





# MURDER AT MY HOUSE

By Rene Ryerson Mart

**THE STORY:** My party breaks up early and Jeff drives his light blue town. Avis and Art leave together. Shortly after their car pulls out of the driveway, I hear a crash. I dash from the house. There's a commotion down the road. A car has gone over the cliff. The police arrive. I stub my toe into the canyon. Sooty come up, hitting a woman's body. It is Avis Vaughn—dead!

**XIII**  
I THINK I would have done something foolish like fainting if Jimmy Peters hadn't given me something more urgent to do.

It was a funny choked sort of sound that made me look over my shoulder and there was Jimmy. Utter horror had wiped all youthfulness from his face. He stumbled like a drunken man as he lurched forward and tried to get through the ring of men who were carrying Avis. They laid her down on the side of the road, and one of the policemen ran to the cruiser and brought back a gray blanket and put it over her.

"There's another one down there—but we can't get him out," one of the men said. "He's dead, too." Jimmy Peters quit trying to reach Avis. He staggered over and held onto the broken guard railing. He was deathly white. I went over to him quickly. "Jimmy—Jimmy. Take it easy, boy. Here, sit down."

I made him sit down on the guard rail. I rubbed his icy hands. He grew a little less limp. "Here, Jimmy," I said. "Put your arm around my shoulder—let's get up to my house. There's nothing we can do here." I led him away without anyone noticing us.

In the living room I made him lie down on the divanport and went over to the bar to get him a drink. There wasn't a thing left. Lia Leyden had used up everything in mixing our drinks. So I went down to the kitchen and made some strong coffee.

JIMMY was still lying there looking very sick and wretched when I came back. He drank the coffee I had fixed for him, looked at me with dumb misery shining in his eyes, and then after a little he began to cry. In the tortured way that a man cries.

I just let him cry, sitting there beside him with my hand on his shoulder, patting it occasionally. And wanting desperately to comfort him—to tell him that she wasn't worth it.

But, of course, I didn't. Because I wasn't in love with the real Avis Vaughn—the Avis with the soft, beautiful body and the morals of a cat. He was in love with what he thought she was. With the image of her he had built up in his heart. And there wasn't anything I could do about that.

After a while he quit sobbing. He wiped his eyes with a damp handkerchief, blew his nose, and mumbled something about me being very decent.

I patted his shoulder again. "That's all right, Jimmy." I remembered something else. "I should call Jeff—shouldn't I?"

"Yes," Jimmy said. "You'd better."

I dialed the phone with stiff, cold hands. It rang and rang and rang. I had almost decided he wasn't there when he answered. His voice sounded thick and heavy with sleep.

"Jeff—this is Holly. Something terrible has happened. Avis and Art are dead. Their car went over the canyon wall just below my house here."

There was a long pause as if he didn't understand, and then he said clearly—"Oh my God!"

THAT was all for a minute. Finally he added, "I'll—I'll come over to your place." I said "All right" and hung up

and went back and sat down by Jimmy again on the couch. I said miserably, "They were here, Jimmy—all evening. Avis and Art, I mean."

"Yes," he said. "I know." "You—how do you know?"

"I saw them through the window there." He pointed to the front of the room where a wide mullioned window above a window seat gives a clear view of the living room as you come up the outside steps to the entrance. "I saw your house was all lit up when I was driving home and I remembered that invitation you gave me this morning to stop in for a drink," Jimmy said. "I saw them in here as I came up the steps."

I looked my surprise. "But why didn't you come in, Jimmy?"

He flung the words out angrily. "Don't you think I've seen enough of them together at the studio—she and Art? Do you think I wanted to come in here and watch them neck with each other all evening?"

I looked at him sadly. Jeff arrived in just a little while. His face was white and he looked as if he had dressed in the dark. He had a tie on but it was knotted loose, and his shirt collar was unbuttoned. He seemed a little surprised to find Jimmy Peters there in my living room, but accepted my story that we had both been drawn to the scene of the crash and that we had come back here to talk it over. We told Jeff all we knew about the accident, which wasn't much. Except that both Avis and Art were dead.

He shuddered. "I saw the place—the car's still down there. But they've taken—the bodies—away. It—it—" He dropped his head in his hands and ran his trembling fingers nervously through his hair. "I can't believe it—yet."

I guess we all felt that way. The devil's rang again and when I opened the door a couple of uniformed police stood there and some keen-eyed lads with the marks of newspaper reporters all over them.

