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**THE HOMETOWN PAPER**  
by John Lair, Editor  
Renfro Valley (Ky.) Bugle

We never realize how much the hometown paper means. Till we have wandered far away from the old familiar scenes, and then it's just as welcome as a letter from a friend. We read it through from front to back, from beginning to the end. And when we see the names in print of folks we used to know, a flood of tender memories will set our hearts aglow.

We remember how that paper was a standby in our home, and how we'd scramble for it just as soon as it would come. Sis looked for all the personals; Dad read the livestock news; Granddad liked editorials—if they sided with his views! But Mother never seemed to have a part that she preferred. She just sat down, when she had time, and read it every word.

The editor, remember, was a friend to all mankind. Some folks would try to use him, but he didn't seem to mind. When he went out to look for news—or ads he didn't get—He had a smile and cheery word for everyone he met. He always had a column any good thing to exalt, but he had no screaming headlines to proclaim a neighbor's fault.

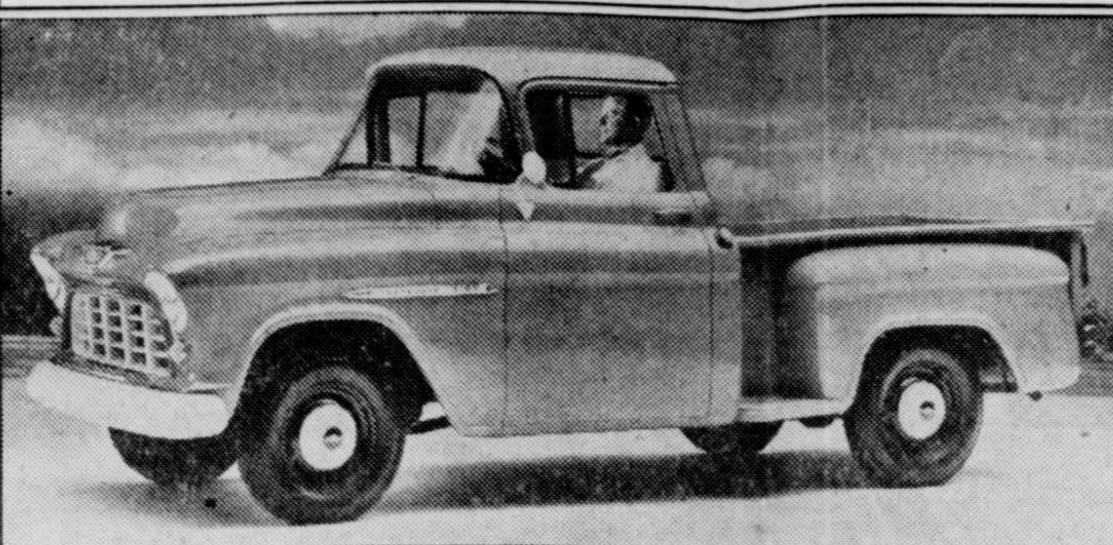
He welcomed new-born souls to earth and noted when they left. He joyed with those who had been blessed and grieved for those bereft. He printed church announcements and his correspondents' jokes. He noticed all the little things that meant a lot to folks. When "Cripple Charlie" Hoskins' little dog got hurt and died, He wrote up such a pretty piece that everybody cried.

God bless the small town paper for the help that it has been. To make this world a better place to raise our children in, God bless the country editor, the humble part he played. Enriched our lives a thousandfold, though he went under paid. And when he gets up Yonder, as he surely will, I know, He'll get the credit he deserved but never got below.

So when your hometown paper comes sit down and read it through. And give a kindly thought to him who put it out for you. The spelling may be faulty, and the printing not so good, But just don't laugh and criticize; he did the best he could. It may not be impressive and it ain't no work of art, But every word you're reading there comes straight from someone's heart.

