

Pittsburg State University

Pittsburg State University Digital Commons

Scrapbooks, Newspapers & Assorted

Caney Valley Historical Society & Museum
Complex

1959

Education for Community Understanding No. 166, 1959

Bethel Moyer

Follow this and additional works at: https://digitalcommons.pittstate.edu/caney_scrapbooks

Recommended Citation

Moyer, Bethel, "Education for Community Understanding No. 166, 1959" (1959). *Scrapbooks, Newspapers & Assorted*. 4.

https://digitalcommons.pittstate.edu/caney_scrapbooks/4

This Article is brought to you for free and open access by the Caney Valley Historical Society & Museum Complex at Pittsburg State University Digital Commons. It has been accepted for inclusion in Scrapbooks, Newspapers & Assorted by an authorized administrator of Pittsburg State University Digital Commons. For more information, please contact digitalcommons@pittstate.edu.

22-1103

17

Bethel Moyer
Education
for
Community Understanding
No. 166.

objectives?

Just how will

A+

students participate

B+

Caney Valley Historical Society

Foreword

For acquaintance with and appreciation for the community, this group of thirty-four sixth grade boys and girls of the Lincoln Memorial School, Caney, Kansas, begin a study of the environment and possibilities.

THIS IS OUR COMMUNITY

Caney, Kansas

The flexibility of the program should adjust to opportunity, seen or foreseen, to improve individuals, groups, conditions, and materials. The inclusion is to omit none who propose to do right. With such wide consideration, we respect the wisdom of the wealthy and the dignity of the laborer. We work with the philosophy that within every individual is potentiality of good citizenship with added abilities and talents that combine in many ways that we are different and make demands upon society for the rights to live, work, and pursue happiness. Let democracy thrive.

A Study Outline for Grade Six, 1958-1959

We wish to unite the school and community in the integration of learning and experiences in co-operation wherein we can annihilate failure. This can be done only with the best and continued best efforts of each.

In advance, in faith in mankind who is surely a masterpiece of creation, thanks to every individual who contributes to make the program successful. In May, 1959, may we have the pleasurable satisfaction of knowing, "Well done; we are better, wiser, because we have worked and learned together for another year!"

Foreword

For acquaintance with and appreciation for the community, this group of thirty-four sixth grade boys and girls of the Lincoln Memorial School, Caney, Kansas, begin a study of the environment and possibilities.

The flexibility of the program should adjust to opportunity, seen or foreseen, to improve individuals, groups, conditions, and materials.

The inclusion is to omit none who propose to do right. With such wide consideration, we respect the wisdom of the wealthy and the dignity of the laborer. ~~We~~ work with the philosophy that within every individual is potentiality of good citizenship with added abilities and talents that combine in individual differences. Yet we are alike in more ways than we are different and make demands upon society for the rights to live, work, and pursue happiness. (Let democracy thrive.)

We wish to unite the school and community in the integration of learning and experience in co-operation wherein we can annihilate failure. This can be done only with the best and continued best efforts of each.

In advance, in faith in mankind who is surely a masterpiece of creation, thanks to every individual who contributes to make the program successful. In May, 1959, may we have the pleasurable satisfaction of knowing, "Well done; we are better, wiser, because we have worked and learned together for another year!"

CONTENTS

Units	Page
Check List	4.
I. This is our school.	5.
II A. I have a home and I am a member in it.	17.
II B. Furniture for home and school	21.
III. We want good health.	26.
IV. Veterans Day	29.
V. Five committees: Shortwave radio, music, art, sewing, machine shop	31.
VI. Six thousand caged layers	41.
VII. It is almost Christmas.	42.
VIII. Livestock and agriculture in our community	45.
IX. The sixth grade visits the dairy.	50.
X. What can we learn about glass?	51.
XI. Caney Industry Incorporated is a member of Mid-America	53.
XII. How big is a community	55.
XIII. Summer recreation program	59.
XIV. The culminating activity	61.

Caney Considered One Of County's Top Towns

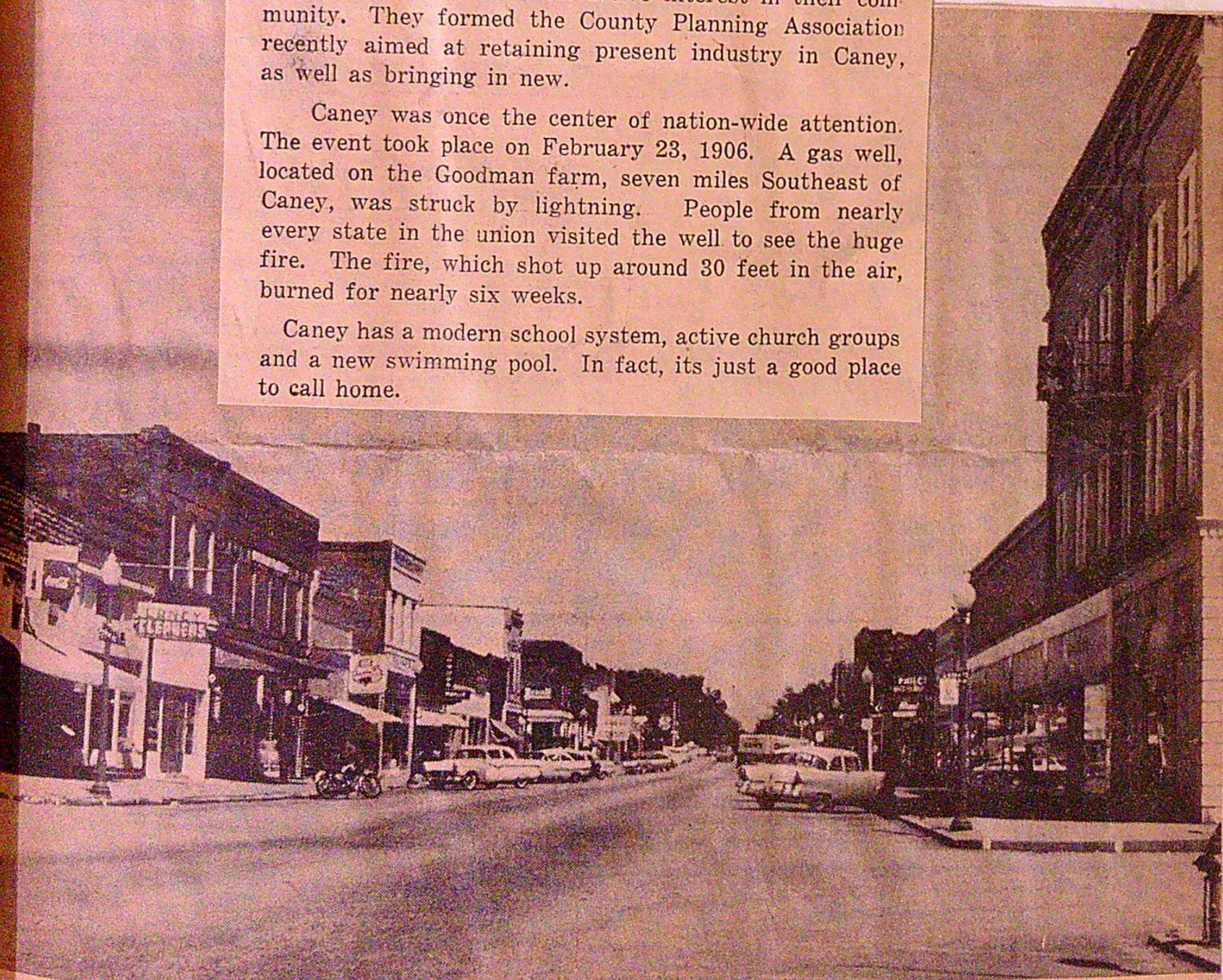
Caney, Kan., population 3,000, is one of Montgomery County's leading cities. It joins Coffeyville, Independence, and Cherryvale in providing a home for a majority of the county's population.

Offsetting the suburban feeling created by the commuters who work in Coffeyville and Bartlesville, and the "Saturday town" of the farm area is a touch of "factory town" with the Cities Service and Sinclair installations, plus the Western Glass Company, Inc., and the Wheatle Valve Company.

Caney citizens take an active interest in their community. They formed the County Planning Association recently aimed at retaining present industry in Caney, as well as bringing in new.

Caney was once the center of nation-wide attention. The event took place on February 23, 1906. A gas well, located on the Goodman farm, seven miles Southeast of Caney, was struck by lightning. People from nearly every state in the union visited the well to see the huge fire. The fire, which shot up around 30 feet in the air, burned for nearly six weeks.

Caney has a modern school system, active church groups and a new swimming pool. In fact, it's just a good place to call home.



MAIN STREET

To Publicity

Mr. H. K. George, who has kept a keen interest in the Caney School system, has not slighted publicity.

It would hardly be financially possible to get a book published recording reports of our units of study during the year, but we do plan to get the reports to the editor of the Caney Chronicle. We expect the pupils to secure the accounts and keep a neat, chronological review of the units as they appear in the paper. Maps and illustrations will be desirable features in each booklet. Any well organized set of class notes may be inserted, too.

The culminating activity will be to arrange the material in booklet form.

Chronicle to Go Semi-Weekly on June 1

June 18, 1958.

3

CANEY DAILY CHRONICLE
THURSDAY, MAY 15, 1958

Caney Daily Chronicle



H. K. GEORGE
Editor and Publisher
Caney, Montgomery County,
Kansas

Caney—Population 3,000
Entered at the Caney, Kansas
postoffice as second-class mat-
ter.

Published daily (except Sat-
urday, Sunday and holidays) at
Caney, Kansas, and devoted to
the best interest of Caney and
the community it serves.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES
On rural route and within the
trade radius of Caney, yr., \$3.50
By mail, outside, per yr...\$6.00
Card of Thanks\$1.00
Advertising rates made known
on application.

Caney Daily Chronicle

Caney, Montgomery County, Kansas
Caney—Population 3,000

H. K. GEORGE
Editor and Publisher

Entered at the post office at Caney,
Kansas, as second-class matter.

Published daily (except Saturday,
Sunday and holidays) at Caney,
Kansas, and devoted to best inter-
ests of Caney and the community of
which it is the center.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES

On rural routes and within trade
radius of Caney, per year., \$3.50
By mail, outside, per year \$6.00
By carrier, in advance, year.. \$6.00
By carrier, per month 60c
Card of Thanks 50c
Advertising rates made known on
application.



A Republican Newspaper

THE CANEY DAILY CHRONICLE, CANEY, KANSAS, WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 1958:

Chronicle to Go Semi- Weekly on June 1

Beginning Monday, June 1,
The Chronicle will be published
as a semi-weekly, on Mondays
and Thursdays, instead of five
days weekly as at present.

Reason for this change is the
constantly mounting cost of op-
erating a daily newspaper and
the lack of time to devote to
the fast-growing commercial
printing department.

The paper will be delivered as

at present, and the subscription
price will be 60 cents a month in
Caney. The price on the rural
route and in the trade area of
Havana, Wayside, Tyro, Niotaze,
Peru and Copan will be \$2 a
year. The mail rate, outside the
trade area, will be \$6 a year.

In Caney, subscription collec-
tions will be made at the homes
of subscribers monthly instead
of weekly.

Check List

4.

1. Consult school authorities and/or colleagues regarding
 - a. Co-operation
 - b. Customs and past experiences
 - c. Feasibility
 - d. Expense and convenience
 - e. Calendar
2. Gain the parents
 - a. Respect
 - b. Co-operation
 - c. Permission
3. Prepare early
 - a. Needed materials
 - b. Speaking engagements and any resource features
 - c. Permission to use areas for study and field trips
 - d. Instruction for class projects
4. Practice daily
 - a. Improvement
 - b. Health observation
 - c. Pupil participation
 - d. Democratic thinking
 - e. Code of behavior
 - f. Mutual understanding
 - g. Motivation
 - h. Learning
 - i. Social adjustment
 - j. Success succeeds.

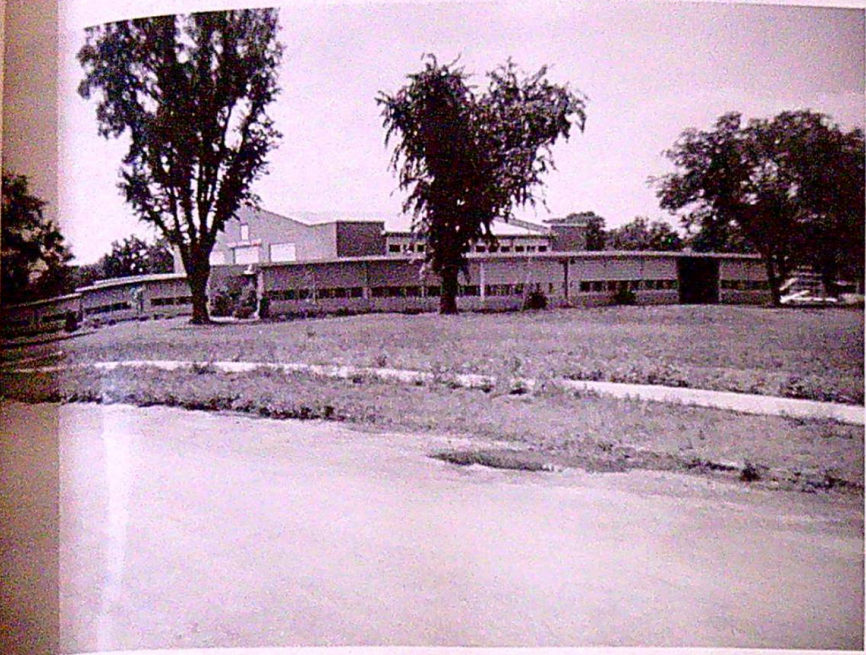
Unit I

This is our school.