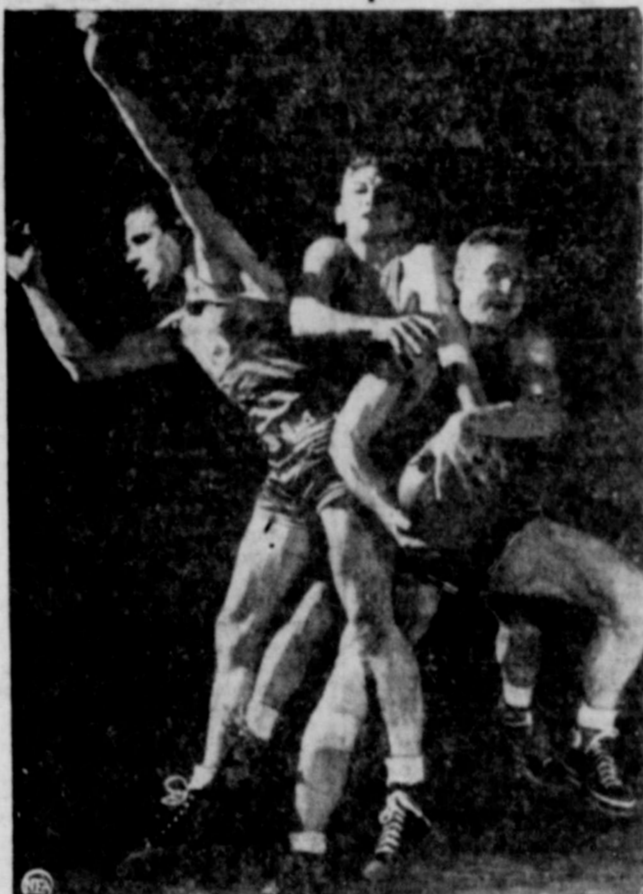
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## One for the Book



Judy Cook, blonde swimmer who hit page one last fall during Howard Hughes' Senate investigation, looks over a few pages of the book she says she is writing in her Hollywood apartment. Now a red-head, she says her autobiography, called "Wham Girl," is an expose on Hollywood's wild night life and will be finished in months.

## Statuesque



Here is subject matter for a bronze immortalization of basketball. Beloit's Francis Stahr finds himself in the middle as Toby Althoff of Millikin of Decatur, Ill., comes down with a rebound. Millikin's Scot Steagall backs into the act. Beloit of Wisconsin won, 51-44.

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Federal Land Bank of Houston to Mrs. Homer Chambliss, et al, release of deed of trust.  
Federal Land Bank of Houston to C. E. Pierce, release of deed of trust.  
George P. Fee to Woodley Petroleum Co., oil and gas lease.  
Nettie Fox to Tom L. Fox, release of vendor's lien.  
First National Bank, Cico to A. L. Thomas, release of deed of trust.  
Frances L. Fee to George P. Fee, release of vendor's lien and deed of trust.  
Federal Land Bank of Houston to Maggie Dyer, partial release.  
W. M. Ghormley to C. A. Spears, oil and gas lease.  
Ada Gordon to Hall Walker, quit claim deed.  
J. T. Golden to C. A. Waters, quit claim deed.  
William Healer to Commercial State Bank, Ranger, transfer of vendor's lien.  
E. V. Hall to H. D. Hall, warranty deed.  
H. R. Hicks to Blanche Jordan, release of vendor's lien.  
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Bill Johnson to William Travis Johnson, warranty deed.  
M. G. Joyce to C. M. Cox, release of vendor's lien.  
Kerr-McGee Oil Ind., Inc. to Joe Evans, release of oil and gas lease.  
Kerr-McGee Oil Ind., Inc. to G. W. Hunt, release of oil and gas lease.  
Callie Lee to J. D. Drennan, warranty deed.  
J. E. Lewis to The Public, affidavit.  
W. W. Linkenogor to Southland Life Insurance Company, deed of trust.  
W. H. Lee to The Public, proof of heirship.  
W. E. Morris to W. J. Kelley, warranty deed.  
Ott Miller to Hall Walker, warranty deed.  
E. K. Mears to T. A. Kirk, oil and gas lease.  
Eula L. Meador to I. C. Underwood, warranty deed.  
W. L. McDonald to W. H. Hall, warranty deed.  
J. S. McDowell to Alberta Miller, quit claim deed.  
J. S. McDowell to Alberta Miller, warranty deed.  
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A. F. McMullen to H. S. Sanders, warranty deed.  
T. P. McCord to D. W. Disrens, warranty deed.  
R. D. Nicholson to Hall Walker, Trustee, transfer of ML.  
Laura Nell Noble to R. L. Jones, deed of trust.  
J. D. Nantz to Maude D. Johnson, assignment of royalty interest.

