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## TEXAS CO. LAY GAS LINE FROM HOBBS TO LEA OIL SECTOR

Trucking contractors were called in by the Texas Company Thursday, for bids on hauling and distribution of piping between Hobbs and Lea, says the Hobbs News.

Some time ago a surveying crew completed for the Texas Co., the running of a line between the two points. The distance as surveyed for the gas line is slightly in excess of 24 miles.

The Texas Co., as leading development operator and principal producer of the Lea district, has recently increased the number of pumping wells there. As there is no gas of consequence in the Lea district, the assumption is that extensive pumping operations are in contemplation at that point.

## WATER LEVELS ARE FOUR FEET HIGHER ON AVERAGE NOW

Water levels in the artesian basin of the Pecos valley continue to hold up and average four feet higher at this time than they did at the corresponding time in 1931. C. G. Smith, artesian well supervisor, stated at Roswell last week after completing the testing of a number of observation wells in the basin.

These observations have recently been taken in an effort to determine the water level elevations as compared with the winter high of 1931. Mr. Smith said that the average of the rise in the water levels for all wells observed in Chaves county records shows the water to be 4.1 feet higher than in 1931 and Eddy county levels are now 4.12 feet higher than in 1931.

Areas where the pugging of abandoned and leaky artesian wells has been most active shows a water level elevation this winter of 10 feet higher than last winter.

High water levels were reached in Eddy county during the latter part of November, the well supervisor said. This fact was demonstrated by the automatic water stage recorder, located five miles south of Artesia, the water levels in November being about two feet higher than recent tests by Mr. Smith showed.

Mr. Smith said from these observations he was convinced the artesian head high in Eddy county during the latter part of November reached an average of more than six feet higher for 1932 than at any time during 1931.

Plugging of leaky artesian wells in the Dexter and Greenfield district has been most active, the state engineer having plugged four wells in this vicinity.

The Hagerman and Lake Arthur districts to the Chaves and Eddy county line show an average water level elevation of 2.65 feet higher for 1932 than 1931. Wells in this vicinity average one to five feet higher this year than last. In the Cottonwood district wells are an average of 5.98 feet higher this year than last. This district also has a number of wells which show as much as ten feet higher than the year previous.

That part of the artesian water basin from Artesia south to Dayton shows an average of about 7 feet higher in the wells this year than last. There are a number of wells south and east of Artesia in the heavy flow zone which are 10 feet higher this year than in 1931.

Mr. Smith said that as a result of the recent moisture, irrigation would be curtailed for several days and that the artesian head would continue to rise in all parts of the valley.

He plans to begin immediately inspecting all wells in the valley and to enforce that part of the artesian well law pertaining to allowing an artesian well to flow uncontrolled.

Mr. Smith said with the proper cooperation from artesian well owners and the continued plugging of leaky and abandoned wells in the valley by the state engineer and the Pecos Valley Artesian Water Conservancy district there was no doubt but that the water levels would continue to increase year by year.

### A NEW KING

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus King announce the birth of a new heir, December 7th. The boy has his daddy's lungs and his mother's good looks.

(Editorial note: We hereby apologize to our readers for delaying this news item. In the first place, Rufus walked into the office in Artesia just after the press two weeks ago, with the news. Then the ed. got the flu and forgot all about the new boy.)

## CHRISTMAS PARTY IS FRIDAY EVENING GIFTS FOR CHILDREN

The Christmas party sponsored by the Hagerman merchants will be held tomorrow night beginning at 7:00 o'clock at the Hagerman Drug Company.

Santa Claus in all his glory will be there. He may come off the roof, he may come in a car, he may come on a burro, but he'll be there just the same, with gifts for every child who is accompanied by his parents or guardian.

Everyone in the communities of Hagerman, Lake Arthur, or Dexter, is invited to attend. Gifts include candy, fruit and other things of value.

Citizens are reminded not to forget the white gifts to be placed in the box under the Christmas tree.

### NEW SUPERINTENDENTS IN 22 COUNTY SCHOOLS

Twenty-two counties in New Mexico will have new school superintendents after January 1st as a result of the November 8th election, it was pointed out by the state educational association at Santa Fe.

Nine county school heads were re-elected. They are as follows: Chaves, Miss Thelma McCully, Roswell; Colfax, J. T. Reese, Raton; Eddy, H. R. Rodgers, Carlsbad; Grant, Mrs. Cora M. Holland, Silver City; Harding, Mrs. Ethel J. Ladd, Mosquero; McKinley, Mrs. L. J. Roat, Gallup; Roosevelt, A. F. Hunt, Portales; Sierra, Mrs. Patty Nunn, Hillsboro; Union, Miss Clementine Ivie Clayton.

Elected to replace present superintendents were the following: Bernalillo, Miss Margaret Easterday, Albuquerque; Catron, Mrs. Clarice Holliman, Reserve; Curry, K. C. Lea, Clovis; DeBaca, Mrs. Mary B. Lucero, Fort Sumner; Dona Ana, Mrs. Calla K. Elyar, Las Cruces; Guadalupe, Mrs. G. Abercrombie, Santa Rosa; Hidalgo, Mrs. Katie Hall, Lordsburg; Lea, Miss Mettie Jordan, Lovington; Lincoln, Mrs. Oia C. Jones, Carrizozo; Luna, Mrs. Eula Mae Richardson, Deming; Mora, Matias Zamora, Mora; Otero, Mrs. Nellie Simpers, Alamogordo; Quay, M. B. Jumper, Tucumcari; Rio Arriba, Max Sanchez, Tierra Amarilla; Sandoval, Andres Gonzales, Bernalillo; San Juan, Mrs. Leva M. Barton, Aztec; San Miguel, J. V. Gallegos, Las Vegas; Santa Fe, Manuel Lujan, Santa Fe; Socorro; Taos, Floyd Santistevan, Taos; Torrance, Clyde McCulloch, Estancia; Valencia, Manuel A. Baca, Las Lunas.

H. Clay Tallman, of Tulsa, Oklahoma, spent Sunday with the C. G. Masons. Mr. Tallman is attorney for the Standard Oil Co., of Tulsa, served as general land commissioner in the Wilson administration of 1913-14.

### FEDERAL DEFICIT IS \$1,142,437,015

WASHINGTON, D. C.—A treasury report Saturday showed the federal deficit on December 15 was \$1,142,437,015.

The figure was \$6,000,000 less than the total deficit predicted by President Hoover in his budget message to congress for the fiscal year ending June 30 next.

On December 14 the deficit stood at \$794,000,000 in round figures and increased as a result of \$418,764,000 paid into the sinking fund.

This payment was the first to this fund during the current fiscal year.

## DOW FAVORED BUT NOT ENDORSED BY LEA CO. DEMOCRATS

Endorsement of a candidate for the office of district judge of the fifth judicial district has become rather complicated, each county in this district having endorsed a different person for the office of district judge, which becomes vacant January 1st, by the resignation of Judge G. A. Richardson. Lea democrats meeting in Lovington Saturday agreed not to endorse any individual unconditionally, but twenty nine of the thirty-five delegates said they would support the candidacy of Robert C. Dow, Lovington attorney. William J. Barker of Santa Fe was backed by U. S. District attorney and M. Willhoit of Lovington was endorsed for the secretary of the cattle sanitary board. Frank Young of Roswell was endorsed for the position of U. S. marshal of New Mexico and Emmett Patton Roswell attorney, for the register of the U. S. land office at Las Cruces.

### LAKE ARTHUR GIRL BURIED HERE MONDAY

Frances Geraldine Jackson, 12 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy E. Jackson, died in the hospital in Roswell Sunday morning, after an illness of about one week.

