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Auto Owners Are Reminded About Their Certificates Of Title

If you are still driving a 1939 model car and haven't borrowed any money on it in the past two years, the chances are good that you're one of the thousands who have to get a certificate of title before buying 1942 license plates.

No new numbers will be sold unless a certificate is presented and there are many motorists who haven't obtained them.

Tax office deputies are afraid all of the tardy ones will wait until the last minute, and then will join the usual rush for plates.

If so, some car owners are going to be unable to drive their cars for a while.

It requires several days to get the certificates back from Austin.

Applications may be made at the license bureau in the chamber of commerce office. Present license numbers and proof of ownership in 1939 (preferably the license receipt for that year) are required. Any liens must be shown on the application.

The law went into effect Oct. 1, 1939, and all cars bought since that time have carried a title record with them. All cars must have them after Jan. 1, 1942.

Renewal dates for drivers' licenses are: Numbers 450,001 to 900,000, between Jan. 1 and March 31, 1942; 900,001 to 1,350,000, between April 1, and June 30, 1942; 1,350,001 and upward, between July 1 and Nov. 1, 1942.

There is no point in renewing one now unless required to do so, Ray Hill of the chamber of commerce, said. The 50-cent fee is good for two years from the date it is paid.

Cotton Ginnings 400 Bales Short Of Last Year

With the ginning season practically over the two local gins report that the crop this year will fall short of last year's total by about 500 bales.

The combined total of the two gins for this season totaled 3,601 bales, with approximately 25 or 30 bales still in the fields. The Farmers Gin reports 3,139 bales ginned, with the Burkburnett gin's total 462.

County Reports Low

Census report from the bureau of census, department of commerce, Washington, show that there has been 9,072 bales of cotton ginned in Wichita county from the crop of 1941, prior to Dec. 16, as compared with 11,644 bales for the crop of 1940.

CALENDAR

Federated Missionary Society will hold executive board meeting 2:30 Friday, Jan. 2 at the home of Mrs. W. C. Gage with Mrs. Gilbert, co-hostess.

Yesley Bible class will have their monthly social meeting on Tuesday Jan. 6 at the home of Mrs. J. H. Brumley.

P. T. A. will meet in regular session Jan. 5 at Grade School Auditorium.

University Study Club will meet Jan. 7, with Mrs. R. C. Davis.

Current Literature club meets on Jan. 8, Mrs. J. N. Hicks, hostess.

Ten people hurry to catch up there one hurries to get ahead.

Schools To Sell Defense Stamps

Beginning Wednesday, Jan. 7, both the high school and grade school will have government defense stamps for sale to the students and teachers desiring them.

According to Supt. Duncan, the stamps will be on sale at the high school office, and Ralph Davis, principal of the grade school will have charge of the stamps at the grade school building.

The stamps will be in 25c denominations and Mr. Duncan urges the teachers and all students to buy defense stamps.

Do You Have A Red Ring Around Your Name On Star?

If you have a red ring around your name which appears in the left hand top corner of your paper it means that your subscription to the Star has expired and now is the time to renew same while the price remains at \$1.50 per year (in Wichita and Cotton counties); and \$2.00 in zones 2 and above.

Do you know that the price of your paper is about the only thing that has not advanced in price? No doubt, if materials, paper, taxes, labor, etc., keep advancing, we will soon be forced to raise our prices, too. So in order to receive your paper for the same price as heretofore, we advise you to renew your subscription now.

Burk To Play Childress Here Tuesday, Jan. 6th

Schedule To Correlate With Football

The Burkdog Cagers are working out regular this week in anticipation of their first conference game of the season next Tuesday, Jan. 6th, when they engage the Childress Wildcats here. The team is coming along fine under the able coaching of Wayne Walling, and with four letter men from last year he expects to make a good showing.

The price of admission for the game will be 15c for students and 25c for adults. This includes the tax.

This year the Texas Interscholastic League has reshuffled the basketball situation to correspond with the of the football leagues.

Instead of each county holding a cage tourney and the winner going to the district, then the district winner going to the regional, and the regional champs going to the state tourney, the teams will be divided into practically the same districts, as they are in football. There will be a class AA, A and B, this year.

Each class will determine their district champs, which will then play in a regional tournament and the eight regional AA champs, the eight A champs, and the eight B titilists will go to Austin for the state tourneys. The AA will determine a champion from its eight regional winners, as will the other two classes.

This will give three state cham-

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One Change In January Stamp List

Wynne S. Goode, area supervisor, Surplus Marketing Administration, today announced only one change in the blue stamp food list for families taking part in the Food Stamp program in Wichita county, area.

Except for the removal of raisins from the January blue stamp list the commodities obtainable are the same as the December blue stamp foods.

The complete list of blue stamp foods for the period of Jan. 1, 1942, to Jan. 31, in all stamp program areas is as follows: Butter, all cuts of pork (except that cooked or packed in containers), fresh grapefruit, pears, apples, oranges, and fresh vegetables (including potatoes), corn meal, shell eggs, dried prunes, hominy (corn) grits, dried edible beans, wheat flour, enriched wheat flour, self-rising flour, enriched self-rising flour, and whole wheat (Graham) flour.

BROWNING'S SISTER- IN-LAW DIES AT LINDRETH, N. M.

Bob and Willie Browning attended the funeral services of their sister-in-law, Mrs. E. L. Browning, who died in Lindreth, New Mexico, Saturday.

Mrs. Browning died Friday after an operation. She was buried Saturday in the Albuquerque, New Mexico cemetery.

Looking Back at 1941



HEADLINES In The News of 1941

If you have forgotten what happened in Burkburnett during 1941 here is a survey of news items which were taken from the columns of the Burkburnett Star from Jan. 2 1941 to Dec. 25, 1941.

Jan. 2, 1941—

At a meeting of the stock holders of the Farmers State bank in September it was agreed to merge the assets of the Farmers State bank with those of the First National bank, beginning Jan. 1, 1941. The name of the bank to be The First National Bank in Burkburnett.

Jan. 9, 1941—

Burkburnett's dream of a public meeting place come true. City officials held open house Monday evening at 7 o'clock in the new Community Hall. The public is invited to inspect the building.

Jan. 16, 1941—

Seventeen hundred people, including many visitors from out-of-town attended the official housewarming held in the new Burkburnett Municipal auditorium Monday evening.

