

State Dept. Of Health Letter

"Keep your body in good physical condition," advised Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer. While colds, influenza and pneumonia are different conditions, all three may be brought on or made worse by lowering bodily resistance, and all three may often be prevented in the same ways.

When these communicable diseases are prevalent, avoid crowds and plan your work and recreation so that you will not overtax your strength and get tired out. Be sure that the room where you are is well ventilated. Drink plenty of water and don't let your system get clogged.

Sufficient rest, cleanliness of hands, mouth and teeth, fresh air while at work and during sleep, regulation of meals and bodily functions, wholesome food and freedom from anxiety will increase bodily resistance and help avoid contracting these diseases.

One attack of cold or influenza

does not confer immunity. Individuals have been known to have several attacks during an epidemic. Segregation of the patient is desirable to avoid giving the disease to others.

If you develop symptoms of cold or influenza, consult your doctor early and follow his advice.

Rites Held For Mrs. Sarah J. Cook

Funeral services were held on Sunday, January 4 at 2:30 p. m. at the London & Burton Chapel in Brownwood for Mrs. Sarah J. Cook, 86, who died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. D. A. Hise at Bangs at 11:05 p. m. Friday, Rev. T. B. Granger and Rev. Henry Price officiated.

Mrs. Cook was born January 23, 1861 at Melrose, Wisconsin and came to Texas with her parents in 1876. The family located on a farm near Blanket in 1877. The farm was owned by Mrs. Cook at the time of her death.

She was married to C. R. (Dolph) Cook in 1880, who preceded her in death 24 years ago.

Since the death of her husband, she had made her home with Mrs. Hise.

Four children survive. They are Mrs. Hise, Ben H. Cook of Princeville, Oregon, Mrs. W. P. Magill of Houston and Mrs. Jim Harris of Santa Anna, seven grandchildren and eight great grandchildren also survive.

Burial was in the Blanket Cemetery. Mrs. Cook had made many friends here upon her visits with her daughter, quite a number of whom attended the services.

Rites Held For Aged Waldrip Lady

Funeral services were held at Waldrip December 23 for Mrs. Melissa Sneed, former resident of that community, who had died in Houston on Sunday, December 21.

Mrs. Sneed, who was 96 years of age, was a direct descendant of Daniel Boone.

She was born in Fannin county and had spent most of her life in Texas. She with her husband, Jerry Sneed, who died 35 years ago, lived around Ft. McCavett and Junction for many years.

She is survived by three sons, W. R. and A. J. Sneed of Phoenix, Arizona and J. R. Sneed of Tucson, Arizona; three daughters, Mrs. M. B. Robertson of Houston, Mrs. Mary Woods of Corpus Christi, and Mrs. J. M. Self of Santa Anna; two sisters, Mary Glover and Mrs. Sallie Wright of Waldrip, thirty grandchildren, forty great grandchildren and ten great great grandchildren.

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It was back a good many years ago when I was editor of a small town daily and felt a keen sense of my own importance as the holder of that exalted position.

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At my look of astonishment, he continued, "In each city, we select some outstanding citizen and make him a present of a set. The only thing we ask is that you permit us to use your name as endorsing the encyclopedia."

Well, that sounded reasonable enough, so I agreed.

"There will be a small charge, of course, for handling and shipping," he said.

"Oh, of course," I concurred.

"And, naturally, you would want the de luxe edition in the special buckram binding?"

"There is an extra charge, a very small charge, for the buckram binding," he said, "but you'll never regret your decision."

Then he continued, "Of course the Blank Encyclopedia is up to the minute now but in this changing world, today's facts may be out of date tomorrow. Naturally you will want to receive our monthly loose leaf service?"

"Yes, naturally," I replied rather weakly.

"There will be a small service charge for that. And now," he said briskly, "just sign here."

I did and he shook hands and took a breezy departure as well as my check for \$22.95 for a set of books which I received absolutely free because I was an outstanding citizen.

Every day in the U. S., 100 farm fires take the lives of 10 farmers.

Martin Genz and family have returned to their home at Lenora, Kansas, after spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Genz.

Clearance sale of winter dresses, coats and suits. Ladies Shop.

