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The Carlshad Current

THIRTIETH YEAR

CARLSBAD, NEW MEXICO, FRIDAY, DEC. 23, 1921.

NUMBER 3

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE LUNCHEON

PIETRY DISCUSSION ON THE REMOVAL OF MORE TREES OCCUPIES GREATER PART OF LUNCHEON HOUR

The last luncheon of the year and under the present officers was held at the Palace Hotel Thursday. President Hubert gave an excellent farewell talk to the members, expressing his sincere thanks for the hearty cooperation of the business men that has made the year 1921 a most successful one for the Chamber of Commerce and hopes the same royal support will be given his successor. He told of his attendance at the Cavalry entertainment, speaking in high praise of the troop. Wishing all a merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year, he introduced Dibrill Pate as the next speaker. Dibrill made a short talk on the High School senior play and its object, and requested all to be present.

Mayor Hudgins as the next speaker began the paying debate. It seems there are some few trees on Fox street, that under the present contract cannot be removed, but by a change in the specifications this street could be widened, which would be a great improvement, but it would mean the taking out of more trees. The Mayor stated that this was a matter entirely up to the property owners in this section and it would be up to them if any arrangements were made with the paving company to make this change. Property owners on this street were called upon for a discussion. W. G. Brown and Milton Smith responded. Mr. Brown stated that he was willing to abide by the decision of the others, while Mr. Smith said his trees were dead.

Mr. Will Craig made a few remarks on the subject, being in favor of saving all the trees possible. J. S. Oliver followed with a motion that the Chamber of Commerce go on record as being in favor of keeping the trees. After some discussion on this point, President Hubert ruled that the Chamber of Commerce was not in power to go on record in the matter. Mr. McIlvaine then moved that an amendment be made to the motion, that the Chamber of Commerce leave the entire matter in hands of the City Council and the paving company. Major Bujac ended the discussion with a suggestion that all the motions be left on the table and advising that the present plans were the best. This was accepted by all the members present.

Stewart Armstrong was called upon for a talk and told in an interesting manner that he had found while away at school that Carlshad is well known in his college town and expects many visitors from that section here at the Fourth of July celebration. He advised the Chamber of Commerce to send advertising matter as many health seekers were going to other places when they would come here if told of the climatic conditions. Stewart spoke of the paving in Lawrence, Kansas, where his school is situated and like Carlshad is noted for its trees, but where the paving had been placed around the trees the roots were cracking the streets.

Postmaster John Wells was next with a word of thanks to all the business men who have been cooperating with him in the Christmas mail rush. J. S. Oliver made a motion to the effect that the Chamber of Commerce give a vote of thanks to Mr. Wells for his most efficient service in handling the duties of postmaster in a manner unequalled in the history of the Carlshad Post Office. It was further moved by Major Bujac that a copy of these minutes be sent to the Postmaster General. These motions were put to a vote and carried without an opposing vote.

Mr. E. C. Higgins, a business man of Artesia, was a visitor and spoke a few words of thanks for courtesies shown him and the hearty cooperation with his town.

Will Craig, of the military affairs committee told of the Cavalry entertainment Wednesday evening and the plans of the troop for the coming year.

Mr. Tracy gave a report of progress of the plans for the new reservoir sites, stating that government men were making tests and reports of their examinations were very favorable at this time.

Major Bujac told of his trip to the Texas oil fields, saying he was informed by prominent oil men that an official oil circles the Pecos Valley will be the next big oil field.

Rev. Eiler, a new comer to the city spoke of the many advantages he had found in Carlshad, and the improvements over many eastern towns. (He especially praised the neatness of the stores and the courteous treatment given to customers.)

Rev. Lowry told of the sudden death of Rev. Givan in California. A motion was carried that the President instruct the secretary to send a note of sympathy to the family.

Joe Wertheim gave a talk on cotton, laying special emphasis on the importance of raising only long-staple cotton, a benefit for the farmer as well as the market.

E. Foster reported on the dam sites that is hoped will soon be located. In a few weeks deep test holes are to be drilled to determine

CHRISTMAS SPIRIT TYPIFIED IN THE MANY BEAUTIFUL AND ARTISTIC WINDOW DISPLAYS

The Christmas spirit is being excellently interpreted through the medium of window displays. As every firm in the city seems to have more elaborate showings than in former years, it is no easy matter to say which is the most striking or is causing more comment, since public opinion seems to be nearly equally divided between them all. But for the greatest amount of decorations, and general elaborateness of detail, the Sweet Shop is the most noticeable. The windows have special lighting effects and a small tree in one with sparkling streamers that reflect all the myriad colors of the rainbow. On the inside is a large tree placed directly under the sky light from which is focused a spot light. At the base of the tree is a bank of pot plants, from the Roswell greenhouse. The booths are trimmed in evergreen and pine needles, artistically arranged. Special credit is due Mr. Kinzie as he made a trip to the mountains for the evergreen and Mr. McKim is an authority on the art of decorating.

Joyce-Fruit Co.'s windows have caused much favorable comment. The scheme of displays are large snow banks upon which are the gift suggestions. Lee Hanson and Guy Snook are the artists. Mr. Snook is from the Roswell store and is an experienced sign writer and decorator. T. C. Horne's windows show the skill of Collins Gerrell, who has forgotten none of his former handiness while on his sojourn from the business.

Manager Boyd at the Peoples Grocery Co. has arranged a very appropriate as well as an artistic display of Christmas nuts and candies, and with special lighting effects shows up to great advantage.

W. C. Sellers Jewelry Co. has a small though unique window effect. A large doll dressed in white under a white Christmas bell from which are run white streamers.

The Star Pharmacy has a neat and compact window with the inside of the store effectively decorated in red and green.

The Peoples Dry Goods Co. have their usual attractive windows, assortments of Christmas bells and Christmas crepe paper being presented in a pleasing effect.

The Owen-McAdoo Drug Co. and Griggs Jewelry Co. have had several beautiful windows during the holidays and the interior of the store is decorated throughout in Christmas colors.

J. F. Flowers, with the toy windows, is the headquarters of the kiddies and his displays are interesting to the grown-ups as well.

SANTA FE PLANNING TO EXTEND LINE TO EL PASO

The Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe Ry. system is considering plans looking to the construction of a through line from El Paso to Fort Worth, Tex., a distance of about 550 miles, as a consequence of the growth of the Plains section of Texas and the increasing demand for more railroad facilities. The new road will probably run from El Paso via Carlshad, N. Mex., and Seminole, Tex., to Lamesa, Tex., whence there is an Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe line of 50 miles to Slaton, where the Santa Fe line to Post, Tex., twenty miles, might be followed and from there a straight line would be taken to Fort Worth, perhaps via Haskell, Throckmorton and Graham, Tex. Preliminary surveys are reported made.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR UNITED STATES RECLAMATION SERVICE

Carlshad, New Mexico. December 22, 1921.

TO WATER USERS.

Carlshad Project. Unless prevented by adequate precipitation, water will be turned into the canal on January 5, 1922, for a winter irrigation. Owing to the large amount of maintenance work necessary before the opening of the regular irrigation season, the headgates will be closed promptly on January 15th.

Water users desiring water will please make application immediately, stating the acreage they desire to irrigate.

Very respectfully,
L. E. FOSTER,
Project Manager.

Mrs. J. F. Joyce and two daughters, Mary Frances and June, together with her sister, Mrs. W. S. Moore, left yesterday for Denison, Texas, where they will spend the Christmas holidays with a sister of Mrs. Joyce, Mrs. Jones, and while there they will be present at the wedding of Mrs. Joyce's niece, Miss Watha Jones, to Mr. J. Clarence Joyce of Columbia, Tennessee, who is a cousin of our fellow townsman, J. Frank Joyce. The wedding will take place December 23 and a large number of our people join the Current in all the best wishes possible. Miss Martha has many friends in Carlshad as she visited here at different times.

the soundness of the bottoms.

President Hubert closed the luncheon with a further appreciation of the work done by the Chamber of Commerce in the first year of its existence.

You's th' Bestest Man



Christmas Merry Thoughts by Christopher G. Hazard

WHO can speak of Christmas care? Merry thoughts are everywhere: From the chimney nook they run With a smile for everyone.

GOLD is good for Christmas Day. Boys and girls care more for play. Fun is good for girls and boys, Happy fun and joyful noise.

OH the Christmas and the snow! And the ruddy winter glow! Heap the table and the fire, Christmas joy should never tire.

GIVE your heart with all you give, Then your gifts with love will live. Love can live when gifts are small, Love himself is best of all.

TAKE this little gift from me, May the season gladsome be. Holly red and evergreen Twining everywhere are seen.

Postmaster Wells wishes to announce to the public that the post office will be open on Christmas day for a few hours for the delivery of parcels. The hours will be from 9 to 10 o'clock in the morning, and in the afternoon during the time that the north mail is being distributed. It is important that those who have parcels come promptly at these hours as post office employees enjoy Christmas and perhaps do not care to spend it in an office.

LIMIT FOR TAX-PAYER REACHED SAYS MECHEM

RATE IS NEAR BREAKING POINT, SAINT'S WARNING

That the load of taxation had reached the breaking point for the public's back and that the "wild orgy of spending" had to be stopped were the keynotes struck by the speaker after another at the opening session of the county assessors' conference late yesterday.

Governor Mechem and J. E. Saint, tax commission chairman, among others, declared the danger point had been reached and the Tax Payers' Association, for once was not alone in raising governmental costs. W. R. Morley of Magdalena, and Laurence Lee of Albuquerque, added the pieces to his and went further. He used the phrase "orgy of spending."

Expenditures for education came under fire from Governor Mechem and Morley and the Magdalena banker and stockman also turned on expenditures for road building. Asplund estimated expenditures for these purposes made up to 75 per cent of the governmental costs for 1920. Morley attributed the "orgy of spending" to these two purposes.

High Taxes Making Tax Dodgers, Says Mechem

"These high taxes are making tax dodgers out of us all," declared Governor Mechem, "necessarily so."

Business men, he said, could not afford to pay them on the actual value of their holdings and expect to earn anything; cattle and sheepmen couldn't pay them and go into the market on equal footing with the Arizona cattle and sheepmen who had the advantage of lower taxes.

The governor's hearers, who filled the supreme court room and who included 100 cattlemen, sheepmen, county assessors, other county officials, representatives of the Tax Payers' Association and others, applauded when he declared educational costs should be carefully looked into.

"It's unpopular to criticize some of the state departments—particularly the educational department," he said, "but the figures read here this afternoon (by Asplund) show this can't be escaped. Certainly some economy can be brought about. Saving 5 or 10 cents on the dollar even would be welcome. We should not be deterred in our duty in this regard."

No one, he said, desired to shirk the responsibility of educating the state's children but he could see no reason why expenditures for this purpose could not be given "the closest scrutiny."

The governor declared taxes should be held down to "what the traffic will bear and not what we think we ought to spend" and again drew applause when he declared "all wrong" the theory that it was up to the tax commission to go about the state and raise property to the valuation that would produce all the legislature wanted to appropriate.

Laurence F. Lee, who represented the Cattle and Horse Growers' Association, declared this statement the "most encouraging thing" he had heard since the end of the World War and deprecated the "attempt to meet the expenditures which have been run up in this orgy of expenditures."

Fears For Goose That "Lays Our Golden Eggs"

"Are we not on the point of killing the goose that lays our golden eggs?" asked R. F. Asplund, director of the Tax Payers' Association, after calling attention to the heavy increase in governmental costs in the last 10 years. "There are some signs that the goose is in poor state of health; that, at least, it shows symptoms of malnutrition."

He compared the increase in costs by the more gradual increase in "ability to pay" as represented by the assessed wealth, which gained 110 per cent, and population, which gained 10 per cent, for the 10 years in the same time taxes levied for all purposes increased 231 per cent and governmental expenditures 271 per cent.

State Disbursements.

