

Many Oil Wells Are Completed The Last Week

Sixteen Are Reported, In- cluding Two Wildcats, One the Lovington Gas- ser, Which Gauges Five Million Cubic Feet.

Oil well completions in the Southeast New Mexico fields the last week were greater than for a number of weeks, sixteen being reported, of which two have been carried among the wildcats of interest. Nine new locations were made.

Westmount, State 1, the wildcat south of Lovington in NE 12-17-36 which came in several weeks ago as a gasser and caused considerable activity in that locality, was completed as a gas well at 3,986 feet, gauging five million cubic feet.

Johnson 3-A of the Fullerton Oil Co., in SW 35-16-31, Eddy County, the other wildcat, was completed at 4,259 feet, flowing 155 barrels a day through a 3/16-inch choke on tubing.

The other completions:
Shell, State 1-O, NE 34-17-34; total depth 4,785 feet; flowed 80 barrels oil in 15 hours.
Continental, State 3, NE 35-17-34; total depth 4,700 feet; flowed 25 barrels oil per hour, natural.

Phillips, Hale 2, SW 35-17-34; total depth 4,655 feet; flowed 25 barrels per hour.

Cities Service, State 1-L, SW 15-17-35; total depth 4,855 feet; dry hole; plugged and abandoned.

Amerada, State 5, SW 22-17-35; total depth 4,663 feet; flowed 140 barrels in 11 hours.

Shell, State 1-N, NE 28-17-35; total depth 4,710 feet; flowed 56 barrels in 8 hours.

Shell, State 2-B, SE 30-17-35; total depth 4,735 feet; flowed 390 barrels oil per day, natural.

Continental, Britt 3, SW 15-20-37; total depth 3,836 feet; flowed 216 barrels per day, natural.

Continental, State 2, SE 36-20-37; total depth 3,790 feet; flowed 6 barrels oil an hour, natural.

Stanolind, Hill 4-C, NW 5-21-37; total depth 3,780 feet; flowed 60 barrels in 12 hours through 3/4-inch choke on tubing.

Gulf, Mattern 1-F, NE 1-22-36; total depth 3,805 feet; flowed 55 barrels oil per day.

Ohio, Saunders 2, NW 1-22-36; total depth 3,850 feet; flowed 38 barrels oil per hour, natural.

Shell, Grizzell 4, SE 8-22-37; total depth 3,712 feet; flowed 125 barrels in 4 hours, natural.

Schermerhorn, Woolworth 3, SE 28-24-37; total depth 3,536 feet; flowed 124 barrels in 8 hours.

In Eddy County, two new locations were made: Hammond, Ployhar 1, SW 16-17-28, and Grober, Williams 1, NW 21-17-28.

Seven wells were located in Lea County:

Repollo, State 1, SW 31-16-37; Two States, State 3, NW 16-22-37; Schermerhorn, Woolworth 4, SE 28-24-37; Oleson, Blimery 1, SW 29-23-37; Drilling & Exploration Co., State 1-B, NW 20-17-35; Phillips, Santa Fe 21, NE 33-17-35; Phillips, Santa Fe 22, SW 26-17-35.

Progress on wildcats of interest:
Eddy County

Carper Drilling Co., Robinson 3, SE 25-16-31.
Total depth 3,885 feet; fishing tools.

Dominion Oil Co., Johnson 3, SW 35-16-31.
Total depth 3,950 feet; swaging out pipe at 2,480 feet.

English & Harmon, Stagner 1, SE 31-17-31.
Drilling at 2,100 feet.

Farmer & Tallmadge, Hubbell 1-B, SW 4-18-25, 5 miles southwest of Artesia.
Total depth 380 feet; shut down for orders.

Frederick, et al., Reed 1, SW sec. 28-24-28.
Total depth 2,770 feet; temporarily abandoned.

Martin Yates, Jr., Bowers 1, SE sec. 31-19-27.
Total depth 1,180 feet; small amount of water at 960 feet; testing water shut-off.

Trojan Oil Co., Grant 1, NE 33-20-25.
Rigging up.

Worth Drilling Co., Taylor 1, SW sec. 12-18-31.
Total depth 3,600 feet; swabbing 40 barrels oil per day through casing.

Yates, Yates 1, SW sec. 6-18-30.
Drilling at 2,695 feet.

G. E. Quillin—Carper Drilling Co., McPaddin 1, NE sec. 8-19-31, Sand area Eddy County.
Total depth 2,693 feet; running tubing to test.

Lea County
Barnsdall, State 1, SE 33-16-36.
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Little Gray Church of Dexter to Hold Annual Candle Lighting Service

The Little Gray Church of Dexter will have its annual Candle Lighting Service on Sunday, Dec. 18, at 5:30 o'clock. Appropriate pageantry and music will accompany this impressive service.

The program will be as follows: Prelude—"Silent Night." Violins: Miss Maureen Harper and Miss Phyllis Wilcox. Piano: Mrs. L. Parker.

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"—"To Hear the Angels Sing"—choir. "The First Noel"—choir. "My Christmas Dream." Solo, Mrs. Geo. Wilcox; duet, Miss Phyllis Marshall, Miss Garnelle Marshall.

Choir. "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"—choir. Vocal solo—"O, Holy Night"—Miss Virginia Easterday.

"Silent Night"—choir. Vocal trio—"Lullaby on Christmas Eve"—Miss Virginia Easterday, Mrs. Geo. Wilcox, Miss Maureen Harper.

Solo—"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"—Miss Harper. Lighting of candles by the congregation.

"O Come all ye faithful!" "Joy to the World"—Choir and congregation.

The characters in the pageant are as follows: Abekuk, a shepherd, Louis Frasier; Nahum, a shepherd, the Rev. J. G. Anderson; Simon, a shepherd, Jack Hubbard; Angel, Mrs. Geo. Wilcox; Mary, Mrs. Robert McNeil.

The public is cordially invited to attend this service.

State Favors the Cotton Marketing Quota Proposition

Seventy-two Per Cent Vote Yes in Referendum Last Saturday

Cotton farmers of New Mexico have again shown their approval of marketing quotas. In the referendum Saturday in the fifteen counties of the state that produce cotton, 72 per cent of those voting voiced themselves in favor of continuation of the quota provisions of the law. Less than a half of those eligible to vote went to the voting places, since reports from all the cotton counties indicate that there were 1,890 votes cast, whereas there were more than 5,000 eligible to vote in the referendum.

The majorities in favor of a continuation of marketing quotas were largest in Eddy and Dona Ana Counties. In Eddy County out of 311 votes cast, 270 favored marketing quotas with 41 opposed. In Dona Ana County there were 773 votes cast with 616 favoring and 157 opposed. In Chaves County, the third largest cotton producing county in the state, 338 votes were cast with 194 favoring marketing quotas and 155 opposing, this being 57.4 per cent favoring the quotas, which is less than the required two-thirds.

Counties showing more than two-thirds of those voting in the referendum as favoring a continuation of marketing quotas for cotton included: Eddy, De Baca, Dona Ana, Grant, Hidalgo, Otero, Sierra and Socorro. Those showing a mere majority, but less than 66 2/3 per cent favoring marketing quotas, include: Chaves, Curry, Lea and Roosevelt. Those showing majority not favorable to the continuation of marketing quotas were Harding and Luna. In Quay the vote was divided exactly on a 50-50 basis, one-half those voting being in favor of marketing quotas and one-half opposed to the quotas.

ANDERSON BABY DIES

Billie Jane Anderson, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Anderson of Greenfield died Dec. 10, 1938. The Rev. Mr. Garrison of Dexter held the services at the home west of Greenfield on Sunday, and interment was made in the Hagerman Cemetery, with Mason Funeral Home in charge.

HAGERMAN BOBCATS PLAY LAS VEGAS, LOVINGTON

The Hagerman Bobcats will meet Las Vegas Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the high school gymnasium, Dec. 15. Friday night they will play Lovington at the gymnasium at 8. An interesting game is promised, and everyone is urged to come.

NOTE: The Hagerman Bobcats will play at Lovington instead of at Hagerman. They plan to make a tour trip of this game.

Christmas Cards at The Messenger.

Hagerman Wins From Hope in the Season's Opener

The Hagerman Bobcats won their first basketball game of the season with a 21 to 12 victory over Hope Friday night. The Hagerman boys played an outstanding game, carrying a big lead all through the game.

The line-ups were as follows:
Hope— FG FT PF
P. Heick, f ----- 0 3 2
C. Campbell, f ----- 2 3 2
A. Strickland, f ----- 1 0 1
E. Evans, g ----- 2 1 1
L. Heick, g ----- 2 0 1
M. Owens, g ----- 1 0 1

Substitutes for Hagerman were: J. W. Langenegger, Wayne Jenkins, Johnny Boykin, J. W. Tulk, M. C. Owens, Jim Langenegger and Wallace Jacobs.

Hope— FG FT PF
Crockett, f ----- 2 2 3
Cowan, f ----- 0 0 0
Marlar, c ----- 2 0 0
Cleve, g ----- 0 0 2
Teel, g ----- 0 0 0
Parrish ----- 1
Menefee ----- 1 1

Substitutes for Hope were Parrish and Menefee.

The Hagerman Juniors also played the Hope second string before the first game, losing 10 to 17.

BURBANK ASSOCIATE VISITS IN HAGERMAN

Mr. and Mrs. Heitman had an interesting visit with Mr. Ivey, formerly of California. Mr. Ivey was the first man to raise cotton successfully in California. He attributes his success largely to the efforts of the late Luther Burbank, the plant wizard. Mr. Ivey was intimately acquainted with Mr. Burbank and is a great admirer of him, not only as a wonderful person in the plant world but also as a man of fine character and interesting personality. We have always ranked him with Edison ourselves so the talk was most worthwhile to us.

Service Tells of Making Christmas Trees Enjoyable

Moisture Will Retard Dropping of Needles in the House

Although the trimmed Christmas tree is an object of awe and wonderment to children on Christmas morning, it is looked upon by many mothers much differently when they begin to sweep up the shedding needles.

Conditioning of the family Christmas tree has not been a research project at the United States Forest Service, but staff wood technologists point out that giving the tree all the water it can absorb is a logical procedure to prevent the needles from dropping. As Christmas trees when cut will eventually lose their moisture and fragrance, the time between cutting and using should be as short as possible. Trees that have lost a great amount of their moisture will rapidly lose their needles when taken into the heated dry rooms of the ordinary house. Moisture loss can be retarded by spraying the entire tree with a moisture-resistant coating or by placing the base of the tree in water or wet sand and by keeping the tree in a cool, damp storage place until ready to be used.

Trees cut too far in advance of the Christmas holiday will lose needles sooner than those more freshly cut. Since a freshly cut surface of green wood will absorb water more readily than one that has dried out for a time it is well to cut off a few inches of the base before putting it in water. The ordinary home Christmas tree will evaporate approximately one pint of moisture daily.

In the Eastern markets the balsam fir is easily the preferred Christmas tree. Spruce is the next choice. Some hemlock, cedar and pine are also used. On the Pacific slope it is reported that Douglas fir is more in demand. There are several reasons why the Eastern Christmas tree trade strongly favors balsam fir, it has fairly rigid branches that are well adapted to supporting lights, decorative tinsel and ornaments. In a warm room the lustrous dark green needles are retained longer than are the needles of most other species, and the balsam emits a characteristic fragrant odor.

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Market Quota Law Passage Is An Advantage

Estimate Over \$200,000 Paid to Chaves County Farmer Producers Under Provisions of the AAA.

The passage Saturday of the marketing provisions of the agricultural law provides some distinct advantages to farmers of Chaves County producing cotton under the agricultural conservation program provisions.

More than \$200,000 was brought into Chaves County during the present season as a result of federal payments under the law, and a like amount is expected for the coming year.

The benefits under the operation of marketing quotas, passed by a large majority in the 19-state election Saturday, may be listed as follows:

First, it provides a government loan for cotton which enables producers to receive more for their cotton than the market might offer. Also, it is claimed by the farm experts that, as a result of the marketing quota and the government loans coupled with acreage reduction, producers have in the past received from 2 to 3 cents more for their cotton lint than they otherwise would have received. Under the government loan cotton has been graded higher than previously.

Second, it provides farm conservation payments to cooperators. It is estimated that the cotton share of these payments for Chaves County will be at least \$205,000.

While it is true there has been an acreage reduction, the net income to the farmer had been maintained by the benefit payments. As an example of this, ACP officials made the following estimate: In 1937, Chaves County produced approximately 12,000 bales more than it will produce during 1938. Farm benefit payments amounted to approximately \$17 per bale on this excess, and the farmer was out no cost, being assured of the payment whether he produced a bale of cotton or not.

Third, the law provides an opportunity to conserve and build up the soil. The farmer must reduce the soil depleting crops to meet the requirements of the law, and is then given a payment for seeding new alfalfa or clover, applying commercial fertilizer, and other soil building practices.

On the other hand, many farmers of this section have opposed the marketing quota as being unsound in its economic principles. They have a point to the fact the operation of the law gives no protection to this country's foreign market, and makes little effort to rebuild that foreign market lost during the recent years.

The marketing quota law enforces compliance with the conservation program by placing a tax of 3 cents a pound on excess production of those who do not comply, and denies them some of the loan benefits by allowing non-compliers only 60 per cent on their loan excess production.

Most of those who oppose the marketing quota are fundamentally opposed to the other phases of the conservation laws under the AAA. These are opposed to governmental regulation of farming in any form, stating that farming should be left to the farmer-manager, just as any other business enterprise, giving only needed protection by tariffs.

Others favor more freedom for the farmer under a voluntary program or under some system such as the domestic allotment plan. Under this plan, cotton prices would be regulated so far as consumption for this country is concerned, each individual farmer having his "domestic" allotment. The remainder of his crop would be sold on the world markets at world prices.

Barring a change in present farm laws by the coming session of Congress however, the cotton production will operate under practically the same laws as in 1938. Farm officials have expressed doubts that the law will be changed, such changes to become effective before 1940.

BAPTIST SOCIETIES OBSERVE PRAYER WEEK

The Dorcas and Rebekas of the Baptist Church observed the week of prayer for foreign missions last Friday at the church with an all day meeting and covered dish luncheon at the noon hour. There was a good attendance and an excellent program filled out the morning and afternoon hours.

Commission Has Issued Booklets On Centennial

The Coronado Cuarto Centennial Commission has issued a forty-page pamphlet describing plans of the commission for the celebration of 400 years of New Mexico history in 1940.

The booklet outlines plans for all of the different communities in the state and gives a calendar of state events in the first half of the booklet.

In the last half, advantages to the state of holding the event in 1940 are listed, comparing the proposed program for New Mexico with similar events held in other states.

Under the heading "What the Coronado Cuarto Centennial Will Mean to New Mexico," an estimate is given of the number of visitors who will be attracted to the state and the amount of money, based upon estimates by the New Mexico Tourist Bureau.

The Artesia Chamber of Commerce has received a number of the booklets, and others have been mailed to local citizens. Anyone interested in securing information may obtain one of these booklets by calling at the Chamber of Commerce.

VINYARD CHILD DIES IN CALIFORNIA

Alta Lavon Vinyard, the three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Vinyard, passed away at the home of her parents in Bakersfield, Calif., at 5:30 last Wednesday morning. The Vinyards are well known here, having made their home here for a number of years. Mrs. Vinyard, mother of the child, was formerly Jerrie Irene Downs, of Hagerman. A talmage funeral car met the train at Alamogordo, and returned the body to Roswell.

PAINTINGS ON EXHIBIT

Oil paintings by Jeanne Kersey of Roswell, 14-year-old artist whose pictures won the prize at the Roswell Fair this year, now on display and for sale at Everett Brothers Furniture Store. 50-1tc

The Eucharistic Congress in New Mexico Assured

Positive assurance that a Eucharistic Congress will be held in New Mexico in connection with the Coronado Cuarto Centennial exposition in 1940 was brought back from Chicago by Archbishop Rudolph A. Gerken of Santa Fe last week.

The dates have been fixed—May 21, 22 and 23, 1940.

The plan for the Eucharistic Congress, recently suggested by the archbishop to the Coronado Commission, has been approved by Bishop Joseph Schrembs of Cleveland, Ohio, chairman of the National Eucharistic Congresses.

Roman Catholic prelates at the meeting of Western and Southern bishops in Chicago, which Archbishop Gerken attended, were "all delighted with the plan" and almost unanimously expressed their intention of coming to New Mexico for the event. Fifty-eight were there.

Archbishop Gerken expects the congress to require all the housing facilities of both Santa Fe and Albuquerque.

"I mean not only the hotels and tourist camps," said he, "but all of the rooms that are available in private dwellings."

All archbishops and bishops and thousands of priests are expected to come from the Southwest region, including California, Arizona, Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, Wyoming, Utah and Nevada, and other parts of the country, as well as thousands of the laity.

It is to be a regional congress for the Southwest, but attendance is expected to come from all over America, including the Northwestern states of Mexico and some from Central and South American countries, said the archbishop.

The congress will close on Corpus Christi—to be the first to be held on this feast day—and a mile-long procession will be on the three-day program.

Archbishop Gerken plans to have at least 5,000 Indians take part, coming from all the reservations and pueblos of New Mexico as well as other Western states, in their tribal costumes.

DEXTER LIGHTER FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Dexter is planning to observe the holiday season this year by having myriads of street lights. They are also offering prizes again for the best lighted home, and the town has taken on an air of festivity.

Demo Campaign Costs \$38,626, Report Shows

Disbursements which totaled \$38,626.63 are listed in Democratic state headquarters' report of campaign expenses, filed recently with Secretary of State Elizabeth F. Gonzales, by John B. McManus, as state chairman, and Guy Shepard, as treasurer.

Receipts are given as \$38,835.44. The Republican report had not yet been filed.

The Democratic state headquarters' report shows \$705.52 bills unpaid.

A separate report is appended for the publicity division, signed by A. M. Spencer, chairman, showing expenditures of \$7,787.70 for this division. Receipts are listed at the same figure, but unpaid bills are shown to be \$4,416.44.

The biggest individual contributors to the state headquarters fund included Governor Tingley, John E. Miles (governor-elect), Frank Limbaugh and P. J. Vidal, who gave \$500 each.

Contributions ranged down to 24 cents.

Farmers Vote for Marketing Quotas In National Poll

Referendum Passes in Eddy County Saturday by Vote of 270 to 41

Eddy County farmers voted Saturday in favor of cotton marketing quotas for 1939, as did cotton farmers in general throughout the South.

The proposition referendum carried in the county by a vote of 270 to 41, at a ratio of about nearly 7 to 1.

Because of the marketing quota, Eddy County produced cotton on only 25,173 acres, compared with 64,000 acres in the county available for cultivation, this year.

The referendum required a two-thirds vote all over the United States to make it effective. Eddy County has only 800 of the nation's two million farmers.

This year the acreage in cotton, compared with cultivated acreage of the year before, was only 40 per cent, Fred Barham, county agent, said. The percentage will be about the same next year.

Two per cent penalty was charged for all cotton marketed above the quota this year, but next year the penalty will be 3 cents a pound.

"The government intends to make the regulations tighter next year," Barham said.

FATHER OF MMES. GOODWIN-FLETCHER, DIES

Mesdames Wm. Goodwin and Velmer Fletcher received the news on Sunday, Dec. 4 of the serious illness of their father, G. W. Bobo, of Russellville, Ala. Mrs. Fletcher left immediately by train, but reached there too late; her father had passed away on Sunday evening, and the funeral services were held late Monday afternoon.

Mr. Bobo visited in Hagerman three years ago, and made a host of friends during his visit with his daughters.

COPS TO CRACK DOWN ON SANTA FE DRIVERS

Santa Fe motorists who insist upon violating traffic ordinances are going to receive a lot of publicity in city newspapers, Chief of Police Tom Delgado said.

Delgado expressed hope the publication of the names of persons who fail to observe the laws would aid in their enforcement and safety. Double-parking and stop-sign violations were said to be the most frequent, although speeding in school zones also was listed as a common infraction.

Dexter Is Named President of Oil, Gas Association

C. J. Dexter of Artesia was elected president and Van S. Welch of Artesia was re-elected vice president of the New Mexico Oil & Gas Association at the annual election of officers and meeting at the Artesia Hotel Wednesday of last week.

Harry Leonard of Roswell was elected secretary-treasurer.

Besides those three, directors of the organization were named to serve during 1939 on the executive committee. They are:

M. E. Baish, Artesia; J. C. Clower, Eunice; F. J. Dangle, Lovington, and D. D. Bodie, Glenn Bish and W. R. Hines, Hobbs.

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Wendell Welch Dies Sunday in Texas Hospital

Son of Prominent Oil Man Follows Brother, Van P., in Death by Six Weeks—Services, Bur- ial Are Here Tuesday.

Wendell N. Welch, operator of the W. N. Welch Drilling Company, died at 5:30 o'clock Sunday morning in a San Antonio, Tex., hospital at the age of 35 years, less than six weeks after the death on Oct. 25 of his brother, Van P. Welch, his former partner.

