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In Memoriam D. E. C.
Dorothy wasn't a run-of-the-mill person. The last time I saw her, she was 67 and about to lose the one front tooth she had left for biting into her favorite treat, a rare T-bone steak. On her meager Social Security check, that didn't happen very often.
Most of her money went for rent on her small apartment on the fifth floor of a decrepit old building with an open staircase and one of those old-fashioned elevators you could never trust to run.
She was Irish and proud of it, to the point of refusing any beverage without a shamrock on the label. Her vocabulary would have caused the grizzliest sailor to blush. Because she was hard of hearing she spoke at about the same volume as a low-flying jet plane. To her that was normal, and everyone else was a little odd.
About the only time I got to see Dorothy was when she came to stay with the house while my landlady was away on vacation. During the day I was at work, but evenings and weekends we'd meet in the kitchen, pool our ignorance about cooking, and come up with an underdone hot-dog or burned toast. It didn't matter to me what we ate so long as she'd

talk about the Indian camp at the edge of town when she was a child or the snowstorm she flew through in an open cockpit plane way-back-when. As she talked she'd gesture with her two fingers stiffened by an ancient accident, catching them in the wallpaper or knocking over a glass.
On the outside Dorothy was not a gentle person. Her somewhat wild appearance and super-loud voice hid from public view the kind of sensitivity that caused her to cradle an injured bird between her hands to keep it warm, the memories that made her suddenly weep, or the human concern that prodded her into action at the slightest hint of a problem.
There had been better days, all those years she worked at Starbuck's department store, delighted at the very presence of a customer and proud to self-supporting. The Big Fire had put an end to that. With remodeling came new and younger clerks, and a severance check.
After that here were only infrequent jobs . . . caring for elderly people or staying at Jean's house a few weeks at a time.
Although the conditions under which Dorothy lived were adverse at best, she never complained. Her mother and brothers had long since died, and her brothers' children, of whom she was so proud, hadn't so much as sent her a card in years. Her friends were her only joy. One gave Dorothy an old TV, another gave her a used refrigerator just last year, and all of them fussed at her about neglecting her health. Pride and pride alone kept her away from the medical care she needed.
Dorothy died last week, alone, as she had lived. Her nieces and

nephews were not to be found. Her friends, those few who had seen through her brusque, eccentric exterior to the lady she was, saw to it that she departed this world in dignity, surrounded by the love and respect she so richly deserved.
In her last letter to me, in pencil as always, she wrote: "I think of you often even if I don't write," I, too, Dot. I, too.

Cemetery Assoc. Meeting Sunday

The Highland Cemetery association of Iowa Park will meet in quarterly business session at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 1, at Christian church.
The Rev. Mr. Don Youngblood will bring a devotional, and musical numbers will be provided by members of United Methodist church.
Mrs. D. O. James will direct the session.

Senior Citizens

Twenty-four Senior Citizens at Monday's meeting in the United Methodist church for once were more interested in something other than winning domino games . . . that was the homecoming parade. They exchanged views on the happy event and related in glowing terms what happened to the several who were not participants last Friday.
L. P. Lambert reminded the group that next Monday will be luncheon meeting day, and to bring food and a little more cash than just the dues, to augment the treasury.
Mrs. Etta Cheshier of Holliday was a guest, here visiting her sister-in-law Mrs. Amma Cheshier. Others present were F. A. Mann and T. M. Clark; Mmes. Myrtle Travis, Lydia Hudson, Shirley Trimm, Bertha Dwyer, Myrtle McDonald, Winnie Lambert, Mae Roby; Messrs. and Mmes. J. A. Berg, Raymond Good, Ed Hayes, Hill Spruiell, R. F. Pruett.

DANIEL JOE TATOM
Mr. and Mrs. Gary Tatom are parents of a son Daniel Joe, born Sept. 1, 1972, at Wichita General hospital. Weight 7 lb 5 oz. He is their first child.
Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Oral Williams and Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Tatom of Iowa Park. Great-grandmothers are Mrs. Cecil Brown and Mrs. Eliza Robins of Perrin.
Mr. and Mrs. Tatom were born here and have lived in Iowa Park through the years. They attended school here and are graduates of IPHS.

James T. Berry, navy petty officer 3c, son of Mrs. Martha Crawford of Iowa Park, received the Combat Action Ribbon while off the coast of Vietnam aboard the guided missile destroyer USS John S. McCain. The crew received the award when the ship encountered shore battery fire while supporting operations in Quang Tri province.
NEWCOMERS
Tony Abila, 1002 S. Wall
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Lane Family Occupy Acreage and Homes Near Iowa Park

The couple Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Lane sr, who are semi-retired, and who live on a farm north of US 287 on Rifle Range Road, are fortunate to have most of their sons living close by, and most of the daughters-in-law helping in managing their two rest homes in Wichita Falls.
The Lane family business venture was started at 1640 Collins in a 3 bedroom house in 1952. The home was expanded until it contained 25 beds for patients.
In 1965, Mr. and Mrs. Lane built Lane's Nursing Home at 608 Denver. At first there were 48 beds and the next year it was expanded to 82 beds for Type 3 patients.
In 1970, Lane's Convalescent Home was constructed to accommodate Type 2 patients. There are 62 beds.
In the Lane family are the following couples:
Son: Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Lane jr, who reside at 711 West Cole man in Iowa Park. He is with civil service at SARB; and she is assistant administrator of the Convalescent home.