"The total disbursements of the state government alone have grown from \$901,794.19 in 1915 to \$5,167,069.96 in ten years. These disbursements include general government expenses necessary from \$183,119.33 to \$366,638.70 in the period; highways increasing from \$70,819.23 to \$2,247,964.49; education increasing from \$231,632.72 to \$1,477,840.62; all other disbursements increasing from \$436,221.84 to \$1,074,626.15. The necessary data is not available for complete financial statistics for the years prior to 1915, but for the period beginning with that year we can show that the total cost of all government has increased from \$6,348,832.27 in 1915 to \$13,009,469.02 in 1920. We are including here expenditures by state departments which grew in the period from \$1,467,263.17 to \$3,391,337.85; expenditures by state institutions which were \$658,354.65 in 1915 and \$1,671,577.80 in 1920; expenditures by counties increasing from \$3,702,716.45 to \$5,695,553.37; expenditures by incorporated cities, towns and vil-

SUDDEN DEATH OF REV. GEO. H. GIVAN

Amid the joyous holiday season and like a bolt from a clear sky, comes the wire telling of the sudden death of Rev. Geo. H. Givan, former beloved pastor of the Methodist church of this city for four years. The entire community feels this sudden shock. It comes as a personal loss to all; the passing beyond of this noble character, a Christian gentleman and scholar. No particulars of the death can as yet be obtained. He was living in San Bernardino, Cal., and the cause of the death is attributed to heart failure. The Current will give a full and complete account in the next issue.

lages estimated at \$500,000 in 1915 and \$1,250,000 in 1920."

Burden of Taxes Trebled.

He said the burden of taxation had trebled in the last ten years "as measured by the total taxes levied," and called attention to the increases shown in county seats. In Estancia the increase was 348.97 per cent and in Carlshad, which had the smallest increase, 56.47 per cent.

"Analysis of governmental costs will, of course, show that roads and schools are responsible for the greater part of the increase. In 1915, school expenditures constituted 39 per cent of the total cost of government, and road expenditures 15 per cent. In 1919 educational costs grew to 40 per cent and highway costs to 20 per cent of the total. These are by far the two largest items in public expenditures. In the year 1920, it is safe to estimate that educational costs constituted 50 per cent and highway expenditures 25 per cent of the total. In other words, education and highways expenditures amounted together to approximately 75 per cent of the total expenditures for all purposes.

"In analyzing the levies made for 1921 it is found that the total proceeds of the state and county levies amount to \$9,445,181 of which \$1,739,921 or 18.42 per cent, is levied for roads, \$4,858,064.00 or 51.44 per cent, is levied for schools, and \$2,847,196 or 30.14 per cent is levied for other purposes. School district levies are not included in this comparison, nor are levies for municipal purposes or those upon special classes of property.

School Costs.

"Let us consider as an illustration the cost of elementary and high school education in New Mexico. That this state is doing more than any other state in the Union, considering its ability is indicated by two outstanding facts. In 1920, New Mexico had 1,093 children of the ages of 5 to 18 years for each 1,000 adult males, whereas the Western States as a whole average only 596 such children per 1,000 adult males. New Mexico in 1912 had \$5,000 of wealth for each child, while the Western Division as a whole had over \$12,000. Conditions have not appreciably changed in New Mexico, so far as ability to pay is concerned. But the amount to be paid has increased 500 per cent. For the year expenditures for public schools were \$829,631.47. For the present year, our budget for maintenance alone amounts to \$1,520,613, to which for comparative purposes should be added estimated expenditures of more than \$600,000 for buildings and equipment and for interest and sinking funds. In other words, in 1910 the school costs averaged \$2.17 per capita of the whole population and in 1921 it averages over \$14.00 per capita of the whole population.

"The school expenditures have been used as an example. Similar comparison of costs and 'ability to pay' can be made as to highways and other important governmental enterprises. What has been the result of our investment in roads, of expenditures for educational and other advantages? Is there not some danger that in demanding too much of government, we shall destroy our power to supply the government with the funds necessary to meet our demands? Our assessments have diminished by \$40,000,000. Our tax collections, always bad, are falling off more and more. Capital seems reluctant to invest in development of the state's resources. We are all beginning to wonder how we are going to meet our tax bill which the collector will soon hand to us. It is a big problem you commissioners and assessors and collectors have before you.

Must Stop 'Orgy of Spending,' Says Morley.

W. R. Morley, Magdalena, wired the conference that grazing land, cattle and sheep had depreciated greatly in the last year and said unless their valuation was cut down the cattle and sheep industries could not pay their taxes.

He declared "this wild orgy of spending" must be stopped and economy practiced and indicated he referred to the educational and highway costs.

Edward Explains the Revenue Code

The assessors were told their duties under the Revenue Code passed by the last legislature by Assistant Attorney General A. M. Edwards. His talk was largely technical, but closing, he urged them to administer oaths to all taxpayers, personally inspect property, search for unlisted property, and uniformly assess all property to its full value. He said these results could be accomplished if the plain provisions of the law were followed.

A Season of Cheer



Happy faces smiling
Where the ruddy hearth-fire gleams
And joyous hearts are beating
In the glow of Christmas dreams

Sorrow's rule is banished
Forevermore it seems
And all the world is brighter
For the glow of Christmas dreams

CHRISTMAS BAN IN 1643

Yuletide Observance Was Not Permitted by Edict of "Roundhead Parliament" in England.

IN THE northern part of Europe the ancient people kindled great fires to their gods, Odin and Thor, and sacrifices of men and cattle were made. The ancient Goths and Saxons termed this festival or feast "Yule," and we still use the word "Yuletide" in our day. Among the Teutons this holiday season was celebrated by decorating giant fir trees. The decorations consisted of lights, nuts, balls, golden apples and animals. These were to symbolize flashes of lightning, moon, stars and sun, while the animals represented sacrifices.

Christmas was not among the early festivals of the church. We find the first evidence of the feast from Egypt, according to the historians of the church, and December 25 was not the day on which it was universally celebrated. It was not until the Fourth or Fifth centuries that the celebration of the festival on this day spread to the East. The Nativity was celebrated December 25 at Rome before 354, and at Constantinople, not prior to 379.

As paganism began to be supplanted by Christianity, many of the old customs were taken and handed down through the generations. In the Anglo-Saxon days of King Alfred the holiday season began December 16 and closed January 6. When Puritanism arose in England the fate of Christmas was threatened for a time, and even extended to this country, since the Puritans brought along with them to New England a feeling against the celebration of Christmas.

In 1643 the "Roundhead parliament" in England put a ban on the observance of Christmas. The court of Massachusetts in 1659 followed England's example and Christmas was put under a ban there. With the restoration of the English monarchy the restoration of Christmas was brought about, and Massachusetts again followed England's example and in 1661 the ban was lifted. From this time on Christmas has remained, and is now celebrated throughout the entire civilized world.

A Christmas "Suppose"

WE would not change the children's Christmas. But suppose all the grown-up people were to say to one another: "This year, instead of my giving you a present and your giving me a present, let us club together and give our present to some poor child who will not have any Christmas. There are hundreds of them somewhere. Or, if we do not know of such a child, let us give our present to a hospital for children, a home for crippled children, for incurables, for the aged, the blind, the feeble-minded." This to be, of course, in addition to what we usually give to charities at this season. Why could we not try this as an experiment, and see what the result would be?—Christian Register.

Russia's Christmas Comes Late.

In Russia Christmas occurs 13 days after our own. Perhaps one of the most interesting customs of the season is the Russian Christmas feast, for old and young alike, for which they dress themselves in various masquerading costumes and visit house after house, accepting the hospitality of their neighbors. The Christmas season is also notable for the fact that the young girls try to find out whether they will be married during the ensuing year or not. Some of them at twelve o'clock on Christmas Eve, secretly go out into the street and ask the first man they meet what his name is. Whatever name he gives will be that borne by their future husbands—such is the belief. Some of the girls are very much disappointed when the name is not a nice one, or when the man, as he will sometimes, calls himself Satan or something similar.



HOME MADE

"Making many Christmas presents this year?"
"Yes, it's much cheaper than buying them."

Chain Bracelet Gifts.

Such a gay, trifling, and sure-to-be-liked gift for a young school girl would be a very fine chain bracelet of white gold. It must be so fine as to be a mere thread, and from it should swing several of the little Parisian novelty animals in gold or enamel. For the girl who dances, there's a dainty little French diamond-shaped bag of black moire or brocade which is extremely new. Inside are tucked a wee mirror, powder puff and lip stick and a miniature change purse.

THE OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS OF
The National Bank of Carlsbad

EXTEND HEARTIEST

Christmas Greetings

WITH THE SINCERE WISH THAT

YOUR NEW YEAR

MAY BE A MOST HAPPY AND

SUCCESSFUL ONE.

HAY TRADE CONDITIONS OF THE WEEK

Markets in general this week show a weaker tendency under a heavier offering of supplies. The demand has not improved and in many instances concessions have been made in order to move the hay and thus avoid the usual holiday dullness. The continuation of the good weather has lessened the demand and a general dullness prevails.—Hay Trade Journal.

The Rev. T. C. Mahan, Baptist minister, and Rev. H. W. Lowery, Presbyterian minister, preached at the Methodist Church last Sunday for the pastor, Rev. A. C. Douglas, morning and evening respectively, as Rev. Douglas was somewhat indisposed and unable to fill his pulpit. Both these ministers, we hear, delighted the audiences with splendid messages, and the community is richer and better for having such men as they in it.

We are glad to say that Rev. Douglas is out again busy with his pastoral duties.

R. B. Knowles, of Lakewood, is spending the week in the city, on business of various kinds.

LAST THOUGHT!

King's Chocolates
FOR
CHRISTMAS

IN BULK OR BOX
THE BEST CHOCOLATES
IN THE SOUTH
Boxes 65c. to \$7.50
Special price on Bulk

65c. and 75c. per lb
Sold only by

OWEN - McADOO
DRUG CO.

WISHING ALL

A Merry Christmas

AND A VERY

HAPPY NEW YEAR

TOO.

JOSEPH WERTHEIM

AT GRACE CHURCH

There will be a Christmas tree for the Sunday School children at the rectory at 3 P. M. Christmas Eve. All the mothers of the youngsters are cordially invited to accompany them. Choral Eucharist will be sung at midnight Christmas Eve in the church. Christmas hymns and special music will be rendered a solo by

Mrs. McKim being one feature. Everybody welcome to these services.
F. A. THOROLD ELLER,
Rector.

Mrs. Ellsworth James and son, Buster, and Mrs. Mabel Walters, were in the city a few days the first of the week. Mrs. Walters, nee Mabel Lowenbruck, continuing on her way to her home in New York City.

IN KEEPING WITH THE SPIRIT OF

THIS JOYFUL SEASON

MAY YOUR CHRISTMAS BE RIGHT MERRY

AND YOUR NEW YEAR FILLED

WITH HAPPINESS.



Stephenson Sanitary
Dairy

The Season's
Greetings

Imbued with the Spirit of this
JOYFUL CHRISTMAS SEASON
we are eager to express our Best
Wishes for your welfare during
all the NEW YEAR.

The Star
Pharmacy

Service

ON FRANKLINS, NASH, DODGE AND
FORD CARS.

Work guaranteed as good as you can get in the
Southwest. All bearings burned in.

GENUINE FORD PARTS

Causey Garage AND BLACKSMITH SHOP

WEBB & VEACH, Props.

THE SHRINE DANCE

The reception and dance given by the Eddy County Shrine Club in the Armory last Friday evening will be long remembered by the guests as one of the most elaborate affairs ever given in Carlsbad. Neither time or expense was spared by the committees on arrangements; obtaining the very latest in decorations and music that specializes on dances of this kind.

