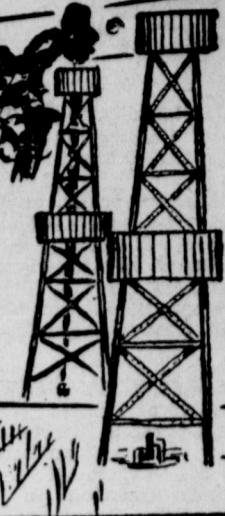




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For Sale—Metal ironing board, coffee table, 24-in. boy's bike—all \$16.00. Mrs. Lee. 592-4283. 1c

VV FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Nov. 1—Lockett there

Nov. 8—Newcastle at VV

Nov. 15—Throckmorton there

W. J. Crites Buried Here

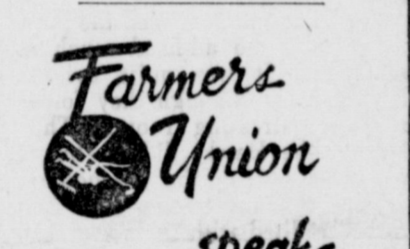
Mr. William J. Crites, 59, a cousin of Mrs. Tirzah Portis and Miss Hazel Crites of Iowa Park, died last Friday in an Oklahoma City hospital after suffering a cerebral hemorrhage while on his way to work.

Funeral service was conducted Monday morning in Central Presbyterian church there. Graveside service was conducted in Highland cemetery here that afternoon.

Mr. Crites was born in Wichita Falls in January 1904, to Mr. and Mrs. Elmer J. Crites of Iowa Park. He was a long time resident of Oklahoma and had lived in Oklahoma City over 30 years. He was a frequent visitor here.

Surviving are a brother Jack of Hampton and Newport News, Va.; two sisters: Mrs. Reed Robinson and Mrs. Carl Coppock of Oklahoma City.

Sgt. and Mrs. Bob Wyatt and Dr. William H. Foster of Sherman attended the service here and visited her mother Mrs. Kate Emanuel, 705 N. Wall.



State Farmers Union President Jay Naman said recently "the President's decision to sell our surplus wheat to Russia for cold cash was a wise decision, and will prove beneficial to our farmers as well as the general economy."

"This trade will create new jobs, reduce public spending on storage of huge surpluses of wheat, and help remedy the deficit in our balance of payments."
 "Sale of wheat might well open up new markets that are sorely needed as the European Economic Community levies increased trade restrictions. There is no longer any need for us to stand around with our hands in our pockets while our allies expand their trade and deprive us of future markets."
 "I hope this opportunity for relief to our surplus situation will cause wheat farmers to exceed the allotted acreage in anticipation of higher prices. Result of this could be an expansion of wheat production far beyond what can be sold anywhere."

New Police

Frank Spikes, formerly with the Electra police force, went to work for the Iowa Park police department this week, according to Mayor C. L. Metz. Other members of the law enforcement group at this time are Will Detels and Raymond Dixon.

Miss Waynette Dunson, reigning Miss Iowa Park, was crowned Miss Wichita Falls Wednesday night in the Jaycee-sponsored contest held in the Woman's Forum. Waynette, 20, is daughter of Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Dunson of the Methodist church. She was one of the top 10 finalists in the Miss Texas contest last summer in Dallas, representing Iowa Park.

Tuesday night the Pee Wees of Midget Football tangled with the Wichita Falls Mavericks. Our boys came out on top, 6-0.

Coaches Hoyt Watson and Clyde Bonner are proud of their 3 and 3 record.

Next Wednesday the Pee Wees play the Wichita Falls Coyotes at Bridwell Park.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Troutman of Dumas are visiting here this week with his brothers Mr. and Mrs. Noel Troutman and Carl Troutman, and their sister Miss Mina Troutman.

Meet the Teachers ...

This week you are invited to meet Iowa Park's fourth grade teachers.



Miss Grace Tribble resides at 203 West Clara. She teaches at Kidwell school and this is her first year to teach.

Born in Enid, Okla., she has the BS degree from East Texas State college, Commerce.

Parents are Mr. and Mrs. John C. Tribble of Enid. She attends the Assembly of God.



Miss Helen Reed resides at 314 East Bank and teaches in Iowa Park elementary school.

Born in Electra, she came here in 1949 from Vernon. She has the BS degree from McMurry College, Abilene.

Her mother is Mrs. T. E. Reed of Iowa Park. Miss Reed attends First Baptist church, is a life member of Iowa Park PTA, and member of Modern Music club.



