

Santa Rosa New Mexico
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Dear Collie: Received the Christmas card thanks for being remembered. We thought the sentiment in it was nicely expressed. For the past two years we have only sent a few with the hopes it would help in not overburdening the mails. We hope by another year the strike across the Atlantic will at least be over. So things will be again nearly normal or nearing normal conditions. Through our daughter we received word of Julia's passing and you have been sincere sympathy. When she was at Garden City Kansas in the winter of 1936 I remarked to several what a well preserved lady I thought she was for her age. Mr. Hainville sent us her 1942 Christmas story which pleased us very much. We are both as well as usual. We are quite a little winter pasture road well nigh impassable for heavy trucks a ranching outfit is storing hay here in some of the buildings until weather permits where it is used. I sense as though the farmers held their cotton seeds and prices are far above the ceiling prices. Might be now as cattle feeding stuff is allowed to come in it may help the situation which from a stockman's point of view has become serious. Hay is dribbling in but slowly a car now and then north of us near where we live what we