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**WSCS**  
Chaplain Bradbury of Sheppard AFB was guest speaker for the Methodist Woman's Society of Christian Service, March 16. He discussed the geography and economics of India and the problems, customs and religion of the people. He also told of mission work carried on by the different churches and the great need for more missionaries and money. Mr. Bradbury spent two years in India during World War II. Mrs. Travis H. Smith gave the introduction to the mission study book "Under Three Flags." Mrs. C. J. Thurber conducted the business session and Mrs. Gordon G. Clark announced the United Council of Churches clothing drive for overseas relief will end April 11. She urged everyone to participate in this drive. Mrs. W. E. Stockton dismissed the group with prayer. Others present included Mmes. Gene Owens, Eleanor Robinson, T. R. Horine, Henry Jacobson, E. B. Taylor, W. M. Owens, Wanda Vaughan, Fred Widmoyer, Jim Hatten, Gene Lowrey, C. J. Simpson, S. L. Denny, Richey Abernathy, Jay Liabie, John Houser, H. M. Mahler, Miles Thompson, Betty Campbell, Wanda McNitzky.

"The Young Woman Moves to the City" was topic of the programs presented in each circle of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, March 8. Members discussed the problems of the young woman who moves to the city, and the importance of careful training of children in the homes and churches, so they will be prepared to be good Christians wherever they go. Also how the Wesleyan Service Guild is serving young women away from home. Circle I met with Mrs. C. J. Thurber. Mrs. Jay Liabie was co-hostess. Mrs. Richey Abernathy was leader, assisted by Mmes. Scott Morris, G. E. Trammell and C. J. Simpson. Others present were Mesdames S. L. Denny, Travis M. Smith, Henry Jacobson, Gene Owens and Linda, Glen Miller and Glenna, W. F. George, Fred Widmoyer. Circle II met at the parsonage with Mrs. Roy Anderson and Mrs. W. M. Owens as hostesses. Program leader was Mrs. C. C. Robinson assisted by Mmes. Fenton Dale, Ray Low, Herman Mahler, Arch Hughes. Also present were Mmes. T. R. Horine, W. E. Stockton, W. C. Albright, Will Spruiell, Dave Harbour, Jim Hatten. Circle III met in the church with Mmes. Eldon Thompson and Tom Compton as hostesses. Mrs. T. C. Berry, program chairman, was assisted by Mmes. Eleanore Robinson,

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Ruth Mary Dale of TCU, Fort Worth, visited here last weekend with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Fenton Dale.

R. C. Cox of Wichita Falls, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Cox, is in a Dallas hospital. He had an operation Tuesday morning.

O. E. Lochridge is visiting this week in Dallas with Mr. and Mrs. Warren McDonald, Butch and Leslie.

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**Local History Told  
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Members of 23 Study club observed Texas Day recently with a program entitled "Through a History of Iowa Park. The meeting was in the home of Mrs. Dave O. Harbour with Mrs. Oscar E. Lochridge as co-hostess.

Mrs. James Sewell, a member of a pioneer preacher family, was the leader. Mrs. S. L. Denny, an early day teacher of this area, presented the meditation "Human Hands." The meditation was closed with a vocal solo by Mrs. Charlie Coppock, accompanied by Mrs. Sewell.

Mrs. Kate Emanuel and Mrs. Mae Tanner presented accounts of early dwellings and landmarks of Iowa Park through a question and answer period. They also told of their arrival here as small girls with their families and of the school and churches of this community.

Mrs. Emanuel pointed out that people who came to Iowa Park and settled with their families were talented and well educated. Both women told of the people coming here for health reasons.

Rev. C. C. Davis, father of Mrs. Sewell and a pioneer Methodist preacher here, told of the early churches, of the friendliness of the people of the various congregations and how they always met together for revivals and other special causes.

Joseph Lindsey, dressed in the high-top hat and frock-tailed wedding suit he wore 65 years ago, presented as the fine arts number, several fiddling numbers of the Gay Nineties and the Walk Around he played in the drum corps when Grover Cleveland ran for president in the Old Fiddlers contest of the Texas-Oklahoma Fair.