The Jacksons moved to New Mexico three weeks ago from Breckenridge, Texas, and have lived at Lake Arthur since their arrival in the state. Mr. Jackson is a world War veteran, and veterans formed the group of pall bearers at the funeral in the Hagerman cemetery. Harold Dye officiated.

Besides her parents, the little girl leaves two sisters, Mildred, age 13, Inez, eight years old, and a baby brother, Miles Andrew, three years of age.

Clyde Smith, living 15 miles west of Hagerman won first prize on two year old turkey hen; first on one year old; first on young hen and first on young tom in the Roswell poultry show. These entries were Naragansett turkeys.

## MRS. M. BOWMAN WAS BURIED THURS. HAGERMAN CEMETERY

Mrs. Mattie Bowman, who died December 14, was laid to rest by the body of her husband in Hagerman cemetery last Thursday afternoon.

Services were held in the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. A. Welch, at Dexter, with the Rev. John G. Anderson, pastor of the Dexter Presbyterian Church, in charge of the services. Mrs. Bowman was 71 years of age at the time of her death, and had been ill several days with a severe attack of influenza.

Mrs. George Wilcox, of Dexter, sang a beautiful vocal number at the funeral.

### AWARDS IN HOME BEAUTIFUL CONTEST

The judges have decided the awards to be given in the home beautiful contest. Mmes. Earl Stine and A. A. Bailey tied for the dahlia award. Both were lovely and the judges decided to give them equal awards.

Mrs. Harry Cowan had a wonderful showing of mixed dahlias, old fashioned, double and single. Under the ruling, no judge could enter for prizes, and so the names of Mrs. Ernest Bowen comes under honorable mention for roses. Dub Andrus on gladioli and Mrs. Vedder Brown on screen.

The awards are as follows: Mrs. Earl Stine, dahlias—Kemp-Lumber Co.

Mrs. A. A. Bailey, dahlias—Kemp Lumber Co.

Mrs. T. D. Devenport, iris—T. D. Devenport.

Mrs. Helen Cumpsten, zinnias—Star Restaurant.

Rev. J. A. Hedges, tulip—Lawings Market.

Mrs. W. E. Bowen, snapdragons—Bowens Barber Shop.

Mrs. Jim Michelet, chrysanthemums—G. B. Duvall.

Mrs. C. O. Holloway, cosmos—Ethel M. McKinstry.

Mrs. C. O. Holloway, sweet peas—C. & C. Garage.

Rev. Hedges, back yard—Dewell Store.

Frieda Nail, front yard—First National Bank.

Honorable Mention

Mrs. Harry Cowan, mixed bouquet, double and single dahlias; Mrs. E. S. Bowen, roses; Dub Andrus, gladioli; Mrs. Vedder Brown, screen; Mrs. Roy Lochhead, front yard; Mrs. C. W. Curry, larkspur; Mrs. Jim Michelet, sweet peas.

### SCHOOL DISMISSED

Influenza has so depleted the ranks of students and faculty members, that school was dismissed Monday until after Christmas and New Year holidays.

Five of the teachers are ill. The Christmas program planned by the school to take place Wednesday night, has been cancelled.

## BEER BILL PASSES HOUSE YESTERDAY BY A LARGE VOTE

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Tramping down all dry opposition, house wets jammed the democratic 3.2 per cent beer bill through unchanged yesterday and laid it on the doorstep of the senate where early action is promised.

The big vote approving the measure—230 to 165—marked the first successful move by wets in either branch of congress to modify the Volstead act since it became law 12 years ago.

Shouts and applause greeted Speaker Garner's announcement of the bill's passage. The size of the affirmative vote surprised even the most active advocates of the measure.

"It was bigger than I expected," Garner said, "and shows that a majority of the house wants to follow the will of a majority of the people."

## DRAINAGE DISTRICTS ORDERED TO PAY THE BACK ASSESSMENTS

Once again the hopes of local farmers were dashed to the ground when Federal Judge Colin Neblett decreed that the Roswell Drainage District would have to pay \$42,787.54 with 5 and 6 per cent interest from January 1, until paid, in the test suit in the United States district court Monday.

This means that the Hagerman and Dexter-Greenfield districts will be included in the writ of mandamus which will be issued to the commissioners of the three districts to make new assessments against lands already assessed, to make up for the defaults in payment.

It is said the total amount of money which will have to be paid by the three districts, without the addition of interest, is \$430,000.

Judge Neblett's decision climaxed a long legal battle in which the three districts have sought to clarify the drainage laws. Attorneys J. M. Hervey and C. R. Brice, counsels of the defendants, argued that each separate tract of land in the drainage district was responsible only for the assessments made against it, and could not be re-assessed to make up for defaulted payments against other lands—a viewpoint which was apparently held by the farmers of the three districts nearly twenty years ago, when the drainage canals were built. But in his ruling, Judge Neblett cited Wisconsin laws and said that this drainage system was based upon those.

Attorneys Brice and Hervey will appeal the case to the United States Circuit Court of Appeals for decision next fall.

If the original assessments alone should be paid, the drainage districts would be clear in about one year, but if the payments of defaulting landowners must be paid by those who have taken care of their own taxes, then, their seems to be no satisfactory conclusion to the whole thing, and the lands of the Pecos valley won't be cleared for another generation or more.

HOLIDAY VACATIONERS

Miss Dorothy Sweatt arrived Saturday from Colorado Women's College at Denver for the Christmas holidays at home.

Pickens West came from McMurry College at Abilene, Texas.

Miss Jeanne Pardee had a very happy surprise on Sunday when her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Smith Pardee arrived from Illinois to spend the holidays. The Pardee household will spend a very joyous Christmas.

Donald West and Jeff West are expected home from Normal University at Silver City for the Christmas holidays.

Edwin Lane is expected home from the University of Missouri during the holidays.

### 160,000 STILL COMING TO N. M. FROM R. F. C.

New Mexico still has \$160,000 coming from the R. F. C. for food and other necessities of life for the poor, said Governor Seligman Monday.

His application to the R. F. C. based on the survey made by Miss Margaret Reeves, state director of child welfare, was for \$240,000, he said. The first third of this has been paid to the state, \$80,000 plus \$12,000 for administrative expenses. The next \$8,000 is to come January 1 and the final installment May 1.

## GEORGE BIBLE DIED YESTERDAY MORNING AT MERCHANT HOME

George Bible, resident of Hagerman and Dexter for many years, died at the home of his wife's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Merchant, seven miles west of Greenfield, at 2:30 yesterday morning after an illness of nearly three weeks with pneumonia.

George had suffered five attacks of pneumonia in five winters, and although it was thought that the crisis had passed during his last sickness, a relapse took his life. He was 34 years old at the time of his death, had a host of friends in his community and in the Pecos Valley, and was one of the best citizens the towns of Hagerman and Dexter have ever had. Up until two years ago, George was an employee of the state highway department. He worked at the alfalfa mill last year.

Tragedy has stalked the Bible family for several months.

Mrs. S. S. Bible, the mother of George, passed away in October; Elmer Bible, who lives in Hagerman has been suffering with an injury to his back for a long time, Albert Bledsoe, the father of Mrs. John Bible, was laid to rest the early part of the month, and Mr. Robinson, brother-in-law to George, is in the hospital in Roswell, where it is feared that he may lose an arm as a result of a car wreck recently.

Funeral services for George will be held in the Baptist Church this afternoon with Harold Dye, pastor of the church, officiating.