The brothers, both prominent in oil circles, were sons of Van S. Welch, one of the best known oil men in Southeast New Mexico and a pioneer operator in the fields of this section.

Wendell Welch was poorly the last five years and was in the San Antonio hospital the greater part of the time since September. He was seriously ill since Monday of last week.

With Mr. Welch at the time of his death were his wife, his father, his two sisters, Miss Phoebe Welch of Artesia and Mrs. S. J. Iverson of Fort Worth, Tex., and Mrs. V. P. Welch. They all arrived here Sunday night. Mr. Welch's brother, James M. Welch, who had been at San Antonio, returned to Artesia Saturday.

The body of Mr. Welch arrived here Monday evening on the Santa Fe.

Funeral services were at the McClay Chapel at 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon by the Rev. B. F. Howden, Jr., rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Burial was in Woodbine Cemetery.

Wendell Welch, second son of Mr. and Mrs. Van S. Welch, was born at Allentown, N. Y., Aug. 31, 1903, and moved as a boy with his parents to Robinson, Ill., where he received his early schooling.

He attended New Mexico Military Institute at Roswell three years, then returned to Robinson, where he graduated from high school in 1922.

He married Miss Marian Condry of Charleston, Ill., at Robinson in 1924. To them were born three children, Wendell Condry Welch, who is now 12 years old; Thomas Flynn Welch, 11, and Phoebe Jane, 9.

Surviving Mr. Welch besides his widow and the children are his parents, and the two sisters and brother mentioned.

Mr. Welch came to Artesia about fifteen years ago, since when he was connected with the oil industry. He and his brother, the late Van P. Welch, formerly operated Welch Brothers Drilling Company. He also was associated with his father and at the time of his death was operating the W. N. Welch Drilling Company.

Federal Road Aid To State Will Be Cut for Next Year

New Mexico, which undertook the nation's fifth largest road construction program in 1938, will see nearly a third of its federal highway aid funds lopped off for the fiscal year 1940.

The Bureau of Public Roads has announced New Mexico's allotment for fiscal 1940 would total \$1,194,000, or \$817,012 less than the allocation for 1939.

A general slash in the bureau's budget necessitated each state taking a proportional cut, Thomas A. MacDonald, chief of the bureau, said.

This year New Mexico built 401.5 miles of new roads—a figure exceeded only by Texas, Pennsylvania, Nebraska and Minnesota. The state constructed 37.1 miles of graded, drained roads; 106.8 miles of untreated gravel; 78.5 miles of treated gravel; 175 miles of low-cost bituminous surfacing, and 2.3 miles of concrete surface, bridges and approaches.

New Mexico had under construction 179 miles of highway and seven grade separations, at a total cost of \$3,141,728, on Nov. 1.

WAREHOUSE HERE FILLED WITH COTTON

The warehouse which was built in the early fall is full of cotton, according to R. T. Perry, local supervisor and cotton grader. It is 265 feet long and 60 feet wide and has 3,466 bales of government cotton in it.

Mr. Perry states that aside from the manager, approximately \$1,000 has been spent for local help since it was finished.

Borrowers

WE SHOULD LIKE TO MEET

● We should like to talk with more borrowers with faith and courage and sound plans for using money for profitable and prompt return.

If you think we could do business with you with safety for our depositors, please come in. Your proposition will have our most careful consideration.



First National Bank

Hagerman, N. M.

IN SOCIETY

WOMAN'S CLUB HAS PRE-HOLIDAY PARTY

"Mental Sandwiches" was the thought of a very interesting talk given last Friday afternoon by Dr. William S. Dando of the Carlsbad Presbyterian Church at the regular meeting of the local Woman's Club. His lecture was sparkling and cultural. Age-old philosophy was clothed in a raiment of beautiful words that evoked serious thoughts in his listeners. Dr. Dando writes for different publications, a column, which he calls "Mental Sandwiches," and from a number of these he read quotations.

The business session was under the presiding officer, Mrs. C. O. Holloway. Mrs. W. L. Heitman gave a brief talk and Mrs. W. A. Losey, program chairman, called on each present for their "What I want in my Christmas stocking." Two talented musicians were introduced, Miss Elaine Frazier, violinist and Miss Dorothy Denson, pianist, who contributed two delightful musical numbers. Mrs. Losey introduced Dr. Dando, the afternoon guest speaker. In her presentation, she mentioned Dr. Dando as one of the outstanding men of this section of the country.

A social hour followed. From a table laid in a lovely Mexican drawn work cloth and lighted by tall tapers in crystal sticks, Mrs. Harry Cowan poured coffee. Sandwiches, cake and fancy candies were served on a plate, clever in its appointment. Candies were in a Christmas cup made of midnight blue paper and silver stars. Candle holders designed and made by Mrs. W. L. Heitman held tiny candles and lighted the refreshment plate.

About forty attended, among whom were several guests. Hostesses were Mesdames Frank McCarthy, M. D. Menoud, W. L. Heitman, Johnnie Bowen, Alice Hedges and Miss Esther James.

LADIES AID BAZAAR

The Presbyterian Ladies Aid Society held its annual bazaar and turkey dinner on Saturday at Hedges Chapel. The bazaar opened at 2:30 and was well patronized. Lovely fancy work and a bake sale including delicious home made candies sold at a good price. A turkey dinner was served from 5 to 8. The ladies stated they were well pleased with results of both the bazaar and dinner.

HAGERMAN BANK HOSTS AT DINNER

The personnel of the Hagerman First National Bank were hosts at a turkey dinner last Saturday evening in the private dining room of the Artesia Hotel. Guests were bankers from the Pecos Valley, Alamogordo and Hobbs.

About thirty attended. A business meeting followed. The dinner and entertainment were planned to complete the evening.

From Hagerman were Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Losey, Miss Mayre Losey, Mrs. Kern Jacobs and Robert Conner.

EPWORTH LEAGUE PARTY

Saturday night the Epworth League gave a party for the Christmas Endeavor at the undercroft. Folk games and relay races furnished the entertainment for the evening.

Cocoa and cookies were served to members of both societies, who made up a god crowd.

Christmas Cards at The Messenger.

Social Calendar

Mrs. C. O. Holloway will entertain the L. C. Club at the Woman's Club building on December 23rd with a Christmas party.

The Methodist Missionary Societies of Roswell, Hagerman and Dexter will hold a zone meeting in Dexter, Friday, Dec. 9 at 2 p. m. The Methodist Missionary Society will meet at the undercroft on Wednesday, Dec. 14.

The Men's Club will hold their regular meeting at Hedges Chapel on Dec. 13. Election of officers will be held, and members are urged to attend. The committee on Christmas boxes will also report. A special holiday party will precede the holiday season on Dec. 20.

L. C. CLUB

The L. C. Club met Dec. 1 at the home of Mrs. Fred Evans. The president, Mrs. Lester Hinrichsen was in charge of business, which was followed by the scripture read by the hostess. The hostess led the Lord's prayer and a discussion of Christmas gifts followed.

Lovely refreshments were served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Ross Jacobs to twelve members. The next meeting will be with Mrs. C. O. Holloway, the date being as yet not set.

COMPLIMENTARY MORNING COFFEE FOR BRIDE-ELECT

Mrs. T. D. Devenport was hostess on Wednesday morning with a coffee complimenting Miss Mary Burck, whose marriage to Mr. Marvin Tollett of Santa Fe will be solemnized on Sunday, Dec. 18.

Since the bride is to live in Santa Fe, a Spanish idea was used and gay Spanish colors were used throughout the rooms in decorations. Colorful Fiesta dishes were used in serving the menu of jam, biscuits, dates and coffee. Young girls in bright Spanish aprons acted as waitresses. The table cloth was centered with a brilliant charm string and covered with a Spanish cloth.

Misses Dorothy Sue Devenport, Dean Conditt, Hannah Burck and Polly Cumpsten were the waitresses. Miss Esther James and Mrs. Eliza Floto poured coffee. Mesdames I. E. Boyce and M. D. Menoud assisted Mrs. Devenport in the kitchen serving.

About sixty close friends of the honoree called between the hours of 9:30 to 12 and were received by the hostess and the bride-elect, Miss Burck and her mother, Mrs. Louie Burck.

On the plate when it was served was a clever announcement: a Girl Scout hat on which was inscribed, "We've kept it under our hat," and when looking underneath was found, "Mary Burck, Marvin Tollett, December 18th." The honoree has been an active worker in the Girl Scout organization for several years.

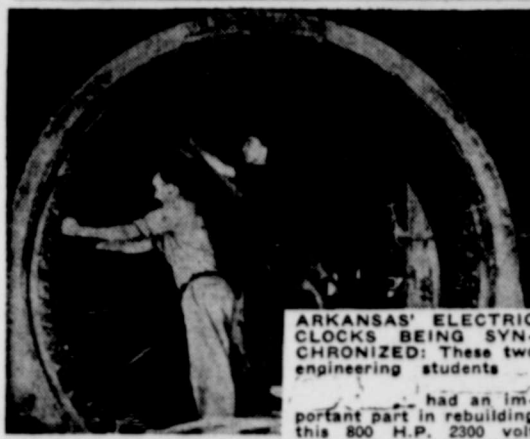
The bride-elect was dressed in a tailored costume of black crepe, and she wore an old piece of family jewelry, a diamond pendant necklace. At her wedding she will wear another family heirloom, a cameo set in lovely old gold scroll, which had belonged to her grandmother.

SENIOR CLASS HAVE QUAIL SUPPER MONDAY

The Senior class and their sponsor, Miss Jessie George enjoyed a quail supper on Monday night at the Woman's Club. The supper was prepared by members of the class. Following the supper the party went to Artesia to see "Shining Hour."

Members were: Misses Bernice Tulk, Dean Conditt, Ruby Rhodes, Ruth Solomon, Patsy Farkas and Marguerite Harrison, and Junior Wade, J. W. Tulk, Austin Strick-

CAMERAGRAPHS



ARKANSAS' ELECTRIC CLOCKS BEING SYNCHRONIZED: These two engineering students had an important part in rebuilding this 800 H.P. 2200 volt motor, largest job of its kind ever done in the state, so that time pieces may operate in accordance with the national standard of 60 cycles.



IT STILL PAYS TO ADVERTISE: For two years Jim Stuart tried to crash the gates of Hollywood. Then he came to New York City last May and rapidly became one of the best known models in town. Result: Motion picture talent scouts saw his picture in a Carstairs ad and began dating him up for interviews and tests. In the photograph: Left to right, James Montgomery Flagg, the artist who made the portrait; James M. Elliott, vice-president Carstairs Bros. and James B. Stuart, former University of Wisconsin athlete.



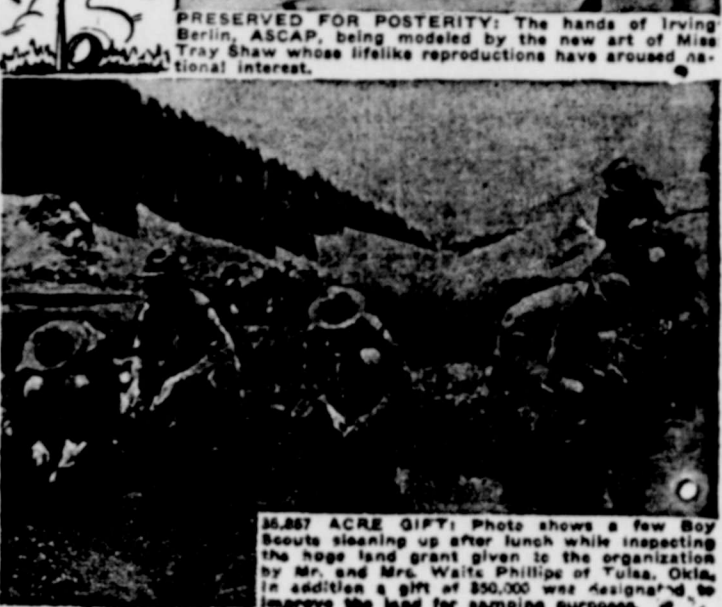
Murray D. Van Wagoner, president; Charles M. Upham; and Robert E. Harper; of the American Road Builders' Association, Washington, D. C., discuss features of a model that will be utilized to decorate the San Francisco, California, Civic Auditorium for the 36th annual convention and high-way exhibit of the national road group next March 7-10.



PRESERVED FOR POSTERITY: The hands of Irving Berlin, ASCAP, being modeled by the new art of Miss Tray Shaw whose lifelike reproductions have aroused national interest.



A CHAMP AT 18!—Just before this picture was snapped, John Janson of Phoenix, Arizona, was declared winner of the nationwide oratorical contest for young Republicans and handed a check for \$1,000. Here the 18-year-old boy, youngest of eight who competed in the finale in Washington, D. C.



5,887 ACRE GIFT: Photo shows a few Boy Scouts cleaning up after lunch while inspecting the huge land grant given to the organization by Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Phillips of Tulsa, Okla. In addition a gift of \$50,000 was designated to improve the land for farming purposes.

land and Grady Bartlett, and their sponsor, Miss Jessie George. Guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Dub Andrus, Miss Laverne Crow and Miss Growden.

CONTRACT BRIDGE

The Contract Bridge Club met Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dub Andrus, with Miss Almaretta Growden and Brennon Witt, hosts. Mrs. Dub Andrus won high score.

Mathematical pie and coffee were served by the hosts, Miss Growden and Mr. Witt to Messrs. Andrus and Mesdames F. L. Mehlopp, W. A. Losey, Dub Andrus, Jack Sweat and Misses Jessie George and Georgina Sillman, who substituted for Mr. and Mrs. Ramon Welborn.

GIRL SCOUTS

Junior Citizen Badge

If you are interested in learning more about citizenship, you will find activities in this badge about:

a—Patriotic symbols of your country.
b—How one becomes a citizen of the United States.
c—How you can help your country by sharing the responsibilities that go with many privileges you enjoy as a citizen.

Would you like to know how the name "Uncle Sam" got started, or how other patriotic symbols such as "Stars and Stripes" and the Statue of Liberty represent great events in our nation's history? These names are the symbols of "freedom," "home," "my country," "America"—and arouse in us feelings of a great pride in something that is bigger than any one person. Because millions of American men and women have worked hard to make the United States one of the happiest and freest countries in the world and kept it so, patriotism means much more to them than saluting the flag and pledging allegiance to it. For you, too, it will mean more when you learn how to do things to help your country be a better place for all its citizens to live in.

To earn this badge, participate in ten of the following activities. None are required. Choose any ten that interest you.

American Symbols of Patriotism

1. Give the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. Demonstrate your ability to display the flag, and tell how it should be cared for. Make colored pictures of flags of one or more countries from which your ancestors came. Or, Take part in or help plan a patriotic ceremony for your troop, using the traditions of a national holiday.

2. Tell the story or dramatize the history of four patriotic songs, including "The Star Spangled Banner" as one of them. Tell why you think a girl is courteous

when she talks or giggles while these songs are being sung, and what the proper etiquette is on such occasions. Or, Collect pictures of the following symbols and learn what they stand for and any interesting stories you can about them: Uncle Sam, the present Great Seal of the United States, the White House, the Capitol in Washington, the Flag of the United States, the Statue of Liberty, the America Eagle, Columbia, Citizens Who Have Rendered Service to Their Country—True Patriots

3. Plan a costume party around such a theme as "Great American Citizens," having each guest come representing an outstanding American citizen who has shown his patriotism in such fields as art, social service, government, industry, invention, science, or military affairs. Plan entertainment, refreshments, decorations to carry out the theme.

4. Choose one great American patriot, such as Jane Addams, Thomas Edison, George Washington, whom you greatly admire. Write or tell the story of this patriot's life, why you admire him, what services he contributed to our nation, other persons' opinion of him during his life and nowadays. Or, Dramatize or form tableaux of outstanding citizen-patriots in several scenes from American history. Examples: Patrick Henry—"Give Me Liberty or Give Me death;" Betsy Ross making the American Flag; George Washington crossing the Delaware.

5. Find out how an American-born citizen is registered. Get a form from the United States Census Bureau to see what birth certificates are like. Find out how it sets citizens in such ways as securing passports, establishing claims for inheriting property and insurance, the right to marry, social security legislation. Or, Find out what steps a foreigner must take to get into the country on a quota and become a naturalized citizen. If possible, talk to a naturalized citizen about his experiences in coming into the country, and find out what things he found easy or difficult in "catching on" to the American way of doing things, such as speaking the lan-

guage; using community services, such as library, post office, schools; learning the traffic laws. Or, Visit a federal court having jurisdiction over naturalization and see how aliens take legal steps to become naturalized citizens. Or, 6. Learn about outstanding services rendered to our nation by a person who came to the United States as an immigrant. Examples: Edward Bok, Walter Dammrosch, Andrew Carnegie, Anna Howard Shaw. Or, Learn about unusual service rendered by a naturalized citizen in your own community. Find out why the United States has been called the "melting pot of the world." (To be continued)

Dexter News

Lovely brown and gold mums centered the attractive table last Tuesday when Mrs. Harriet Wier entertained with a delicious one o'clock luncheon at her home west of Dexter. Covers were laid for the Rev. Mr. Neal, and Mrs. A. O. Hood, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth C. Wiseman and daughter of Los Angeles, Mr. and Mrs. Ray West and the hostess.

Mrs. Bob McNeal and daughter Jean returned home last Saturday from Raton where they spent Thanksgiving with Mrs. McNeal's mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Hubbard announce the arrival of a little son, Sunday, Nov. 27. The mother and baby are doing nicely.

Mrs. John G. Anderson returned last Saturday afternoon from Merkel, Tex., where she was called some three weeks ago by the serious illness of her father. Mrs. Anderson left Mr. Sumpter much improved.

Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Moore have returned from a trip to Oklahoma, where they visited their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Moore. They drove a new car home.

Christmas Cards at The Messenger.

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Oil Activity—

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Lea County Barnsdall, State 1, SE 33-16-36. Drilling at 4,580 feet. Westmount Oil Co., State 1, NE 12-17-36. Total depth 3,986 feet; 5 1/4-inch casing cemented at 3,018 feet; well gauged 21 million cubic feet of gas; will probably be completed as gas well.

Chaves County Fisher, et al, Foster 1, NW sec. 7-15-26. Shut down for orders at 1,290 feet. Nay Hightower, Billingslea 1, NE sec. 28-11-30. Total depth 770; waiting on casing.

Roosevelt County Shell, Harwood 1, SE sec. 27 7-35. Coring at 4,760 feet.

LOCALS

Mrs. Jim Rhoades shopped in Artesia Wednesday.

F. W. Sadler transacted business in Roswell on Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. O. J. Atwood visited Mrs. Garland Stuart and baby of Artesia Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Youree of Roswell visited Mr. and Mrs. Dub Andrus Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Moore of Dexter left early this week for a trip to Denver, Colo.

Mrs. W. D. Sterrett and daughter of East Grand Plains visited in Hagerman Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Wimberly transacted business in Roswell Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Paddock visited and shopped in Roswell Friday afternoon.

Jack Connor, Fat Ditto and Ed Boans of Artesia attended the Junior play here Thursday night.

Miss Wilma Walden spent Sunday in Lake Arthur at the home of her parents.

Mrs. Belle Roberts of Peabody, Kan., is visiting her brother, J. F. Bauslin.

Guy Robinson has been quite ill this week but is able to sit up for a short while at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Gregory of Dexter were business visitors in Hagerman Tuesday.

Mrs. Lula Keeth and daughter, Cynthia, were Roswell visitors last Thursday.

Mrs. and Mrs. Jeff Speck of Carlsbad were Hagerman visitors, Tuesday morning.

Mrs. W. M. Tulk, Bernice and J. W. Tulk and J. W. Langenegger visited the Tulk ranch on Caprock Wednesday.

Mrs. John Langenegger, Mrs. W. D. Sterrett and Mrs. M. E. Hamilton left for El Paso Thursday, for a short visit.

Mrs. Willis Stoskopf spent Wednesday visiting Mrs. J. W. Wiggins.

Miss Letha Green, Jack Conner and Ed Boans visited Miss Phyllis Marshall of Dexter Wednesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Hal Ware and Hal Ware, Jr., attended the show in Roswell Saturday night, in honor of Hal, Jr.'s birthday. Sunday noon they had a turkey dinner in honor of the occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. Alva Curry and Mrs. Etta Enfield of Roswell, Ill., are visiting in the home of their brother, C. W. Curry this week.

NOTICE

The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Hagerman Irrigation Company will be held in the office of the company at 1:00 p. m. on Tuesday, December 13, 1938.

This meeting is called for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year, and any other business which may come up at that time.