Mrs. Cecilia House resides at 914 W. Louisa with her husband Sgt. Billy Gene House of SAFB and three sons, aged 7, 5 and 4. She teaches at Bradford.

Born in Stamford, she came to Iowa Park in 1947 with her parents Rev. and Mrs. M. C. Yeargan. They live now at Sulphur, Okla.

Mrs. House has the BA degree from Austin college, Sherman, and has done a year of graduate study at Midwestern university.

The House family returned to Iowa Park last December after being in Tehran, Iran, several years, where Billy Gene was stationed with the USAF.

Cecilia is a member of Modern Music Study club. The family attend the Presbyterian church.



Mrs. Thelma Smith resides at 201 S. Yosemite with her husband Lee and his sister Doria. She is one of the 4th grade teachers at Kidwell school.

Born in Ellis county, she came here in 1933 from Maypearl and has taught here at intervals since that time.

Mrs. Smith has the BS degree from North Texas State university at Denton and master's degree in education from Midwestern.

The Smiths attend First Baptist, where she is superintendent of the primary Sunday school department.



Miss Dillie Lomax resides at 506 N. Wall and teaches in Kidwell school.

Born in Birdul, Ark., she lived in Duncan, Okla., before coming here in 1942. She has taught in Iowa Park since that time.

Miss Lomax received the BS degree from Central State college, Edmond, Okla. She attends the Church of Christ.

Two Operators Added by Neal

Faye Bean is now at Neal's Hair Styles. Faye attended Jack's School of Beauty and specializes in all beauty work.

Faye has lived in Iowa Park all her life. She has two children: Wendell Bean and Elaine Allen, who both live here. Her husband Shorty Bean is employed with the Spruill Drilling Co.

Willie Robertson is now at Neal's Hair Styles. She went to Jack's School of Beauty and does all types of beauty work. She has lived here for several years.

Mrs. Robertson has four children: Forester and Marvin and Mrs. Goldie Sheets of Iowa Park and Delano of Pittsburg, Tex. Her husband Aubrey Robertson works with Gulf Oil Co.

Mrs. Louie McCarthy was one of 21 area graduate nurses recently completing a five-week refresher course sponsored by Dist. 11 of the Texas Graduate Nurses association. The course is designed for inactive nurses to keep up with latest developments in the profession. Mrs. McCarthy is a graduate of Wichita General hospital school of nursing.

Mrs. Paul Burns and children of Oklahoma City visited here last weekend with her parents Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Teal.

Gift Department Ready for Sales

Koonce and McCullough Supply is planning to have the opening of the brand new gift department on Saturday, Nov. 9.

Mrs. Jesse McCullough and Mrs. Pete Koonce will be on hand to help you select gifts and items of fine china and crystal for your home or friends.

A complete line of Fostoria crystal is one of the features of the gift department. Corning ware and stainless steel cookware are also featured.

Mikosa and Bavarian china are only two of the patterns one can choose from. Ash trays, plates, pictures and figurines are also arranged so you can see them and imagine how nice they will look in your home.

Custom picture framing is another feature of the Gift Department.

Many items will be given away at the official opening on Nov. 9. A silver coffee service will be the feature prize.

In addition to the opening of the Gift Department, the Supply Department will put many items on sale—such as power tools and Zebco fishing equipment.

Koonce and McCullough cordially invite you to come in and inspect the whole store, pick out that gift for the new bride or for Christmas giving. You are invited to register for opening prizes.

Kamay, Valley View, Kadane Corner

By Maxine Gragg
 Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Land are parents of a new daughter Stacie Michele. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Riley of Kamay and Mrs. Goldie Land of Alameda.

Valley View Warriors play at Lockett this Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. William Thompson have a new granddaughter. Parents are Mr. and Mrs. Steve Lowe.

Mrs. John Potter is improving in a Wichita Falls hospital.

Junior department of Kamay Baptist Sunday school enjoyed a wiener roast at the home of Billie Dowell in Valley View Friday, followed by a skating party.

Miss Frankye Eidson was home from Brownwood last weekend, visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Frank Eidson at Kadane Corner.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Potter are back in California after spending a vacation with the John Potters and J. C. Finchers.

VV Hallowe'en carnival was a great success. There were many booths such as fishing, penny pitching, darts, bingo and a cake walk. Hallowe'en queens were crowned: Barbara Fulfer, Vicki McFadden, Janice Chappell.

A style show by men was quite entertaining.

Proceeds of the carnival went to PTA.