The bleak and barren Armory was transformed beyond recognition. Upon entering one came into a luxurious reception room of soft carpets and deep leather chairs, over which stand lamps cast a pleasing glow. To the left were placed card tables for the entertainment of those who did not care to dance, while on the right was a secluded kitchenette, where dainty lunches were served throughout the evening. Out on the dance floor the decorative feature was the compactiveness of the swinging colors that entirely hid the high and barren roof space. From each light lowered, some ten feet or so. These lights were covered with a red light a drop was fastened and the streamers of the Shrine emblem, red and yellow, were swung from balcony to balcony, while high above this burned small lights for the moonlight waltzes. Beneath the balconies and on the outer wall a wide red streamer circled the entire hall and over each window and door were wreaths of Christmas holly and evergreen branches. Down at the stage end of the building the front of the stage was covered with a solid bank of evergreen under which were colored lights and in one corner of this was the punch bowl, presided over by different shriners' wives during the evening.

The music was furnished by Leonard's orchestra of Roswell. Mr. Leonard is known throughout the southwest as a capable musician and has made a special study of music for lodge entertainments. He lays no claim to being a jazz artist, but for dances that require a higher class of music, his organization is reputed to be of the best.

The guest list was composed of one hundred couples, shriners and their wives and some outside the lodge. The committees deserve great credit for this most successful affair and Carlsbad will always know that anything the Shrine Club is behind will be a glorious success.

DANCE AT THE CRAWFORD

The members of the younger set of Carlsbad enjoyed a private dance in the Crawford Cafe last Saturday evening. The affair was given by Stanley Blocker, Joseph Powell, and Ned White. Misses Cooper, Shepard, and Jewell were the chaperones. About twenty couples were present, who danced to music furnished by one of Carlsbad's most popular pianists, Mr. Shaffer. An excellent spirit and general good fellowship, made this event a very enjoyable occasion. Many other events are being planned by this set for the holidays.—Contributed.

Pratt - Smith Hardware Co.

GENERAL HARDWARE

Loving Hotel

A GOOD PLACE TO EAT

We Serve Family Style

Meals 50c.

Mrs. A. D. Howard, Proprietress
Loving, N. M.

Sunday School Lesson

(By REV. P. B. FITZWATER, D. D.,
Teacher of English Bible in the Moody
Bible Institute of Chicago.)
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LESSON FOR DECEMBER 25

CHRISTMAS LESSON—THE VISIT
OF THE WISE MEN.

LESSON TEXT—Matt. 2:1-12.
GOLDEN TEXT—And when they had
opened their treasures they presented
unto him gifts, gold and frankincense
and myrrh.—Matt. 2:11.

PRIMARY TOPIC—Wise Men Visit the
Baby Jesus.
JUNIOR TOPIC—The Wise Men and
the Star.
INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC
—The First Christmas.
YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC
—The Most Joyous Day in the Year.

I. The King Earnestly Sought (vv.
1, 2).

These Wise Men who sought Jesus
were either Arabian or Persian as-
tologists—students of the stars. The
appearance of an unusual star at-
tracted their attention. Perhaps
they were acquainted with the famous
prophecy of Balaam (Num. 24:17).
Doubtless through the influence of the
Jews who remained in Chaldea, or the
direct influence of Daniel extending
to this time, they had become ac-
quainted with the hope of a Messiah.
The light they had was dim, but they
lived up to the best they had. To
those who act upon the best light
they have, God always gives more.
To those who refuse to act upon the
knowledge given, God not only re-
fuses to give more, but brings into
confusion that which they already
possess (Matt. 23:28). These men
were really wise. Let us learn from
them:

1. That all true wisdom leads to
the Savior, for He is the Logos—the
fulness of wisdom.

2. That God's Word shall not return
unto him void (Isa. 55:11). The seeds
cast upon the waters of the East
brought forth fruit after many days.
No work done for the Lord eventually
fails.

3. The grace of God calls men from
unexpected quarters. Some who have
the least opportunities give the great-
est honors to Christ; while others,
blessed with the richest opportunities,
shut Him out.

II. Herod Seeking to Kill the King
(vv. 3-8).

The news brought by the Wise Men
struck terror to Herod's heart. He
was not alone in this, for all Jerusalem
was troubled with him. The news
ought to have brought joy. A glimpse
at the social customs in and about
Jerusalem at that day will enable us
to understand why this news brought
uneasiness to the people. They were
living in the greatest luxury. Fine
dresses, sumptuous feasts, fine houses,
etc., led to gross immoralities. They
did not want a Savior who would
save them from their sins—they
wanted to continue in them. Herod
demanded of the priests and scribes
information as to where Christ should
be born. They soon were able to tell
him. These people had a technical
knowledge of the Scriptures, but had
no heart for the Savior set forth
therein. They had no disposition to
seek Him. This all occurred in Jeru-
salem, the city of the King—the place
of all places where He should have
been welcomed. It seems where the
greatest privileges are, there is the
greatest indifference shown as to
spiritual matters.

III. The King Found (vv. 9-12).

The Wise Men having obtained the de-
sired information, started immediately
to find the King. As soon as they left
the city, the star which had guided
them from the East appeared again
to lead them on. Not that it had
disappeared from the sky, but the
dwellings in the city, no doubt, shut
out the sight of it. Oftentimes our
spiritual vision is obscured or hidden
by the things of this world. The star
guided them to the place where the
Christ was. Those who earnestly
seek Jesus shall find Him, though all
hell oppose. When they found Him
they worshiped Him. In this they
displayed true faith. They did not
see any miracles, only a babe, yet
they worshiped Him as King. "Blessed
are they that have not seen, and yet
have believed" (John 20:29). Note
God's overruling providence in all
this. Many hundred years before, the
prophet said that Christ should come
from Bethlehem (Micah 5:2). God so
ordered affairs that Mary should be
brought to that city to give birth to
Christ. God so ordered that these
men should depart another way, there-
by defeating Herod's wicked purpose.
The Lord put gifts into the hands of
Joseph and Mary before going to
Egypt. Doubtless this served a good
purpose in meeting their expenses dur-
ing their stay there. Truly "All things
work together for good to them that
love God." (Rom. 8:28).

Dedicating the Wall of Jerusalem.
And at the dedication of the wall of
Jerusalem they sought the Levites out
of all their places, to bring them to
Jerusalem to keep the dedication with
gladness, both with thanksgivings and
with singing, with cymbals, psalteries,
and with harps.—Nehemiah 12:27.

They Rebel Against the Lord.
Neither say they in their heart, Let
us now fear the Lord our God, that
giveth rain in his season; he reserveth
unto us the appointed weeks of the
harvest.—Jeremiah 5:24.

State National Bank of Carlsbad

Farm Talk No. 22

1A COMPARISON OF THE FINANCIAL CONDITION

of Dairy Farmers and dairy communities with cotton farmers and cotton communities in many parts of the South brings out the fact that while 80 or 90 per cent of the cotton farmers owe the banks money and are asking for extensions on their notes, there are almost no instances of notes held against dairy farmers. The merchants in towns surrounded by the best dairy communities report their business throughout last fall and winter as remarkably good.

This statement is made on the authority of the extension dairy husbandman who for nearly 10 years has engaged in the movement carried on by the United States Department of Agriculture and the Agricultural Colleges of various Southern states to build up dairying in those states and furnish the farmers with a source of income after the boll weevil had reaped the production of the South's great staple.

To farmers these facts should lend encouragement to break away from the one-crop system, the specialist says; to the bankers and business men they should be convincing proof that greater farm prosperity, attained by a more permanent and constructive type of farming, benefits the entire community.

State National Bank OF CARLSBAD.

THE METHODIST CHURCH A. C. Douglas, Pastor.

9:45 A. M.—Sunday school con-
ducted by John Wells, superintend-
ent. You are invited to join this
modern and progressive Sunday
school if you do not go elsewhere.
10:50 A. M.—Morning worship
with Christmas sermon. The choir
will have special music appropriate
to the occasion.
3:00 P. M.—Junior Epworth League
meets under the direction of
Mrs. J. P. Prickett.
6:20 P. M.—Senior Epworth Lea-

gue will have an interesting pro-
gram at this hour.

7:30 P. M.—Evening worship with
special Christmas carols and anth-
ems. The pastor will give a short
sermon of 15 or 20 minutes length.

We invite the general public to
worship with us Sunday. This will
be Christmas Day and we hope all
the people of Carlsbad will be in
some one of the Churches Sunday
morning and evening.

Henry Hamilton was a visitor from
Last Chance Tuesday, coming in to
do some Christmas shopping.

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Clerk.
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Manager Carlsbad Store
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Manager Clovis Store
ROY DICKSON,
Manager Loving Store

TO OUR FRIENDS AND PATRONS

WE WISH YOU A

Merry and Happy Christmas

A Happy and Prosperous New Year

WE APPRECIATE AT FULL VALUE YOUR GENEROUS PATRONAGE FOR THE PAST YEAR AND THANK YOU FOR SAME.

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FAVORED THE COMING YEAR WITH YOUR BUSINESS IN OUR LINES.
YOU MAY BE ASSURED IT WILL BE GIVEN OUR BEST ATTENTION.



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CARLSBAD, ————— LOVING.

NEW MEXICO TOLD OF WILD ORGY OF OFFICIAL SPENDING

Santa Fe, N. M., Dec. 19.—The statewide revolt against high taxation in New Mexico found official expression today at the conference of county assessors called by the state tax commission. Chairman J. E. Saint of the committee said the tax rate was so high that it had about reached the breaking point. Governor Mechem said the tax is "making tax dodgers of us all."

Director R. F. Asplund, of the Taxpayers' association, declared the state was killing the goose that laid the golden eggs.

Sheep and cattle growers began a barrage against taxation when the conference got under way this evening. No stockman that he knows of in New Mexico, has made expenses in the past three years, W. R. Merley, cattle grower of Datil, New Mexico, wired the conference.

"Live stock values have depreciated 60 to 75 per cent," said the telegram, "and unless assessments are cut the stock growers cannot pay their taxes." Mr. Merley condemned what he termed the wild orgy of spending money on schools and roads in New Mexico.

Governor Mechem told the conference it cost more in New Mexico to send a child to school than in any other Rocky Mountain state, that education represented three-fourths of the cost of the state government, and was loudly applauded when he said that, "educational costs must receive the closest scrutiny from now on."

The governor said taxation should be limited to what the traffic will bear and not seek to produce what it is thought the legislature should spend.

To prevent discrimination by counties, Chairman J. E. Saint of the state tax commission urged the county officials to adopt uniform schedules for the assessment of livestock and grazing lands. The chairman said he believed it was an accident that the right was given counties by the legislature to assess livestock. The fact that the commission was deprived of authority to value grazing lands he attributed to objection in certain parts of the state to the commission's classification of such lands.

To the end that uniform schedules might be adopted Mr. Saint said he had invited leading livestock growers to confer with the assessors. Among the stockmen's representatives here to attend the conference are President T. E. Mitchell of the Cattle Growers' association, state senator from Harding County; E. Moter, of Los Lunas, and Manuel B. Otero and Lawrence Lee, of Albuquerque.

The chairman warned assessors against political fears when he said, "In the next year many of you will doubtless be up for re-election, but gentlemen, I want to say that I think when you lose a vote because you have done your duty you gain two because you have done your duty. I am reminded in this connection of Governor Campbell of Arizona. He was a Republican assessor in a Democratic county. He was energetic and so fair in his assessment that the Democrats quit nominating any one against him. And he told me himself that he claimed to be the father of taxation laws of Arizona, and, as you know, he has been elected and re-elected governor for the Democratic state of Arizona. All because he had the courage to play no favorites in the game of just taxation."

DR. P. J. SMITH

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EDDY COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL MONEY DISTRIBUTED.

Carlsbad, N. M., Dec. 1, 1921. Mr. A. E. Lusk, County Treasurer of Eddy County, New Mexico.

Dear Mr. Lusk:

From the county high school fund now on hand, please distribute to the various county high schools of Eddy county, upon the basis of their enrollment of high school students, \$1,101.00, at the rate of \$3.00 per student, the number and amounts being as follows:

District	Enrollment	Amount
Carlsbad	156	\$468.00
Artesia	155	\$465.00
Hope	56	\$168.00
TOTAL	367	\$1,101.00

Very respectfully yours,

GEO. M. BRINTON,
County Superintendent.