1. Develop respect for rights and property.
2. Investigate the opportunities offered.
3. Explore the educative processes.
4. Combine learning and experience.
5. Summarize purposes of school.
6. Comment on architectural type and advantages of the building plan.
7. Browse in the library.

Caney Valley Historical Society

The Lincoln Memorial School for elementary grades is hardly excelled even in larger towns.

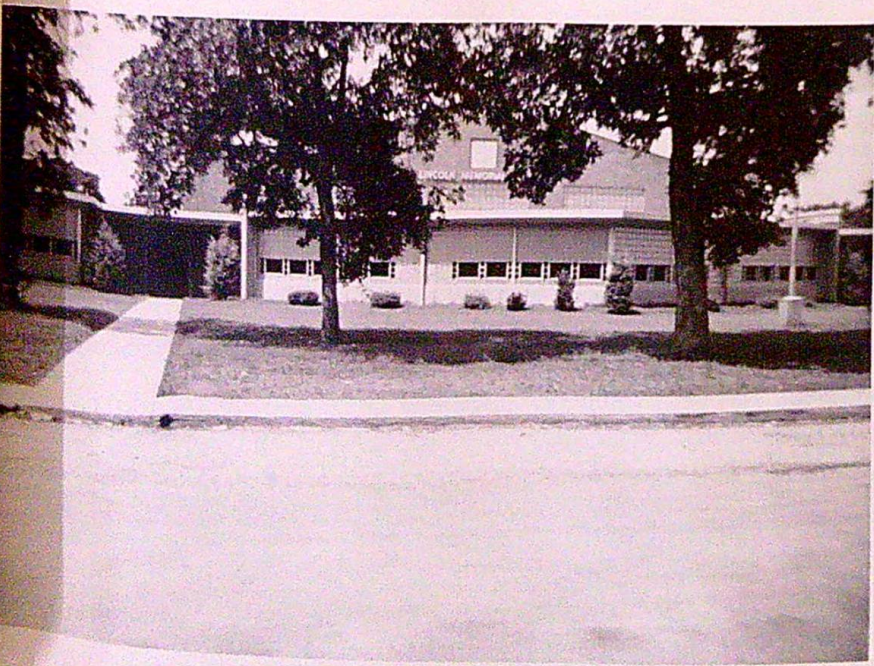


It is highly modernistic having an architectural structure of the clover-leaf design.

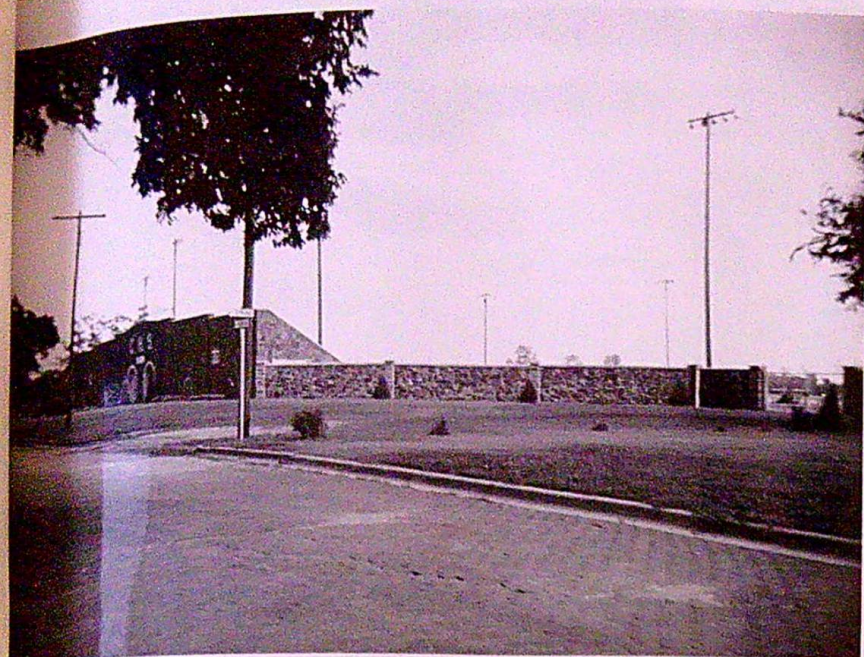


JUNE 1938

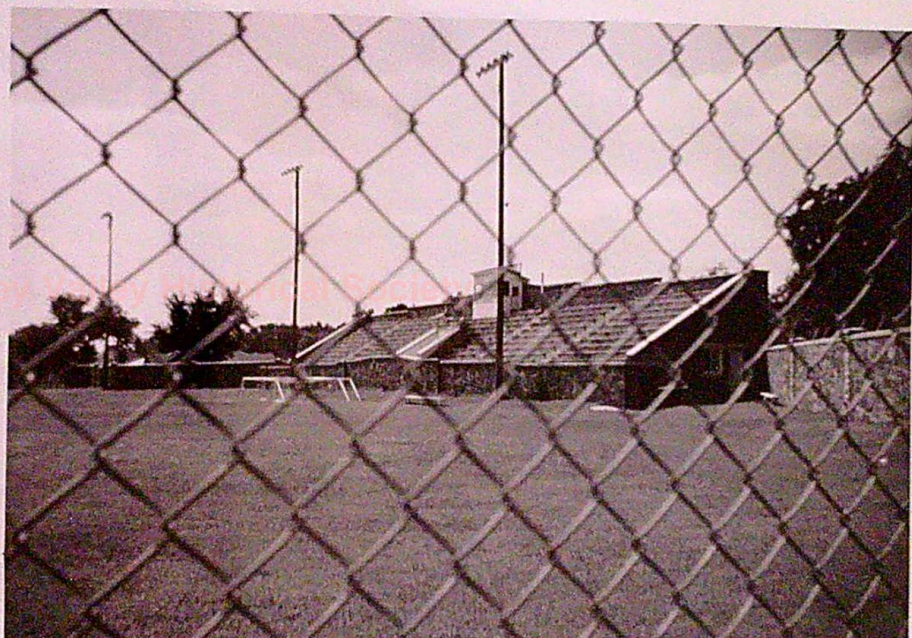
The auditorium and gymnasium have capacity and convenience for all-school and public activities.



The Caney High School stadium has large *area* acreage and is well maintained.

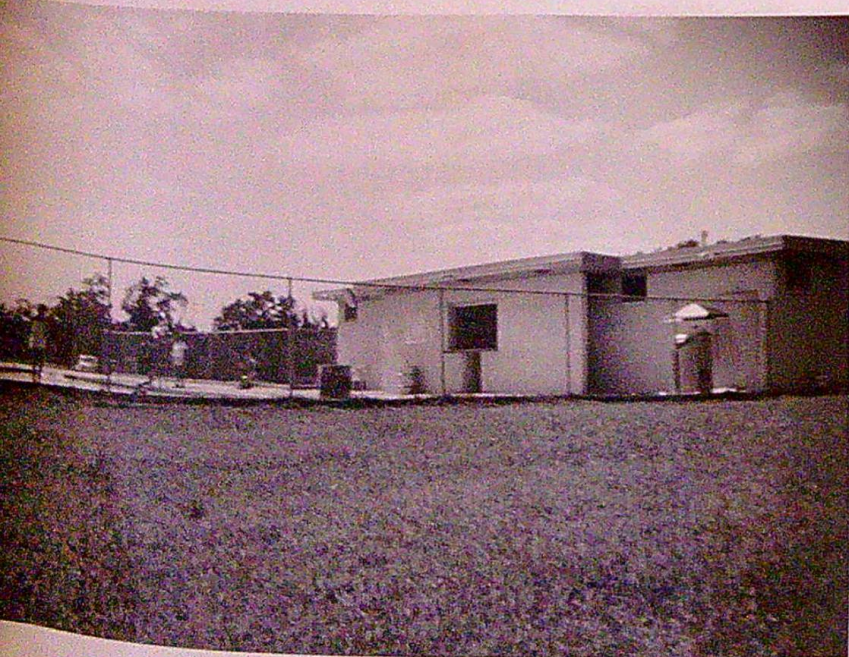


The athletes who have made names for themselves and the school have run, played and worked much in this area.



JUNE 1968

The swimming pool has opened for its second season. The very young to old may take lessons. Swimming is an important phase of the recreation program.



Two Caney Teachers Are in 25th Year of Schoolroom Service

Two Caney teachers are this year completing 25 years of service in the teaching profession. They are Mrs. Genevieve Cain, librarian at Caney High School, and Mrs. Ruth B. Dow, third grade teacher at Lincoln Memorial Grade School.

Mrs. Cain and Mrs. Dow will be honored by members of the Caney Teacher's Association at the group's regular monthly meeting tonight in the Lincoln school cafeteria. The meeting also will be in observance Month.

Mrs. Dow Graduate of Caney High

Mrs. Dow, who makes here home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Burris, 100 West Second, attended elementary school at Sedan. She later moved to Caney of April as Teaching Career



Mrs. Ruth Dow

and resumed teaching in the Caney schools in 1941. She has since been a teacher in the local school system.

She received a degree in elementary education from Kansas State Teachers College at Pittsburg and has done graduate work there and at Northwestern State College at Natchitoches, La.

Many Caney children have been her students and have benefited greatly from her qualities as a teacher and a friend.

Mrs. Herbert S. Cain, librarian at Caney High School for 15 years, came here from Marshall, Mo., where she attended grade school and high school.

She was graduated from Missouri Valley College at Marshall in 1924 with a Ph.B. degree. She continued her schooling, receiving her Master's degree from the University of Kansas in 1939, and she now has 78 graduate hours.

Mrs. Cain taught in the Marshall schools for 10 years and has been librarian in Caney 15 years. For three years she was a demonstration teacher for the high school teacher training course in Marshall.

A Community Worker

Mrs. Cain is a member of the National Education Association, Kansas State Teachers' Association, Caney Teachers Association, Kansas High School Library Association, Sigourneyan Club, Presbyterian Church Guild, and sponsors the

Senior Kayettes, a high school organization of girls that does a lot of work for the community under her guidance.

She is married to Herbert S. Cain and has one son, who is a sales engineer for a large corporation in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Mrs. Cain has always worked hard and done more than her duty. She extends a helping hand whenever and whenever needed, in or out of school work. She has helped many students to a better understanding of their school relationships. She is a woman of patience and understanding. Caney is fortunate to have Mrs. Cain as librarian.



Mrs. H. S. Cain

and is a graduate of the local high school.

Mrs. Dow taught one term in a rural school near Sedan and then assumed a position in the Caney schools as a departmental teacher in the fifth and sixth grades.

She married D. W. Dow and they made their home in Coffeyville. They were parents of a daughter, Dianne, now Mrs. Jack Reid, of Wichita.

Returns to Caney

Mrs. Dow returned to Caney following the death of her husband

THESE
ARE
CANEY'S
CHILDREN!

Caney Valley High School Society

--These articles are from The Caney
Daily Chronicle which became a
semi-weekly, June 1, 1958.

February 11, 1958.

Caney Soldier Finds German City Rich in Lore of Past

Pvt. Richard A. Snell, 22-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Snell, 217 East Third, writes his parents from Germany about a tour he and other American soldiers made to scenic and historic points in Germany. Pvt. Snell left Fort Riley Jan. 17 for duty in Germany and he has found that a fascinating country.

His letter, in part, follows:

Just got back from our tour of Bad Kreuznach. We didn't have passes as it was sponsored by the Service Club.

It was really grand. This town is about 35,000 population. Really, I was thrilled with the tour.

Bad K. is on the Nahe river—it goes right through the center of the town. Some of the original houses are still standing and they are 400 and 500 years old.

The town was completely surrounded by a wall in those days, so every bit of space was utilized. There are some houses built with their foundations right on the supports of the bridge, and they are still being lived in. One of them has a cannon ball stuck in the wall. It was shot there during the 100 Years War.

There is also a small stream which connects with the river in the town and houses are built right on it. The doors are right over the water and boats have to be used to leave or enter these homes.

We walked all over town with our guide. The original home of Dr. Faust is here in Bad Kreuznach and was built in 1492. It has a very nice restaurant downstairs now.

We got back on the bus and went to a place just outside of town where is located one of the oldest and best preserved examples of mosaic in the world. It was the floor of a Roman home and was built about 200 A. D. It is really

beautiful—scenes of battles of men and animals. The squares are only about an inch and it is so well preserved it is really nice. There is a hole in the middle of the floor where some Germanic tribe of centuries ago had broken, looking for treasure.

