equipment at work, states a highway bulletin released last week.

One outfit is repairing bridges on U. S. Highway 485 between Tesuque and Pojuaque. The work is intended to strengthen and put these bridges in shape for the heavy strain usually put on them by the freezing weather and sudden freshets resulting from warm day thaws.

A new bridge near the Esperanza Hotel in Jemez Springs has just been completed, the report states. It is two spans in length with rock piers. The original bridge on this site was washed out by the unprecedented fall floods.

Work is being started now on building a new span onto the south end of the Cerrillos bridge. When this bridge was first constructed there was some doubt in the minds of the engineers as to where it would be subjected to the most strain owing to the changeable nature of the stream. Accordingly, plans were made so that a span could be added on if it was found necessary without working on the bridge proper.

The September floods indicated the necessity of such a move which is now going into effect.

A new bridge in a new location is being started about ten miles north of San Ysidro on the Farmington-Bernalillo road. The existing bridge was threatened by floods so that it has been decided by the bridge engineers to move it and lengthen it. Two miles of road will be built to the new location.

With highway funds again made available by the recent sale of debt bonds, it is stated, that bridge work all over the state will get under way as fast as crews and equipment can be made available.

How to Reclaim Sahara

Creation of a vast lake of salt water to change the climate of the Sahara desert and convert a sandy waste into a productive plain has been proposed to the French government by Dwight Branan of New York, with plans designed by John F. Stevens, who was engineer of the Panama canal, says Popular Mechanics Magazine. The idea is to dig a canal from the Mediterranean, connecting a series of small lakes which dry up every summer, and admit enough salt water from the sea to keep the lakes filled the year around.

An area 205 miles wide would be flooded. The presence of so big a body of water would modify the climate to such an extent, it is claimed, that 210,000 square miles could be reclaimed for farming.

How Air Aids Diagnosis

That his system of pumping rarified air into the brain has been successful in determining the exact location of tumorous growths through X-ray photographs, is the claim of Dr. Max Ludin, director of the X-ray department of a hospital at Basel, Switzerland. The discovery is being studied by scientists of Europe. Dr. Ludin says that these pictures of the brain, after the air has been pumped out, show the healthy cells as white stains, and the diseased ones as black. In locating growths in the spinal column, Dr. Ludin injects, instead of air, a fluid that photographs well. The fluid runs down the spine until stopped by the growth.

How Dust Creates Beauty

The more dust, the more sumptuously the clouds are bathed in rose and gold and fiery red. Storms that raise tons of dust into the skies in arid regions sometimes seem a trying cross for the people to bear. But there is a wonderful compensation. High in the air the tiniest dust grains atone for the sins of their coarser fellows. Nowhere else do the skies burst into such a glory of color at dawn and sunset, nor does the approach of twilight cast such magical, soft-hued shadows that can transform bare, rugged mountains into fairylands.—National Geographic Society Bulletin.

How much do I pay for a marriage license?

Five dollars down and your entire salary each week for the rest of your life.

My poor man, I suppose you have had many trials in your life?

Yes, ma'am, but only one conviction.

Messenger Want Ads pay.

INSIDE INFORMATION

Never fit a garment wrong side out. A person's left and right sides are seldom exactly alike and when the garment is turned right side out it may not fit smoothly.

Flat sausage cakes, molded half an inch thick and cooked until brown and crisp on both sides are extra good if served on slices of fried pineapple cooked in the sausage fat.

For sweetening punches and fruit beverages, make sirup, using two parts of sugar to one of water, cook together about 10 minutes and cool. This sweetens more uniformly than granulated sugar and is more economical.

Instead of making apple sauce to serve with pork serve baked apples occasionally. With very thick pork chops place half an apple, cored but not peeled, on each chop after it has been browned, and cook in a casserole, on a rack, tightly covered but without water, until the meat is tender and the apple is done.

Several times a year, or whenever waste water begins to run away slowly from the kitchen sink or wash tubs or other plumbing, the pipe should be flushed with boiling hot water to soften the grease. Follow with a strong solution of caustic potash (lye) or caustic soda, and half an hour later flush again thoroughly with clear hot boiling water.

