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## W. H. LANEY, 69, VETERAN PEACE OFFICER, DIES

Resident of This Section for Nearly 30 Years; Well Known Stockman; Survived by Wife and Four Children.

W. H. Laney, 69, well known stockman and veteran peace officer of Taylor county, died at 8:30 Tuesday night at his home here of a cerebral hemorrhage. He had been stricken with partial paralysis about 10 o'clock that morning on his farm north of Tye, and his son, Howard Laney, rushed him to his home.

Funeral services were to be held at 2:30 Thursday afternoon from the Methodist church, with Rev. John H. Crow, the pastor, officiating, assisted by Rev. R. A. Walker, pastor of Grace Presbyterian church, and Rev. T. J. Rhea, Methodist pastor at Clyde and a former pastor here. Interment was to be in Rose Hill cemetery.

Born at Wills Point, Mr. Laney was married there on Jan. 7, 1896, to Miss Carrie Jane Hubbard, and came to Taylor county 30 years ago. Twenty years of that time he had been a peace officer, either as deputy sheriff or constable, having retired from the latter office on Jan. 1.

Survivors are: Mrs. Laney, two sons, Homer Laney of Plains and the son here; two daughters, Mrs. Floyd Davis of McCamey and Mrs. Joe Bickley of Purdon; three grandchildren; two brothers, John and Dave Laney, and three sisters, Mrs. John Richardson, Mrs. Ben Walters and Mrs. Ollie McMullen, all of Wills Point.

Pallbearers named are: Booth Warren, A. B. Patterson, Joe Risinger, Dee Grimes, Homer Patterson, and F. Y. Gaither.

## Ernie P. Perry

Funeral services for Ernie P. Perry, 47, well known rancher of the Divide community, whose death occurred at noon Tuesday at his home at Nolan, were held at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at Slater's chapel.

Rev. Dean Elkins, Baptist minister, assisted by the Divide Methodist pastor, officiated. Burial was in the Dudley cemetery.

Justice of the Peace S. H. Shook of Sweetwater, who conducted an inquest following the fatal shooting, in which a Taylor county deputy sheriff testified Perry inflicted fatal wounds to himself, had not rendered a verdict up to Thursday morning. County Attorney E. L. Duncan of Nolan county, who also attended the inquest in the yard of the Perry home about an hour following Perry's death, said Wednesday afternoon that the report would be "suicide."

Mr. Perry is survived by his wife, the former Miss Willie Reynolds; two sons, Loyd and W. T., and a daughter, Cleon, all of Divide, and three brothers, Joe Perry of Clyde, Elisha Perry of Abilene and Oscar Perry of Trent.

## Italy's New War Weapon "Latest Thing in Death"

Rome, Jan. 28.—A "crazy torpedo" which falls from the air with a parachute is Italy's latest contribution to weapons of war, aviation circles announced today.

It is carried by certain special types of bombing planes. At a given moment it is released from a considerable height.

As it falls a parachute opens and it drifts down to land in, say, an enemy harbor. As it strikes the water the impact starts a mechanism going to turn a small propeller.

The parachute cord, impregnated with a chemical, burns through on touching the water and the parachute detaches from the torpedo.

With the propeller now whirling the torpedo starts on its journey of death. A small set rudder sends it in a large circle.

The idea is that the torpedo will be used upon an enemy harbor. Traveling in a circle in the harbor it is almost bound to strike an enemy ship or dock.

## At Shoe Convention.

Max Mellinger and son, Meyer, left Sunday to spend several days in Dallas, where they are attending the Shoe Retailers' convention.

## KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Dr. John W. Brown, of Austin, former state health officer, was named city health officer by the Houston city council.

William Grelaud Eustis, 105-year-old practicing attorney of Henrietta, died at his home Tuesday. He had been ill a month.

Jimmie Mildred McCarty, two years old, died in an Olney hospital Wednesday after he accidentally swallowed poison tablets five days previously.

The banking department reports deposits in state banks as of Dec. 31 totaled \$189,658,580, an increase of \$24,360,566 over the same date a year ago.

John Tarleton's unbroken chain of basketball victories now stands at 68 after a 41-to-22 triumph over the Weatherford College Coyotes Tuesday night.

Mrs. J. H. Benningfield, about 58, died at her Saneo home near Robert Lee of burns received when her clothing caught fire as she stood near a stove.

The bullet-riddled body of Cecil Odneal, 35, twice accused in Tarrant county slayings, was found Sunday morning on a highway north of Fort Worth.

County Attorney Sterling Williams of Snyder announced that J. L. Heard had admitted killing his trapper-partner, J. H. Reynolds, in an argument Dec. 21 over a trap.

Five members of a Vernon family were dead after the father, Tom Duke, 60, sprayed their clothing with gasoline and ignited it after locking them in the kitchen of their home.

The Texas Unemployment Corporation commission postponed until Feb. 25 the deadline for employers' payment of jobless insurance taxes on their 1936 payrolls. The former deadline was Jan. 25.

Zero Moore, 79-year-old Sutherland Springs farmer, reported to San Antonio police that pickpockets had taken cash and securities amounting to \$4,309.50 from him on an elevator in the post office building there.

L. A. Woods, state superintendent of public instructions, suffered two broken ribs, a dislocated shoulder and a head injury when his automobile skidded and overturned twice near Troy. He was carried to a Temple hospital.

Officers returned to Marlin Wednesday with Mrs. Billie Bell, alias Billie Swor, who confessed last week in the Arkansas penitentiary to forging checks in Texas for which Mrs. Nellie Harvey, Wichita Falls, was prosecuted and convicted.

Dr. James Quayle Dealey, 75, editor-in-chief of the Dallas News and the Dallas Journal for the past seven years, educator and scholar of international reputation for more than half a century, died Friday of last week. He was at his desk when stricken.

The University of Texas has hired Danz X. Bible, one of football's ranking coaches, who as mentor for Nebraska won six Big Six conference titles in eight years, for ten years at a salary of \$15,000. The contract provides he would be director of athletics and head football coach.

## List of Petit Jurors Called Next Week

The jury panel in 42nd district court for next week includes the following names:

E. M. McDonald, W. R. McCartney, R. E. Harris, Joe McMillan, Merkel, O. W. Pardue, Louis A. Groene, A. L. Kirkpatrick, A. T. McDaniel, W. O. Hampton, Boyd King, J. J. Boyd, T. C. Cox, Roy Jones, R. T. White, W. M. Guy, L. M. Hembree, S. W. Jones, W. I. Nixon, C. M. Boyd, G. C. McDonald, S. C. Jones, W. D. Boyd, R. O. Mullins, R. Y. Buchanan, J. S. Lea, J. D. Pardue, E. W. Mitchell, Walter Hale, E. L. Ledbetter, Roy C. Barton, W. P. Bounds, J. H. Leslie, Jack Hutchins, A. G. Barry, R. G. Lemmons, Abilene; A. C. McMillon, Jr., T. H. McCarty, J. W. Jones, G. H. McCarty, Lawn; J. H. Ohlhausen, T. J. Green, J. G. Nix, Guion; W. W. White, J. M. Landers, Ovalo; Marvin Ballard, Floyd Ballard, H. C. Hodges, Tuscola; R. M. Ashburn, Winters; L. W. Askins, Tye.