Jan. 23, 1941—

Burkburnett will have a double program for the celebration of President Roosevelt's birthday scheduled for Jan. 28.

Jan. 30, 1941—

With work almost completed on the annual Chamber of Commerce membership drive, committees are reporting the best response they have ever had.

Feb. 6, 1941—

A double funeral service was held Sunday afternoon for Euel Dean Germany, 4, and J. H. Germany Jr., 13, who were fatally injured in a kerosene explosion at their home Saturday.

Feb. 13, 1941—

Final approval of a \$6,000,000 Air Corps Technical Training School to be situated between Burkburnett and Wichita Falls. Approximately 10,000 officers and enlisted men will be stationed at the school.

Feb. 20, 1941—

For the second time in the history of the Burkburnett High School the finish of the county basketball tournament has seen the Bulldogs county champions.

Feb. 27, 1941—

It was blue Monday for a number of Burkburnett people when they started to town, and found their car had been stripped of wheels and tires.

March 20, 1941—

The Burkburnett Chapter of Future Farmers of America will stage their annual project show Saturday at the Burkburnett Gin.

March 27, 1941—

The race for City Commissioners which will be held next Tuesday was enlivened last week by the certification of Ralph Brookshier and Neal Allen as candidates. Frank Kelley and A. R. Hill present incumbents certified several weeks ago.

April 3, 1941—

Latest bulletins from Washington quotes representatives Ed Gossett as saying the air school to be built between Burkburnett and Wichita Falls will be doubled the size previously planned.

April 10, 1941—

Problems relative to the contemplated closing of the local sewing room project were discussed at a meeting of the merchants committee of the chamber of commerce.

April 17, 1941—

Representative Thomason of Texas was notified Tuesday by the War Department that the new army air school field between here and Wichita Falls will be called Sheppard Field in honor of the late senior senator of this state, according to Associated Press notices.

April 24, 1941—

A complete and final report Wednesday afternoon from the evaluate committee which has been engaged in checking the Burkburnett High School for the Southern Association of Schools and Colleges, gives the local school a favorable rating with all schools in the association and shows it to be well above the average for schools of its size.

May 1, 1941—

The United States Defense Savings Bonds and Postal Savings Stamps will be placed on sale in the main post offices at the opening of business on Thursday, May 1, as a national effort to make America impregnable.

May 8, 1941—

Amil Fink, about 50 years of age, was electrocuted Thursday afternoon about 5 o'clock when he went to throw a switch and 440 volts of electricity passed through his body.

May 15, 1941—

A 12-year public school system for Burkburnett was officially approved by the board of education at a recent meeting of that body, according to an announcement from Supt. C. J. Duncan.

May 22, 1941—

A beautifully impressive pro-

gram, planned and executed by Seniors, themselves, built around a theme, "Making Democracy Live," featured the commencement exercises at the high school auditorium Thursday night, when the largest graduating class in the history of Burkburnett received diplomas.

May 29, 1941—

At a meeting of the United Service organization called by J. H. Allison of Wichita Falls, Monday, Paul Browning was elected chairman, Jack Brumley, vice chairman, and Fred Brookman, secretary to the Burkburnett district.

June 5, 1941—

Establishment of a wheat marketing quota on the 1941 crop was favored Saturday by an overwhelming majority of the Wichita county farmers who cast 148 ballots for and 32 against the quota in the nationwide referendum.

June 1, 1941—

Burkburnett citizens will be given an opportunity to give their support to the Americanization program and their own Company C, Companies A and B of Wichita Falls and D from Nocona, of the 25th Battalion at the flag week patriotic rally at the Bulldog stadium tonight at 7:30.

June 19, 1941—

The First National bank has agreed to stay open on Thursdays and Fridays of each week during the construction of Sheppard Field in order to allow working men who reside in Burkburnett to cash their checks.

June 6, 1941—

Draft registration of men who have turned 21 since the first registration last October 16, will be held at the city hall here between 7 a. m. and 9 p. m., next Tuesday, July 1st, according to D. R. Peevey, chairman of the local draft board.

July 3, 1941—

Governor O'Daniel wound up his third and by far most harrowing political campaign late Tuesday by finishing his neck and neck race for the United States senate against Lyndon Johnson, with a plurality of 1,195 votes.

July 10, 1941—

Plans for the "aluminum for defense" drive during the week of July 21-29.

July 17, 1941—

Supt. C. J. Duncan has been busy the past few weeks trying to figure a way to care for approximately 200 school children which in all probability will be here by the time school starts in September due to the influx of families moving to Burkburnett since the start of Sheppard Field.

July 24, 1941—

Col. E. C. Black, commandant of Sheppard Field, announced

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L. L. Harris, Vice President First National Bank, Called To New York

Louis L. Harris, active vice president of the First National Bank, received word this week to report to the Federal Reserve Bank at New York City, for duty.

Mr. Harris' new duties will be in the examining department of control of currency and he will be in charge of the frozen funds department of aliens for the duration of the war. He left Burkburnett Monday morning and will report for work in New York January 5th.

Mr. Harris came to Burkburnett three years ago from Dallas, where he had been with the Federal Reserve Bank as examiner for ten years. It was due to his experience in this line of work that he was called to New York.

Harris came here as active vice president of the First National Bank and when the Farmers State Bank and First National Bank merged in January, 1940, he was made executive vice president of the new organization, which position he held until his call to New York.

His host of friends here join with those over the state in wishing he and his family success in their new home.

Reddy Kilowatt Presents Rotary Club Program

Marvin Jemison, manager of the Texas Electric Service Co.'s local office had charge of the program at the Rotary club luncheon Tuesday noon and presented Sam Morrison, of the commercial department of the Wichita Falls office, who told the Rotarians of some of the sacrifices that must be made during the present world crisis if we are to win the war. There is no doubt but that the democracies will win the war but the people at home must do their part and one of the best ways to do that is to buy Defense Bonds and Stamps, even if you have to borrow the money. His talk was very timely and was enjoyed by all.

W. R. Haaber, retail grocer, and W. F. Presson, city manager of Post, Texas, were guests of the club.

Oscar Kemp has the program for next week.

Harwells Located In Monroe, La.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Harwell who left last Monday for Monroe, La., where Ted will complete his flying course. The following letter was received by the editor:

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Warning To Air Gun Shooters

Notice to parents! If you don't want your son to have to appear before the city judge you had better warn him, if he has an air-gun, to be careful where and what he shoots.

