

### On The BEAM

By J. W. King, Sr.

What a difference a good rain makes! Everyone is bright and cheerful now. We are all thankful for the good rains.

Alcoholism is a disease, so some say. I am sure that it is—but it is a condition brought on ones self through drinking alcohol. There are far too many alcoholics throughout the country. They are getting so numerous the business world is becoming alarmed about the situation. Alcoholics are not capable of handling business. They are so full of alcohol their brain refuses to function.

There is some talk of building a hospital in which to treat these alcoholics. Maybe that should be done but it seems to me a better way to treat the disease is to prevent people getting into the condition in the first place.

Alcohol in any form should not be sold to the public for drinking. Some will tell you that if the sale of alcohol is prohibited by law the individual liberty of people is taken away. That is true. I suppose it should be no concern of mine if my best friend wants to drink alcohol and become an alcoholic—by the same token should it be a concern of mine to cure him of the disease after he has brought it on himself. We wouldn't stand idly by and see our best friend commit suicide if we could prevent it but that is what he is doing if he consistently drinks alcohol—a slow death to be sure but death nevertheless.

There is no question but what something needs to be done for alcoholics. If something isn't done to cure the disease after a while our country will be in a terrible condition. We still contend that if alcohol is sold for drinking purposes it should be labeled as poison for that is what it is.

### North Loraine H. D. Club Has Party

Canasta, forty-two and dominoes were played when the North Loraine Home Demonstration Club hosted a party at the Lions building March 6.

Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Dexter Taylor and Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Thomas. Members and their families present were Messrs. and Mrs. G. J. Hamrick, Alva Bennett, J. E. Price, J. C. Richburg and children Dana, Rebecca and Ruth, Allen, Loyd Brame and son Kenneth, Frank Brame, M. C. Bynum and children Sherry and Jimmie, Roy Wells and daughters Katrina and Shirley, W. A. Taylor, H. C. Taylor, Sherron Adams, Homer Hart, Evert Henderson, Ralph Lankford and daughter Kay Nell, Jack Linnam and son Tommy and Roy Price.

Mrs. Berta Beights and Marie of Abilene visited Mrs. C. T. Beights Saturday night and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Chammess and children of Levelland spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Carpenter. Mrs. Chammess and children remained for this week.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Leggett Saturday night were Mr. and Mrs. James Gummels and children of McCamey, D. E. Jackson and Mrs. Allen of Dallas, Miss Ruby Eaton of Colorado City and Billy Ray Jackson.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Duesterhoeft brought her mother, Mrs. Bessie Mahoney, home Saturday after she had spent several weeks in their home in Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Hallman left Sunday for their home at Eoodman, Missouri, after spending last week in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Worth Bruce and Mrs. C. T. Beights.

Mr. and Mrs. George Mahoney Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Duesterhoeft and Mrs. Bessie Mahoney spent Sunday in Big Spring in the C. W. Mahoney home. The occasion marked the 17th wedding anniversary of the Mahoneys.

Mrs. W. S. Thomas returned home Tuesday from Amarillo where she visited in the home of her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. William Simmons.

### P. T. A. To Meet March 18th

Due to the fact that the teachers will be in a meeting at Lubbock this weekend, the regular meeting of the P. T. A. has been postponed until Wednesday of next week, March 18. Time for the meeting will be 4 o'clock. Everyone is urged to attend.

### HOSTS CLUB

Mrs. J. D. McDonald hosted three tables of 42 at the regular club meeting Wednesday afternoon. A refreshment plate of banana nut cake and grape punch was served.

Those playing were Mmes. Henry Riden, Thomas Riden, Frank Stewart, Wiley Walker, Wade Preston, Cora Hall, Clyde Smith, K. L. Taylor, W. F. James, Anna Hantsche and Frank Johnson.

### WILLARD PRATT IS PROMOTED TO ENSIGN

Newport, R. I., March 6—840 enlisted men traded their white hats for the gold trimmed caps of commissioned ensigns, as the Navy's only Officer Candidate School graduated its ninth and largest class here today.

Among those graduated was W. Willard Pratt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Pratt of Loraine, an husband of the former Miss Frankie McIntosh of Abilene.

These new officers will join other OCS graduates already serving on every type of combatant and non-combatant ship in the fleet.

Many will go to specialist schools where they will be trained further as pilots, aviation ground officers, beach masters, underwater demolition team officers or "frog men," and some will serve with the Marine Corps as gunnery liaison officers.

These men, in four months of intensive study and training, have covered the same "Naval subjects" that college ROTC students do in four years. From most in their study was gunnery, navigation, seamanship, engineering, damage control and operations.

To qualify for line officer's candidate school, a person must be a college graduate, be between the ages of 19 and 27, and pass a rigid physical examination. The only exception to age limitation are candidates for restricted line commissions who may be between the ages of 19 and 33.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Faulkenberry over the weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Forest Faulkenberry and children Pamela and Ricky, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Faulkenberry, Jr. and daughter, and Mrs. E. J. Eaves, all of Lamesa, Dr. and Mrs. Garland Faulkenberry and children of Brownfield, and Pauline and Vonelle Faulkenberry of Fort Worth. Others visiting Sunday afternoon were Mr. and Mrs. James Gummels and children of McCamey.

W. J. West and daughters Mrs. Leon Duke and Mr. Duke and Mrs. Alvin Jarratt and Mrs. W. S. Thomas and Mrs. C. H. Bell accompanied Mrs. West to Abilene hospital Sunday afternoon, where she had medical examination. She was brought home Wednesday.

D. F. Bjans of Abilene visited his mother, Mrs. N. J. Brians, Sunday morning and she returned to Abilene with him. After a visit there and in Weatherford with a daughter and family she will go to Shreveport, Louisiana, the last of this week for an indefinite visit with a daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. McMillan.

Mrs. Lena B. Smith and daughter Lena Rae and Nellene Farnell visited Mrs. Smith's aunt and family in Merkel Sunday afternoon.