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## LARGEST PLUMS TO WEST TEXANS

Selections for Committee Chairman Are Announced by Speaker Robert W. Calvert.

Austin, Jan. 28.—Speaker Robert W. Calvert completed his committee selections Monday, clearing the way for consideration of approximately 260 bills and 26 proposed constitutional amendments.

The largest plums went to Alf Roark of Saratoga and Eugene Worley, of Shamrock, 25 and 27 years old respectively, Harry N. Graves, Georgetown veteran, and Fred Mauritz, experienced legislator from Ganado.

Mauritz was chosen chairman of the state affairs committee, Graves of appropriations, Roark of revenues and taxation and Worley of oil and gas.

Heads of other important committees included: agriculture, Arthur B. Tarwater of Plainview; criminal jurisprudence, Howard C. Davison of Rotan; labor, J. Carroll McConnell of Palo Pinto; liquor traffic, Bryan Bradbury of Abilene; public health, Dr. J. C. Davis, of Rule.

## Burned in Freak Blast at Lubbock

Upon receipt of news that their son, D. J. Neill, 27, of Plainview, had suffered severe burns about the body following a gas explosion in the home of his sister-in-law in Lubbock, where he was visiting, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Neill, accompanied by another son, Thaxton Neill, went to Lubbock Sunday to be with him, returning the same day when his condition was considered satisfactory.

It was reported in the Lubbock paper that young Neill narrowly averted death when a gas explosion seared the greater part of his body late Saturday and rocked the residence where the explosion occurred. He was carried to the West Texas hospital at Lubbock for treatment.

The explosion resulted, it was thought, when gas accumulated from a defective rubber connection with a stove in the bathroom was ignited. Neill had gone into the bath room and had undressed preparatory to taking a bath.

The blast developed many freakish twists. Despite the fact that no damage was done to the bath room, except to pull a catch from the door facing, plenty of concussion evidence could be found two rooms away where a radio had been blown through a window and a screen into the yard and another window broken. Also it was reported that the wife of one of the tenants in an apartment just above the scene of the blast, who was standing in the door of her apartment, was almost knocked down.

Surgeons said Neill was found to have suffered second degree burns of the hands, arms and legs, also on the upper front of his chest and on the face and neck, but his back virtually was uninjured.

## Seventeen Persons Drown.

Miami, Fla., Jan. 28.—An express bus plunged from the Tamiami Trail Monday carrying seventeen of its thirty passengers, many of them northern tourists, to death by drowning in the Everglades.

## STATE AUDITOR FOR FEE SYSTEM

Says Present Salary Plan for County Officers to Cost the State 70 Per Cent More.

Austin, Jan. 28.—State Auditor Tom C. King reported to Governor Allred Wednesday the law placing county officials on a salary basis would cost the state about 70 per cent more than the old fee system.

King estimated the state's share of salaries in 1936, only part of which has been paid, would be \$812,460, compared with an average of \$477,294 annually for the four years, 1932-1935, prior to enactment of the new plan.

He said a new law perhaps would reduce cost to the state, but advised revision only after careful consideration due to confusion necessary in changes.

Due to favorable conditions for earning fees in some counties during 1935, King continued, the act has tended to set salaries of officers at a rather high level and to increase salaries of deputies and assistants.

Commenting on lack of uniformity in annual reports, he added the solution appeared to lie in a more adequate system of accounting in the counties with centralization of information and proper controls over the records of individual officers.

## Grand Jury Called to Investigate Reports Of Theft of Sheep

Judge Milburn S. Long of 42nd district court Wednesday summoned the Taylor county grand jury to meet Friday morning to investigate reports of thefts of sheep and goats in the southwestern section of the county.

## Compensation Act to Discussed Over KRBC

Differentiating between unemployment compensation in Texas and the old age benefits of the federal security act, L. Thurmond Krueger, field representative of the Texas Unemployment Compensation commission, with headquarters in Abilene, will speak over station KRBC, Abilene, from 7:05 to 7:30 p. m. Friday. He will also broadcast over the same station on Tuesday, Feb. 2, from 1:15 to 1:45 p. m.

Mr. Krueger will also hold classes and open forums in towns in his territory where local chambers of commerce or other civic bodies request his presence. The Abilene office is with the chamber of commerce, 901 South First street.

## Sightseers Aid Red Cross.

Cincinnati, O., Jan. 28.—Operators of Cincinnati's tallest building collected \$1,250 for the Red Cross in a single day by charging sightseers for a birds-eye view of the flood.

## \$5,000 Exemption Urged.

Austin, Jan. 28.—Homestead valuations up to \$5,000 would be exempt from all forms of taxation by a constitutional amendment proposed in the legislature Monday by the legislative partnership of Newton and Newton.

## WILL ACCEPT DONATIONS FOR FLOOD RELIEF

Along with the rest of the nation, Merkel citizens are anxious to do their part in furnishing relief funds for the flood-stricken people in the Ohio and Mississippi valleys, where such great loss of life has occurred together with the destruction of millions of dollars worth of property.

With the purpose of assisting in receiving and transferring these funds to the American Red Cross, The Mail will accept donations for the flood sufferers and will acknowledge them through the columns of the paper. The names of the donors and the amounts contributed will also be furnished to Taylor County Red Cross chapter, Abilene, of which Robert B. Wylie is chairman, and also acknowledged there.

Up to 7 p. m. Wednesday Taylor county Red Cross had forwarded contributions amounting to \$1,497.59, exceeding the county's quota after it had been doubled and redoubled.

First subscription to be acknowledged by The Mail is a donation of \$5.00 by Dr. C. B. Gardner, augmented by a check for \$2.50 from the Merkel Mail. Donations of any amount will be acceptable.

## Face Elmdale in First Round of Tournament

Merkel High basketballers were scheduled to meet Elmdale at 6 o'clock Thursday night in the opening game of the Taylor county championship basketball tournament, according to pairings announced Saturday by Curtis Travis, county athletic director and coach of the Tuscola team, defending champion. Seven teams are entered.

Wylie drew a bye in the first round, while other teams are scheduled to play Thursday night as follows:

7 p. m.—Tuscola versus Ovalo.  
8 p. m.—Bradshaw versus Lawn.  
Semi-finals are set Friday at 7 and 8 p. m., and the final for Saturday night at 8 o'clock. All games will be at the Abilene High School gymnasium.

The tournament this year comes earlier than usual, but the champion will have but one spare week to prepare for the sectional jousts, scheduled Feb. 12 and 13 at Abilene.

## Mercury Drops to 17, Lots of Snow and Ice

Second severe cold spell of the season struck Merkel late Thursday afternoon of last week, the thermometer sinking to 17 degrees Friday morning, with snow and ice accompanying. It was not until Wednesday that all signs of ice had disappeared.

On Jan. 9 the season's low was reached, when the mercury dropped here to 10 degrees.

## Special Buying Trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Dee Grimes and Mrs. Cyrus Pee from the Bragg Dry Goods company were in Fort Worth the early part of the week where out-of-state dealers were featuring a two-weeks spring buying season.

## MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, February 2, 1917.)

## HIGH SCHOOL EXEMPTIONS AT MID-TERM EXAMINATION.

The following boys and girls were exempt from mid-term examinations in the subjects mentioned in connection with their names:

Eleventh grade: Lee Baker, geometry; Leslie Brady, geometry and history; Paul McMurray, geometry, history, English and science; Will Tucker, geometry; Laura Beard, geometry; Dorothy Duckett, spelling, geometry, history, English and science; Vida McNece, spelling, geometry, history, English and science; Eunice Russell, spelling, geometry, history and English; Wilna Smith, spelling, geometry, history, English and science; Charlie B. Thomas, spelling and geometry; Lucy Tracy, spelling, geometry, history, English and science; Mary Tucker, geometry and history; Lillian Watts, spelling, geometry, history and English; Ora M. Rogers, spelling, composition (10), English.

## DATES NEAR FOR MERKEL'S ANNUAL POULTRY SHOW

Winter Show to Open on Wednesday of Next Week, Continues Four Days; Auction Sale Set For Friday Night.

While a building has been tentatively selected for housing Merkel's Seventh Annual Poultry Show and Auction Sale, dates for which are Feb. 3, 4, 5 and 6, arrangements had not been completed up to the hour of going to press; hence, the place will have to be announced later.

The show starts on Wednesday, which will be given over to entries and cooping. Entries must be in by 9 p. m. of that date. Judging will start at 9 o'clock Thursday morning and will be completed Friday.

At 7:30 p. m. Friday, birds will be auctioned free for all exhibitors, and any other persons may have poultry auctioned by the association on 10 per cent commission basis.

Saturday will be general exhibition day, with the show to close at 4 p. m. J. W. Pritchett of Stamford will be judge of the show. Officers of the association are: R. A. Ellis, president; E. H. Cordill, vice-president, and Art Sharp, secretary.

A special committee to be in charge of the auction sale includes: Bob Mayfield, Byers Petty and Doc Calloway.

## John Sims Suffers Stroke of Paralysis

Some three weeks ago John Sims of Thalia, father of Mrs. Fred Baker and Mrs. E. L. Berry and an old-time resident of Merkel, suffered a stroke of paralysis, and on Wednesday news was received by his daughters here that his condition was very serious. So Mrs. Baker, her husband and Mrs. Berry left at once to be at his bedside.

## Death Claims Brother Of Merkel Resident

R. L. Proctor of this city, whose sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Shanklin, passed away in November at her home in Salado at the advanced age of 84 years, was called to Midland some two weeks ago by the death of a brother, Cal Proctor, who died there on Jan. 12.

The death of these two leaves six surviving brothers and sisters: N. M. Proctor, Salado; S. T. Proctor, Winters; Mrs. A. C. Enochs, Oklahoma City; Mrs. D. R. Pendleton, Tyler; George A. Proctor, Belton, and the brother here.

## Record of Births.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Tiner, Goodman, Thursday, January 21, 1937.  
Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Burtis Sharp, Sylvester, Friday, January 22, 1937.  
Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Lawlis, Sylvester, Wednesday, January 27, 1937.  
Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Criswell, Stith, Wednesday, January 27, 1937.

TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Pierce and Rex Scott, students in A. C. C., are spending a few days with their parents, Supt. and Mrs. G. W. Scott.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Williamson, Mrs. C. C. Stribling, Mrs. J. P. Roberts and daughter, Gladys, and Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Winn were shopping in Abilene Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Beckham and sons of Lamesa spent Sunday here as guest of Mr. Beckham's mother, Mrs. C. T. Beckham.

Mrs. J. C. Randal of Quanah spent the week-end here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Johnson, Sr., also her sister, Mrs. John West, of Merkel.

Miss Edythe Hale and her mother, Mrs. F. H. Hale, of Eskota spent the week-end here with Mrs. M. B. Jones. Hubert Beckham, employed in Hamlin, spent the week-end here with home folks.

Cecil Rutherford of Crane spent Sunday night with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nalley, Mr. Rutherford going on to Albany Monday, where he will be employed.

Mrs. Cecil Rutherford, employed in Bowers Beauty shop, celebrated her birthday with a dinner in Abilene Sunday, with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nalley and June and Joy Nalley from Trent as guests.

Mrs. L. E. Adrian is confined to her home with the flu.

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HEBRON NEWS

Burneal Merritt spent last week with his grandmother, Mrs. J. F. Merritt, of Comper.

Mrs. J. M. Williamson is spending a few days in the M. S. Cummings home at Goodman.

Mrs. Ike Driggers of Roscoe and Woodrow Cooper of Rising Star are spending the week with their mother, Mrs. W. M. Cooper.

Those on the sick list this week are: Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Reese, who have the flu, and Mrs. Lige Harris, who is ill in the hospital at Abilene.

C. L. Tucker and grandson, Burneal Merritt, attended the singing at Noodle Sunday night.

Oliver Carey of Post and his sister, Alice Carey, visited in the J. A. Traylor home Friday night.

Week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Carey and daughters were: Oliver Carey of Post and Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Lofton of Hermleigh; Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Ferguson and baby and Clements Carey of Lamesa and C. L. Smith of Cross Plains also visited in the Carey home during the week.

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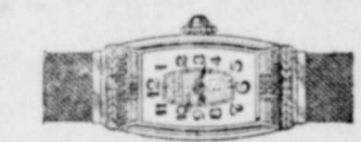
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To any who may care to read and the great throng of friends and acquaintances who gathered at our home at the darkest hour of our lives—the awful tragedy that took the life of our baby boy and brother who was the joy of our life and idol of our home:

Words cannot express our heart's feeling to them and the unnumbered throng who gathered at the church and followed us to his last resting place on earth, also those who were unable to attend, but whose hearts and sympathy were with us, the sweet-spirited girl from Rising Star who was so sympathetic, and the three noble men, all brothers, and their little girl who sang the beautiful song and the gray-haired veteran of the cross and the manly young pastor of the church who said the last words of respect over the remains of our dear boy. I do not feel I deserve any of the sympathy these good people have shown, but he and his mother are due it all. For some weeks previous I would catch myself humming the song, "Play the fife low-

ly and beat the drum slowly," and the previous week, probably Saturday before, as plowing along and doing my work, the thought came to me, "Adversity, you have come and taken my home, all but a claim, and almost the clothes from my back and the bread from my mouth, but I have left twelve stout, robust boys and girls, 8 boys and 4 girls, who are able to fight the battle through and we are not whipped by any means." But, no, no, no, on Sunday night old calamity says to me, "You haven't but eleven children, only seven boys, and, in fact, you haven't anything but that one breath that you are now breathing—the next may be taken any time. Honor God with the one you now have."