Play for Pay

Seymour's semi-pro Rangers will play the Chillicothe Vikings Saturday, Nov. 2, at Seymour. Kickoff will be at 8:00.

Iowa Park men playing for the Rangers are Gerald Combs, Herman Beavers, Carl Catlin, Jimmy Banks. The last named now lives at Lake Kemp.

John Fulfer and Jimmy Baldwin from Valley View also help make up the team.

After playing three games this year, the Rangers have a 1-1-1 record. The games are rough and tough, and Iowa Park fans will enjoy them, say the local team members.

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ESA Auction Aids Library

Epsilon Sigma Alpha sorority wishes to express gratitude to the merchants who contributed to the auction held Oct. 19 at the Fair Grounds. Since the ESA project this year is the Wichita County Free Library, members feel the community will benefit from these donations.

We wish to thank the citizens who donated privately and the persons who supported our auction by their purchases.

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 Frank Lentz, auctioneer
 Holmes' Western Auto

Plans are being made for a workshop at the Library the second Thursday in November. If you need instruction in library work and are willing to help keep our library open and efficiently run, please plan to attend this meeting. Mrs. W. D. Owens will be in charge of instruction.

Gulf Station Now Open

J and R Gulf Station, 612 W. Highway, opened for business Monday morning. Owners Jack Lott and son Richard plan to have a grand opening in about two weeks.

The Lotts are well known in the community. Jack lived in the Clara community for a number of years. He attended Weeth school and was graduated from IPHS. He is a retired employee of Shell Oil Co., with which he worked 24 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Lott and son, 22, and daughter Barbara, a fifth grade student, reside at 804 West Magnolia. They belong to the Methodist church.

The new station will sell Gulf products; do washing and greasing, wheel balancing and brake work.

Before moving to Iowa Park about two years ago, Richard worked for Firestone Tire Co. and Oldsmobile-Cadillac Co. in Liberal, Kans. He has been employed with Hoge Auto Supply Co. here.

Miss Sue Pruitt, Terri Jane and Judy Osborn visited over the week end with Sue's parents Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Thurlkill. All three of the girls attend All Saints school of nursing in Ft. Worth.

Ballots for directors have been distributed. Vote your ballots and return them to the Chamber office by Nov. 13.

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First half last Friday was a defensive standoff and turned into a kicking duel between Iowa Park's Bill Jackson and Hirschi's Ronnie Faulkner. The passing of Dawson kept the Hawks moving, and only some dropped passes kept Iowa Park from completely routing the Huskies in the first half.

First quarter ended scoreless with both squads hitting hard and trying to find a weakness in defenses. The Hawks finally came to life late in the second quarter and took the ball on their own 10 after a 34-yard kick by Faulkner. They marched 90 yards downfield battling Hirschi and the clock. Two big plays were a 27-yard pass to Ronnie Berry and a 14-yard toss to Larry Thompson.

Hawks had a first down on the Hirschi 10 with 25 seconds to go. A Hirschi defender interfered with a pass on the one-yard line. Dawson rumbled over and then kicked the PAT, so the Hawks took a 7-0 lead to the dressing room.

Second half was a nightmare for Hawk fans. Iowa Park had only 13 plays from scrimmage, including one punt; while Hirschi rambled almost at will through the Green line.

Huskies took the second half kickoff and marched 71 yards for a TD, with every yard coming right through the trenches. Faulkner scored with an 8-yard run around end. He faked the kick and ran left end for the 2 points that put Hirschi ahead to stay.

Iowa Park ran three plays and punted. Hirschi took over and marched 62 yards for another eight points. Three times on third down and long yardage needed, Faulkner came through with passes to keep the drive going.

Chuck Pearson scored early in fourth quarter. McDonald caught the 2-pointer.

Iowa Park tried desperately to salvage the game with a passing attack but the Huskies rose to the occasion. When the game ended they had the ball and were threatening to score again.

This Friday our boys travel to Electra to battle the Tigers. The injured Electra boys are back in the lineup, and our coaches and squad are looking for a hard fought contest. Let's all go to Electra and support the team.

Little All American football team coached by Dan Barnes and Lloyd Harris had a trip Oct. 19 to Snyder, Texas, where they had a game, winning 32-6. The Iowa Park boys had a big time and returned home about 8:00 that night.

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Schlenker Gives Report on Russia: Why Communism Will Fail

by Boyd Schlenker

This is the second of the three-part series which grows out of a summer trip to Russia. We began with "The People"; now we look at "The Government"; and our final article will deal with "The Church in Russia."