W. A. LOSEY
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NOTICE—Having decided to break up housekeeping, all my farm machinery and household goods will be offered at private sale immediately. I want the sale to be closed in 10 days. Mrs. A. M. Ehret, Hagerman, N. M. 49-1tc

NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS

The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank of Hagerman, New Mexico, will be held in the directors' room of the said bank at 2:00 p. m., the second Tuesday of January (January 10, 1939) 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,
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SYNOPSIS

Barbara Sentry, seeking to sober up her escort, Johnnie Boyd, on the way home from a party, slaps him, and attracts the attention of a policeman, whom the boy knocks down. As he arrests him, Professor Brace of Harvard comes to the rescue and drives Barbara home. On the way they see Barbara's father driving from the direction of his office at 12:45, but when he gets home he tells his wife it is 11:15 and that he's been playing bridge at the club. Next day Sentry reports his office has been riddled and a Miss Wines, former temporary employee, killed. The evening papers luridly confirm the story, and Sentry takes it hard. Mary, elder daughter, in love with Neil Ray, young interne at the hospital where she works, goes off to dinner at Gus Loran's, Sentry's partner, with Mrs. Loran's brother, Jimmy Endie. Mr. and Mrs. Sentry call on old Mrs. Sentry, and Barbara, alone, receives Dan Fisher, reporter, who advises her not to talk. Phil Sentry, son at Yale, is disturbed at the possible implications and suspicion of Miss Wines' absence from her rooms for three days during August. He goes home to help. Sentry is arrested and booked for murder. Dan Fisher explains the evidence against him—that the robbery was a fake, the safe opened by one who knew the combination, changed since Miss Wines' employment there—that a back door key, a duplicate of Sentry's, was found in the girl's purse, and that Sentry, too, had been away those three days in August. Brace calls, and backs up Barbara in her denial that Sentry could have done it, because of the discrepancy of time between the slaying and their seeing Sentry on the road. Phil, showing the police over the house, finds his strong box forced open and his gun, which only his father knew of, gone.

CHAPTER IV—Continued

Irons looked at him for a moment soberly. Then he took Phil's arm. "Steady, Mr. Sentry," he said. "The folks upstairs will need all you've got."

Phil said chokingly, "Damn you, what is it?"

"Somebody's burned a lot of money in the furnace," the inspector told him. "You can still read the printing on the ashes of some of the bills."

"What of it?" Phil insisted. "And there's an envelope, a long one, only half burned, with the firm name on it. Sentry and Loran. Whoever tried to burn it was in a hurry, didn't finish the job."

Phil protested, "But I don't see—" Irons said quietly, "Someone took some money out of your father's safe, Thursday night. We've been wondering what they did with it. Where it had gone."

For the rest of that day, Phil was like a man dazed by an actual physical blow. He had, till he saw that rified metal box in the recess under the window seat, not even contemplated the possibility of his father's guilt. That possibility had been, perhaps, in the back of his mind; but he had not faced it. His faculties had been concentrated upon the fact of Mr. Sentry's arrest, with all the terrors that arrest implied; and upon the fact that his sisters, his mother, his grandmother looked to him now for strength and heartening.

He felt himself young and futile and inadequate to the task imposed; he tried to grow in a moment from an irresponsible boy into the man the situation demanded. He thought more of them than of his father till, looking over the Inspector's shoulder, seeing the metal box that had been forced open, remembering what it had contained, remembering that Miss Wines had been shot, he heard himself lying by instinct, blindly, clumsily. And he saw a moment later that the Inspector knew he had lied; and while panic filled him, Sergeant Kane appeared and led them to the cellar—where worse appeared.

Someone had stolen his gun, and none but his father knew where it was! Someone had burned money in the furnace, and none but his father could have done that! And Inspector Irons had felt this evidence to be conclusive. That certainty was clear in the older man's eyes, plain for Phil to read.

The Inspector's sureness, more than his own senses, convinced Phil; drove home to him the shattering realization. His father was a murderer.

Phil might have been proud of his bearing that morning. When he and Inspector Irons came up from the cellar, Oscar spoke to him, said Mrs. Sentry would like him to drive her to town to see Mr. Sentry; and Phil said, "Right!" He could not for a moment face his mother; so he called to her from the hall, "I'll bring the car around."

He went to do so, brought the small car, the one his father always drove. At the front door he blew his horn, and his mother and Barbara presently came out, and Barbara kissed Mrs. Sentry, hugged her tight.

"Give father a big kiss for me," she directed. "Tell him I love him and I think he's grand and I'll come see him tomorrow sure!" And she called to Phil, "Drive carefully!"

Phil tried his voice, and its very familiarity was reassuring. That at least was unchanged. He had thought the world was changed.

"Sure," he promised, and as his mother got in beside him, "All right, mother?"

She pulled the door shut. "Mr. Hare said to come to his office, Phil," she directed.

And Phil got the car under way; and he told her how much seeing her would cheer his father. "You're always so strong and steady and sure," he said. "Ever since I was a youngster, it always made me feel better to come dump my troubles in your lap. All of us."

He talked so much about her and about his father that it did not occur to her to think of Phil himself. Her thoughts already cast forward to the interview that lay ahead. She dreaded it so terribly; yet it must be faced, must be gone through.

When after a dazed half hour of preliminaries she found herself waiting for Arthur to be brought to her, she looked at her surroundings with an almost impersonal curiosity. They seemed to her hideous; a small room, a table, two chairs. A grill of slender bars at the one window, a smell of disinfectants. She was to see Arthur alone; but the door would be open, and an officer in a position to watch them through the open door. It did not occur to her that the District Attorney's old friendship for Arthur had led him to permit her unusual consideration. Dean Hare had warned her they would be watched; she thought this hard enough.

Arthur came in. A man walked

up this morning," she assented, "just to say we could count on them in every way."

"He's all right." "I'd like him better if Mrs. Loran were nicer. She and I don't speak the same language. You heard Mary tell how she behaved the other night, at that dinner when Mr. Loran wasn't there. As if she were a—burlesque actress, Mary said."

"Mary always hated Gus. He used to kiss her and Barbara whenever he saw them when they were youngsters, and Mary always hated to be kissed. Gus did it to tease her, as much as anything." He added, after a moment: "I expect Mary takes it—all this—pretty hard. She's the sort who would."

She confessed: "I think she's worried about what Neil Ray's attitude will be. He's rather a—prig. But Mary loves him."

"It will all clear up in a few days," he predicted.

"I hope so." She spoke after a moment, in a tone curiously humble. "But Arthur—I think we have to be honest with each other. I know what time you came home." He stared at her; and she saw his cheek drawn and pale. She said: "It was quarter of one."

After a long while he spoke, very slowly, in a low tone. He said: "Yes, Ellen. It was quarter of one, half-past twelve, about that, any-

wretchedly. "She was—she lay there—I don't know how she got there, Ellen, or who killed her. I lost my head. I ought to have called the police, but I was afraid to. I left her there, went home. I thought if no one saw me—"

She said, gently: "You always were afraid of things, Arthur. You found her there dead?"

"Yes."

"Just—lying there?"

"There was someone with her. A man. They had robbed the safe, taken the money. He ran past me in the dark as I came up the stairs." And he said again, in a helpless resignation: "Barbara must tell them the truth if they ask her. None of you must lie." He made a bitter gesture. "It will be hard enough to make them believe the truth—that I lost my head, ran away, left her there."

Mrs. Sentry said: "Barbara has already told them. She told Mr. Flood."

"Told—Already?" He was white.

"She thought that if Miss Wines was really killed at about one, as the papers said, you couldn't have done it. So she told him you were at home before that, to prove to him that you didn't do it."

"Miss Wines was killed about twelve o'clock," he said, half to himself.

"How do you know?"

He stared at her. "She was killed before that," he amended suddenly. "Before I got there. Bob Flood knows—" He rose in haste. "You'd better go, Ellen," he said. "Tell Dean Hare I must see him right away. You see, I've told them, up to now, that I was at home at eleven fifteen. I hoped I could—lie out of it. But now I may have to tell them the truth."

She rose to face him; she asked softly, "You didn't kill her, Arthur?"

"Of course not! Ellen, don't you believe—"

"You can tell me!"

He hesitated. He said then, in a quickly mustered anger, "I told you, I didn't!" But she had felt his hesitation; she watched him pitifully, and he cried: "What are you waiting for? Go on. Tell Dean Hare—"

And she said, submitting: "Very well, Arthur, I'll tell Dean. I'll do whatever you say."

He turned abruptly toward the door. The policeman came to meet him. She thought he went away almost eagerly, as though glad to escape the question in her eyes.

She waited for a while after he had gone, in that hideous little room, fighting for self-control. Arthur's hesitation had been like confession. His muttered anger at her insistence had been eloquent. She knew now surely that he was guilty. She faced the future, dazed, feeling nothing. A dreadful time, a lifetime that must be endured.

She thought, almost amused: "I've always been so proud. And she remembered something she had said to Arthur long ago, something about a scandal. I could not forgive a scandal, she had warned him then. There was no question of forgiveness now. Too late for that. Just, somehow, to endure, to live."

But Arthur had given her a message for Dean Hare, wished to see Dean right away. And—Phil was waiting for her. She rose and moved.

In the car, Phil asked, "Well, how is he?"

"Oh, he's fine," she said. "Don't worry, Phil, he's fine!" Whatever her own certainty, the children need not know.

(TO BE CONTINUED)



"Mr. Hare Said to Come to His Office, Phil."

beside him, stopped with him in the doorway, and she heard the click of metal. But she heard it at a great distance, all her senses concentrated in her eyes.

He was so little changed! Except perhaps that he seemed tired, and that his eyes were inflamed, he was not changed at all. Yet he had been gone so long. She tried to remember how long, and realized incredulously that it was no more than a matter of hours.

He came toward her, rubbing his wrist with his hand. He stopped, facing her. He said, from a little distance: "Well, Ellen! I'm glad you came."

She said: "We must sit down, Dean says, with the table between us, and our hands in sight. On the table, perhaps."

He nodded. "They have to be careful, I suppose." They sat down; and he said, "How are the children, all right?"

"We're—distressed, of course. The policeman is watching us, Arthur."

"I suppose so." His eyes held hers. He said: "Ellen—I'd have done anything possible to—spare you all this. The whole thing is so—incalculable. Just a series of miraculous coincidences."

"It is incredible, yes."

"Of course, it will straighten out in a day or two. I had nothing to do with that girl, Ellen. But you know that, of course."

"You've told them so?"

"Of course. Why, Ellen, they say themselves that she was killed about one o'clock. I was home long before that." She felt, almost to her own surprise, a deep compassion in her heart. He said urgently: "You know that, yourself. You were awake when I came home."

She hesitated. "No, Arthur," she amended. "I wasn't awake. I woke up, asked you what time it was."

"Well, I told you. It was quarter past eleven."

She tried to speak, but her throat was tight. He tapped the table between them with his fingertips. "Good of you to come," he repeated, and he said: "Gus came last night, late. He came over from New York on the five o'clock and was an extra at the station, and hurried right up here. It helped to see him. You feel pretty much a pariah, in jail, you know?"

Mrs. Sentry smiled dutifully at the feeble humor. "He called me

way." He asked, "How did you know?"

"Barbara saw you."

"Barbara?" Sudden panic in the word.

"Yes."

His eyes were flickering with rapid thought. His fists clenched on the table; he lifted one and lowered it again, and sweat was on his brow.

"I hoped no one saw me," he admitted. "Barbara?" She did not speak; and he said at last, hopelessly: "Well, if they ask her, she must tell them. None of you must lie, Ellen. Tell them the truth."

"Tell me the truth, Arthur," she pleaded.

"I had nothing to do with the girl, Ellen! I didn't—murder her!"

She asked no question; and after a moment he went on, hurriedly: "This is what happened. I went to the office, after the bridge game broke up, to get that coffee-pot of yours. I'd forgotten it when I left in the afternoon." His lips twisted

Marble Floor of Library of Congress

Given Care Equal to That of Costly Gem

People think they take good care of their biggest diamond ring. The chances are ten to one they take less care of it than the Library of Congress takes with its floors.

People wash their rings in any soap, and bump them against metal objects. There is no such "rough stuff" with the classically beautiful marble floors in the Library of Congress.

Those floors cannot even be scrubbed with a mop, for fear of the metal pails chipping the edges of the marble slabs, according to W. C. Bond, superintendent of the building. Instead, a corps of char-women each night goes over the shining marble with soft cloths, scrubbing the stone with painstaking care, writes a United Press correspondent in the Chicago Daily News.

Not only that, but no soaps or washing powders touch the floor until they are thoroughly tested by the bureau of standards to determine that they contain no abrasives such as sand, which would scratch the finely polished surfaces.

Before the bureau of standards was established, the library floor used to take a piece of marble and soak it in a solution of soap to de-

termine if the soap contained acids. "The acids might stain the marble," Bond explained.

"The marble is priceless," he said. "I would not estimate what it would cost to replace it. For instance, we have two mantelpieces. They cost about \$3,300 originally. But you can't get that kind of marble now. It has been said they are worth many thousands of dollars."

Bond has just one trouble—he can't stop a person who has metal heels, and he lives in constant fear that the scraping of metal plates will chip the marble.

But he has taken some precautions. When a person carries a cane into the library, he must check it, and the library gives him another which is shod with a rubber tip. If he carries an umbrella, he must check that. No tap-tapping on the marble flags with metal.

Daylight in Norway

In Norway nature provides a "daylight saving" system. Here the midnight sun gives the northern part of the country perpetual daylight in summer and makes all but two or three hours of the entire 24 light even far to the south in Oslo.

Metal-Threaded Laces Tune To Elegance of the Mode

By CHERIE NICHOLAS



THIS is a season of rich fabrics, sparkling embroideries and sumptuous effects. The new laces tune to this era of elegance perfectly, especially the exquisite gold or silver-threaded types that gleam and glitter in a very ecstasy of beauty.

Being delicately patterned, the enchanting laces that are playing an outstanding role in the fashion pageant this winter yield to re-embroidery and outline tracery with metallic thread most graciously.

We can conceive of nothing more charming in the way of an afternoon dress that will be right for cocktail and bridge dates and for tea-dancing throughout the present social season than the smartly styled frock centered in the illustration. Here Chantilly lace in a horizontally striped pattern is outlined all over in gold metal thread. It is made simply because the lace itself is so superbly decorative. The square neckline with its brilliant clips and the short sleeves will be flattering to almost every figure. You can get this lovely gold-threaded lace in black, wine, brown or royal blue.

Characteristic of the rich fabrics is the brown lace embroidered almost solidly with gold thread that fashions the handsome gown to the left in the picture. The dress is artfully modeled to conform with the favored slender silhouette that takes on a proper flare at the hemline.

These entrancing metal-embroidered laces can be used in infinitely fascinating ways. They make up beautifully in the separate blouse to wear for formal occasions, with your floor-length velvet or crepe

evening skirt. Grand, too, is a blouse of this gold-worked lace for the costume blouse that glorifies the dress-up afternoon velvet suit.

Have you seen the charming new sequin-embroidered laces? If not you surely are missing a treat to the eye. Wine-red sparkling in flower and leaf motifs on wine red sheer lace excites an urge to yield to temptation of buying forthwith. If your social program does not call for anything so formal as a frock-entire of this exotic lace, then satisfy your longing with just enough for a blouse (mere remnant does the "trick").

Women who needs must limit to one and one only formal gown find a handsome simply-styled lace frock proves excellent choice.

A dress that will prove a tried and true friend in any dress-up emergency that may arise is shown to the right in the group. It will meet all dine, dance, dinner, theater and "at home" dates triumphantly throughout the season. This model is simply styled of black lace of handsome durable mesh that gives excellent service, at the same time that it carries the tradition of a lady of high fashion. The accented shoulders and new elbow-length sleeves are high-style features. It is made over a shimmering foundation of silver lame. We suggest also a foundation of black to interchange at will.

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Treat your tea towels to this combination of simple embroidery and applique, or embroidery alone! Pattern 1706 contains a transfer pattern of six motifs 6 1/2 by 7 1/4 inches; illustrations of stitches; materials required.

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HOUSEHOLD QUESTIONS

Aging Fireplace.—If you have brick around your fireplace or flagstone hearth try rubbing it with oil applied on a soft cloth. Brick treated in such a manner will have a more seasoned appearance.

Stored Linoleum.—To prevent linoleum from cracking after it has been rolled and stored away, place it before the fire for a few hours and let it get thoroughly warmed before unrolling it.

Overcoat for Garden.—Evergreen boughs make an excellent winter protection for gardens. They are light, do not mat and do not weight down plants such as madonna lilies and do not retain too much moisture.

Seasonings Are Important.—In stew it is best to have a variety of seasonings, with no one too much in evidence. Herbs, parsley, celery, grated carrots and onions can be used alone or in combination.

A Bedroom Chair.—An inexpensive but attractive easy-chair for a girl's bedroom may be made from an ordinary folding garden or deck-chair. The plain wooden frame should be painted with enamel in any suitable shade, and the canvas seat covered with or replaced by a cover made from chintz or cretonne to match the curtains or bedspread. A small cushion covered with the same material should be hung by neat loops from the top of the chair back.

Refreshing Salted Nuts.—Salted nuts quickly lose their freshness. When they are served they should be heated for a few minutes in a moderate oven.

Leather Chic



Notable in the realm of modern costume design is the wide use of leather manipulated in a fabric way. Soft suedes in glorious dyes are deftly tailored and dressmakered into fashionable wearing apparel as successfully and attractively as any yardage weaves. The casual fingertip hunter's green suede coat worn by Anita Louise, film star, as here pictured is just such a type as any woman might covet for campus, for country or even for daytime in town.

It is also the height of fashion to wear accessories of suede or other leathers. One of the novelties brought out this season is the "mad money" buttons. These unique buttons by La Mode are really diminutive coin purses. See these clever leather coin-holder buttons on the sports tailored blouse pictured.

New Suits Remain Simple and Smart

New suits and outfits for casual wear are extremely smart, remaining simple despite a clever use of color. There is a three-piece model, a neat coat and skirt in deep wine wool, with a collarless, flaring topcoat of gray Chinese kid, lined with the wool of the suit. A hand-knit ensemble has a dress in red, coral and azure blue, and the jacket with curved patch pockets in azure blue.

Scotch plaids are used for neat fitted velveteen jackets or with high, round necks. The three-piece suit of tweed, with topcoat richly furled, is always with us. A suit in purple tweed has the topcoat handsomely collared with gray fox.

Pink Roses Adorn Chiffon Nightgown

One of the great successes of Bialo, Paris designer, is a nightgown in black chiffon with applications of pale pink silk satin roses scattered over the bodice; the extremely full skirt is edged with a shirred frill. Another in white chiffon is encrusted with enormous black lace bird motifs, the lace re-embroidered in black chenille. It has a rounded neckline, gathered bodice and black velvet sash tying back under a widespread bird motif.

Bialo favors silk crepe, silk satin and mouseline—white, sky blue and pink are the colors favored outside of the shaded effects.

Gibson Sailor Is Back in Fashion

Don't be discouraged if you find you are not typed to wear the coy little hats that perch over one eye and harbor everything from birds' nests to a tree of bows. Some of the new high hats are infinitely more becoming. And, moreover, the flat Gibson sailor is in again with its flattering veil, and that's something most anyone can wear.

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U. S. Appeals For Vigilant Pan-America

Lima Conference Opens Amid Trade Overtures of Dictator Lands.

By JOSEPH W. LaBINE
For several thousand miles south of the Rio Grande lies a chain of nations whose political and economic experience is minimized in the average United States mind. This is Latin America. With the United States itself, these nations of the Western hemisphere, of both North and South America, form what men have chosen for years to call Pan-America.

Right now the leaders of Pan-America are meeting in Lima, Peru, for their eighth conference, designed to solidify the Western hemisphere into a solid bloc of friendly nations. In 1933, when last they met, these men could discuss their subject calmly, sincerely and without fear. This year it is different because the dictator nations of Europe and Asia are threatening Latin America's security.

This threat has been growing with every month, and to a large group of American citizens it makes the United States' Pan-American policy, as voiced by President Roosevelt and Secretary of State Cordell Hull, seem selfish and unrealistic. These are strong charges.

Selfish? Unrealistic?
Under the Monroe doctrine, Washington has promised to defend any Latin-American country from European or Asiatic aggression and to exercise a parental interest over our younger "democratic" neighbors to the south. This was no more than any smart business man would have advocated, for by guaranteeing South America's integrity we protected our own commercial interests in Pan-America and eliminated the danger of aggression from the south. Some men called this selfishness and "dollar diplomacy."

President Roosevelt's policy is substantially the same but it is not selfish. Since the rise of Hitlerism and Fascism, since Japan became a dominant world power, South America has been infiltrated with propagandists. Our trade with Brazil, for example, has dropped below that of Germany. The dictator nations are attempting to fasten an economic grip in the Western Hemisphere and this would almost certainly have a political influence. As a world power the United States has a right and obligation to defend both the principles of democracy and its trade with foreign nations.

But there may be some truth in



RIGHT OR WRONG?—One of the greatest statesmen of his day, Cordell Hull now bends his efforts to winning Pan American friendship. Critics, fearing inroads already made by Germany, Italy and Japan in the lands to our south, charge Mr. Hull's policy is "unrealistic."

charges that the Roosevelt-Hull policy is unrealistic. We claim to be defending the "democratic" nations of South America, yet democracy has already flown from several of these countries. Mexico, which has never been active in Pan-American affairs, lives under a communistic dictatorship that has seized American farm and oil lands. A leftist regime has recently taken possession of Chile. Brazilian and Dominican governments both exhibit dictatorial tendencies of one sort or another.