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Lou Naton to T. L. Naron, warranty deed.  
Van Parmar to Lillian Pence, warranty deed.  
Jesse Penn to L. A. Warren, oil and gas lease.  
L. E. Pearson to R. J. Rains, warranty deed.  
Eleanor Roberts to J. H. Kendrick, warranty deed.  
Charles C. Rutherford to Mrs. J. I. Foster, warranty deed.  
H. L. Ratliff to C. P. Samson, release of vendor's lien.  
S. J. Savage to R. D. Nicholson, ML.  
R. E. L. Smith to Jennie Lee Jones, quit claim deed.  
J. W. Smith to Floyd S. White, warranty deed.  
R. R. St. John to C. H. Freedland, warranty deed.  
Murphy Slatton to Jim Bailey, deed.  
Strawn National Bank to Blanche Jordan, partial release of vendor's lien.  
W. A. Sawyer to Johnnie B. Brown, release of lien.  
Frank R. Sheppard to First Federal S&L Association, deed of trust.  
C. P. Sampson to S. H. Hill, warranty deed.  
M. S. Sellers to The Public, assumed name.  
Raymond F. Thomas to First National Bank, Cico, deed of trust.  
Clyde Turner to Wautina Turner, warranty deed.  
Agnes Williamson to Virgil W. Messingill, warranty deed.  
Hall Walker to C. E. Beck, Sr. warranty deed.  
Hall Walker to Marie Cox, warranty deed.  
Hall Walker to Marie Cox, release of vendor's lien.  
Johnnie Belle West to J. T. Waddell, warranty deed.  
A. S. Werner to McGraw Motor Company, deed of trust.  
E. R. Walcott to L. A. Warren, oil and gas lease.  
Mrs. Della Whorton to Charles J. Kleiner, MD.  
R. F. Walton to C. A. Waters, ML contract.

D. F. Brown, deceased, application for temporary administration.  
Oscar E. Lucas, deceased, application to probate will.  
Henry Stroebel, deceased, application to probate will.  
CIVIL  
J. R. Cagle v. Eldon Birt, suit on note and foreclosure.  
ORDERS AND JUDGMENTS  
The following orders and judgments were rendered from the 91st District Court last week:  
Olene Roach v. Meedy Roach, judgment.  
Lloyd Barney De Witt v. Ruby De Witt, judgment.  
Rena Gertrude Gideon et al v. Merchants Fast Motor Lines, order to pay out funds.  
R. E. Adams v. G. O. Boyd, order of dismissal.  
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## COURTHOUSE NEWS AND RECORDS

**Real Estate Transfers, Marriages, Suits Filed, Court Judgements, Orders, Etc.**

**INSTRUMENTS FILED**  
The following instruments were filed for record in the County Clerk's office last week:  
W. L. Andrus to E. T. Jones, warranty deed.  
M. Agnew to Hazel Agnew Turkinett, MD.  
R. E. Adams to W. H. Trice, transfer of vendor's lien.  
W. E. Arnold to W. F. Arnold, warranty deed.  
Lona Bland to Floyd S. White,

warranty deed.  
W. D. Breechen to The Public, affidavit.  
W. D. Breechen to Leo Mears, warranty deed.  
Earl Bender to The Public, affidavit.  
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### Pilot Of Crashed Airliner



Capt. Paul Saltanis, pilot of the Houston-Boston Eastern Airliner that crashed near Washington, D. C. Five persons were killed, including Capt. Saltanis, and four were injured. (NEA Telephoto).

her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Crosby.

Chicago "L" Trying Radar CHICAGO (UP)—Chicago's antiquated elevated railroad system is experimenting with radar to prevent accidents. Philip Herring, chairman of the Chicago Traction Authority, said tests this winter prove effective, radar will be installed permanently on "L" trains.

### NEWS FROM STAFF ROUTE NO. 2 Mrs. M. O. Hazard, Cor.

STAFF—Jan. 12, Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Hazard were visiting in Olden Monday evening with the Berry Elliot family.