Besides his widow, George is survived by his father, S. S. Bible, of Dexter, two brothers, John Bible of Dexter, and Elmer Bible of Hagerman, and two sisters, Miss Mabel Bible of Dexter, and Mrs. Fronia Bible of the Cottonwood community.

Hagerman and Dexter friends of the bereaved extend their sympathy.

### TULAROSA BANK MAY MOVE

It was announced at Alamogordo recently that plans were being made to move the First State Bank of Tularosa to Alamogordo county seat of Otero county. Failure of the State Bank at Alamogordo a few weeks ago left Alamogordo without a bank. Announcement of the contemplated move was made by Judge J. L. Lawson, attorney for the Tularosa bank, who stated that the bank would likely be moved about the first of the year, as soon as the filing of the amended corporation papers were completed. Jack Spence, former resident of Lake Arthur and son of J. R. Spence with the Cottonwood gin, is cashier of the Tularosa bank.

### YOUTH ARRESTED AT HOBBS FOR OKLAHOMA SLAYINGS TUESDAY

Buddy O'Neal, 25, was arrested at Hobbs for investigation after a companion told police he was wanted in Oklahoma for two slayings.

Officers communicated with Oklahoma City authorities who said they would send a deputy sheriff after O'Neal. Later the youth told police he had killed a porter at Oklahoma City and he announced he would waive extradition.

His companion said O'Neal also had killed a man at Wewoka, Oklahoma. Both killings occurred a year ago.

The second youth was not held by officers.

### MARRIED LAST NIGHT

Miss Vera Tucker, of Texas, became the bride of Mr. Debs Ham in a quiet home wedding at the home of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Z. J. Ham. The service was read by Harold Dye.

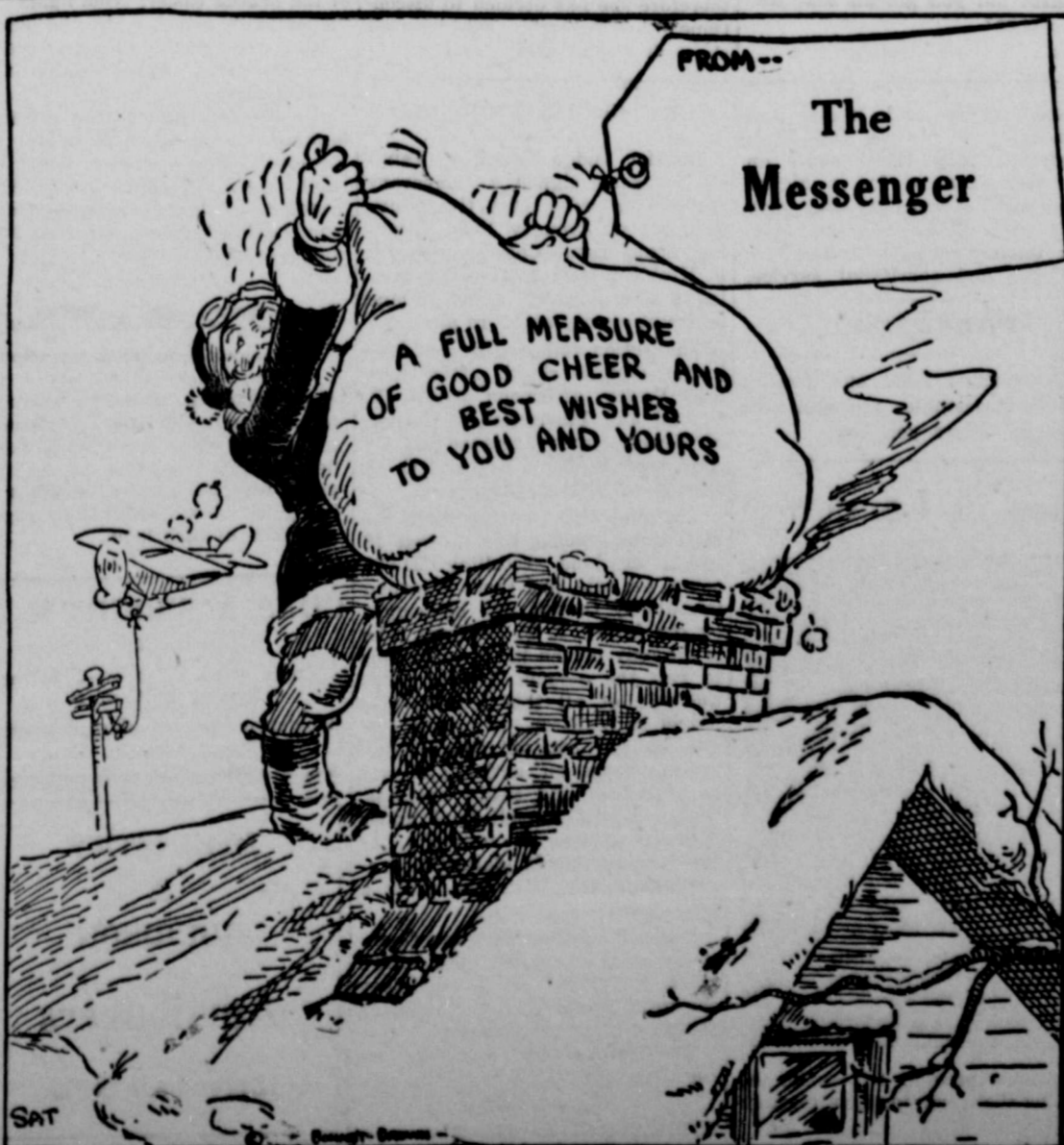
The young people are old school chums, and will make their home in this community.

## COTTONWOOD TO GET MORE SULPHUR TESTS

The Upper Cottonwood area will get additional sulphur tests, it was learned here recently. Arrangements have been made to start the first well between now and January 18th, the project to be financed by a group of Albuquerque and out of state business men. It is understood that tentative plans have been made to drill five tests in the Upper Cottonwood sector, but up to this time the location for the first test has not been made known.

It was also learned that the Union Sulphur Co., has recently paid rentals on more than 4,000 acres in the Lower Cottonwood country.

## Greetings To All!





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THE SELF-MADE MAN

Many years ago, we interviewed an important individual in a city for the paper which we represented as a cub. This man regaled our boyish fancy with many beautiful stories which all led to the invariable climax: "I am a self-made man."

Since that time, we have had more experience with men. And we have learned that the self-made man is an unbearable myth. No such person exists in the world today. Just as truly as the Bible says, "No man liveth unto himself," just that truly does all human experience teach it. A great writer has said: "I am a part of every man I meet, and he is a part of me." It was a wise statement.

A man cannot attain great heights in this world without the help of others. He depends upon another's muscle to carry out some of his ideas; he must make use of another's mind, or his own enterprise must perish; a neighbor's money must be involved, if any industry is carried out. In short—the greater the man, the greater his dependence upon other men.

If he is an artist, there must be those to appreciate his genius. If he is a musician, there must be an ear to listen. If he is a writer, some one must read his thoughts. If he is a lawyer, some unfortunate person must get into trouble, if a physician, some one must have an aching body. If he is a politician, the whole populace must be the goats . . . and so the story goes interminably.

In our vanity, we fail to take into consideration the influence of others, on our lives. Influence is immortal. It lives on, after we are dead. Astronomers tell us of stars so far away that it takes their light, traveling at the rate of more than 286,000 miles per second, one hundred thousand years to reach the earth. Half the stars in the heavens may have ceased to burn before the Revolutionary War, but we see the influence of their light—traveling on. Thus, the influence of men, long dead, and forgotten by the rest of the world, still motivates our individual lives.