Just how such nations can be banded into a Pan-American union for defense of democracy is hard to understand, yet the resolute and sincere Mr. Hull is striving for that very objective. Though admittedly idealistic, he has accomplished great things with the reciprocal trade treaty program under which 20 pacts have already been signed. The Hull aim is to break down international trade barriers and bring about greater stabilization of world currency.

U. S. Seeks Hemisphere Defense.
Unlike most conferences of its kind, this year's Pan-American meeting is not dealing with generalities and platitudes. It will settle, among other things, the boundary dispute between Peru and Ecuador.

In this connection the union can gloat over its successful arbitration of the Gran Chaco dispute between Bolivia and Paraguay, settled only a few weeks ago.

But the bulk of interest will center around developments following in the wake of Germany's Sudeten aggression and her persecution of Jews. As an upshot of this threat to world security, President Roosevelt plans to ask congress for funds to throw a ring of defense around the entire Western hemisphere, an \$8,000,000,000 rearmament program that would require five years for consummation. He proposes that Central and South American countries shall co-operate in providing operation bases for United States naval and aviation units.

Hull Stresses Diplomacy.
Mr. Hull, who leads the American delegation to Lima, has not committed himself definitely on this rearmament program. In fact he is not expected to mention military preparedness, preferring instead to urge amendment of the Western Hemisphere "consultation pact" adopted at the Buenos Aires peace conference of 1936. Under the Hull plan, a permanent committee of foreign ministers from each Pan-American country would be empowered to consult immediately by telephone, telegraph or meeting at any time a threat to American peace is imminent.

Though idealistic, Mr. Hull has suffered enough disillusionments from treaty breakers the past few years to know that signatures and pledges mean very little in themselves. But he does know that the United States has seldom been forced to reprimand another Pan-American nation for violating its solemn pledge. Hence he believes the Western Hemisphere peoples have a common bond and are willing to live together peaceably.

Unrealism Again.
But this, say his opponents, is where Mr. Hull uses the wrong tactics. It is fine to shake hands, smile and make speeches about brotherly love, but is it a sufficiently aggressive policy to counteract propagandizing and the economic encroachments of dictators? One of the state department's chief critics in this respect is Carleton Beals, whose "The Coming Struggle for Latin-America" was recently published by J. P. Lippincott company of Philadelphia.

Most South American nations, says Mr. Beals, believe Germany is the coming world power because it has gone to every corner of the earth to tap markets and make alliances. There are today more Germans than Americans in South America, and the Germans are more popular. This situation has resulted from propaganda, formation of bands and activities of the dreaded German Gestapo or secret police. Every day South American nations are deluged by world press reports emanating from government radio stations in Berlin. These reports lose not a single opportunity to glorify totalitarian states to the discredit of democracies.

Yet Mr. Beals' proposed solution is not far from that of Mr. Hull. The barrier to dictator propaganda will not be American counter-propaganda, our counter-trade drive, nor our sale of American munitions in the name of peace. Instead, he says, the barrier lies in "the natural patriotic resistance of the Latin-American people and governments to outside meddling. . . the real bulwark in Latin-America against alien ideologies, including our own, is the people themselves."

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Weekly News Analysis Will Daladier Turn Dictator? Strike Defeat Arouses Fears

By Joseph W. LaBine

EDITOR'S NOTE—When opinions are expressed in these columns, they are those of the news analyst, and not necessarily of the newspaper.

Foreign

French labor won a 40-hour week in 1936 under Premier Leon Blum's Socialist administration. One of Socialist Blum's henchmen then was Edouard Daladier, who rose from war minister to become a premier himself. But Premier Daladier, though labeled a Radical Socialist, has been growing cooler towards labor's left-wing Popular Front ever since Adolf Hitler became a leading force in European affairs. Reason: Labor and the Popular Front are communistic and Adolf Hitler hates Communists.

Moreover, labor's 40-hour week has needed drastic modification since the September Sudeten crisis. Though anxious to appease the

mistic. Last summer the President and Mr. Morgenthau estimated the treasury would need \$2,800,000,000 in new money before the fiscal year is ended. December's \$700,000,000, plus \$800,000,000 borrowed last September, brings the total thus far to only \$1,500,000,000. With business on the upgrade, with relief costs expected to drop as a result, and with federal receipts expected to begin increasing immediately, there is every prospect that part of the remaining \$1,300,000,000 included in last summer's estimate will not be needed.

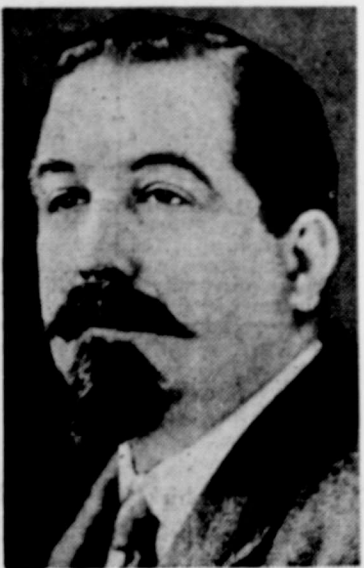
Mr. Morgenthau has made no such prediction, however. His explanation of current financing activities is this: "We don't have to raise money now, and we could get by until March with what we have. But we know what we will need between now and July 1. A reasonable way to do it would be not to do it all at one time, so we will do some of it now."

International

French-British fears to the contrary, Europe's next war is not apt to involve western democracies versus Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini. When world-wide military threats are sifted down they appear more certain to center around Germany's drive to the southeast in which the clash will involve Nazi-Fascism versus Communism. This theory even takes into consideration the long-awaited Russ-Jap war, which observers do not believe immediately serious. Japan is shattered by her Chinese conquest and Russia dares not neglect her European frontier to throw military strength against Nippon.

Today, as Reichsfuehrer Hitler transfers Austria and Czechoslovakia from his list of ambitions to his life of achievements, he finds the word Ukraine (see map) awaiting next attention. As self-proclaimed ruler of Germans everywhere, as the covetous statesman whose heart bleeds for raw materials going unused, he can well smack his lips over this choice bit of Russian property. His alleged justification:

Racial Interest. In the Ukraine and along the Volga live 1,000,000 Germans whose Russian background dates back to 1763 when Catherine II invited colonization in the uncultivated steppes. In 1803 came a similar invitation from Alexander I. Clannish Germans de-



LEON JOUHAUX
M. Daladier remembered M. Briand.

Reich, Daladier also realizes France must speed armament production to cope with the menace across the Rhine. When French labor first began protesting against increased hours, it became apparent that the ultimate showdown would have tremendous significance. The show-down has now arrived, but the full significance will not be known for several weeks.

Under Leon Jouhaux, French composite of America's John Lewis and William Green, 5,000,000 members of the potent General Labor confederation announced a one-day strike. Its purpose: to protest against drastic decree laws which Premier Daladier and Finance Minister Paul Reynaud believe necessary to stave off financial chaos. One protested decree, naturally, was that increasing work hours to 44 a week.

Not even Labor Leader Jouhaux denied the strike was purely political, being simply a Popular Front attempt to test the power of Premier Daladier, who has steadfastly refused to assemble parliament for a showdown on his decree laws. But as the strike hour neared, the premier remembered what another smart Frenchman, Aristide Briand, did under similar circumstances in 1910. To railroad workers and others employed in essential utilities he sent conscription orders. Though they would strike as private citizens, they could not ignore a call to the colors without courting drastic punishment. In the end, M. Jouhaux' one-day strike was a failure.

Immediate significance: a victory for Premier Daladier; failure for drastic French social changes such as the 40-hour week; probable success of the cabinet's daring recovery plan; defeat of the Popular Front; doom for Communism in western Europe.

Long range significance: the possibility that Premier Daladier, swollen with confidence, may emerge a semi-Fascist dictator over his jittery nation; the certainty that he will continue his policy of appeasing Herr Hitler.

Treasury

Mid-December is a regular U. S. quarterly financing date, in recent years a favorite season for predicting (1) how much the national debt will rise during the current fiscal year, and (2) whether federal expenditures can be expected to rise or fall during the next few months. This year, as Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau Jr. prepares a \$1,642,000,000 financing deal, observers may safely predict that the national debt will rise from its current mark of \$38,590,000,000 to \$40,000,000,000 before the fiscal year ends next June 30. But they can also detect a downward trend in U. S. expenditures, temporarily at least.

Although the government has spent \$2 for every \$1 collected since last July 1, although the fiscal year thus far shows expenditures (\$5,596,137,000) slightly over the comparable period last year and receipts (\$2,204,520,000) slightly under last year's, Mr. Morgenthau says he has "ample cash" on hand without any new borrowing at the present time. During the current month, however, he is borrowing \$700,000,000 in "new money" and refinancing \$941,613,000 in notes maturing next March 15.

But the outlook still remains opti-

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Diver's Doom

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You know, there's been a lot said about the heroism of the lads who go down to the sea in ships, and—well—we all know that those lads deserve all the credit we can give them. But it's the lad who goes down under the sea into ships who catches my fancy. Sooner or later there comes a time in any sailor's life when he runs up against a tough combination of circumstances. That, we'll agree to. As a matter of fact, it's a lucky sailor whose life hasn't been in danger at least three or four times in his career on the sea. But a diver's life is in danger almost every time he screws on his helmet and goes under the water. Facing danger is his trade. And today one of those deep-diving professional danger-facers is going to tell us the story of the biggest thrill of his career. So stand by the pumps, boys and girls. He's ready to go.

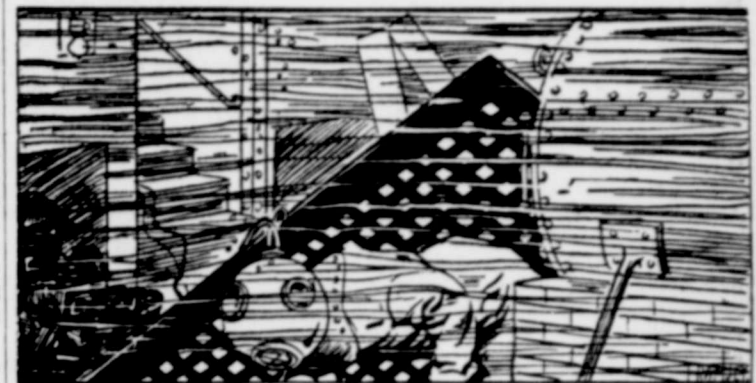
Frank Grissinger is his name, and he lives in Brooklyn, N. Y. And the worst jam Frank was ever in in his life, he says, was when he went down into the sea off the lighthouse at New Bedford, Mass., to raise the foundered tug-boat, Albert J. Stone.

Down in 14 Fathoms of Water.

Jack Gardner, another veteran diver, was Frank's partner on that job. On October 16, 1918, they got the call, and were off on the wrecking tug Resolute, to raise the Albert Stone, which had gone down in 14 fathoms of water.

The Resolute was only doing the preliminary work. The huge derrick ship, Monarch, was to pick up the tug and raise it bodily out of the water, but first the divers had to get slings under her hull and make connections so that the boiler could be filled with air, making the tug rise more easily.

The Resolute located the tug. Slings were hauled under its hull and they were all ready to tackle the boiler. That was Frank's job, and he went down until his heavy iron shoes hit the hull of the tug. Grooping his way along the deck, Frank found the door of the fire room and went



"I was wedged in tight."

down the ladder. It was dark as a tomb down there, and the only sound was the air circulating through his exhaust valve. With arms outspread, Frank started for the boiler until he met an obstruction.

Feeling of it, Frank realized it was an iron floor grating that had become dislodged and lay blocking the passage-way. It was too heavy to lift, but it lay at an angle leaving an opening at one side. Frank measured the space with his arms and decided he could crawl through it.

Frank started through, but his life-line held him back. He pulled it to get more slack—and pulled the grating down on top of him! Says Frank: "I was wedged in tight. Using my hands and knees as a brace, I tried to rise up under it. But it would only give about a foot. In desperation I used up nearly all my strength—fought that grating until I was almost exhausted. Then panic seized me. What if I couldn't dislodge myself? What if the steam air-compressor broke down? What if a storm arose and cut us adrift, breaking the air line through which I was breathing? And what was even more probable a menace was that the tender, getting no response to his signals, might try to pull me up by main force, breaking both life and air lines and leaving me there to drown.

"Beads of perspiration rolled off my forehead into my eyes and there was no way to wipe them away. I was nearly blind, but I realized that I must remain calm. Maybe help would reach me. How? I didn't know. I couldn't signal the tender—there were too many angles in the line that led to the surface."

He Began Shifting His Position.

About that time Frank began thinking of things—thinking of all sorts of things, but particularly of all those things that were nearest to his heart. He wanted to live—and he wasn't going to give up without a fight. He began shifting his position to see how far he could move. Turning to the right, he could kick one side of the tug with his iron shoes. Moving to the left he found that only his breastplate and helmet were jammed.

"Then," he says, "I thought of trying to roll, and that move nearly cost me my life. I began turning my body slowly—inches by inches—and then—Horror! The helmet was not turning with me. I was unscrewing it as I moved. Had I continued, it would have come off and I would have drowned where I lay."

Frank rolled back again with every ounce of strength in his body, screwing the threads up tightly and saving his life—for the moment. Then, all at once, he lost consciousness. The ordeal of mental torture, combined with the pressure of the water, had been too much for him.

Frank's mate, Jack Gardner, finished the story for him. The next thing Frank knew, he was coming to in a bunk on the Resolute, with Jack sitting beside him. And here's the tale Jack told.

No Response to Tender Signal.

Thirty minutes after Frank had gone down, the men on the Resolute began to get worried about him. The tender signaled to him on the line, but got no response. Jack Gardner tried to draw Frank up, but the line held tight. They couldn't even get a foot of slack on it.

Then they knew something was wrong. Jack Gardner began putting on his diving togs. He screwed on his helmet and went down to the deck of the tug. Following Frank's line and air hose he made his way down into the tug's fire room and, feeling his way around, he found the grating with Frank's line disappearing behind it.

Jack had found a fireman's slice bar, and, using that as a lever, he pried Frank loose. After that it was only a matter of minutes to boost him up the ladder and give the signal to the tender to haul away.

When it was all over, Jack said: "That was a close call, but better luck next time."

And Frank answered: "There isn't going to be any next time. I'm going to look for a better way to make a living than diving." But the last I heard of Frank he was diving for a boat that had sunk in New York harbor. I guess diving must be in his blood.

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Enough Power to Run Denver Used by Broadway 'Flashers'



NEW YORK.—If the Broadway of 15 years ago was a "Great White Way" it seems dim by comparison with the sea of twinkling, dancing lights that greet a spectator today. In the 27 blocks between Times square and Columbus circle are 111,000 incandescent lamps and 22 miles of neon tubing, all used for advertising displays. When all these signs are flashing, blinking and spinning at once, they use energy at the rate of 3,250,000 wats an hour, enough power to light a city the size of Denver.

The first major electrical display was erected in 1892 on New York's Flatiron building, and signs were much the same until 1912 when Frank C. Reilly of Chicago constructed a "running" sign which told a constantly changing story in letters which moved across the lamp field. This device worked much like a player piano. Later the system was improved by placing electrical elements in the individual letters.

Neon tubing was given one of its first commercial uses in December, 1925, when it lettered the words

"Ben Hur" above a Times square theater. Today an estimated 60 per cent of all New York electrical advertisements are neon, many of them combining neon with bulbs.

Meanwhile a new field has been developed for electric bulbs in animated "flashers." The pioneer of this business is Douglas Leigh, a 28-year-old southern "boy wonder" who acquired rights on a European invention. One of his signs is a cigarette advertisement which runs a full five minutes, while another advertises chewing gum by depicting a colorful group of fish.

Frames for these huge animated ads are designed in checkerboard fashion. For each change in movement—even the slightest raising of an arm—some of the squares in the checkerboard must be "knocked out." All these motions are photographed on a motion picture film when the sign is planned. After the "spectacular" has been erected the film is projected on a battery of photoelectric cells in the control room. These cells relay the impression to the sign itself.

Many Hidden Taxes

In King Arthur's day, a knight slew a man-eating bear in Chelwood, England. As a perpetual reward, to this day, his heirs collect a tax on all cattle passing through the town from October 30 to November 7. America's meat taxes, according to the National Consumers Tax commission, equal this in absurdity. One hundred and twenty-seven hidden levies compel the housewife to pay for five chops to get four.

About the Manx Cats

The Manx is the only breed having no tail. Of course there are lots of stories—legends—which try to explain why they have no tails. One ancient tale is that a pair of cats were last to enter Noah's Ark, and that the skipper slammed the door of the boat shut on their tails. Later, the pair were left on the Isle of Man, according to the story. Zoologists say, however, that Manx cats have no tails because of selective breeding.

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AGRICULTURAL PURSUITS VS. RECONSTRUCTION

Much has been said of the AAA, and much will be said. Farmers of the Pecos Valley have not wholeheartedly approved of it. For various reasons, they have felt that discriminations were used against them. These reasons have many origins: propaganda, ignorance, individual financial leaders, (leaders here; such as "get-rich-quick" schemes, and the holding together of meager investments.) When all these reasons were sifted together, then farmers laid the blame at the feet of the AAA.

Other agricultural sections have had their proportionate share of upheavals; the results have left too many in a state of quandry. An dso it seems we must all go through a reconstructive period, and get new ideas relating to American agriculture, both socially and economically.

Primarily speaking, we think the original idea of the AAA was a reconstruction of agricultural pursuits. America has gone through so many revolutions in scientific advancement since the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth. Each quarter century has seen rapid changes in the social and agricultural life. There has been almost a complete turn-over of the needs of agricultural products in the past century, even in the past decade or so many new substitutes have been offered to the public, that the farmer may well puzzle over what he can do with the output from his lands. He has drifted along the paths of least resistance for so long, that he has failed to realize the necessity of keeping up with modern science. The result is that he must in his mind at least, learn these changes, and devise and plan the best manner of meeting them, in order to preserve his equanimity and morale.

In other words, he must learn that a substitute for cotton (rayon) has taken the world by storm; for alfalfa hay, there have been a number of substitutes that apparently are sufficient, and cheaper; for butter, any amount of other food can be used and get the same nutrition. And on and on, there have been substitutes found for almost everything grown or raised on the farm. To meet these changes, the farmer must learn to be a business man, and devise new and revised methods of farming.

Like all reconstructive periods since the world began, it will take time. The rest of the people of the nation must realize that, and have an unlimited patience in aiding the farmer in readjusting his life to meet that of a fast revolving world.

Mr. and Mrs. Dee Sprayberry and Mrs. Jim Rhodes shopped in Roswell Tuesday. Ed Roberts returned home with them to assist Mr. Sprayberry with the skating that is to be held at the high school gymnasium Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

U. S. LAND OFFICE at Las Cruces, New Mexico, Nov. 21, 1938.

NOTICE is hereby given that Jeff B. West, of Hagerman, New Mexico, who, on August 16th, 1934, made Homestead Entry, No. 050243, for SE 1/4, Section 31; SW 1/4, Section 32, T. 13 S., R. 27 E.; Lots 2, 3, 4, SE 1/4 NW 1/4, Section 6; Lot 3, SE 1/4 NW 1/4, E 1/4 SW 1/4, Section 5, Township 14 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, New Mexico, on the 6th day of January, 1939.

Claimant names at witnesses: Clarence Dozier, J. B. Dozier, Weatherston S. Greer, Mark Dockery, all of Hagerman, New Mexico. PAUL A. ROACH, Register. 47-5t-51

Hagerman High School 1938-39 Cage Schedule

Dec. 16—Lovington there. Jan. 6—Dexter there. Jan. 10—Lake Arthur here. Jan. 17—Roswell here. Jan. 20—Artesia here. Jan. 21—Capitan there. Jan. 24—Carlsbad there. Jan. 27—Dexter here. Feb. 3—Hope there. Feb. 7—Carlsbad here. Feb. 10—Lovington here. Feb. 14—Artesia here. Feb. 18—Capitan here. Feb. 21—Roswell there. Feb. 24—Lake Arthur there. Feb. 27—N. M. M. I. there. March 2, 3 and 4—District tournament. March 11—Junior tournament. One more home game with N. M. M. I. is to be scheduled.

Commodity Credit Has Loans on 27,775 Bales

The Commodity Credit Corporation announced Friday it had loaned through last Thursday \$151,204,054 on 3,728,924 bales of cotton, including 27,775 bales in New Mexico, 111,193 in Oklahoma and 992,809 in Texas. Loans on only 2,755 bushels of New Mexico wheat were made of a total of \$4,635,514 bushels for a total of \$32,200,738. The corporation said that through Dec. 3, loans aggregating \$13,303,294 had been made on 73,488,839 net grease pounds of wool. This included repayments of \$2,068,044 covering 11,638,839 pounds.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Morgan of Moline, Ill., and Harlan Boyce of Fairfield, Iowa, visited with Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Mason and Mr. and Mrs. Mark Boyce this week. They were enroute to Phoenix, Ariz. Mrs. Morgan and Mr. Boyce are sister and brother of Mrs. Mason and Mr. Boyce.