Guests of Rev. and Mrs. Leonard Hartley Sunday were his cousin, Jack McPeak, senior at Wayland College, and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Weiss and son Roy Lee of Edmondson.

### Loraine Drug Is Remodeling Front

The Loraine Drug, owned and operated by Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Boone, has been undergoing a face lifting the past week. The front of the building was entirely changed. In place of the old double door entrance one large glass door now serves the purpose, and instead of the show windows glass has been put in straight across the front which displays the entire store at a glance.

### NORTH LORAIN H. D. CLUB

What my wedding dress was like is how each member answered roll call when the club met March 4, in the home of Mrs. Alva Bennett. Many hearty laughs were enjoyed as wedding pictures were shown.

The club voted to give \$5 to the Red Cross fund. Mrs. Sherron Adams gave a demonstration on making ear screws and Mrs. Homer Hart gave a demonstration on how to handle and attach interfacings.

Plans were made to sponsor a 42 and domino party at the Lions Club building March 6.

Next meeting will be with Mrs. M. C. Bynum March 18. Refreshments were served to one visitor, Mrs. Doyle Hester, and 14 members: Mmes. W. A. Taylor, J. E. Price, H. C. Taylor, Homer Hart, Roy Wells, W. I. Barron, M. C. Bynum, Jim Johnson, J. C. Richburg, Ralph Lankford, Harold Hallmark, Sherron Adams and O. J. Hamrick.

### Music Pupils Entertain T. S. T. A.

Pupils of Mrs. Doris Martin in colorful chorus and dance numbers entertained the Mitchell County Teachers Association meeting here Thursday evening, March 5.

Springtime in Holland, The Farmer in the Dell and Gypsy Life were given by Paula Coffee, Jackie Coffee, Beverly Harris, Beverly Johnson, Barbara Combs, Patsy Hudgins, Linda Linder, Virginia Templeton and Linda Cary. Mrs. Martin accompanied and played Yucatec and Spanish dance foreigns interludes and introductions to the gaily costumed presentations.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Clark and daughter Pat of Lubbock spent Saturday night in the home of his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Richey, and the Richeys accompanied them to Cisco Sunday, where they visited a cousin and family, and a sister and husband Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Smith, at Coleman.

Mrs. W. R. McAfee of Wichita Falls is here this week visiting Mrs. C. T. Beights.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Dobbis attended the funeral of his uncle Wood McIver, at Lubbock Monday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Johnson, Sgt. and Mrs. Bobby Johnson and baby and Russell Zerkle visited from Wednesday until Friday in Coleman with relatives. Their daughter and baby, Mrs. Billy Jones, returned with them and are visiting here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Regers of Big Spring visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Rogers, Sunday.

Mrs. Frank Johnson visited Mrs. Matt Johnson, a patient in St. John Hospital in San Angelo Friday and Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Wimberley of Crane visited his father, W. E. Wimberley, and brother Mr. and Mrs. V. H. Wimberley, over the weekend.

James Beights of Lubbock was in Loraine last week attending to business.

Mr. and Mrs. Truman Nix and sons Glen and Randy of Andrews spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Webb.

Classified Ads Pay

### Methodist Men Set Date For Bean Feed

The Methodist Men met in their regular meeting at the church Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock. A covered dish supper was served to all present by the refreshment committee. Wiley Walker had charge of the program and led the group in a general discussion of the affairs of the church. The future program of the men's organization was discussed and plans were laid for the annual Bean Feed which is to be on the night of April 13th.

Present for the meeting were James Bennett, W. H. Jean, K. L. Taylor, Worth Bruce, Martin Dobbis, Pete McAnally, J. C. Richburg, Alva Bennett, Otis Richey, Charlie Hamilton, Floyd Richey, T. C. Wilson, Piez Beaty, Jim Templeton, Wiley Walker, Gus Scown, Roy Wells, Bruce Johnson, J. W. Richburg, Earnest Meadows, Wade Preston and Rufus Kitchens.

### Doyle Mayes Helps In Holland Flood

The following is quoted from the Midland Reporter-Telegram and was written by special correspondent Grace Halsell.

The Hague, when the flood disaster struck with hurricane force in Holland, an "army" of Americans moved in to help.

Many of them were Texans, and even though they were tall, sturdy ones like Pvt. Doyle Mayes who has worked in West Texas oil fields or farm boys like Pvt. James Frederick of Naacogoches, the boys admitted "we never worked harder in all our lives."

They filled thousands of sand bags, worked on roads, repaired dikes, and important also they cemented friendly relations between two good neighbors—the Dutch and the Americans.

Holland is the closest place I've seen in all of Europe, said Pvt. Virgle R. Nelson, 26 of Childress, Texas, son of Mrs. O. Nelson of that West Texas town. He was voicing the opinion of most of the 2,000 U. S. soldiers who helped in the Dutch disaster.

Americans working 16 hours a day, sometimes in water up to their hips, risked life and limb but most medical cases treated in the mobile hospital unit set up at Brenda were not serious cases, Pvt. M. Gonzales of Falfurrias reported. The mobile hospital unit had a 60 bed capacity, and most of the beds were filled during the Americans stay. We treated broken arms, broken legs and many flu cases the Texas boy reported.

The two boys mentioned at the first of the story are from Loraine and Naacogoches.

Pvt. Mayes tall, is six feet, four inches tall, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Olen Mayes of Loraine. He worked a large part of the time in water above his knees. He and Pvt. Frederick, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Frederick of Garrison, were piling sandbags to rebuild the dike near Zevenbergen.

Each sandbag weighed from 50 to 150 pounds. Carrying them around all day can wear you out by the time the day is finished, said Mayes.

Both Mayes and Frederick admitted "it was plenty hard work" but both were glad they could help out.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Bowlin and Sugie visited in the home of his brother in Floydada Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Walker and Mr. and Mrs. Troy Kegans and Mrs. Troy and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Albright and baby in Odessa Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd J. Noel and daughters of Brownfield spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Noel. The Noel grandson, Fred Blankenship of Roscoe, also spent the weekend in their home. Other visitors Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Dub Blankenship of Roscoe, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Graham and baby, and Mr. Stanley Graham and baby.