School Money Distributed to Eddy County School Districts.

Carlsbad, N. M., Dec. 1, 1921. Mr. A. E. Lusk, County Treasurer of Eddy County, New Mexico.

Dear Mr. Lusk:

From the General School Fund now on hand, please distribute to the various school districts of Eddy county, upon the basis of their approved estimates, \$4,000.00 as follows:

District	Number	Rate	Amount
Otis	1	3.671	\$146.84
L. Black River	3	.718	28.72
U. Black River	4	.745	29.84
Queen	5	1.679	66.92
Rocky Arroyo	6	.972	38.88
Lakewood	7	4.359	174.36
Loving	10	7.589	303.56
Malaga	11	5.123	205.32
Atoka	17	1.268	50.72
Cottonwood	27	4.492	179.68
Total for Rural Fund			\$1,224.84
Hope	8	13.197	527.88
Dighton	12	2.875	115.00
Artesia	16	24.399	975.96
Carlsbad	C	28.908	1156.32
Total for Independent Dist.			\$2,775.16
Total for all districts			\$4,000.00

Very respectfully yours,

GEO. M. BRINTON,
County Superintendent.

PECOS WATER USERS ASSOCIATION

NOTICE OF ANNUAL ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that the annual election and meeting of Stockholders of the Pecos Water Users Association will be held at the office of the corporation in the city of Carlsbad, Eddy County, New Mexico, between the hours of 10:00 o'clock A. M. and 3:00 o'clock P. M. on Tuesday, January 17th, A. D. 1922.

At said election there are to be elected by ballot as prescribed by the by-laws, one Director in the Carlsbad District, to take the place of Howard C. Kerr, term expired; one director in the Otis District, to take the place of W. D. Bales, term expired; and one director in the Loving District, to take the place of Wm. E. Rose, term expired.

The Judges of said election, as appointed by the president of the Board, are: Harry Walker, Sam Hughes and J. T. Woodard.

The Clerks of said election, as appointed by the President of the Board, are: C. D. Rickman, Roy B. Worley.

This notice is given and published by me as required by the by-laws and under the direction of the Board of Directors by resolution adopted by them.

L. S. MYERS, Secretary,
Pecos Water Users Association.

SCHOOL NOTES

The high school students gave evidence of the approaching season of good cheer when they presented a program on Wednesday at 10:00. The origin of customs and the value of keeping alive these customs at this time of the year were very ably told by the freshman girls. The music, and especially the boys sextet, added more than the usual interest to the program.

The grade students were the hosts of their parents in their rooms on Thursday afternoon. All rooms had Christmas trees and the exercises were unusually well rendered. Many parents performed one of their duties toward the school by being present at these exercises.

The Carlsbad school children made their annual donation to the Children's Home at Albuquerque, on Thursday. First Grade—\$1.10. Second Grade—\$1.55. Third Grade—\$.90. Fourth Grade—\$.87. Fifth Grade—\$1.00. Sixth Grade—\$1.06. Seventh and Eighth Grades—\$1.35. Freshmen—\$.90. Sophomores—\$.10 Juniors—\$.35. Seniors—\$.14. Total—\$12.57.

The schools closed on Thursday and will remain closed until Tuesday morning, January 3, 1922.

SENIOR CLASS PLAY

"Jimmies Aunt Jane," the three act comedy presented by the members of the Senior class of the Carlsbad High School at the Crawford Theatre, Thursday evening, scored a decided hit with the theatre goers of the city. The cast was well selected, the characters natural, the most noticeable feature being the exceptionally well memorized lines, for at no time during the three acts was prompting necessary. The comedy situations were cleverly handled and the off-staging accurately timed, a credit to Miss Van Wile, who directed the play and who has produced many successful senior class productions.

The leading parts were very good. Virgil McCollum, as Jimmie, was a perfect college lad in trouble, and brought a laugh from the audience with every line. Glenwood Jackson, impersonating Aunt Jane, showed clever originality and was good in all comical situations. Carl Loveless, another Aunt Jane, was the comedian of the play, his every action brought peals of laughter. John Lewis was the negro servant and a popular character on the front rows among the kiddies. Ralph Mahan, a college professor, was a laugh getter with his dress coat and voice, typical of the part. Martha Williams as his wife was very good ruling the professor with the iron hand. Ida Heisig, as Ma Baggaby, had a difficult part and was very clever in it. Kathryn Purdy the real Aunt Jane, was an excellent part and well acted. John Owen Akin, the dignified Major showed considerable skill in the proposal scenes with Aunt Jane. The collage girls, Francis Etter, Elizabeth Purdy, and Dorothy Batton, with Barbara Neil Thomas seeing her first football game were all very natural on the stage and did excellent acting.

The specialty acts, the Boys Sextette and the Male Quartette were well received and were called for encores. The Carlsbad Orchestra furnished several numbers and as a new organization are progressing rapidly.

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LOVING NEWS

Mr. G. R. Howard is in Santa Fe on business this week.

Jed Howard returned home last Saturday from Golden, Colo., where he has been attending the Colorado State school of Mines. We know he is as glad to be home as his folks are to have him.

Mrs. Frank Nymeyer returned to her home after a short illness, seemingly much improved, however. Mrs. Nymeyer was again obliged to bring her to town last Tuesday. She has greatly improved and is returning to the ranch at this writing.

Several people of Loving experienced a thrill of excitement last Monday night when a stranger calling himself "one of the Harkey boys" sold a fine collection of Mexican drawn work (worth several hundred dollars) to our local agent, Geo. Fessler, for \$21. He at once became the object of suspicion, and a few hours later was awakened by the hard, cold about, "throw up your hands," being given by Constable Roy Dickson. The stranger explained the situation by saying that he was an ex-secret service officer, having come into possession of the collection "on the border." He was locked up for the night, but succeeded in leaving town Tuesday morning. Later in the day, the goods were found to be the stolen property of Mrs. Hunick.

Earl Donaldson is working for Jno. Queen below Malaga.

Kathryn Martin entertained the members of the sixth, seventh and eighth grades Thursday night in honor of Floy and Olga Nickelson, who are leaving next week for Vaughn, where the family are to make their future home.

A special program will be rendered Friday afternoon at the school house by the children. A tree and all it means is expected to be in evidence.

There will be a community tree and program at the M. E. church Xmas Eve.

THE HOMELIKE CHURCH.

Services at the Christian church Sunday, December 25th.

Combined Christmas service at 10:00 A. M. A good program will be rendered at this time.

Junior C. E. at 2:30 P. M.

Senior C. E. at 7 P. M.

Preaching service at 7:30 P. M.

We would be delighted to have you enjoy these services with us.

D. F. SELLARDS, Pastor.

MASS MEETING.

The citizens of Eddy county are urged to attend a mass meeting on Wednesday, December 28th at 3:30 P. M. in the Chamber of Commerce.

WANT ADS

LOST—One set Weed Anti-Skid Chains 34 x 4. Suitable reward if returned by finder.
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Madisonville, Texas.

rooms at Carlsbad. This meeting is called for the purpose of electing six directors of the board of Eddy County Hospital Association. A report of the year's work will be had at this time. Don't forget the time and place.
EDDY COUNTY HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION.

Merry Christmas

THE HOLIDAY SEASON

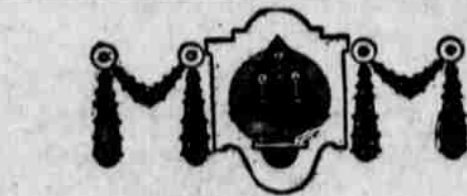
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On behalf of our entire organization,

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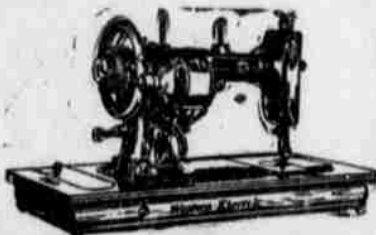
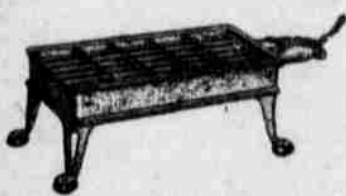
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The
**Season's
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Through the kindness of her son, A. L. Moore, in providing transportation, Mrs. A. Moore, reporter for the Current, left for Los Angeles Tuesday night to spend the holidays with her daughter and family and also her son's family. During her six weeks absence, Blythe McCollum will act as

reporter and will appreciate being called up and given the elusive local and otherwise assisted in getting the news.

Miss Virginia Thayer has been doing stenographic work in the office of Major Bujac, since her return from Breckenridge.

Mrs. L. C. Bell, mother of Mrs. W. C. Bates is expected to arrive in Carlsbad some time this week to spend the holidays with her daughter. Mrs. Bell has visited here frequently and has made many friends among our people who are glad of her return. Her home is in Buffalo Gap, Texas.

The Spirit of this Joyful Season prompts
us to extend to you our
BEST WISHES
for a

Merry Christmas

and a

Happy New Year

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A STRANGE STAR

Birth of New Life Which Was to
Shine Over the Earth.

Conference of the Beasts of the Na-
tivity as Portrayed by imagi-
native Writer.

"**C**AREFUL, Brother, thy horns! Keep thy head straight. Remember, tonight we share but the one stall between us. The man and his mate, there, have thine." The little tawny-bellied ox of Palestine on the farther side leaned hard against the stable wall.

"Tis a strange star that shines tonight," his yoke-fellow answered, sighing restlessly as he turned back his gaze from the open door. Even with care their horns clicked in the narrow space. "If men must take my bed, why did they not turn us out into the free air? The grass would have dew on it tonight—and I could watch the star."

"Ho!" snorted the little gray ass which had carried hither the woman who lay stretched on the straw between them. "What grass wouldst thou pluck from the cobbles of the city?"

"Aye," loved the first ox. "There is hay here; eat and be still. The star is no concern of thine."

"The star shineth on the whole broad earth, Brother. He hath the peaked hills to wander in, and the dark valleys, the fields and the towns alike. I wish I were free like the star."

"Then, like him, thou wouldst come slipping in at our stable door again. Hey, come off thy knees! We must sleep standing," his mate grunted warningly.

"Hush, Brother. There is something wondrous in my old stall! Something very small and white! It gleameth as with hoarfrost in the star's light. It hath the smell of lilies. It moveth. The star can stroke it with its long, pale tongue." He leaned longingly against the barrier which shut him away, until it creaked.

The little ass slipped his soft ears between his own bars and sniffed inquiringly. "Why, 'tis a child!" he whinnied with delight. "Children are lovely things. His small fingers will play with my mane and he will sing little songs to me as I bear him along. Look up, little Master. We will see great days together."

"There, that serveth thee right!" reproved the far ox as the woman made a quick motion toward the inquisitive nose. "Thy black muzzle belongeth in thine own manger, Brother Ass."

"She did but brush it aside," the little gray beast breathed contentedly. "She is pleased that we know her son. No fear, Brother Ox. Her husband will not take his staff to us. She is gentle, this woman of mine. Her child, too, will love us."

But the ox had not drawn back. He knelt there, his broad forehead pressed against the bars, his wondering eyes fixed on the new life which was to shine over the whole broad earth with a brighter glory than that wondering star's.—John Breck, in the Detroit News.

GROWTH OF CHRISTMAS TREE

Abandoned Farms in Foothills of
Green Mountains in Vermont Pro-
vide the Yuletide Sprouts.

SINCE five million Christmas trees are annually shipped out of Vermont, it is only natural to wonder where they all come from. They must come from farms—not farms operated to produce the Christmas tree crop, but abandoned farms where the trees have planted and reared themselves.

These abandoned farms lie in high valleys in the foothills of the Green mountains. One may see sections covered by thirty-odd farms, once thriving settlements, but now all but two or three may be unoccupied. Such land, once under the plow is gradually coming back to forest. Along the fern-choked, faintly-traced furrows, young spruces come up and in the open sunshine take on a vivid green. And more than that—the symmetrical branches are a lively green clear to the ground.

