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BAPTIST COLLEGE GOES TO LAS VEGAS

The Baptist college for New Mexico goes to Las Vegas. The great consideration deciding the action of the committee was the gift of the Montezuma hotel property valued—probably not too high for the purpose—at one million dollars. The closest competitor was Albuquerque with a cash offer of \$101,000.

The Montezuma hotel is a mammoth affair, erected a number of years ago by the Santa Fe railroad company for the accommodation of tourists and health seekers. Recently, it is one of the most beautiful spots in the world and climatically it is excellent. In the construction and equipment of the building there was nothing lacking that the best architects with limitless money could supply. But as a hotel, it did not pay and was operated only for a few years.

In the gift is included eight hundred acres of good grazing land and forty acres of irrigated land.

The main building of the hotel is of brown stone and is four stories, inside finish quarter-sawn oak, and all in excellent repair. The dining hall has a seating capacity of five hundred. It has artistic chandeliers and stained glass arches over the many windows. The kitchen is ample for the accommodation of a hotel of the size and is well equipped, as is the huge laundry.

But it is when the rooming facilities are considered that the property becomes attractive superlatively as a college proposition. There are 340 rooms in the main building, 216 of them being large rooms for guests, and all with outside windows. There are plenty of baths and other accommodations on each floor, and an ample elevator service. Twenty-five large class rooms can be provided without disturbing the dormitory accommodations.

There is an auditorium, with artistic stage, large enough to seat an audience of one thousand people.

But in addition to the main building, there is a fifty-room stone hotel in keeping architecturally, with the whole scheme of the property. And all of the property is located with a view to convenience to the famous hot springs, which were to be the main attraction for tourists and health seekers, when President Ripley, of the Santa Fe, planned the hotel.

There is a power house for heating and electricity that is up to date, and a cement-lined reservoir providing a supply of the purest water. There is an excellent athletic field.

When all of these facts were presented to the board, with proof that all changes necessary to suit the hotel to the college would cost less than one good college building, the whole matter was settled.

It is the purpose of every educational board to see to it that no church school shall long be without at least one million dollars of endowment funds. This fund, in addition to the sum that will be given directly each year from the church board and other donations sure to follow because of the need for religious education will make the Baptist college at Las Vegas one of the strongest schools of the southwest.

SMITH WRIGHT'S PARTY

Smith Wright, son of Mrs. Madge Wright, delightfully entertained a number of his friends Monday evening. The home was beautifully decorated with Christmas decorations. Many games that young folks enjoy were played and time passed only too fast for those present. At a late hour delicious refreshments were served to the following guests:

May Alves, Blanche Stevenson, Josephine Dice, Hortense Bomar, Alvin Miller, Thelma Houk, Velma Houk, Bernice Mordecai, Chas. Taylor, Roy Marsh, Darrel Johnson, Wayne Harrison, Chas. Hart, George Bell, Jack Walton and Jean Walton.

Notice to Farmers—Quote no price on our load (60,000 lbs.) of threshed wheat in sacks, F. O. B. Clovis, C. Y. Forbes, Route 1, Ontario, California.

"CHEATING CHEATERS" ON FRIDAY, JAN. 2nd.

"Cheating Cheaters" will be the next number of the Horner productions to be shown at the Lyceum Theatre. It is a brilliant comedy drama with a New York cast and features Bertine Robinson and twelve other notable players. This is the third of the series of shows to be presented by C. F. Horner and it promises to be as good or better than the other two, "The Thirteenth Chair" and "The Only Girl."

McGEE BUYS THIRD RIG

McGee has bought a rig and complete outfit to commence a well on his Newkirk-Cuervo leases and will start a well there soon after the first of the year. When this and the San Jon location are drilling Mr. McGee will have three wells drilling here at once. Two of them will be going next week and the material will be arriving for the Guadalupe well before the first of the year. There will be a dozen or more wells drilling in the Tucumcari field in the month of January.

The fact that McGee and associates are starting the third well before they have finished the first one must mean that they are certain of the final results in all their tests. One thing must be said for McGee he has started more real oil development in this state than has ever been witnessed before anywhere in a wildcat territory. There is not a citizen in this section of the state who does not want to see him realize on his investments and they believe he is going to do it.—Tucumcari American.

LOADING BOOZE TO SHIP TO CUBA

New York, Dec. 22.—Loading of a cargo of 14,000 cases of Kentucky whiskey of the steamship Plainfield, which will clear for Havana in a few days, was begun today. The cargo will contain 168,000 quarts, with an estimated value of \$1,000,000. The government revenue tax on the whiskey would have been more than a quarter of a million dollars.

FEDERAL OFFICIALS AT TUCUMCARI NAMED

Washington, Dec. 20.—Nominations by the president included: Ira J. Briscoe of Tucumcari, at Tucumcari, New Mexico, to be register of land office and Felipe Sanchez y Sacra, to be receiver of public moneys at Tucumcari, New Mexico.

ELKS WILL ACT AS SANTA CLAUS

A committee from the Elks Lodge will distribute Christmas cheer to the needy Wednesday. This is an annual custom of this worthy order.