The program was concluded with members and guests singing a medley of old songs.

During the business session Mrs. China B. Smith, newly elected president of the club, named the following committees to serve during the club year 1955-56:  
(All are Mesdamas)  
Program: Sewell, L. E. Brooks, Gibbons Brubaker.

Finance: R. R. Brubaker, C. E. Birk, Sam H. Hill.  
Fine arts: Oscar E. Lochridge, Harbour, W. C. Albright.  
Telephone: Albright, R. R. Brubaker.  
Nominating: C. L. Metz, Homer Blalock, John B. Harbour.  
Communications: King Abernathy, Taylor George, Hill.  
Community affairs: Blalock, Fred Widmoyer, Brooks.  
Conservation of natural resources: Harbour, C. J. Simpson, C. J. Thurber.  
Education: Brooks, Sewell, Gibbons Brubaker.  
Public affairs: Hill, Earle L. Denny, George.  
Texas heritage: King Abernathy, S. L. Denny, Coppock, Home: Blalock, Metz, Brooks.  
Tellers: Widmoyer, Thurber.  
Revision of constitution and by-laws: Blalock, Birk, Metz.  
Club institute: Blalock, Birk, Metz.  
Americanism: Carroll Duke, Harbour, Thurber.

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Mrs. Jay Cannady of Chillicothe visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Redin last weekend.

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Another determined and all out effort is being made to secure passage of a bill by our state legislature which would give the Railroad Commission power to set minimum gas prices at the well head in order to prevent what its advocates choose to call economic waste.

There is of course no such waste and they know it. In fact there is no substantial waste of gas in this state, and they know that too.

It is simply a method to permit producers to break present contracts with pipeline companies, including transmission and distributing concerns supplying the Texas public and industry.

These producers are complaining over a recent U. S. Supreme Court decision holding that Federal Power Commission has regulatory power over the price of gas at the well, so burner tip rates can be regulated in the interest of the gas consuming public.

They are making an attempt to have Congress re-define the powers of the FPC to exclude any regulation of well head prices. These producers are in the position of screaming in Washington there should be a free competitive market on selling gas at the well head, that any other method is socialistic and violates the sanctity of contracts; but in Texas they want legislation to permit them to break contracts, to stifle competition, and to provide a high minimum price with no maximum, leaving regulation in the consumers' interest to apply only to pipeline and distributing companies, serving the public.

These latter concerns are already regulated and any increased cost of gas at the well head must of course be passed on to ultimate users.

Should this bill become a law in Texas there is no way of knowing what minimum prices may be set. Producers and royalty owners are a large and powerful group, and the minimum price could be raised to 20 or even 25 cents a 1000 feet—which many producers have been talking about.

This would result in doubling industrial rates and forcing distributing companies into the necessity of asking increased residential and commercial rates.

Attempts to persuade the public that HB 7 and SB 49 are conservation measures are being made all over the state. They are not bills designed to promote the public interest. Texas already has highly satisfactory gas conservation laws. These bills are big money bills, not conservation measures, and are in

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**Mrs. Weiler Directs  
Study of War's Effect  
On Modern Music**

Modern Music Study club met in the home of Mrs. W. G. Steele last Thursday evening with Mrs. M. J. McDonald and Miss Mary Butcher as co-hostesses.

Mrs. Chauncey Weiler presented the study entitled "War" with the division "Germany's Music before the Nazi Regime" being illustrated with Sonata Opus 2 No. 1 (Beethoven), being played by Mrs. Jas. A. Sewell.

"Impromptu in A Flat," Opus 90 No. 4 (Schubert) was played by Mrs. Steele. Mrs. Weiler pointed out the freedom of feeling in the compositions illustrated.