This floor had been covered by rubble and forgotten until someone started to build a house in 1853 and found it. Since then it has been preserved although during the war some Polish people broke in and built fires on the floor and the marks show.

We visited the castle of the earl who built this town about 500 years ago. It is on a mountain overlooking the town and the mountain is very steep. Vineyards grow on the slopes to the town. The castle ruins were used as the foundation for a restaurant, which is there now.

Then we went on a drive along the river, which has the town on one side and huge cliffs on the other. There are two other castle ruins close by and right on top of the cliffs.

We went to the resort hotel here. It has mineral baths behind it. We then went to the Black Cat Guest House, which is supposed to be very famous. It is really nice—old armour all over the place.

A group of German young people came in and started singing so we did too. They sang some of their songs—then we started in on "You Are My Sunshine" and "Deep in the Heart of Texas." Soon they began to sing with us. It was really fun.

This is the "Fasching Season" in Germany. It lasts through February and it sort of like the Mardi Gras at home. Anyway, everyone seems very happy and friendly so I couldn't have picked a better time to get a first look-around

June 26, 1958

11.

Mrs. Dick Lamb and children, Pete, 4, and Patty Ann, , left the U. S. June 14 to return to Germany, where Capt. Lamb is stationed. They had been in Kansas City because of the illness of Mrs. Lamb's mother, who is still hospitalized by a heart condition.

While Mrs. Lamb and children were in Kansas City Mr. and Mrs. Paul A. Lamb of Caney made several trips there to visit with them. They are Capt. Lamb's parents.

February 25, 1958

BILL BOLES TO DUTY IN JAPAN FAMILY TO LIVE HERE

A 2-C and Mrs. Bill Boles and children are here to visit relatives until he leaves about March 22 for duty in Japan. He has been an instructor at an air base near Amarillo, Tex., since May. The family will go to Olney, Tex., this weekend to visit Mrs. Boles' parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Copeland.

Mrs. Boles and the children will live in Caney while Mr. Boles is overseas.

Mr. McKinney
has a very responsible
position. Boys with
low intelligence who
cannot keep a secret
are not promoted to
serve in such capacity.
June 23, 1958.

John McKinney, Caney em-
ployee for Continental Can at
Coffeyville, has been assigned to
company work in Chicago the
past nine weeks.

McKinney comes home every
alternate weekend, which should
qualify him as this community's
champion commuter.

June 26, 1958

Earl Hodgson Admitted to Kansas Bar

Earl Hodgson Jr., who received
his law degree from Washburn
University, Topeka, this spring,
was admitted to the bar at a
ceremony Wednesday in Topeka.

He is a son of Mr. and Mrs.
Earl Hodgson Sr., 105 West Sixth.
Earl was one of the top 10 of the
graduating law students at
Washburn. He was on the dean's
honor roll for two years.

His plans are indefinite, but he
and Mrs. Hodgson will move their
furniture to his parents' home in
Caney in a few days. They have
been living in apartments pro-
vided for married students at
Washburn and must vacate for
new students.

Mrs. Hodgson has been an
instructor of nurses' aids in the
VA Hospital at Topeka.

June 9, 1958

J. C. Winkler Gets West Point 'Okay'

Rep. Myron V. George, in a
telephone conversation Saturday
afternoon, said he had just been
notified that J. C. Winkler of
Caney has passed his physical
examination for entrance to
West Point Military Academy.

J. C., son of Mr. and Mrs.
Harry Winkler, was graduated
from Caney High School May 28.
He previously had passed a writ-
ten examination for entrance to
the academy, but had failed his
physical examination because of
a nose defect. He was advised
to consult a specialist before
taking another examination.

Young Winkler will report at
the academy July 1.

He was appointed to the acad-
emy by Congressman George
a few months ago.

Congressman George said Sat-
urday he is delighted by the fact
that one of his appointees to
Annapolis, Gary McClure of Coffeyville, was graduated several
days ago with honors.

McClure is a son of Mr. and
Mrs. Andy McClure, and his
grandfather is Ben Dunbar of
Tyro.

June 26, 1958

J. C. Winkler, 18-year-old son
of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Winkler,
403 South State, will embark on
a thrilling new career Monday.

J. C. will leave Tulsa by plane
for New York City, and on Tues-
day will go by bus to West
Point to begin his first year of
study in the U. S. military acad-
emy.

Anna Mary Murphy Has Had Exciting Career as Reporter

Editor's Note: The following story in the September issue of the Kansas Teacher magazine was written by C. O. Wright, executive secretary of Kansas Teachers Association, and is an interesting portrayal of the newspaper career of Anna Mary Murphy of Caney, the new managing editor of the teachers' publication:

Her ear sorted the newspaper office din, found which phone was ringing.

"Topeka Daily Capital," she greeted the caller.

"This is ———'s Mortuary; I have a couple of 'obits' for you," reported the cheery voice.

The empty obituary writer's chair told the tall, brunette reporter she was 'stuck' again. "All right, I'll take them," she said, resignedly.

"Want both of them in one obit?" asked the mortician-coroner from the nearby town.

"Why, is there a connection?" she countered.

"Well, yeah," said the obtuse coroner. "The young husband beat his wife to death with a hammer and then shot his head off."

Another "big story" was in the making.

During her eight years as a Daily Capital reporter, Anna Mary Murphy covered "the waterfront" of local and state news—tornado-maimed Udall, the 1951 Kaw Valley floods, trials of all kinds, murders, tragedies wrought by train, plane or auto crashes, spelling bees, Presidential press conferences, cattle rustling, lost dogs, religious happenings and SCHOOLS.

All This and Elvis Too

She even trudged across the Lansing Penitentiary yard one snowy midnight to become the first woman to watch an official hanging in Kansas. And she once had a shoulder squeezed by interviewee Elvis Presley.

When she was graduated from

K. U.'s William Allen White School of Journalism in 1949 she had been editor of the student newspaper, and for three semesters had been its first peacetime woman sports editor.

She got to know the chancellor's "red carpet" as only a "fearless" student editor can.

When she drove out of Lawrence, Phi Beta Kappa key still shiny, the last place she expected to find material for the human interest and interpretative reporting she longed to do was in the schools and universities.

Nearly everyone goes to school. So nearly everyone knows about all there is to know about them, she reasoned.

"How wrong can a reporter be?" she wonders now.

Before she realized it, the education beat had become her main interest. In years of covering board of education and board of regents meetings, as well as daily classroom doings, she learned what makes a school system or college tick, physically and professionally. And, eye-opening to her, the innerworkings resembled a "Swiss watch more than an hourglass."

From her reporter's vantage, she observed the effect on each child's education of interaction of the human elements—teacher, superintendent, custodian, college president pupil and board member.

In nearly every school, she found counterparts of Miss Woodson, Mrs. Jones, Miss Salathiel—teachers who had made her public school years in Caney such memorable and rewarding ones.

But above all, she satisfyingly "watched education come off the back pages." The nation had awakened again to recognize the schools as each community's biggest "business" and the one which most vitally controls our future.

This explains why your new managing editor of the Kansas Teacher feels "happy and challenged" in her job.

The change from the nighttime

grind of the morning Topeka newspaper to a daytime stint in the quiet luxury of the KSTA building is not a small one.

So Managing Editor Murphy may be forgiven if she jumps to the window at each siren or tingles with anticipation when the phone rings. She knows how a retired teacher must feel when the leaves turn red and gold.

But there is no nostalgia, just the "hope" she can do an effective job for Kansas teachers. It all depends on the "correspondents" in each classroom. She already has the cooperation of the finest state teachers' association in the U. S.

"Murph," as many dub her, is waiting at the KSTA phone. She will be pleased if a teacher phones to report he shot the superintendent (with adrenalin), while in the next breath he enthuses on a new way to interest Freddie in grammar.

And don't be surprised if she asks: "Is there a connection,"

May 21, 1958.

For the past week The Chronicle staff had a lot of good help—and we do mean good.

Our daughter, Joan George, stopped off for a visit before going to a new and better job at Topeka, and true to her training, she showed up at the office each day to pound out news and much of this column on the old Remington typewriter.

Joan left yesterday for Topeka to become assistant editor of the Kansas Government Journal.

Sarah Sheldon Wins Summer Trip to Holland

Miss Sarah Sheldon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Sheldon, 208 S. Spring has been chosen as one of ten girl scouts from the United States to spend the summer in the Netherlands. This is a project of scouting, "An Experiment in International Living."

This announcement was made at a meeting following a dinner at the Hotel Booth last night in Independence and attended by Mrs. Sheldon and Sarah, Mrs. J. D. Barnett, Mrs. Ted Haynes, Mrs. M. L. Pearson and Brenda Morris of Caney. Feature of this meeting was an address by Miss Oleda Shrottky, author and lecturer. But the real highlight of the meeting was Miss Shrottky's announcement of Sarah's trip to Holland. It was a complete surprise for Sarah who had not been told previously.

The girls will leave this country June 23 from Montreal and will visit Southampton, London, Le Harve, Paris and Rotterdam before they go on to Amsterdam in Holland for the summer in that country. They will live with Dutch families in Holland and will start their return voyage home on Sept. 6.

Sarah, a senior in Caney high school didn't receive this rewarding journey just as a matter of luck. Sarah has worked and worked hard since she began her scouting career as a Brownie, to win every badge

and goal possible in scouting. When she was in the sixth grade she won the Best Camper award at Girl Scout camp, held in Osage Park in Oklahoma. In the summer of 1956 she was chosen as a delegate to the International Roundup of Scouts near Pontiac, Mich. Last summer she was chosen as one of the girl scouts to attend the All-States encampment and a pack trip into the wilderness near Cody, Wyo.

In the Caney Girl Scout organization Sarah has worked long hours to win merit badges. She is now a senior scout and assists in the scouting program with the younger girls.

Sarah Sheldon Is Enroute To Holland

Sarah Sheldon, Caney Girl Scout, left Wednesday of last week from Arkansas City by train for New York City on the first part of a journey that will take her to Holland to spend the summer.

From New York she went by plane to Montreal, Canada, and there boarded the S. S. Arosa Kulm for Holland.

Sarah is one of the few American Girl Scouts selected for a program in international living. She will live with Dutch families this summer. She will receive two hours instruction in the Dutch language each day of the voyage.

Sarah has promised to write The Chronicle at different times to tell of her travels and experiences.

Young Mother Among Top K. U. Grads

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Waggoner went to Lawrence Monday to attend commencement exercises at the University of Kansas.

Their daughter, Mrs. Ferd (Sylvia) Estes, received a bachelor of science degree in education. She was graduated with highest distinction. At K. U., the honor group is composed of the top 10 per cent of the graduating class, and those who graduate with highest distinction comprise the upper one-third of the honor group.

Mr. and Mrs. Estes are parents of two children, Michael, 2, and Patty 1. Mr. Estes will be a senior in the university next year.

Mr. and Mrs. Estes and children have moved into an apartment in the home of Mrs. Gretchen Woolf, 311 East Third, and he will be employed in the Estes store this summer.

May 15, 1958.

Caney Students Get Awards at Coffeyville

John Butterfield, formerly of Caney, has been named "musician of the year" at Coffeyville College.

Adelle Beathe, a Caney High School graduate last year, was awarded a shorthand certificate.

Music letters for participation in band and choir for two years were awarded to Butterfield and to Kay McBurney of Caney. Only four students received such recognition. Miss Beathe was on the honor roll.

The awards were made in an assembly yesterday.

May 15, 1958

Talented Caney Girl to Give Piano Recital Early in June

Claudia Staton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claud S. Staton, 109 East First, will be presented in a piano recital by her teacher, Mrs. Erma Gray, at 8 p. m. Tuesday, June 3, in the Christian church.

Claudia, 15, began study of piano in 1950, with Mrs. Gray as instructor. At the age of 10 she appeared on KOTV, presenting a piano solo. At the age of 12 she was sponsored by the Sigourneyan club in the music contest sponsored by the Third District Federation of Women's Clubs. The same club sponsored her in the contest the following year.

Claudia has participated in a full round of musical activities,



Claudia Staton

including band. In it she plays the snare drum and timpani.

It is as a pianist, however, that she is winning fame. She is called upon to accompany many soloists and groups in the school, in the First Christian church, and at various community programs. Her willingness to cooperate, and to lend her talents in this way has endeared her to many in this community.

Claudia is the efficient and faithful pianist at the Christian church, and has helped with the music there since she was 10.

May 22, 1958

15.

Caney Girl to Play In 250-Piece Lions Band at Topeka

Topeka—Lois Cales of Caney has been selected as a member of the 1958 Kansas State Lions Club Band which will play at the 38th annual convention of Kansas Lions in Topeka June 7-8-9.

Lois will play in the bass clarinet section. She is sponsored by the Caney Lions Club.

The band members will convene June 3 and practice sessions will be conducted in Topeka High School under the direction of George Neaderhiser and C. J. McKee, assistant director. Sixteen high school musical directors will assist in sectional rehearsals.