Of all the senseless drivel foisted upon an unthinking public, the phrase: "I am a self made man," is the most erroneous, the most egotistical, the most heartless, and the most insane.

MO(U)RNING EXERCISES

For tired business man—1932 style.

Throw a shoe at Big Ben after the "repeat" alarms has thoroughly "aroused" you. If your aim is poor and you miss, yield to the inevitable and get up.

Open all the windows so as to create a brisk draft—you'll know you're "in" it when you begin shivering and sneezing.

Stand in the middle of the room raise your hands slowly overhead, take a deep breath and mutter, "Things could be worse," lowering arms in attitude of despair. Ten times.

Kneel. wring hands, meditate upon debts—domestic as well as intergovernmental—and groan 150 times.

Lie on your back on the floor, cover eyes with hands, kick heels, muse upon the "Myth of the Forgotten Man" and weep until, until dry.

Assume sitting position, hands on hips, sway gently to and fro and whisper, "Beer by Christmas," until a generous frothing at the mouth sets in. Till exhausted.

Collapse on floor. Grovel vigorously, think of the prospect of more and higher taxes, and gnash your teeth as in anger. Ad lib.

While cooling off, make a mental comparison of the present market value of your securities (if any) with the prices you paid for them during the "New Era."

Note: Observe this simple regimen every morning before breakfast, and if you are able to reach the office, you should be immune to the trials and tribulations of these depressive days.

Mr. and Mrs. Price Curd left Wednesday for their former home in Tucson, Arizona, where they will visit with relatives and friends over Christmas.

Typewriters for rent at Messenger

THE CAT'S MEOW

PUTTING THE MIND TO WORK

(By E. A. White.)

You girls and boys have heard a great deal during the last weeks about hunting season. Quite a few of the Hagerman citizens have brought back nice bucks. I saw a very fine one a few minutes ago. Every time I see a nice fat buck I want to go hunting. I looked the fellow over who brought in this one and tried to see if he differed from other people. He did not. He is just an ordinary looking fellow. On the way back to school I tried to figure out the difference between those who bring in the game and those who don't. I have come to this conclusion: The kind of game one brings from the hills depends upon what one takes with him when he starts—I mean ammunition and equipment. Then I thought of some other fellows who were sent to spy out the land for an invading civilization—they brought back the grapes—the fruit of the valley. They had courage and cunning. It was native—possibly partly acquired. Our deer hunter had courage, cunning and equipment. He brought the antlered fruit of the hills. How I envy him. So it is with some of you. In a short time you will go to the hills and valleys for the grapes and the game. Your kill in life will depend to a large extent upon what you get from the school and take with you in the quest of things.

A girl came to me yesterday with tears in her eyes and told me she would have to drop her algebra. She said she was too far behind, or that the class was too far ahead. The trouble with her was she had picked too much cotton. She had both courage and the cunning but she couldn't do the work. She lacked one thing that you boys and girls get from school while she was away. She lacked the intermediate steps. School work might be compared to climbing a ladder. You would make slow progress if some of the steps were gone.

There is one noticeable difference between man and animal. A man profits by his friends mistakes; it is doubtful whether animals do. This truth is axiomatic. If you accept it, act upon it, and look thoroughly into every problem that comes to you as a student; if you will master your school tasks perfectly, you need not be afraid of yourself. My opinion is that lack of preparation is the cause of more student grief than all other causes combined. Many students unconsciously dislike their teachers because they are poorly prepared for their study. They lack that something in addition to intelligence and cunning; they lack preparation. If you want to try an experiment I am for you. If you have a teacher you do not like—study his subject or subjects for two months. You have no idea how much better you will like him. You have no idea how it will drive away useless fear or how much more pleasure will come to you in your school work. To a large extent you shape your own destiny. The poet once said: "It's the coward who quits to misfortune. 'Tis the knave that changes each day. 'Tis the fool that wins half the battle And then throws his chances away."

The little high school children as well as the children in the grades have been having some real fun playing in the snow. But queer as it may seem Miss Gatignol is reluctant to have some of said fun!

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

C. W. GARDNER, Pastor. Christmas program Sunday at 10:00 a. m. No service Sunday evening at the church. Everyone welcome to Christmas program at school auditorium Sunday evening. May this blessed yuletide come to you to sweeten past disappointments; to cheer you in the midst of miscarried plans and blighted hopes; to bind up the

Queer Triple Alliance in London



From London comes this photograph of a peculiar fellowship, the tortoise, Persian kitten and mongoose taking their morning milk together in perfect friendliness.

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ON INTEREST

Have you had the impression that the modern teacher is here for the money only and not so much for the advance of the children's welfare and education? Well, listen to this:

The Women's Club of Hagerman has appropriated \$50 for the help of students that are under-weight and are most likely to take some fatal disease. This money was turned over to Miss Banta as chairman of the committee. She is causing good sweetmilk to be bought each day to be given each of the under-weight students. Miss Banta and her help are working very faithfully and the report has it that there has already been a gain of from one to four pounds for each student.

SENIORS

The Senior Class of 1932-33 went to Roswell Tuesday 13, to get their pictures taken. Only four did not go and they intend to go soon. It seems that everyone enjoyed himself immensely. Each student posed twice in order that he might get the better photograph. As usual some are satisfied and some are not. Those who are not are going again. They, or at least some of them, saw "Cabin in the Cotton" which was enjoyed very much also.

Mr. Curd and Miss Denham went to see that they got into little mischief, as it would be impossible to keep them entirely out of mischief. Prof. says that he is going up soon so that he can be in the scroll. We hope that Mrs. Rodden does not tell him to brush the hair from his eyes as she did Steve.

SENIOR CLASS MEETS

The members of the Senior Class met some time ago to discuss the faults of the Cat's Meow and to try to remedy them. The motion was made that the staff resign but the motion never was seconded. There has been considerable criticism most of which was just, we hope. Two of the members of the staff resigned, Ray Jolly and John Garner. Ruth Utterback and Agnes McCormick have agreed to fill the vacancies.

We hope that, when you see some way in which we can better the "Meow," you will not hesitate to tell us either in person or by letter. You may address your letter to anyone on the staff in care of the high school.

After drinking all the booze he could stand, a young fellow ate a considerable amount of oysters and sardines. Then he looked down to the ground at his feet. He said, "I remember eating the sardines and oysters but of the dog I don't remember."

When one of the Seniors saw her picture she said, "I shall have Mrs. Rodden to remove some of that lipstick."

Sex Miss Gatignol: John, where on earth did you get all that surprise energy? Sex John: I eat spinach.

bruised spirits and make you stronger and braver for life's struggles. May there come an increased incentive for a higher and holier experience, and may the Christ of Calvary call you to a tender ministry and a life of living and sacrificial service.

TYPEWRITERS

New, second hand and factory rebuilds in portables and standards—See us before you buy.

THE KEY TO THE MEDITERRANEAN

Due to its location, the Rock of Gibraltar is called the "key to the Mediterranean Sea and the immediate countries."

Sir George Rooke, July 24, 1704, captured the Rock of Gibraltar and in 1713 it was ceded to Great Britain by the Treaty of Utrecht.

The Rock is 2 1/4 miles in length and is about 3/4 mile wide with a maximum elevation of 1439 feet.