The Benjie Allison family moved this week to their elegant and spacious new farm home located on the Trickham road in the Crossroads community.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Boenicke were dinner guests of Rev. and Mrs. E. H. Wylie Sunday and the latter were guests of the former when all attended the "Wings Over Jordan" program in Coleman in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Payne Henderson and Doris Jane visited last weekend with Mrs. Henderson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Oldham and other relatives at Albany.

REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE SANTA ANNA NATIONAL BANK

of Santa Anna in the State of Texas, at the close of business on December 31, 1947. (Published in response to call made by Comptroller of the Currency, under Section 5211, U. S. Revised Statutes)

ASSETS	
1. Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balance, and cash items in process of collection	\$ 749,304.01
2. United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed	811,900.00
3. Obligations of states and political subdivisions	26,651.50
5. Corporate stocks (including \$4050.00 stock of Federal Reserve Bank)	4,050.00
6. Loans and discounts (including \$2,927.52 overdrafts)	613,824.71
7. Bank premises owned \$5,400.00 furniture and fixtures \$2,500.00	7,900.00
12. TOTAL ASSETS	\$2,213,640.22
LIABILITIES	
13. Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships and corporations	\$1,980,717.27
15. Deposits of United States Government (including postal savings)	30,712.50
16. Deposits of States and political subdivisions	29,415.63
17. Deposits of banks	8,858.35
19. TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$2,049,703.75
23. Other liabilities	10,000.00
24. TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$2,059,703.75
CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	
25. Capital Stock:	
(a) Common stock, total par \$50,000.00	50,000.00
26. Surplus	90,000.00
27. Undivided profits	13,936.47
29. TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	153,936.47
30. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	\$2,213,640.22

MEMORANDUM

31. Assets pledged or assigned to secure liabilities and for other purposes: \$101,900.00

O. L. Cheaney, Cashier

I, O. L. Cheaney, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Attest: V. L. Grady, Mrs. B. Weaver, Clinton Lowe, Directors

Condensed Statement of Condition of THE SANTA ANNA NATIONAL BANK, SANTA ANNA, TEXAS, At the close of Business December 31, 1947

RESOURCES	LIABILITIES
Loans & discounts \$804,820.90	Capital Stock \$50,000.00
Overdrafts 2,927.52	Surplus 90,000.00
Stock Fed. Res. Bank 4,050.00	Undivided Profits 13,936.47
Banking House F & F 7,900.00	Dividend payable 1-2-18 10,000.00
QUICK ASSETS:	Deposits 2,049,703.75
Bonds & War \$835,561.50	
CCC & bills of Exchange 4,016.29	
Cash and Due from Banks 749,304.01	
1,591,881.80	
\$2,213,640.22	\$2,213,640.22

The above statement is correct. O. L. Cheaney, Cashier

Officers: W. R. Kelley, President; V. L. Grady, Chm. of Board; Mrs. B. Weaver, Vice Pres.; Roy A. Richardson, Vice Pres.; O. L. Cheaney, Cashier; T. J. McCaughan, Asst. Cash.

Directors: W. R. Kelley; V. L. Grady; Clinton Lowe; J. L. Boggus; Tom Sealy; O. L. Cheaney; Mrs. B. Weaver

Veterans News

More than 52,000 veterans in Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi were admitted to Veterans Administration hospitals during the past year. VA's Dallas branch office reported this week.

The report showed that 143,000 examinations of veterans in the three state area were given by VA in out patient clinics during the same period.

VA offices in the three states dispatched 11 million pieces of mail and conducted 1,700,000 personal interviews with veterans during 1947.

Direct payments to veterans in the Dallas branch area during the year amounted to more than \$425 million. This included disability compensation, death claims, insurance settlements and tuition and subsistence to veterans in schools or training.

At the end of the year, VA was paying disability compensation to 161,009 veterans in the three states.

More than 43,000 loans on homes, farms or businesses were guaranteed by VA during 1947, bringing the cumulative total for the three states to 75,200 loans with \$227,400,000 guaranteed by the government.

Veterans in training in the three states at year's end totaled almost 25,000. The number in school or institutional work increased 63 percent compared to a 15 per cent decrease in the number of veterans training on the job.

Around 75,000 veterans reinstated National Service Life Insurance amounting to \$10 million during the year.

Postal laws and regulations pertaining to delivery of checks for many benefits administered by VA have been modified for the greater convenience of veterans and beneficiaries.