Making a distinction between the people and the government is a tricky task. A good deal of what I said last time had to do with the government, and much here will describe the people. I suppose that in our better moments we realize that government is made up of people!

That this is true would indicate that in some ways Communist government can and does change. I am startled by the people who facetiously believe Communism is so unique and strong-willed and dedicated that it is static. Certainly the same goal is present as ever: the world-wide revolution of the "working-classes." And believing that Capitalism stands in the way of this goal, the Communists look for its overthrow.

But one point not often realized is that Karl Marx predicted as a cardinal principle that Communism would take place in the highly advanced capitalistic countries. That, of course, has never happened, and because of this failure of Communism many revisions and adjustments must be made in a society such as Russia, where Communism came in on the heels of a backward and poverty stricken society.

This all means that there is no solid basic core of Communist doctrine that is not subject and subjected to modification.

In June of 1960 at Bucharest, Nikita Khrushchov said, "One cannot mechanically repeat what Lenin said decades ago. We live in a time when neither Marx nor Engels nor Lenin is with us. If we act like children who study the alphabet by building words out of letters we shall not get very far."

One is impressed in Russia with the fact that while lip service is still paid quite loudly to Marx, Lenin is really the One who counts! After all, Marx was not

a Russian! The appeal to Lenin brings out the same nationalistic pride in Russians that Abraham Lincoln does in Americans! (It will be fully understood that I am not comparing the two, only comparing the impact of their images on our respective nations.) Along this line, one of the most revealing things about our conversations with the "average" Russian was the fact that the main body of the people have little interest in Communism (or any other system) as an ideology.

They are concerned, like you and I, with the everyday living of life. The Russian puts on his shoes just one at a time. Those we talked with were anxious to buy a refrigerator or to take a vacation or to earn enough money so they could plan a family.

These are some of the natural concerns of all men, and this type of concern far outweighed the political concern.

This is revealing, because many of these people now are second and third generation Leninists; that is, not many are left of the breed who pulled-off the Communist Revolution of 1917. They have lost their missionary zeal. They are settling down to a more normally regulated pattern of life.

These are some of the reasons Lenin is perhaps much more a Russian saint than a Communist saint to the body of Soviet people. Since the glow of a revolutionary movement has gone, the appeal is to the sense of "Russian-ness" rather than to a complicated political theory.

There are now perhaps 10 million members of the Party in Russia; this out of a population of over 220 million. In contradiction of the claim of equality, party members almost always receive a higher wage and a nicer apartment. One party member told us that was the real reason he had gone into the party! Other Russians said they had no desire to join the party.

Communist society in Russia is organized into local councils (soviets) whose members are elected by people of the community. The local soviets are supposed to run local affairs, but the only government power is felt from the Supreme Soviet in Moscow. Local soviets in operation serve only as clerical centers to handle business for the Supreme Soviet.

Russians seemed in agreement about one governmental subject: things are far better now than they were under Stalin. I am convinced this is true. "There is more of an openness now," said one fellow; "we breathe easier now."

The sharp rap on the door at midnight seemed to be well forgotten. The 10-year program of de-Stalinization has been thorough. You will find nothing to remind you that he existed, unless you look closely. Behind Lenin's tomb just on the outside of the wall surrounding the Kremlin, are the tombs of six leading revolutionaries. There are small statues over

five of them. The sixth has no statue, and on a plain slab embedded in the ground, you see: "J. V. Stalin."

While America should be on its knees because of its "black-white" struggle, the Communist world has its own "color" problems: Red and Yellow. The split between Russia and China is one of the most talked-about subjects in Russia. The Russians feel that China is being guided, or better, misguided, by Stalinist principles. This is true. The Sino-Soviet split is one that goes to the very foundations of Communist ideology. It is a basic difference in interpreting Communism.

I have before me a copy of the famous "Open Letter from the CPSU Central Committee to Party Organizations and All Communists of the Soviet Union" which was published this last July. Its 25,000 words (when the Communists write a letter, they write a letter!) deal with this division: "The Chinese comrades . . . straightforwardly say: 'On the ruins of a destroyed imperialism—in other words, as a result of the unleashing of war—a bright future will be built.'"

"If we agree to this, then, indeed, there is no need for the principle of peaceful co-existence and for the struggle for the strengthening of peace. We cannot agree to such an adventurist course: it contradicts the nature of Marxism-Leninism. It is generally known that under present conditions a world war would be a thermo-nuclear war. The imperialists (that's us!) will never agree to withdraw from the scene voluntarily. . . . Apparently the people who refer to the thermo-nuclear weapon as a 'paper tiger' (China) are not fully aware of the destructive force of this weapon."