England has built a strong fort on the Rock to protect her interests there. There are three large docks for the good harbor which has an area of 440 acres. It is one of the most important coaling stations in that section. The most important event in its subsequent history is the famous siege of three years, seven months, and twelve days, extending from 1779 to 1783 communications with Spain were closed June 21, 1779, and a blockade was established by the Spanish fleet. The fighting strength of the Rock at this time was 5382 men under the Governor. Twice the defenders were almost in starvation. The first time Admiral Rodney brought 1000 men to help and the second by Admiral Darby. In July 1782 Duc de Crillon took command of the land and naval forces of France and Spain and built good forts and battlements for a supreme effort. He also built covered boats to haul 40,000 men to the Rock. The battle continued from September 8th to 13th, when the British shot red-hot balls and destroyed the floating batteries. Then with the necessary preliminaries the siege was over.

CHAPEL

The Chapel program for last week closed the fine series of educational programs sponsored by various members of the faculty.

Program Home on the Range—Junior Glee Club. Reading—"My History Lesson"—Reas Lathrop. Talk—"Comparative Education"—Steve Mason. Solo—"Apples for a Penny"—Doris Lathrop. Speak up like an 'Sprees Yo' Se'f—Flora Hughes. Origin and Development of the Drama—Miss Gatignol.

BASKETBALL

The Hi-School basketball team went to play Roswell last Friday night. Since the Meow is turned in to the main office before that time it is impossible to write up the game. Watch next week's Meow for full details.

Mr. Welborn has been giving the team a grueling practice since the last game.

Lady Humor is at work again. She said that John Garner and Miss Denham got in such a hurry that they would not wait for Miss Banta who was going to Roswell. The children started out on foot and reached the large hay barn before Miss Banta picked them up. Some pep, Eh.

Jewel says that she is learning to speak the German language very rapidly.

Martel says that when she washed her hair it made it longer; therefore she has decided to discontinue the "bangs". Why doesn't she omit the washing of her hair.

COURT ORDER STOPS SALE

District Judge Otero of Santa Fe Saturday signed a temporary restraining order, with the return date set at January 14th, directing State Land Commissioner J. F. Hinkle to refrain from conducting a sale of 21,983 acres of land in Grant county at \$3 an acre.

The action followed a suit filed in the district clerk's office here late Friday afternoon by R. F. Stovall and Lawrence A. Cooper, of Grant county, represented by Attorneys R. M. Wiley and C. C. Royall of Silver City.

The plaintiffs set out that the land commissioner has offered 16 tracts of land, totalling 21,983 acres, for sale, and there is strong probability that it will be bought by one buyer, J. T. McElroy, who is the only person likely to be able to pay the amount \$70,290; that the sale of all this land in one parcel to McElroy, or to any one person, will cut off Stovall and Cooper from an outlet and put them out of the cattle business. They contend to sell land under these conditions is unlawful, as the land surrounds plaintiff's property and the 16 tracts cover a wide area.

Plaintiffs declare they are financially unable to buy the entire tract of 21,983 acres and they charge a preference will be given McElroy if the land is sold. The date of the sale was set for December 17th.

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LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS

United States Department of the Interior, General Land Office, Las Cruces, N. M., Nov. 22, 1932.

Notice is hereby given that the State of New Mexico has filed in this office its Indemnity School Land Selection list 9708, serial No. 047133, for the following land: Lots 10, 11, 12, NW 1/4 SW 1/4, E 1/2 SE 1/4 Sec. 5; N 1/2 SE 1/4, SW 1/4 SE 1/4 Sec. 6; and N 1/2 NE 1/4, NE 1/4 NW 1/4 Sec. 7, T. 18-S., R. 18-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.

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Notice is hereby given that the State of New Mexico has filed in this office its Indemnity School Land Selection list 9700, Serial No. 047125, for the following land: Lot 1, & NW 1/4 NE 1/4 Sec. 35, T. 16-S., R. 16-E.

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V. B. MAY, Register.

MAYBE YOU ARE LEFT HANDED

CHICAGO.—A means of discovering whether a person is truly right or left handed has been developed by the opticians and engineers.

Its purpose was explained by Carl W. Zersen of the Chicago lighting institute at a show sponsored by the institute and the Cook County Optometric association.

"Medical science has discovered that a naturally left handed child tends to become self conscious, starts to stammer, or develops an inferiority complex if teachers or parents insist on his writing with the right hand," Zersen said.

"We have discovered that if a person is left handed, he also is 'left eyed.' That provides a means of learning definitely whether a child is right or left handed."

In the test, the subject looks through a funnel-shaped device at a cardboard bearing two letters. If he sees an 'I' then he is left eyed and left handed. If he sees an 'R' the opposite is true.

Some other interesting developments in the use of light were on exhibit. Two would make the task of the dentist easier. One lights up the patient's mouth while the other detects false teeth. Natural teeth show up white. False ones have a pinkish glow.

A light for the optician enables him to see every vein or muscle in the eye. There's even a light for tired eyes. It spins 'round and 'round on a wheel. The eyes of one who watches it rotate naturally and obtain needed exercise.

Asparagus Fern as Decoration Asparagus fern wound about the cords makes an attractive disguise for the mechanics of the Christmas tree lights which are used as table decorations. The lines of trailing green may be made to simulate a pumpkin vine, with tiny paper pumpkins at each light.

CHAS. A. WRIGHT M. D.

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McKINSTRY & MORRISON Auctioneers Hagerman, N. M.

Season's Greeting We wish for our customers and the Very Merriest Christmas and the Happiest New Year. We respectfully solicit your business for 1933. Triangle Lumber Hardware Co. Dexter, New Mexico

CHRISTMAS DAY IT IS not definitely known when Christmas was first celebrated. The institution of the festival is attributed to Telesphorus, who flourished in the reign of Antoninus Pius (131-161 A. D.). The reason for the final choice of December 25 cannot now be determined. As Christianity spread, the feast of the winter solstice, the time when the day begins to increase, and light to triumph over darkness, was changed into the Feast of Christ, the Light of Life. GIRL ONCE HAD \$50,000 NOW GETS \$12 WEEK NEW YORK—One hundred million persons have said, sometime or another: "I'd be fixed for life if I had \$50,000." Anne Caldwell had \$50,000. Now she's a theater usherette at \$12 a week. The \$50,000 came to her as settlement in a breach of promise suit she brought several years ago against a wealthy Pittsburgh man. Miss Caldwell before that had appeared in Broadway theatrical productions. She met inquiries concerning her financial status by saying: "Of course, nobody really has money to spare nowadays. Let's say that what I have is tied up rather tightly." She said she was writing a play. "But primarily I'm an usherette right now. I get \$12 a week—and I like it."

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Odd—but TRUE

**WOMEN MORE THAN DO DURING NORMAL SLEEP**

**CL. BOOTH OF DANVILLE, VA., OWNS AN AGED BIRD DOG, MARY, WHO RIDES THE STREET CARS TO AND FROM HOME ALONE SHE ALWAYS TAKES THE RIGHT CAR AND HER MASTER PAYS HER FARE AT REGULAR INTERVALS**



Her Christmas Guest

HAT will do, thank you, Elise," and Elizabeth dismissed her maid with a smile. It was her custom each Christmas to entertain whatever guest the Charities sent to her without Elise's help.

Once it had been a down-and-out missionary well along in years, once a lonely girl from the West, and several times thin little waifs from the tenements. On those latter occasions Elizabeth had been glad of the fragrant tree which always stood in one corner of the apartment, alight with colored bulbs and hung with varied gifts.

There was no one in sight now—wait, wasn't that some one just turned the corner?

A moment later the bell rang and if, when she ran down the stairs and answered it, Elizabeth was decidedly taken back at the young man who stood before her. It is probable that he, too, had his moment of surprise as he gazed at the slender vision in a white dress.

"Miss Lowry, of the Charities sent me—" he began.