Rev. H. D. Blair of Cisco, was visiting with friends in the community last Tuesday afternoon.

John M. White was in Eastland last Wednesday on business.

Mrs. Maurice Hazard and Donald of Eastland, were visitors in the home of Mrs. Hazard's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Parker last Wednesday afternoon.

Horace White and family have recently moved from Morton Valley to the Lewis Nabors farm in this community. We welcome Mr. White and family into our midst.

Cecil Nelson attended the Auction sale at the Sig Faircloth auction barn in Eastland last Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Hazard were visitors in the home of their son Maurice and family in Eastland last Wednesday morning.

Cecil Nelson and son Roy Neil, were business visitors in Olden last Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Lawrence, of Olden, were guests on last Friday evening in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Crosby.

Mrs. M. O. Hazard was a guest of Mrs. Pearl Bourland, in Eastland, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Little visited in the home of their daughter, Mrs. Winston Boles and Mr. Boles in Eastland last Friday.

R. A. Parker has been ill for the past several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Fonville and sons, Jimmie and Earl, of Ranger Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Hazard and son, Donald, of Eastland were the dinner guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Hazard Sunday.

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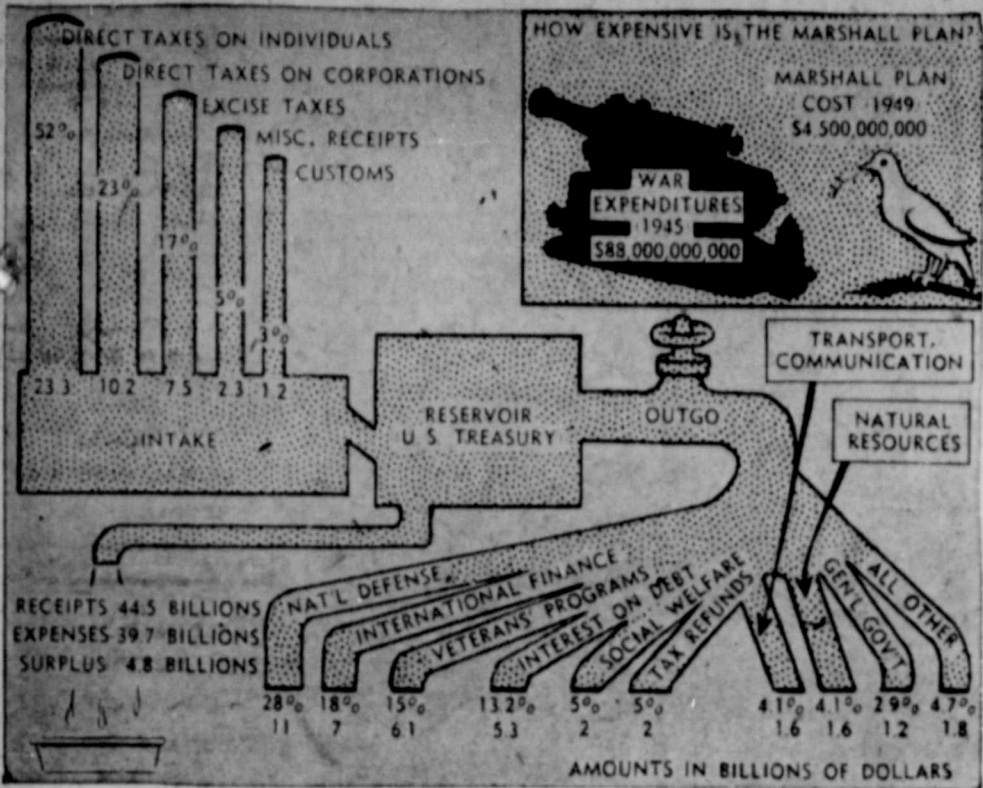
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First Woman to Reach Peak of Mt. McKinley!



Mrs. Bradford Washburn, wife of the director of the Boston Museum of Science and the first woman ever to climb Mt. McKinley in Alaska, shown with Lt. William D. Maclett, Army Ground Forces, and G. Robert Lange, University of New Hampshire, ascending the north peak of North America's tallest mountain. Mrs. Washburn (inset) in her fur-lined park for protection against the icy blasts.