Weekend guests of Supt. and Mrs. Homsley were his parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. P. Homsley of Poolville, and an uncle, J. L. Homsley of Fontana, California.

### Colorado City Wins Track Meet Here

The Colorado City team, with Don Maynard, Hollis Gainey, and Berman Corbell carrying the brunt of the action, ran away with the first annual Roster Relays here Saturday, piling up 51 1/2 points to runner-up Hamlin's 23.

Maynard won first in the high and low hurdles, Gainey came out in front in both the 100 yard and 220 yard dashes, and Corbell won both the high jump and broad jump.

Following Colorado City's 51 1/2 and Hamlin's 23 were Winters with 22, Hobbs with 17 1/2, Brownfield with 15, Stamford 10, Roby 7, Hermleigh 6, Highland 5, Stanton and Loraine with 3, and Coahoma with 2.

South Taylor, Robert Lee, Noodle, Lueders, and Big Lake failed to place in the 17-team track meet, originated this year by Elbert Yoes, who came here as head coach of the Bulldogs last year.

Corbell of Colorado City was high individual point maker with 16 1/2; Maynard was second with 15 1/2 and Gainey third with 10.

Hamlin took three firsts, Winters two, Hermleigh, Hobbs, Stamford and Highland one each. James Burkhardt, Kenneth Kelley, Jimmy Ray, and Joe Don Hilmer of Hamlin won the sprint relay in 46.8, and the Pied Piper foursome of Kelley, Hymer, Burkhardt and Glenn Smith won the mile relay in 3:48.9. Cowan won Hamlin's first, taking the 440 yard dash in 55.9.

Winters won the special 880 yard relay in 1:39.7 with Dalvin Awalt, Bobby Holland, W. T. Holbrook and Benny Colburn composing the winning team.

Lee Wood cleared the bar at 10 feet to win the pole vault for Winters' other first place.

Stamford's lone first came when Keith Miles heaved the shot 46 feet 14 inches.

Louie Hayes of Hobbs won the mile run in 4:59.7; Douglas Chittay of Hermleigh won the 880 yard run in 2:13.2; and Blair of Highland sailed the discus 130 feet 4 inches.

Gainey's times in the 100 and 220 were 10.6 and 23.7. Maynard cleared the high hurdles in 15.7 and the lows in 21.9. Corbell in the broad jump cleared 10 feet 8 inches and cleared the bar at 5 feet 7 inches in the high jump.

Reg. Johnson of Loraine took second place in the broad jump.

Woodrow Pratt, W. H. Narrell and Gene Baird attended the Arizona State-Hardin-Simmons basketball game in Abilene Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Coffee of Grandfalls spent the first of the week with his mother, Mrs. T. J. Coffee, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Mason Richburg and children of Abilene visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Wheeler, Sunday.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Martin Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Herbert A. Martin and family of Amarillo, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Martin and family of Snyder, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Floyd Martin and family of Looney.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wyatt of Cleburne are here visiting in the home of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Boone.

Mrs. C. T. Beights and her guest, Mrs. W. R. McAfee of Wichita Falls, spent the weekend in Midland visiting Rita Beights and other relatives.

Doyle Combs sang Old Man River and Ma Linda Lou, accompanied by his teacher, Mrs. Doris Martin, at the Bowie School talent show sponsored by the P. T. A. in Sweetwater Friday night, March 6. There were no prizes, and the performers staged their numbers for benefit of the school.

Funeral services were held at Gorman for H. H. Linder, 78, A. M. Jackson was honored on his 83rd birthday at the home of his son and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Spikes, Mrs. Fay McCollum and Miss Gladys Spikes visited Mr. and Mrs. Burr Brown in Coahoma Sunday.

### Loraine Faculty Host TSTA Meeting

The Loraine school faculty hosted a banquet for the Mitchell County Unit of the Texas State Teachers Association at the school cafeteria Thursday evening, March 5.

Spring colors of red and green were used in decorations. Tables held bowls of ivy as centerpieces and place cards were red and yellow tulips on which the menu and program were memographed. Invocation was given by Rev. Leonard Hartley. Mrs. Doris Martin presented a group of pupils, Paula Coffee, Barbara Combs, Virginia Templeton, Patsy Hudgins, Linda Cary, Linda Linder, Beverly Harris, Beverly Johnson and Jackie Coffee, in song and dance numbers.

Following a short business session, Supt. Homsley introduced Carl Anderson of Sweetwater, speaker of the evening, Mrs. Jewel Richter of Colorado City presided.

Among the one hundred present were Supt. and Mrs. Paty of Hermleigh, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bell of Colorado City, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. King and Rev. and Mrs. Lenard Hartley, the Loraine school board members and the school faculties of the county and their husbands and wives.

### Lone Star Gas Taps Jameson Gas Field

Lone Star Gas Company has tapped the Jameson field in a move to strengthen the gas supply for distribution systems in Taylor, Nolan, Mitchell and Scurry counties, according to an announcement by Julian L. Foster of Dallas, general superintendent of the company's transmission division. These distribution systems include Abilene, Merkel, Trent, Sweetwater, Hermleigh, Snyder, Colorado City, Loraine and Roscoe, Mr. Foster said.

Gas from the Jameson field in northwest Coles county will be delivered through a 25 mile pipeline of 8-inch diameter recently completed at a cost approximately \$400,000. The line extends northwest from a point near Silver to Lone Star's transmission network near the Texas Electric Service Company's Morgan Creek power plant four miles southwest of Colorado City.

The line is ready for operation and is scheduled, beginning in May, to take approximately ten million cubic feet of gas per day. Maximum daily capacity is 25 million cubic feet. The line will be supplied with residue gas from the Sun Oil Company's new gasoline plant in the Jameson field.

Ralston Bruce of McMurry College spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Worth Bruce.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Combs visited in the Glen Thomas home in Sweetwater Friday.

Mrs. Frank Stewart and Mrs. James Stewart and Frankie were visitors in Abilene Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Neely of Andrews spent the weekend in the homes of her sisters, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Thomas, and Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Pratt.