"Oh, yes," nodded Elizabeth quickly. She mustn't let him think for an instant she had hesitated. She had absolute confidence in anyone Miss Lowry, head of the board, might send. "Hang your coat and hat on the costumer at the head of the stairs. And, let me see, your name—"

Still the young man seemed a bit uncertain. Then, "Drake Gibson," he said, resolutely and abruptly.

Elizabeth breathed an unconscious sigh of relief, as she preceded him

URGED FOR GOVERNOR



Mrs. Jean Springstead Whittemore, Democratic national committee woman for Porto Rico, has been mentioned as a likely candidate for appointment as governor of the island. Mrs. Whittemore is a native of Kansas and went to San Juan twenty years ago as a teacher.

CAVERN APPROPRIATION CUT

The new interior department appropriation to the Carlsbad caverns of \$68,330, reduced from the \$150,000 of last year, will not materially injure the administration work at the cavern, Col. Thomas Boles, of Carlsbad, superintendent of the Carlsbad Cavern national park said Friday.

This bill has been cut to \$43,000 for the coming year in the committee report and is a drastic cut from previous supply bills for the interior department.

Comparatively few individual projects are included and no new ones have been added of any consequence to the bill.

Col. Boles stated that the reduced bill would virtually cut out all construction work at the caverns for the coming year and would result in about a twenty per cent cut in upkeep expense.

DEXTER MAN TO HEAD N. M. E. A. BOARD SECTION

Announcement has just come from Vernon O. Tolle, executive secretary, New Mexico Educational Association, that E. O. Moore president, board of education, Dexter, will be in charge of the program for the school board section of the association next year.

Mr. Moore's long experience as a member of the board of education and his successful presidency in a large community fits him for leadership of this work.

It has long been known that the ultimate success of educational programs lie in the hands of respective boards of education, and the benefits that they may give to the public school systems may determine the efficiency and services offered.

The association has further delegated the responsibility to Superintendent Irvin P. Murphy, at Hope, the working out of any part of the program which may deal with board and administrative relations.—Penasco Valley News.

HEALTH COLUMN

Conducted by Dr. J. R. Earp, Director, New Mexico Bureau of Public Health.

CONCURRENT DISINFECTION

The regulations issued by the New Mexico State Board of Public Welfare require that "concurrent disinfection" be carried out for almost all of the contagious diseases.

This means that during the course of the illness every effort must be made to kill all the germs of disease as they come from the patient.

The term "concurrent disinfection" is defined in the official regulations as follows:

(a) Bowel and urinary discharges shall be thoroughly mixed with an effective solution of some chlorine compound or with other disinfectant sufficient in amount to destroy the infectious agent.

(b) Nose and throat secretions and other discharges shall be caught on cotton, absorbent paper or cloth, or in a suitable receptacle, and burned.

(c) Bedding, clothing and other articles used by the patient, immediately after use, shall be exposed to steam under fifteen pounds pressure for five minutes, or immersed in boiling water for ten minutes, or in an equally effective disinfectant solution, or exposed to the direct rays of the sun for eight hours.

Of course all the discharges are not infectious in each of the contagious diseases. In typhoid fever it is the urine and stools that carry the dangerous germs. In epidemic meningitis the germs are found in the secretions of the nose and in the droplets carried in the breath of the patient. The county health officer or the public health nurse will explain where the danger lies in each disease and how the concurrent disinfection should be carried out.

"Well, Dick my boy," said his uncle, "my congratulations! I hear you're engaged to one of the pretty Robbins twins."

"Rather!" replied Dick, heartily. "But," said his uncle, "how on earth do you manage to tell them apart?"

"Oh," said the young man. "I don't try!"—Lindsay Post.



up the carpeted stairs. After the first embarrassing moments, she had always found that things went more easily.

Yet it was hard to believe, during the meal which followed, that her guest was the sort of down-and-out with which the Charities were wont to deal.

He talked interestingly and entertainingly and before she realized it, dinner was at an end and there remained as part of the festivities only the ceremony of choosing gifts from the tree.

She had rather decided to pass that part of the entertainment up when she remembered that she had hidden in a red cheesecloth stocking filled with candy a tiny purse with a five-dollar gold-piece in it. Nor was she to be blamed for supposing that a gift of money so tactfully presented would not be amiss to anyone willing to accept a dinner from an utter stranger.

So, in her winning manner, Elizabeth suggested that they each choose a gift from the tree, and laughed when he carefully untied a little furry monkey.

Then she took down the stocking full of old-fashioned candy.

"At a proper tree there is always something to take home," she said. He smiled and accepted it. Then, to her horror, drew out his knife and cut the red string at the top.

"Have some?" he invited.

"No—that is—yes, thank you," she said in confusion, and watched him eat several pieces.

Then he pulled out the tiny purse and, with a frown, opened it. Strangely enough, she saw no sudden blush or sign of self-consciousness. Rather he seemed relieved.

"This means that I must tell you," he said gravely. "And I'm very much

ashamed of myself. You see, I've accepted your hospitality under false pretense. I'm—well, I'm only Miss Lowry's nephew home from globe trotting for my paper. She asked me to stop and tell you that the old lady she was going to send to your annual Christmas dinner had not shown up. You made the mistake of thinking I was the one and—oh, I've no proper apology but you know a fool reporter never turns down an experience of any kind." He paused and regarded her so wistfully that Elizabeth's anger melted. After all, it was Christmas time when one should be forgiving.

"I'll promise never, never to do it again!" he said with such an air of little-boyishness that Elizabeth laughed in spite of herself.

Neither one of them realized then that all their Christmases were to be spent together.

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Letters To Santa Claus

Hagerman, N. M. December 7, 1932

Dear Santa Claus: I want to bring me a pair of skates, a watch, and some candy. I do not care what kind of candy it is.

Your friend, ERNEST ROBINSON

Hagerman, N. M. December 8, 1932

Dear Santa Claus: I want you to bring me a play dump truck, a wrist watch, candy, nuts, and apples.

Your loving friend, DONNA JUNE

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Your loving friend, MABEL OPELIA WALKER

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Dear Santa Claus: I want a little truck for Christmas, some candy, and some nuts. I am not asking for much for I know you will have no money this year.

Your loving friend, LEONARD FERGUSON

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Dear Santa Claus: I want you to please bring me a little doll, a trundle and chairs, also a new dress, and sweater. Nuts and candy. Please bring mother and daddy something too.

Your loving friend, MILDRED WHITE

Hagerman, N. M. December 9, 1932

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl, nine years old. I go to school at Hagerman. Please bring me something to wear, a little set of dishes and a doll.

Your little friend, BESSIE MAE LANGENEGGER

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government reports, had dropped to \$13,646,358 in 1931 and while figures are not available for this year he expects the downward trend to continue. These are among the state's chief industries.

In cities, employees have been laid off, or their wages have been reduced, and "such employees are home owners and taxpayers whose tax-paying ability has been materially reduced, if not entirely eliminated."

There could be no more striking evidence of the inability of taxpayers to meet the tax bill, Asplund said, than the fact that approximately \$2,272,388 (about 20 per cent) of the 1931 taxes remained unpaid six months after the delinquency date of the last half, May 1, 1932.

FOR SALE—320 acres of pasture three miles northeast of Hagerman. River water. Good fence. Good grass, \$800. Write W. F. Prince, Aldine, Texas. 51-4tp.

Misses Helen and Lulu Curry will be home from their respective teaching positions to spend the holidays.

BALLOT LAW IS BASIS OF ELECTION SUIT

ALBUQUERQUE. — The constitutionality of the absentee voters law passed by the legislature in 1927 will be one of the points raised in an election contest suit filed Saturday by three democratic candidates in the Sandoval county election.