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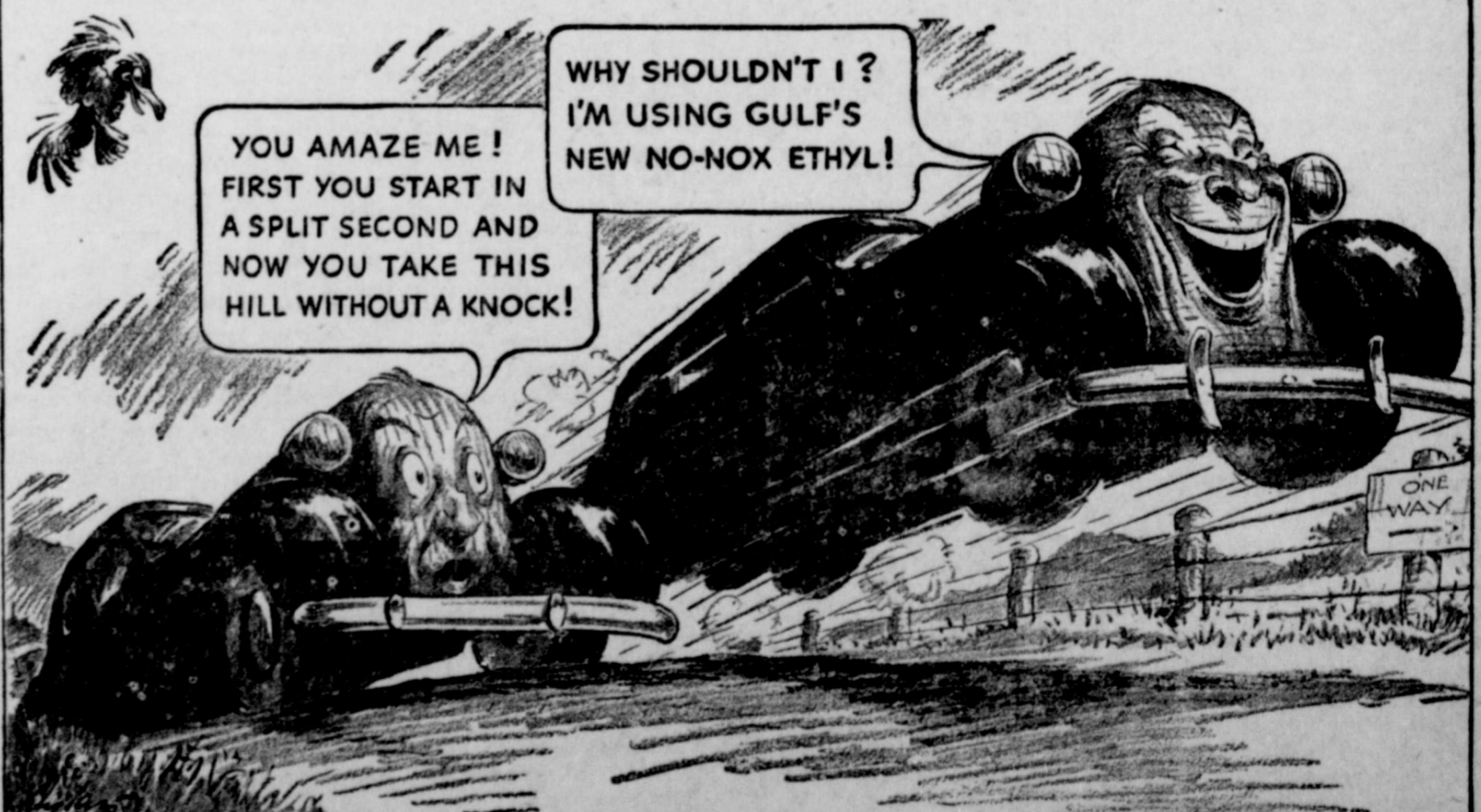
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### SUGGESTIONS FOR A HAPPY LIFE.

(Selected.)

Find the work you love to do and do it in spite of everything. Be moderate in all things: food, drink, work and rest. Serve yourself by serving others. Get money, but do not let money get you. Let no man say of you that you mistreated any living creature. Let your constant aim be to bring a bit of sunshine into the life of every being you meet. Do not worry, laugh often—you will be happy.

### THRU THE KEYHOLE.

(By "The Peeper.")

Verne Moore, a quiet, little Sophomore, is much sweeter than Betty Grimes, famed winner of 3 beauty contests, a few boys' hearts, and a free trip to Fort Worth. At least, that is the opinion of Herbert Hoover—no drinks, this comes from a reliable source. Young Hoover even says that if Verne will forgive him for going with Betty, that he will never go with another girl again—after last Saturday night.

Herbert even knows 10 reasons why Verne should forgive him for doing her dirt. Not Betty, I mean Verne.

Betty, don't fall for his line again. He tells that to all the girls, but he really means it when he tells Verne.

There is one good thing about these Wigintons—they never give up. A few weeks ago, Rebecca risked life and limb by falling down the stairs, but she didn't even get a scratch. This embarrassed Rebecca, so the other day she tried to cut her neck with the axe. The axe missed her neck, but hit her in the mouth. The results—a cut lip and 3 loose teeth. Nice going, Rebecca!

"Oh, there is something about a soldier that is fine, fine, fine." Mildred Humphrey likes anyone in a uniform. By the way, where does Clifton Bellamy go to school?

The exams of the past have been terrible to the boys, but the girls have Mr. Myers as an inspiration and it really wasn't quite so bad. When taking an exam, the girls just look up at Mr. Myers and what they see is so refreshing that they could think of the answer to almost anything.

His eyes have the sweetest expression; he has black, curly hair; he possesses a most charming smile. His teeth are like pearls; and he does wear his hat at the cutest angle. Her's to the Robert Taylor of Merkel "Hi."

It seems as tho' one member of the 3 "F" Club has been telling fibs about one certain member. This met the disgusting disapproval of the other members. Things like these are what your

"Peeper" calls dirt. Better watch out, Fannelle, the "Boogy Man" will get you.

P. S. And don't believe any of these things that Etycl and Bonnie have been telling about Miss Clements. We know for a fact they can't be anything but gossip.

Snow—and cold weather—forever more! Frances Higgins never will get anywhere at that rate. It's too cold for the farmers to come to town—unless, of course, they're busy rushing certain girls that are home from John Tarleton.

Dear, Dear! I'm all mixed up. Last Thursday, Jan. 21, 1937, Mr. Clyde Sears and Miss Dorma Lee Shelton, chaperoned by Clyde's elder brother, A. C. and Miss Phyllis Smith, attended the Queen theatre. But, on Sunday afternoon, Jan. 24, 1937, Clyde was visiting Miss Anne Lee Blake. I wish he'd make up his mind. (Helen, you're letting Anne Lee get ahead of you again. What do you mean?)

Some of our Freshmen, such as Loudale Gray and Harvey Davis haven't been acting so dignified in public. An awful battle took place in the theatre a few days ago when Loudale tried to force Harvey to remove his hat. (Harvey, let this be a lesson to you. Always remove your hat and especially when asked to do so by a young lady.)

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bright, red lipstick. Oh boy! I wonder whom she is flickering her eyebrow at.

### LOCALS.

Miss Lillian Savage was the guest of Miss Betty Grimes last week. A very enjoyable evening was spent last Friday evening, Jan. 22, 1937, when Betty, Doyle Gray, Lillian, and Howard Carson went to the show, I guess.

Mr. Joe Cook who attends Northwest State Teachers college at Denton, Texas, visited Merkel HI last Monday.

Mr. Willie B. Toombs, Horace Boney, Victor Joyner and Misses Mary Helen Mashburn and Missie Spurgin, all former Merkel HI students, were home from John Tarleton last week.