Other dinner guests of the Thomases Sunday were Mrs. Albert Willford of Roscoe and Mr. and Mrs. Olen Mayes.

J. T. Hock visited in the home of his son, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lee Hock, at Snyder Sunday.

Dinner guests of Mrs. Marion Mahon Sunday were Miss Sophie Klas of Sweetwater, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Crownover, Mrs. Doris Martin and Miss Annie Jarratt.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wells Saturday were her sister and family, Rev. and Mrs. Linnam Prentice and son of San Angelo.

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Miss Gladis Merket and David McKinzie were married.

### Black-Tilley Wedding Vows Said

Miss Robbie Lee Tilley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Tilley of Refugio, Texas, and Donald Gene Black, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Black, were married at the home of the groom's parents at 9:30 p. m. Sunday, March 8, the Rev. Lenard Hartley officiating at the double ring ceremony.

Miss Christine Tilley of Refugio, sister of the bride, was bridesmaid. She wore a dress of turquoise nylon taffeta styled fitted bodice, Peter Pan collar with black accessories and wore a shoulder corsage of pink carnations.

Best man was Tommy Lee Black, cousin of the bridegroom, of Colorado City.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a white bridal satin dress made with white lace overskirt and white lace fitted jacket made with tiny collar raglan sleeves and buttoned with tiny milk white buttons. She carried a white Bible topped with a white orchid and feathered with white carnations.

Recorded wedding music was "The Loveliest Night of the Year" and the Bridal March.

The bride's mother wore a pink shantung dress, black accessories and a white carnation corsage. The groom's mother wore a navy linen suit with red accessories and corsage of white carnations.

At the reception following the wedding, the table was laid with a hand crocheted cloth. The three tiered wedding cake was topped with a miniature bride and groom. Miss Ruby Eaton of Colorado City and Mrs. Smokey Swann of Odessa presided at the refreshment table serving the cake with fruit punch.

Guests were from Refugio, Colorado City, Loraine, Snyder, and Odessa, Texas, and Dyer, Arkansas. After a short wedding trip the couple will be at home on Route 3, Colorado City, where he is engaged in farming.

### DEMONSTRATE BASKET MAKING IN REA BUILDING

Members of the North Loraine Home Demonstration Club gave a demonstration on reed basket making at the R. E. A. building in Colorado City Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Devey Norman of Lamesa and Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Norman of Colorado City were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bennett Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Devey Norman will be remembered as the former Bessie Van Wee.

Mrs. Olan Griffith of Snyder visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bennett, Friday.

Paula Coffee and Shirley Wells attended an officers meeting of the Methodist Youth Council held at the First Church in Colorado City Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. J. L. Anders of Fort Worth is here visiting in the home of her son, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Anders.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bee Wilkerson Sunday were his sisters, Mrs. Ollie Carlow of Texarkana, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Merket of Cisco.

Those attending the Mitchell-Scurry Baptist Workers Conference held at the Ira church Tuesday night were Rev. and Mrs. Lenard Hartley, Rev. W. D. Green, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Hallmark, and Gene Baird.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Riden spent Monday night in Spenrden visiting in the home of their daughter, Rev. and Mrs. Cletus Beights and Gaylon. Mrs. Beights and Gaylon returned with her for a visit this week.

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### Slow Soaking Rains Best In Years Visit This Section Sunday

Rain, slow soaking rain, came for a visit to this section Sunday and remained with us until Monday, and it was still cloudy and misting Tuesday morning with promises of more rain.

Maybe the drought has not been broken, but we have the best season in the ground we have had at this time of year for many months. The rain fell slow and every bit of it soaked into the thirsty fields where it fell.

Rain the past two weeks have amounted to 2.10 inches here at the government gage, while some have reported a great deal more at various places around the territory. The last week in February produced .60 inches in three showers and March, up to 6 p. m. Monday, had left 1.50 inches, making a total of 2.10 for the period.

The moisture will be of much benefit to small grain as well as pasture land and fields. We have heard some farmers say they had enough moisture for planting when the time comes if the weeds are not permitted to sap it out.

Farmers, merchants and every body else are all happy about the good rains as prospects for making something are brighter than they have been for three years.

### Loraine Boys Show Stock At Abilene

L. D. Crawford and a group of his Ag. boys were in Abilene the first of this week, carrying their hogs, calves and chickens to the fat stock show. Making the trip were Kenneth Merket, James Hallmark, Jackie McDonald, Edward Beaty, Henry Hall and Gary Mathis.

### NOTE: ALFALFA GROWERS

The Alfalfa Growers Association of Mitchell County will have a meeting Monday night, March 16, at the REA building in Colorado City. Everyone interested is urged to attend.

### Mr. and Mrs. Roger Crippliver

of Fort Worth spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Meadows, J. K. Mahon of Weatherford accompanied them and remained for a visit this week with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Meadows had their two daughters and two sons and their families with them over the weekend; Mr. and Mrs. Roger Crippliver of Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Coston and sons of McCamey, Sgt. Hubert Meadows of San Antonio, and Mr. and Mrs. Forest Meadows.

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**Methodist Church**  
Methodist church calendar  
Church School ..... 10 a. m.  
Morning Worship ..... 11 a. m.  
M. Y. Fellowship ..... 6:45 p. m.  
All Prayer Groups ..... 6:45 p. m.  
Mid-Week Service ..... 7:30 p. m.  
Evening Worship ..... 7:30 p. m.  
M. Y. F. Recreation ..... 8:35 p. m.

**Church of Christ**  
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Morning Worship ..... 10:30  
Communion Service ..... 11:30  
Evening Service ..... 7:45  
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**Bethel Baptist Church**  
Sunday School ..... 10 a. m.  
Preaching ..... 11 a. m.  
Training Union ..... 7 p. m.  
Prayer Meeting Wednesday Evening ..... 7:30 p. m.