FINE COUNTRY HOME

Ambrose Ivy has let the contract to J. W. Mordecai for a modern home on his farm a mile southwest of town. Mr. Ivy recently sold part of his farm to Gus Bryan and will improve the 160 acres that he has left. Mr. Ivy expects to build an exceptionally fine home.

SITE FOR OIL BUSINESS

W. Howell has purchased the ground just south of the Masterson Mercantile property and will erect a building there to conduct his oil business in, that he will establish soon.

BIG CHRISTMAS RUSH AT POST OFFICE

There has been more Christmas mail handled at Clovis than for any time in the history of the town. There has been a rush of packages and other mail coming in until the postoffice clerks have been nearly swamped at the parcel post window. There has been a steady stream of people sending off packages. The local force has kept the situation pretty well in hand but it has taken a lot of night work to clear the decks of mail each day.

NEW MEXICAN WILL EXPLOIT CLOVIS COUNTRY

Lewis M. Laver, circulation manager of the Santa Fe New Mexican, was in Clovis this week working in the interest of that paper. The New Mexican is now carrying a rotogravure section of the paper in each Sunday issue and an especially interesting feature of this section is that it is devoted once each week to one of New Mexico's leading towns, giving views of buildings and other interesting scenes.

On Sunday, Jan. 4th, this addition will be devoted to Clovis and surrounding country. This new feature for the New Mexican is going to make the capital paper more popular than ever over the state, as no charge is being made for this publicity work.

EARLY THIS WEEK

The News is coming to its readers a day early this week. Christmas comes on Thursday this year, and press days and holidays do not work very well together. We cannot change Christmas but we can change printing day at the Clovis News, so if the News falls a little short of its usual standard this week, remember that it was edited and printed in fewer days.

State Motor Law Effective First of the Year Drastic

The new state motor vehicle law, enacted by the state legislature, will go into effect January 1, 1920. The law is much more rigid and carries with it more severe penalties than the law of 1918.

Under the new law the annual license fee is computed at the rate of 40 cents per N. A. C. C. horse power for automobiles and 50 cents per N. A. C. C. for motor trucks, providing, however, that any fee shall not be less than \$6 for any automobile or truck and that \$3 be the minimum for motorcycles. Dealers' licenses will be for \$25 for the first number and \$5 for each additional number and may be attached to any car which they send upon the road for demonstration purposes only, and not for hire or pleasure.

The new law makes it punishable by fine not to exceed \$500 and a prison sentence of not to exceed five years to remove or deface or destroy any engine or manufacturer's number on any motor vehicle or to replace any part bearing such number without restamping said number in the same position as the original.

Tourist's licenses will be issued at a charge of \$3, provided they have a registration license plate from some other state. A fine of not less than \$25 or more than \$100 is attached for a violation of this section.

All letters, numbers and other identification marks, together with the number plate and seals, shall be kept clear and distinct and free from dust or grease.

When a transfer of any motor vehicle is made the person making the transfer shall endorse upon his certificate of registration, the transfer fee and the purchaser must send this certificate together with a notification of transfer to the secretary of state, with a transfer fee of \$1.

Any person who shall, while in an intoxicated condition, operate or attempt to operate a motor vehicle upon any public highway or within the corporate limits of any city or town within the state, upon conviction, be subject to imprisonment for a period of not less than thirty days or more than one year and a fine of not less than \$100 or more than \$1000. The same penalty is attached to any person who knowingly accompanies any intoxicated person.

No owner of any motor vehicle shall permit any person under the age of 14 years to operate or drive said motor vehicle upon any public highway, unless such person has demonstrated his competency to the secretary of state or his agent.

For the violation of the following sections of the law there is no fine

RECEIVED FIVE WOUNDS HAS SEVEN OPERATIONS

Peter Sweet of Melrose was in Clovis Monday. Mr. Sweet is home from Fort Sam Houston on a furlough. He has been in the hospital all the time since returning from France and has undergone seven surgical operations. Mr. Sweet was badly wounded in the battle of St. Mihiel, when a large shell burst and inflicted five wounds. This happened eighteen months ago and Mr. Sweet is still in the service, for Uncle Sam does not discharge the soldier until they regain the health as far as possible. Mr. Sweet was in Clovis to visit with the secretary of the Home Service Department of the Red Cross, who makes it a part of his business to see that wounded soldiers receive their compensation after they are dismissed from service.

FREE CHRISTMAS SHOW

The Lyceum will have its usual Christmas free picture show on Thursday morning, commencing at 10:00 a. m. and lasting till noon.

Rev. R. B. Freeman made a business trip to Amarillo Monday.

CHRISTMAS EXERCISES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Presbyterians will have their Christmas celebration on Wednesday night at 7:15 at the Church. The Children of the Sunday School will render a very appropriate program during which they will decorate the Christmas Tree on the platform. After the program Santa Claus will make his entrance with gifts for the children and then later will have a treat for everybody present. We shall be glad to welcome our friends upon this occasion and will endeavor to make this a real, joyous Christmas for you.