Bradford Washburn, leader of the expedition, prepares a warm nourishing meal of Birds Eye frosted foods which were flown to the group by the Army Air Forces and dropped free-fall at several points along the climb. Grant Pearson, Chief Ranger of Mt. McKinley National Park, with another member of the party, tests snow bridge over yawning crevasse with an ice-axe. Snow was often more than 60 feet deep. The expedition, consisting of 12 men and Mrs. Washburn, spent 92 days on Mt. McKinley. Temperature often dropped to 30 below zero.

Hole In Sack Leaves Trail Of Evildoer

FORT WAYNE, Ind. (UP)—Moose patrolman George Szink followed a trail of kernels to recover a sack of prized hybrid seed corn for the owner. W. A. Zimmerman complained that the sack had been stolen from his garage. Szink discovered a trail of corn leading from the building and followed it for several blocks to recover the property from a 16-year-old youth. There was a note in the sack.

Many Miami Beach sidewalks are tinted rosy pink to eliminate glare caused by the sunshine.

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BRITISH EMIGRANTS BRAVE AFRICAN DESERT IN FLIGHT

By Dan L. Thrapp  
LONDON (UP)—Thousands of adventurous British emigrants have set out during the past two years on a long overland journey. It is 6,000 miles by the land route to South America. Yet the emigrants, impatient with the protracted shipping shortage and unwilling to endure the homeland's post-war austerity any longer, have attempted it. So many of them have become stranded trying to cross the vast Sahara Desert that the foreign office has decided to discourage the traffic. Recently 100 overland emigrants were stranded in Algiers at one time.

given up and come home broke. Many have died on the hazardous journey. Many more have and discouraged. The French colonial authorities decided to require a deposit of about \$280 a head before allowing anyone to struggle into the desert. "Experience has shown that few of these expeditions succeeded," the foreign office said. "The result of the various failures has been not only acute physical distress to the travelers, but also financial loss and the wrecking of all their plans." Unlike the pioneers who crossed the great American plains during the last century, modern emigrants usually start in motor vehicles. There are no Indians to bother them, but bands of wandering desert tribesmen can sometimes be as dangerous. The other perils of the overland—thirst, heat, cold and sudden storms, loneliness and trackless wastes to be crossed—are all there. Perhaps there are graver obstacles in the Sahara than in last century's trans-Missouri. "It is sheer folly to attempt these trans-Saharan journeys with out adequate knowledge, planning and resources," said the foreign office. "The passage across the Sahara... is at all times hazardous and uncomfortable." It advised the 20th century pioneers that no party should set out with fewer than two vehicles "which should not exceed three tons in weight empty," and should not carry more than three persons each and should have a storage capacity of not less than 120 gallons of gasoline. Food for a month should be taken, the foreign office said, along with five to ten gallons of water per person and water for radiators as well. Each person should have a bankroll of at least \$400 over his \$280 deposit, the French agency suggested. Before being cleared for the desert, the party must make an agreement with a desert transport company to come and rescue them if they need it, another advantage the covered wagon emigrants would have appreciated. The foreign office said there were only two practicable trans-Saharan routes, one starting at Oran and the other at Algiers, joining in Nigeria, south of the desert. Perhaps because the journey to the Cape is so difficult and dangerous, the emigrants to South Africa seem extraordinarily satisfied with their choice. A Cape Town announcement said that so far only seven out of each 1,000 immigrants to South Africa returned to England. Toward the end of 1947, South Africa received 19,057 British settlers, Canada 14,700, Australia 8,085 and New Zealand 4,584, it was reported. Injured muskrats cover their wounds with hemlock gum, excluding germs and dirt that might cause infection, says F. R. Lancaster, pathologist of the Davey Tree expert Co.

Washburn is the wife of the internationally known director of the Boston Museum of Science. "Morale is of prime importance," stated Mrs. Washburn. "We have learned from practical experience that good food can be one of the greatest morale-builders on any expedition. Our food, consisting largely of Birds Eye products flown to us by Northwest Airlines and the Army Air Forces' Tenth Squadron, not only was nutritional but also was tempting and tasty. Eating fresh vegetables and fruits—including strawberries—was a real pleasure 18,000 feet above the sea. In fact, we were the first expedition of its kind to use fresh food and several of us actually gained weight despite 92 days on the ice." Led by Bradford Washburn, making his second successful climb of Mt. McKinley, the expedition was known as "Operation White Tower". Photography was under the supervision of RKO-Radio Pictures.