Lucy Faye is still in love with Stanley—Yaah! and they are seen in public together every once in a while.

### JOKES.

Typewriter Salesman: "Are you satisfied with your typewriter?"  
 Marvin Hunter: "Sure, it's okay, only Mr. Rudd says that it doesn't spell correctly."

We'don Devis, who is famous for his paper-wad shooting, was asked, "Do you see that girl back there at

the back of the room? I want you to hit her in the eye."

Weldon, confident of his ability, "Which eye?"

Don: "Is that a dray horse you have there?"

Mr. Collinsworth: "No, it's a drown horse, and stop your baby talk."

It was spring, there was music in the air and the Merkel High School pole vaulters were practicing.

Standing off to one side was Loudale Gray.

Suddenly she said to Helen Heeter who was standing with her, "Just think how much higher those boys could go if they didn't have to carry those sticks."

"It's the little things in the world that tell," said Don as he pulled his little brother from under the sofa.

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## IN TRUCK LEGISLATION

Any change in existing Texas truck laws which will increase the present 7,000-pound load limit will affect adversely all communities in the state, both rural and urban. This statement is proved best by identifying the causes and effects upon Texas communities.

These are:

1. Increasing truck loads mean correspondingly increasing the distance which the truck can profitably carry its load.
2. Increasing the distance of profitable truck haul means bringing the small town wholesale houses and industrial plants, such as wholesale grocers, bottling plants, feed mills, oil mills, grain elevators, cotton compresses and retail lumber yards, into direct competition with similar establishments in large cities.
3. Such competition will inevitably result in further drying up the small country towns by taking from them the payrolls, taxes and local purchases represented by their present establishments. Property values, both residential and commercial, will decline; volume of re-

tail sales will grow smaller and former employees will migrate to the cities to reinforce the ranks of the unemployed and the bread lines.

4. Large cities, at first stimulated by increased trade territories, bought at the expense of the country towns, will be ultimately affected adversely because of the resulting unhealthy condition of the rural communities forming these trade territories.

5. Because of the consequent shrinkage of the state's tax revenues from country towns, taxes from the cities will have to be increased correspondingly.

6. The lower truck load limit of Texas now has the effect of acting as a barrier at Texas borders to the movement of the larger truck loads carrying merchandise from the metropolitan and producing centers of other states. Any increase in Texas truck load limits will break down that barrier and permit the free truck movement into the state of many commodities which unquestionably would be sold directly to the retailers, thus destroying, in a large measure, the business of wholesalers and jobbers now located in Texas cities.

Conditions which affect adversely the well-being of Texas communities also affect Texas railroads in identical manner and degree.

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**PERSONALS**

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Campbell had as  
their guests last week their grand-  
daughters, Willa Gene and Jo Anne  
Campbell, of O'Donnell.

Mrs. A. H. Lawson and son, Bobby  
Joe, are spending the week with her  
parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Steven-  
son, of Stamford. Mrs. Stevenson has  
just returned home from the hospital,  
where she underwent an operation,  
and is doing nicely.

Mrs. Joe P. Self and daughter, Joy-  
Sue, visited last week with her moth-  
er, Mrs. T. R. Gilbert, in Mineral  
Wells.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Vickers, Sr., of El  
Paso but former residents here and  
known to all the old-timers, were here  
visiting old friends last week. On Fri-  
day they were guests in the J. H.  
Ensminger home.

C. J. Glover returned Sunday night  
from a week-end visit with his sisters,  
Mrs. Eva Prendergast and Mrs. W.  
A. Little, in Austin.

Mrs. J. N. Powell of Leonard has  
been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Sam  
Swann, for ten days.

Cyrus Pee leaves Sunday for Dallas  
to attend a four-day insurance school  
of the Southland Life company, with  
all expenses paid.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Hines have re-  
turned from Menard where they had  
been the past five weeks. Their daugh-  
ter, Mrs. J. B. Blocker, and little son,  
Billy Joe, came home with them.

Miss Louise Patterson spent the  
week-end with her brother and sister-  
in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Comer Patter-  
son, in Abilene.

Mrs. Homer Patterson returned last  
week from a visit of several weeks in  
California.

Although Fred Hughes has been  
actively in charge of the management  
of the Ford dealership in Abilene, op-  
erating as the Hughes Motor company,  
for about two months, it was not un-  
til Thursday of last week that he  
moved his family to Abilene, where  
they are domiciled at 918 Ross ave-  
nue. Carlton Vick has leased the  
Hughes brick home on Oak street here.

Mrs. R. A. Burgess left Tuesday  
for Lubbock to be with her mother,  
Mrs. Emory Butler, who underwent  
a mastoid operation on Wednesday.  
She was reported as doing nicely.

Mrs. W. T. Sadler, who accompan-  
ied Mrs. W. V. Ramsey of Abilene, on  
a trip to take the latter's mother home  
to her home, Miss. was expected to  
leave for home Thursday.

**LOCAL BRIEFS.**

Miss Duncan Briggs, daughter of  
Mrs. Duncan Briggs, has been appoin-  
ted one of the stenographers in the  
house of representatives during the  
current session of the legislature.

Effective Monday morning of this  
week, Howard Carson assumed his  
duties as book-keeper with the Citi-  
zens National bank in Abilene. He  
has been serving in the same capacity  
the past eighteen months at the Farm-  
ers & Merchants National bank here.

With his return to the city last  
week, Dr. R. I. Grimes announces to  
his friends and clients that he has  
resumed his practice.

Floyd McCoy has moved his barber  
shop to new location on Kent street,  
next door to Black's Radio shop, where  
he will be glad to see old customers  
and to welcome new ones.

**Special B. T. U. Program.**  
The Senior B. T. U. of the Sixth  
Baptist church is preparing a special  
program to be given Sunday evening,  
Jan. 31, at the church. Every one is  
cordially invited to come.

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**FOR SALE—**The Beckett home in South Merkel, \$2,500; \$500 cash, balance easy. J. T. Warren.

**HERE IS A GOOD ONE—**40 acres, 5 mi. east of Merkel, on gravel road, planted to wheat and a good stand, \$1,500; \$500 cash, balance to suit; this wheat could easily make the cash payment; this is for a limited time. J. T. Warren.

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**WANTED**

**CUSTOM GRINDING—**Mondays only, on all kinds of feed; 15c per hundred. Vernon Hudson, Salt Branch.

**ANNOUNCING** opening of Dunn Hatchery, Friday, Jan. 8; see us for chickens. D. I. Shelton, Prop.

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**FOR RENT—**Three partly furnished rooms, first house north of Christian church. See or write Mrs. D. W. Ashby, Merkel, Texas, Route 1.

**LEGAL NOTICE.**

**NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE.**

By virtue of an order of sale issued out of the Honorable 101st Judicial District Court of Texas in and for Dallas county, on the 22nd day of January, 1937, in the case of Home Owners' Loan Corporation versus G. C. Douglass and wife, Ida Mae Douglass, No. 24750-E, and to me, as sheriff, directed and delivered, I have levied upon this 26th day of January, A. D. 1937, and will between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m. on the

first Tuesday in March, A. D. 1937, it being the 2nd day of said month, at the court house door of Taylor county, Texas, in the city of Abilene, proceed to sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash in hand, all the right, title and interest which G. C. Douglass and wife, Ida Mae Douglass, had on the 18th day of July, A. D. 1934, or at any time thereafter, of, in and to the following described property, to-wit: situated in Taylor county, state of Texas: Lot 12, Block 4, Park Heights addition to the city of Abilene, Taylor county, Texas, described in a deed dated April 4, 1928, recorded in volume 202, page 379, deed records of Taylor county, Texas.