The new regulation allow the checks to be placed in city and country post office boxes and in mail receptacles on the routes of city or rural mail carriers. Checks affected are mainly for disabled veterans and for subsistence allowance of veterans.

Mrs. W. W. McDonald of Dallas is visiting her son and wife, Dr. and Mrs. E. D. McDonald. She has had a rather remarkable recovery from a recent serious illness.

The F. T. McAden family and his brother, the T. R. McAden family of Bangs with their brother, L. H. McAden and family at Albany Sunday.

Nancy Flores, a student in the Shannon School of Nursing, was a week-end visitor in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Flores.

Announcement . . .

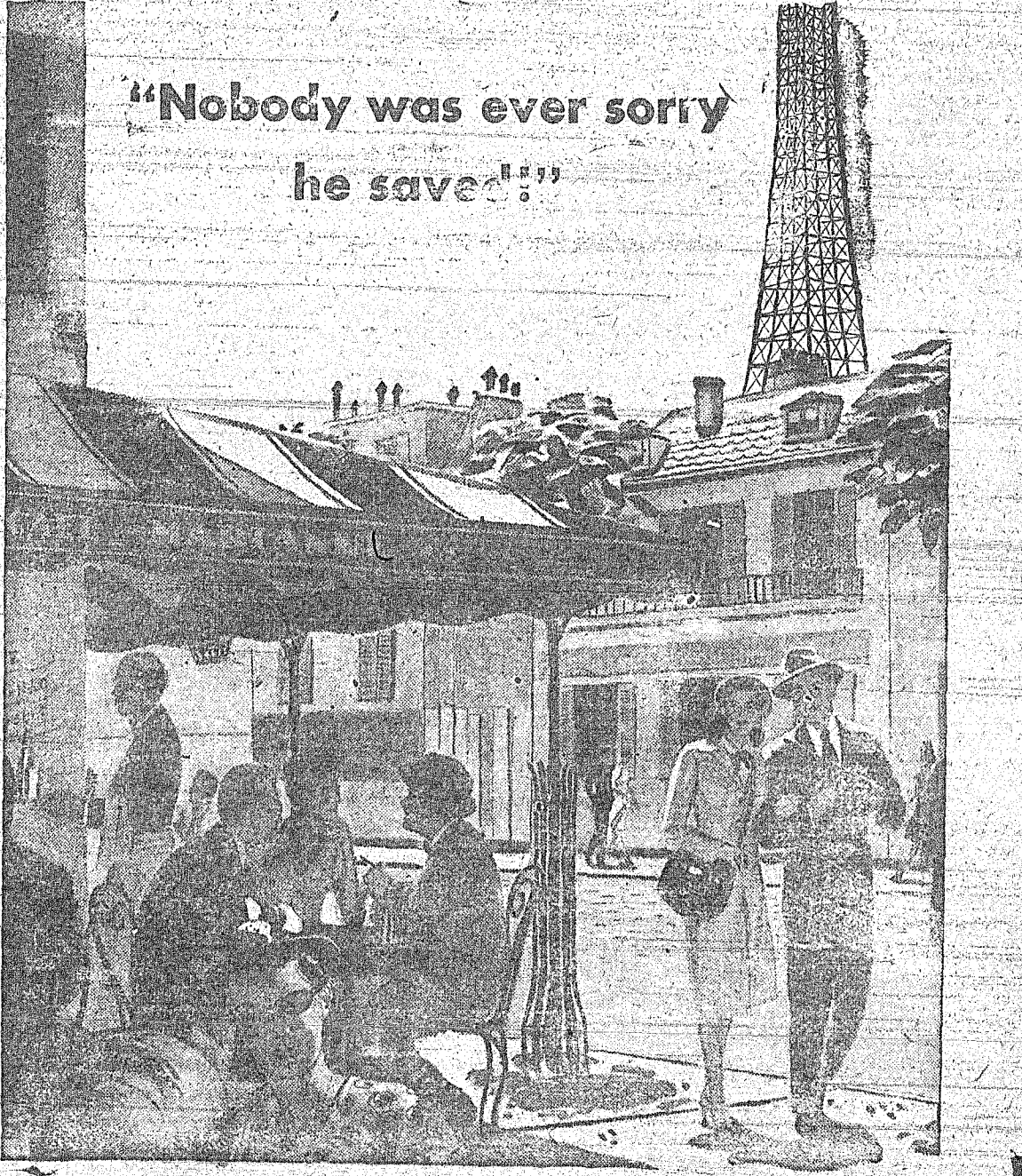
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Smith-West

On December 20, Rev. S. R. Smith performed the ceremony in his home, uniting in marriage Mrs. Myrtle Smith of Corpus Christi and Mr. W. P. West of Santa Anna. The couple were childhood sweethearts but had not heard from each other in 32 years.