Christmas Cards at The Messenger.

NOTICE

STATE ENGINEER'S OFFICE Number of Application RA-1711

Santa Fe, New Mexico, December 12, 1938.

Notice is hereby given that on the 8th day of December, 1938, in accordance with Chapter 131 of the Session Laws of 1931, The Hagerman Irrigation Company of Hagerman, County of Chaves, State of New Mexico, made application to the State Engineer of New Mexico for a Permit to Change Location of Wells, involving an appropriation of 2,000 gallons of water per minute, said change in location of wells to be effected by changing from wells now used by Southwestern Public Service Company, being wells numbered RA-499, RA-500, RA-501 and RA-502, which wells now empty into the Hondo River in NW 1/4 NW 1/4 NE 1/4 of Sec. 4, T. 10 S., R. 24 E., N. M. P. M. to a point in the SE 1/4 SE 1/4 SE 1/4 of Sec. 8, T. 11 S., R. 25 E., N. M. P. M., by the drilling of a well 12 1/2 inches in diameter and approximately 600 feet in depth, within the subdivision of Sec. 8 as given hereinabove.

This application is not for a new appropriation of water but merely for the purpose of changing location of wells as stated hereinbefore.

Any person, association or corporation deeming that the granting of the above application will be truly detrimental to their rights in the waters of said underground source may file a complete sworn statement of their objections substantiated by affidavits with the State Engineer and file proof of service of a copy thereof upon the applicant within ten days after the date of the last publication of this notice. The date set for the State Engineer to take this consideration up for final consideration unless protested is the 21st day of January, 1939.

THOMAS M. McCLURE, State Engineer. 50-3t-52

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

U. S. LAND OFFICE at Las Cruces, New Mexico, November 10, 1938.

NOTICE is hereby given that Chalmers O. Holloway, of Hagerman, New Mexico, who, on September 28, 1934, made Homestead Entry No. 050418, for E 1/4 SE 1/4, SW 1/4 SE 1/4, Section 10; SW 1/4 NW 1/4, W 1/2 SW 1/4, Section 11; W 1/2 NW 1/4, Section 14; N 1/4, Section 15, Township 14 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, New Mexico, on the 29th day of December, 1938.

Claimant names at witnesses: Giles Barron, Weatherston S. Greer, Mark Dockery, Lester Hinrichsen, all of Hagerman, New Mexico. PAUL A. ROACH, Register. 46-5t-50

THE CHURCHES

NAZARENE CHURCH

Rev. P. B. Wallace, pastor. Sunday school 9:45 a. m. Oscar Kiper, superintendent. Morning service, 11 a. m. N. Y. P. S., 6:45 p. m. Evening service, 7:45 p. m.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Tuesday evening Bible study. Thursday evening prayer meeting. Rev. Emery C. Fritz, pastor. J. E. Wimberly, Sunday school superintendent. Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. Christian Endeavor, 7 p. m. Missionary Society meets every second Monday, 2:30 p. m.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

C. A. Strickland, pastor. Oliver Thomas, superintendent. Sunday school, 10 a. m. Morning message, 11 a. m. Young people's service, 4 p. m. Evening service, 7 p. m. Come and you will find a hearty welcome.

BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. R. E. Harrison, pastor. W. F. Sadler, superintendent. Mrs. O. J. Ford, associate superintendent. R. M. Middleton, B. T. U. director. Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. Morning service, 11 a. m. B. T. U., 6:30. Evening service, 7:30.

METHODIST CHURCH

Arthur Shaw, Pastor. Sunday school 10 a. m. Morning worship 11 a. m. Epworth League 6:30 p. m. Evening worship 7:15 p. m. Mid-week service, Wednesday, 7:30 p. m. Choir practice, Thursday, 7:30 p. m.

Hagerman MESSENGER 10 Years Ago

The Dexter Presbyterian ladies held a bazaar Friday afternoon. They sold many beautiful Christmas presents. The proceeds of this will go toward the erection of the new church.

A large crowd was present at the Dexter glee club operetta Friday evening, which was very successful. Miss Alma Thompson, the director, deserves a word of praise for the entire cast of characters. Their work was excellent.

Hagermanites Make Normal Team

Messrs. Ed Davis, Carl Holden, Arvil Whittenton and Wilmer Lyle, local boys, have been admitted to the 1928-29 basket ball squad of the New Mexico Teachers College. Other young people registered at the college are Jack and Ruby West.

Two Hagerman children were bitten by a rabid dog last Sunday and are now under treatment for prevention of hydrophobia. One of the H. C. Babb's children and one of Mr. Burrell's children were playing with a dog belonging to them. Mr. Babb killed the dog and took its head to Roswell for examination, and it was pronounced infected with rabies. A real mad dog scare prevails now and many dogs have been killed and others inoculated against rabies.

W. P. Woodmas is on the sick list this week.

The Rev. C. C. Hill, of Roswell filled his regular appointment at the Christian Church of this city Sunday morning. His announcement was accidentally omitted from the columns of The Messenger, and for this reason, he says, his crowd was not as large as it should be.

Mrs. H. L. McKinstry was called to Knox City, Texas, last week by the death of the small niece, Ethel May Wilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Wilson. Dec. 8, 1928

Dear Santa Claus: As it is almost Xmas, I am sure looking for you, Santa, and I know you want to know what I want. I want a pair of skates and a coaster wagon, and of course a lot of fruit. You know all little boys like fruit.

So Santa Claus, please do not disappoint me on Xmas Eve night. I am looking for you! Your little friend, M. C. Owens.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Carter and son Elwood, of Spokane, Wash., left Tuesday morning to continue their trip. They plan to go to Phoenix, Ariz., where they will visit Mrs. Mattie T. Willoughby. Mr. and Mrs. Carter visited Dr. H. T. Willoughby while in Hagerman.

People and Spots in the Late News



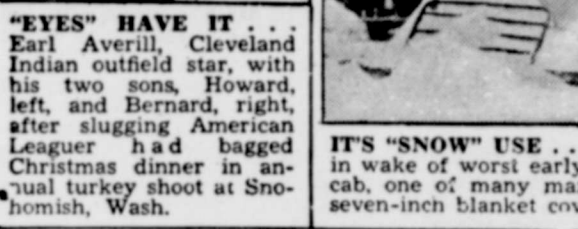
WE SCOTCH GIFT... Auld Scotland contributed inspiration for this smart beret and cape of gay plaid, with torsade in brown and yellow tulle, which won acclaim of American and Parisian fashion designers.



"SHOPPING EARLY" . . . Shirley Temple, Hollywood's No. 1 box-office attraction, tugged Santa's whiskers and flashed one of screen's best known smiles, as she put in her Christmas requests.



HIDDEN TAX PLAY . . . Margaret Brown, pretty coed studying economics, found in research in Chicago headquarters of National Consumers Tax Commission, that 103 hidden taxes—state, local and national—boost cost of footballs ten percent. Average university buys 100 footballs in season, she learned.



"EYES" HAVE IT . . . Earl Averill, Cleveland Indian outfield star, with his two sons, Howard, left, and Bernard, right, after slugging American Leaguer had bagged Christmas dinner in annual turkey shoot at Snohomish, Wash.

Fencing for Profit

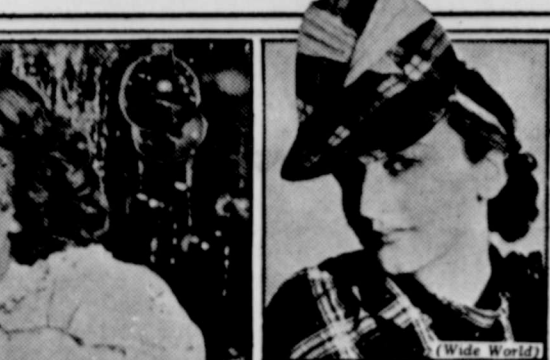
By T. C. RICHARDSON, Secretary Breeder-Feeder Association

Fence (of the right kind) is productive equipment; as much so as a planter or cultivator. Pasture is a crop to be harvested or sold; as much so as wheat or cotton. Often a crop may be a good pasture after its primary yield has been taken away; its residue becomes a cash crop also when livestock turn it into meat, milk, or wool. Fence, of the right kind, in the right place, is an investment which livestock cannot be employed to harvest grass and crop residues, and which therefore goes to waste literally by the thousands of tons in the Southwest every year.

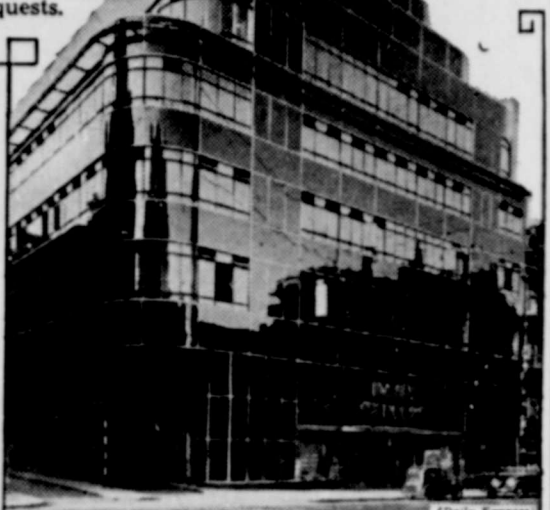
It would be some justification for not grazing them were this vegetation turned under to enrich the soil, but rank growths are hard to handle and they usually wind up in the bonfire, after spending a great deal of labor in cutting and raking. Cattle and sheep will pay well for the privilege of gathering such waste growths, and will leave most of the fertility on the land. How much easier and less expensive in the long run to fence the fields and let the critters do the job!

A fence of the right kind will hold all kinds of domestic animals—hogs, sheep, cattle and horses. That kind of fence costs little more than one for cattle and horses only, and hogs or sheep will pay the difference. The other day I saw dairy cattle, hogs, goats and geese thriving together on an East Texas pasture. In summer the geese are transferred to the cotton patch where they keep Bermuda grass down. The fence which confines them to the job probably cost no more than one year's hiring of hoe hands.

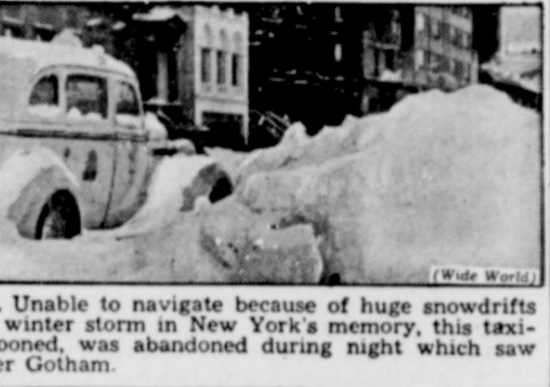
Hedley Attaway makes his fences pay dividends. Instead of a narrow lane to be trampled into barren ruts, he turned a part of his fields into grass, making a wide, grassy passage from barnyard to the main pasture. The cattle graze back and forth, there is no wasted land, and no crowding to break down fences and wear down deep trails. His farm is smaller than the average for his county, yet he made 3 bales of cotton more than the average farm (six bales is the



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SETS RECORD . . . London Daily Express, great British newspaper, now claims world circulation record with daily total of 2,520,205 copies since Munich crisis. Photo shows Express' new plant, known as "Black Glass House." Using vitrolite glass facing for imperviousness to peculiarly destructive atmospheric conditions of London, and wide, double-glazed windows to permit unusual sun and light, building is cited at latest in industrial architecture.



ITS "SNOW" USE . . . Unable to navigate because of huge snowdrifts in wake of worst early winter storm in New York's memory, this taxicab, one of many marooned, was abandoned during night which saw seven-inch blanket cover Gotham.

Reindeer of Santa Claus May Be Put Under Care of U. S.

Santa Claus may find his Yuletide jaunts under federal regulation soon, for the government is preparing to take over the reindeer business. A commission appointed by Congress was sent to the Far North to survey the vast reindeer herds of the Arctic with a view to government purchase of all deer not owned by natives.

The industry's size is uncertain, because of native unconcern over definite figures and because of infrequent roundups on the sparsely settled ranges. Estimates of total reindeer in Alaska ranged from 400,000 to 1,500,000. Action of Congress in buying deer cold storage and butchering plants may depend upon the commission's recommendation. Eskimo and government leaders said the purchase would aid natives in maintaining food and clothing supplies, so Congress enacted the purchase bill last year and authorized but did not appropriate \$2,000,000. If the deer were bought, private companies would go out of business.

Reindeer—actually domesticated caribou—first were brought to Alaska from Siberia in 1891. Later Lapps were brought there to teach the Alaskans reindeer husbandry. The industry is plagued by natural hazards and handicapped by disinclination of natives to accept a pastoral life.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Thompson of Carlsbad announce the birth of a son, Dec. 6, at St. Francis Hospital in Carlsbad. The little man has been named James Robert and will be called Jimmy, after his grandfather, Jim Williamson. The friends of Mrs. Thompson will remember her as Mary Williamson. Mother and baby are doing well.

Among Hagerman shoppers in Roswell on Tuesday were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sweatt, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Paddock, Mrs. Elwood Watford, Mrs. Alan Hanson, Mrs. E. A. White, Mesdames F. W. Sadler and O. J. Ford, Mrs. J. E. Wimberly, Mesdames John Clark, Perry Andrus and Lazelle Huckabee, and Donald Lee Newsom.

Christmas Cards at The Messenger.

LOCALS

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Burns attended to business in Artesia Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Lawing and Bertha Mae attended the show in Artesia last Sunday afternoon and had supper with Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Baker.

Mr. and Mrs. Dee Sprayberry and daughter, Geraldine, Mrs. Jim Rhodes and daughter, Dorothy, attended the show in Roswell Sunday.

Mrs. Charles Michelet, Mrs. Jim Williamson and Mrs. Bert Bailey visited Mrs. Robert Thompson and young son, James, at St. Francis Hospital in Carlsbad Wednesday.

Miss Esther James, Mrs. Arthur Shaw and Mrs. Flora West left Monday morning to attend a missionary zone meeting in Kernit, Tex.

Friends of Miss Ida Langenegger will be pleased to hear that she has received her license for practice in cosmetology. She has been attending Bailey's School of Beauty Culture in Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Carter and son, Dr. H. T. Willoughby, Miss Ida Langenegger and Stenson Andrus went to the Bottomless Lakes, east of Roswell Sunday. They all attended the show in Roswell later.

Dr. H. T. Willoughby, Miss Ida Langenegger, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Carter and son Elwood visited the Carlsbad Caverns Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Carter and son are visiting Dr. Willoughby.

Spurgeon Wiggins and Max Wiggins recently bought all the cows belonging to Charles Michelet, and plan to pasture them on the Adam Zimmerman ranch for several weeks.

Mrs. W. P. Woodmas was a guest on Wednesday night at the Eastern Star, and visited over night with Mrs. Blanche Hughes. Mrs. Woodmas is visiting her daughter and family in Roswell, Mr. and Mrs. Van Sweatt.

Among those who attended the show in Artesia Tuesday night were Mr. and Mrs. Dub Andrus, Miss Jessie George, Miss Almaretta Growden, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Andrus, Mr. and Mrs. John Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Medlin and Mrs. Lula Heick.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Losey and Miss Mayre Losey were guests on Tuesday evening in Roswell of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Childers at dinner. Other guests were Norris Broadus, banker of Kansas City and Mr. and Mrs. Claud Hobbs of the First National Bank of Roswell.

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Enid Porter, Winner of State Style Revue, Tells About Trip to Chicago

Enid Porter of Otis, who represented New Mexico at the National Club Congress in Chicago Nov. 25 through Dec. 4 as the first place winner in the state style revue at the state 4-H Club encampment at State College, has written of her experiences under the caption, "My Trip to Chicago."

Her story follows: Nov. 23, 1938, Miss Ruby Adams, county demonstration agent of Colfax County, and seven boys and girls left Clovis for Chicago. The boys and girls worked hard and deserved the trip. We had never been to a large city and we were all so thrilled to even think of going. Very few of us had ever ridden on a train so we were thrilled over our ride too.

Our meals on the train were very swank with all of the different forks and the finger-bowl on the side. Sunday, Nov. 27, we went to a special worship in the Gold Room of the Congress Hotel at 10 o'clock and in the afternoon we took a forty-five-mile tour of Chicago and saw the following things: "Father Time," the University of Chicago, Chapel, China and colored town, Ghetto, the loop, Lincoln Park, Washington Park and many other interesting things about the city of Chicago.

We went to the Mediah Temple and were the guests of Thomas E. Wilson at a large banquet and floor show. This was thoroughly enjoyed by all the delegates. The girls were taken to the Planetarium where we lived several years in an hour. We learned many interesting things about the moon, sun, stars and planets and we saw the Northern lights, which were gorgeous. We had never seen the Northern lights before and the room went up in a roar, we thought they were so beautiful.

The girls were then taken to Field Museum of Natural History. Since we were rushed for time we didn't stay very long. What we did see of the museum was most interesting and educational.

Montgomery Ward & Company gave the girls a banquet at the Edgewater Beach Hotel and gave us a pair of scissors as souvenirs.

The Annual Banquet of the 19th National 4-H Club Congress was in the Grand Ballroom of the Stevens Hotel. Dancing and a floor show were enjoyed by all.

Wednesday we went to the plants of the International Harvester Company, where we saw the making of machinery in the process. They gave us our lunch and later there was a floor show. We were all presented with flashlights for souvenirs.

In the afternoon there was a horse show out at the Livestock Exposition, where we saw the most valuable breeds of horses. The style revue was held that night at the Trionon, where I was presented with a white ribbon, of which I am very proud.

Thursday, Dec. 1, the girls were taken to the Chicago Mail Order Company where we were their guests for breakfast. Afterwards a style revue was given under the direction of Miss Jane Alden. Four-H pencils were given to us with Miss Alden's name on them.

We went to the Art Institute and saw some very interesting things there.

Thursday noon we were the guests of Sears, Roebuck & Company at the Stevens Hotel and gold charms were given to us.

The New Mexico group went to the Acquarium and saw many, many kinds of fish which were most unusual.

Saturday morning at 10 o'clock the New Mexico group started home and arrived in Clovis at 2:45. Here we took different trains for the rest of the way home. I arrived at 8:30 p. m.

I think that every boy and girl should be able to take this wonderful trip, for you learn so many things about city life and the wonderful buildings and what are in the buildings. The trip is really worth a year's schooling. If a boy or girl does get the trip it is his duty to return home and tell the other boys and girls about the trip so that others might be inspired to work keeping better records, improve on their quality of work, try to win the trip themselves.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles King, Norma Jo and Wilva Jean visited Mr. and Mrs. Garland Stuart and baby of Artesia Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Carter and son Elwood, of Spokane, Wash., visited Dr. H. T. Willoughby this week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Tulk, Bernice, Anna Bell, J. W. Tulk, Louie Heick and J. W. Langenegger were among Roswell visitors as Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Langenegger made a business trip to Eunice Tuesday, returning home Wednesday.

Nicholas Gardner and James Harris of Denver, Colo., transacted business in Hagerman Monday morning.

WORLD NEWS In BRIEF FORM

From Near and Far, Some Timely, Some of Human Interest

If the Russian Soviet government is interested, there is a surplus of diapers at Rockford, Ill. Recent dispatches from Moscow told of a diaper shortage. Supervisor Melvin C. Smith said that unless the WPA sewing project stops making diapers Rockford township will not sponsor the work after Dec. 10. He said he had more than 10,000 diapers on hand and every baby in a relief family was already well supplied.

Duty is duty to Federal Game Warden James Gerow—and he's always wary of any kickbacks. Gerow, leaving a courthouse in Oregon where a hunter he had arrested for shooting ducks after hours was fined \$17, complained of a toothache. The hunter beamed. "That so?" he said, "just step right this way to my office. I'm a dentist." Gerow departed hastily in the opposite direction.

Down went the lever on the little red box on the street corner at Sacramento. Six fire engines roared up. No fire. Perched on a toy wagon and holding their hands up toward the alarm box were Don Syfestad, 3, and Peggy Berg, 2. "What are you kids up to?" demanded an angry fire chief. "Wait-in' for our chemin' dum," replied the surprised youngsters.

The motorman at Louisville, Ky., surprised when a woman boarded his street car, bought six tokens and dumped them all into the box. She explained that her daughter, just past five, had been riding street cars free. The mother said she had learned fares were expected of children more than five years old, and that she "couldn't rest" until she had reimbursed the company.

The Postoffice Department's parcel post business grew from \$2,100,000 in 1913 to \$140,000,000 in 1938.

Paul Sifton, deputy wage-hour administrator, cautioned employers in a statement against "winking" at unrecorded overtime work by their employees. "If an employee is allowed to work overtime even though without express official authority," he said, "the hours so spent must be taken into account." If no record of such hours is kept on the pretext that no express official authority had been given, he added, the employer will be violating the law.