Chief Green stated to a Star reporter that the city had been out \$70 for additional street lights that had been shot out by boys with air guns. "I want the boys to have fun but shooting out street lights is a misdemeanor and anyone caught will be subject to a fine," Chief Green stated.

His host of friends here join with those over the state in wishing he and his family success in their new home.

All-Stars Beat Cadets In First Boomtown Bowl

The smashing line jabs of Presto Johnston and the sure-fire passing of Spec Sanders gave the Burkburnett All-Stars a 35 to 12 victory over the Sheppard Field Cadets in the Boomtown bowl game Sunday.

Although the collegians won handily, it was not before they were given quite a scare by the accurate aerial shots of the former New Mexico Lobo back, Dick McCharen, who pitched two touchdown passes to bring the score in the third quarter to 14-12 in the All-Star's favor.

McCharen completed nine of 15 pass attempts for 171 yards, while Sander's pitching record was nine of 17 for 140 yards.

Johnston the Mustang fullback, scored two of the All-Stars' tallies, while Sanders, the Texas flash, passed for three, although not crossing the double-stripe himself.

Murray Evans, the Hardin-Simmons star, Jack McKown, Burkburnett, and Charles Smith all scored touchdowns besides Johnston. Johnston kicked one extra point, Hewitt of Cameron College two, and Sanders boot-ed two.

Cadets Score

Then in the second period, the Cadets got in a position to try their passing and McCharen rifled one to Walsh for 36 yards to the All-Stars' 23. A 15-yard penalty and McCharen's four-yard smash, gave the soldiers a first down on the All-Star four-yard line.

Then returning to the air game, McCharen shot a pass to Charley Seip for the tally as the half ended.

Within five minutes of third period, the Cadets had another marker, when McCharen completed passes to Turner for 30 and to Walsh for six more and a touchdown.

CAR REGISTRATIONS

H. L. Peyton, Electra, Ford Pick-up.

R. G. Redman, Burkburnett, International Pick-up.

E. Jeffers, Burkburnett, Olds Coupe.

W. A. Grimes, Electra, Plymouth Tudor.

Lucian Parrish, Henrietta, Ford Tudor.

Sims-Bloom Co., Burkburnett, Ford Tudor.

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 1, 1942

Tighten Both Belts

In these days, with the public gaze fastened on war outside our continental borders, it may seem prosaic and uninteresting to talk of taxation, debt, and government fiscal policy. But the hard fact is that we must talk and act on those matters if our kind of government, our kind of life, is to survive. Fiscal recklessness has been the ruin of many a government of the past.

A new tax bill is now being planned. And, after all possible sources of new tax revenue have been tapped to the limit, many believe that a system of forced savings will be the next inevitable step. Necessity calls the tune in war-time—and necessity demands that the people accept a degree of taxation which would have seemed impossible a year ago.

As the people tighten their belts, so must government tighten its belt. According to authorities, the non-defense cost of government could be cut about \$2,000,000,000 a year without eliminating any essential function. To save that much money is vital to the morale of the public. It would demonstrate that their government realized the gravity of the situation and was doing what it asks them to do.

We must condition ourselves to the times we live in. Those who have been living off government "depression spending" must learn that it cannot go on. The communities which have had a habit of asking for and receiving help from the Federal Treasury whenever they wanted it, must learn that they must again stand on their own feet.

War has two phases—a strong military power at the front, and a sound economic system at home. We have the military power and it is growing in strength fast. Now we must give attention to building up our financial bulwarks. This belt tightening

must go on in Washington as well as in the average American home, even at the expense of many pet political projects.

Jobs For All Of Us

War brings many a menace to the people at home, no less than to the fighting forces on the battlefield. One of those menaces is fire.

We must expect efforts to destroy American producing facilities through sabotage. That happened in the last war and it will undoubtedly happen again. The torch and the bomb are the saboteur's principal weapons. The civil defense organizations which are being established in all sections of the country should be trained to combat this danger. The regular police and fire forces cannot do it all.

The chance of air attack is another definite possibility. The Army command on the Pacific coast has said definitely that enemy planes appeared over San Francisco, and no one knows when an actual bombing attack may be made somewhere, London and other European cities were saved by the superb work done by volunteer fire fighters, trained and equipped to deal with incendiaries.

The public must also cooperate to prevent fires which are not a direct result of war. We must keep our industries producing without cessation. A single great fire, in a key factory, could delay the completion of needed weapons for weeks and perhaps months. Any fire destroys materials and supplies which are vitally needed. And to rebuild after a fire, takes labor which should be used for defense production.

The civil population has many important jobs in war-time. And fire protection is one of the most important.

The Army Needs Nurses

The war department has called for 10,000 nurses.

Many young women in this vicinity will volunteer—for they know that joining the Army Nurse corps is probably the finest way to join in the defense of their ideals and their country.

To become a regular army nurse requires considerable previous nursing training, so it is expected that most of the army nurses will come from our hospitals.

Briefly the requirements for an army nurse are: must be between 22 and 30 years old, unmarried, a citizen of the United States, graduate of an accredited high school, a graduate of a school of nursing and also be a registered nurse.

With those qualifications, a girl can enter the Army Nurse corps with the relative rank of second lieutenant at an initial wage of \$840 a year.

Women between 21 and 40 years old can become reserve nurses, but even for the reserve they must have had full nursing training.

In the last war 21,000 women joined the Army Nurse corps and were stationed wherever American troops fought.

If that many nurses are taken from our hospitals, there will be a serious shortage on the home front. Which means that an equal number of younger women must be recruited for nursing training and service in the hospitals while the full-fledged nurses are gone to war.

Therefore, any young girl who now decides to take nursing training will not only be learning an excellent profession, but will indirectly be playing a vital role in the defense of her country.

Burkburnett History

As revealed by the files of The Star, 10 Years Ago.

Wednesday night, Dec. 23, about 10 o'clock two men walked into Thaxton Brothers Hardware store, pulled a gun on R. P. Thaxton and staged an old-time hold-up, but failed to get any money.

Effective Jan. 1st, the Tidewater Oil corporation will relinquish their interest in their Burkburnett property to their partner, the Western Oil corporation of Texas. Mr. J. F. Darby and his associates are the new owners of the former Tidal Western Oil corporation. The Western Oil Corp. of Texas will supercede the name Tidal Western Oil Corp. Their main office is in Tulsa, Okla.