NEW POSTOFFICE SITE SELECTED IN CHICAGO

Chicago, Dec. 20.—A site for Chicago's new postoffice, planned to be the largest in the world, was provided today when two square blocks between the new Northwestern railroad station and the new Union passenger station, the latter not yet built, were decided on today by a commission. The proposed building on the west bank of the Chicago river will have 1,200,000 square feet of floor space. The government already has appropriated \$1,700,000 toward a purchase of a site and an additional \$4,250,000 will be asked of congress.

CANDIDATE TIME IS COMING BEFORE LONG

Next year is candidate time again, and already some talk is heard about prospective candidates for the several county offices. Nobody ever talks much of running for office before the first of January, but things will begin to open up shortly after that time, especially if the county primary is held as early as it was last year. To add to the interest of the political situation next year Clovis will have a city election in April and this should prove interesting unless the city officials all go begging.

BAND RECITAL

Johnson's Band gave a concert at the high school auditorium last Friday night. A pleasing program was rendered. This is the first of four concerts that will be given this winter.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Next Lord's Day at eleven, Communion and morning worship; preaching by the minister. At 3 in the afternoon the Juniors meet. A feature of the Junior meeting last Sunday was an interesting and helpful address by Bro. Payne. Also a vocal duet by Carroll Crouch and Valeria Sims. At 6:15 next Sunday the Intermediate and Senior Endeavors meet. This is followed by the regular church service at seven. Come on.

W. R. Houchen of Detroit, Mich., and F. A. Houchen and Miss Bessie Houchen of Falmouth, Ky., are here to spend Christmas at the home of their brother, J. E. Houchen.

Miss Grace Cogdill of Dallas, Texas is here for a visit at the home of her sister, Mrs. Oscar Dobbs. Mrs. Ada Flato of Austin, Texas, is also a visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dobbs.

Miss Irma Wisdom, who is attending school in Oklahoma City, is here to spend the holidays with her parents.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO OUR FRIENDS

The News wishes all its readers a Merry Christmas and we wish to take this opportunity to thank our subscribers and our advertisers for the loyal support given during the past year. If the management of the paper has one aim over all others, that it desires to accomplish during 1920, it will be to make the News a more readable paper and of more interest to its subscribers. Again we say from the bottom well of our heart: "Merry Christmas."

WHAT MISS CLOVIS WANTS IN HER STOCKING

If Santa Claus wants to bring Miss Clovis a few things that would be appreciated, the News suggest the following:

About 100 more homes that would help to relieve the housing proposition in Clovis. People are on the lookout for homes and furnished rooms every day.

About ten or twenty blocks of paving. Clovis has passed the village stage and cannot really make the town it should without better streets.

A good many miles of cement crossings and sidewalks that would enable folks to take a look at the town and go to and from their business, to church or to schools without wading mud ankle deep.

And while the wishing is going on why not wish for free city mail delivery which would really come with the good sidewalks and crossings, the receipts of the postoffice having for several years been large enough to guarantee this convenience.

A good rural telephone system that would put the town of Clovis in touch with the rich farming sections of the north part of the county and also a great highway running north to enable the farmers to better market their grain, and thus not only increase the trade territory of the town but also furnish a great convenience for those living far from markets.

Do this, Mr. Santa Claus, and make Clovis Clovis citizens also realize that this is absolutely the best town in the entire state of New Mexico, and this will be about enough until next Christmas, when a growing town like Clovis will be ready to wish for a lot more of good things.

NO CHRISTMAS TREE AT WHITE HOUSE THIS YEAR

Washington, Dec. 20.—There will be no Christmas tree at the White House this year. The president and Mrs. Wilson plan to spend the day quietly.

Mr. Wilson will eat Christmas dinner in his room and it is not expected that his daughters, Mrs. William G. McAdoo and Mrs. Francis B. Sayre and his grandchildren will be at the White House.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The business man has been making Christmas suggestions to you for the past week relative to the things that you might do for others. Let the Presbyterian offer you at least one "Suggestion" before the season closes. These days we are doing things for the last time in the old year 1919. We always try to make our last acts count for the very best. Since December 28, is the last Sunday that this year has to offer you in which you may be found in a Church-house on the Lord's day do you not think it to be most fitting for you to allow that Day to close about you with you in a worshipful attitude and mind before the Almighty Father? Therefore, take this suggestion, GO TO CHURCH SOMEWHERE SUNDAY. If you are undecided where to go, the Presbyterians will be glad to have you with them.

The hours of worship are 11 a. m. and 7:15 p. m. The night subject is "Taking Stock." Come.

TED F. HOLIFIELD, Pastor.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

A short literary program at seven thirty, Wednesday evening, followed by a Christmas tree for the children of the Bible School. An offering also for the poor of the city will be received. The program will not attempt to be elaborate or classy, but interesting and breathing the spirit of Christmas. Send the children, whether they are members of the school or not.

BAPTIST CHURCH

There will be a Christmas program rendered Wednesday evening at the Baptist Church, and an offering taken for the Portales Baptist Orphanage.