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Mrs. J.W.Spradly:

I owe you a very great apology. The New Mexico Magazine forwarded your letter to them ten days ago. It came at a time when my companion was ill and before I knew it it got burried on my desk along with a number of other important letters. I am only just digging out and I find that your date is just past. I am extremely sorry. I appreciate very much that you were to give a program which included my RIO GRANDE. I hope that you got a hold of a copy of Who's Who in the West, for it contains a brief biographical sketch.

I was born in Colorado where I lived most of my life. I came to Santa Fe when I began work on the RIO GRANDE as it was natural headquarters, and as I am the last of my family and foot loose, I have stayed on here.

I hope you will forgive my negligence, but it was unavoidable, and I am only too sorry to have caused you this inconvenience.

Very truly yours,