When you wash rayon, treat it gently and you will get good results. Use lukewarm water with suds of a pure, neutral soap. Don't rub, squeeze repeatedly and rinse in water of the same temperature. Rough finger nails or rings on the fingers may tear the wet rayon. Hang the washed rayon garment over the line but do not use clothes pins. Use medium heat in ironing.

To make good corned beef hash, put a pound of cooked corned beef through the meat grinder, with about 5 boiled potatoes, and a little onion to flavor. Mix well, add a dash of cayenne, and put into a lightly greased heavy iron skillet in an even layer. Cook over low heat until a golden brown crust is formed, then place in a pan or lid over the skillet, and turn out. Slip the uncooked side into the skillet and cook. Slip whole onto a platter and garnish with parsley. Accompany with spinach, kale or other greens.

ATTRACTIVE
Fireplace Furniture
 will add Christmas Cheer and extra beauty to the heart of the home
 Now is the time to see our large range of designs and finishes.
Kemp Lumber Co.
 Roswell, N. Mex.

MESSENGER WANT ADS GET RESULTS

Fresh Roasted Coffee
 Wholesale and Retail
 GUARANTEED HIGH QUALITY PURE COFFEE
U. S. Blend SUNSHINE
 The grind is important, come in and let us talk it over with you and show you this coffee.
ROSWELL COFFEE COMPANY
 DAN C. SAVAGE, Proprietor
 414 1/2 N. MAIN STREET ROSWELL, N. M.

JOB PRINTING AT THE MESSENGER
 WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENTS—THE MESSENGER

New John Deere General Purpose TRACTOR DEMONSTRATION
 Next Friday and Saturday
 DECEMBER 20th AND 21st AT
John Tweedy's Farm
 ON DEXTER HIGHWAY 6 MILES SOUTH OF ROSWELL

SIX TRACTORS EQUIPPED WITH POWER CULTIVATORS, PLANTERS, PLOWS, MOWER, RAKE, ETC., IN OPERATION.
 This Factory Demonstration is a wonderful opportunity that has never been possible before in New Mexico. It is for you Mr. Farmer and you are the one who will profit by coming.
Mabie-Lowrey Hardware Co.
 Roswell, New Mexico

J. W. Jennings
 PAINTING—TINTING—DECORATING
 Quality, Material and Workmanship Guaranteed
 BOX 185 HAGERMAN, N. M.

Earth a Rebuke to Atheism
 God never wrought miracles to convince atheists, because His ordinary works convince it. It is true, that a philosophy inclineth man's mind to atheism; but depth in philosophy bringeth men's minds about to religion.—Francis Bacon.

Good Breeding Shows
 There are few defects in our nature glaring as not to be veiled from observation by politeness and good breeding.—Stanislaus.

THERE'S LOTS OF PLEASURE AND JOY IN REMEMBERING YOUR



Friends and "dears" at Christmas time.

You both get real pleasure out of sensible and serviceable gifts too.

While we have everything for the man to wear—we especially recommend an Overcoat or Light Leather Jacket for your consideration—

Overcoats eighteen to thirty dollars
Leather Jackets twelve to forty dollars

CHE-MODEL

ED WILLIAMS
STETSON HATS AND FLORSHEIM SHOES

TURNING ON THE GAS

Editor Murphy of the Penasco Valley News announces in a thirty-six point headline that he is going to get married. Go easy there, Pat, if Jo Maggard backs out now, you'll be in an awful fix.

About this time of the year and life, all us kids wish that we were centipedes, so we would have enough stockings to get some real presents. But we find consolation in the fact that if we are suddenly stricken with corns on our toes, we don't have 1,000 toes to hurt.