Under the caption "Russia's Music before Marxism" a Russian folk song "Fireflies" given by Mesdames Sewell, Charles Coppock, T. M. Black and Preston Pace, was followed by Tschalkovsky's "Troika en Traineaux" Opus 37 No. 11, played by Mrs. John Nixon.

Mrs. Weiler went on to describe music behind the iron curtain, showing how all freedom of thought and inspiration has been stifled under the so-called "nationalistic" movement, which means that only music depicting the content and spirit of the working people may be exempted by the composer.

Mrs. Weiler pointed out that as a result music as music has been forced underground and out of the country.

The effect on music here has been the most phenomenal growth in the history of our nation, since the great German and Russian artists have to come here where they can work unhindered in their fields of teaching and composition.

The St. Patrick's Day motif was used in the refreshment plates served to Mesdames Paul Zink, Henry Jones, Esther Thornberry, Fred Wright, and those previously mentioned.

Mrs. Carroll Duke has returned to Iowa Park after a three weeks stay in Seymour with her mother Mrs. W. E. England, who has been ill.

Mrs. Henry Jacobson of Warren, Penna., sister of Mrs. Thurber, is visiting here with Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Thurber. She plans to remain until April 1.

Charles Lemond, Lone Star Gas employee, is in a Wichita Falls hospital for treatment. He recently contracted pneumonia and has had a relapse.

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Woods and daughter Julia Dale of Harlingen are visiting Julia Dale's grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Fenton Dale this week.

Mrs. Ruben Parish arrived here last Friday for a week's stay and plans to return to Oklahoma this Friday.

Mrs. Lula Morgan visited relatives in Iowa Park last week.

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## Staber Writes from Hahn, Germany

Hi folks,  
I received my 23 December edition of the Herald today and really did enjoy Pat Sewell's open letter. I did not know where he was at the present time; in fact I didn't have his address.  
I received my Christmas edition of the Herald today. Don't get the idea the mail is a little slow, for it is nothing of the sort, nor is it their fault.  
You see I left the States in December and the trip took much longer getting over here than anyone expected. From the day I left the base at Clovis, N.M., with my squadron to the day we got here to Hahn, Germany, it took 40 days. We were flying our own assigned aircraft, so weather was the determining factor to whether we would stay or go.  
We flew from Limestone, Maine, on the 12 of December headed for Goose Bay, Labrador. We stayed there till the 28th. You might say we had a real cool Christmas, I don't think it got much below 10 degrees below zero.  
The take off from Goose Bay was routine and we were on our first leg over the Atlantic. The only thing I can say about Blue West 1 was that the Northern Lights were beautiful, this was our next stop.  
The 29 we left for Keflavik, Ireland; we spent New Year's there. We finally tore ourselves away on the 2nd of January for Prestwick, Scotland. The country around Prestwick was most beautiful, green fields and picturesque villages.  
The weather cleared on the 4th and we were able to proceed to our destination: Hahn Germany. Therefore the next couple of years I plan to go continental.  
Here's my new address, I hope I get my Herald a few weeks earlier than the 23 December issue.  
Sincerely  
DON STABER  
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New York, N.Y.

## Ditchbank Meditations

by Bill Ripple

### 'MISS BOTTLE BABY OF 1955'



All bottled up is Airline Stewardess Yvonne Standifer, 24, named "Miss Bottle Baby of 1955." The blue-eyed, 104-pound pin-up was voted the title by nearly 400 Dr. Pepper bottlers at the conclusion of the soft drink company's national convention in Dallas.

### Business Women Have Mission Study

Business Women's circle of the Baptist church met Monday night of last week in the home of Mrs. Fred Wright. The meeting was begun with prayer by Mrs. Bill Curry and group singing.  
After business and committee reports Mrs. Carl McKinnon taught another lesson from the mission book "Sacrifice and Song."  
After prayer by Mrs. Wright, refreshments were served to Meses. Oscar Lochridge, McKinnon, Taylor George, Bonnie Hudson, Robert Lisenby, Henry Jones, Wright, Homer Blalock, W. H. Campbell, Curry, and Misses Roberta Hill and Ela Simmons.