Development of waterholes in the Kofa Mountains of Arizona, as the first step toward restoration of the rapidly disappearing Gailard bighorn sheep, was started by the Department of Interior this week with a special Civilian Conservation Corps unit of twenty Indians, National Park Service officials said. Arrangements for the unit, from the Papago Indian reservation, were made by Secretary of Interior Ickes.

A month ago a pay telephone was installed in a girls' dormitory at Alma College, Alma, Mich. When a collector opened the coin box for the first time out rolled 99 pennies, 47 slugs—and four nickels.

The high school play "Mountain Mumps" has been postponed at Bellevue, Ida., when an epidemic of mumps hit the mountain town.

A burglar robbed Mrs. J.F. Hamilton, treasurer of Roseway Community Church at Astoria, Ore., but kept her books in balance. She had posted an \$18.70 entry in the church ledger. The burglar took the money—and erased the entry.

The millennium must be at hand. The Western Union Telegraph Company ventured that opinion in announcing receipt of a "conscience letter" from a boy who enclosed 15 cents in stamps in payment for an insulator he broke on one of the concern's lines. It was the first such compensation, the firm stated, for any of the 20,000,000 destroyed during the last 60 years by folks who pegged rocks and fired bullets at the glass caps.

Seven hundred two persons lost their drivers' licenses during the ten-month period which ended Dec. 1, Ray Hall, director of the license bureau, announced. He said 142,411 licenses were issued for 1938. Holders of the cards were involved in 2,274 automobile accidents in the ten-month period, and licenses of 702 were revoked or suspended. Statistics for the eight-month period ending Oct. 1 showed 109 traffic fatalities in the state, a 29 per cent reduction under the figure for the corresponding 1937 period.

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Thirty-Two Oil and Gas Leases Sell for More Than Hundred Thousand Dollars

Thirty-two oil and gas leases were sold Saturday at Santa Fe through the office of the commissioner of public lands at the monthly sale out of forty offered. They brought a total of \$101,813.88. The tracts, successful bidders and prices paid for leases were: Tract 1—240 acres in 16-3-36, 32-3-37, 36-4-36 and 16-8-34, Skelley Oil Co., Tulsa, \$307.17. Tract 2—320 acres in 4-10-36, 7-12-32, 16-16-30 and 20-16-32, Roy G. Barton, Hobbs, \$128.75.

Tract 3—480 acres in 16-11-37, 14 and 36-13-37; 34-14-34 and 16-14-36, Shell Petroleum Corp., Houston, \$2,601.

Tract 4—840 acres in 16, 17, 22 and 33-12-36, Rolph Gallinger, Hobbs, \$217.

Tract 5—200 acres in 10-13-36 and 16-14-38, Roy G. Barton, \$121.66. Tract 6—320 acres in 34-14-34, Two States Oil Co., Roswell, \$720.

Tract 7—440 acres in 12, 24, 27 and 32-17-28, 8 and 20-17-29; 19-16-33 and 16-20-32, Ed W. Owen, San Antonio, \$937.

Tract 10—198.92 acres in 19-20-30, H. C. Wells, El Paso, \$100.

Tract 11—3,913.78 acres in 1, 5, 6, 12, 21 and 28-10-34; 3, 14, 23, 25, 29 and 30-11-34; 9, 12, 22, 31 and 35-12-34; 1, 4, 20, 22 and 24-10-35; 4, 11, 20, 22, 23 and 36-11-35; 1, 3, 15, 26, 29 and 33-12-35; 16 and 32-10-37; 3, 10, 22 and 30-14-34; 9-15-34; 3, 27 and 35-14-35; 16-9-37; 19-14-37; 9-14-38; 9, 21, 28 and 34-15-38; Continental Oil Co., Ponca City, Okla., \$12,223.

Tract 12—240 acres in 17 and 20-16-35, Shell, \$1,001.50.

Tract 14—313.36 acres in 1-16-35 and 6-16-36, The Ohio Oil Co., Casper, Wyo., \$491.97.

Tract 15—160 acres in 12-16-36, A. M. Lockhart, Long Beach, Calif., \$252.50.

Tract 16—240 acres in 25 and 32-16-36, Skelly, \$32,283.33.

Tract 17—80 acres in 21-16-37, Lockhart, \$252.50.

Tract 18—640 acres in 29 and 30-16-37, Dorothy Heard, Santa Fe, \$640.

Tract 19—459 acres in 31-16-37, Skelly, \$31,173.80.

Tract 20—440 acres in 32-16-37, Tide Water, \$3,176.67.

Tract 21—480 acres in 35-16-37, Tide Water, \$5,708.37.

Tract 22—171.64 acres in 6-16-39, 32-18-39 and 36-19-38, F. J. Danlagne, Lovington, \$564.

Tract 23—159.62 acres in 17-17-37 and 6 and 18-18-37, Cities Service Co., Bartlesville, Okla., \$3,305.

Tract 24—240 acres in 8 and 16-18-38, Gallinger, \$367.

Tract 25—320 acres in 32-18-39, Gallinger, \$387.

Tract 26—318.40 acres in 31 and 33-19-35, Heard, \$318.40.

Tract 27—907.06 acres in 7, 17, 18 and 20-21-33, D. C. De Vito, Midland, Tex., \$1,595.

Tract 28—239.76 acres in 34-21-34, 34-22-35, 19-24-34 and 30-24-34, P. H. Hawley, Los Angeles, \$239.76.

Tract 29—400 acres in 8, 25 and 28-21-34, Ohio, \$448.

Tract 30—160 acres in 32-21-35, Skelly, \$326.50.

Tract 31—156.21 acres in 19-22-35, W. E. Lee, El Paso, \$201.

Tract 32—320 acres in 33-22-35, Tide Water, \$320.

Tract 37—375.76 acres in 14 and 4-24-38, Gallinger, \$487.

Tract 40—320.54 acres in 6 and 30-25-38, Gallinger, \$517.

Tract 41—240 acres in 16 and 26-26-36, Gallinger, \$247.

The Rev. R. E. Harrison and family moved to the T. D. Deventer home Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. King left on Wednesday for Capitan to spend several days.

Miss Letha Green, Jack Conner, and Ed Boans attended the Junior play at Artesia Friday night.

Billy Jean Baker of Artesia spent last week end with Bertha Mae Lawing.

Mrs. R. B. Kline of Missouri, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. E. A. White, left last Saturday for Clovis to visit relatives.

Miss Eulalia Merchant and Mrs. Clarence King motored to Artesia this afternoon visiting and shopping.

Hagerman shoppers in Roswell on Monday were Mrs. L. W. Garner and John Garner, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Jenkins.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Paddock were Christmas shopping in Roswell Monday. Mr. Paddock also attended a county school board meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Andrus, Stenson, Lawrence Ray and Billy Jean visited Mrs. O. J. Andrus in Lovington Wednesday.

Mrs. John Langenegger, Mrs. W. D. Sterrett and Mrs. M. E. Hamilton returned from El Paso Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hanson, Mr. and Mrs. Bernice Barnett were among those attending the show in Roswell Sunday.

WHAT'S WHAT In NEW MEXICO

News Briefs of the "Sunshine State." Gleaned from Many Sources

The State Tax Commission has decided to retain the 1938 valuations on all classes of livestock and grazing lands, Chief Commissioner Paul B. Harris announced, on next year's tax rolls. Both cattle and sheepmen had asked for reductions at their recent hearing before the commission, on lands as well as stock.

A black sheep, it appears, isn't black. John Cooper, director of a sheep experimental laboratory on the Navajo Indian reservation at Fort Wingate advised the federal Indian bureau that a black sheep's wool is a gray shade and sometimes turns to brown in rugs.

As part of the day's inaugural program Jan. 2, a reception honoring Governor-elect and Mrs. John Miles will be held at the New Mexico Art Museum. In the receiving line will be Governor and Mrs. Miles and former governors Miguelo A. Otero, Santa Fe; A. T. Hannett and Merrit C. Mechem, Albuquerque; Richard C. Dillon, Encino; A. W. Rockenhurr, Clovis; James Hinkle, Roswell, and George Curry, Cutter.

Condemnation of 4,314 acres of land in Chaves County for the Bitter Lake Migratory Waterfowl Refuge project is sought in a suit filed in federal district court by the office of U. S. District Attorney Everett Grantham. J. J. Currie and 105 other landowners were named defendants in the action.

"How is Christmas observed on the deserts of New Mexico?" Director Joe Bursey of the State Tourist Bureau has been asked by a pupil of the Theodore Roosevelt Junior High School of Amsterdam, N. Y. The school is to be decorated to suggest a Christmas in the desert, she explained, asking Bursey for pictures and descriptive information.

State Game Warden Elliott Barker estimated the big game season's toll of 6,536 deer on the basis of reports from eight checking stations and seven patrolmen, which he believes to be representative. Of the 4,770 hunters checked out at the eight stations, 1,834 had bucks—a 38.45 per cent kill. The total number of nimrods in the field was approximately 17,000, said Barker, so, applying this percentage to the total, he arrived at his estimate of the season's total bag.

Arrangements to entertain Stephen S. Chadwick, national commander of the American Legion, are being made at Santa Fe. Commander Chadwick will visit in Santa Fe on Wednesday, Jan. 11, as part of his tour of posts throughout the country.

The next Pan-American conference is invited to Santa Fe, in a cablegram dispatched last week by Governor-elect John E. Miles, to Secretary of State Cordell Hull, head of the American delegation to the good-will conference in session at Lima, Peru. Miles suggests that the next conference be held there during the Coronado Cuarto Centennial exposition, in a background of Spanish culture centuries old and where the people are not only sympathetic to the aims of the delegates but also speak a common language.

November Relief Bill in Eddy Is Total of \$1,600

The November relief bill in Eddy County was about \$1,600 to 146 families, Mrs. Charlee Donaldson, supervisor, announced.

Of the amount, about \$1,000 was in relief and \$600 in food and clothing.

The figure shows a drastic reduction in both cash and commodity allowances from previous monthly reports.

Mrs. Donaldson said twenty-five families have one or more children under 16 years old and receive the aid to dependent children grant.

Old age assistance checks go to 51 families which have members of more than 65 years.

Checks to aid the needy blind go to four other families.

The other 67 families receive direct relief from the office. All eligible for grants are eligible for commodities which supplement the checks, the supervisor pointed out.

Eddy Boy Third in State 4-H Contest

Richard Birchell, Eddy County 4-H Club member, placed second in the annual agronomy-livestock contest of the New Mexico Improvement Association and the Eastern New Mexico Livestock Association, in which the three 4-H Club girls or boys in the state are chosen who produced crops of feed and fed it to beef calves with the best and most economical results.

His prize was \$15 in cash. Billy Gaskill of Luna County won \$25 for first place and Vernon Hall, Harding County, \$10, for third.

Young Birchell has been interested in a general agricultural program ever since he first enrolled in 4-H Club work. His two main projects are beef calf and hegarri in which he can show good records. He has been feeding the hegarri to his calf for some time and intends to exhibit the calf at the El Paso show.

PHILLIPS DEALERS MEET IN AMARILLO

V. D. Bolton, Phillips 66 agent here, and six of his dealers attended a meeting in Amarillo Saturday of Phillips representatives. An estimated 650 men were there.

Besides Mr. Bolton, those going from here were O. A. and Clarence Pearson, B. A. Gray, W. L. Fulton, Jim B. Moutray and Eddie Manthei.

Mrs. Bob Conley of Roswell visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Andrus Sunday.

All bus drivers for Hagerman buses attended a meeting for bus drivers in Roswell Saturday.

Dr. and Mrs. Condit, Miss Dean and Julius were among Roswell visitors Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Truitt transacted business and shopped in Roswell on Monday.

A thief broke into the automobile of the Rev. F. O. Polston and took a brief case containing 800 copies of a sermon entitled "How to Win a Soul" at Portales.

"Buy American Made" advertisement with stylized text.

CORONA 1939 Speedline Models advertisement featuring a typewriter and descriptive text.

THE HAGERMAN MESSENGER Hagerman, New Mexico Phone 17

Nation's Toy Bill to Total \$183,750,000; Most to Be Marked "Made in America"

It is predicted \$183,750,000 will be spent on toys this year for Christmas, about 5 per cent more than last year. And more toys in Santa Claus' bag will be labeled "Made in America" than ever before.

Exhibitors in the merchandise mart and along Chicago's "novelty row" went through bills of lading for a check on the prospective Yuletide business. They have been distributing toys among retail merchants throughout the country since summer and were in touch with other major novelty markets as well. Through their hands have gone the millions of items which deck glittering toy stores in every state.

The array around American Christmas trees this year, including toys, will cost each family an average of \$62.50, according to a survey by the National Consumers' Tax Commission. The commission said retail sources predict a total Christmas business approaching \$2,000,000,000.

Merchants were expected to add between 250,000 and 300,000 persons to payrolls during the holiday rush, the commission estimated, and the turnover should raise total 1938 sales for the year to at least last year's volume of nearly \$40,000,000,000.

The keynote of 1938 toy business is "modernization," said exhibitors. The rag doll and wooden cart of 20 years ago have been transformed into babies that do everything except think, and streamlined vehicles with bumpers designed to spare the living room furniture.

The trend to gifts made in America is the case, the Commerce Department disclosed, both in the United States and elsewhere in a world where munitions plants are literally crowding out toy manufacturers. Here foreign toys will amount to less than 5 per cent of the total.

Japan, for instance, has shipped to the United States and other countries only about half as many toys as last year. The department said the principal reason for the decline was the requisitioning of raw materials for military purposes.

Before the World War, foreign toys—particularly German—were familiar participants in American Christmas activities, but now the United States is exporting nearly twice as many toys as she imports.

In the first 10 months of this year—a period covering the bulk of the Christmas imports—the United States bought \$1,361,000 worth of toys abroad, compared with \$2,784,000 in the same months last year.

As to the kinds of toys figuring in world trade, officials disclaim having much information, except for this report from the American commercial attache in Tokyo.

"Toys manufactured for the lo-

cal trade (in Japan) do not conform in either design or color to the requirements of the foreign markets. Many of the gadgets are little mechanical Japanese soldiers, or other war equipment intended to arouse the patriotic fervor of the younger generation."

Miss Jessie George and Miss Al-marettta Growden shopped in Roswell Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. King returned Friday from a business and pleasure trip in Texas and Oklahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Sterrett of East Grand Plains visited in Hagerman Sunday.

Dub Hardin and Miss Bernice Tulk attended the show in Roswell Sunday.

Messenger Want Ads Get Results

AISLES OF GIFTS advertisement for Pecos Valley Drug Co. featuring illustrations of various gift items.

YOU CAN GET GIFTS FOR Everyone

Consider this man and his wants. He's an average fellow who likes the same things that other men like. We had him in mind when we stocked such Xmas gifts as electric razors, Philco radios, sporting goods and literally hundreds of other items ranging from low to luxury prices.

Consider his wife, who likes nice things, too. We considered her well, searched the market places of the world to find for her the type of gift that would stamp the giver as a thoughtful, discriminating person—whether that giver wanted to spend a dollar or a hundred.

Their daughter keeps pace with the times. She knows what's new and good. You can't fool her with a last year's gift. She likes novelty and freshness, individuality and charm. We can fill the bill for her, too, at your price.

Their son is a boy who gets around and is a bit fussy about presents. But you can let him look the gift horse right squarely in the mouth if it comes from our selection. You see, we know this boy and a lot more like him. We know what they want—and that's what we've stocked.

You might think Aunt Julia'd be a problem—and she would be if you shopped at most stores. But we have a few aunts, too, and we talked things over with them before we did our Christmas buying. They nodded enthusiastic approval when they saw what we're suggesting for them and others like them.

And For the Youngsters . . . The Best and Biggest Selection of TOYS Yet!

MABIE-LOWREY HARDWARE CO. Roswell, New Mexico

Color Harmony Easy to Obtain In Small Home

By BETTY WELLS

"WE'RE informal folks," writes Jean P., "and we lead a jolly life with lots of hurry-up snack parties and excursions on the spur of the moment. So we've chosen maple furniture because it seems to suit us best. Now the problem is to plan our home on a small allowance. We have purchased so far a large easy chair and settee with a maple frame and green plaid cushions, a cricket chair in a green calico pattern with maple arms and legs, a secretary and a maple lamp. I'd like a color scheme for walls, lamp shades, rugs.

"I'm also furnishing the bedroom and dining room, and they should blend with the living room since all open together. I have a walnut table (inherited from my grandmother), an unpainted stand for the radio and another odd piece to paint. I have beautiful china and silver from my family.

"I have to do all this on a very small budget and am too inexperienced to do it alone. If I had a plan I could carry it through. I want the effect to be comfortable and not crowded."



We're informal folks.

Why not have the walls of the living room and dining room in pale green with light green plain rugs throughout. The bedroom walls I'd have in white, but I'd like to see the light green rug here too—have white sheer curtains in all the rooms with draperies for living room and dining room of terra cotta tint in a colonial sprig design. In the living room introduce accents of terra cotta in lamps and accessories and add notes of beige in extra cushions. In the bedroom have garden flowered chintz for spread and draperies.

In the dining room, play up your beautiful silver and china. Have open shelves—maybe your husband could build them and paint them to match the walls. Since you have the walnut table to begin, I'd add walnut chairs of simple Nineteenth century lines with beige seats. Later perhaps you can add an open shelf cupboard of walnut. Paint the odd pieces in green the color of the rugs.

So much soft light greens in the room will create a very restful uncrowded effect. And keeping your rugs the same will make it much easier to fit them into another larger place later.

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FIND MISSING HEIR



Sydney E. Martin Jr., 26-year-old heir to two Philadelphia fortunes, who had been missing for several weeks, was found in Richmond, Va. The youth, whose disappearance after a visit to a Philadelphia night club evoked expressions of grave concern from his family, had been employed under his own name as a salesman for a local electrical concern. He was discovered by a detective agency employed by the Martin family.

Stork Holland's Sacred Bird
The stork is Holland's sacred bird who keeps down the population of toads and frogs common to such a country. Formerly no Holland city was without its stork colony.

Father and Son Attend College Together



Cecil (left) and Carrol Lowe, his son, are both students at McKendree college in Lebanon, Ill. The father, formerly a farmer and now a Methodist minister, had only a grammar school education in his youth. Desirous of further education, he began an eight-year high school correspondence course which he completed two years ago. Now the 40-year-old father of seven children is a junior at the college where his son is a freshman.

WIFE STORIES FOR BEDTIME

by Thornton W. Burgess

DANNY HUNTS FOR LITTLE MISS NANNY

DANNY MEADOW MOUSE never before in all his life had felt so bashful as when at last he stood on the doorstep of the house of little Miss Nanny Meadow Mouse. He hoped she would be glad to see him and he was afraid she wouldn't. He just knew that he wouldn't be able to think of a thing to say. The truth is Danny was in love. He had been in love ever since he first saw little Miss Nanny a day or two before. But she might not fall in love with him. It was a dreadful thought because he felt that he could never be happy again if she didn't. Perhaps there was someone else she cared for. The very idea made Danny grind his teeth and long to fight again as he had just been fighting.

How still it was inside! Danny fidgeted about uneasily. Then he peeped inside, which is a perfectly proper thing to do in Meadow Mouse society. The house was empty! Little Miss Nanny wasn't there at all!



Just when he was quite tired out and almost discouraged he saw little Miss Nanny sitting with her back toward him.

He followed it eagerly, for that is the way of little meadow people. It led him straight to a big grassy tussock. The long grass hung over all around. Danny peeped under. It seemed to him that he saw just the tip of a fascinating little tail disappear on the other side of the tussock. Danny started after it eagerly and as fast as he could run. Sometimes he thought he heard little footsteps ahead of him. Round and round that grassy tussock he ran, but though he could run pretty fast for a Meadow Mouse he didn't even catch another glimpse of that fascinating tail. It was quite plain

to see that little Miss Nanny could run quite as fast as he could. Then he had a bright idea. Any way it seemed like a bright idea to him. He would run the other way, and then he would be sure to meet her. So Danny turned around and started round the grassy tussock just the opposite way from which he had been going and his heart beat very fast with excitement, for now surely he must catch little Miss Nanny. But he didn't! No, sir, he didn't! He went clear around that grassy tussock without seeing a sign of little Miss Nanny. He was so disappointed and vexed that he could have cried but for the fact that he had outgrown his cry-baby days. It was very plain to be seen that little Miss Nanny was quite as clever and smart as he, and the more he realized this the more he knew that he just must have her.

This time he walked around very slowly, sniffing, and sniffing. Ha! There was that faint scent and it led off down a private little path. Danny began to run once more. This time it led to an old brush pile and under this were little galleries in all directions. Danny heard a faint rustle in one of them and off he started in that direction. Then began such a game of hide-and-seek as he never had played in all his life. Dozens of times he was sure that at last he had caught up with little Miss Nanny, only to be disappointed. He began to almost hate that brush pile. And then, just when he was quite tired out and almost discouraged, he saw little Miss Nanny sitting with her back to him and looking out under the old brush pile quite as if she didn't know that he was anywhere about.