A correspondence was begun last summer which led to their marriage. They are living at his home in the south part of town.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Holland are making Santa Anna their home, having moved here recently from Seymour.

Travis King and Pat Gilmore, students at Texas Tech, left on Sunday after spending the holidays here.

Qualls-Bishop

On December 23 Miss Cuddles Qualls became the bride of Alton Ray Bishop, W. T. 3-c of Santa Anna. The ceremony was performed in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Qualls in Port Arthur. Pvt. Dean Bishop, on furlough from Ft. Ord, California, attended.

The bride wore a baby blue formal with a corsage of white carnations. The happy couple came last week for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Shorty Bishop. The groom has returned to his station at Pensacola, Florida. The bride will follow when he has secured living quarters.

Wristen-Hipp

On Sunday, December 28 at 4:30 p. m., Miss Wynnell Wristen became the bride of James Hipp, the ceremony being performed by a justice of the peace in Brownwood. The groom's sister, Mrs. Raymond Rushing and Mr. Rushing were the only attendants.

For the ceremony the bride wore a white and gray striped wool suit with black accessories. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Wristen and the groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. George Hipp. The couple at present are staying with their parents but plan to make their home in Colorado City.

OVER \$92,000,000 FOR TERMINAL LEAVES PAID BY SAN ANTONIO OFFICE

More than 800,000 veterans who received their discharges in Texas have received \$7,800,000 in cash and \$84,466,000 in terminal leave bonds from the San Antonio Finance Office alone, Col. J. R. Vance, Finance Officer, announced recently. Total payments of cash and bonds made by this office in accordance with the Armed Forces Leave Act of 1946 are in excess of \$92,266,000.

Approximately one half of the amount has gone to veterans now residing in Texas, and the remainder has been distributed to veterans living in other states and in almost every country of the world. The figures do not include payments to Texans who were discharged in other states.

More than 1,000 bonds, checks and discharge certificates have been returned by the Post Office to the San Antonio Finance Office because they could not be delivered at the addresses given by the veterans on their applications. Any veteran who has filed claim for terminal leave and has neither received payment nor explanation for non-payment, is urged to write at once to the Finance Office, U. S. Army to which his claim was sent, giving his full name, enlisted serial number and present address.

There are still several thousand men in this area who have not applied for payment under the law, Col. Vance believes, and they are urged to submit claims without further delay. Although the deadline has been extended to September 1, 1948, veterans should not wait. Forms are obtainable at most post offices and Veterans Service Offices. The offices to which claims should be sent are listed on the application forms.

RESERVE COMMISSIONS OFFERED TO CIVILIANS

Civilians with special qualifications for military intelligence service may now secure commissions in the Military Intelligence Reserve or Army Security Reserve even though they have no prior military service. It was announced today by Gen. Thos. T. Handy, Commander of the Fourth Army.

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REPORTS OF AMERICAN SLAVES OF LOLOS NOT TRUE

Continuous and unrelenting investigation of all reports and leads by teams of the Graves Registration Service, Air Forces, State Department and missionaries in Western China have shown conclusively that no Americans lost during World War II are captives of the fierce Lolo tribe. Investigators ran down rumors and reports for many months and offered many rewards to the tribesmen for information. Every lead has been followed to the end and acceptable explanations for all rumors and reports have been obtained. The Department of the Army said.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Compton of Fayetteville, Mrs. J. D. Powell of Pasadena, A. B. Compton and son, A. B., Jr. of Houston, visited Friday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Jones, en route home after attending the funeral of their mother and grandmother, Mrs. L. W. Compton, which was held in Ballinger on Thursday. Mrs. Jones also attended the funeral.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Paul Voss, Pauline and Stephen and Linda Beth Moore spent Sunday in Weatherford.