The band, 250 strong, selected from the outstanding high school musicians in Kansas, will parade at 4 p. m. Saturday, June 7, in downtown Topeka. The concert will be presented in Topekas Municipal Auditorium at 8:30 p. m. Sunday, June 8.

October 1, 1957

THE CANEY DAILY CHRONICLE, CANEY, KANSAS.

Enrollment Figures For Lincoln Schol

Total enrollment figures at the Lincoln elementary school show a total of 386 pupils in the seven grades there Charles Mattix, principal, said this morning. That is an increase of 11 over the 375 enrolled last year.

Enrollment by grades:

Morning kindergarten: Boys, 14; girls, 17; total 31. Afternoon: Boys, 17; girls, 12; total 29.

First grade (Mrs. Rowbottom): Boys, 18; girls, 13; total 31. (Mrs. Reese): Boys, 17; girls, 8; total 25.

Second grade (Mrs. Scott): Boys, 19; girls, 7; total, 26. (Miss Aiken): Boys, 14; girls, 11; total 25.

Third grade: (Mrs. White): Boys, 12; girls, 16; total 28. (Mrs. Dow): Boys, 12; girls, 16; total, 28.

Fourth grade: (Miss Broughton): Boys 15; girls, 14; total 29. (Mrs. Wilson): Boys, 14; girls, 16. Total 30.

Fifth grade—(Mrs. Carra): Boys, 15; girls, 13; total, 28. (Mrs. Simpson): Boys, 13; girls 17; total 30.

Sixth grade: (Mrs. Smith): Boys, 14; girls, 9, total, 23. (Mrs. Durscherl): Boys, 14; girls, 9; total, 23.

MAY 29, 1958.

Capacity Crowd at Caney High School Commencement

A capacity audience watched 50 Caney High School seniors receive their diplomas in an impressive commencement program last night.

Fred Montgomery, director of visual education at the University of Kansas, made a wonderful talk as the principal part of the program. His topic was "Do We Have What It Takes?"

His talk was a lesson in history since World War I, and he deftly mixed humor with logic to drive home his points in a delightful manner. He used four "H's" as basis to emphasize the importance of laughing often, but at the right times; common honesty; good health; and hard work. He stressed to the class the importance of earnest prayer.

It was brought out during the commencement exercises that the graduating class had 50 per cent of its members on the scholastic honor roll and that a big percentage of the graduates are active in church work.

One member of the class, Sarah Sheldon, was dismissed from the hospital in time to attend the

exercises but another, Joe Kennedy, was absent because of measles.

Honor students were Sue Ellen Winkler valedictorian, and Mary Ann Estes, salutatorian.

The program:

Processional, "Pomp and Circumstance"—High School Band.

Invocation — Rev. George Fleming.

Flute solo, "Pan and the Birds"—Sue Ellen Winkler.

Introduction of speaker—W. W. Lee.

Address—Mr. Montgomery.

"Emperor Waltz"—Band.

Presentation of the class—K. L. Ritchey.

Greetings to class—Charles Lingle.

Presentation of diplomas—H. A. Sheldon.

Class roll—Marian Tyler and Ralph Field.

Benediction—Rev. Armstrong.

Recessional—Band.

Members of the class follow:

Billy B. Allison, Marcia L. Allison, Lloyd E. Armitage,

Gary L. Asher, Berth E. Boyd, Mary J. Boyd, Betty L. Brinkley, Frances A. Burrows, Lois R. Cales, Charles B. Carroll, June E. Cowan, Loyd D. Dickey, Patty A. Durscherl, Sharon Easterling Aggas, Warren R. Edmundson, Mary Ann Estes, Linda L. Fields, Betty A. Flesher, David L. Garrett, Karen J. Harris, Martha N. Hayes, Louie R. Hill Jr., Mary Helen Ingerson, Walter Kaiser, Gordon E. Bradford, James William Kelly, Bernard Joe Kennedy, Sandra Sue Lindsey, Sandra Kae Marshall, Jeanne Anne McCall, Bonnie Sue McCammon, Brenda Morris, Donald E. Nash, Gary E. Newton, Marian C. Patterson, Florence Ann Ponzetti, Jerry A. Potts, Karen Rinck Palmer, Jerry L. Rogers, Louis E. Roper Jayne K. Rowbottom, Janice J. Scott, Sarah F. Sheldon, Barbara L. Short, Robert A. Simpson, Marilyn J. Smith, Marvin Hal Taylor, Patricia L. Watkins, J. C. Winkler, Sue Winkler.

Unit II A.

I have a home and I am a member in it.

1. Analyze place in the family:

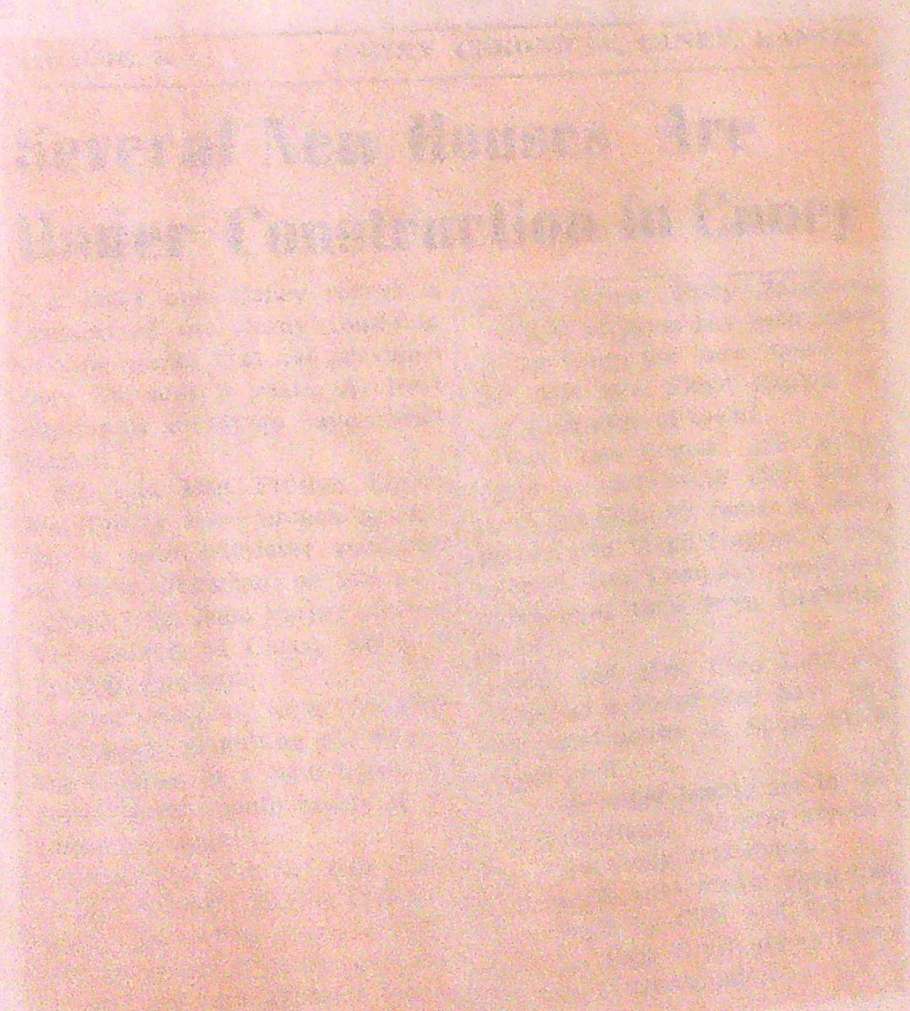
- a. Family love and unity
- b. Regard to parents, grandparents, guardian, others
- c. Sharing

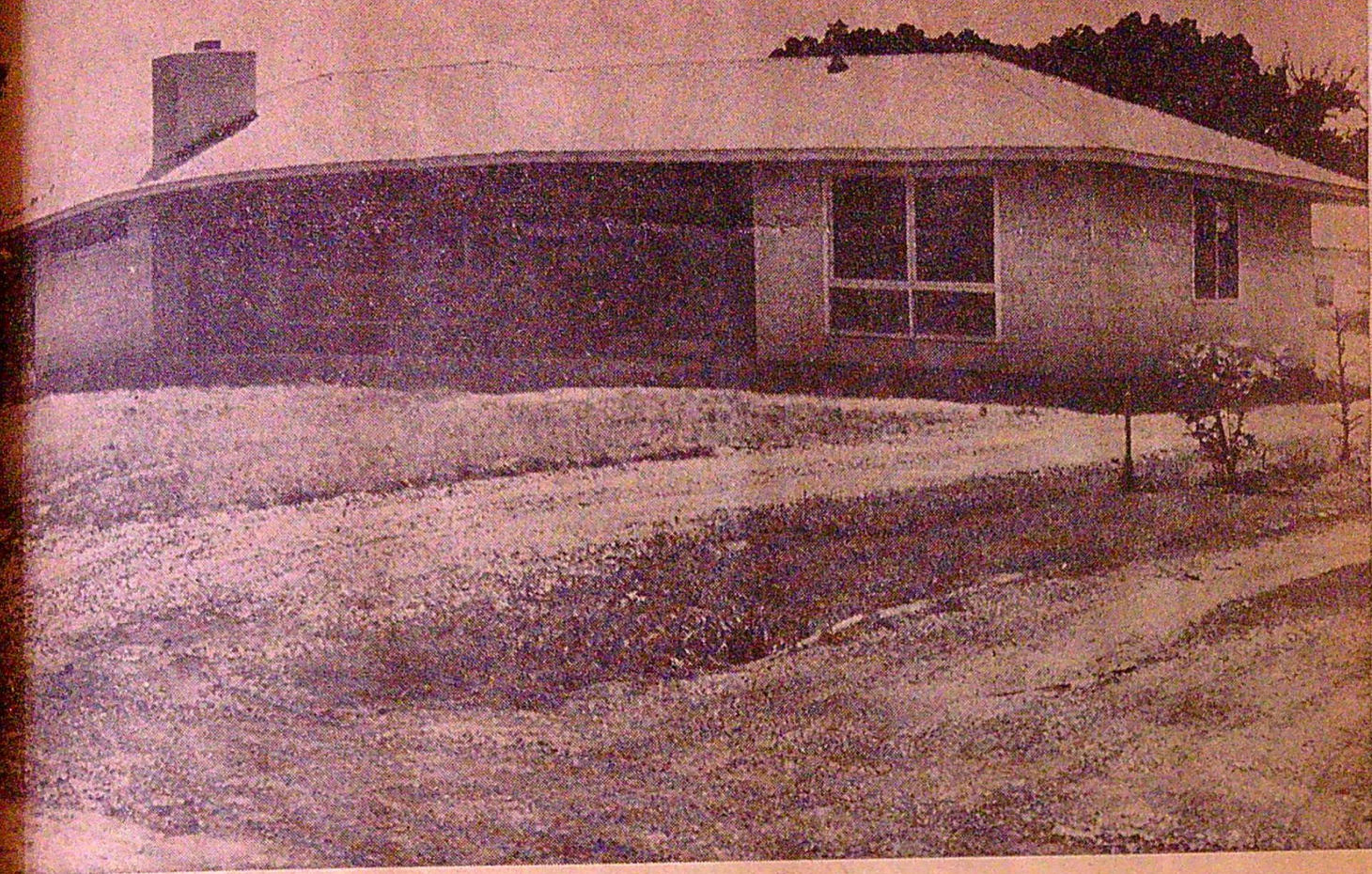
2. Relate duties to privileges.

3. Understand the needs in the home and that happiness is not a one-member responsibility.

4. Evaluate school experience in home living.

Caney Valley Historical Society





NEW HOMES

June 19, 1958

VOLUME 36

CANEY CHRONICLE, CANEY, KANSAS,

Several New Houses Are Under Construction in Caney

A drive over Caney reveals a renewal of the steady building of new homes that has prevailed here for several years. At least eight new dwellings have been started.

Mr. and Mrs. Preston Bunch and family have broken ground for a new two-level residence on North Foreman, on lots purchased from John Parker west of the Church of Christ. He is a Phillips employee.

Ralph Wagner, local building contractor, is putting the finishing touches to a new house on North Smith, south of the A. R. Donaldson home.

Framework for the new home of Mr. and Mrs. Mahlon Wheeler, across the street south of the Lincoln school, is going up rapidly. Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler moved here recently from Wichita. She

is the former Patty Pendleton. Rapid progress has been made in building the new home of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Rogers, at the East edge of town.

Two new homes are being built at the south city limits on South High by James R. Henderson and Virgil Hughes, Cities Service Gas Company employees transferred here from Graham Station.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Lutz are living in a house they have under construction on South State street road.

A few other homes are in the planning stage. Several are being extensively remodeled.

A 50x30 auto repair shop has been built by Cliff and Bill Allison on East Third across from the Meyer Greenhouse.

This is a modern and pretty home recently built for the Dr. Michael Scimeca family. Its large lawn is a place where little children play.



Stately, isn't it? The old dwelling has been preserved in good condition with well kept interior. It is the home of Dr. Elsie Scimeca, mother of seven children of whom Michael is oldest.