Supporting Three Families Keeps One Man Busy  
BELLEFONTAINE, O. (UP)—Husbands who think they are having a hard time meeting the high cost of living might consider the case of William Henlon, 24. He's supporting three families. Henlon was brought into court here on a charge of non-support. He pleaded guilty and promised to pay \$180 support-money, accumulate since Aug. 11, 1947, and \$10 a week in the future for the support of his second wife and one child. Henlon also is paying \$15 per week for the support of his first wife and two children. And he is living and supporting a third wife at present.

Soviet Orphanages Full  
MOSCOW (UP)—Six hundred and fifty thousand babies less than three years old are in children's homes in the Soviet Union, the majority of them war orphans or children of unmarried mothers, it has been announced. Moscow nurseries have 22,000 of them.

Airplane Solves Icy Road Problem  
YORK, Neb. (UP)—Leo Getcher, who lives on a farm five miles west of here, does not like to drive on icy roads. Neither does he want his six-year-old daughter Mary to walk to school in wintry weather. So when the roads get slick Leo cracks up the family airplane and flies Mary to school.

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**INSTALLATIONS**  
Shortages of switchboards, cable, and wire continue, but we were able to install 460,000 new telephones last year for a net gain of 295,000. This year we expect to equal or better that total.

**CONSTRUCTION**  
Dollars spent on construction last year came to 115 million, close to three times as much as in any previous year. In 1948, the job will take even more money—150 million dollars! That will buy new buildings, switchboards, cable, wire, and other things needed to supply more and better telephone service.

**DEMAND**  
Demand for telephones continues at 50,000 a month. New orders keep the waiting list long, but it is smaller now than a year ago. About 200,000 persons in the 700 exchanges we serve are now waiting for service, but 3 out of 4 of them applied in 1947.

**LONG DISTANCE**  
Improvements in long distance service are coming in 1948 as we add more miles of wire needed to handle calls. Some 50,000 miles of circuits were added in 1947. We expect to double that total in 1948.

**SERVICE**  
Telephone service will grow better as more switchboard equipment brings relief from the extra-heavy loads now being carried. More than 18 million calls a day were made in the Southwest during 1947. This is well over a million more than the previous year, and a new record. The trend is upward for 1948.

**RURAL SERVICE**  
We connected 50,000 more rural telephones last year. Our large-scale program to bring telephone service to more farms will continue in 1948. We hope to be serving 260,000 telephones in rural areas by the end of this year, nearly twice as many as at the start of 1946.

We worked hard to do what we did in 1947. We've still got an uphill job. We'll be doing the best we can to put in more telephones and further improve telephone service during 1948.

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SOCIETY

Club Hears Review by Mrs. McLaughlin

Mrs. J. E. McLaughlin gave the book review of the afternoon before the Columbia Study Club when that group met Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the home of Mrs. Leslie Hagaman. Mrs. McLaughlin reviewed Howard Frodin's 'The Tamarack Tree'.

1947 Club Has Meet On Tuesday Night

The regular meeting of the 1947 Club was held Tuesday night at 7:30 o'clock in the Community Club House.

Mrs. J. E. McLaughlin appeared before the club and appealed to them for support of the Community Library and assistance in the purchase of the club house chairs. The club voted to purchase at least 25 of the chairs which are already in the club house.

Altar Society To Have Bingo Party

Ladies of the Altar Society of St. Rita's Catholic Church are entertaining with a bingo party at St. Rita's hall Thursday night.

Personals

Pfc. Virgil Stiles is home on furlough visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stiles from here. He will go to Denver, Colorado, on his next furlough.

Mrs. Desie Harper returned Tuesday from a visit in Ft. Worth.

George Skones of Grand, formerly of Ranger, has returned home after visiting Mrs. Chaney Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Rankin.

Frankie Ford returned to his home in Tyler today after visiting friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Capps and daughter, Lucy, have returned from a trip to Philadelphia, Pa. and Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Rena Parsons has been dismissed from the West Texas Hospital.

Mrs. S. C. McCullough returned to her home in Eastland today from the West Texas Hospital where she underwent major surgery.

Miss Jeanne Greene of Eastland, who recently underwent major surgery in the West Texas Hospital, has been dismissed.

J. T. Eryan, Jr. has been a medical patient in the West Texas Hospital and has been dismissed.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Marne of Minco are parents of a baby boy born Sunday, January 11, in the West Texas Hospital.

Mrs. Fay Rinehart is a medical patient in the West Texas Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Drennan have announced the birth of a baby girl, Sunday, January 11, in the West Texas Hospital.

Richard Jones of Eastland is a medical patient in the West Texas Hospital.