Mrs. Montie Guthrie, Jr. and Les spent Sunday at the Barnett home in Coleman with her parents.

Classified

FOR SALE: We are booking pedigree Kasch, Bagley, Qualla and Harper Cotton Seed for Spring delivery. Simpson Seed Co. 46-tfc

MALE Boston bulldog strayed to my home. Owner may have same by paying for this ad. Sam H. Collier. 1tc

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FOR SALE: 8 ft. electric Frigid-Aire. Phone 139 or Pieratt Grocery. 2c

WANTED: Good sewing machine. See Mrs. George O. Wells. 2-3p

FOR SALE: 18 Barred Rock pullets, one heavy springer Guernsey heifer. Johnnie Jordan. 2-tfc

FOR SALE: 6 1/2 ft. electric Kelvinator. See Mrs. Bill Lowry or call Red 251. 2-3p

LOST: Tan zipper billfold during holidays. No money. Pictures, sentimental value. Return to News Office. 2p

Artie Jean King and Joyce Hunter left Sunday evening after spending Christmas with their parents to continue their studies at Denton.

FOR RENT: Furnished garage apartment. Rex Golston. 2p

LOST: Tuesday afternoon, December 20, a lady's small gold wrist watch, reward for return. Call Red 64. 2p

REAL ESTATE: We have for sale quite a few farms, ranches and town property. If you want to buy or sell, see us. W. V. Priddy & 'Rat' Guthrie. 2-tfc

FOR SALE: Second hand radio in good condition. 6 tubes. Macks Plumbing Co. 50nc

FARM FOR LEASE, rent, would consider farming on custom basis. B. K. Eubank, Cross Plains, Texas. 2p

FOR RENT: Southeast bedroom, private entrance, adjoining bath, telephone Black 223; Mrs. Culver. 2p

WOMEN: Why scrub and wax floors once a week? PlastiKote them once a year. Guaranteed by Good Housekeeping. Santa Anna Hardware Co. 28tfc

FOR RENT: 2 room house with bath, J. Ed Bartlett. 1-2p

FOR RENT: 4 room bungalow house, unfurnished, See O. M. Heallen. 1-2p

FOUND: A string of simulated pearls. Owner may have same by identifying and paying for this ad.

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Pop Corn Bangs, Guaranteed To Pop 10 oz. Can 15c

Veal Fine in home made soups, No. 2 can 16c
Raisins California Seedless 2 lb. cello bag 35c

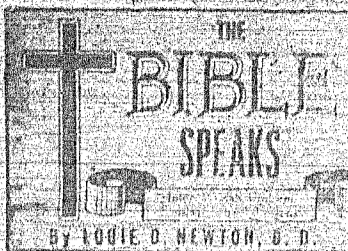
Syrup Vermont Maid 12 oz. bottle 27c
Catsup VAN CAMP Large bottle 19c

CHOICEST MEATS
Bacon Armour's Star, Sliced, pound 81c
Jowls Armour's Salt Cured pound 29c
Pork Chops Small, Lean Pound 59c
Fresh Pork Boston Butts Pound 55c
Sausage Armour's Star Pound roll 49c

FRESH VEGETABLES
Apples Fancy Red Delicious, lb. 12 1/2c
Oranges California 8 lb. mesh bag 29c
Grapefruit Tex. Seedless 8 lb. mesh bag 29c
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Carrots Large Bunch 10c

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BY LOUIE O. NEWTON, D. D.

What We Know of God

Lesson for January 11, 1948.

THE Scripture for Sunday's lesson is Isaiah 40:3-5, Matthew 6:9, John 1:1-5, Acts 17:23-31, with Psalm 33 as the devotional reading.



Dr. Newton... "Hast thou not known? Hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the world, fainteth not, neither is weary? There is no searching of his judgment, standing he power to the fault, and to them that have no might, he increaseth strength."

That is the passage from Isaiah. What a promise! In this hour when men are leading beneath the burden of a weary world, how it goes right to the heart to contemplate the words of this great and blessed prophet.

God Our Maker

"HE GIVES life and breath to all men, and maketh all things," Acts 17:25. One may say, daily, prayers should be for the thank that he has let us over our sins, to the beauty of another day. We must not take it for granted. It is the goodness and mercy of God that permits us to open our eyes to breathe, to have food to drink, He gives us life and breath and everything.