Son: Mr. and Mrs. Howard P. Lane, living in the Lane area. He is at SARB in civil service and she is in LVN doing private duty.
Son: Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Lane, living in the group of homes on Rifle Range Road. He is administrator of the Nursing Home on Denver.
Mr. and Mrs. K. J. Hollis, parents of Mrs. Frederick Lane. Mr. Hollis is a Wichita Falls fireman.
Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hollis. He is a highway patrolman and brother of Mrs. Frederick Lane.
Son: Mr. and Mrs. Carlton J. Lane, who reside in the Lane colony. He is administrator of the Sixth street Lane Convalescent Home. His wife is a registered nurse and works with the Denver street nursing home.
Son: Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Franklin Lane, who live at 2910 Tenth. She is with the Southwestern Bell Telephone Co.
Daughter: Lily Christine Pace, who live in San Diego, Calif.
The Lane group of homes consists of five beautiful brick structures

Workers Class

A double feature made the meeting of the Christian Workers Class in Fellowship Hall at the United Methodist church a most enjoyable affair Thursday evening. Sixty were present for the buffet dinner and program.
Dan Kingcade and The Country Boys entertained for 30 minutes on their drums and guitars and sometimes with vocal numbers. Musicians were Kingcade, Horace Broome, Arlen Shook, Larry Ashford, Bud Hudson, Jay Broome, Billy Shook, Tom Hudson. They also did several request numbers.
Four natives of Iran, students at Sheppard AFB, accompanied by Mrs. Ruby Swadley, clerk and stenographer for Sgt. Tarkington, added interest to the meeting.
They were Sgt. Kazem Garakani, A2c Safar Askarzadeh-Kouei, Mohammad Taghi Khoshboei, and Ali-Asghar Mirakhorli.
Mess green mats, yellow napkins and bowls of ceramic fruits in many colors down the center of the tables added to the festive atmosphere of the occasion.
Mrs. Paul Zink, class president, directed activities. Hosts were Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Ralston, Mrs. Ida Parker, Dr. and Mrs. R. G. Warner. The Rev. Mr. Don Youngblood led the evening prayer.
Others present included a guest Mrs. Mary Frances Farris of Houston, visiting her parents Mr.

and Mrs. Swan Reaves; Misses Mary Butcher and Ethyle Kidwell; Messrs. and Mmes. Floyd Boyd, Elgin Denny, Neil Johnson, Herman Mahler, E. H. Pearce, Travis Smith, Carl Sullivan, Geo. Travemell, Clyde Winfrey, Carroll Hester; Mmes. Etta Bennett, Opal Caddell, Emma Gauntt, Grace Hadley, Kathleen Hatten, M. L. Hines, Lydia Hudson, Bertha McDonald, Effie Winfrey, Ray Low, C. C. Robinson, Mildred Traylor, Catherine Sue Jacquart, and Don Youngblood.
Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Terrapin and children Tammy and Tommy Jr. have lived in Iowa Park the past 8 months. He is being transferred to Alaska and the family will move to Ardmore, Okla., her former home, to be near her parents while Tommy is away.

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Iowa Park Singers Dominate Area

Thirty-one students from IPHS auditioned for All-Region choir and for qualification to compete for All-Area last Saturday at Rider high school.
The top 10 from each vocal section selected for All-Region will go to Abilene and perform with that choir on Jan. 4-6.
The top five in each voice part not only qualified for All-Region choir, but will go to Abilene on Nov. 3 to try for placement in All-Area and will compete against the top five from the Abilene-San Angelo - Sweetwater - Snyder area. This will be the second step toward making All-State.
Results from Saturday's auditions were:
First soprano: Susan Teel, 4th; second soprano: Rhea Holmgren 4th, Teri Singer 6th, Amy Dressler 7th, Karen Smith 9th, Barbara Moore 10th.
First alto: Betsy Burrell 3rd, Tina Muhlinghouse 4th, Debbie Cook 5th.
Second alto: Evelyn Bradberry 6th, Paulette Bludnick 10th.
First tenor: Doug Blevins, 1st; George Teel, 3rd; Dwayne Latimer, 7th.
Second tenor: Mike O'Donnell, first: John Sykes, 2nd.
First bass: Weldon Beall, 4th; Evan Lington, 5th.
Second bass: Tom Ashley, 1st; Robin Fox, 2nd; Randy Alsop, 3rd; John Chapman, 5th; Terry Davis, 8th; Lloyd Harrison, 9th.
IPHS singers qualified 25 for All-Region and 15 for All-Area competition. There are also three who placed as alternates in the All-Region. They are Vicky Thompson, first alto; Franklin Lunsford, second tenor; and Stan Blair, first bass.
Choir Director Darrell Dick of IPHS will go to Sweetwater this Saturday to help judge Regional Auditions.
LEAH LORAIN JENKINS
Mr. and Mrs. Don Jenkins of Fort Worth are parents of Leah Loraine Jenkins born Sept. 14 in Harris hospital there. The mother is the former Kathy Peacock, a niece of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Hodges. She has visited here quite often.
Grandparents are Mrs. Bobbie Mouser of Iowa Park and Mr. Vern Jenkins.

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