Nuts to You! Wisecrack

Authoried 165 Years Ago

BUFFALO, N. Y.—"Nuts to Jonathan," snapped a peevish character created by Arthur John Byrom 165 years ago, and thereby was born that modern wisecrack "nuts to you." University of Buffalo librarians have found that Sir Walter Scott used "Tell it to the marines" 108 years ago.

The origins of these and 148 other snappy comebacks in Twentieth century usage went on exhibition recently at the university in the form of marked first editions in which they first appeared in print.

SEA VOYAGE ENDS



Frank E. Clark, 54-year-old English-American sailor, docks in Savannah, Ga., after a thrilling solo voyage from England in a second-hand 30-foot fishing boat. The voyage took three months, with Clark running through one hurricane.

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Cleveland Man Invents Device For Air Combat

'Idea Man' Proposes Novel Plan to Revolutionize Sky Fighting.

CLEVELAND.—Harry Rubin, 25 years old, idea man, is at it again with an invention which he thinks will revolutionize air combat.

Rubin, whose ideas have been astonishing Clevelanders for nine years, thinks his latest to be a "natural."

"It's simple," said Rubin, who once was an amateur pilot, "when an enemy plane is behind you—on your tail, the pilots call it—it is just too bad. But with my idea you have him where you want him, because all you need to do is turn a valve, spray the enemy with acid and he's down."

The invention, he explained, merely is a glass acid tank, from which the acid is forced by the exhaustive pressure. Caught in the propeller blast, the acid is thrown over the enemy plane, destroying the wings, wires and possibly the pilot.

Hopes to Interest Army. Harry said that J. J. Matwig of the department of commerce was to have recommended the idea to the secretary of war.

"Meanwhile, I'm working on my powder ice, getting ready to market it," Rubin said. According to the inventor, who in 1933 won first prize at the Inventors' congress with a refrigerator he called "canned ice," his powder ice is a mixture of three chemicals, which is not cold, but when added to a liquid, chills it.

One spoonful to a glass of water at faucet temperature cools it to freezing. Add more powder and a cold slush is formed, although it never freezes solid.

"Funny thing about it," Harry said, "if I add a fourth chemical to the mixture, it generates heat when added to a liquid."

Rubin quit school at 16—at his teacher's suggestion after a burglar alarm he was inventing went off, by mistake, in history class.

Excavators of Pompeii Discover Sign of Cross

ROME.—The question of whether Christianity was ever professed in ancient Pompeii is about to be solved, according to information obtained from high authorities of the management of Ancient Arts and Monuments in Rome.

Historians and religious scholars have tried to determine if Christianity, which had already been introduced in imperial Rome, had reached Pompeii, the city destroyed under the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79 A. D.

During excavation work in Pompeii recently workmen discovered the clear impress of a Christian cross on the corridor of an ancient villa.

Professor Amedeo Majuri, superintendent of ancient art, was summoned. Under his guidance excavation was continued cautiously until the wall of the corridor was brought to light. The sign of the cross was unmistakable and distinct.

Majuri declares that the presence of the cross leaves no doubt that only 79 years after the death of Christ, His gospel was already being preached in Pompeii.

WHISTLING CHAMPION



Arlene Lomas, four-year-old New York city miss, is the winner of a gold medal and the champion of the city's whistlers under eight years of age. She won the title at the city's first annual whistling contest sponsored by the department of parks.

WHAT to EAT and WHY

C. Houston Goudiss Counsels Wise Eating During the Holiday Season

By C. HOUSTON GOUDISS

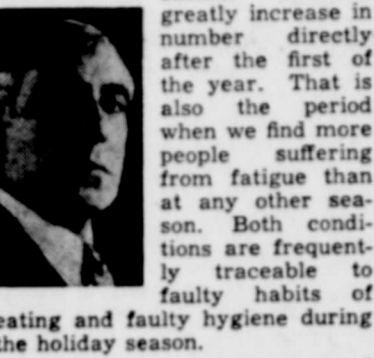
THE advent of the holiday season marks the beginning of one of the most difficult periods of the entire year for the homemaker.

To begin with, she is busied with the hundred and one details of Christmas shopping, the planning of holiday entertainments . . . and the preparation of extra food for parties.

Secondly, the health and comfort of every member of the family depend to a considerable degree upon how they eat and what foods she serves during the weeks between now and January first.

Guard Against Lowered Resistance

Unfortunately, statistics show that the common cold and other similar ailments



greatly increase in number directly after the first of the year. That is also the period when we find more people suffering from fatigue than at any other season. Both conditions are frequently traceable to faulty habits of eating and faulty hygiene during the holiday season.

The person who is forewarned is usually forearmed. Therefore, every homemaker who has the interests of her family at heart should plan, now, to arrange activities so that strain and fatigue will be reduced to a minimum. And more specifically, she should see to it that she formulates a sound eating program. Far too many people, at this season of the year, suffer the ill effects of lowered resistance brought about by unwise eating and by over-eating.

Overeating of a poorly chosen diet is inadvisable at any time because it tends to overburden the digestive system. But it is particularly undesirable during the winter season when almost everyone tends to stay too long indoors, frequently in overheated rooms, and to take too little outdoor exercise.

Regularly in eating a carefully balanced diet, containing sufficient bulky foods to help promote regular health habits, is of the utmost importance if resistance is to be maintained at a high peak during the holiday season.

Keeping Body Machinery Efficient

One should always remember that the body is a machine working as regularly and as accurately as a clock. Any good mechanic knows that a fine mechanism requires the same type of care day in and day out. Homemakers, too, should remember that the body does not function differently just because we celebrate a holiday with age-old customs. Thus, to keep every member of the family well and rested, try not to allow the holiday celebrations to upset the ordinary routine of your household.

Late breakfasts, heavy dinners, and suppers taken at odd hours

do not constitute the best possible menu-planning. The unfortunate over-emphasis on rich foods on special occasions may easily result in digestive disturbance, unless great care is taken to avoid dietetic indiscretions, and to maintain always the ideal of a balanced ration.

Child's Diet Especially Important

During the dark days of December, the children's diet requires extra thought and care. Too close confinement indoors and the lack of sunshine may easily have an adverse effect upon the temper and vitality of young children. Then, too, the excitement of anticipating Christmas is bound to add to their general fatigue.

Children seldom complain of fatigue, which makes it all the more necessary for mothers to be on guard against, or to look for, the first intimation that it may exist. A child who is tired is very apt to be irritable. More than likely his appetite will be poor, and when he does eat, he may not be able to care properly for the food he takes. You may find, if you allow him to become overtired or feed him unaccustomed foods, that it will be a struggle to get him to bed, and even then he may not sleep soundly. And it is generally recognized that disturbed sleep, plus unwise eating, may have most unfortunate consequences.

The Ideal Holiday Diet

Holiday or no holiday, both children and adults should have at least two fruits daily, one of which should be a citrus fruit or tomatoes, to help provide adequate vitamin C; there should be two vegetables besides potatoes, one of which should be of the green, leafy variety; an egg daily, or at least three or four weekly; a quart of milk for every child, and a pint for each adult.

If your meals are built on this foundation, there will be less room for the rich heavy foods which should only be taken in moderation, and after you have helped to satisfy the appetite with the protective foods. By making a point of eating generously of fruits and vegetables, and by including a crisp raw salad in the daily diet, you will be much more apt to consume sufficient bulk or cellulose to help maintain regular health habits.

Christmas Confections

We can scarcely speak of the holiday diet, particularly where children are concerned, without saying a word about Christmas confections and other goodies. These are a part of the holiday tradition. No homemaker would

wish to deprive her family of such pleasures, but it does devolve upon her to simplify the other meals in the day so that her children do not suffer when they eat a large holiday dinner.

Similarly, she should make it her responsibility to either prepare the special Christmas treats from ingredients which she knows to be pure and wholesome, or to purchase them from a reliable source. If these goodies are then given to children at the end of a well-balanced meal, and not indiscriminately between meals, there should not be the upset digestions that make Christmas a bugbear to some mothers instead of the joyous occasion it should be.

By following out these suggestions, you can help your family to enjoy the holidays without regret. You will feel fit and your good health will be the basis of good cheer.

Questions Answered

Mrs. S. M. B.—Your letter was the first of a large number I received on the subject and I am therefore answering you, though my reply is also directed to all the others who have inquired concerning a recent announcement that cereals might be harmful to the teeth.

I have seen reports on this subject by two investigators and I know that other investigators are now endeavoring to check their work. As soon as there is further progress to report, I shall be glad to comment.

In the meantime, I would not hesitate to follow the advice of leading nutritionists and give your children cereals, at least half of which may well be served in the whole grain form.

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ACTS FAST TO BRING RELIEF FROM COLDS

This Simple Way Eases Pain with Amazing Speed



1. To ease pain and 2. If throat is raw, discomfort and sore throat, take 2 Bayer Aspirin Tablets in 1/2 glass of water . . . gargle.

Use Genuine BAYER Aspirin—the Moment Your Cold Starts

The simple way pictured above often brings amazingly fast relief from discomfort and sore throat accompanying colds.

Try it. Then—see your doctor. He probably will tell you to continue with Bayer Aspirin because it acts so fast to relieve discomforts of a cold. And to reduce fever.

This simple way, backed by scientific authority, has largely supplanted the use of strong medicines in easing cold symptoms. Perhaps the easiest, most effective way yet discovered. But make sure you get genuine BAYER Aspirin.

15¢ FOR 12 TABLETS 2 FULL DOZEN 25¢

Deadly Excess Surfeit has killed many more men than famine.—Theognis.

QUESTION

Do Luden's do more than relieve?

ANSWER

Yes, their added alkaline factor helps build up your alkaline reserve.

LUDEN'S 5¢ MINTHOL COUGH DROPS

Bargains YES!

You find them announced in the columns of this paper by merchants of our community who do not feel they must keep the quality of their merchandise or their prices under cover. It is safe to buy of the merchant who ADVERTISES.

HISTORIC RAILROAD STATION FINALLY CLOSES DOORS

BALTIMORE, MD.—The 108-year-old Baltimore & Ohio station agency at Relay, Md., a few miles southwest of here, has closed its doors.

From the day in 1830 that the first station building was erected there until now, Relay has been a landmark in American railroad history. Standing on a high bank along the Patapsco river, during Colonial times its site overlooked the flourishing river port called Elkridge

Landing, a few miles north of Chesapeake bay. Indeed, until a devastating flood swept the valley in 1868, the river was still navigable from the bay to the landing, and a small tug hauled iron laden scows over the route several times a week. Meantime, however, the valley began to echo to the sharp toot of locomotive whistles.

Construction of the B & O, America's first commercial railroad, had been started in Baltimore in 1828. Within two years the rails reached out 13 miles to the famous mills at Ellicott's. Peter Cooper had already run his "Tom Thumb" locomotive over the stretch, but the young railroad still put its dependence on the "hay-burners"—or horses, and half way of the route it had stables where it put on fresh teams, or "relays." Hence the place became known as Relay and continued to be

an important point for interchange of traffic for many years.

Here began the building of "Latrobe's Folly" in the 1830s. Latrobe was chief engineer of the road which needed to bridge the valley to send its trains south to the capital at Washington. And here, despite the ridicule heaped on Latrobe, was completed in 1835 a bridge of extraordinary design, beauty and strength.

Undie Set and Day Dress



THE undie set goes so quickly and easily, in fact, that you can finish it in a gift in time for Christmas—and you'll certainly want to make it for yourself. The house frock is a diagram design that you can finish in a few hours. It's a mighty nice thing to be wearing when people run in unexpectedly, as they're sure to be doing, frequently, during the holiday season. You can feel right in it, and work comfortably, all day long.

The Undie Set.

Slip, panties and brassiere are all included in this one simple design that even the inexperienced

can make with no difficulty. Make it up in fine quality materials—satin, crepe de Chine or flat crepe—and you'll save money not only in the first place, but in the long run, because the undies will wear and wash so long and so well. The slip has a beautifully fitted line over which your doll-waisted clothes will look their best. The brassiere provides support and uplift that you need for a definite bustline, and the panties are unusually smooth-hipped, because they fasten with a zipper.

The House Dress.

This full-skirted frock is such a pretty thing that you'll be wise to make it up in flannel or challis for shopping as well as in calico, gingham and percale for around the house. The bodice has darts just above the waist to create becoming fullness over the bust, the sleeves are puffed high at the shoulders, and the neckline, outlined with a double row of braid or ribbon, is extremely flattering. This is one of the most satisfactory house dresses that anyone in the 12 to 20 size range can possibly choose!

The Patterns.

No. 1649 is designed for sizes 14, 16, 18, 20, 42, 44 and 46. Size 16 requires, for the slip 2 3/4 yards of 39-inch material; for the panties, 1 1/2 yards; for the brassiere, 1/2 yard.

No. 1650 is designed for sizes 12, 14, 16, 18 and 20. Size 14 requires 4 1/2 yards of 35-inch material; 11 yards of ribbon or braid to trim. Send your order to The Sewing Circle Pattern Dept., Room 1020, 211 W. Wacker Dr., Chicago, Ill. Price of patterns, 15 cents (in coins) each.

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Improved Uniform International SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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Lesson for December 18

CHRIST'S NEW COMMANDMENT

LESSON TEXT—Matthew 5:43-48; 22:34-40; John 13:34, 35; 15:12-14. GOLDEN TEXT—A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.—John 13:34.

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The heart of all moral law is found in the Ten Commandments but the very heart of the commandments is the "new commandment" of Christ, that we love God with our whole being and love our neighbors as ourselves. For if we have that perfect devotion to God we shall keep His commandments (John 15:9, 10), and shall show our love to our neighbors by positive acts of interest and devotion, as well as by refraining from falsehood, violence and impurity.

The message of our lesson today is one which will strike home to the hearts of honest and earnest men and women. When we stand in the revealing light of God's Holy Word we cry out for forgiveness for the manner in which we have failed truly to represent our Lord in the world, and in prayer for grace to live as we should. Let no unbeliever who reads these words use them as a basis for criticism of his Christian neighbor; but let him consider his own need of the regenerating and enabling grace of God.

Our outline for today we borrow with thanks from Points for Emphasis, by Dr. Hight C. Moore. It so aptly presents the truth that it merits our study.

I. Standard of the New Commandment (Matt. 5:43-48).

"Love your enemies" (v. 44), that is the standard which Christ has established for His followers. While the love one has for the brethren is without doubt a more intimate relationship than the love one may have for an enemy, we must not seek to minimize the real love we should have even for those who curse and revile us. It is to love them kindly, but also pray for them. Humanly speaking such a thing is impossible, but in Christ it is not only possible, it has actually been demonstrated in life. It is so easy for Christians to speak with derision that borders on hatred about "the devil's gang," to lose all love for the crowd that hangs around the tavern and the gambling house. Let us hate their sin, but may God help us to show that we really love them.

II. Scope of the New Commandment (Matt. 22:34-40).

It is as high as God, as deep as the lowest sinner, and as wide as the circle of all mankind.

A man must be right with God if he is truly and fully to love his fellow men. To be right with Him does not mean a half-hearted one-day-a-week interest in religious matters, and that only up to the point where they do not interfere with our own interests and desires. To love God means to give Him the devotion of our entire being.

III. Spirit of the New Commandment (John 13:34, 35).

"As I have loved you"—that is the spirit that is to move us to love our neighbor. God is love, and it was always His will that men should love one another. But the new element in this commandment of Christ is that He, the final and perfect revelation of God's love, had come to give His life in loving service and sacrificial atonement. Paul caught the spirit of this commandment when he said, "The love of Christ constraineth us" (II Cor. 5:14). There is the real motive, the true spirit of Christian life and service.

IV. Sacrifice in the New Commandment (John 15:12-14).

Love draws no limiting line beyond which it will not go. Love says: "I count not my life dear if in giving it I may bring deliverance to my friends."

Some folk talk piously of their love for God, but are not willing to go even across the street to speak to a soul about Him. If we love Him we would willingly go to the ends of the earth for Him, or contentedly serve Him in what seems to be a forgotten corner. We shall not question His guidance nor blush to own His name, even though the testimony may mean our death. This we shall do for Christ's sake, and for the sake of a suffering humanity.

The writer thinks of John and Betty Stam whom he was privileged to teach in the classrooms of the Moody Bible Institute, and who not long afterward poured out their gallant young lives in martyrdom for Christ in China. "Greater love hath no man than this that a man lay down his life for his friends."

Hurry, Pop! What's the Reason For All These Fake Whiskers?



Peggy Hopkins Joyce plays hostess to all the Santa Clauses in New York at a luncheon in the Hotel Waldorf-Astoria. Lucky no youngsters were around or there might have been trouble!

What will you answer this Christmas when starry-eyed Junior raises his face and asks: "Daddy, how come I saw three Santa Clauses downtown today?" Or: "Mother, why was Santa Claus riding in an automobile today? Are his reindeer hurt?" Or, looking at a newspaper: "Why was Santa Claus so thin when I saw him on the corner today? He's fat in this picture!"

This is the season when harassed parents must think up quick answers or destroy Junior's faith in St. Nicholas. For Santa Claus, though a messenger of joy, can also be a pest. In Omaha a sympathetic mayor last year ruled that the army of fake Santa Clauses must leave the streets, thereby bringing sighs of relief from Mother and Dad.

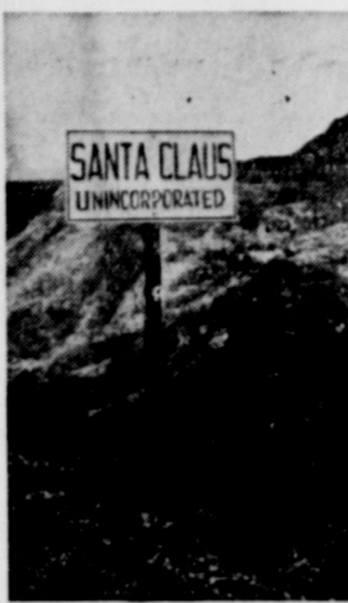
But in other towns and cities, papa may restrain an impulse to strangle every red-suited gentleman

he meets on the street. To prevent this mass liquidation, thoughtful persons have now offered a solution which has worked before and should work again. When Junior wonders about so many different kinds of Santas, the explanation is that they aren't Santas at all, but just his helpers. Simply wreath your face in a benevolent smile, take Junior on your knee and repeat the following: "You see, Junior, Santa is a very busy man and he needs lots of help. So he has helpers who ask boys and girls what they want in their stockings."

The only trouble is that Junior may answer: "Yeah, but papa, why did that man there say that he really was Santa Claus and that he'd be sure to bring me a big train set, an' a lot of toy soldiers and a drum an' a . . . ?"

Maybe the situation is hopeless!

Santa Claus Really Has a Post Office



This is the doorway to Santa Claus land, a real village resting in the Indiana hills which has become world-famous because of its Christmas name and also because Abraham Lincoln lived there from his seventh to twenty-first years. Santa Claus is an unincorporated village but its post office does a land-office business each December because thousands of people send their letters there to be cancelled with the famous Santa Claus postal stamp.



For 28 years James F. Martin was postmaster at Santa Claus, taking it easy each summer and working like a fiend during the Christmas rush. Finally the pressure grew so great that his office was rated as a third-class post office, a ranking usually enjoyed only by much larger communities. Above is the Santa Claus post office and general store.



Succeeding James Martin when he died was the present postmaster, Oscar Phillips, forty-one. To him has fallen the duty of making thousands of children happy. Each day he receives hundreds of letters containing enclosures which are to be cancelled carefully with the Santa Claus stamp and sent on to all parts of the world.



As he should be, the real Santa Claus is the patron saint of this little Indiana community. This 25-foot statue of St. Nicholas stands all year in a little park, attracting visitors from all parts of the country. Yes, Santa Claus does have a post office!

HOW TO SEW by Ruth Wyeth Spears



THE Town Improvement association was giving a sale to raise funds in a village where we were visiting. Our hostess had been to the sale early in the day and triumphantly displayed tiny cross-stitched pincushions purchased for Christmas gifts. They were so colorful and quaint that we went in search of some. We found them, but on every one was pinned a ticket "SOLD!" The lady had scored a hit who made those little three-inch pincushions as her contribution to the fancywork booth. They were kept for display even after they were sold.

The top of the cushion should be made on tapestry canvas or round thread art linen so that the threads may be counted easily in making the cross-stitches. This foundation material should be marked off in 1-inch squares as shown in the diagram at the upper right. The numbers indicate the color used for cross-stitching each square. The velvet used for backing adds the richness that all

small gifts should have. Sawdust or hair from an old mattress are most satisfactory for stuffing.

If you would like to make some of these cushions for gifts or for your next bazaar, clip these directions and keep them as they are not in either of the books offered below.