At a meeting of the program committee of the high school, programs were outlined for the second semester. These programs are to be patriotic and economic in their nature with the view of informing the High School students about present conditions.

The monthly rodeo and farmers trades day will be staged Saturday and will be in the form of a big New Year celebration. Plans are under way to make it one of the most interesting celebrations ever staged in Burkburnett.

H. D. Smith, president of the United Charities, states that they are in need of wood and if anyone has any wood available for the charity to please get in touch with him at once. At present the United Charities is taking care of 62 families. Mr. Smith is furnishing the city from two to five men each day to work on the streets, and uses one to cut wood to be distributed to the widows.

A deal was completed yesterday whereby W. F. Billingslea became the owner of the Star Publishing Company and will continue the publication of the Burkburnett Star as owner, instead of the lessee, as in the past.

Jimmy Collier and Jimmie Lee Hanks were married in Waurika, Okla., Nov. 11, by Rev. Trevett at the Methodist parsonage in that city, but the marriage was kept a secret until just a few days before Christmas.

The Choral Club of the Burkburnett High School, under the direction of Miss Isabelle Johnson, will give a 20-minute program of sacred music at the First Baptist church Sunday evening, Jan. 8, 1932, at 7:15 o'clock.

Ben L. McDonald of Lott, Texas, spent several days in Burkburnett this week on business.

Dr. W. P. Martin, who is now practicing his profession in Clovis, N. M., returned to that city today after spending the holidays with his family.

Lawrence Hanley, who was shot and fatally wounded on an Austin highway Tuesday night, and his companion, Mrs. Anna Mae Pyland, were both residents of Burkburnett during the oil boom days. Their long friendship started here. Mrs. Pyland married and was later divorced. Her friendship for Hanley was renewed last June after a separation of ten years.

Rabbit Creek News

By Florence Griffith

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Kemp and children of Randlett spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Jink Wood.

Miss Bobbie Ashton of Walters, spent the week-end with home folks.

Dale Killingsworth of Stratford, Conn., spent the Xmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Killingsworth.

Mrs. Jack Willard underwent an emergency operation Friday at the Wichita Clinic. She is doing nicely at this time.

Miss Modena Elkins spent the weekend with friends in Duncan.

Merle Hatcher spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hatcher of the Valley View community.

Mrs. Anna V. Ables and son of Madill, Okla., are visiting Mrs. Ables' sister, Mrs. John Ashton and family.

Mrs. Mary O'Neil, W. M. Griffith and Mrs. Rose Griffith were in Walters on business Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawson Laminack had as their visitor last Thursday evening, their son and family from Wichita Falls.

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- 200 McKesson Aspirin Tablets 49c
- 50c Syrup of Black Draught 39c

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- 40c Castoria 35c
- \$1.25 Petrolagar. 98c
- \$1.50 Gordon's Co. 98c
- \$1.00 Adlerika 89c
- \$1.25 Peruna 98c

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Bruce Cabot, Reginald Gardiner and George Sanders sense trouble ahead in this tense scene from Walter Wagner's "Sundown," the romantic adventure romance which will begin a two-day engagement at the Palace Theatre, Friday.

HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

The following is the honor roll of Burk Burnett High School for the second six-weeks period ending November 28, 1941. Physical Education and Band were not included in this report.

These students made 4 G's for the period mentioned:

Katherine Beckham, Jean Boyd, Dorothy Browning, Mamie Browning, Virginia Cope, Philip Johnston, Morris Kemp, Jonita Majors, Betty Jean May, Twila Ruth Smith.

These students made 3 G's for the period mentioned:

Owen Adams, Betty Jo Barnett, Mary Evelyn Berry, Valta Brookman, Gene Brookshear, Mildred Butts, Janice Caffee, Gordon Clements, Louise Emerson, Lloyd Harrison, Allyne Jeffers, David Johnson, Mary Frances Kelley, Omie Kerner, Joan McGrady, Betty Jewell Mills, Wanda Jo Mullins, Bernice Murphy, Clara Mae Parker, Martha Gail Parr, Frances Peyton, Mary Jean Prince, Rubenell Russell, Billie Jo Stacy, Billie Mae Steinert, Opal Lee Taylor, Jessie Lee Uselton, Nola Faye Wilhoit, Betty Lou Williams.

Calvary Baptist Announcements

Sunday School meets at 10 a. m. with all classes studying Hebrews, chapter 6, "Can a person fall away after he is saved? And, if so, can he be renewed again to repentance?"

Preaching at 11 o'clock. Sermon subject, "Rendering Unto Caesar the Things that be Caesar's, and Unto God the Things that be God's."

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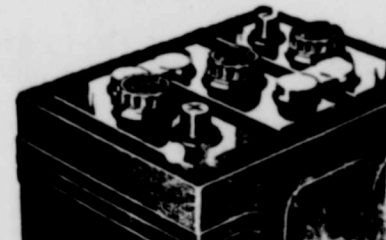
Preaching at 7:30. This Bible question will be discussed: "If a Man Die, Shall He live Again?" We are not going to tell you what we think about it, but are going to search and find out exactly what God, in His Word, says about it.

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Headlines—

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Monday that men between the ages of 18 and 29 may enlist for the airplane mechanics training, Aug. 15th.

July 31, 1941—
Clifford Dodson of the Dodson Dry Goods store has purchased the stock and fixtures and the good-will of the Famous, owned by Leonard Mattingly and H. S. Grace.

Aug. 7, 1941—
The school board in a call meeting Thursday night, elected W. J. Eddleman, 34, of Alamogorda, New Mexico, as head coach of the Burk Burnett Bulldogs for a period of one year.

Aug. 14, 1941—
New fall and winter goods began arriving here this week from St. Louis for Burk Burnett's newest dry goods store which will be known by the trade name of Smith Dry Goods Store.

Aug. 21, 1941—
Mammoth parade and carnival to feature Burk Burnett's Harvest Festival. The largest prize list to farmers are being made. The Festival will be held Sept. 18-19.

Aug. 28, 1941—
G. L. Pfeifer, a prominent farmer residing 4 miles east of Randlett brought the first bale of 1941 cotton to Burk Burnett Wednesday afternoon and it was ginned Thursday morning by the Farmers Co-operative Gin, according to Monte Bowles, local manager.