**Church of Christ**  
Corner Lightfoot and Colorado Sunday  
10:00 a. m. Bible Study  
10:45 a. m. Preaching, and Communion  
6:00 p. m. Young People Meet  
7:00 p. m. Preaching Monday  
2:30 p. m. Ladies Bible Class Wednesday  
7:00 p. m. Mid-Week Service  
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**Baptist Church Notes**  
Sunday School ..... 9:45 a. m.  
Morning Worship ..... 11 a. m.  
Training Union ..... 7:30 p. m.  
Sunday Night Service ..... 8:30 p. m.  
Monday  
W. M. U. ..... 3 p. m.  
R. A.'s. and G. A.'s. ..... 4 p. m.  
Prayer Meeting Wednesday ..... 8:00 p. m.

**Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church**  
Sunday School ..... 10 a. m.  
Sermon ..... 11 a. m.  
Training Union ..... 7:30 p. m.  
Sermon ..... 8:15 p. m.  
WEDNESDAY NIGHT Bible Study ..... 8 p. m.  
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**Gospel Mission**  
Regular services will be held at the Loraine Gospel Mission on Saturday night and Sunday night at 7 o'clock. Bible School will be at 10:30 Sunday morning.

**Salem Lutheran Church**  
Sunday School ..... 9:45  
Divine Services: 10:45  
Sunday Morning and Evening

## Know Loraine's Business, Professional Men and Women



Meet Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Narrell.  
Mr. Narrell was born near Loraine and has lived here all of his life. Mrs. Narrell is the former Kate Stewart. They have three children, Don, in O. C. S. at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio; Mrs. Douglas Smith, who is with her parents while her husband, Lt. Smith, is serving overseas, and Beth Narrell, senior in Loraine High School.  
Mr. and Mrs. Narrell lived on their farm North of Loraine until 1945 when they bought a home and moved to Loraine. In 1950 he sold the M&M Tractor and Studebaker automobile business in Colorado City, which he had owned and operated since 1936. Since then he has been looking after his farming interests. He is President of the Loraine Independent School Board. They are both members of the Baptist Church.

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**BAPTIST W. M. U. CIRCLES**  
The Elizabeth Pool Circle met at the fellowship hall Monday afternoon with Mrs. Edwin Hallmark bringing the Bible study lesson from First and Second Samuel.

Meeting was opened with the group singing, If Jesus Goes With Me, followed by a short business session and prayers for the sick led by Mrs. Leach.

Present were Mmes. Edwin Hallmark, Loyd Wiggins, A. R. Miles, Harvey Leach and B. Lee.

The Mewshaw Circle met with Mrs. Hal Bennett. Rescues the Perishing was sung by the group to open the program, followed by prayer by Mrs. W. D. Green.

Mrs. Jack Richey brought the devotional. In the business meeting Mrs. Bennett resigned as chairman and Mrs. J. C. Hall, Sr. was appointed to fill the office. Mrs. Bennett read a letter from Mrs. Mewshaw for whom the circle is named. Mrs. Bennett also gave a very interesting review of the book, The West is Big.

Refreshments were served to Mmes. J. W. King, W. C. Rogers, W. D. Green, Henry Howell, J. M. Meek, J. C. Hall, Jack Richey and Roy Baird.  
The Lottie Moon Circle met



**Today's Recipe**  
Mrs. Jack Albright  
Barbecue Sauce—1 bottle catsup, 1 bottle Worcestershire sauce (small), 1 large onion, juice of one large or two small lemons, 1/2 lb. butter or margarine, 1/2 cup Crisco, dash of tabasco sauce. Simmer. Use especially on pork chops or chicken.

Banana Salad—1 pkg. cream cheese, 1 can cubed pineapple, 2 bananas (squeeze a small amount of lemon on bananas to prevent turning dark), 1/2 cup nuts if desired. Mix cream cheese with small amount of pineapple juice from pineapple. Add pineapple, chopped bananas and pecans. Chill and serve in bowl or on lettuce leaf.  
For a variation add halved white seedless grapes to above. This is good as a salad or a lessert with chicken or quail especially.

Baked pork and beans—1 1/2 to 18 oz. can of pork and beans, 2 T. brown sugar, 1/4 cup catsup, 1 can mushrooms (chopped). Brown bacon and 1 onion. Add to above ingredients. Season with bacon drippings. Add a little flour if too soupy before cooking. Bake at 300 degrees F. for 1 1/2 hours. Serves 4.

Mock Filet Mignon—1 lb. of ground meat, 4 slices bacon. Divide meat into four portions.

Bible was divinely inspired. Present were Mmes. Joe Terry Howard Tart, Gene Baird, Leonard Hartley, Gene Britton, and Elbert Yoes.

The Myrtle Barber Ware Circle met with Mrs. Wade Preston. Mrs. Pauline Smiley led the opening prayer, followed by a short business session. Mrs. Wilmon Tart taught the Bible lesson. Others present were Mrs. Evert Henderson and Mrs. J. L. Pratt.

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Abb Pratt of Abilene and Woodrow Pratt made a business trip to Lubbock Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Merket of Cisco were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Merket Sunday.

**LUNCHROOM MENUS**  
Monday—Macaroni and cheese loaf, English pea salad, Harvard beets, corn, enriched bread, butter, grapefruit slices, milk.  
Tuesday—Meat balls, blackeye peas, cole slaw, white bread, jelly with fruit, milk.  
Wednesday—Pressed ham sand wiches, pork and beans, sliced tomato and lettuce, peach cobbler, milk.  
Thursday—Red beans cooked with salt pork, buttered spinach, can tomatoes, onions, pickles, cornbread, butter, gingerbread,

Friday—Roast and gravy, buttered rice, green beans, hot rolls, pineapple pudding, milk.

**Mr. Farmer:**  
Here is the news in farm equipments that you have been waiting to hear . . .  
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Some of his favorites are: sport, tennis; subject, shorthand; actor, John Wayne; actress, Ester Williams; color, blue dish, fried chicken. He has no favorite girl. He says he just likes them all.

After graduation Hal plans to enter Hardin-Simmons. He plans to make a preacher. We wish him all the luck in the future.

our voting delegate, represented Loraine.