Christmas trees cannot be cut in areas of spruce forest, because when they grow in dense clusters the under branches die for want of light, and hence the trees have no value as decorative Christmas trees.

Few, indeed, see the harvest. One or two lonely partridge hunters, perhaps, will see it as it lies covered with the first early snow squalls in the mountains. But back in October, when the days have not lost all of the mellowness of autumn, a gang of twenty choppers will have been busily at work cutting the scattering young spruces and tying them with twine.

The cutting and bundling is the easiest part of the harvest, for the trees must be hauled for miles to the railroad, and at this time of year the mountain roads are nothing more than frozen ruts and waterholes. Despite this fact, however, heavy two-horse wagons and even motor trucks, bristling with great criblike bodies, struggle slowly out, loaded high with the trees. Two horses are able to draw out at a load about seventy trees of average size.

At the chosen town on the railroad every cleared spot is hired and a mountain of trees begins to grow; till eight thousand of them may be packed in a solid mass.—St. Nicholas.

WE WANT TO THANK OUR PATRONS

and friends for the liberal share of
business given us the past year and
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and a

PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

Yours to please,



Sanitary Barber Shop

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A WARM PAPER

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The Harpoon, San Antonio, Tex

Tom McLenathen arrived in the city coming from Los Angeles, where he has been for the last nine months, and where he expects to return after the holidays. Although not so very old in years, Tom may be called an old timer, seeing that he was born and reared at school in Carlsbad. And the fact that he is the eldest son of our lamented citizen, C. H. McLenathen, gives all Carlsbad people an interest in him. Tom says he has found many changes in the personnel of the city, and that people here have so changed that he hardly recognizes them. The city itself has made many changes also, in the past year, and should the present plans mature, as no doubt they will, more improvements will be made in the coming year than in any year of the history of the town.

WITH THE

Season's Greetings

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CHRISTMAS AND THE NEW YEAR.

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THE PLACE TO GET INSURANCE

The Roswell dance Orchestra, consisting of Messrs. Lemp, Guffin, Boellner and Leonard, furnished delightful music for the Shrine dance last Friday night, coming down on the afternoon train.

Rev. J. C. Jones, of Roswell, and Reverend Barton, of Dexter, were in town Monday night.

Robert Fletcher and Carl Lucas both of Roswell, left for that place Saturday night after several days stay in Carlsbad.

Mrs. Ruth C. Miller, a member of the State department of education has resigned her position. She also presented claims against the state for over a thousand dollars.

Frank W. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Smith, is at home from Waco to spend the holidays. Frank has been attending Baylor University.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin, parents of Mrs. J. W. Armstrong, left last week for their home in Golden City, Missouri, being called there unexpectedly by business matters.

WE HAVE SOLD
ANOTHER CAR
of
HIDES
BRING YOURS IN BEFORE
CHRISTMAS.
**PECOS VALLEY
HIDE & FUR CO.**

Lyman White came down from Clovis last Saturday and spent the evening with homefolks in Carlsbad returning to his work in the Magic City Sunday night.

Miss Mary Lee Pond was a passenger south this morning going to Colorado, Texas, to spend the Holidays with an uncle and aunt at that place.

Story of the Christmas Stocking

YEARS and years ago stockings were not hung on Christmas eve as we hang them now. No one ever heard of such a thing as hanging up a stocking for Christmas gifts. And if children had thought of such a thing they would have said, "What a foolish idea! A stocking wouldn't hold half the things we want." So the children throughout the world placed crocks, big brass basins, and copper kettles on the hearth on Christmas eve and left notes in them telling Santa to fill them to the brim. Each year the children left larger vessels to be filled, children left larger vessels to be filled.

Up in the great white north Santa's reindeer no longer pranced and pawed, impatient to be off on Christmas eve, as they once had done. They hung their heads and a tired look came into their big brown eyes, for they remembered how heavy the loads had grown and how many more trips they were forced to make year by year.

St. Nicholas no longer rested now through the summer months, as he once had done, but labored every day throughout the year, and often he built toys late into the night, for a great many gifts had to be made to fill the baskets that the greedy children left. The twinkles left his merry eyes, and he no longer sang about his work, for he was sad and thought of the time that would come when he could no longer build enough presents to go around.

Late one December day St. Nicholas stepped from his workshop into the deep snow. Facing the south, he stretched out his tired arms and called: "Hear, oh hear, children of the earth, my loved ones, can you not see you are becoming selfish and that your greedy demands are too great a task, even for St. Nicholas, king of the Christmas spirit? Can't you see, my children, that you are killing the spirit of Christmas?"

His chin sank upon his chest and tears glistened in his kindly eyes. A soft white snowflake fluttered down and nestled against his cheek, and a tiny voice whispered into his ear: "Santa, I will help you."

"Who are you?" asked St. Nicholas. "I am a snow fairy," answered the tiny voice. "As my sisters and I have danced about the air we have often swirled about your sleigh on Christmas eve, and have seen the great loads you have always carried and how tired you have looked."

"What, O what, shall I do?" asked Santa.

"Just go about your work as usual," answered the fairy. "I and all my sisters will help you."

"Oh, thank you—thank you," cried St. Nicholas. And the fairy floated out among the other snowflakes.

As the children went about the snowflakes whirled around them, and it seemed as if they heard the chanting of tiny voices, and as the snowflakes nestled against their ears they seemed to sing: "Just a stocking—hang a stocking up on Christmas eve."

"Just a stocking—just a stocking," rang through the hearts of the children on Christmas eve. And in place of leaving the great vessels as they once had done they just hung up their stockings.

Some children were too selfish to hear the song of the snowflakes and left the great baskets as they always had done. But when they saw the great joy the unselfish children had in their gifts and how contented and happy they were these selfish ones were ashamed, and they, too, began to hang up only their stockings when Christmas eve came round.

When St. Nicholas found stockings in place of the great baskets and barrels the twinkles came again into his laughing eyes, his cheeks grew red, and he sang as he drove through the merry sea of snowflakes.

With just stockings to fill St. Nicholas had time to rest, and he grew strong and well, and the spirit of Christmas lived. So this is why nowadays we hang up our stockings on Christmas eve. All this we are told by a writer, who learned it from a Christmas fairy.

Santa
Fetched Her



We take this opportunity of expressing
deepest appreciation of the
cordial relationship which
has existed between us.

ACCEPT GREETINGS AND WARMEST
REGARDS.

Dinty Moore's Filling Station

Miss Beulah M. Fonville, of Portales, matron of the Baptist Orphan Home in that city, was in Carlsbad the first of the week, soliciting funds for orphanage from Carlsbad people. Miss Fonville is a deeply consecrated young woman and is doing a wonderful work.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Steig, of Kenma, were in town over Sunday, leaving Sunday night on the return trip. Their visit at this time was made to Mr. Steig's mother, who is at present in Sisters Hospital, taking treatment, and is considered a very sick woman.

Mrs. Sam Moskin left the middle of the week for Roswell, where she will spend the holidays with her parents, her little daughter Jane, being already there. Mr. Moskin will go up on the train tomorrow night.

Rev. J. H. Jones, was down Friday of last week from Roswell, and expected to hold quarterly conference at the Methodist church but owing to other attractions, only a very small number were in attendance.

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YOUR HAPPINESS THROUGHOUT THE
COMING YEAR

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WE HAVE LOOKED FORWARD
to this opportunity to thank you for the many
favors you have shown us and
We hope to merit your kindness by striving to
serve you successfully during
the coming year.

WE WISH FOR YOU A

Merry Christmas

and a HAPPY NEW YEAR

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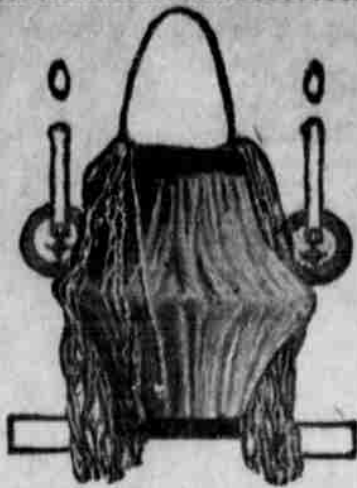
SUDDEN DEATH OF MRS. RUTH HILL

Word was received Sunday by con-
ductor Warren S. Gossett, while he
was in Clovis, of the sudden death
of his daughter, Mrs. Ruth Hill.
Mrs. Hill was well known in Carls-
bad, having formerly resided here
for a number of years. The wire
gave no particulars, only stating that
she died in San Francisco. The Cur-
rent hopes to have a full account next
week.

Lloyd Penny, son of Mr. and Mrs.
J. I. Penny arrived Monday for a
visit during the holidays. Lloyd has
not been in the city for about ten
years and is greatly surprised in the
many changes he sees. He is now
living in Hurley, N. M., where he is
engaged in the garage business and
reports business as being good in
that section of the country.

Mrs. Fred Area is spending the
Holidays with her parents on Green
Heights, from her ranch home in the
mountains.

Christmas Decorations



One of the easiest ways for dress-
ing up the house at holiday time is
to make lamp, candle and electric
light shades or lanterns of crepe or
tissue paper and tinsel. To make
the small lantern pictured two rings
of cardboard are covered with plain
black or gold paper pasted over them.
A length of light green tissue paper
is folded along the center, slashed
into narrow strips and pasted inside
the rings. Under this a length of
rose-colored crepe paper narrower
than the green is pasted; this causes
the strips of green paper to spread
and stand out. Silver tinsel hangs
from the wire handle at each side.

Gifts for Gay Hours



Christmas never brought lovelier
remembrances to fair women than the
picturesque hair ornaments for their
gay hours which this season pre-
sents. There are many of them made
of ribbon, beads, flowers or mock
jewels in headbands, and finished
with a feather or blossom or other
ornament. The sparkling piece pic-
tured is merely a fillet of rhinestones
that encircles the head and supports
a small poinsettia flower at the left
with a few sparkling rhinestones
scattered on its leaves.

Bib and Tray Cloth



Balloons, in bright colors, and an
angular elephant decorate the ample
bib and tray cloth to match, made of
oilcloth, as pictured above. They will
afford the youngest member of the
family much joy and his mother much
peace of mind at the dinner table.
Therefore the donor of this gift will
be twice blessed and long remem-
bered. The mottled oilcloth is cream
colored and the bib is bound at the
neck with white tape which is extend-
ed into ties.

Fairy Powder Puff



Little celluloid kewpies which may
be bought everywhere have been used
in many ingenious ways for Christ-
mas gifts. Here is one dressed up like
a fairy bride with ruffles of chiffon
bound with narrow satin ribbon for a
skirt and her head adorned with a
braided wreath and veil. She stands in
a small bag stuffed with cotton and
gathered about her feet and it has a
cloth powder puff sewed to it that
rests in a glass bowl.

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"The Wide-awake
Abstracters"

Stuart Armstrong is among other
young men who are at home for the
Holidays vacation from various
schools. Stuart has been attend-
ing the State University at Law-
rence, Kansas.

David Sellards came in from
Redlands, California, where he has
been in school, and will be here for
two weeks during the time his
school is on vacation.

Earl Matheson, one of Carlsbad
favorite boys, who now resides in
Reswell, spent the week end last
week with his parents in this city.

FOR SALE.—A team, wagon and
harness. Inquire of
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Candles and Yule Log

CHRISTMAS gifts were common
in Medieval times. Accounts
tell of the chandlers' guild send-
ing out gratis to everyone a special
sort of big, flat candles which were
burned with the Yule log to light
the houses for the coming of a super-
natural Christmas visitor. The bak-
ers also sent out "Yule cakes," or
"Yule babies," which were little im-
ages of Christ. This custom, in fact,
seems to be even older, it being re-
corded on the old Roman calendars
that on the Vigil of the Nativity little
images of the Christ Child were made

in great numbers and presented to
the fathers in the Vatican.

Gradually the sentiment of "Peace
on earth, good will to men" and the
celebration of the spirit by general
gifts seems to have spread through
the other guilds, and finally to have
become general.