JUNE 1938

Caney has many new homes and is a place where old dwellings have been repaired. Improvement clubs have contests for beautiful lawns, shrubs, and gardens.

The little town has no neighborhoods of minority groups. Never in its history have negroes lived within its city limits.

February 25, 1958

Garden Clubs

Get a Stamp

For the first time in the history of any country, a postage stamp honoring gardening and horticulture will be issued by the USA. The 3-cent stamp will be released March 15 at Ithaca, N. Y., as part of the 100th anniversary celebration of Cornell University and the great American horticulturist, Liberty Hyde Bailey.

The National Council of State Garden Clubs was instrumental in obtaining this commemorative stamp, and the organization has been invited to sponsor with the American Horticultural Council the official "First Day of Issue" envelopes. These, bearing the seal of the National Council, will become collectors' items, and members of the Caney Garden Club and the Rake and Hoe Garden Club can obtain them at special prices. The usual retail price is 10c each.

The post office department will print 120 million stamps, and they will be available in every post office in the United States March 17.

It is believed by Mrs. Evelyn F. Money, president of the National Council of State Garden Clubs, that circulation of the special stamps will help to advance the garden club theme, "Our Horticultural Stewardship."

February 11, 1958

Home Culture Club Studies "Nations Newest Old Masters"

The Home Culture Club met Thursday night in the home of Mrs. Wayne Lugeanbeal, 106 West First.

Mrs. M. B. Baxter presided in the absence of the president, Mrs. M. S. Sullivan led the flag salute and Club Collect. Mrs. Frank Ikerd gave the devotions, based on Psalms 119.

Mrs. Lora Parsons gave a paper "The Nation's Newest Old Masters." She used illustrations of pictures from National Geographic Magazine.

Roll call was answered by naming a famous artist.

During the business session it was reported that \$78.50 had been sent to the Kansas Children's Service League. A report was made concerning the porchlight parade for the March of Dimes.

The club members voted to assist in the litterbug poster contest and to offer a cash prize.

The hostess served refreshments to 10 members.

April 5, 1958

Mrs. Wm. Maloney Hostess to Caney Chums HDU

Caney Chums HDU met April 3 in the home of Mrs. William Maloney. Mrs. W. L. Williams was co-hostess.

The clothing lesson was given by Mrs. James Roper. The object of the lesson was to understand sizes and figure types in commercial patterns so as to better enjoy home sewing.

It was pointed out there are five figure types: girl, miss, tens, junior and half sizes.

Pattern shells were used at the meeting. Each make of pattern has a different size. Measurements were taken for buying a pattern.

An all-day meeting is next for the unit. Each member is to take material for a dress or blouse.

Mrs. Maude Ziegenfuss gave the devotions and Mrs. Williams sold the aprons that each member took to the meeting. One was selected to be sent to the international meeting at Wichita in October.

Refreshments were served to 14 members.

Unit II B.

Furniture for home and school.

We have studied our school and our home. With these we have had years of experience. Do you think it will be interesting to learn about the furniture in our school and home? Would you like to have an afternoon to look at the room-settings in the Knowles Furniture Store? The history of that store is extremely interesting, too.

1. Secure permission of:

- a. School authority
- b. Store owner and operator
- c. Parents

2. Make definite arrangement for a time the coming week.

3. Prepare for the study:

- a. Organized effort to learn orderly
- b. Furniture -- useful, budget-wise, beautiful
- c. Requirement: Each pupil is to plan how he would like to furnish his own room. He is to draw a floor map and itemize the cost.

In addition to that, he is to decide how he would spend between \$200.00 and \$300.00 for home furniture outside his own room.

4. Spend the afternoon in the store observing greatest care and all "hands-off" signs. (There are some.)

5. Discuss the trip and write the letter of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Knowles.

6. Revise as necessary the floor map, lists of furniture and cost (reference 3 c.).

Gwynne Blackledge's Zest for Business Has Lasted 50 Years

Frank Sands in Independence
Daily Reporter

Stop a resident of Caney and ask him who is the leading retailer in his city and chances are he will answer with the name of a man who never has seen the informant or any other resident of the place.

That is because Gwynne E. Blackledge has been in business for 50 years without the aid of eyesight, something he never had.

Starting at the age of 10 with a peanut stand, he has operated an automobile agency, though he does not like to travel by motor car, has had two music stores, though he plays no instrument, and at the age of 60 is in the furniture business with an annual volume of about \$500,000.

"For most of my life I shied away from any publicity," he says. "I do not want sympathy, but a few years ago a minister I met casually on a train convinced me I should submit to publicity for the encouragement it might give other handicapped people."

Anyone visiting the furniture dealer soon becomes unconscious of his handicap. His face is expressive and he turns toward his visitor quite like a person who can see. A ready smile flashes on and off as he proceeds.

He graduated from the peanut stand at an early age.

"I owed \$21,000 before I was 21 years old," he recalls.

After the peanut stand, his next venture was selling electrical supplies, part of the time for E. C. Alperman in Independence.

"My career nearly ended there when I was helping wire the building for a business college, now the location of Halsey Brothers. I stepped into an open elevator shaft, but managed to finish up sitting on the edge of the floor instead of taking probably a fatal fall down the shaft."

At the age of 19 he got into the automobile business at Caney, selling cars for Fred Etchen, a Coffeyville dealer. Two years later he opened a music store at Caney.

"I next wanted to buy a music store at Coffeyville, but my father, then president of the bank here in

Caney, would not loan me the necessary \$14,000 on the grounds I was extended far enough already.

"I went to Mr. Condon in the bank at Coffeyville and he was willing if father would co-sign the note. Father told him no, if he would do that, he would have loaned me the money himself.

"In the end Condon made the loan without a co-signer.

In the automobile business, Mr. Blackledge says with just pride that he personally sold from 70 to 110 cars a year for himself. He hired youths to drive for him.

One of them left him to go into World War I service with George Wark's company from Caney.

"If I find he has ever gone 'over the hill' I'll know where to look for him," Wark told Blackledge.

Flossie Jordon of Fredonia, a trained interior decorator, became his wife 33 years ago and since that time has been his chief helper.

"She is as much interested in business as I am, if not more so," says her husband.

She helps him keep informed by reading to him, with business magazines his main interest. However, he also is interested in newspapers and listens to newscasts on radio. "I'm not interested in television," he remarked as in as offhand a manner as though he could watch it if he wanted to.

In 1925 he sold the Coffeyville store and in 1929 closed out the Caney store, went out of the automobile business at the same time and shifted his interests to furniture.

In buying, just as it was with appraising second hand automobiles, he trusts his own judgment.

"How about colors," you might ask, "since you never have seen them."

"My wife has described them to me so that I feel I know them," is the reply. "However, I trust her judgment on color selections as well as that of my head salesman, R. C. McQuillen, but I feel every piece of merchandise carefully to determine its quality. People can't fool me on that."

One of his chief prides is that the store bookkeeping is accurate.

(Continued on back page)

"Our books balance to a penny, just like a bank's," he says. "We have been complimented by internal revenue agents who have at times checked on us."

It happens that Mr. and Mrs. Blackledge are in the banking business also. They own the controlling interest in the Caney Valley National Bank, which was bought by his father and E. P. Allen, his grandfather on his mother's side just after a famed robbery of the bank by the Starr gang, widely known in early days.

Since the death of his father, he bought out the interests of other heirs, including his sisters, Mrs. B. E. Fillis of Chicago and Mrs. Lester J. Palmer of Seattle. Both the sisters are wives of doctors.

"I don't spell very well, because I learned the wrong way, but I can use a pencil and paper," he says in giving an idea how a blind man can manage a business. All his education was received at home from his parents, both college graduates. His mother and the late Mrs. R. W. Cates of Independence were sisters.

An unusual memory for details also is a great help, but he admits to not remembering names of people very well.

"I meet a person once and don't see him again for years but I will remember his voice and what he

was doing, even though I don't know his name."

"Just the other day I answered the phone and a voice asked if I knew his name. I replied that I didn't but I knew he was the Western Union agent at Tulsa."

Outside business hours he says he has no hobbies or amusements other than the reading by his wife and radio listening he uses for gathering information.

"As for sports, I don't even know how many men are on a baseball team," he says with a smile.

He explains logically why automobile riding is no fun for him.

"You can get an idea if you ride with someone driving and with your eyes closed," he said. "I judge distance by sound and sometimes the direction and velocity of the wind affects that. When you meet and pass a big truck, each vehicle going 50 miles an hour, for instance, your passing makes a speed of 100 miles an hour and sometimes the roar will seem as though the vehicles are mighty few inches apart."

Gwynne Blackledge's Zest for Business Has Lasted 50 Years

(Continued from front page)

He traveled by airplane just once and says he wants no more of that.

"I sat there and listened to every sound of the engines, feeling each second would be the last. I noted the vibration of the wings and seemed to sense they would fall off any minute. I make several trips to Chicago every year and I go only by train."

He says Mrs. Blackledge's chief amusement in leisure time is looking after their beautiful yard and she keeps it green and pretty no matter what the summer weather may be.

Always one to like to plan ahead and try out new things, Blackledge commented, "Now at an age where my life expectancy holds me back from branching into experiments which I might not carry through, I have thought of retiring, but my wife has an idea about that."

"She says, 'Knowing how impatient you are for something to do

on Sundays, I know you would not be satisfied.'"

"I told her I could go back to the peanut stand."

"If you did, it wouldn't be any time at all until you would have a big farm and be producing the butter for the popcorn," was her clincher."

So it appears that for some time the Blackledges will continue to operate the present business, occupying three floors on a quarter of a block, except for the first floor corner taken out for the bank, and using a warehouse that also covers a quarter of a block in Caney.

Blackledge Sales Co. Sold

Blackledge Sales Co., probably the largest exclusive furniture store in Kansas, has been sold by Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Blackledge to Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Knowles of Augusta. The new owners will take possession Monday.

The deal was one of the largest to be announced in Caney for many years. It involves a store that the Blackledges had made a household word since they bought it from the late B. E. Mahon in September, 1930.

Prior to that Mr. Blackledge had operated an automobile agency and piano sales business here since 1915 under the Blackledge Sales Co. name. "We have had the same firm name and same telephone number since 1915," Mr. Blackledge stated this morning.

New Owners Are Experienced

Mr. and Mrs. Knowles have had 12 years of experience in operating a furniture store similar in type to the Blackledge store. "They are experienced and successful," Mr. Blackledge stated.

He added that Mr. and Mrs. Knowles will retain the same store personnel and will operate a store of the same type that now exists. They have rented the home owned by Mr. and Mrs. Verle Judson, 609 East Fourth. They are in the neighborhood of 35 years old and have a son and daughter, aged about 13 and 14.

Blackledges Plan to Rest

Asked about their future plans, Mr. Blackledge said he and Mrs. Blackledge have worked hard for

many years and now plan a long rest. Other than that, he has no plans, but it is safe conjecture that they will retain Caney as their home. He has other business interests here.

The Blackledge store, from a small beginning, has grown into one that has attracted attention throughout the Midwest. It has a tremendous scope of trade territory.

A major expansion program that was completed 10 years ago last July gave the store much added room. It now occupies three floors and has many departments.

It has been the subject of numerous magazine and newspaper stories as an example of a major business enterprise in a small city.

The Caney, Kansas, Chronicle, April 23, 1958

Bank Building to Be Used As Blackledge Office

A remodeling project in Caney Valley National Bank building that includes "out-of-this world" offices for Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Blackledge is nearing completion.

Rooms south of the bank, in which George H. Wark had his law office for several years, will be used by Mr. and Mrs. Blackledge.

The rooms have been completely rebuilt and include new cork floor in three tones of brown; new walls and ceiling in rose-beige; combination heating and cooling units at floor level; a beautiful rest room that includes a sink and garbage disposal, a built-in cabinet that contains the firm's safes, and a clothes closet.

Main entrance to the Blackledge suite is from a west door but it also can be reached from the interior of the bank.

A partition in the west part of the bank has been removed

to give more working room. An additional office has been added. The row of low-walled identical offices, at the west rear of the bank will be occupied by Bill Rogers, Charles N. Scott and U. S. Gibbs. The Blackledge offices and Mr. Gibbs' office are connected by a door and short hall entrance.

Also connecting the bank proper and the Blackledge main office is a directors' room for the bank officers.

Much of the furniture for the Blackledge office has not arrived. It will be all-leather, designed for looks and comfort. It includes a coffee bar and TV set.

"We hope to make our office have the comforts of home, so we can enjoy living in it during our business hours," Mr. and Mrs. Blackledge said today.

Both are officers in the bank. They recently sold their mammoth furniture business to Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Knowles, who are now in charge.