A very nice program was held Saturday morning and also Saturday afternoon. All the Loraine girls agreed that the Vice President of the City Council gave us a lot of helpful suggestions in his speech.

Ten girls and two sponsors attended. Those attending the meeting were Faye Mercer, Dixie Templeton, Georgia Miles, Barbara Homsley, Angie Lou Adams, Joyce Coldevey, Faye Nell Jackson, Connie Liles, Paula Coffey, Gaylene Taylor, and Mrs. Horace Miles and Mrs. L. D. Crawford. Everyone reported having a nice time.

Both homemaking classes 1 and 2 are still on clothing construction.

**Freshman News**

The fish all seemed to have a nice weekend. Everyone is happy over our rain. Some of the Music 1 class is planning to attend Hardin-Simmons Cowboy Band Thursday night at Sweetwater.

The girls have been making blouses in H. E. (Would you cut this buttonhole. Quesada???)

**Senior News**

The senior class is sponsoring a magician show that all ages will enjoy on Friday night, March 13, 7:30 p. m. The show is one in a series provided by the Southern School Assemblies.

Come see Duncan who will prove to be mystifying and humorous. He has a colorful show outlined for you. If you enjoy magical entertainment, do not miss this chance.

Admission is as follows: Adults 35c, high school students 25c, elementary students 15c. Help the senior trip by marking this date down in your date book and attend the show.

**Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Mercer** and Joe returned last week after visiting relatives in Oklahoma.

**SIDELIGHTS FROM WASHINGTON**

By George Mahon

Someone has said that there are no experts on Soviet Russia—only men in varying states of ignorance. Nevertheless, millions of people of the free world are speculating upon what may happen now that dictator Joseph Stalin is dead, and his successor has been appointed. Undoubtedly, the world situation will be more explosive and dangerous for a time.

Stalin's pattern of action had become somewhat predictable. With Stalin in the saddle there seemed to be no way to break the stalemate between the free

world and the communist world, but many of our leaders had come to believe that Stalin would not in his old age risk a big war with the United States which might destroy him and everything he had built up. The new dictator Malenkov is practically unknown to the Western World. No one can foresee what may happen inside Russia during the next few months. Perhaps it is fair to say that there are elements of grave danger and elements of new hope for peace in the new situation.

In the House Committee on Appropriations we are in the third week of hearings on the defense budget. Thousands of pages of non-secret parts of the hearings are being printed and will later be released to the public. Even though the hearings are closed, there is wide spread interest in developments.

If we cannot cut the defense budget and if we do not materially reduce Government spending otherwise, our chances for tax relief will be diminished. It is too early to predict what may happen, and I make no prediction. However, I do feel that the people of the country have a basis for the hope that economies will be effected, spending reduced, and the way cleared for some future tax relief. Of course, much will depend upon the world situation.

Among the non-official visitors to Washington a few days ago was the nowboy star and good-will man, Gene Autry. Gene had lunch on the Senate side of the Capitol with a few of us Texans and some of his Oklahoma friends. More than one of us told him that we thought he was making a valuable contribution toward the building of American character by his whole some type of entertainment. Every guest at the luncheon came away with at least one photograph which Gene had autographed for some youngster.

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**Introducing a Senior**

On April 12, 1953 Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Haralson became the proud parents of a baby boy. They decided to name the boy Hal Holmes. Hal was from Hal Duckner who founded the Buckner's Orphan Home and Holmes was from Oliver Wendal Holmes. Hal has attended school at

Loraine all twelve years and has always been a grade A student. He has many friends and is liked by all his classmates and teachers.

He was class president his junior year and also his senior year. He was junior candidate for F. H. A. Sweetheart. He has been an F. F. A. member all four years of high school. In 1952 he lettered in baseball. This year he is business manager for the annual and was voted "most studious" by all high school members.

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**Band News**

The Loraine Band was honored to have our band director, Mr. Hughs, play in the Abilene Symphony Monday, March 9. The Loraine Band had planned to attend the Abilene Symphony concert but because of bad weather it was thought best not to have a bus load of members on the highway.

Although the band was disappointed at not being able to attend the concert we will attend the Hardin-Simmons Cowboy Band concert Thursday night at Sweetwater. The Cowboy Band has a promising performance for its audience, including forty-five minutes of classical music and the other portion of the program containing the concert which the Cowboy Band toured Europe with. We know this concert is a wonderful demonstration of musical talent, therefore the Loraine Band are certainly looking forward to the concert performed by the Hardin-Simmons Band at Sweetwater Mar. 12.

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**F. H. A. News**

The F. H. A. girls enjoyed the area meeting held in Midland this past weekend.

The meeting was started off with a supper in the high school cafeteria on Friday evening. Registration took place Saturday morning from 8 to 9:30.

The new officers were elected and installed, also a State delegate was selected. Georgia Miles,

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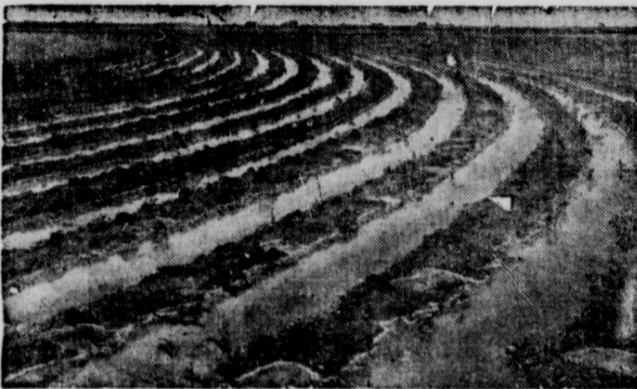
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Mitchell County Soil Conservation News



**Sideoats Grama, a good native grass.**  
In our discussions thus far on grasses suitable for reseeding we have discussed mainly the introduced grasses. This week we desire to discuss a good native grass which will grow successfully in this area. Sideoats grama is one of the best known of the grama grasses and it is a native of the plains and prairies of North America. This grass is a perennial, medium tall, leafy, palatable grass with scaly rhizomes and deep roots. Bunch types are common but this grass usually forms a sod cover under grazing. The leaves of sideoats are fairly wide and about 6 in. long. Seed stems grow 2 to 3 feet tall, with a number of seed spikes arising from one side of the stem. It is one of the easiest of the grasses to learn and recognize.

