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**POTPOURRI AND WORSE**

**(By Major Hoople McCorkle)**  
**Telegram Philosopher**

To grow old gracefully has always been one of the great desires of our life, but as we approach the years of second childhood, we are not so sure that we shall find it an easy task. We have known men and women who have passed the three score and ten mark, who are not old at all. They are young and spry in mind and body and require less attention than those people half their age.

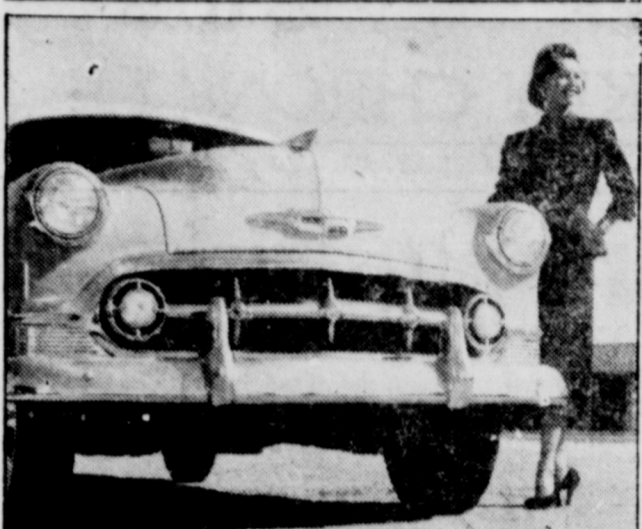
To grow old gracefully one must have a desire to do so, and this desire should be stronger than a mere wish. Years before you reach "old age" you must be making plans. You should watch your physical condition, and strive to have a well balanced attitude mentally. If you feel yourself slipping, make a correction, before it assumes the "regular habit" form.

This does not mean that you are to pull your whiskers out of the way to enable you to play marbles, but rather keep your "beard" in condition so as to make such pulling unnecessary. At 60, a man may expect to see a few silvery locks go down to the creek, where you will not be disturbed, and do a little reflecting. If your gall hasn't already gone to your head and curdled your brain, you will remember what you saw in the mirror. Not a fully developed man, but rather a parasite of some kind. Not a human being, but a fault-finding imp of a type. Not an individual man or woman, as the case may be, but a despised atom of humanity.

When people see this type of person coming, they begin gathering their hats and wraps for an early departure, for nobody wants to see him, or hear anything he may have to say. Just an old pest, and one that might be "erased" only for the fact that there is a law against it.

We know people right here in town that are "general pests." Not because they are mean, but because they are boring. They might dwell at length on whether a certain brand of chewing tobacco has more virtues than plain old Star Navy. They might begin telling you about how they skinned a

**Smart Styling of '53 Chevrolets**



Front-end styling of the completely re-designed Chevrolets accentuates the appearance of power and fleetness in the new line. As shown above, the surface of the hood this year extends farther forward before curving abruptly down to the radiator grille. Adding its note of beauty and distinction, the outer rim of the grille encircles the parking lamps and center bar mounting three decorative "prop bars." Increased performance, comfort and convenience are outstanding features of the 1953 Chevrolet line.

In the mirror and make your own deductions. Is everybody wrong but you? Are you wiser and more beautiful than others? Do you try to be a pleasure to others, or do you just live because you are cowardly to die? What are you living for, anyway?

Answer these questions and then go down to the creek, where you will not be disturbed, and do a little reflecting. If your gall hasn't already gone to your head and curdled your brain, you will remember what you saw in the mirror. Not a fully developed man, but rather a parasite of some kind. Not a human being, but a fault-finding imp of a type. Not an individual man or woman, as the case may be, but a despised atom of humanity.

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Mrs. H. B. Ritchie

**Mrs. Ritchie To Be Guest Speaker For Civic League And Garden Club**

The Eastland Civic League and Garden Club will have one of the country's most distinguished club women as its guest speaker, Jan. 14.

Mrs. H. B. Ritchie, Sr., of Athens, Ga., will address the group at its club house at 3 p.m. She has been president and director of the Georgia Federation of Women's Clubs, has served the General Federation in many executive capacities and is a national representative of the American Cancer Society. She was one of the founders of the ACS, Texas Division.

According to Mrs. Samuel Butler, president of the Civic League and Garden Club, Mrs. Ritchie will speak on "Resolutions for Democracy."

Mrs. James Horton is program chairman for the afternoon and will introduce the speaker.

A business meeting will precede the program during which new officers will be elected.

A tea will follow the program. Hostesses will be Mmes. E. H. Colbertson, B. A. Wheeler, Victor Cornelius, A. F. Bendy, Cyrus Frost, Milburn S. Long, F. W. Graham, Richard Jones, Russell Hill and Frank Sparks.

Mrs. Ritchie is in Texas as a guest of Mrs. Joseph M. Perkins of Eastland, vice-president of the American Cancer Society, Texas Division. She is to be a featured speaker at the seventh State Annual Meeting of the Cancer Society, to be held in Austin, Jan. 15-17.

She is being entertained Monday with a luncheon at the Fort Worth Woman's Club, given by Mrs. Perkins and her daughter, Mrs. Keith Beyette of Fort Worth. Tuesday, Jan. 13, Mrs. Ritchie is to speak at the Health Museum on the Fairgrounds in Dallas. Several radio and television appearances have been scheduled for her in both cities.