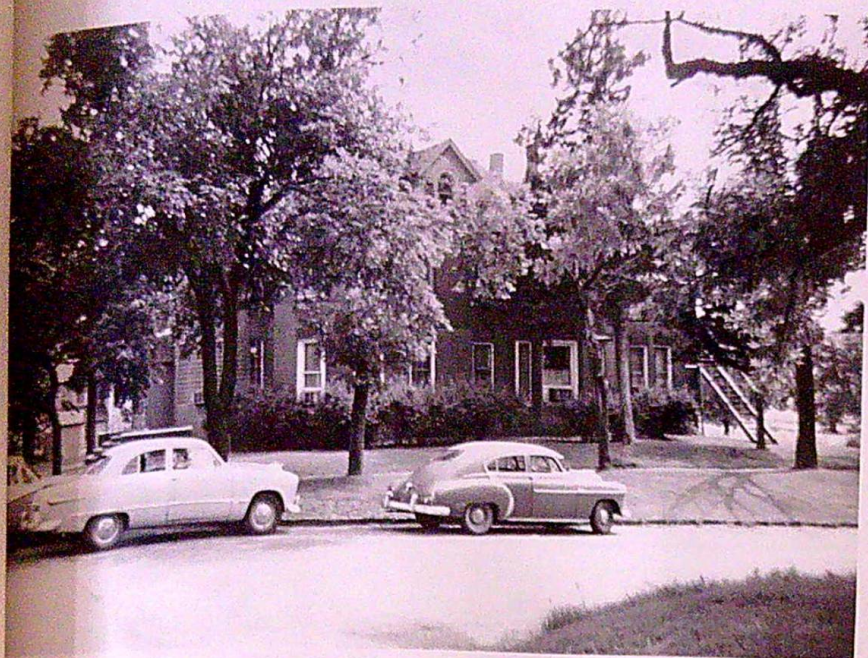
Unit III

We want good health.

For two months we have studied school and home relations. We have learned some of the values of good care, food, shelter, and clothing as they affect health. We do not want to be sick, but we are glad that we have doctors, nurses, and hospitals to take care of us when we need specialized service to restore our health and help us keep it. Would you appreciate hearing the public health nurse tell us about health in the community, home, and school?

1. Make appointment for the nurse's visit.
2. Build wholesome attitudes toward the public health program.
3. Solicit some pupils to report on sanitary conditions and health habits.
4. Receive the nurse politely.
5. Direct inquiry on how pupils can help in the public health.
6. Extend appreciation for capable doctors, nurses, and hospital.
7. Thank the speaker.
8. Conduct a health forum the following school day.

The Caney Hospital has helped in hundreds of critical hours. The brick building, similar to the old mansion type, was remodeled and adapted to community needs.



Dr. Michael Scimeca, who has spent his boyhood in Caney, now treats many patients in the hospital he has watched grow from neglected property to a city hospital.



Dr. Floyd Muck recently left the Halstead, Kansas, hospital staff to come to Caney. His patients may also be admitted to the hospital. Both doctors own homes in Caney and have children in school.

The Caney Chronicle, April 23, 1958

Caney Registered Nurses Organize Professional Club

A group of registered nurses met Monday night in the home of Mrs. Russell Chambers, 306 South Fawn, to organize the "R. N. Club."

Membership is open to all registered nurses of this area.

Program ideas and objectives for the club were discussed, and the following officers were elected:

Miss Margaret Muir, president; Mrs. Verna Harris, vice-president; Mrs. Bob Weaverling, secretary; Mrs. Tom Holeman, treasurer; Mrs. George Johnson, reporter; Mrs. Russell Chambers, program chairman.

Those present were Miss Muir, and Mesdames Bob Weaverling, Russell Chambers, Charles Beazer, Willard York, Otis Beaty, Tom Holeman, George Johnson, Beverly Waymire and Verna Harris.

The next meeting will be in the Muir home May 26.

It used to be called Armistice Day. Even the name has been changed to Veterans' Day, the celebration being one of the most interesting in the country. Caney no longer remains a city limit affair, Unit IV sends the heartiest invitation to all the towns that will participate Veterans Day ships are cordial and attitudes are united in a common cause.

Caney, Kansas, celebrates Veterans Day in the largest way. Then is the one time when Caney entertains more people from neighboring towns than on any other occasion. The newspaper always carries articles about the plans and observance. The pupils should collect the news items to help identify the visiting towns' bands, school groups and activities. These are interesting items for discussion. Many pupils will suggest entering contests. Some will ask help before entering competitive numbers.

1. What is the history of Veterans Day?
2. Assignment: Interview one person from an out-of-town school.
 - a. Acquaintance should be casual and informal.
 - b. Good attitude for home community
 - c. Helpful and comparative information about neighboring schools.
 - d. Interschool friendship
3. Attend the important events of the day.
4. Discuss and report.

It used to be called Armistice Day. Even the name has been changed to Veterans' Day, the celebration calls for one of the most interesting in the country. Caney no longer remains a city limit affair, but extends the heartiest invitation to all the towns that will participate. School friendships are cordial and attitudes are united in a common cause.

The Caney Chronicle, November 8, 1957.

14 Bands and Drum Corps to March in Parade Monday Night

Fifteen bands and drum corps will march in the Veterans Day celebration parade here Monday night. The parade will start promptly at 7 p. m. at the west end of Fourth Avenue and will proceed through the the business district.

The following bands will participate:

Caney High School.
Caney Junior Band.
Independence Junior High Drum Corps.
Peru High School.
Elk City High School.
Coffeyville Junior College.
Coffeyville Field Kindley Girls' Drum Corps.
Coffeyville Field Kindley High School Band.
Sedan High School.
Dewey High School.
Cedar Vale High School.
Coffeyville Junior High.
Independence Twirling Corps.
Three rural schools will have floats. They are Niotaze, Havana, and Pleasant Hill. The Tyro school

had to withdraw its float because of the influenza epidemic. There is word that Peru will have a float, but the entry had not been received this morning.

Other parade floats will include Jaycee Jaynes' Miss Sweet Sixteen conveyance, on which all the queen candidates will ride; two floats entered by Ernest Brown post of the American Legion, and a Lions Club float.

The Sedan American Legion color guard will march in front of the Sedan band and the Caney Legion's color guard will march in front of the Caney band. The four units will go from the parade route to the stadium to participate in the flag raising ceremony preceding the football game.

The parade will include saddle clubs and other units.

Earle Biggerstaff, parade marshal, said he would start the parade promptly at 7 and all units are asked to be ready at that time without fail.

Unit V

Five committees: Shortwave radio, music, art, sewing, machine shop.

Have you ever worked in groups that we call committees? There are some very good subjects that we can study in this manner. Committees work together and complete a project and share their findings in special reports. This community offers five good fields. I hope you will consider these and make your selection.

The technique for developing the project will involve study in available books, interviews with specialized people, your own arrangement of information and reports.

1. There are at least nine amateur shortwave radio operators in Caney. All will tell you how interesting it is as a hobby and that it is also useful. I am sure that two or three boys who know the operators would enjoy a good study period with them as they help you understand the working principles. The assignments will not be difficult and technical, but the class will be glad to hear of outside interests and it might be a lead for you to select a worthwhile hobby of your own.

2. We have learned about some of our school musicians, but there are usually more -- those who have not publicly participated. I should like for boys and girls to volunteer a music study. We have music teachers, both vocal and instrumental, and they have been extremely helpful in community programs. The assignment will be something you will like to share with the class: what music means to us; how old is music; something about the changes music has undergone; and you may wish to present your favorite selection. This committee might be rather large as each develops the phase he likes best.

32.

3. Art is another kind of expression. How many students do we have who have had lessons from Mrs. Susis Harris? Who plan to take painting under her supervision? You who have expressed interest will be a good committee to work on this project. After you have told the class the most important things about the drawing, water and oil colors, and other materials, perhaps we can go see the display.

4. Most girls like to sew. It is very helpful to be able to make and repair clothing; furthermore it is thrifty. The sewing club receives visitors when they begin projects and every year girls no older than our class attend their all day meeting. The exhibit and demonstration of hand and machine sewing are very helpful. I hope some of you girls decide to attend.

5. The fifth project, and the last that I shall suggest now, is for boys who like machinery. Yes, there are girls who like machinery also; there are boys who do not like machines of any kind, you know. It would hardly be convenient for the class to go to the Wheatley shop. A small committee of boys could derive great benefit and you may then tell the class about the kind of work and something about the products.

1. Discussion

2. Committees are organized with chairman and recording secretary.

3. Each group discusses what they should look for to prepare them.

4. Suggestions are much in order in all formative periods.

5. Arrangements are made.

6. Teacher, helpful parent, or appointed supervisor attends each group.

7. Material is prepared for class discussion and reports.

Is Caney one of the "hammiest" hamlets in Southern Kansas, radiowise? 33.
These articles were published in the Caney Chronicle, May 21, 23, 1958.

Affable Bob Sonnemann Saw Two Years of Warfare

Genial, smiling and unhurried are words that describe Bob Sonnemann, owner of the Bob Sonnemann Agency in Caney. Bob sells all kinds of insurance, is licensed to sell real estate, and is a notary public. He is a World War II veteran, a college graduate, and a ham radio operator.

In 1943 he enlisted in the Coast Guard and served in the

participated remain clearly in his memory, or if it all seems like something that didn't really happen, Sonnemann replied: "I actually remember little of it. I have to look at the pictures to remember."

Following the war he enlisted in a National Guard artillery unit while a student at Ottawa University. In 1951 he was in the Army six months, stationed at Fort Sill, Okla.

He is a captain in a National Guard field artillery battalion at Coffeyville at this time.

Married Ottawa U. Co-ed

While in college at Ottawa he met Lou Atkeson of Pittsburg, also a student. They were married in 1951, soon after Sonnemann came to Caney.

When you speak of Mike, 2, and Kevin, 5 months old, Sonnemann's face lights with love and pride for the two sons.

After receiving a degree in economics Sonnemann was employed in Pittsburg with the Kansas Employment Service and was manager of the Kansas Veterans Commission.

The Sonnemann home is at 315 S. Spring and also houses his shortwave radio equipment. He is one of a half dozen or more ham operators in Caney. His call letters are K Zero JWB. He talks to ham operators on islands off the U. S. coasts and all over the United States. Operators here communicate regularly with the Kansas radio network and are ready to help in emergencies.

"It's a hobby," Sonnemann said, "but we are glad to know that in emergencies we could be useful."

The Sonnemann Agency is successor to the B. E. Mahon Insurance Agency.



Bob Sonnemann

Pacific two years during the war as a radioman aboard the Cambria, an assault transport.

He took part in the landings at Saipan, Okinawa, Tianian, Luzon and Lingayen Gulf, near Leyte.

Among First at Nagasaki

Sonnemann and members of the Cambria crew were among the first to arrive in Nagasaki after the atom bomb leveled that city, and they witnessed one of history's big events, the signing of the surrender of Japan.

Sonnemann has many pictures, Chinese and Japanese money, U. S. military money issued for use in those countries, ship's newspapers and other mementoes of those stirring days.

Asked by a Chronicle reporter if war events in which he

Two men who have never met are fighting the Civil War all over again. It's bloodless and a lot of fun.

Bob Sonnemann, Caney ham radio operator, has a ham-pal in Louisiana, and they were buddy-buddy over the long-wave route until Sonnemann mentioned the name of "Abraham Lincoln" with the awe and reverence that is typically Yankee.

"You might as well understand," said Sonnemann's southern friend, "that if we are going to keep talking there are certain words we can't use."

Since then the battle has waged hot and frequent—and from a proper distance.

Caney, we believe, is one of the "hammiest" hamlets in Southern Kansas, radiowise.

There are no less than nine amateur shortwave radio operators here—maybe more. The ones we can name are M. L. Peasall, Bob Sonnemann, Paul Cochrane, Jim Shrum, Howard Bitsko, Joe Murphy, Verney Wallar, Cliff Johnson and Bill Sprague.

MUSIC, MUSIC, MUSIC!

There is music in the air.

Caney Valley Historical Society

--These articles are taken from the
Caney Chronicle.

Three Piano Recitals by Erma Gray Students This Week

The talent and training of Miss Claudia Staton, 15-year-old pianist, were strikingly apparent as she presented a piano recital in the Christian church Tuesday night. She was assisted by Miss Sue Winkler, flutist.

Miss Staton played a program of difficult music written by the old masters in a manner that showed excellent interpretation and mastery of technique. The flute numbers by Miss Winkler were a pleasing variation.

Claudia is a student of Mrs. Erma Gray.

Piano numbers included:

Sonata Opus 27, No. 2 (Moonlight), Beethoven.

Fantasia in D Minor, Mozart.

Prelude Opus 27, No. IV, Chopin.

Nocturne in E Flat, Chopin.

Valse Opus 70, No. I, Chopin.

The Little White Donkey, Ibert.

To a Water-Lily, MacDowell.

Impromptu in C Sharp Minor, Beethoven.

Rhapsodie Hongroise No. IV, Liszt.

Flute numbers were "Andante et Scherzo" by Louis Ganne, and "Syrinx" by Debussy. The piano accompaniment on the first selection was by Sue's mother, Mrs. Harold Winkler. The last number had no accompaniment.

Ushers were Mary Lou Bridstine, Linda Liberman, Mary Ann Estes and Warren Edmundson.

Miss Staton used a Steinway Grand piano.

Grade, Junior High Students in Piano Recital Tonight

Mrs. Erma Gray will present her elementary grades and junior high school piano students in a recital in the Christian church at 7:30 tonight. The public is invited.