He causes the sun to shine and the tides to ebb and flow. He causes the rain to fall and the winds to bear his blessings. He holds the earth in its course. God is the maker of every good thing.

And He Is Our Father

NOT only is God the Creator and Sustainer of the physical universe, but He is also our Father. He knows us each by name. He cares for the sparrows, simply because they are sparrows. He cares for us because we are his children, made in His image, capable of fellowship with Him. The end of man, as the Catechism clearly teaches, is to enjoy God and glorify Him forever.

Read again the passage that describes Paul's visit to Athens, and how he observed that the people, though quite intelligent, were worshipping many different gods. Paul summoned them to worship the one true and living God.

When we acknowledge God as Maker and Father, we are then able to receive Him in complete assurance of His love and care for us as his adopted children.

Show Us the Father

READ again John 1:8-14, and join with Philip in the prayer, "Show us the Father." Jesus answered Philip, saying, "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father." We come to know God as Father through Jesus Christ, and only through Jesus Christ.

Jesus goes on to say to Philip, "If ye shall ask anything in my name, I will do it." The greatest need of our day and generation is a fresh understanding of God—His nature and His will. We can know Him through Jesus Christ. And we come to know Him through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Enoch walked with God. Abraham was the friend of God. David was a man after God's own heart. And Jesus came to perfectly reveal the Father. The determining factor in knowing God as Father is our willingness to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Belief in God Today

THE Bible is a Book for today—any day, every day. It reveals the purpose of creation, both of the universe and man himself. It reveals the loving concern of God for every soul. It portrays His forbearance and His mercy and His exceeding kindness, even to sinful men and women who reject His love.

Best of all, the Bible tells us the sweetest story ever told—the story of how God gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Never Use Gasoline As A Cleaning Solvent

Gasoline will not only shorten that new long skirt but also your life if you use it for dry cleaning. Texas housewives were warned today by Marvin Hall, State Fire Insurance Commissioner.

The commissioner said that improper use of gasoline caused 44 fires in August in Texas and five in September.

"Hundreds of women die tragically and needlessly every year because they insist on cleaning clothes or floors with gasoline in their homes," he continued. "Ten cents' worth of gasoline is sufficient to blow up an ordinary house."

A gasoline explosion can result from two causes, Hall explained. One is a static spark from the friction of rubbing together the cloth being cleaned, scuffing, scouring the liquid from one can four feet on a rug, or merely pouring the gasoline vapor is present. The vapor off a one gallon open can of gasoline can fill an ordinary kitchen in a few minutes.

Hall told of a tragic example in the case of a Dallas woman

who was cleaning with gasoline in her kitchen when her daughter came in and switched on the electric light. The fixture must have been defective, for it sparked and exploded the vapor so violently that the woman was blown clear through the side of the house into a vacant lot 30 feet away.

The other causes of gasoline explosions and fires is the use of it near a flame, such as the pilot on a cook stove.

A young matron living in a Houston apartment decided she would do an economical job of dry cleaning," Hall related, "so she poured gasoline into a basin placed in her kitchen sink and closed the door of the room in order to prevent the fumes from escaping into an adjoining room where her baby was asleep. She forgot there was a pilot light on the gas stove, however, or did not realize its menace, and within a few minutes fire flashed from it to the gasoline and to her clothing, burning her to death."

Gasoline has been known to have been touched off by open flames over 200 feet away, Hall said in warning Texas housewives not to do any home dry cleaning in the yard as did a woman in western Texas who was burned to death as a result.

The extreme flammability of gasoline vapors is also the reason why a person shouldn't smoke or strike a match while even sitting in his automobile at a filling station when the gas tank is being filled. The engine should be cut off while the car is being re-fueled because of the danger of sparks, Hall stated.

"Gasoline should never be kept in the house and should never be allowed to remain in an open vessel or in any can that is not tightly covered," he said. "Especially, it should not be kept in a glass bottle for if the bottle should break, liquid and fumes would escape causing a serious hazard. The safest place for gasoline in quantity is underground," he added.

Hall recommends carbon tetrachloride for removing spots from clothes and a dry cleaning establishment for clothes that need extensive dry-cleaning.