NOTE: Mrs. Spears' Book 2—Gifts, Novelties and Embroidery, has helped thousands of women to use odds and ends of materials and their spare time to make things to sell and to use. Book 1—Sewing, for the Home Decorator, is full of inspiration for every homemaker. These books make delightful Christmas gifts. Mrs. Spears will autograph them on request. Crazypatch quilt leaflet is included free with every order for both books. Address: Mrs. Spears, 210 S. Desplains St., Chicago, Ill. Books are 25 cents each.

Given Time, the Lad Could Locate Her

The butcher boy was on his way to deliver an order when he was accosted by a lady who apparently was seeking someone in the neighborhood.

"Young man, can you please tell me which one of these houses Mrs. Smith lives in?" asked the stranger.

"Mrs. Smith?" said the youth, in reply, "let me see now. 'Tain't pork chops, lean—for that's No. 3, over there, and it ain't two pounds of round steak and juicy—that's No. 142 round the corner. Hmm! Oh! it must be rib roast and tender, with a piece of suet, and hard to collect. Yep, that's Smith's. No. 9, right over there, ma'am, across the street."

And he hurried about his business.

Uncle Phil Says:

Nature With Wisdom Never did Nature say one thing and wisdom another.

A bachelor may be merely a man who overvalues his personal liberty.

One of the "lures" of the vamp is to express sympathy for the man who is sorry for himself.

Something that people always discover: That fat men do have tempers.

He's What He Makes Himself

No man is any good because his grandfather was. Nor can he blame his faults on his ancestors.

America is a nation of great cities. The metropolitan manner is diffused everywhere. There is even the hickiness of cities.

After a modest man has been praised once for his modesty he is always fishing for more praise.

"Reverie of an old buggy" would make a good sketch 131 lines long.

CHEST COLDS Here's Quick Relief from Their DISTRESS!

The annoying discomforts of a cold in chest or throat, generally ease when soothing, warming Musterole is applied. Better than a mustard plaster, Musterole gets action because it's NOT just a salve. It's a "soother-irritant"; stimulating, it penetrates the surface skin and helps to quickly relieve local congestion, aches and pains due to colds. Used by millions for 30 years. Recommended by many doctors and nurses. In three strengths: Regular, Children's (mild) and Extra Strong, 40%. Approved by Good Housekeeping Bureau.



Ask Me Another A General Quiz

The Questions

- 1. What does the investment of this country in South America total? In Europe?
2. Which of our states has the greatest seacoast? The smallest?
3. What three American plants are carnivorous?
4. Can you complete this quotation: "The ladder of life is full of splinters, but they always prick the hardest—"
5. What animal utters no sound at all?
6. Why, according to Tennyson, was the strength of Galahad that of ten?
7. How many of the bills introduced in the Seventy-fifth congress became laws?
8. Name the nearest and farthest planets from the sun?

The Answers

- 1. In South America it totals 2,560 millions. In Europe, 2,372 millions.
2. Greatest, Florida; smallest, New Hampshire.
3. Three American plants that catch and eat insects are the sundew, the pitcher plant and the venus fly trap.
4. "When we are sliding down."
5. The giraffe.
6. Because his heart was pure.
7. During the Seventy-fifth congress, 17,104 bills and resolutions were introduced in both houses. Of these, 1,759 were enacted into law.
8. Mercury is the nearest, being 36,000,000 miles away from the sun. Pluto is the farthest away, being 3,700,000,000 miles away from the sun.

End of Life

Happiness is the true end of life: It is the task of intelligence to ascertain the conditions of happiness, and when found the truly wise will live in accordance with them.

Advertisement for Quaker State Motor Oil, featuring a large image of a car and a sign that says 'Pure as the Driven Snow' and 'QUAKER STATE MOTOR OIL'.

Buy Acid-Free Quaker State Winter Oil it Makes Cars Run Better, Last Longer

REMINDER FOR ROLL-YOUR-OWNERS

Advertisement for Prince Albert cigarettes, featuring a man in a hat and a pack of cigarettes. Text includes 'THROW YOUR LIP OVER A PRINCE ALBERT MAKING'S SMOKE. THERE'S TOBACCO THAT GIVES A MAN ALL HE COULD ASK FOR— JIFFY-QUICK ROLLIN', RIPE, RICH TASTE, AND SURE-ENOUGH ALL AROUND SMOKE JOY'.

Advertisement for Prince Albert cigarettes, featuring a pack of cigarettes and the text '70 fine roll-your-own cigarettes in every 2-oz. tin of Prince Albert' and 'PRINCE ALBERT THE NATIONAL JOY SMOKE'.

Christmas Toys



KEENE, N. H.—This community is toyland each Christmas season as workers in the toy factories rush to put last-minute touches on miniature locomotives, automobiles—and even auto trailers!

His Last Dime

By Katherine Edelman

DAN DRISCOLL was broke. Well, almost broke. He had one thin dime, hiding in the dark depths of a purse that had once held bills of three figures.

He had held it for 20 years, ever since he had found it while ploughing on his father's farm. His lucky dime—that's what he had called it. Dan laughed grimly at the thought. Lucky! Had anyone ever been so unlucky as him? Here was the whole town preparing for Christmas, shopping, spending oodles of money, and he was a penniless, weary wanderer. A lucky dime!

A little place around the corner caught his eye. Dan entered, his nostrils quivering under the tantalizing odors. He looked around with greedy eyes, his mouth watering with longing. Soup, roast fowl, potatoes, luscious mince pie! But he mustn't think about such things. He had just one dime—the price of a cup of coffee and a doughnut, or a hamburger. Which would it be? The

A YULE STORY

queer little man inside the counter waited while Dan weighed the important question. The hamburger won. While it was being cooked to order, Dan dug into his pocket and took the dime from the battered purse.

Hungry as he was, he handed it over before attacking the food. His voice was a bit apologetic. "It's an old timer," he said; "been in my pocket for years and years."

The old man didn't seem to be listening. He was peering through his spectacles at the coin.

"You're sure you're telling the truth about this dime?" he queried.

"The absolute truth," Dan answered. "But, if you won't believe me, you can have your coffee and hamburger."

A shrill laugh ran through the place. "It's a good thing you ran across someone who knew, and better, somebody who was honest," the little man was saying excitedly. "Do you know that you have one of the rarest dimes at large? It's—it's worth thousands."

"You mean, this thing I've held on to for years is worth money?"

"It's worth big money," the cafe owner was waving his hands in the air, the dime clasped between his thumb and first finger. "I've been looking for one of them all my life!"

"Hand me that menu!" Dan Driscoll cried commandingly. "I'm going to have a Christmas dinner right now. I'm going clear down the line, from soup to mince pie."

—WNU Service.

American Turkey Has Foreign Name

You'll eat your turkey and like it this Christmas, but do you know where this festive bird got its name?

The turkey is the only species of poultry native to this country. Its name is attributed by some to its call notes, "turk-turk-turk"; others believe that its head ornaments, resembling the fez worn by natives of Turkey, gave rise to its name.

Another explanation is seen in the fact that the first turkeys from America were sold in Spain, largely by Hebrew merchants. Since the bird was frequently confused with the peacock, it is said that the Hebrew traders called it "tukki," their name for the peacock. With the widespread use of this name in English, it easily became the present "turkey."

Christmas Celebration Dates Back to 354 A.D., Roman Records Show

The earliest celebration of the birth of Christ, December 25 of each year, took place in the Fourth century, and the custom spread from the western to the eastern church. Before that date the commemoration of Christ's nativity and baptism took place January 6.

First mention of Christmas is found in a Roman document known as the "Philocalian calendar," in the year 354, and the first English celebration of the festival was in celebration of St. Augustine baptized 10,000 converts.

In 867, the Council of Tours, France, declared a 12-day festival from Christmas to Epiphany, and later, from 991 to 1016, the laws of Ethelred ordained that all strife should cease at Christmas. In Germany, Christmas was established in 813 by the Synod of Mainz, and in Norway by King Hakon the Good, in 950.

Hawaii Yule Greetings Broadcast to Islands In Pacific Territory

HONOLULU.—For the past three years Hawaii has broadcast Christmas greetings on December 24 to several lonely islands which have become potentially important along aviation's equatorial Pacific area. The messages, from station KGU, go out to the dozen or so young Americans who for three years have been keeping the Stars and Stripes flying on Howland, Baker, Jarvis and other tiny Pacific islands.

WHY A BANK *Must* HAVE A CHARTER

The purpose of requiring a bank to apply for a charter is to enable the governing authorities to investigate the character of the men starting the bank, the need for a bank in the community, and to assure that the new institution conforms in every respect with the laws regulating banks.

The bank's charter is, therefore, a protection at the very outset, to the depositors and the community, against possible unwise or selfish promotions contrary to the public interest.

First National Bank

Hagerman, N. M.



WOMAN SOCIETY

THURSDAY CLUB WILL MEET WITH MRS. HEITMAN

Thursday Club will meet with Mrs. Heitman on Dec. 22. Mrs. Sweatt is leader, the subject: "Social and Intellectual Life in Alaska."

DEXTER WOMAN'S CLUB PRE-HOLIDAY PROGRAM

The gay Yuletide spirit prevailed in the Lake Van club house Thursday, Dec. 8, when the Dexter Woman's Club met with a 1 o'clock covered dish luncheon. Some fifty members and friends gathered and were seated around long, beautiful tables from which a delicious turkey luncheon was served.

The program for the afternoon was under the department of American Home. Mrs. Ira Marshall, chairman presented Miss Rosamond Deen, the teacher of home economics in Dexter schools, who used as the subject of her talk "The Little Things of Life."

Miss Ella Yeager, school nurse, was to have talked on some phase pertaining to the public health, but was unable to be present, so Mrs. Wiley made a few impromptu remarks along those lines.

Mrs. K. L. Britt, chairman of Club Institute, entertained and enlightened the audience with a five minute illustrated talk on "The Relation of the Local Clubs to That of the District, State and General Federation."

This lovely Christmas party and program was brought to a close with all uniting in reading the "Club Litany."

The hostesses for the day were Mesdames P. E. Jernigan, Elmer Lankford, Frank Thomas, M. Y. Monical and Miss Ella Yeager, together with the social committee, which is composed of Mesdames Ray West, Virgil Jones, Clyde Lively, F. W. Stephens and Kenneth Thomas. Out-of-town guests present were Mrs. R. B. Sherrill of Vernon, Tex., and Mrs. E. A. White of Hagerman, sister of Mrs. R. B. Kline of Missouri.

SUNDAY DINNER

Mrs. C. W. Cole, Miss Winnie Cole and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Greer were hosts last Sunday at a noon dinner. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. E. R. McKinstry and Lon Edmund, Mr. and Mrs. Sam McKinstry, Misses Jean and Mildred and Mr. and Mrs. Tom McKinstry.

KIDNAP BREAKFAST TUESDAY AT COWAN HOME

Mesdames Harry Cowan and Tom McKinstry were hostesses at the Cowan home on Tuesday morning to a kidnap breakfast.

This was a benefit affair, the proceeds to pay for chairs at the club building.

Twenty ladies were kidnapped and brought to eat a breakfast of hot biscuits, preserves and coffee.

Social Calendar

The Woman's Club are having a Christmas party at the club house Friday afternoon, Dec. 23. All members are invited to be there and each is requested to bring something for the club house.

L. C. Club members please note that the next meeting will be on Dec. 23, the Christmas party. Mrs. Holloway is hostess and will hold the party at the Woman's Club house. Each member is to bring a 25 cent gift with her name inside, for her mystery friend.

The Eastern Star and Masonic Christmas party will be Dec. 21 at 7 p. m. at the lodge hall.

The Men's Club will have their Christmas party on Tuesday, Dec. 20 at the Woman's Club building.

HOLIDAY DECORATIONS AT WOMAN'S CLUB HOUSE

Members of the Woman's Club gathered at the club house Monday and the evening was spent decorating the rooms of the club house and a tree.

CONTRACT BRIDGE

The Contract Bridge Club met Thursday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dub Andrus. Mrs. W. A. Losey won high score.

Honeymoon salad, cheese sandwiches, milk nickles, cocoa and coffee were served by the hostess, Mrs. Dub Andrus to Messrs. and Mesdames Ramon Welborn, Brennan Witt, Jack Sweatt, F. L. Meehop, W. A. Losey and Dub Andrus.

THURSDAY CLUB

Mrs. J. E. Wimberly was hostess to the club on Thursday afternoon at her home. Mrs. Harry Cowan was leader, and her subject was "Wild Life in Alaska." She gave a very interesting talk on the subject, illustrating with pictures. She also read letters from her brother, which had been written from Alaska forty years ago.

Present with Mrs. Wimberly and Mrs. Cowan were: Mesdames Hal Wrae, E. A. Paddock, Sam McKinstry, Willis Pardee, C. G. Mason, Frank McKinstry, J. T. West, Jack Sweatt, Robert Conner, T. D. Devenson, E. R. McKinstry and W. L. Heitman.

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EASTERN STAR HOLDS ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The local Order of the Eastern Star held election of officers last (Wednesday) night. Officers elected are as follows: Worthy matron, Mrs. W. E. Utterback; worthy patron, Dub Andrus; associate matron, Mrs. L. Parker; associate patron, E. E. Lane, Sr.; secretary, Mrs. C. O. Holloway; treasurer, Mrs. Howard Russell; conductress, Mrs. W. E. Graham; associate conductress, Mrs. W. A. Losey.

Hostesses were Mesdames Hugo Jacobson, E. A. White and Willis Pardee. Refreshments of rolls, jelly, cookies, mints and coffee were served.

Appointed officers are to be announced at a later date.

Christmas Cards at The Messenger.

MEN'S CLUB ELECT OFFICERS

At the regular meeting on Tuesday night, the local Men's Club held election of officers as follows: president, Frank J. McCarthy; vice president, E. A. White; secretary, J. D. Garner; cheer leader, C. G. Mason; whip, Jim Michelet; board of directors, Eugene Hobson, Harrison McKinstry, Lloyd Harshey, Al Woodburn and the Rev. Arthur Shaw.

Committees on Christmas baskets made reports and plans were made to hold the annual Christmas party next week on Tuesday evening at the Woman's Club building.

METHODIST MISSIONARY SOCIETY HOLDS MEETING

Meeting at the undercroft with Mrs. Arthur Shaw as hostess the Methodist Missionary Society held the last meeting of the year.

Following devotionals, Mrs. Carl Ridgley had charge of the program and held a review of the year's work in the form of a quiz.

A business meeting was held and the last year's business closed for the year. The next meeting will be on Jan. 11 with Mrs. Louie Burk as hostess. Sixteen were present and delicious refreshments of cup cakes, wafers and hot tea were served.

BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR DR. J. T. CONDITT

Mrs. J. T. Conditt entertained with a delightful dinner party on Tuesday evening in honor of Dr. Conditt's 58th birthday. Guests were the Rev. and Mrs. Shaw, David Shaw, Nancy Shaw, Misses Agnes McCormick and Deann Conditt, Julius Conditt, Dr. Conditt and the hostess.

BAPTIST AUXILIARY GIRLS HAVE PARTY

Sponsored by Miss Ernestine Haley, the girls auxiliary of the Baptist W. M. U. entertained the junior brotherhood with a social at the Woman's Club building last Tuesday evening. Games formed the entertainment, and light refreshments were served to twenty-six members and friends.

PRESBYTERIAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY MET ON MONDAY

The Presbyterian Missionary Society met on Monday afternoon with Mrs. Blanche Hughes and heard an interesting lesson on Iraq, Syria and a home topic on Intermountainous area, the lesson being led by the hostess. The president led the devotionals.

A pleasant social hour followed. Doughnuts, cake and coffee were served.

CHRISTMAS SUPPER AT WEAVER HOME

The W. F. M. S. of the Church of the Nazarene held a Christmas supper on Tuesday night at the home of the president, Mrs. George Weaver, near Dexter. The rooms were beautifully decorated. Guests were husbands of the ladies.

Following supper, a program was given. Mrs. Fred Pilley gave a very interesting article on "Latin America;" Mrs. Gerald Smith gave a poem from "The Other Sheep," the missionary paper, and Mrs. Weaver read some incidents from the foreign field. Several songs were sung, and each one present received a gift. Mrs. Pilley then read the local "grin box," in which no one was left out.

Those present were Messrs. and Mesdames Gerald Smith, Fred Pilley, Rall Adams, Alvin Maston, Henry Basden, Frank Reinecke, Oscar Kiper, the Rev. and Mrs. P. B. Wallace, Ronald Miller, Ira Wallase, Wallace Ray, Helen and Florence Reinecke, Miss Ruby Rhodes, Bessie Rue and Carolyn Kiper.

Calling Cards, 100 for \$1.75, on best grade paneled or plain stock. —The Messenger.

SHOWER AND PARTY HONOR BRIDE-ELECT

A gayly decorated Christmas tree, laden with daintily wrapped packages of every shape and size played an important part last Tuesday afternoon, when three young matrons, Mesdames Raynal Cumpsten, Jack Menoud and Sanford Knoll entertained at the Methodist undercroft honoring Miss Mary Burk, a bride-elect.

A wealth of lovely and useful gifts were given the honoree from the Christmas tree.

Refreshments of cake, candy and coffee were served to a host of friends.

FAMILY MISSIONARY NIGHT AT BAPTIST CHURCH

Family Missionary night was observed on Monday night at the Baptist Church. The Dorcas and Rebecca societies gave their Royal Service lesson, and the auxiliaries were preparing a Christmas program. The brotherhood of the church met with the Artesia Baptist Church by invitation.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Epworth League gave a party at the church undercroft for the Christian Endeavor Society last Saturday night. Folk games and relay races were the amusements. Cookies and cocoa were served.

The Rev. Mr. Shaw is conducting a training school at the Methodist church this week. Through the efforts of the pastor, the church now has a beautiful pulpit Bible from the American Bible Society.

NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS

The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank of Hagerman, New Mexico, will be held in the directors' room of the said bank at 2:00 p. m., the second Tuesday of January (January 10, 1939) 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, President. 49-5tc-1



SANTA HAS A SWEET TOOTH

and so have all the little tots at Christmas time. Don't disappoint them. Here is an extra fine assortment of pure sugar candies which will bring them much happiness and delight, with rich, wholesome ingredients. All kinds of fancy shapes and ideas in Christmas sweets for the children. Also specially packed gift boxes for grown-ups.

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PERFECT GIFTS for THE MEN ON YOUR LIST

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GIRL SCOUTS

Junior Citizens Badge

7. Find out what kind of taxes, such as sales, income, property, citizens pay in your community; what kinds of property are exempt from taxation, and what is meant by "taxes we don't see."

8. Find out which of the following services community, state or federal taxes provide: milk inspection, street cleaning, library, care of the blind, schools, highways in your country, mayor's salary, post office employees' salaries. Find out how much it costs to keep the public schools open in your community for one year.

9. Most tax money comes from taxes on income and property. Find out how much property tax a man would pay in your community if the house and lot he owned were assessed at \$3,000. Or, if a married man, whose yearly salary was \$3,000, was exempted \$2,700, find out how much federal income tax he would pay if he lived in your community. If you want to find out how quickly tax money adds up to large amounts, multiply either one of the above tax amounts paid out by the number of people in your block or on your street.

10. Ask the local branch of the League of Women Voters, a civic organization, or a civic leader to explain to your troop how elections are conducted. Find out what different officials do at polling places; how a voting machine works or a ballot is marked; if any precautions are taken to prevent unfair voting or counting of votes; how much it costs your community to hold an election. Or, find out the requirements you will have to meet to vote in your local and national elections.

11. Ask one of the older persons in your community to tell you about the woman suffrage movement and how women got their vote in the United States. Find out what amendment to the United States Constitution provides for voting by women and what it says.

12. Find out how one of your neighbors might get his or her name on the ballot. Or, follow the news or radio talks about a candidate you know who will be voted upon in the next election. Explain how such talks or news might aid or hinder a voter.

Oil Activity—

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Drilling at 4,930 feet. Skelly, State 1-N, NE 36-16-36. Drilling at 3,200 feet. Chaves County Fisher, et al, Foster 1, NW sec. 7-15-26. Shut down for orders at 1,290 feet. Nay Hightower, Billingslea 1, NE sec. 28-11-30. Total depth 770; waiting on casing. Roosevelt County Shell, Hardwood 1, SE sec. 27 7-35. Shut down for orders at 5,000 feet. Christmas Cards at The Messenger.

Locals

Louie Heick attended to business in Hagerman Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Langenegger shopped in Roswell Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Youree visited in Hagerman Sunday.

Adam Zimmaman was in from his ranch on Caprock Monday.

Mrs. Lula Heick shopped in Roswell Saturday.

Miss Patsy Farkas shopped in Roswell Friday afternoon.

W. M. Tulk is in from his ranch on Caprock for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Conley visited in Hagerman Wednesday night.

Houie Heick sold same calves Monday.

Notice: Hagerman

Drug Hours Effective

January 1st

Week days close at 8:00 p. m. except Saturdays

Sundays, open from 8 to 10 a. m. and from 3 to 7 p. m.

We Have All Kinds of Grain, Dairy Feed, Chicken Feed

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