Mrs. Ritchie has served in many capacities with civic and health organizations, both on state and national levels. In addition to her extensive work with the Federation of Women's Clubs, the American Cancer Society has counted Mrs. Ritchie among its most brilliant leaders since its founding in 1936. She served as commander of the Georgia Division, ACS, then as Southeastern Regional commander and is now a national representative of the society on general assignment.

During the war period, Mrs. Ritchie was called upon by the federal government to act as chairman of the Women's Advisory Council to the Social Protection Division of the Federal Security Agency. In recognition of her contribution to this field of health she was, in 1947, awarded an Honorary Life Membership in the American Social Hygiene Association.

SYDNEY, Australia—The driver of a runaway street car which plunged down a steep hill into Sydney Harbor at 60 miles per hour was exonerated by an investigation committee. They found he had had three minutes' instruction in operation of the street car on that route.

**Sub Debs Meet At Moser Home**

The Sub Debs met Tuesday, January 7, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. V. T. Moser. Their daughter, Donna, was hostess.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Helen Taylor. Minutes were read and plans for a dance on the 24th, were discussed. Other business was also taken care of.

Refreshments of Coke and cookies were served to Emma Miller, Merle Craig, Jeannette Caton, Carol Hill, Jeannie Pittman, Evelyn Jordan, Helen Taylor, Jane Ann Jernan, Barbara Stephens, Dorris Abbezt, Janis Little, Lou Ann Corbell, Merlene King, and the hostess, Donna Moser.

**Miss Daniel Gives Demonstration At Morton Valley**

Miss Mildred Daniel, County Home Demonstration Agent gave a demonstration on gardening at the meeting Tuesday afternoon of the Morton Valley Demonstration Club, in the home of Mrs. S. W. Morris.

Refreshments of cakes, cookies and mints were served to Mmes. W. C. Baker, L. Hale, Robert Kincaid, Clifton D. Beck, E. A. Ivey, L. W. Leach, J. C. Butler, Winice Graham and Miss Mildred Daniel by the hostess.

**Un-Employed May Get Aid If They Apply**

Twice each month a representative of the State Un-employment Service visits this county. Normally these visits are made on Tuesday, but this week, because of a shuffle in holiday work, the meeting was held in the County Court room on Monday. Robert E. Taylor was the individual in charge.

His job is to render aid to those who are now in line for "Job Insurance." He not only gives out information and instruction for the claimants, but helps them in making out certain forms. This un-employment service means a great deal to many individuals. Should one come in this category, he may draw up to \$20 weekly when out of employment. You merely place your application for work with the Employment Commission and begin drawing a weekly check until you find suitable work. This might go on for weeks and weeks up to as high as 24 weeks.

A firm or individual employing eight or more persons is interested in the plan, in that they are in a way responsible for this insurance. Of course the man who walks off the job and quits just because he has neither job nor insurance. But a man who is "fired" or "laid off" or one whose job plays out, may be in line for weekly un-employment checks.

If you are not sure of your status, attend one of the meetings and you will learn just where you stand.

**Big Inventory Sale Will Open Monday At Fabric Shop In Breckenridge**

The annual inventory sale of the Fabric Shop, Breckenridge, opens Monday morning, it was announced today. The big selling spree, an annual event of the firm which specializes in the exclusive offerings of choice, high quality fabrics and materials, including all kinds of imported tweeds, woolens, etc., this year features an unusually large array of much-wanted fabrics at drastically-reduced deeply-cut prices.

"We're overstocked and want to move plenty of goods during this 1953 clearance," Juanita Rogers, owner of the unique enterprise, said. "We especially invite readers of this newspaper and bargain-hunting folks in Eastland County to come over to Breckenridge and get their share of these amazing values."

Remember—the sale opens Monday morning at the Fabric Shop in Breckenridge. Shop this great sale early for choicest selections. (ADV.)



**WHAT'S NEW IN SOIL TESTING**

A farmer seeded legumes in his pasture but was disappointed in the results. The truth was, his pasture was short on lime but he did not know it. Not until he decided to have his soil tested did he learn the trouble. He has added lime to his soil and now he makes good forage in his pasture.

But another farmer had too much lime in his soil and he learned that he must make heavy applications of fertilizer to offset the lime before his pasture would make maximum production of forage.

For complete instructions on taking soil samples see your County Agent or write Soil Testing Laboratory, Room 115, College Station, Texas.

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**Mrs. M. L. Foster Was Hostess To Flatwood HDC**

Mrs. Minnie Foster was hostess Thursday afternoon to members of the Flatwood Home Demonstration Club at her home.

The previous council report was read by Mrs. Turner, who stressed that the group do basket weaving and tray making as club projects. The club voted to cooperate in the March of Dimes drive. The THDA dues were paid and the friendship dues for the County Council were given.

Announcement was made of the next meeting Jan. 29th, in the home of Mrs. Lon Palmer.

Present were Mmes. Marcus Grieger, Bulah Turner, H. E. Wilson, Palmer, C. A. Webb, G. A. Wilson, Bessie Bennett and a guest, Mrs. Myrtle King of Abilene.

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