Some people want to pull the beard out of old Santa Claus, and others want to braid it with gold ribbon. The old boy must find it hard to please everybody. Santa came to our house one time and let Dad play with our pop gun till he broke it and it wouldn't shoot. Why does he let our dads play with our things before we get them. 'Tain't fair. But it served Dad right because the sox Santa gave him were too small and the collar to his new shirt choked him—and his red tie—boy! Yes, even an old saint like Santa finds it hard to make everyone satisfied at Christmas time.

Carries Sweet Odor



Santa Claus likes to carry these ornamental bags wherever he goes, for the sweet odor of their contents (garden lavender) scents up his entire pack. They are made of coarse, colorful netting with frills at the top and handpainted embroidery hoop handles. Gift shops report them as among their most popular numbers. They measure from nine to twelve inches across.

A negro evangelist was preaching concerning the horrors of hell. In front of him was a coffin piled high with flowers. Newspapers had announced that it was the funeral of a neighbor. There was no word of praise from the preacher's mouth. "Breth'n an' sistahs," he shouted, "ouah deceased friend heah done committed eve'y sin in the catalog. He wasn't ready when de trumpet of de angel called him. He was unprepa'ed. He was wicked an' had to face judgment in his wickedness." At the end of the sermon every member of the congregation was eager to crowd forward and view the "remains." Solemnly they filed past the coffin. It was empty, but in the bottom was a mirror that reflected the face of every "mourner" that looked in.



JUST A JOLLY CHRISTMAS SEASON

BOWEN BARBER SHOP

DILLON WANTS STATE TO BE ABLE TO ISSUE VALID OIL LEASES

SANTA FE—Governor R. C. Dillon in a public statement Saturday gave oil men of New Mexico his assurance that New Mexico "is anxious to make leases for oil and gas which can never be questioned."

The governor said: "Oil and gas leasing in New Mexico is of recent origin. For a number of years we were purely a wild cat state and laws were made to fit such conditions, but recently we have become an oil producing state and this change in condition in the state required amendment and change of law."

"The law passed at the last legislature known as chapter 125 has had some questions raised about it. Already the first question has been decided by the supreme court and in that decision a second one was raised and that is now in court."

"After this decision our law will have been interpreted by the supreme court and all laws will be made according to a law which has been interpreted by the supreme court and New Mexico is then on a final solid basis for carrying ahead its oil development work."

"We want to assure oil men everywhere that New Mexico is very anxious to make leases for oil and gas which can never be questioned. This is conclusively shown by the fact that we are anxious to have the courts interpret the law so that there can be no future doubt raised on it."

Suit Filed

SANTA FE—A mandamus suit was filed in district court here Saturday in behalf of the Atlantic Oil and Producing Co., against A. D. Crile, land commissioner to gain a court interpretation of the much disputed "section 14" of the New Mexico oil leasing laws.

The test suit was brought by Attorneys Reid, Hervey, Dow and Hill of Roswell in behalf of the company and it seeks to compel the issuance of oil and gas leases for a term of five years in lieu of a lease now held by the Atlantic Oil and Producing company, covering lands in the restricted district of Lea county. The expiration date of the existing lease is January 23, 1930.

Point At Issue

The major point at issue is whether the law is to be construed that new leases are to be issued for the full five year term, or for the unexpired term of the existing lease only, which in this case would be next January 23. One part of the 1929 law states that all leases shall be issued for term of five years, and the court construction in the present mandamus suit hinges almost entirely upon the meaning of the words, "in lieu of same," as used in section 14—which governs the converting of leases.

The suit will result in an interpretation of section 14, chapter "125 of the session laws of 1929," which appears to be the only remaining portion of that law which is disputed.

Dr. Crile said: "It has been the desire of the commissioner to issue leases in accordance with the provisions of the laws of the state of New Mexico. A difference of opinion has existed and does exist, regarding the meaning of section 14. The commissioner hopes that a speedy determination of this matter will be had and has employed J. O. Seth, of Santa Fe, Hurd and Crile, of Roswell, together with Charles B. Barker, attorney for the land office, to represent the state in this matter."