"Earth or sand should be used to smother a gasoline fire," the commissioner stated, "although the use of a chemical extinguisher would be even better. Sometimes a woolen rug or coat thrown over the fire will put it out instantly. Water applied as a spray can be used, but never as a forceful stream because this will scatter the flaming liquid."

Ft. Worth Stock Show Dates Are Announced

Preparations for a deluge of entries are being made at the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show offices here as the 1947 livestock entry deadline, Dec. 31, approaches.

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Six new livestock buildings, costing about \$1,500,000 are being rushed to completion on the Will Rogers Memorial Coliseum show ground. An enlarged and remodeled permanent horse barn of 600 horse capacity will also be ready for the show's opening.

The major construction program under way here is placing Ft. Worth's livestock show plant among the most modern and complete in the nation. Top rodeo hands will compete in the world's championship indoor rodeo that will be produced in Will Rogers Memorial Coliseum by Verne Elliott. Olsen and Johnson, appearing in person, will present ten evening and four matinee performances of their hilarious "Hellzapoppin'" in Will Rogers Memorial Auditorium. Later each night they will stage a special western show, the "Pioneer Palace Screaming Re-View," in the famous theatre-restaurant on the show grounds.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Hulet and son of Weslaco spent Friday with Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Self.



"I'VE GOT A RIGHT to a big Christmas smile," says Rose Martin of Marshall, Texas, as she rises from her wheel chair. The 14-year-old girl is going home for Christmas—walking for the first time since she was struck with polio in March—thanks to the treatment given her at the Scottish Rite Hospital for Crippled Children in Dallas. Entirely dependent on public contributions to meet its annual operating budget of over \$200,000, the hospital now is receiving donations from its many friends to carry on its humanitarian work.

Average Family's Share Of Fire Destruction, \$26.42

Direct losses by fire in 1947 will probably soar to an unprecedented \$700 million, or 23 per cent higher than last year's \$561-million losses. The first 9 months of 1947 already are 23 per cent higher than last year.

This \$700 million fire loss, if apportioned equally to America's 60 million jobholders, would cost each wage earner \$11.66.

In U. S. cities fire protection costs about \$3.69 per capita, according to the president's Conference on Fire Prevention. Thus public protection against fire would cost each family of four a total of \$14.76.

Adding \$11.66 to \$14.76 equals \$26.42, the average family's part in the direct cost of fire and the protection made necessary by threat of fire.

Chevrolet Output Reaches 1,000,000

With the production today of its one millionth vehicle in 1947, Chevrolet becomes the first single company in the automobile industry to manufacture a million cars and trucks a year since before the war.

Announcement of the production milestone was made by Nicholas Dreystadt, general manager of the Chevrolet Motor Division, who said all of the vehicles were made in the plants of Chevrolet in the U. S., and that the total does not include Canadian output.

The one million total, Dreystadt said, includes passenger cars, trucks and commercial vehicles. The last time Chevrolet manufactured one million vehicles a year before 1947 was in 1941, when domestic production reached 1,173,799 units.

Ben Melton and Mrs. E. Melton of Capitola, California arrived Saturday and are attending to business and visiting with Bill Mitchell and Mr. and Mrs. Lamar Woods.

Mrs. J. H. McCoy of Abilene visited last Friday with her mother, Mrs. R. L. Hamiter.

Mr. and Mrs. George Thomas, who have been visiting her grandmothers, Mrs. W. A. Featherstone and Mrs. C. A. Kelmer, left for their home at Woodland Hills, California, last Saturday. Mrs. Kilmer accompanied them for an indefinite visit with her daughter, Mrs. Bertha Spence at Van Nuys, California, and other members of her family in that state.

Miss Gwen Watson, Cling Hudson, Jr. of Coleman, Richard Vaughn, Donald Coleman of Seagraves, Joyce Bartlett and Barbara Bruce visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alford England on Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Morris of Oakland, California, arrived on Sunday night for a visit with her mother and sister, Mrs. B. M. McCain and Louie. Enroute here they visited her brother, Murray McCain at Rankin and before returning home they will visit her sister, Mrs. H. A. Mooney and Maj. Mooney and the children in Ft. Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Henderson of Brownwood spent the past week-end visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. McCaughan and Mrs. Lois Niell.

Mrs. Wallace Adams spent Monday shopping in Coleman.

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