The Russians realize much more than do the Chinese the outcome of world war. After all, the Chinese have less to lose! Mao's "Great Leap Forward" of 1958 vintage has been a colossal fall backward. Not being able to produce at home in China with industry and agriculture (although Chinese are producing Chinese—there will be one billion by 1980!) Mao now turns to the standard totalitarian tactic (cf. Hitler) of trying to divert the Chinese mind from these failures at home to the unifying hysteria of war. The Russians have much more to lose, and therefore are more realistic. I believe this simplification of the situation fairly well catches the truth.

It would appear that Mao is the "literalist" of present-day Communism (like the brand of Christians who would believe that Jonah swallowed the whale if the Bible said so), while Khrushchov is the interpreter of the sacred Marxist-Leninist scriptures.

Another image, perhaps clearer, is that of Texas Congressman Jim Wright, who sees China as the "radical right" of Communism—pointing out the real parallel between the mentality of the John Birch Society and others of that cut in America, and the mentality of Chinese Communism.

In any case, he who believes the conflict between Russia and China is small or is "put on" does not know his facts.

Communism is doomed to failure as a system because of four basic points. First, it has no built-in element of self-correction. It

cannot criticize itself as can an open democratic society such as we have in America; such as we struggle to keep in America.

Second, it has a completely false view of man, believing, idealistically that mankind can perfect itself and that someday all government will wither away. Democratic government, based on Hebraic-Christian revelation, knows the pride and selfishness of man, and that there must always be a government to regulate the relations of man to man and group to group.

Third, Communism is doomed so long as we are willing to work diligently and vigorously to eliminate the injustices and inequalities which are ripe seed-beds for discontent among peoples, e.g. poor working conditions, racial segregation, inadequate care for the needy at all levels of social life.

Finally, Communism is doomed to failure because it has nothing to look to beyond itself. Communism is its own god, created in its own image. The principles of Communism, no matter how good they look on paper, are broken reeds that will pierce the hand that rests on them for support.

Communism places science and technology as ultimates of life, rather than seeing them as tools given by God to man for his well being. Communism holds up a perfected society as the goal and purpose of all human life, never realizing that no matter how perfect the society there is only ultimate frustration when man looks about to see only himself.

It is this point which will lead us to our third and final and in many ways most exciting view: The Church in Russia.



Blessed is the man that trusteth in Jehovah. — (Jer. 17:7).

God, above everything and anything else, is to be trusted in all things. When you cannot see what to do trust in Him to show the way.



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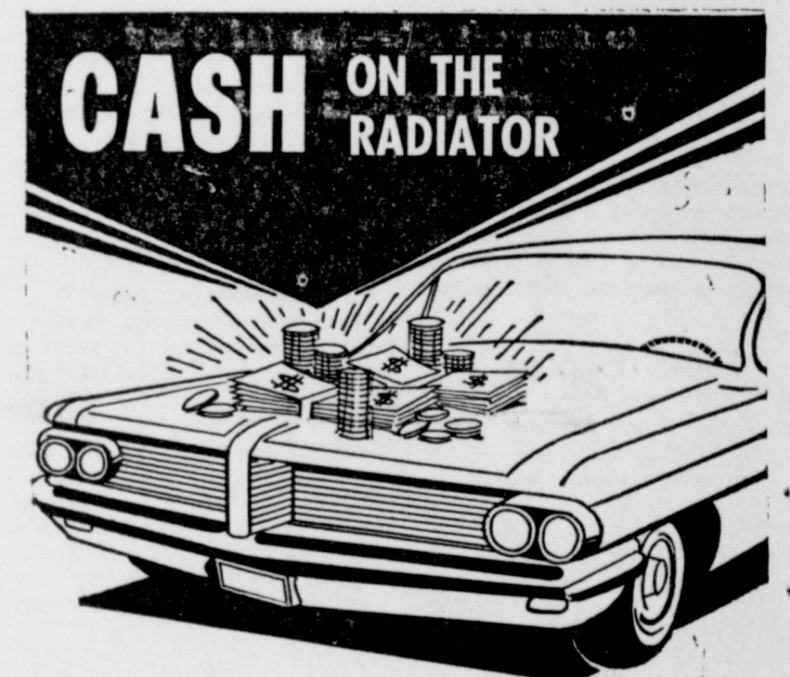
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