Pewter for Christmas



It's fashionable to give pewter this year. So jot down in your Christmas list a few apropos articles, such as a quaint candlestick, perhaps a vase, or a nut bowl, or if one gives generously, an entire coffee or tea service. There's no doubt about it—pewter is "it" for Christmas or wedding gifts.

A Deadly Insult

Mr. Thinboulder—I must compliment you on your pie crust.
Mrs. Borden-Lodge—Are you meaning to be sarcastic? You have just eaten the paper plate that the pie came on.

Messenger want ads get results.

The Girl With the Ukulele

By BRUCE F. RICHARDS

(Copyright.)

BILLY GREEN was rather inclined to be out of sorts. He had just made a place for himself in the social circles of the town where his firm had sent him, when he received orders to hand the office over to his successor and to go on himself to Clarkville to organize and start a branch in that lively little city.

Billy didn't know a single soul in Clarkville, and while he had no doubt that he would make friends and business acquaintances in time—that didn't help him on the first lovely Sunday afternoon that he found himself at leisure.

Well, at least he could take his classy little roadster and drive out to the lake which offered a delightful spot nearby for those who wished to enjoy an afternoon close to nature.

Following a woody road, he drove slowly on down to the edge of the lovely sheet of water which glistened through the trees. The end of the trail found him on a little bluff pleasantly sheltered, although there were camps up and down the shore, and happy children playing and wading on the sandy beach.

Billy pulled a magazine out of the pocket on the door, but before he had opened it his ears caught a quaintly melodious sound, and craning his neck, he saw an extremely pretty girl swinging along the pathway, as though she were the only person anywhere around.

She was fair and her hair of the bright auburn tint Billy particularly admired. Her features were regular and her form shapely. There was no doubt about this, for she was wearing a green bathing suit. Over that was a colorful cretonne coat which floated wide open in the breeze. Her little feet were covered with low, white canvas shoes, and her stockings rolled down to the top of them.

She was strumming a ukulele, occasionally breaking into a low snatch of songs as she approached. Billy might have been a thousand miles away for all the notice she took of him, but in spite of that his heart was going pit-a-pat, rub-a-dub, and he was wondering who she was and how he could make her acquaintance.

By this time she had passed his parking place, and he noticed that under her arm was tucked a large towel.

The watcher in the car followed the girl with the ukulele with his eyes, noticing that she went into a cottage just beyond. He decided to await developments. Presently two girls came forth from the cottage all ready for a plunge into the lake. Billy wondered how he could introduce himself and make a favorable impression.

Billy Green's philosophy in life was that if you want to do anything, the course to pursue is to stop, make a plan, and then put that plan into action. That was just what he did now.

He made up his mind to wait until the girls came back from their swim, and then while they were inside of the cottage, to go over, rap at the door and ask to borrow a pail in which he could carry water from the lake to his radiator. He knew this was a shameless subterfuge as he had filled the radiator that very morning, but he wanted to meet the girl with the ukulele.

The girls stayed in the water a long time. Billy kept track of the green clad figure as it swam about gracefully, or dived from the raft.

At last he saw the girls come up from the beach and run dripping to the cottage. Discretion caused him to wait a few moments.

Before long he heard the strum of the ukulele and reasoned that his lovely mermaid was ready for callers. He hoped—yes, he prayed, that she would be the one to open the door! But she wasn't for when that door opened he found a motherly-looking, white-haired woman eyeing him in quirkiness.

Although Billy always carried his courage right with him, he found himself stammering and apologizing profusely for his intrusion.

"I'm a stranger around here," he explained, "so I don't know where the nearest service station is. I have just come to Clarkville and this is my first visit to your lovely lake."

He handed her a neat business card which read, "William E. Green, Superintendent Big Chief Oil company."