The program:

"Skip to My Lou"—Gary Henderson.

"The Linnet"—Martha Hait.

"Story-Book Waltz"—Donald Muck.

"March of the Wee Folk"—Gloria Jean Fuqua.

"The Glider"—Robert Woolard.

"A Solo for the Cello"—Randall Fuqua.

"Will o' the Wisp"—Ronnie Taylor.

"Holiday March"—Donnie Taylor.

"The Little Lead General"—Dae McBride.

"Wood Nymph's Harp"—Cynthia Pearsall.

"Swaying Pines"—Susan Keeny.

Duet, "Merry Widow Waltz" and "The Man on the Flying Trapeze"—Ronnie and Donnie Taylor.

"In Hanging Gardens"—Dollie Phillips.

"Caprice of the Gnomes"—Freddy Toner.

"A Day Dream"—Kay Owen.

"Valse"—Glenda Mae Henderson.

"Fantasy"—Corliss Knowles.

"Gloria Ballet Dance"—Kathleen George.

Intermission.

Duet, "Autumn Leaves"—Michelle Scimeca and Karen Kennedy.

"From a Distant Steeple"—Ruth Muck.

"Pomp and Pageantry"—Jerry Meyer.

"Valse Suzanne"—Patsy Rudd.

"On Skates"—Michael Scimeca.

"Swing Prelude"—Sue Owen.

"At the Camp Fire"—Sherry Hendricks.

"Snowfall"—Michelle Scimeca.

Duet, "April Showers"—Dianne Pearsall, Jimmy Taylor.

"Swincopation"—Karen Kennedy.

"Fire Dance"—Carol Robb.

"Majesty of the Deep"—John Winkler.

"Rhapsodie"—Jimmy Taylor.

"Nola"—First piano (solo), Dianne Pearsall. Second piano (accompaniment), Karen Kennedy.

Senior High Recital Friday

Mrs. Gray will present her senior high school students in recital Friday night.

June 9, 1958

35.

Two More Piano Recitals by Students Of Mrs. Erma Gray

Two piano recitals given by students of Mrs. Erma Gray Thursday and Friday nights in the Christian church were thoroughly enjoyed by large audiences.

Grade school and junior high night was publicized in last Monday's Chronicle.

High school students gave the following program Friday evening:

"A Garden at Evening"—Curtis Keeny.

"Two-Part Invention No. III" and "Arioso"—Susan Ingerson.

"On the Road to Mandalay"—Mary Bridenstine.

Duet, "Fiddle-Fiddle"—Janice Scott and Claudia Staton.

"Rondo a la Turque"—Linda Spurlock.

"Fantasia in D-Minor"—Sue Cauldwell.

"Reverie"—Diane Denman.

"Gitananerias"—Karen House.

"Prelude in C-Sharp Minor"—Larry McAfee.

"Scherzo in E-Minor"—Sally Holroyd.

"Sonata Patheque" (first movement)—Janice Scott.

"Polonaise Opus 26, No. 1"—Myrna Jones.

Vocal number by Marie Harden (Reynolds, guest vocalist).

"Sonata Opus 2, No. 3 (first movement)—Janice Holroyd.

"Hungarian Rhapsodie No. IV"—Claudia Staton.

Three duo piano numbers concluded the program:

"Coppelia Ballet"—Susan Ingerson and Kristi Hait.

"When Day Is Done"—Karen House and Diane Denman.

"Tea for Two"—Linda Spurlock, Sue Cauldwell.

Steinway Grand and Everett studio pianos were used.

Sarah Sheldon and Clark Ferrell were ushers.

Music Study Club Has Program and Dinner Last Night

Caney Music Study Club enjoyed a 7 o'clock dinner last night at Shutt's after which the 24 members present went to the home of Mrs. Jack Gray for a delightful program.

Dinner tables were beautifully decorated with jonquils and Easter lilies. A chicken menu, with cake and coffee, was served.

The program in the home of Mrs. Gray included:

Duo piano numbers, "Ballet" from Coppelia by Delibes, and "Allegro" (Hayden) by Mrs. Everett E. Estes and Mrs. W. K. McBurney.

Duo piano numbers, "Malagueña" (Lecuona) by Mrs. Robert Nay and Mrs. Odie Wilson.

Violin solos, "Csardos" (Monti) and "Ave Maria" (Shubert) by Mrs. Douglas Rhoades; Mrs. Robert Nay, accompanist.

Duo-piano numbers, "Candlelight Concerto" (Kasham) and "Deep River Fantasy" (Nevin) by Mrs. Jack Gray and Mrs. J. E. Freisberg.

Piano solo, "Grand Valse de Concert" (Liebling) by Mrs. Homer Anderson.

Mrs. Gray served divinity, fudge and an ice drink after the program.

The meeting concluded the club year. During the business session it was reported that \$40 had been collected by the club members for the Red Cross.

Local Summer Music Lessons Begin Monday

Caney's summer music program, sponsored co-operatively by the school and city, will begin Monday. Successive weeks will bring concerts on each Thursday evening at the stadium as in previous years.

The summer music program is for eight weeks.

A group of beginning students will be started at 1 p. m. Monday. They will meet twice each week, Mondays and Thursdays, at 1. An instrument representative will be at the high school band room Monday to talk with parents concerning the renting of instruments.

A schedule of class lessons and their meeting times has been placed in the hands of the students now in the band program. Each student will have a class lesson twice weekly for 45 minutes.

A. T. Estes, high school music supervisor, is in charge of the summer program.

The Charles Wheatley Valve Manufacturing Company purchased the location the Prairie Sinclair Company had formerly occupied for many years.



The Caney Chronicle, October 1, 1957

Wheatley Firm Lands Big Contract for Pipe Line Valves

One of the largest orders for check valves ever given at one time to one company has come to the Charles Wheatley Co. of Tulsa and Caney. Glen Wheatley, in charge of the Caney plant, said today that the order amounts to \$225,000 and is for Stream Flo swing check valves to be used on the 440-mile products pipe line of the Laurel Pipe Line Co., from Philadelphia to Pittsburgh and Cleveland, O.

It is possible the order may be increased as additional valves are required, Wheatley said.

The contract is regarded as an especially high recognition of the firm's manufacturing "know-how," according to the Tulsa Tribune, which added that the Charles Wheatley firm has been in the man-

ufacturing business the comparatively short time of four years. Many large valve manufacturers have been in business many times that long.

Glen Wheatley said today the Caney plant will take care of the new business, along with the constant stream of orders it constantly receives.

He said 60 men now work at the plant. "We just added two, and soon will hire six more," he said. "We will be working 75 men before long."

Laurel Pipe Line Co. is owned jointly by Gulf Oil Corp., with a 40 per cent interest, Sinclair Pipe Line Co., 30 per cent and the Texas Co., 25 per cent. Gulf is doing the engineering work on the line and it awarded the contract for the valves to the Charles Wheatley Co.

The products line will range from 14 to 24 inches in diameter with more than 109 miles to be 24-inch. Estimated cost of the line is \$50,000,000 and major construction will start early in 1958.

The Charles Wheatley Co. announced recently it had designed and completed construction of a 30-inch check valve with new and unique features in the Caney plant.

The Tulsa Tribune further explains:

"A check valve is a safety device which prevents reversal of direction of flow in a pipe line. It prevents loss of valuable products in case of a break in the line, shut-down of a pump, or any other cause which might stop the forward movement of contents of the line and tend to reverse the direction of flow.

"A feature of the larger Stream-Flo check valve made by the Charles Wheatley Co. is a rack and pinion attachment on each side of the valve which slows up the closing of the clapper shaft, thereby

minimizing fluttering and 'slamming' common in other valves when the clapper shaft is closed quickly. Another feature is an 'O' ring made of synthetic rubber, in the clapper, giving positive shut-off. This feature was designed by Charles Wheatley, president of the company, and patent for it is pending."

Arthur J. Wheatley, brother of Charles and vice-president of the company, with Ollie Copeland, sales engineer for the Charles Wheatley Co. at Houston were given chief credit for the order, according to the Tulsa newspaper.

Officers of this growing firm are Charles Wheatley, president; Arthur Wheatley, vice-president; Cora Wheatley, secretary-treasurer and Willadean Fuller, assistant secretary-treasurer. Larry Huff is purchasing agent and Glenn Wheatley is manager of the Caney plant.

Charles Wheatley has had a varied business career. In his early days he was a baseball pitcher in the major leagues ending his baseball career in 1930 after receiving a sore arm at Detroit. He had pitched for two years for the Kansas City Blues and, at one time, was a baseball teammate of Dwight D. Eisenhower in Kansas.

He moved to Tulsa in 1940 and engaged in the oil business. He organized his own company in 1943 as an industry supply company and in 1953 started manufacturing valves.

160 at Wheatley Company's Gala Thanksgiving Party

More than 160 persons, including the Charles Wheatley Valve Co. employes and their families of Caney and the office personnel of Tulsa were guests at an enormous Thanksgiving dinner in Community Center last night. Because of the press of business, the monthly dinner will not be held in December, so the one last night was extra-special.

Turkey, ham, and "all the trimmings," were served at 6 p. m.

The guest-of-honor list from Tulsa included Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wheatley, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Huff, Mr. and Mrs. John Fitzpatrick, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Weekley and daughter, Judy, Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Fuller, Miss Sue Renard, Miss Beatrice Gaddis, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wells, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Giles, Mrs. Pete Bertie, Mr. and Mrs. Mahlon Robinson; from Kansas City, Mo., George Wheatley and Mrs. Jane Quinley.

Waiters for the dinner were Harry Meyers, Earl Taylor, Harold Ball, J. C. Ducummon Jr., Dee Ross, Alvin Donaldson and Harry McCallion.

Mrs. Harold Ball and Miss Kathy Bradley poured.

Corn-shock streamers and varicolored fall leaves gave a harvest-like appearance to the decorations. Centerpieces were horns-of-plenty, filled with fresh fruit and nuts.

The Rev. Pete Rudd was chairman of the entertainment committee.

Music was played throughout the evening by Mrs. Fern Chastain, piano; Al Chastain Jr., electric guitar; Don Grimes and O'Neil Owens, guitar.

The dinner was prepared by Mrs. Glen Wheatley with the assistance of some of the wives of the employes. Mrs. G. E. Rollins and Mrs. E. E. Brewer had charge of carving the turkey and slicing the ham.

The menu, in addition to the meat dishes, included mashed potatoes, dressing, gravy, salad, green beans, relish dishes, hot rolls, jello salad, cookies and coffee.

Pictures were taken of the group.

Wheatley Valve Co. Shows Steady Progress At Caney

CANEY, (JNS)— One of the bright spots in Caney's industrial picture is the Charles Wheatley Valve Manufacturing Co.

During the slightly more than a year the firm has been in operation in Caney, the business, payroll and employees have increased steadily.

Business from oil and gas firms in the United States has picked up and the company is receiving a lot of orders for foreign shipment.

"We are getting orders in advance and right now I can't see any lull coming in the business," Glen Wheatley, manager of the business, said shortly after the first of the year.

A recent order for \$250,000 from the Laurel Oil Co. kept the wheels at the plant turning rapidly. Other smaller orders were received from other companies in the United States and some from companies opening up the new Venezuelan field.

The company makes valves and pipe line strainers for oil and gas companies. It was moved here slightly more than a year ago from Tulsa.

Six men started turning out the valves more than a year ago and shortly after the first of the year there were about 60 men on the payroll.