Sept. 4, 1941—
A dream of several prominent men of this city was turned into reality this week when land was bought and plans were drawn for the erection of 58 new homes here.

The men responsible for this project are Paul Browning, Ted Harwell, M. C. Tucker, R. C. Tevis, W. A. Roberts, Jack Brumley, Virgil Brookshear, and Chas. Rogers.

Sept. 11, 1941—
The Burk Burnett Bulldogs have been going through a week of strenuous training in anticipation of their first game of the season when they will tackle the Cisco team Friday night.

Sept. 18, 1941—
Tentative plans for the erection of a health unit building in Burk Burnett was made last week when Dr. Robbins of the state health department, Austin, Texas.

Sept. 5, 1941—
A military theme favored the opening of the Harvest Festival in Burk Burnett last Friday and the Sheppard Field played a big part in making the parade which came to the nightcap climax, the greatest in Burk Burnett history.

Oct. 2, 1941—
Oldtimers will tell you that the rain which began falling Wednesday night and continued into Thursday was the biggest rain that they have ever witnessed here.

Oct. 9, 1941—
Burk Burnett's battle cry this week is beat Olney—don't forget last year. Instead of saying hello when friends meet on the street they say "Beat Olney."

Oct. 6, 1941—
Within the next month the water department will install a chlorinator in the water system, according to L. L. Kincaid, city manager.

Burk To Play—

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ions, one for each class. The secretary of the Interscholastic League and coaches and sport writers everywhere think this plan much better than the old and will make Texas the basketball center of the nation, as for school-boys teams.

In October of this year, the school superintendents and cage mentors got together in Vernon and formed the district 2-AA cage circuit. C. J. Duncan, head of the Burk Burnett school system, was chosen as chairman of the group and authorized to draw up a schedule of play.

It was agreed at this meeting that the district was to play a double round robin and the opening of the schedule was set for Jan. 6, and ends Feb. 19, as the district champion must be certified by Saturday night, Feb. 21, and this will give time for a play-off if there is a tie for the championship.

On Dec. 15, the coaches met and decided upon the officials who will be used in the district and agreed to have the cage games start at 7:30 p. m. unless changed by mutual agreement.

Burk Schedule
Jan. 6—Childress at Burk Burnett.
Jan. 9—Vernon at Vernon.
Jan. 13—Olney at Olney.
Jan. 16—Electra at Burk Burnett.
Jan. 20—Wichita Falls at Burk Burnett.
Jan. 23—Quanah at Quanah.
Jan. 27—Graham at Graham.
Jan. 30—Childress at Childress.
Feb. 3—Vernon at Burk Burnett.
Feb. 7—Olney at Burk Burnett.
Feb. 10—Electra at Electra.
Feb. 13—Wichita Falls at Wichita Falls.
Feb. 17—Quanah at Burk Burnett.
Feb. 16—Graham at Burk Burnett.

Mr. and Mrs. Evert Honored Guests At Dinner Party

With the entire home softly lighted with candle lights; the lace covered table and red berries and greenery furnished a lovely setting for a six o'clock dinner given by Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Evert at their home on West Main street Christmas night.

Those present for the occasion were Mr. and Mrs. Bill McKisick, Nebraska; Rev. and Mrs. Paul Kaiser, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Engelman and Melburn, Rev. and Mrs. Martin Ramming, Denison; Donald Kaiser, Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Ramming.

After the dinner hour a number of friends and relatives called and the remainder of the evening was spent in singing Christmas carols and conversation. Colored motion pictures of the recent wedding of Rev. and Mrs. Martin Ramming were shown in the living room. Those calling during this hour were Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Nolen, Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Minick, Weldon Minick, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Adams, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Crump, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Nolen all of Wichita Falls, Mrs. Homer Nolen, Dallas, Miss Cora Ellen Crump, A. T. Crump Jr., Mrs. F. E. Engelman and Miss Marcella Engelman.

Garrett Home Scene Of Family Reunion

One of the most enjoyable affairs of the Yuletide season, was the gathering of Mrs. H. R. Garrett's children and friends at her home on Christmas day.

Gifts were exchanged among the group from a beautiful decorated Christmas tree with Levi Garrett acting as Santa. A bountiful six o'clock dinner was served and the remainder of the evening was spent in singing Christmas carols and lively conversation.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Miller and son, of Holliday, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Garrett and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Garrett and son of Archer City; Vernon Mosch, Pennsylvania; Mary Bussey, Archer City; Mr. and Mrs. Ray Mills and children, Burk Burnett, and Nela, Homer, and Levi Garrett and Mrs. Garrett.

Former Burk Woman's Rites Held Friday

Funeral services for Mrs. Edna Dunn, 55, Sulphur, Oklahoma, were held Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the First Baptist church at Sulphur. Mrs. Dunn died at St. Anthony's hospital, Oklahoma City, at 9:40 o'clock Tuesday night following a two-weeks illness and a major operation.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Dunn lived in Burk Burnett until 1924 where they established a funeral home on Second Street, known as the Dunn Funeral Home.

Survivors include her husband, A. G. Dunn, a son, Amos Dunn, a daughter, Mrs. Bryan Bates; a brother, A. L. Bills, Ft. Worth; and grand children, Wesley Bates, Patsy Ann Dunn, and Mickey Dunn, all of Sulphur.

Fed. Missionary Society Holds Regular Meeting

In the regular Fifth Monday meeting of the Federated Missionary Society held at the First Baptist church Monday, Mrs. Gillum from Electra was the principal speaker and delivered a message on "Love." Mrs. A. C. Harris brought an inspiring devotional. Miss Twila Smith played a piano solo and Charles White concluded the program by giving two readings.

Visitors at the meeting from out of town were Mrs. T. Shaw and Mrs. John Brookman, Electra and Mrs. Pat Crawford of Eastland.

Refreshments were served to about 35 visitors and members.

Anderson-Cox Announcement

Mr. and Mrs. George Cox announce the marriage of their daughter, Dorothy Louise Cox to Raymond Lewis Anderson, December 7, 1941 at Lawton, Okla. The Rev. Orin C. Reed, pastor of the First Baptist church performed the rites.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy England of Burk Burnett were the attendants. The bride was attractively dressed in ice blue with brown accessories.

Mr. and Mrs. Anderson are both well known here having graduated from Fairview school in the 1940 class.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Anderson.