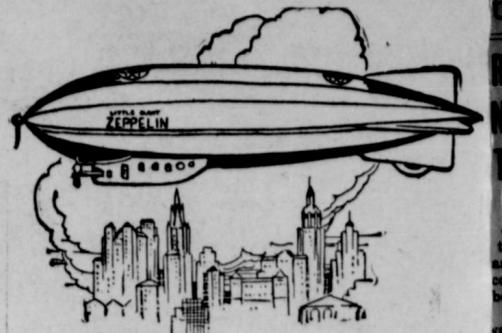
"The lady looked up quickly. "You don't happen to be Billy Green from Stoneham, do you?" she inquired eagerly.

"The very same," laughed Billy, "but you have the advantage of me."

"Of course," she responded. "The secretary of the Big Chief Oil company happens to be a brother of mine, and knowing that I was summering here, he wrote and asked me to invite you out to the cottage, as you would doubtless be lonely in Clarkville. He thought you might like to meet my daughter Barbara and her friends. Sally Eldred is here with her ukulele. She and Barbara have just been for a swim. Do come in and meet them, as I assure you any friend of my brother's is always welcome."

Two minutes later Billy found himself being formally introduced to Barbara Matthews and Sally Eldred. Sally still had the ukulele under her arm, and Billy's heart sang with joy. Barely loud enough to be heard the ukulele vibrated softly to the melody of the "Indian Love Song."

J.C. PENNEY CO.
ROSWELL — ARTESIA



Look!

Here's the Zeppelin!

Ready for a Non-Stop Flight to You!

98¢

All the boys are air-minded nowadays . . . and what sport a "Little Giant" Zeppelin will give! Of heavy gauge silver steel, 26 inches long, 7 1/4 inches high, 5 1/4 inches wide. Hear the propellers whirr-r-r as the Zep is pulled along!



"Hello"

Here's a Toy

Dial Phone

Dial your number on this French style telephone . . . and ring your party yourself! What fun to "pretend" to call your friends on this cunning phone!

89c



"Mary Lu" Paint Sets

For Young Artists

Many quiet, happy hours go with the gift of a paint set! In the set are ten tubes of water colors, five paint discs, two mixing pans and a paint brush. Attractively boxed and only

89c



"Coney Island" A Mechanical Toy With Lots of Thrills!

Wind it up . . . and the airplanes swirl around and round . . . and the roller coaster car swoops up and down the curves! Of heavy metal, 18 1/4 inches long, 6 1/4 inches wide, 1 3/4 inches high.

89c



"Daredevil Flyer" Circles the Tower

A fascinating mechanical toy . . . the aeroplane circles the tower and turns somersaults in the air. 10 inches high.

89c

Want Ads

RATES

COUNT FIVE WORDS TO A LINE
Minimum Charge for first run...40c
Subsequent runs, minimum ad...25c
Ads over 5 lines first run, line...8c
Ads over 5 lines 2nd run at line...5c

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—One good Jersey milk cow, four years old, just fresh. W. A. Losey. 52-2tc

FOR SALE CHEAP—One two room house, one five room house, in Dexter. Will sell worth the money. See Mrs. Breeb Hurst. 52-2tc

STRAYED OR STOLEN—\$2.50 per head for information leading to the recovery of four horse mules. Two small brown, brand cross V bar on shoulder, one large black, branded K on neck, one large brown, no brand. H. L. Green, Box 32, Hagerman, N. M. 52-2tc-A-M

Mrs. William Heitman returned to Hagerman Saturday after an absence of about six weeks, visiting relatives in Columbus, Ohio.

HAGERMAN FOLKS NOW TRAVEL ON OIL ROAD TO ROSWELL

Hagerman citizens may ride all way to Roswell on the new oil road now, as the road from Hagerman to Dexter was completed today.

This is a welcome improvement over the old graveled highway Dexter. Instead of the waves and bumps, to say nothing of the fumes caused by the sharp ruts, there is now a road as smooth as pavement, guaranteeing greater mileage as well as riding comfort.

No Time to Waste

Old Lady—Aren't you a bit ashamed a big, strong man like you begged? Have you never tried to work? Tramp—Yes'm, but it took a school to teach me my time.

Numerically Speaking

First Husband—I and my wife one.
Second Husband—My wife and I are ten; she is one and I am a cipher.