In England today there is a survival
of the ancient custom practiced by
landowners of setting big sacks of
grain or other products outside the
gate that whoever came might help
himself. It is said that an extra
Christmas eve feed is also still given
to the cattle.

Miss Adelle Bujac arrived at her
home in La Huerta, the latter part
of last week to spend the holidays
with homefolks. Miss Bujac is at-
tending the El Paso School for
Girls, a private institution in the
Pass City.

PETE'S TRANSFER

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Merry Christmas

—AND—

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Rev. A. C. Douglas, the Methodist minister was unable to fill his pulpit last Sunday morning, and Reverend Mahan, of the Baptist church took charge, and preached a most excellent sermon, to the ing Dr. H. W. Lowry, preached a most excellent sermon, to the Methodist people, good congregations being at both services.

The annual convention of New Mexico Wool Growers Association, will be held in Albuquerque, January instead of Roswell as originally intended. The place of meeting was changed by the executive board, in hopes that a larger attendance result.

After a stay of a few days in Carlsbad, among old friends, Paul Bristow left for El Paso, the first of the week. His brother, Ray, is living there and Paul expects to spend the winter with him.

Mrs. Sam Helmick will spend Christmas in Roswell, the guest of her son, Frank Moritz, and his family, leaving for that place with Mrs. Moskin Wednesday morning.

CHRISTMAS CAROL

Music and Song Always Associated With the Yuletide.

Original Sacred Character of Carols Was Almost Lost Sight of in Thirteenth Century.

MUSIC and song have always been associated with Christmas.

In Roman Catholic countries as early as the Third century, it became the custom to usher in the Christmas festivities with musical masses.

The practice of singing carols or canticles was supposed to recall the "In Excelsis Gloria" of the angels and the song of the shepherds on the first Christmas night.

A very old carol, published in 1521, gives an amusing description of church revelries:

A wooden child in clouds on the altar sat,
About the which both boys and girls do
dance and timely yet,
And carols sing in praise of Christ.
The priests do rear aloud:
And round about the parents stand
To see the sport, and with their voice
Do help them, and with hand.

At first, carols were generally religious in character, and were written with Latin and English words in alternate lines, or with a Latin refrain. The well-known carol

When Christ was born of Mary free
In Bethlehem, that fair city,
Angels sang with mirth and glee
In Excelsis Gloria.
and another with a chorus,
Christus natus hodie
The babe, the son,
The holy one
Of Mary.

are good examples of this class.

When the tendency to ribaldry became marked, some of the carols got to be very peculiar in subject and language. Joseph is treated with a great want of respect, for one carol runs:

Joseph was an old man,
An old man was he
When he wedded Mary,
The Maid of Galilee.

Another relates the story of the shepherds watching their flocks by night:

A shepherd upon a hill he sat,
He had on him his tunic and hat,
His staff, his pipe and his bag;
His name was called Joly-Joly Watt.

Having been informed of the birth of Christ, the shepherd sets off for Bethlehem, and on arriving, says:

Jesus! I off Thee my pipe,
My staff, my tunic and my bag;
Home to my fellows now will I take,
And loke unto my shepe.

In the Thirteenth century the sacred character of these Christmas songs was almost entirely lost sight of. The Puritan parliament abolished Christmas and carols altogether, but feasting and revelry returned with the Restoration.

Carol singing, which had fallen into disuse, was revived by a collection of carols published by D. Gilbert, in 1822, but caroling, which was formerly ushered in by the chiming of church bells, and the rallying forth of choirs which chanted their way round villages until their throats were hoarse and their noses red from cold and friendly Christmas potations, is now almost a thing of the past.—Tit Bits.

CUSTOMS AND THEIR ORIGINS

Numerous Yuletide Ideas Are Relics of Pagan Observance, Especially Those of Druidism.

MANY Christmas customs are relics of pagan observances, especially those of Druidism, the religious system of the ancient Gauls and Britons. Groves of oaks were their chosen retreat, and today the acorn is found as a Christmas symbol on some Christmas greetings, although it is not used as much as formerly.

Druidism considered mistletoe most sacred, and when growing on an oak tree, parasite as it is, it was cut with a golden knife by a priest clad in a white robe and two white bulls were sacrificed on the spot.

The Yule log in England is a relic of Druidism. Its name is considered a corruption of "wheel log," a wheel in Druidical symbolism typifying the march of the sun. The lighting of the Yule log harks back to the sacred fires kindled by the Druids at mid-winter in the round towers which yet remain in many parts of Great Britain, Ireland, France and Spain. The use of the Christmas tree has descended from the German Druids. The dressing of the tree with candles and presents was a feature of their mid-winter festival.

Ivy is not used for Christmas decorations, as it was once sacred to Bacchus and constituted almost the sole leafy adornment at the Roman saturnalia. The early Christian clergy, desiring to wean the people from their pagan practice as far as possible, forbade the use of Ivy, and the precedent still obtains.

In medieval Europe a peacock was the favorite dish for Christmas dinner. After being skinned carefully the bird was cooked. Then the skin with the plumage intact was replaced, and the bird served in a manner as nearly as possible resembling real life.

Mince pies are first mentioned in 1500 as in common use at Christmas-time. Authorities in the matter then said they might be eaten as early as December 14.

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Eunice Regnier, having attained the age of eleven years, last Saturday gave a party to seven of her most intimate friends, at her home in the west part of town. The little girls enjoyed an afternoon of play and were served with refreshments of cake, candy and cocoa which pleased them all. The birthday cake was especially toothsome, as the reporter can testify. May little Eunice have many more happy birthdays.

Judge J. W. Armstrong was a visitor to Roswell Friday of last week going up on legal business, which failed of accomplishment, however, as Judge Brice, whom the judge desired to see had gone out on his official duties.

W.H. Merchant

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Attractions at Crawford Theatre NEXT WEEK

MON.— "THE BRONZE BELL"
George Melford Production

TUES.— Constance Talmadge
in
"LESSONS IN LOVE"

WED.— PAULINE FREDERICK IN
"ROADS OF DESTINY"

THUR.— "SIX FEET FOUR"
Episode Two of
"AVENGING ARROW"

FRI.— "THE WILD GOOSE"
Cosmopolitan Production
Capturing Lions by Aeroplane

SAT.—

LOCAL NEWS

John Garrett and wife were in from their home at Lovington, the latter part of the week.

Tom McLenathan, after nine months residence in California, returned to his home in this city, and will remain here for the holidays.

Bryan Runyan is expected in Saturday to spend the holidays with his parents. Bryan is in his second year at the University of Oklahoma.

The Primary Department of the Presbyterian church will have a Christmas party in the chapel at three o'clock Saturday afternoon.

H. E. Englestone was a business visitor from Roswell Monday.

Harry Scheidegger, a young man who has been in Carlsbad for the past nineteen months, left Saturday night for his home near Kansas City, where he expects to remain. Harry came here a sick boy but has entirely recovered and goes to his home with the consent of his physician. He leaves a host of friends here, having always showed himself friendly and being a young man of excellent principles and habits. Many good wishes accompany him for continued good health in his home and among his old time friends.

Miss Helen Bule, teacher in the grammar grades, left for Hereford, Texas, Thursday night to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents.

Mrs. E. E. Jones and her sister, Mrs. R. L. Waters, will leave after Christmas for an extended visit in New York City.

Jess Wheeler and family left Wednesday night for Newton, Kansas, where they will spend the Christmas and New Year Holiday season with relatives.

Mr. J. H. Shepard, Evangelist, assisted by Miss Corona Smith, singing Evangelist, will begin a series of services at the Christian church Sunday, January 8th. Mr. Shepard is a very successful Evangelist and an entertaining speaker. Miss Smith possesses a very sweet voice and is a fine choir singer.

You should be present at the first service. These people will do you good and you will be delighted to meet them.

Time surely brings its changes; in 1919 the workmen cried defiantly "No beer, no work." Only two years and now they have neither.

Miss Addie Small, who has charge of the Crawford Hotel Cafe left Friday morning for a short visit in El Paso.

WE WISH YOU

A Merry Christmas

and

A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

In years that have passed we have been favored by your patronage and it is our desire to serve you in the very best way possible.

THANKING YOU MOST SINCERELY for your patronage and hoping to continue in your good favor, we are, Yours for Service,

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NOTICE — Our Store will be closed all day Monday, December 26th.

WOMAN'S CLUB PROGRAM

Tuesday, December 27th, at 8:00 o'clock P. M.
Customs of the Zuni—Mrs. Lucas Acosta, the City of the Sky—Mrs. Ryan.
Music—Mrs. Kindel.
Roll Call.
Current Events.
Edwin A. Abbey—Mrs. Kaiser.

MASONS ELECT OFFICERS

The annual election of officers of Eddy Lodge No. 21, A. F. & A. M., was held at the regular communication of the lodge on the evening of the 22nd and resulted as follows:
Joseph Wertheim, Worshipful Master.
Eugene A. Roberts, Senior Warden.
Homer A. Grace, Junior Warden.
William A. Craig, Treasurer.
Victor L. Minter, Secretary.
A. N. Pratt, Trustee for three years.

The ceremony of installation will be held on the evening of St. John's Day, December 27, at 7:30 o'clock, at which time the appointive officers also will be named to serve during the coming year. The officers of Rio Pecos Commandery, K. T., and Signet Chapter No. 9, R. A. M., respectively, will be installed the same evening.

The local Blue Lodge has under consideration a series of special meetings too to be held this winter in connection with the Masonic Study Club; and one or more entertainments will be arranged to which the wives and friends of Masons will be invited.

The next lecture under the auspices of the Masonic Service Association will be held early next month. It will have for its subject, "Equality of Opportunity," and will be illustrated by several reels of moving picture films.

The past year has been a successful one with the several Masonic bodies in Carlsbad and the new year will begin with enthusiasm and interest upon the part of every member of the fraternity.

Local Oddfellows are not unmindful of the residents of the Oddfellows' Home at Roswell at the Yuletide season and this week sent a handsome remembrance in the form of cash to be used for Christmas presents and the usual holiday goodies for the thirteen orphaned children in the fraternity's splendid institution.

In offering James M. Barrie's "Sentimental Tommy" for the Christmas Eve bill at the Crawford Saturday, Manager Linn is assured of pleasing every patron, old and young, from six to sixty, and a picture you'll talk about when next Christmas comes. Don't miss it.

Congressman Wood of Indiana is a tall, spare, clean-shaven man of good ability—one of the Republican leaders in the House. If he isn't an elder in the church, he at least looks like one, but he used a very emphatic word in the House the other day, and when his remarks were handed him for revision he didn't change a letter in them. Here it is: "I am only speaking the truth when I say that the people of this country employed in every vocation and in every character of business are giving this Congress hell. They are doing it because we have done nothing to stimulate business. They are doing it because we have done nothing to give employment to the unemployed. They are doing it because we have done nothing to benefit the farmer and stimulate the price of the farmer's products."

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COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS SINGING

The members of the different churches who are to take part in the Christmas Carol singing, will meet at 9:15 Friday evening at the following places:

Members of the Methodist group on the corner by the Crawford Theatre.
Presbyterian and Christian Church Group on the northeast corner of the court house on Canyon street.
Baptists meet at the Baptist church.

Episcopal at the residence of Mrs. C. C. Sikes.
Male Quartette at the Sweet Shop.

Anyone desiring to have the singers give a song in front of their home will have candles placed in their windows between 9:30 and 10:30 P. M.

Francis Marion, a student of the New Mexico Military Institute, is spending Christmas visiting friends in Carlsbad.

COAL PRICES CUT A DOLLAR

A reduction of \$1 in the price of coal at the Gallup mines in New Mexico, effective December 16, has been announced here and retail merchants expect the cut will be felt by the consumer at an early date.

Reductions were announced last week by operators in the Dawson field and subsequently passed along down the line. Our retailers have already announced an automatic reduction of \$1 in the price of all coal they receive after December 16.