The contestants asked that 54 ballots cast in the November election in Sandoval county be rejected on the grounds that the law is unconstitutional. They claimed only persons in the military and naval service are qualified to cast absentee ballots in New Mexico under a strict interpretation of the present law.

The suit alleged that 82 ballots cast by voters in the Canyon and the Cabezon precinct were illegally rejected. They asked that these be counted.

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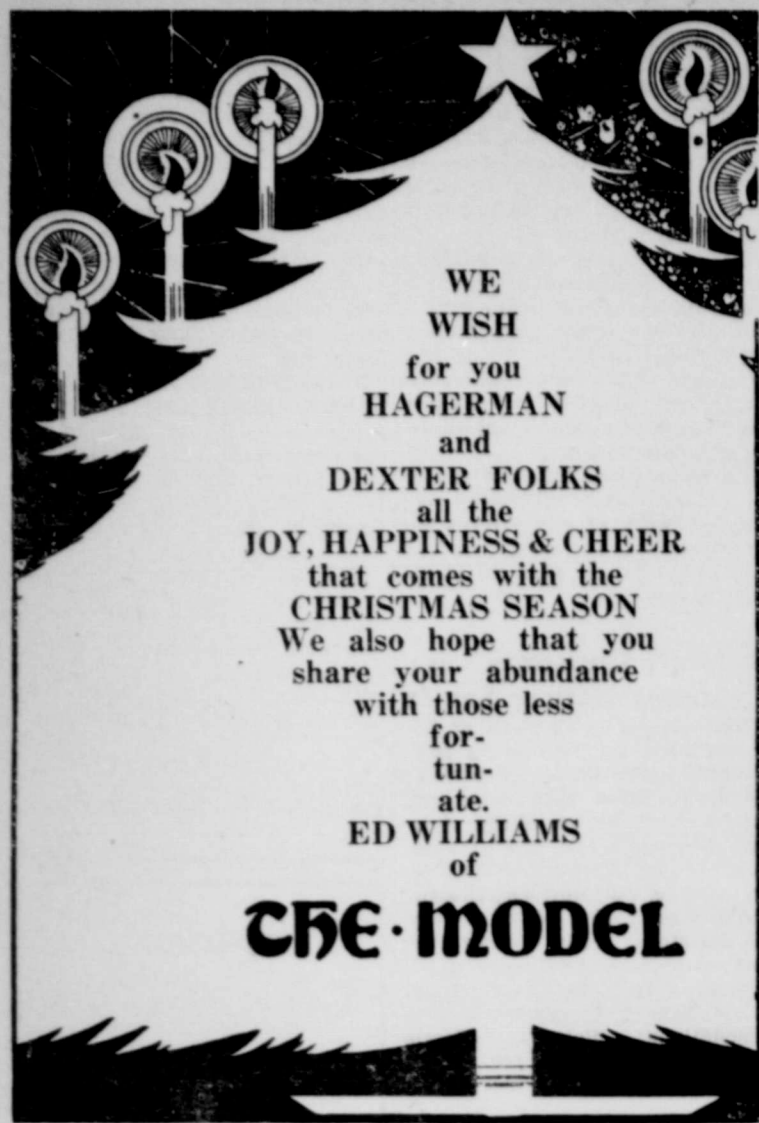
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**EARTHQUAKE ROCKS 262 DOES KILLED IN WEST COAST TUES. THE EXTRA SEASON**

SAN FRANCISCO, California—A severe earthquake shook the west from Rawlins, Wyoming, to Long Beach, California, at 10:12 p. m. (P. S. T.) Tuesday night, but damage was confined to broken windows and crockery and stopped clocks in most places. No injuries were reported. The shock was felt from Rawlins to Salt Lake City, Utah, rocked the entire state of Nevada, where it seems, from early reports, to have been centered, jarred California from Long Beach and San Bernardino, in the south, thruout the central valleys, including San Francisco and Sacramento. Perry Byerly, seismologist at the University of California, rushed to check his instruments and found his needle had been thrown off the drum for seven minutes by a severe shock at 10:10 p. m. and then thrown back on by another tremendous jolt. The earthquake lasted from 10:10 p. m. until 11:15 p. m. (12:15 p. m. M. S. T.), Byerly said and is the strongest series of shocks recorded on his instruments since the disastrous Santa Barbara earthquake in 1925 which wrecked a good portion of that city.

**NOTICE, HOG OWNERS**

We have an Ordinance prohibiting keeping hogs or pigs within the town limits. We had a number of vigorous complaints last summer. All such animals must be removed from town limits after April 1st. This Ordinance will be strictly enforced after that date.

J. T. WEST,  
Mayor.

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Approximately 75 per cent of the hunters who entered the area near Alamogordo during the special doe hunting season were successful, James B. McGhee, of Roswell, member of the state game commission said. Seven-hundred permits were issued to hunt doe on this area, but only 515 hunters checked in, according to game wardens who policed the section during the special session. A total of 262 doe, 46 six-month-old fawns and 68 small bucks were killed during the season, it was announced. The bucks were legally killed, it was said, because bucks with spikes six inches or under are difficult to distinguish from doe, it was said. Nearly all of the deer killed in this particular area were underweight, due to a lack of forage. The special season was declared by the game department to remove an over-supply of deer in this particular section.

**Woman's Rights Battle**

In June, 1848, under the leadership of Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Lucretia Mott, the first woman's rights convention was held at Seneca Falls, N. Y.

**"Father of Medicine"**

In art Aesculapius is usually represented as a bearded man wearing a mantle which leaves the right shoulder and breast bare.

**Can't Please Them**

Give the sovereign people what they want and half of them will dislike you when they get tired of it.—Toledo Blade.

Miss Mable Cowan will spend the vacation in Hagerman.



**The Christmas Gift**

TWO stockings hung from either side of the mantle-piece of an old-fashioned room. They were well filled. They bulged artistically but generously at every possible place. Over the pictures on the walls were large branches of spruce green. In one corner of the room stood a small Christmas tree, gayly bedecked with tinsel and favors and on the very top was perched a cardboard Santa Claus who still appeared as ruddy and festive as he had when first he had stood there seventeen years before.

The stockings which hung so heavily looked as though they would drop their load any minute but they were securely fastened and held down at the top by heavy books.

"Mumsie," cried a girl's voice. The front door had just opened.

"Hello," came back the answer from the woman sitting before the fire in the living room. She gazed with half wistful eyes at the stockings, then she called, although she knew the answer—

"Yes! Who is it?"

"Oh, Mumsie," the girl exclaimed as she came in the door, "how lovely the house looks! And you've trimmed the stairway since I've been gone. Did you put some green in the pulpit?"

Louise Waterbury ran out of the living room and up the stairs, around the bend of which was an opening which strongly resembled a pulpit architecturally. There again and again as a child Louise had preached "sermons" to Mumsie who had sat on the stairs, the sole listener to her oft-repeated text and sermon on the theme she loved the best. It gave her a chance for so many repetitions, and again and again, in her own way she would give her text.

"Sam'el, Sam'el; and he answered 'Here am I.' Again and again the Lord would call Samuel in Louise's recitation. If she had gathered some of her friends together at any time she had formed a choir processional and they had added to the service by singing 'From Greenland's Icy Mountains.' It was such a graphic hymn. She could see India's coral strand, the great icy mountains of Greenland and the hot soil of Africa—all vividly in her mind.