Mildred Ady Hostess To Watch Party

Miss Mildred Ady was hostess to a New Year's Eve watch party at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Cates Thornton, Wednesday evening beginning at 7:45 and running until after 12 o'clock a. m. 1942.

Games furnished diversion for the early part of the evening's entertainment and prizes were awarded to the high score winners in the games.

Refreshments were served at 12 o'clock and the group sang Auld Lang Syne and everyone made New Year's resolutions and departed for their homes after a very enjoyable event.

er Makes Report

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Not mean that the receives any more any other organiza- tions. Each organiza- tions with the Red unit will get credit they do toward the Burk Burnett Chapter.

Mrs. Fred Feinwed chairman of the r. Mrs. Fein selects and gives them to and when they are these garments are to her. Then Mrs. es out her monthly the number of gar- mented and the number in making them, on headquarters.

same with each org- at is doing Red Cross organization planned Cross work as an and wants Burk Burnett to receive credit be listed on a work in Burk Burnett. Oth- are doing your Red and the credit is be- Wichita Falls. Burk- is six per cent of county quota.

wanting to do any kind work and not in an get in touch with Houser. There are so to do in this work work for all to have of the work. A few lady offered to knit. The thread was de- and she made the if the thread was ball instead of the could save a lot of found that it was to find women to wind for the knitters, that em like much but it of time saved to the it provides a way in may be of help. Th- women that will sew want to make button then there is others to make button holes all be arranged to individual. In this work present world conflict work for all to do.

owing list is the com- make by the Burk- chapter since Oct. 1st, pieces, including hos- pajamas, dresses, boy's pants, baby making four or more are Mesdames F. P. Bowman, Ben Givens.

E. E. McKown, Roy Wilson, Fred Bunjes, N. T. Crane, M. R. Hewell, Norma Marten, Clyde Peed, E. E. Prater, D. A. Wesbrooks, Fred Minick, Bertha Cropper, John Enderli, Fred Fein.

Those completing 2 or 3 garments: Mesdames Frances Williamson, F. T. Grozier, G. D. Stacy, J. H. Bentley, A. C. Houser, Scott Morris, A. W. Salter, J. B. Wofford, E. J. Simons, J. T. Brady, R. H. Hill, J. M. Matthews, C. F. Johnson, Allie Auld, J. W. Roach, F. W. Farley, Erie Cle- ment, Helen Turner, O. J. Ensey.

Those completing one garment: Mesdames S. E. Askins, A. R. Allen, A. A. Evert, M. D. Bratton, J. L. Caffee, Geo. Counter Sr., Ralph England, C. E. Holmes, O. E. Hodges, Murphy Dean, O. E. Melton, L. C. Strait, Geo. Smith, R. L. Gragg, Bob Barnes, Pearl Kerr, J. C. Scoggins.

Those making one baby layette: Mesdames Ray Mills, Henry Prinzing, Chas. Boyd, J. V. McKelvey, Buddie Morris, Joe McKinzie, Leo Foster, D. M. Lowery, Bill Engelman, L. D. Rivers, W. D. Casey, Wid Phillips, Bertha Lynch, H. R. Hope, Ted Harwell, Dutch Wolfe, and Miss Lou Ann Grady.

Knit sweaters Crystal Waddell and mother 11, 2 beanies, 4 mittens. Mesdames W. R. Hill, R. M. Anderson, Pearl Cooper, 2 sweaters; Mesdames J. T. Brady, S. E. Marchand, Lottie Young, J. B. Grace all knitted 1 each.

Crocheted shawls: Mesdames C. B. Beldon, 5; Sam Weaver, F. M. McMurtry and A. H. Bazell, 1 each.

The total of pieces completed since Oct. 1st are 534, with 1,625 hours spent in working hours on these garments.

Other Wheeler Weds In Ark.

Of interest to many friends in Burk Burnett is the announcement of the marriage of Othar (Josh) Wheeler of Baton Rouge, La., to Miss Marion Moody of Little Rock, Ark.

The ceremony was read on Christmas Eve at 5 o'clock at the St. James Episcopal church in Little Rock.

The son of Mrs. J. E. Wheeler and the late Mr. Wheeler of Burk Burnett, Texas, Mr. Wheeler formerly studied at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, and also sang in music productions there. Last year he sang the role of Baron Scarpia in the L.S.U. presentation of "La Tosca", and the year before he appeared as Kezal in "The Bartered Bride." He is a member of Theta Xi social fraternity.

Mrs. Wheeler received her bachelor's and master's degree from the Louisiana State University music school and is accompanist for Pasquale Amato, artist professor of voice and director of the opera department in the L. S. U.



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---: About People You Know ---:

Mrs. Joe Slama entered the Bethania hospital in Wichita Falls Sunday for a major operation.

Grace Preston returned to Woodville Sunday after spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Preston.

Margaret Preston and roommate, Miss Mary Sweet, of Brownwood, returned to Santa Rosa, N. M., Thursday, having spent the holidays with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Brown of Ackerly spent last week-end with his sister, Mrs. B. H. Preston.

Gayle Preston of Abilene spent Christmas day visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Preston.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Reynolds from Hanford, Calif., visited Mr. and Mrs. A. Landers during the holidays.

W. C. Stewart and Bill Stewart of Longview, and Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Stewart of Kilgore, spent Xmas day with their sister, Mrs. B. A. Landers. Their mother, Mrs. G. W. Stewart returned home with them.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Roberts and son, Wayne, of Burkburnett, and Mr. and Mrs. Chester Roberts of Ft. Smith, Ark., and Shelby of Austin, spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. Donald Roberts in Galveston.

Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Ellis had as their guest their children, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Cox of Peters, Texas; Clarence Cox, Lawton; Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Buchanan and little daughter, Joanne, Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Cox and son, DeWitt, Denver City; Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Pidgeon and daughters, Patsy and Yvonne, Jal, New Mexico.

Billy Walker left this week for Los Angeles, California.

Will Teal of Vanderbilt was a business visitor in Burkburnett a few days this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Franks of Wichita Falls and Miss Mildred Milford spent the holidays in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Milford.

Mrs. W. P. Sims was brought home from a Wichita Falls hospital last Friday where she has been a patient since she received injuries in a car accident several days ago. She is reported to be improving.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Tucker spent the Xmas holidays visiting with their sons, Kenneth, in Victoria, Texas, and Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Tucker in San Antonio.