Following the senior class play, Thursday evening, Joseph Powell and Carl Wester gave a dance in the Crawford Cafe for the High School set. With Mr. Shaffer at the piano, the thirty couples present spent an enjoyable evening. Mrs. E. P. Bujac acted as chaperon for the affair.

May your Christmas be bright and may the New Year bring you all Health and Happiness.

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SPECIAL MUSIC; SPECIAL DECORATIONS
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RED BLUFF SURVEY IS FAVORABLE

That a favorable report is to be made by government surveyors on the proposed Red Bluff Irrigation Project is practically assured.

A survey of the territory to be covered by the great reservoir, was made the past week by N. H. Darden of Washington, an engineer of the U. S. Reclamation service and sent by the Government to the Pecos river in connection with the proposed project. He was accompanied on the survey by Vernon L. Sullivan of El Paso, engineer for the Pecos Valley Waters Users Association and by Fred Bonsted also of the U. S. Reclamation Service.

Mr. Sullivan passed through Pecos

en-route back to El Paso Thursday and said that he felt assured Mr. Darden's report to the Washington office will be favorable. The only work in this connection remaining to be done is the making of several core tests over the proposed lake site, to ascertain whether the soil will hold water. This is to be done by representatives of the government services at the earliest date possible, but it will be after January 1st, probably before the core drilling machine can be gotten out of Denver and placed on the ground. These core tests will probably be 100 feet deep and will show whether the bottom of the proposed lake would leak out the supply. The surface indications on the site are said to be good and the survey covered a large area.

As soon as this final test is made the report will be completed and filed with the proper authorities. Then it will be up to those in charge of the campaign for the proposed project to proceed with the plans for its realization. The proposition is backed by the five big irrigation companies of the Pecos Valley and so time or effort will be spared in pushing the project to completion. It is anticipated that the Government will allow a big loan, thus enabling the big dam to be constructed without delay.

It is the general opinion of both farmers and business men of the Pecos Valley that the completion of the Red Bluff project would mean more to this country than anything else planned or contemplated here in many years. It would mean approximately 130,000 acres in the valley to be given ample supply for growing luxuriant crops every season, whereas only about 35,000 or 40,000

acres are supplied now. This means also that the population of this section would be increased 75 to 100 per cent through the increased farming opportunities, homes offered and business interests incidental to the increased agricultural interests. It means that approximately five million dollars would be added annually to the returns from the farm products in the valley. The waters for irrigation would extend from about forty miles above Pecos to about the same distance below the town and this place would be the town most helped and would be the center of business interests for the great irrigated area. The soil to be irrigated is such as will grow the finest of alfalfa, cotton, milo, kafir corn and fruits.

Under the Smith-McNary act, which is now before congress, proposing to make possible for millions to be loaned for the construction of such irrigation projects as the proposed Red Bluff d.m., no man would be allowed to own and cultivate more than 150 acres of land under the irrigated project so bonded under the Government.

Former soldiers and sailors would be given first chance to buy homes in such districts. And the land will be sold by the Government on long time with easy payments.

Mr. Darden arrived in Carlsbad last Monday and was met there by Engineer Sullivan from El Paso, W. N. Sutherland, W. W. Dean and Ralph Sparks of Pecos and R. H. Gray of Bonavista.

Mr. Darden went from the Red Bluff site to Carlsbad where he has been engaged to make a survey of what is known as the Third Reservoir Site and when that work is completed he is to go on up the river to make a survey of the proposed Fort Summer site, up toward the center of New Mexico.

The towns to be affected by the proposed Red Bluff irrigation system are Pecos, Barstow, Imperial and Bonavista.—Pecos Enterprise.

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W. C. T. U. CONTEST

The declamation contest given under the auspices of the W. C. T. U. Mrs. C. H. Dishman, superintendent, was one of the most successful affairs of the kind ever held here. The program was given at the Methodist church, last Saturday night, and was witnessed by a large audience of friends of the young people, who gave interested attention to each number and heartily applauded each of the young girls who appeared before them.

The program was interspersed by songs from two Sunday School classes, one the class of Mr. Snow, of the Christian Sunday school, and the other by the class taught by Mrs. Walter Craft, of the Methodist School. Miss Laverna Hiller sang in a very sweet manner, "I Know My Savior Cares," which was one of the most appreciated numbers of the evening.

While the judges were making their decision Mrs. A. Moore read a number of reasons why every Christian woman should identify herself for its motto, "For God and Home and Every Land."

The contestants, seven in number were seated on the platform in front of the audience, and each little girl, as her name was called, rose and announced her subject. The selections were all taken from books furnished by the headquarters of the union, and were varied in subject and all were interesting in the extreme and entertaining. When one considers seven girls of their ages, who will deliver such excellent recitations as those did, it is an occasion for pride from all who have any interest in children and their attainments.

Annie Prickett gave a humorous recitation, as her selection, and touched off her old lady, "Josiah Allen's wife" in fine shape. Her articulation was perfect, and her gestures in good taste.

Ruby Horton was another speaker, and so excellent was her rendition of her difficult selection, that many thought she would receive the medal at the hand of the judges. The same may be said of Pearl Bartlett, and Helen Bond. The last named little girl gave the slogan we so often hear, "Wait a Little Longer," with excellent pronunciation and gestures. Winifred Hubert, in a humorous recital telling the law breaker, what he may expect, "If he don't watch out," captivated the audience, this was one of the most difficult readings given, and the little girl was at her ease and surprised her many friends who did not know of her abilities in that line.

Irma Allen, the last speaker, received the heartiest applause given any of the contestants. Her reading was lengthy, and extremely difficult being of prose, and was given without hesitation, whatever, and in such a bright, understanding manner, as to tell any who heard her that Irma knew what she was talking about. The long words and sentences simply rolled off her tongue

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REPORT

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THE NEWS

There will be a Social meeting at the Epworth League rooms of the Methodist Church at 3 P. M. Thursday, December 29th. A program on Missions in Korea will be rendered and each one present is requested to respond to roll call with some late missionary news.

MRS. TINLEY,
Superintendent.

Mrs. Lellaette Hanson is assisting in the postoffice this week during the Christmas rush.

Miss Catherine Chilcoat was a visitor to Artesia over Sunday, going up Saturday.



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—AND A—

Happy New Year

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LOCAL NEWS.

County Assessor Joe Johns left for Santa Fe Saturday night to attend the meeting of county tax assessors.

Mrs. Ray Hewitt and son, James, are visiting at the home of Joe Johns this week, from their home in Fort Worth, Texas, and may decide to remain there until after Christmas.

Miss Mildred Fate who has been attending the T. W. C. in Fort Worth came in Monday night for the Christmas Holidays at home.

Judge J. W. Armstrong left for Clovis, where he had business, Monday night, but will return in time to spend Christmas at home.

A happy family is the Tom Runyan family this week. Their daughter, Miss Gertrude, who has been attending the State Normal at Wellington, Kansas, is at home for the Holidays, as is their son, Bryan, from school in Oklahoma. With the arrival of the children, the petty home will take on even more attractiveness.

Rev. F. A. Thorold Eiler preached at Roswell last Sunday morning, conducting services in the home church at night. He also filled his appointment at Pecos, going down Thursday and returning Friday evening.

A PREMATURE CHRISTMAS

The twin sons of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Runyan, Edmund and Edsell, are fortunate children in many respects and in none more than in their celebration of Christmas which, while premature, was very enjoyable. The facts are about as follows: Mrs. Runyan, in common with other mothers, had been making great preparations for the twin's Christmas, purchasing various articles dear to the heart of babies of their age, and putting them for safety in a room upstairs. While down street the latter part of last week their mother left the boys in charge of the man of the house, and he very promptly settled himself to read and forget about the twins. He was roused from his quiet by the sound of a horn rather vigorously blown and on investigating found the active twins in possession of all their presents and having a most delightful time. Their innocent joy in the "pretties" in no way detracted from their father's enjoyment and the premature visit of Santa Claus ended happily for all concerned.

Christmas celebration will be given Sunday morning at the Presbyterian church. The interest will take up the Sabbath school hour, and the little folks will take special part. With public worship at eleven o'clock there will be appropriate numbers by the choir in charge of Miss Linn, and the sermon will treat "The Christmas Shepherds."

CHRISTMAS DOES NOT STAND ALONE

IF CHRISTMAS stood alone it would be an idle mockery. But it does not stand alone. It is part of a year. Yet it is a peculiar part. It is that brief period in which the child rules the world.

It marks nowadays the culmination of a civilization which has had a leading principle. The selfish, the hard, the grasping and the unfeeling are out and that one week from the greatest tide of the development of the world's progress. The man or woman who does not know this or see it or feel it is alien to the Christian spirit and to all the products wrought by the Christ spirit in the twenty centuries last past.

Christmas day, then, brings a message. But it also sings a song of hope and calls aloud a prophecy. The message is that gentleness is stronger far than force and that the greatest power on earth is the compelling power of tenderness.

Every Christmas tree is lit with that light. The great flood of presents bears this as its message. The cheer and charity of the whole season are fed by this love.

If the result of this process is only a century flower, however, or one that blooms even only once a year, then of what use is this more than that, this grotesque fact than that stranger plant? It is a curious phenomenon only, a hothouse spectacle and not an abiding food product.—Rev. Dr. David M. Steele, Philadelphia.

Hard Christmases for G. Washington

NO ONE has told us much about George Washington's Christmases. But from the record of his life we learn how he spent some of his Christmas days.

It was a very cold Christmastide in 1777 at Valley Forge. Snow was on the hills. Everything was frozen. And Washington's army was in great need of food, clothing and shelter.

Instructions of parties of men to go foraging for food are entered in the orderly book for that Christmas day at Valley Forge, which was anything but merry for Washington.

Still more desperate were the food conditions at Morristown, in 1779, when Washington reported that his army was on half allowance and near starvation. "We have never experienced a like extremity at any period of the war," declared Washington, pleading that food be sent.

There was a welcome Christmas present for Washington and his men at New Windsor in 1780 when a big Christmas wagon came with over 2,000 shirts and other comforts made by Philadelphia women patriots—things needed by the men under Washington, who were cheerfully suffering all sorts of hardship in order that this country might be free. The Philadelphia women also raised, that year, over \$800,000 in aid of the soldiers.

The fine old Colonial mansion (the Craigie house) in Cambridge, Mass. (now widely known as the home of Henry W. Longfellow), was the place where Washington spent his first Christmas as commander of the Revolutionary army in 1775. Mrs. Washington was there with him (as she was later at Valley Forge), and there was some pleasure in the midst of the heavy cares and responsibilities carried by the great Washington.

A year later Christmas day found Washington at the head of his 2,400 brave men making his celebrated crossing of the Delaware river, nine miles above Trenton. The snow and sleet were blinding, it is recorded, and the cold was intense. But hearts were brave.

Wherever he was at Christmastide, Washington was cheered with the thought that the cause of the struggling colonies would surely win. A few days before Christmas, 1776, he wrote to his older brother, John Augustine Washington: "Between you and me, our affairs are in a very bad situation. . . . However, under a full persuasion of the justice of our cause, I cannot entertain an idea that it will finally sink, though it may remain for some time under a cloud."

Washington must have had some very merry Christmases at Mount Vernon. There were no children of his own with whom Washington could romp. But we can easily imagine the big-hearted general putting on a false beard of fuzzy white whiskers and slinging a pack over his back for the delight of the little ones in the neighborhood.

General Washington was truly the "Father of His Country," and we have a very good idea of the sort of holiday spirit in which he observed the "glad Christmastide" when our republic was in its infancy.

No one in all our bright history as a nation has handed down a more radiant Christmas message of hope and faith.

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Christmas Song

In every babe that gains the light
Through rack of human pain,
In each new-breathing soul tonight
The Christ-child lives again.
In every drop of anguish, pressed
From pallid woman's brow,
In every virgin mother-breast
His Mother whispers now.

And wise men through the darkness hie,
Lo! In the East—a Star!
O little Christ who is to die
Was your soul's journey far?

Strange meteor wounds of death and birth
Lighting an endless sea;
A little child has come to earth
And He must die for me!