Yes, the pulpit had been decorated with great branches of green spruce and pine and hemlock. There was nothing in the house which didn't show that it was Christmas time and the room where they sat, with its four windows, its wreaths at each one, its white woodwork, its huge open fire dancing gayly and throwing shadows and lights and making a wonderful series of fantastic, fanciful pictures on the walls, all breathed the spirit of the season.

So they had sat every Christmas eve now for seventeen years. Mumsie had waited until Louise was a year old to decorate the house.

"Hain't we better be having supper now? We've a long evening ahead."

So these two celebrated their Christmas together, one of them old, the other young. And when Louise said good-night to Mumsie one little happy tear did escape her, and Mumsie felt it on her cheek.

"What's the matter, dearie?"

"Nothing at all!" Louise exclaimed. "Only I've been thinking that the most wonderful gift of all, the most beautiful Christmas gift, or gift of life or anything and everything, is the way you have always made us have so much happiness and so much joy out of keeping 'days' and entering into the spirit of them, and in making the day-by-day living something so beautiful and so happy. Oh, Mumsie, you put the spirit of Christmas into every moment of the year."

And Mumsie hugged Louise and said: "My, dear, you're the secret of it all. It is because a young, young creature such as you, has never, never made me feel old!"

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**HE OFFENDS BRITAIN**



Riza Shah Pahlevi, the shah of Persia, who sent a note to the British foreign office that was declared extremely offensive. In it he warned the British government that if a single soldier or marine were sent to guard the Anglo-Persian Oil company's oil fields, he would regard it as a direct provocation. The trouble had its beginning when Persia cancelled the Anglo-Persian company's concession.

**TOWNSITE CO. WINS \$800 DAMAGES FROM MIDWEST COMPANY**

Federal Judge Colin Neblett presiding judge of the federal district court at Roswell Saturday afternoon sustained the motion made Saturday morning by counsel for the defense in the case of the Hobbs Townsite Co., vs. The Midwest Refining Co., for an instructed verdict in favor of the defendant, and the jury, under instruction from the court, returned a verdict finding the issues in the case in favor of the defendant and awarding the plaintiff the sum of \$800, which amount was agreed upon by opposing attorneys after Judge Neblett had made his decision.

The sum of \$800 was awarded as compensation to the plaintiff for the loss sustained by them because the Midwest Company produced only 10 barrels of oil a day for seven months from their Turner No. 29 oil well on the plaintiff's property when the daily allowable production under proration was 500 barrels. Under the terms of the lease which the Midwest Company was operating, the Hobbs Townsite Company was to receive one 64th of all the oil produced from the wells on their property, and the sum of \$800 was computed as the market value of the plaintiff's share in the difference between 500 barrels and 10 barrels (or 490 barrels) every day for a period of seven months.

The Hobbs Townsite was asking judgment of \$39,936.78 for loss and damage sustained because the Midwest Refining Co., (now the Stanolind Oil and Gas Co.) had operated four wells on the plaintiff's property under a schedule greatly restricted production from the potential production of the wells under the proration agreement. The plaintiff contended that by entering into this agreement the Midwest company had violated their legal obligation to the plaintiff, contained in the implied covenants of the lease under which the Midwest company was operating on the plaintiff's property.

Wallace Goodwin, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Goodwin, a graduate of Hagerman high school, who has been attending business college at Abilene, Texas for two years, is spending the holidays with home folks and friends.

Ray Lankford, Tom Utterback, Fred Heitman, and Max Wiggins, Hagerman boys who have been attending State College, returned for the holidays this week. Royce Lankford plans upon entering the college at the next term opening.

Marie Tallman of Mer Rouge, Louisiana, who has been attending school at Boulder, Colorado, is visiting in the C. G. Mason home. Miss Tallman is a granddaughter of Mrs. A. M. Mason.

Roy Slade, a student at McMurry College, at Abilene, Texas, son of Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Slade, is here for Christmas vacation. Roy is a student for the ministry.

At the recent poultry show in Roswell, James Burke won third and fourth premiums on Rhode Island red hens. He was the only exhibitor from Hagerman.

W. A. Losey, C. O. Holloway, W. E. Bowen, Harrison McKinstry, and Levi Barnett attended the drainage trial in Roswell on Monday.

**Dexter News**

Mrs. Bob Reid is entertaining the Play-Mor club this afternoon.

Miss Dortha Berry arrived Sunday from San Antonio to spend the Christmas vacation at her home in Dexter.

Jack Hubbard and Miss Francis Martin are home for the holiday season.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Krukenmiller was looking after business in Roswell Wednesday.

John Melhop and Wyatt Stanley, students of State college will arrive the last of the week.

W. C. Reid of Albuquerque, visited relatives and friends in Dexter for a short time Sunday morning.

Mrs. Bob Reid, Mrs. Walter McMains and Mrs. John Reid shopped in Roswell Wednesday afternoon.

W. C. Patterson of Galesburg, Illinois will arrive Saturday for a holiday visit with the L. Martin family.

Dexter school will close Friday afternoon for a week's vacation. Work will be resumed again January 2nd.

Frank Crain will leave Saturday morning for Abilene to spend a week or ten days with Mrs. Crain and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Berry of Los Angeles, California will be holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Berry and Miss Dortha Berry.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Anderson and children left Tuesday morning for Wichita, Kansas, where they will spend the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Moore were guests of Miss Huff in Roswell at a dinner party given at the home of the Harry Elythe's Saturday night.

Mrs. Curtis Sharp who had the misfortune to fracture her arm in a fall Wednesday night of last week is doing as well as could be expected.

Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Johnson of Roswell announce the arrival of a little daughter, Sunday December 18th, whom they named Iva Ann.

Miss Gean Hurst, a student at Loretto of El Paso, arrived Wednesday to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Breeb Hurst.

John Kirkland left Friday morning for his home in California. Mrs. Kirkland and two babies will spend the holiday season with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Bell.

Helen Geneve Reinecke is the name that has been given to the small daughter which was born Thursday to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Reinecke.

Mrs. Frank Wortman entertained from 2:00 to 4:00 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at her home west of Dexter, honoring her young son's birthday.

John Farmer arrived last week from his home in Wyoming and will remain in Dexter for the next two or three weeks. Mr. Farmer is connected with the U. S. Fish Hatchery department.

Mrs. Joe Winkler is spending the week in Dexter with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. P. Clark. Mrs. Winkler is recuperating from a tonsil operation.

Miss Alta Mae Weaver, a member of the Jal school faculty, will spend next week with Mr. and Mrs. George Weaver, Miss Ethel, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Reinecke.

Tom Bogle who has been looking after business in the Clovis district for several weeks will be with Mr. and Mrs. Hal Bogle for the next week or ten days.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Krukenmiller, Mr. and Mrs. Louie Heick of the Calumet ranch will have as their house guest during the holiday season, Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Meade and daughter, Beverly of El Paso.

Mr. and Mrs. John Brockman and two daughters returned Tuesday from Mills, this state, where they were called several weeks ago by the serious illness of Mr. Brock-

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Preaching service at eleven o'clock following Sunday school. "The First Christmas" will put on a program at 6:30 invited to—a worshipful message." C. C.

man's brother, who is very much better.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, of Weed, former pastor of the local Methodist church will visit their daughter Miss Helen Johnson in Dexter Friday night, and will leave Saturday morning for Abilene, to spend two weeks with their son and daughter who are attending McMurry college.

**METHODIST CHURCH**

A special devotional service will be arranged for each department superintendent in the Sunday school Sunday morning. Special instrumental music will be furnished by Kenneth Stine and E. A. Paddock will arrange the special vocal music at the eleven o'clock hour. The sermon address will be in harmony with the occasion.

REV. JNO. SLADE, Pastor.

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