Sideoats grama is a summer growing grass having an extremely wide range of adaptation. By many it is considered the most versatile of the native grasses for it will grow well on soil types ranging from sandy loam to heavy clay soils. It seems to grow well in all except the deep sands and the very driest areas. It is common in the well-drained, shallow, eroded soils, preferring neutral to slightly alkaline types. It is not adapted to the deep sands or low altitudes having less than 14 inches of rainfall annually. The root system of sideoats is moderately deep, and makes a wide lateral spread. It is effective in the utilization of moisture and is very drought resistant.

Sideoats should be planted in the early spring so that the seedlings will emerge after the last killing frost in the spring. The seed-bed should be firm, well prepared, and relatively free of weeds. The planting rate is ten to fifteen pounds per acre in pure plantings if the seed is drilled and 7 to 10 pounds if planted in rows. The rate will vary with the quality of seed but the minimum rate should provide for about 5 seedlings per square foot. The seed should be covered lightly not over 1/2 inch deep. The young seedling plants can tolerate some weed competition from low growing weeds, but the taller shade forming weeds should be controlled. Protection from grazing until the plants become well established is also necessary in securing good stands. Sideoats grama is often planted as part of a mixture with other grasses and may contain as much as half of the mixture with good success. It is of intermediate height and associates itself well with taller bluestems as well as the shorter grasses such as buffalograss.

Sideoats grama produces an abundance of leafy, highly palatable forage which is mostly utilized as grazing, either green or cured on the plants. About 40 to 50 percent of the annual growth of this grass can be harvested by animals each year and enough will be left to promote plant growth and provide leaves and stems in the form of litter to break the fall of beating rain and prevent water erosion and runoff. A good thrifty stand of this grass will produce from 4000 to 5000 pounds of forage per year. If used for seed production it may yield from 100 to 200 pounds of seed per acre. Sideoats is a nutritious grass which is moderately high in protein and carries out well making it readily eaten by livestock the year around. It is especially suitable for replanting abandoned cultivated fields and for over seeding range land in poor range condition.

Henry Hoyle, district cooperater in the Valley View area, has recently planted 2 acres to spring alfalfa. This was planted in a large waterway which runs through the farm. It was planted on a clean firm seed-bed with the district owned grass seed drill at the rate of 20 pounds per acre. This conservation crop will be utilized for erosion control and for grazing.

W. T. Dabbs, cooperater in the Rogers school area, has recently completed about 4 1/2 miles of new terraces on his 900 acre stock farm. These terraces were built with a maintainer. He plans to seed about 30 acres of form-



By John C. White, Commissioner

Note: The following story on a subject which directly affects the whole picture of Texas agricultural economy is by Glenn Shelton, farm editor of the Wichita Falls Record News. His observations are especially appropriate at this time when Texas farmers are preparing for another crop year. John C. White, Commissioner of Agriculture.

**Future of Texas Cotton**  
The new red scourge of Texas cotton lands is the pink bollworm. But there seems to be a dangerous tendency on the part of farmers to treat it casually. Farmers have been confronted with so many crises—drouths, other insects, floods, low market, that they fail to see the forest for the trees. They quite understandably don't get excited every time some new "threat" is announced.

But, in my opinion this pink bollworm threat is something to get excited about. It is a real danger to the South's basic industry, and poses perhaps a bigger threat right here in Texas than anywhere else. It could quite conceivably put an end to our rich cotton industry. It is that bad. Entomologists readily agree the worms have multiplied many times over in the past two or three years.

What is the history of this dangerous cotton insect? Well, in 1916, a Mexican cotton grower found an old kind of worm in his fields. He thought at first it might be the small "grub" of the boll weevil. But he wasn't sure. This particular worm had a pinkish tinge; the well-known weevil grub was distinctly white in color. So the Mexican grower gathered a handful of infested bolls and sent them to insect experts in the U. S. Department of Agriculture. There the worm made startling news.

Far from being a weevil grub, it was, without doubt, the dreaded pink bollworm—the same worm had long been ravaging cotton in other parts of the world. This was its first recorded appearance on the North American continent. How did the

pink bollworm get into Mexico? No one is sure. But the best guess is that it came from Egypt where the pest had abounded for years. Egyptian planting seed had been imported into Mexico in 1911, and there's little doubt the pink bollworm moved with it.

The pest kept moving—right up through Mexico and across the Rio Grande River. In 1917, one year after it was spotted in the Laguna district of Mexico, it was found in fields near Hearne, Texas. Here, again, the worm apparently was brought into a non-infested area in seed shipments. That was about 35 years ago.

Since then—despite intensive quarantine and control measures—the pest has fanned out westward into New Mexico, and Arizona, northward into Oklahoma, and eastward into Louisiana. In all, it now occupies at least 261 counties in which farmers plant a total of about 12 million acres of cotton.

J. W. Callaway, of Corpus Christi, in 1950 had a field of late-planted cotton. Before the crop could reach maturity, the pink bollworm infestation reached 90 per cent. He had to destroy the entire crop. This story clearly points up the potential destructiveness of the insect. In 1952 the pink bollworm cost us \$34.6 million. In 1942 only about 75 counties were infested. By 1952, the number had jumped to 261. Is that a threat to the cotton industry, or isn't it?

Last year, entomologists found the pink bollworm had doubled and tripled in the Vernon, Wichita Falls, Knox and Haskell County areas. The same occurred in many other areas of the state. If I were a cotton farmer, a ginmer or a cotton oil mill man, I would be concerned.

The cotton business has lost enough of its value the past 10 to 15 years. If the bollworm joins the boll weevil as a force of cotton destructiveness, then we might as well forget the rich crop that made the South the great empire that it is.