—By Mary McNeil Fenollosa, in the Craftsman.

Origin of Yuletide

Yule was the name of the ancient Scandinavian festival held at the time of the winter solstice. The word is of uncertain origin, says The Housekeeper, but it probably is taken directly from the Icelandic word "jol," meaning a feast. It is curious to note how many nations of old marked the "turn of the year"—that is, the December solstice—by festivals. The Egyptians, the Hindus, the Persians, the Greeks and the Romans all had feasts at this season, but especially the Northern nations—the Teutons, the Scandinavians, the early natives of Britain—rejoiced at the event of the sun's turn on "his course." The festival was kept with much eating and drinking and noisy jollity. One of the ceremonies was the placing of an enormous log of wood—often so large that it required the strength of several men to bring it in—upon the hearth fire in the huge fireplace. The burning of the Yule log was thought to insure good fortune to the family, especially when charred pieces of the log burned the year before and kept over for that purpose were used to light it.



NONE FOR HER.

Mr. Bacon—I see by using a modified wireless receiving instrument a French scientist has been able to detect thunder storms more than 300 miles distant.

Mrs. Bacon—Well, dear, if you were thinking of getting me anything like that for Christmas, forget it. I can hear thunderstorms soon enough as it is.

CELERY AND CHEESE SALAD.

Chop nicely bleached, tender celery fine and bind it together with mayonnaise. Line an ice cream dipper with cottage cheese, then fill up with the celery mixture, packing it in well. Screw out the cones on crisped lettuce leaves arranged for individual serving.

CHRISTMAS FOR THE BABIES.

Never deny the babies their Christmas! It is the shining seal set upon a year of happiness. Let them believe in Santa Claus, or St. Nicholas, or Kris Kringle, or whatever name the jolly Dutch saint bears in your region.—Marion Harland.

NO MISTLETOE TRUST.

"If mistletoe was positively necessary to Christmas celebration," said Uncle Eben, "duld be a mistletoe trust in no time."

PLEASURE.

Oh, pleasure may itself refuse
As for its gifts we call.
We work so hard in its pursuit
We have no fun at all.

A pleasant surprise was given Mr. and Mrs. Lou Regnier by their children and friends, honoring their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary, which occurred the Friday previous. After church, Sunday, relatives and friends repaired to the home and spread a fine dinner and enjoyed themselves together, as only old friends can. In the afternoon, ice cream and cake were served and a spirit of friendliness finished the day. Those so favored as to receive an invitation to the happy affair beside the children were, Mr. and Mrs. Prickett and daughter, Annie, Miss Matilda Gerlach, Miss Katherine Gerlach and Mrs. A. Moore. Fifteen were seated at the long table in the cheery dining room, and all of them join heartily in good wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Regnier and many pleasant returns of the happy day.

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Dear Santa
Will you come to see me Christmas eve. I would like to have a Wagon, Gun, Marbles, some Oranges Candy. I am a good boy.
Love, SIM. Love Love

Dec. 16 1921
Carlsbad N. M.

Dear Santa Claus:
I want you to please bring me a good book to read, and bring mama a sunday dress please, Gladys a big doll buggy big enuf for 5 big dolls, sister a kodak and a bicycle and a rich watch, if you please, Gladys a bicycle to I want a little baby bear. I guess that is all this Christmas.
Your little loving friend Gwendolyn Seavey.

Carlsbad, N. M. Dec. 17, 1921

To Santa Claus
Dear Santa Claus: I hope you will bring me a muff and fur, a little doll with a baby's dress and a doll's buggy and a doll's quilt and a doll's bed and mattress and a box of candy its written from Doris Perry from New Mexico. I love you dear Santa Claus just as much as I can I hope you will come to church this Christmas.
Doris Perry.

Dear Santa Claus
I want a curly hair doll and dresser from Beatrice Kearney

Carlsbad N. M.
Dear Santa Claus
please bring me a doll with curly hair and a dresser and blackboard with love from
Lenora Kearney

Grammar School
Dec. 16, 1921

Dear Santa Claus:
Bring me some candy and a little dolls cradle
Doris.

Grammar School
Dec. 16, 1921

Dear Santa Claus:
I hope you bring me lots. I want a top and marbles.
Yours,
Mr. Tom Reeves.

Grammar School
Dec. 16, 1921

Dear Santa Claus:-
I have been a good girl. I have been busy to-day and I want a box of candy and a doll and a book of pictures and a cradle.
With love,
Claire Benson.

Carlsbad N. M. Dec. 18, 1921

To Santa Claus
Dear Santa Claus: I hope you will surely come with all the things I want. Please bring me a little Christmas tree and quilts, pillows, doll

buggy. I am going to hang up my stockings, furs, little baby doll, and muff.

I like for you to bring things to me. I like Christmas awfully well and love you.

Lois Perry.

Grammar School
Dec. 16, 1921

Dear Santa:
I hope you will bring me lots of presents. How are you? I hope you will bring me lots of nuts and candy and apples and oranges. Lovingly Holston Wester

Grammar School
Dec. 16, 1921

Dear Santa Claus.
I want a little car; and please bring me a train and lots of candy and nuts also a coaster wagon
Lovingly
Victor Lee Minter.

Grammar School
Dec. 16 1921

Dearest Santa Claus.
I have been a good boy and hope you bring me lots of things.
Lovingly,
Robert Leck

CARD OF THANKS

A precious one from us is gone,
A voice we loved is stilled,
A place is vacant in our home,
Which never can be filled.
God in his wisdom has recalled
The boon his love had given,
And though the body moulders here,
The soul is safe in Heaven.

'Tis hard to break the tender cord,
Where love has bound the heart,
'Tis hard, so hard, to speak the words,
"We must forever part."
Yet again we hope to meet her,
When the day of life is fled,
And in Heaven with joy to greet her,
Where no farewell words are said.

We wish to take this means of thanking our friends for their many acts of kindness and the beautiful floral offerings. In the illness and death of our beloved mother and wife, Mrs. J. H. Baker.
J. H. Baker and children.

J. P. Church, engineer with the Lee Moor Construction Co., will spend Christmas in Roswell with relatives.

Judge Lamb was in Roswell the first of the week on legal business.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Pierce, parents of Mrs. Claud Nelson, are expected in from California Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Pierce will be remembered by everyone in Carlsbad, having formerly been residents of the City Beautiful for a number of years.

Harold Erickson left Saturday night for Worcester, Massachusetts, where his parents reside and where he will make an extended visit.

NEW SERIES OF SILVER DOLLARS WILL BE MINTED

Washington, Dec. 19.—The arms conference will be reflected in a new series of silver dollars, minting of which will be started immediately.

The design of the new dollars was approved by President Harding today on its submission by Raymond T. Baker, director of the mint, following approval by the fine arts commission. Director Baker said about 700,000 of the new dollars would be coined before January 1.

The new dollars which were designed by Anthony De Francisci of New York, will have the usual head of Liberty on the obverse side while the reverse will have a large figure of an eagle perched on a broken sword, and clutching an olive branch bearing the word "Peace." Further depicting the dawn of a new era the background will show rays of a rising sun. The usual "E Pluribus Unum" and "In God We Trust" will also be on the coin.

This is the first time since 1878, Mr. Baker said, that a new design has been adopted for the silver dollar. Under existing law the director of the mint is authorized to make a change in coinage, with the approval of the fine arts commission, every 25 years and the decision to make a new coin emblematic of the arms conference was approved by both President Harding and Secretary of the Treasury Mellon.

Professor George Spencer was in from his home on the Plains where he is teaching school this winter, and was doing Christmas shopping Saturday. He reports a good school and a large enrollment.

Wednesday night being the last drill night of the year, Troop B. Cavalry had as guests at a lunch and smoker members of the military affairs committee of the Chamber of Commerce and the Fire Department. Following the lunch of sandwiches, Bevo and coffee, a program of athletic contests and musical numbers. The first event was a tug of war between a team out of the fire department and the Cavalry team. The time set was two minutes, the firemen taking the rope over the line on the start which the Herculean efforts of the troopers were unable to recover. Next on the program was a wrestling match between Lee Bloxum and Otto Matheson, Matheson winning the fall. This contest was exceptionally good, these young athletes putting up as good a match as is seen in many professional mat events. The musical numbers by the "Fatima Hawaiians" and the quartette made a big hit and brought several encores.

Special stunts are going to be staged every Wednesday night in order to promote interest in the troop and increase the drill attendance.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

046417

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Roswell, New Mexico, December 16, 1921.

NOTICE is hereby given that Harry E. Garber, of Lakewood, N. M., who, on January 31, 1921, made Homestead entry No. 046417, for Lots 3, 4, E½ SW¼, Section 31, Township 19 S, Range 26 E, N. M. P. Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make commutation Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Dover Phillips, U. S. Commissioner at Carlsbad, N. M., on the 24th day of January, 1922.

Claimant names as witnesses: Dennis E. Webb, G. Grant Knepple, Joe Baker, Lewis Howell all of Lakewood, N. M.

EMMETT PATTON,

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Register.

BULL'S-EYES SCORED AT ASSESSORS' CONFERENCE

"The rate of taxation has become so high that it's near the breaking point."—J. E. Saint.

"Are we not on the point of killing the goose that lays our golden eggs?"—R. F. Asplund.

"These high tax rates make tax dodgers out of us all and necessarily so."—Governor McChesni.

"The most encouraging thing I've heard since the war is Governor McChesni's statement that it's your duty to get property off the tax rolls at its value and not to attempt to meet the expenditures which have been run up in this orgy of spending."—Laurence F. Lee.

"This wild orgy of spending for educational and highway purposes must be stopped."—W. R. Morley.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Pickens, of Last Chance, were in from there Saturday, presumably looking for Santa Claus. They make the usual report about dry weather and the need of moisture in their locality.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

In the District Court:

No. 3298:

Eddy County, New Mexico,
Blanche Watson and John Sayles,
Plaintiffs

v.
Carl Smith, Erdene Smith and
The First National Bank of Carlsbad,
a Corporation, Defendants.

The foregoing is the style and title of a suit pending in said court,—(a) to recover the amount, including 10 per cent thereon as attorney's fees, of the two first-named defendants' three promissory notes of \$3533.33 each, dated January 14, 1920, bearing interest from date at the rate of 8 per cent per annum, due one, two and three years after date, respectively, interest on latter date, being payable annually,—(b) to foreclose said first-named defendants' certain mortgage of May 11, 1920, securing said notes, on the NW¼ of Section 7, Township 23 South, Range 28 East, N. M. P. M., together with all water rights appurtenant thereto, except the oil, gas and mineral rights and deposits in and upon 20 acres of said land off of the extreme eastern side thereof with right of ingress and egress, for development thereof, and save and except all that portion of said NW 1-4 of Section 7, lying west of the Public Highway and west of the A. T. & S. F. Ry. right of way, the plaintiff, John Sayles, being the owner and holder of said notes, and mortgage which was executed by said two first-named defendants and delivered originally to the other plaintiff, Blanche Watson,—(c) to determine and foreclose the interests of all the defendants,—(d) and to recover all costs.

Notice is hereby given that on September 2, 1921, Judgment was rendered by said court in said cause for plaintiff, John Sayles,—(a) for the sum of \$13,218.17, 8 per cent interest thereon and costs of suit, which, at date of sale will amount to \$13,614.72 plus costs,—(b) the foreclosure of said mortgage and interest of defendants,—(c) and for the sale of said property to satisfy said Judgment, costs and costs of sale.

Notice is further given that, pursuant to the provisions of said Judgment, as Special Master, I will sell aforesaid described property on January 17, 1922, at 10 o'clock, a. m., at vendue, to the highest bidder for cash, at the south front door of the old courthouse building in Carlsbad, New Mexico, to satisfy said Judgment, interest and costs.
Dated: Carlsbad, New Mexico, December 23, 1921.

MADGE BROWN,

Special Master.

Christmas

A JOYOUS TIME

which should mean much to all of us
and for which we have
much to be grateful—

And to this we add our sincere good
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