Bonnie Dell Christi was the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Smith during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Kell Wylie and daughters, Patsy and Kay left Monday for their home in Denver City after visiting relatives and friends here a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. William Crum of Centralia, Ill., visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sid Gambelin during the Xmas holidays. Mrs. Crum will be remembered as Miss Helen Engle.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kelley and daughter, Sandra, moved to Electra, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Goodlett of St. Louis, Mo., visited relatives and friends here during the Christmas holidays.

Betty Mills, Jonita Majors, Valta Brookman, Carol Lohofener, and Sadie Beth Tevis attended the Horizon club tea honoring Mrs. W. E. Webb and daughter, Nancy, at the home of Miss Mary Beth Little in Wichita Falls, Friday evening.

Private Howard A. Leith of the 36th Evacuation Hospital, Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas, left for his post Friday after a ten-day furlough spent with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Leith and sister, Mrs. H. D. Hurd and family of Thrift.

Mrs. Marshall Chrestman and daughters, Mrs. Sam Baker of Benavides, Texas, and Mrs. Joe Baker of Corpus Christi, are spending the week here as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lige Christmas and Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Baker.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Ramming Denison, and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Engelmann and Melburn, of Mineral Wells, spent several days here visiting relatives and friends during the holidays.

Donald Lee Nance from San Juan visited his grandmother, Mrs. M. E. Groves Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Pink attended the Wichita-Temple football game last Saturday in Fort Worth and went to Cleburne and spent the week-end with Mrs. Pink's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Johnson of Dalhart and Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Schoch of Electra were guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Houser Xmas day.

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CHAPTER XIV
Synopsis

Drury Lane, retired Shakespearean actor, is helping Inspector Thumm and District Attorney Bruno solve two baffling murders. The first is that of Harley Longstreet, a broker. Evidence points to his partner, DeWitt. Later DeWitt is tried for the death of Wood, murdered conductor of the trolley on which Longstreet was killed. Acquitted DeWitt takes a train home. He is shot dead in a deserted car. His fingers, rigid in death, are crossed. DeWitt and Longstreet made their fortunes in Uruguay. They and William Crockett, another partner, obtained the life imprisonment of Martin Stopes for his wife's murder. Stopes escaped and DeWitt had been threatened. Lane tells Thumm and Bruno that Stopes is the murderer and that they have seen him many times. Next day Lane takes the same train with Thumm and Bruno. When Edward Thompson, the conductor, comes through, Lane rises. Made up as Harley Longstreet he confronts the man whom he believes to be not only Edward Thompson, but also Martin Stopes, the unknown gentleman of the supposed Wood murder, and Charles Wood himself. In explanation, Lane points out that it was obvious the cork of poisoned needles which caused Longstreet's death was handled by someone wearing gloves—in midsummer—who could discard them without arousing suspicion—the conductor.

"As a conductor he had two other advantages. First, his coat contained leather-lined pockets, affording absolute safety to himself while keeping the weapon ready to use. Second, he was certain of an opportunity to slip the weapon into his victim's pocket, since everyone must, in cars of the Crosstown type, pass by the conductor. Unfortunately, I did not know Wood was the author of that anonymous letter, and by the time we discovered it was too late to prevent the second tragedy. But when I saw that Wood had written that letter it could only mean he was giving the police a false trail. But there was something wrong here. Wood himself was murdered."

Lane sighed and stretched his legs. "You will recall, inspector, that I took the inexcusable liberty of impersonating you when I went to Wood's rooming house in Weehawken. My purpose was to pursue lines of inquiry unhampered by the necessity of explanation. I did not know definitely for what to look. The bank-book was Wood's crowning touch. He actually forfeited what must have been to him a considerable sum, merely to lend color to the illusion he was creating! When I visited the personnel manager of the street car company, still on the trail of I knew not what, I became aware of an intriguing fact. The autopsy on the man identified as Weed mentioned a two-year-old appendicitis scar, yet I discovered Wood had worked every working day for five years without vacation."

Lane's voice throbbed: "At once all the elements of the second murder rearranged themselves. Wood literally had killed two birds with one stone. The body supposed to be his had a peculiar scar on the calf of one leg, and red hair; other features being so mauled and smashed as to be useless for identification. We knew that Wood had red hair and, from Motorman Guinness, an identical scar. Yet the body was not his! Wood's scar then must have been false—and false for at least five years, since he showed the scar to Guinness immediately after going to work for the car company. That meant the plan for the ferry-boat crime must have been of at least five years' duration. But since it was the result of Longstreet murder, then that also must have been planned five years or more before. Another conclusion: Since Wood was seen boarding the ferry and was not killed, he must have slipped off the boat before Thumm gave instructions to hold everyone, or..."

"As a matter of fact," interrupted Bruno, "your correlative supposition is the true one. Actually he was one of those who were detained on the boat. Stopes says he was Henry Nixon, the jewelry salesman."

"Nixon, eh?" murmured Drury Lane. "Very clever. Thus he could carry off the ferry the cheap handbag which as Weed the conductor he had carried onto

the ferry to transport the salesman-disguise, a blunt instrument and weights with which to sink the victim's clothing after having framed DeWitt with the cigar band. Patently DeWitt's strong motive against Longstreet made him the most natural suspect in the eyes of the police, or Wood's motive against Longstreet also applied to DeWitt. If the frame-up were successful and DeWitt was tried but acquitted, there was every reason to expect an attack on DeWitt. This was why I was willing to allow his trial to be prosecuted, despite my knowledge of his innocence. For so long as DeWitt was in danger of conviction by the legal method he was physically safe. Also I had not the slightest idea of what form Wood was taking and I

the first of which could easily have been artificial, and second unquestionably so—I knew Wood was tall and burly. Thompson, therefore, was our man.

"The next step was plain—to examine the back history of both DeWitt and Longstreet in an effort to uncover someone who had sufficient motive to desire the death of both and plan for years to that end. That story you know now, but for the first time, to me, it linked Longstreet and DeWitt with two other men—Martin Stopes, escaped convict, and William Crockett, who turned out to be a silent partner of DeWitt and Longstreet. Of the two, Stopes must be Wood-Thompson. His motive—revenge—directed equally against all three of the others. So Stopes, I concluded, was



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hoped that the seriousness of DeWitt's predicament would force him to reveal facts which I knew him to be withholding about the still obscure motive."