Said property being levied on as the property of said above named persons and will be sold to satisfy a judgment amounting to \$2,839.74 against G. C. Douglass, together with interest at the rate of 5 per cent per annum from the 21st day of December, 1936, in favor of the Home Owners' Loan Corporation, and costs of court and the further costs of executing this writ.

Given under my hand this 26th day of January, A. D., 1937.  
Sid H. McAdams, Sheriff,  
Taylor County, Texas.  
By Wade Willis, Deputy.

**NECROLOGY**

**H. H. WRIGHT.**

Funeral services were held at the Baptist church at Carlsbad, N. M., at 2 p. m. Saturday, Jan. 16, for H. H. Wright, age 85 years, who died at his home on North Spring street there Thursday night, Jan. 14, at 10:30 o'clock. He was stricken with influenza-pneumonia on Jan. 3, and, due to his advanced age, little hope was held for his recovery, although at times his condition seemed somewhat improved.

Mr. Wright was born Jan. 10, 1852, in Lotteldell, Miss. He was converted at the age of 14 and lived a true Christian life, having spent many years in the ministry. He was married to Miss Margaret Red Dec. 5, 1877, at Union, Miss. He had spent the last 45 years in Texas and New Mexico. He passed his 85th birthday on Sunday, Jan. 10.

All members of the family were present when the end came. Besides his wife, he is survived by four sons and four daughters: J. A. Wright, El Campo, Texas; Irvin Wright, Lamesa; Walter and H. H. Wright, Jr., Carlsbad, N. M.; Mrs. Evert Candill, Lovington, N. M.; Mrs. W. D. Shelley, Sonora, Calif.; Mrs. N. L. Burrow, Oakdale, Calif., and Mrs. Burnie Williams, Sparenburg, Texas. He also leaves 26 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Rev. A. L. Goodwin, Baptist pastor held the services and the remains were laid to rest in Carlsbad cemetery.

Mr. Wright and his wife moved to Merkel Dec. 18, 1935, from Portales, N. M., and lived in our city until September, 1936, when they moved to Carlsbad for Mrs. Wright's health and so that they would be near their children.

**MRS. ANNIE KINCAID.**  
Funeral services for Mrs. Annie

Kincaid, 87, who had been a member of the Presbyterian church 77 years, were held at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon of last week from the Tye Presbyterian church, with Rev. J. T. Bryant of Colorado in charge. Mrs. Kincaid died Wednesday night from injuries received in a fall.

Mrs. Kincaid came to Taylor county with her husband, W. G. W. Kincaid, more than 43 years ago, settling at Buffalo Gap. Mr. Kincaid died 32 years ago, and Mrs. Kincaid moved to Tye to make her home.

Survivors are eight children: one son, J. L. Kincaid, of Buffalo Gap; seven daughters, Mrs. S. E. Millard, Mrs. Allie E. Green, Mrs. Lula Street, Mae Kincaid, all of Tye; Mrs. Gertrude Brookerson of Buffalo Gap, Mrs. C. J. West and Mrs. H. West, of Waco; 26 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren and two brothers.

Palbearers were six grandsons: Gerald Street, Theo Kincaid, Gordon Green, Roy Millard, Clarence Street and Clark Brookerson.

**RURAL SOCIETY**

**JOINT BIRTHDAY PARTY.**

Mesdames T. R. Francis and E. J. Orsborn were the gracious hostesses to a prettily planned party in the home of Mrs. Francis at Blair on Saturday, Jan. 23, honoring their daughters, Mary and Nina, on their thirteenth birthdays.

After a period of games, a dainty refreshment plate of cake, chocolate, sandwiches and candy was passed to the following guests: Jaunez Holt, Gwendolyn Sandusky, Bonnie McAninch, Janet Teaff, Nell Scoggin, Lena Fay Orsborn, Catherine Orsborn, Jimmie Campbell, Ross Francis, Mrs. T. Walker, Mrs. F. Scoggin and the honorees and hostesses.

**JONES COUNTY COUNCIL.**

The Jones County Home Demonstration council met on Jan. 6 with the following new officers: chairman, Mrs. V. L. Merritt, Merkel, Route 2; vice-chairman, Mrs. F. W. Poe, Hamlin; secretary, Mrs. Ina Moorehead, Lueders.

The home demonstration agent, Miss Gladys Martin, gave an interesting talk on "Pushing Forward with H. D. Club Work in 1937." Mrs. F. W. Poe, first place winner in Jones county bedroom work, and Mrs. Carl Bonneaux, second place winner, gave a skit on "What has been accomplished in bedroom work in Jones county in 1936" over KRBC on Jan. 11.

Mrs. Bonneaux also gave a reading of her own composition entitled "The Old Feather Bed."

The council is looking forward for greater work in Jones county in 1937.

**GOODMAN CLUB.**

The Goodman Home Demonstration club met Jan. 12 in the home of Mrs. Carl Bonneaux with seven members and three visitors present, besides Miss Gladys Martin, the home demonstration agent. After the business meeting, Miss Martin demonstrated vanity sets and dresser scarfs.

Mrs. C. P. Church from Merkel gave an interesting talk on work done

in their club. We were indeed happy to have these visitors and hope they will come again.

Buttered crackers, cheese sandwiches, potato chips, cookies and coffee were served to Miss Martin, Mrs. C. P. Church, Mrs. Harry Barnett and Mrs. Clyde Shouse, Merkel; Mesdames J. W. Tiner, Gerald Tiner, Robert Carter, Ruby Windland and C. W. Seago and the hostess.

**WARREN CLUB ORGANIZED.**

Women of the Warren community interested in improving their homes met with Mrs. M. Ely on Friday afternoon, Jan. 22, to organize a home demonstration club.

Miss Gladys Martin, county agent, was present, and the ladies took the opportunity to learn Italian hemstitching. Year books were distributed.

The following officers were elected: Mrs. W. K. Kelso, president; Mrs. Ross Baker, vice-president; Mrs. M. T. Ely, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. M. J. Hines, reporter.

All women of the community are invited to attend the next meeting, which will be Tuesday, Feb. 9, at Mrs. Ely's at 2:30 p. m.

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**FOR STUDENTS.**

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**MT. PLEASANT NEWS**

Every one is glad to see this warm sunshine, and all are busy. Nearly every one is almost through breaking land, and some are already done.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Johnson and son were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Smith Wednesday night.

Kathleen Milner of Comper spent the week-end with Margie Hogan.

Mrs. Jay Greenfield and sons, Billy Gene and Junior, and Mr. and Mrs. Price Floyd and little daughter, Patsy Jean, were the guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Click, Sr., Sunday.

Several in the community met in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Karr and had singing Sunday night. A fine time was reported.