Harley Sherman and Kenneth Russell, both of Oklahoma City, were in Miller Lumber company on business Monday.

### ONE ERROR UNCOVERS MANY MORE

A burning cigaret tossed from a speeding car ignited dead grass by the roadside. A two-mile strip was swept clean. That is, except for the beer cans and liquor bottles. These stood out like crosses in a cemetery.  
Just as depressing too, for I can not think of a single good thing resulting from their existence. They will only lie there, now, until taxpayers' money is spent for someone to pick them up and cart them away to wherever dead beer cans and sucked-dry whisky bottles end their cheating days.

Through curiosity, we stopped and made a count. In 60 paces (approximately 180 feet), on one side of the road only, we counted 74 beer cans and 7 liquor bottles.

Assuming there were as many drinkers traveling north as there were going south, this would mean 1.1 containers for each linear foot of highway; 4,750 per mile; 1,187,500 for Wichita county—state maintained roads alone.

Add to this figure all the cans and bottles along country and private roads and the figure for the county would be astounding. I do not know how often our highway department workers get around to picking up the roadside clutter, but I do know the can and bottle picking bill is tremendous.

### COST OF CLUTTERING IS BIG

I don't happen to know the price of whiskey or beer. But, assuming it to average 20 cents a can or bottle, this roadside debris represents an original expenditure of \$950 a mile; \$237,500 for Wichita county's state maintained roads alone.

We would like to think that money spent for beer and whisky is not needed for any other purpose. Out here on the ditchbank, however, one must be realistic. Think of the grocery bills that could be paid; hospitalization that could be had; CARE packages that could be sent; schools that could be built; aged that could be cared for; security that could be arranged; Bibles that could be printed; et cetera, et cetera, et cetera, with all the money spent for a sensation that ends with a clank into the barrow ditch—or worse.

### A PLEA FOR "NO DUMPING"

We only meant to point out the need of keeping our highways clean. Any sort of dumping is an insult to public decency. Wouldn't it be wonderful if every beer can were replaced with a bulb or flower by the roadside! What lovely lanes we would have to travel! It could be done, you know. Only human resolve, with the help of God, and our cluttered highways could become flowered byways.

How about "Flowers instead of beer cans" as a slogan for a highway cleanup and beautification program?

## DISCIPLES

Iowa Park members of the Disciples of Christ in District 12 were given several responsibilities as a result of the annual convention of Christian churches in the district which was held Wednesday in Breckenridge. The district comprises 14 counties in north central Texas.

Rollins Woodall was elected district governor of the Men's Fellowship; Mrs. Woodall was named 2nd vice-president of the district organization; John B. Barbour was named to the board of director of the Nor-Tex camp; and Dr. Leroy Carter, newly acquired minister of the local Christian church, was selected to be adviser of adults in the district.

Going from here to the convention Wednesday were Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hartfield, Mr. and Mrs. Woodall and son Johnny; T. M. Clark and Rollin Roberts.

Pat Sewell, navy ensign, is visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. James Sewell this week.

Mrs. T. M. Peterson and Mrs. Lillian Littlefield, former Parkans now living at Vernon, visited friends here last Friday.

Mrs. Sally Pautsky of Valley View has bought the L. A. Schoonover house at 310 Bank street and has moved to Iowa Park. She is the mother of Mrs. H. C. Clementson.



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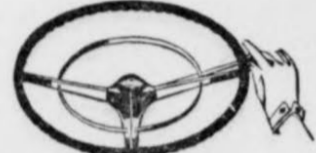
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Mrs. Leo Cook, adult leader, gave a demonstration on how to use a pattern.  
In observance of national 4-H club week the group had a picnic March 13 at the home of Judy and Jan Woodruff.

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