Lane's face clouded. "I have tried to convince myself that I was not to blame for DeWitt's death. I never dreamed he would be attacked the very night he was acquitted. I considered Wood had weeks, months in which to find his opportunity to kill DeWitt."

"Which brings us to the third murder. If DeWitt had not purchased a new fifty-trip ticket-book that night there is no telling whether the case ever would have been satisfactorily solved, for I should never have known in what disguise Stopes committed the murder of DeWitt."

"The primary point was the location of this ticket on DeWitt's person. He had placed it in the upper left pocket of his vest, but when his corpse was searched by Inspector Thumm I noticed with astonishment the ticket-book was in the inside breast pocket of the coat! The bullet had pierced the upper vest pocket, but the book contained no bullet-hole which brought up the question of how and why it had been removed from one pocket to another before DeWitt was shot?"

"Recall the condition of the body. DeWitt's left hand formed some sort of sign by the overlapping of his middle and index fingers. As Dr. Schilling affirmed, he had died instantly, the overlapping fingers indicated that DeWitt made the sign before he was shot; that, since he was right-handed and the sign was made with his left hand, therefore his right hand was occupied when he decided to make the sign, and that, since he was not superstitious, it must have related not to himself but to his murderer. This was unquestionably the result of a conversation DeWitt, Brooks, Ahearn and I had engaged in just a few moments before. But it was necessary for me to solve the case completely before making the connection between the murderer and DeWitt's sign. Yet whatever it meant, its being on the left hand indicated that his right was occupied. And what more logical than his ticket at the approach of the conductor? And that explained why it was found in the inside breast pocket. If the conductor were the murderer, he naturally could not allow the ticket to remain in DeWitt's hand—its presence at the time of instant death would have indicated the very thing he wished to avoid—that DeWitt was aware of his approach and had been killed immediately after."

Lane's voice took on a fresh note. "Now, I had deduced a conductor as the murderer in the third crime, and the murderer in the first crime was also a conductor. Was it possible that they were one and the same? Forgetting the red hair and the scar,

the conductor, and Crockett the man killed on the ferry. How Crockett was decoyed by Stopes into a position to be murdered, I do not know. Did Stopes explain, Mr. Bruno?"

"Yes," said the District Attorney huskily. "He communicated with Crockett in the guise of a discharged bookkeeper of DeWitt & Longstreet, writing that Crockett was being defrauded of a large part of his rightful one-third share of the firm's net, despite the large checks sent Crockett by the two men twice a year. For Crockett, when the year originally returned to the States, insisted on sharing whatever success the other two attained; and rather than have Crockett, a reckless, irresponsible sort, spill the blood of the Uruguayan frame-up, Longstreet and DeWitt consented to his investing one-third of the capital required to swing the business and giving him a third share of their profits. I take it that only DeWitt's insistence prevented Longstreet from reneging through the years. At any rate, the letter went on to say that he, the bookkeeper, had proof of this fraudulency and was willing to sell the proof to Crockett."

"Not only that," put in Inspector Thumm, "but Stopes told us how he telephoned DeWitt that morning posing as Crockett, and demanded that DeWitt be on the lower deck of the 10:40 ferry that night. He cautioned DeWitt to be 'careful' not to be seen—thereby minimizing the chances of DeWitt and Crockett meeting."

"How did Stopes arrange his three personalities—Wood, Nixon and Thompson—so he was physically able to keep them separate?" Lane asked.

"It wasn't as hard as it looks," said the District Attorney. "As Wood worked from 2:30 to 10:30 p. m., and as Thompson from 12 to 1:40 a. m. on the short railroad shift, a special job. As Wood he lived in Weehawken for convenience in changing his clothes and disguise before taking up his train duties; as Thompson he lived in West Havershaw, the last stop of his run, sleeping there the rest of the night and returning to his Weehawken lodgings as Wood by the late morning train. The Nixon disguise was flexible, and he used it rarely. As far as the night of the ferry-murder was concerned, Stopes selected that particular night because it was his night off as Thompson! Incidentally, this business of disguise wasn't so terribly complicated, either. He's bald. As Wood he just wore a red wig. He said that a short time before the Longstreet kill, DeWitt had handed him—as Thompson the train-conductor—a cigar. However, Stopes was not able to explain the cause of the incessant quarrels between Longstreet and DeWitt."

"I fancy," said Lane, "that the proper explanation is simple enough. DeWitt was a reputable

enough character with one weak spot in his moral armor. In his younger days he was probably dominated by Longstreet, and came to regret the conspiracy against Stopes. I should not be surprised if Longstreet made it a point to threaten a disclosure of the old story to Jeanne."

The three men sat in silence, ruminating. The fire leaped higher and Bruno saw that Lane's eyes were peacefully closed. Bruno started at the slapping sound of Thumm's great palm against his thigh. "By God!" exclaimed the Inspector. He leaned over and touched Lane's shoulder; Lane opened his eyes. "I knew you left something out, Mr. Lane. There's one thing you haven't cleared up. That hocus-pocus of DeWitt's fingers."

"Careless of me," murmured Lane. "In many ways the most curious element of the entire affair. Think of the physical significance of the twisted fingers. The geometric symbol approximated most closely is an X and it was as rigid an identification of Thompson as his finger-prints."

Lane explored his wallet, extracting a long piece of printed paper, which he handed to Thumm, explaining: "Merely one of the duplex cash-tickets which passed through the hands of Conductor Edward Thompson when you paid our fares just before his arrest."

Thumm and Bruno stared at two spots on the paper—by the side of the printed words "Weehawken" and, lower down, "West Englewood," were the perforations of Conductor Edward Thompson's ticket punch—an X.

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A brief statement of the nature of this suit follows, to wit: After alleging jurisdiction, Plaintiff further alleges that she and defendant were married on or about December 23, 1923 and lived together as husband and wife until on or about July 16, 1941 at which time they separated and have not since lived together as husband and wife. Plaintiff further alleges that on the above mentioned date Defendant left her and has not returned, that he is living with another woman and that he drinks intoxicating liquor to excess all of which makes their further living together as husband and wife insupportable. Plaintiff further alleges that there were two children born of said marriage, to-wit, a girl, Alma Lee Griffin, 16 years of age, and a boy, Jerry Eugene Griffin, 14 years of age, that she is a proper and fit person to have custody and control of said children and

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