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|---------------------------------|-----|------------------------------|-----|
| Apples, each .....              | 1c  | Goblin                       |     |
| Cabbage, pound .....            | 3c  | Hominy, No. 2 1-2 can .....  | 10c |
| Lettuce, head .....             | 7c  | Red and White                |     |
| Spuds, 5 pounds .....           | 23c | Peaches, No. 2 1-2 can ..... | 18c |
| Oranges, dozen .....            | 23c | Early Riser                  |     |
| Grapefruit, 6 for .....         | 17c | Coffee, pound .....          | 19c |
| Carrots, Beets, Mustard,        |     | Parlor                       |     |
| 3 bunches .....                 | 10c | Broom, each .....            | 89c |
| Vanilla                         |     | Red and White                |     |
| Wafers, per bag .....           | 15c | Meal, 5 pounds .....         | 21c |
| Blue and White                  |     | Gold Medal                   |     |
| Cocoa, pound .....              | 10c | Wheaties, 2 pkgs. ....       | 25c |
| Pure Cane                       |     | Yankee Doodle                |     |
| Sugar, 10 pounds .....          | 55c | Macaroni, pkg. ....          | 5c  |
| Red and White                   |     | Davis                        |     |
| Peas, No. 2 can, 2 for .....    | 35c | Cocoamalt, 8 oz. can .....   | 25c |
| Dried                           |     | Wesson                       |     |
| Apricots, 2 pounds .....        | 35c | Oil, pint .....              | 25c |
| Standard                        |     | Palmolive                    |     |
| Tomatoes No. 2 can, 3 for ..... | 25c | Soap, 2 bars .....           | 13c |
| Iowa Club                       |     | Red and White                |     |
| Corn, No. 2 can, 2 for .....    | 23c | Rice, 2 pounds .....         | 18c |
|                                 |     | Sliced Bacon, pound .....    | 29c |
|                                 |     | Bulk Sausage, 2 pounds ..... | 25c |
|                                 |     | Cheese, pound .....          | 23c |

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This is the "Thousand Love Songs" number in which Miss Davies leads one hundred and sixty of Hollywood's most beautiful chorus girls through intricate dance routines and spectacular scenes.

Another big specialty number is the "Coney Island" set. These production numbers were staged by the famous Broadway and Hollywood dance director, Bobby Connolly, with original music and lyrics by Harry Warren and Al Dubin.

Miss Davies has the role of the young waitress who springs to stardom almost overnight. In her rise to fame she inadvertently interferes with the career of a young prize fighter who aspires to become world's champion, the latter part played by Clark Gable.

The two come to hate each other cordially, but a truce is established by the actress' press agent (Roscoe Karns) who conceives the brilliant idea of announcing a romance between the two in order to further their popularity with the public. Allen Jenkins is the satirically comical prize fight trainer to Clark Gable.

Other talented players in the supporting cast include Walter Catlett, David Carlyle, Hobart Cavanaugh, Ruth Donnelly, Pert Kelton, William Collier, Sr., E. E. Clive, Allen Pomeroy, Robert Middlemass, Joseph Crehan and Eily Malyon.

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### Workers Protect Shut Down in GMC Plants

Detroit, Jan. 29.—More than 9,000 men, virtually the entire personnel of the Chevrolet gear and axle division of General Motors corporation, staged a demonstration last week against the strikes which have shut down General Motors plants and caused idleness to more than 135,000 workers.

The Detroit demonstration occurred at the main plant of Chevrolet's four units on Holbrook avenue at St. Aubin.

There has been no strike in these Detroit units of Chevrolet. But the units, devoted to the manufacture of gears, axles, steel wheels and knee action mechanism, are key suppliers of these automotive parts to ten assembly plants, and the sit down strikes in other plants have stopped all operations here.

It is estimated that more than 90 per cent of the men in the plants are eager to return to their jobs.

The employees assembled last week to receive their pay checks, their last pay until the resumption of operations.

While waiting for the paymaster's staff, the men held mass meetings in the four cafeterias of the division and appointed a committee to express their opposition to the strikers and those causing their enforced idleness.

Appointing an employees' committee, headed by Arthur Evans and George Gilbert, workers in the plant, the groups voted to publicize their opposition to the strike through personal telegrams to Governor Frank Murphy of Michigan and President Roosevelt.

Since this demonstration in Detroit, a conference has taken place between officials of General Motors corporation and representatives of the striking faction. The meeting was called by the governor and at its conclusion statements were issued to the effect that negotiations for an early resumption of production would take place.

### Gerard Named Special Envoy.

New York, Jan. 28.—James W. Gerard, former ambassador to Germany, said Monday night that he had been appointed special ambassador to represent the White House at the coronation of King George VI of England in May.

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- McCall's Magazine . . . 1 yr
- Movie Classic . . . 1 yr
- Needlecraft . . . 1 yr
- Open Road (Boys) . . . 2 yrs
- Open Road (Girls) . . . 2 yrs
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Bonds Guaranteed by U. S. Government . . . . .	2,459,205.84
Bonds of the State of Texas . . . . .	902,191.45
Texas County and Municipal Bonds . . . . .	6,475,580.48
*Total . . . . .	<u>\$16,386,322.88</u>
First Mortgage Loans on Texas Real Estate . . . . .	14,101,496.54
†Home Office Building . . . . .	1,500,000.00
†Other Real Estate . . . . .	1,595,027.35
Public Utility and Corporation Bonds . . . . .	2,411,182.84
Stock . . . . .	200,040.00
Cash . . . . .	894,277.84
Reinsurance Premiums Paid in Advance . . . . .	163,841.00
Interest on Investments Accrued but not yet due . . . . .	681,819.58
Unpaid Mortgage Interest . . . . .	274,085.93
Loans Against Cash Value of Policies . . . . .	11,905,228.98
Total Assets . . . . .	<u>\$50,113,322.94</u>
LIABILITIES	
Policy Reserves . . . . .	\$41,846,463.64
Interest and Premiums Paid in Advance . . . . .	802,264.97
Reserve for Taxes and Other Liabilities . . . . .	297,578.00
Total Liabilities . . . . .	<u>42,946,306.61</u>
‡Surplus Funds for Protection of Policyholders:	
Capital Stock . . . . .	\$2,000,000.00
Unassigned Funds . . . . .	<u>5,167,016.33</u>
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To Balance Assets . . . . .	<u>\$50,113,322.94</u>

\*No bond purchased by the Company has ever defaulted as to principal or interest. Since purchase the bonds have so increased in value that current market value of these bonds exceeds by \$1,638,612 the value used above.

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FORTNIGHTLY STUDY CLUB HEALTH PROGRAM.

The home of Mrs. W. S. J. Brown was opened to members of the Fortnightly Study club in their annual "Health Program" on Tuesday afternoon of last week.

Mrs. W. W. Haynes was the speaker for the day, giving, first, a most intelligent resume of the "Hours and Conditions of Work and Earnings of Women Industrial Workers" and, second, a most sympathetic discussion of "The Health Problems of the Industrial Workers."

Members answering roll call were Mesdames Booth, Sadler, Brown, Burgess, Durham, Cox, Gamble, Haynes, Largent, Petty, Swann, Warren, West, Wilhite, McFarland and Miss Julia Martin.