—Glenn Shelton

**HOSTS FRIENDSHIP CLASS**  
The Friendship Sunday School class met with Mrs. Gene Britton Tuesday night in regular business and social meeting.

Business in the interest of the class was discussed, after which Mrs. A. G. Furlow, Jr. brought the devotional from Luke 5. Mrs. Yoes dismissed with prayer.

Refreshments of pecan pie topped with whipped cream and coffee were served to Mmes. Joe Terry, Tharon Henderson, Gene Baird, A. G. Furlow, Jr., and Elbert Yoes.

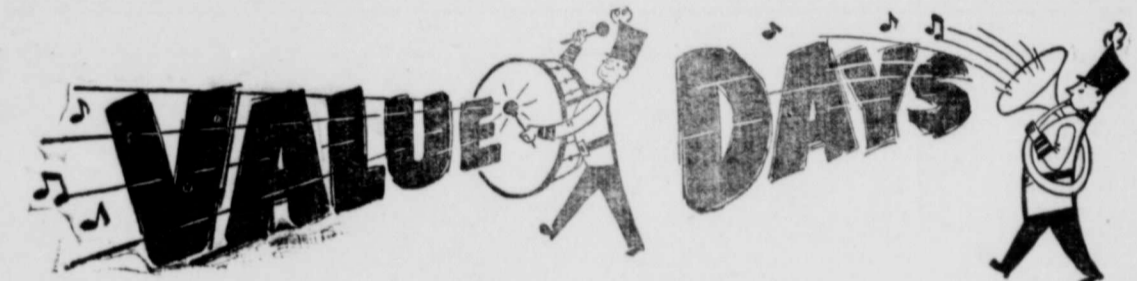
**W. S. C. S. MEETING**  
The WSCS met in regular Bible study at the church Monday afternoon. Giving part of the program were Mmes. Jim Johnson, Rufus Kitchens, Percy Bond, and Floyd Richey. Others present were Mrs. Tom Bennett, Mrs. J. D. McDonald and Miss Annie Jarratt.

**CLEANERS CLASS**  
Mrs. J. B. Mahon and Mrs. S. E. Meadows were hosts in the Mahon home to the regular Cleaners class business and social meeting Tuesday afternoon. Meeting was opened by the group singing the class song, Bless Be The Tie That Binds.

Mrs. Marshall Bruce led prayer at the business session in which a committee composed of Mmes. Earl Hillmark, Lav Walker, T. R. Bennett and Ida Dickenson was appointed to work with the committees from other classes for the beautification of the church yard.

Mrs. J. G. Bruce brought the Bible lesson from Romans 9:12. Refreshments were served to one visitor, Mrs. Myrtle McAfee of Memphis, Texas, and the following members: Moses, J. G. Bruce, Marshall Bruce, J. P. Nunn, C. C. Hamilton, C. T. Beights, Floyd Richey, T. C. Wilson, T. R. Bennett, and J. D. McDonald.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Courtney from California, are here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Courtney.



OUR VALUE, HALVES	NO. 2 1/2	OUR VALUE, ELBERTA	NO. 2 1/2
<b>Pears .29</b>		<b>Peaches .29</b>	
3 BUNCHES		GLADIOLA	25 POUNDS
<b>Carrots .10</b>		<b>Flour 1.98</b>	
FLORIDA	POUND	SUN SPUN PEACH	2 POUND JAR
<b>NewSpuds .09</b>		<b>Preserves .42</b>	
<b>Cabbage lb .02</b>		SUN SPUN APRICOT	2 POUND JAR
PURE CANE	10 POUNDS	<b>Preserves .42</b>	
<b>Sugar .79</b>		<b>Heart's Delight .19</b>	
<b>Catsup</b>		14 oz Bottle	
GLADIOLA		1/2 Dr. Adams Vanilla FREE with each package	
<b>White Cake Mix .39</b>			
<b>Ground Beef lb .39</b>			
<b>Roast Chuck lb .39</b>			
<b>Steak Boneless Tenderized Pound .59</b>			
<b>Club Steak lb .59</b>			
<b>Beef Ribs lb .29</b>			
<b>Hubert Thomas Food Store</b>		<b>Phone 198</b>	



Questions and Answers

Q. In applying for Korean GI training, must I submit the original of my separation paper (DD Form 214) along with my application form, or will a carbon copy be satisfactory?

A. You may submit an official carbon copy of your DD Form 214 as evidence of your active service. It is not necessary to submit the original.

Q. The Army made a determination that my disability occurred in line of duty. Is VA bound to accept that determination, in ruling on my eligibility for service-connected compensation?

A. The line-of-duty determination is not binding on the VA. However, VA will accept the Army's findings in ruling on whether your disability is service-connected—unless certain considerations would warrant a different finding.

Q. I am the widow of a World War I veteran who died as a result of a service-connected disability. Must I prove dependency in order to be eligible for death compensation payments?

A. No. Dependency is not a factor in determining your eligibility for death compensation.

Q. Since I have been totally and permanently disabled for six months, I have applied to VA for waiver of my National Service Life Insurance premiums. How long must I continue to pay my premiums, now that I have filed?

A. Premiums should be paid until you are notified that the waiver has been approved. Any premiums you have paid beyond the required premium-paying period will be refunded to you.

Q. My NSLI term policy has lapsed for two months. But it hasn't yet come to the end of its term. How can I go about reinstating it?

A. You may reinstate it by submitting a written application, accompanied by two monthly premiums provided you are in as good health as you were when the premium lapsed. Application forms may be obtained at any VA office.

BETHEL, W. M. U.

The W. M. U. of the Bethel Baptist Church met in the home of Mrs. C. A. Land Monday afternoon. Opening prayer was led by Mrs. Cullen Payne. Mrs. Land taught the Bible lesson and special prayers were said.

Refreshments of nut cookies, doughnuts and punch were served to Mmes. A. J. Scarborough, Cullen Payne, Elwood Graham and children, Garland Land and children, Charles Finley and sons, and Calvin Forbus.

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