The condition of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Peter and son, Marvin, of Evansville, Indiana, who were injured in an automobile accident Friday, is reported to be improved. They have been transferred to the Deaconess Hospital in Evansville and will leave Thursday.

May Head CAB



Maj.-Gen. Laurence S. Kuter, above, wartime Air Force strategist, is the man President Truman wants to nominate for the Civil Aeronautics Board chairmanship. Truman has asked Congress for authority to nominate Kuter, 42-year-old native of Rockford, Ill. Authority is needed since Kuter is still under Army jurisdiction.

H & C Super Mkt Installing New Type Equipment

The H&C Super Market, owned and operated by Roscoe Hopper and Arlie Carver, is in the process of installing two electrically operated "help yourself" counters.

Hopper has just sold the Roscoe Hopper Store at the corner of Walnut and North Rusk street and has transferred the staff from that store to the Super Market. Those joining the Super Market are Tom Stewart, market man, Frank Sheppard and Bill Sawyer.

Card Of Thanks We wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation for the kindnesses and floral offerings

Review Of . . .

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Five citizens who has for quite a while had business interests here, and now has moved his family to Ranger to be permanently located here.

A good number of houses have been built, probably the largest number being built by one man are the five beautiful native stone houses on "Eastland Hill" built by C. B. Prust, who also erected a beautiful home of Austin white stone adjacent to the five he built to sell.

The City has erected two nice GI apartment houses, the school has large apartment houses for veteran students who attend the Ranger College. The City has laid 6,900 feet of new sewer pipe.

The airport is continually being improved by the City Commission and C. C. McKeever, the airport manager, and an application for government funds in the amount of \$10,000 is now being reviewed by the district CAA engineer.

According to David D. Pickrell, district superintendent of the Premier Oil Refining Co., his company has increased the number of employees from 40 to 80 within the past 12 months, and has laid out 50 miles of gathering lines in this vicinity.

The Premier Oil Refining Co. is the largest buyer of crude oil in this district and they are now buying 125 per cent more crude than they were a year ago.

Mr. Pickrell states that increases in crude prices for the past two years are responsible for the increased activity and crude production, and that his company is continually laying new lines to take care of this new production.

During the death of Clara Belle High.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Hickman Effie High.

Mrs. E. Baxter and family Mrs. George Finley and family Mrs. W. R. High and family Mr. and Mrs. J. L. High Mrs. L. E. High, Mrs. Jack Tomlin and family

Mr. R. C. Loin and family

few days permanently stationed an airplane at the local airport for the purpose of patrolling 500 miles of pipe lines belonging to the company. A. G. Rainwater of Fort Worth is the pilot of the plane and he and his wife and two children have moved to Ranger.

Figures released by Postmaster A. E. Crawley pertaining to revenue of the post-office are interesting. These figures are for the quarter of 1947 only, as their fiscal year ends June 30th; stamp sales for 1946 for the last quarter were \$7,211.61; for the same quarter of 1947, \$7,571.83, an increase of \$360.22. Postal savings deposits for the last quarter of 1946 were \$28,192.90 and for the last quarter of 1947 \$29,104, an increase of \$912.

In all probability the contract will be for a 100-foot wide road of 100-foot width road south toward Deedema, this project being in the present post-war highway program. The road to Breckstridge via Skerton valley is scheduled to be widened two feet on each side during 1948, as this is also in the present post-war highway program. This is known as Farm-to-Market Road No. 101.

The road from Ranger to Caddo has been taken over by the State Highway Department as a farm-to-market road the entire distance from Ranger to Caddo and money has been appropriated for its construction, and we have every reason to believe that the contract for the construction of this road will be let this year.

One of the best pieces of news that has come to Ranger during 1947 was the announcement by the Leveille Motor Company that they had purchased the property at the corner of Main and Commerce streets and would erect a substantial building there to house their Ford agency. This property has for years been an "eye sore" to the people of Ranger and those passing through, as it was visible to people who passed through Ranger either by bus, automobile or train and the entire town rejoices that this important corner will now be improved.

An interview with quite a number of Ranger merchants reveals that all report a substantial increase in their business in 1947 over 1946, some reporting as high as 15 per cent.

A committee from the Chamber of Commerce is now working up a program of activities for that organization that we feel will meet with the approval of every citizen of Ranger and it is hoped that they will have the same fine cooperation from the business interests and citizens that they had the past year.

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