BRIDGE-TEA.

Mrs. Comer Patterson was complimented on last Thursday afternoon by Mrs. W. T. Sadler with a bridge and tea. A party theme of white and "heart-red" was stressed and the entertaining rooms were profusely decorated with brilliant red carnations.

The guest list included Mesdames C. O. Patterson, R. A. Walker, Ralph Walker, Byron Patterson, Fred Guitart, Jr., Carlton Vick, L. C. Zehnuffennig, Bob Mayfield, G. C. Farrow, Max Swafford, DeVerl Johnson, Stacy Bird, Charlie Largent, Claude Dye, Lige Gamble, F. C. McFarland, John West, George White, G. W. Wilhite, Raymond Neal, J. E. Boaz, Jr., James West, Castle Ellis, George West, Jr., Wesley Edwards, Byers Petty, N. T. Hodge, Milton Case, C. H. Collinsworth, Johnny Cox, Misses Vera Walker, Robbie Walker, Iva Bragg, Mary Elizabeth Grimes, Christine Collins and the hostess.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Mrs. E. B. Wallace complimented her mother, Mrs. C. P. Church, Tuesday afternoon naming members of the Home Demonstration club and Woodman Circle as guests in helping in the celebration of her birthday.

Delicious fruited jello, cake and hot chocolate were served to Mesdames Church, John Hughes, Harry Barnett, Bob McDonald, Leslie White, Verzer Sublett, Watt Elair, R. H. Mathews, Sr., R. H. Mathews, Jr., E. O. Carson, F. A. Polky, J. Ben Campbell, Misses Maurine White, Thelma Mathews, Clara B. White, Lottie Butman and Mrs. Wallace.

GIFT PARTY.

The home of Mrs. Max Swafford was the scene of an enjoyable affair on Tuesday afternoon of last week when Mrs. Stacy Bird joined Mrs. Swafford in entertaining for Mrs. Byron Patterson. Clever contests proved diversion and the honoree was presented a shower of dainty gifts.

CLASS PARTY.

Miss Clara B. White, opened her home to Las Amigas Sunday School class Monday night for their monthly meeting.

Games of "42," checkers, "old maid" and bunco were enjoyed until a late hour when Misses Maurine and Clara B. White passed a dainty plate of sandwiches, potato chips, pickles, candy, cookies and hot chocolate, with Valentines as plate favors.

Class members and guests present were Mrs. Bill Haynes, Mrs. L. V. Moore, Misses Helen Joyner, Sarah Sheppard, Vivian Davis, Moreen Banner, Thelma Mathews, Nadine Clark, Lucille Crick, Vernelle Bland, Nola

Provine, Maurine White and Clara B. White.

WILLING WORKERS.

Miss Mary Keny entertained members of her class of Grace Presbyterian church on Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. W. M. Elliott led the devotional and an interesting program was given. A delectable refreshment plate was served to Mesdames R. A. Walker, J. E. Tucker, S. A. Dertine, Selma Russell, W. M. Elliott, Misses Jennie and Lizzie Keny and one visitor, Mrs. J. W. McConnell.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS PARTY.

Members of the C. C. C. Sunday School class of the Methodist church were entertained Tuesday evening in the home of Miss Dorra Lee Shelton. The evening was spent pleasantly playing games, at the close of which a delicious refreshment plate of sandwiches, olives, potato chips, cookies and cocoa was served to the following members and guests: Misses Bonnie Church, Anne Lee Blake, Comora Hughes, Mary Jo Russell, Laverne Harwell, Joyce Hayes, Betty Jo Speck, Mabel Murray and Mary Lou Hughes; Messrs. Ben Robert Hicks, Marvin Hunter, Clyde Sears, Ben Ferguson, L. S. Tipton, Billy Eteyl Church, Kenneth Neill and J. W. Hughes and the hostess.

T. E. L. CLASS.

The January meeting of the T. E. L. class of the First Baptist church was in the home of Mrs. Joe P. Self, with Miss Maxie Banner co-hostess. Mrs. Sam Swann led the prayer and the devotional was brought by Mrs. Twyman Collins on the theme of "Rededication."

A salad course was passed to Mesdames Joyner, McCrary, W. A. Ford, Booth, A. D. Barnes, Collins, Angus, Gllie Dye, Childress, W. J. Largent, Kyle, Swann and the hostesses, Miss Banner and Mrs. Self.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS.

The celebration of her fourth birthday was a very happy occasion for little Miss Patsy Swann on last Thursday afternoon when her mother, Mrs. Sam Swann, gave a Valentine party in her honor. First, each little guest was asked to participate in a program of songs, stunts and readings. After this games were played until time for cutting the lovely white birthday cake which was served with jello.

Boxes in the shape of red hearts, filled with Valentine candy, were party gifts, also comical Valentines were favors for the honoree, Patsy Swann, Helen Haynes, Sandra Sadler, Sue Mayfield, Anne Booth, Bobby, Tiny and Y. E. Brown, Jean Acton Jowers, Marilyn Petty, Joy Frances West, Gerald West and Billy George Reid. Patsy's two grandmothers, Mrs. J. N. Powell and Mrs. J. S. Swann, assisted in the celebration.

On Wednesday, Jan. 20, a group of the younger set gathered at the home of Billy George Reid to help him celebrate his fifth birthday. After the children played for sometime, the gifts were opened and viewed, and party favors of noisy rubber animals were given each child.

Billy blew out the candles on his pink and white decorated birthday cake, and the cake was then cut and served with soda pop to the following: Joy Lansford, Trent; Albert Lee Hester, Abilene; Daisy Jo Risinger, Sandra Sadler, Sue Mayfield, Ann Booth, Gloria and Gerald West, Jo Marvarine Tipton, Jean Acton Jow-



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PREBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening. Every one is cordially invited to these services. Strangers welcome. R. A. Walker, Pastor.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. BTS at 6:15 p. m. WMU Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening. You are cordially invited to attend these services.

METHODIST CHURCH.

Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Herbert Patterson, general superintendent. Preaching 11 a. m. Sermon by pastor. Special music. Evening worship 7 p. m. Thirty minutes singing each Sunday evening beginning promptly at 7 p. m. Preaching 7:30. Wednesday evening prayer meeting 7 p. m. John H. Crow, Pastor.

ers, Janice Merle Patterson, Maxine Kerns, Patsy Swann, Patsy Daniels, Dick Sears, Bobby Jo Lawson, Peggy Dye, Marjorie Walker, Patricia Douglas and the host, Billy George Reid. Grown-ups were: Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hester, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. J. Ben Campbell, Mrs. Clesby Patterson and Mrs. Caz Lansford, Trent.

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CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Sunday School 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. each Sunday by Brother A. J. Rollings. Young people's program 6 p. m. on Sunday.

A service of song, prayer and preaching for each Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock. You are cordially invited to attend these services. The Elders.

NAZARENE CHURCH.

Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. NYPS at 6:30 p. m. Preaching 7:30 p. m. Midweek prayer service each Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock.

Subject for next Sunday morning, "Some People Our Church Could Do Without"; evening message, "Some People Our Church Could Not Do Without." Come, hear the contrast. We appreciate your co-operation in all services. R. T. Smith, Pastor.

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