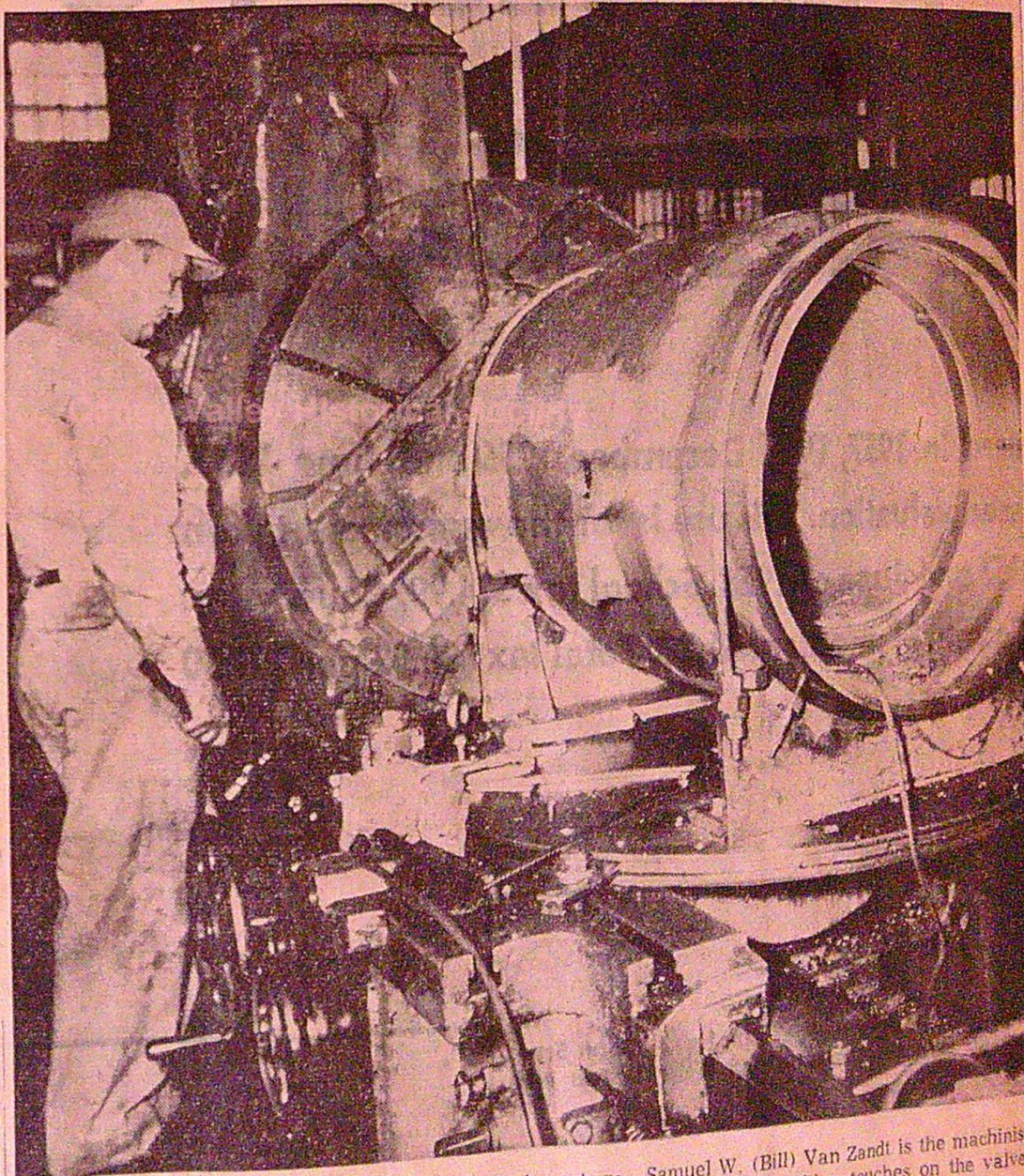
The firm is housed in the former Sinclair Shops on Foreman Street.

One of the main buildings there houses a battery of lathes and other machinery necessary in turning out the valves and flanges and other equipment for the oil and gas industry.

Other departments in the plant include a welding shop, an assembly and testing area, a warehouse and shipping center.

Size of the valves produced in the Caney plant range from half inch to 30 inches.

About the middle of last June was one of the milestones for the Wheatley plant here. It completed



VALVE IN THE MAKING—A 24-inch valve to be used in oil or gas line, is shown here in a lathe on the production line at the Weakley Valve Co. plant

here. Samuel W. (Bill) Van Zandt is the machinist who is putting the finishing touches on the valve. (Staff Photo)

and shipped its first 30-inch valve, the largest completed thus far.

It took a lot of time to get tooled up and set to produce the first 30-inch valve, but now the plant is capable of setting up a production and assembly line for turning out

the valves within about 10 days.

Folks don't usually think of a valve in terms of inches. They more easily recognize how large a 30-inch valve is when they know that it weighs 5 tons. That's a lot of metal and it takes a lot of ma-

chinery to turn it and a lot of money to produce it. The pattern machinery alone for the first 30-inch valve cost about \$5,700. The first 30-incher went to the El Paso Natural Gas Co., Farmington, N.M.

Unit VI

Six thousand caged layers

The chicken farm comprises about six thousand caged laying hens.

Orig 1. Discussion and study

- a. Breeds of poultry
- b. Care
- c. Egg production and grading
- d. Market

2. All necessary arrangements are negotiated and class goes.

3. Facts about care, cost and profit.

4. Class returns. (Questions often arise about how much better life there is for the free, barn-yard hen, and why Biddy should be made such a commercial egg producer. Reports show profit.)

5. Pupils should be encouraged to make comprehensive reports.

This is opportune for reasoning problems involving equipment and labor, profit and loss, supply and demand.

Unit VII

It is almost Christmas.

Art and decorations are much enriched by the season's sentiments. Originality is stimulated.

1. What does Christmas mean to us?

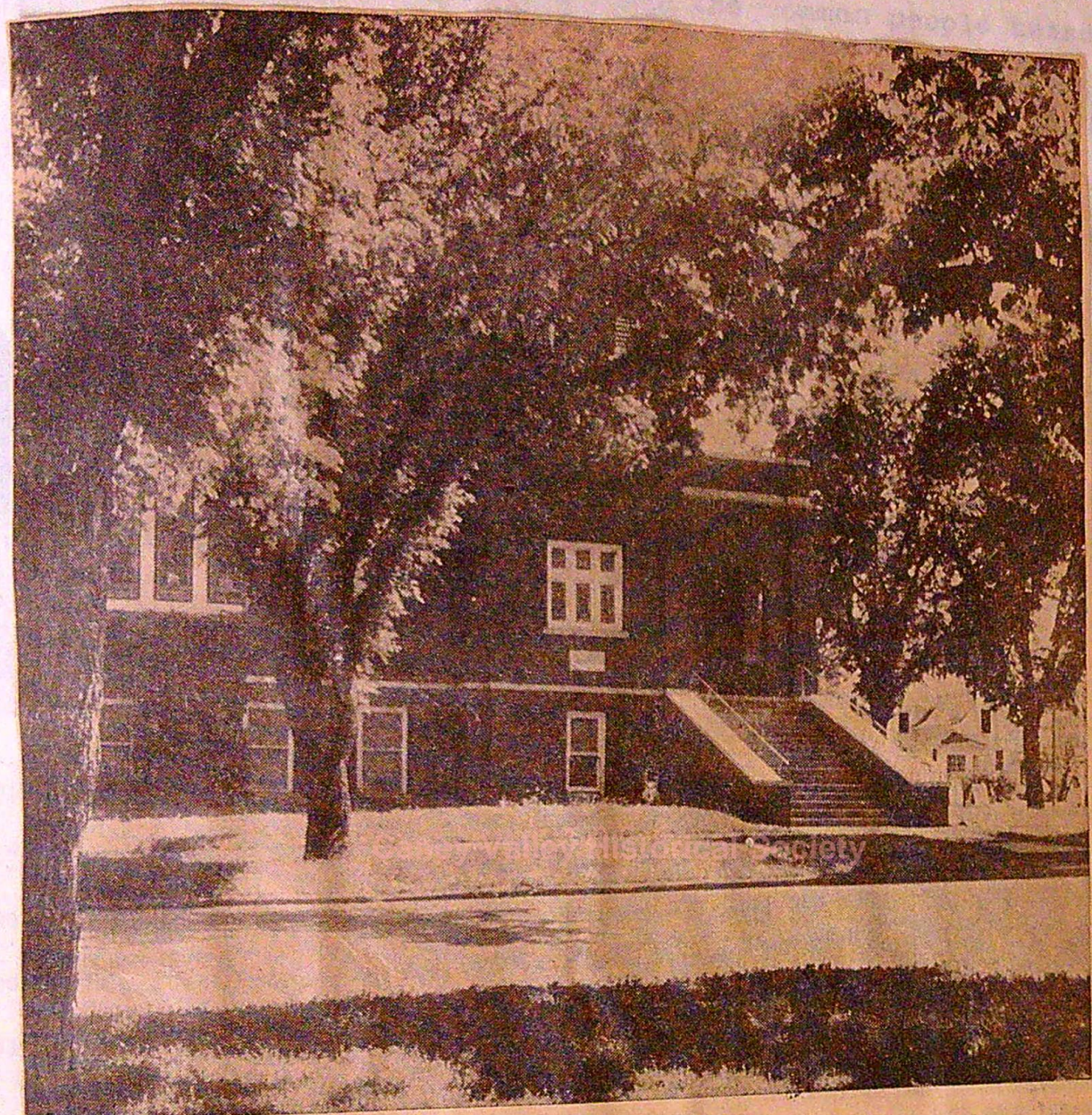
- a. In our home
- b. In our school
- c. In our town
- d. In our church

2. Attend the Christmas program and other services of the church of your choice.

3. Assignment: Each child tells the Christmas story most appealing to him. (There are those who have no Christmas -- religion, no religion, poverty, bereavement. Take care to protect them, but don't stop the whole procession for Christmas must be perpetuated in the hearts of boys and girls.)

This picture of the Caney Presbyterian Church appeared in the Coffeyville, Kansas, Journal, May 18, 1958.

43.



ACTIVE CHURCHES

Caney has churches with large edifices and denominations of various beliefs: Methodist, Presbyterian, Christian, Baptist (two), Catholic, Assembly of God, Church of Christ, Church of God, Life Tabernacle, Nazarene, and meetings of Christian Scientist, Fire Baptized Holiness, Latter Day Saints, and possibly a few others. Some attend services of Seventh Day Adventists, Friends, and others in neighboring towns.

Too many churches? Our democracy embraces the freedom of worship. Some congregations are completely universally organized with beautiful churches, libraries, studies, parsonages; others less formal who recog-

nize a founder; yet others have characteristics of a religious move- 44.
ment and within their own temporal, human tabernacles rejoice with
Mark (12:37, King James Version), "And the common people heard Him
gladly."



Not many years ago,
this building was the
Washington School. The
great bell rang out de-
cades. It rang in my
seventh and eighth grade
years.

After construction
of the Lincoln Memorial
School, the Assembly of
God Church bought it.

Note the cross and words, "Calvary Temple," top, center front, and "Assem-
bly of God" over the two office windows. The basement has classrooms for
the children; the second floor has the large auditorium and adult class-
rooms; the third has apartments for the pastoring family and visiting
evangelists.

The Washington School building is yet of communal significance.



The Church of Christ
has the same site of the
hospital which burned a
number of years ago.
Material was salvaged
which helped the con-
gregation to build with
less expense.

The Assembly of God church on North Fawn is becoming a Caney landmark.

The lighted cross, that on a dark night seems suspended in the air, now has company. "Calvary Temple" is now spelled out in lights. There also is an "Assembly of God" sign on a lower level.

The signs were bought by the Christ's Ambassadors, youth group of the church.

Unit VIII

Livestock and agriculture in our community.

January is cold. Let us study in our classroom and library. We can make a good project of livestock-agriculture. Some of you live on farms. I think after we have studied cattle and farming, we can get Mr. Boyd to talk to us.

1. Census tracts show farm areas.
2. Number of farms, acreage, value
3. Labor, equipment, expenditure
4. Crops
5. Livestock and livestock products
6. A farmer is invited to talk to the class
7. Mr. and Mrs. Boyd will be our guests Monday afternoon.
8. The class makes maps, land use maps and maps locating dairies and livestock.

February 23, 1958, The Coffeyville, Kansas, Journal published this article, "Caney Valley Soil District In Progress." The two land use maps on the following page were enclosed with the reading material, but due to the size of this sheet it will be impossible to follow the more attractive arrangement.

46.

Caney Valley Soil District In Progress

BARTLESVILLE — Walter Sears, chairman of the Caney Valley Soil Conservation District, commenting on the 1957 progress of land treatment measures and water conservation through the district program, reported a most satisfactory year.

Conservation goals in most cases were reached or exceeded in spite of the extreme wet spring.

According to Sears, 92 additional farmers became cooperators of the district during the year. Sixty-three farmers revised their conservation plans or took steps to do additional improvement work.

Fifty-nine farmers completed all of their conservation practices.

The conservation board of supervisors has adopted a high standard goal in their program. It calls for the use of each acre of agricultural land within its capabilities and the treatment of each acre of agricultural land in accordance with its needs for protection and improvement.

Sears was quick to point out that this program was not handed down from Washington, but was organized and directed by Washington County farmers and ranchers. He added that at the end of each year, a report of accomplishments by farmers is reported and an annual plan of operations is prepared for the new year's work.

The 1957 accomplishments of the more important practices were as follows: Conservation crop rotation, 2,715 acres; rotation hay and pasture, 2,111 acres; crop residue utilization, 6,518 acres; pasture planting, 2,336 acres; proper use of native grassland, 8,512 acres; sprigging bermudagrass, 1,266 acres; 82 farm ponds, 800 acres of land clearing, 1,019 acres wildlife area improvement; 85 fish pond improvements; 2 miles of diversion terraces. Other practices included drainage, land

smoothing, subsoiling and fertilization.

The district purchased a two-row automatic bermuda sprigger to aid in establishing permanent pasture. Sears said already requests for more than 800 acres have come in for 1958. Another planter is being purchased for rental to farmers.

Sears said that while much has been done by the 810 cooperating farmers, there still remains a big conservation program ahead. He added that "the good earth is our national bulwark. To have and to hold is everybody's responsibility."

Sears pointed out that the basis of a sound conservation program begins with the study of a detailed soils map furnished the farmer by the Soil Conservation Service. These land capability maps and range surveys show the various soil types, depth of soil, slope, physical condition which is key to needed treatments. Sears then went ahead to explain who does what and describe how a conservation plan is made and carried out by the farmer or rancher.

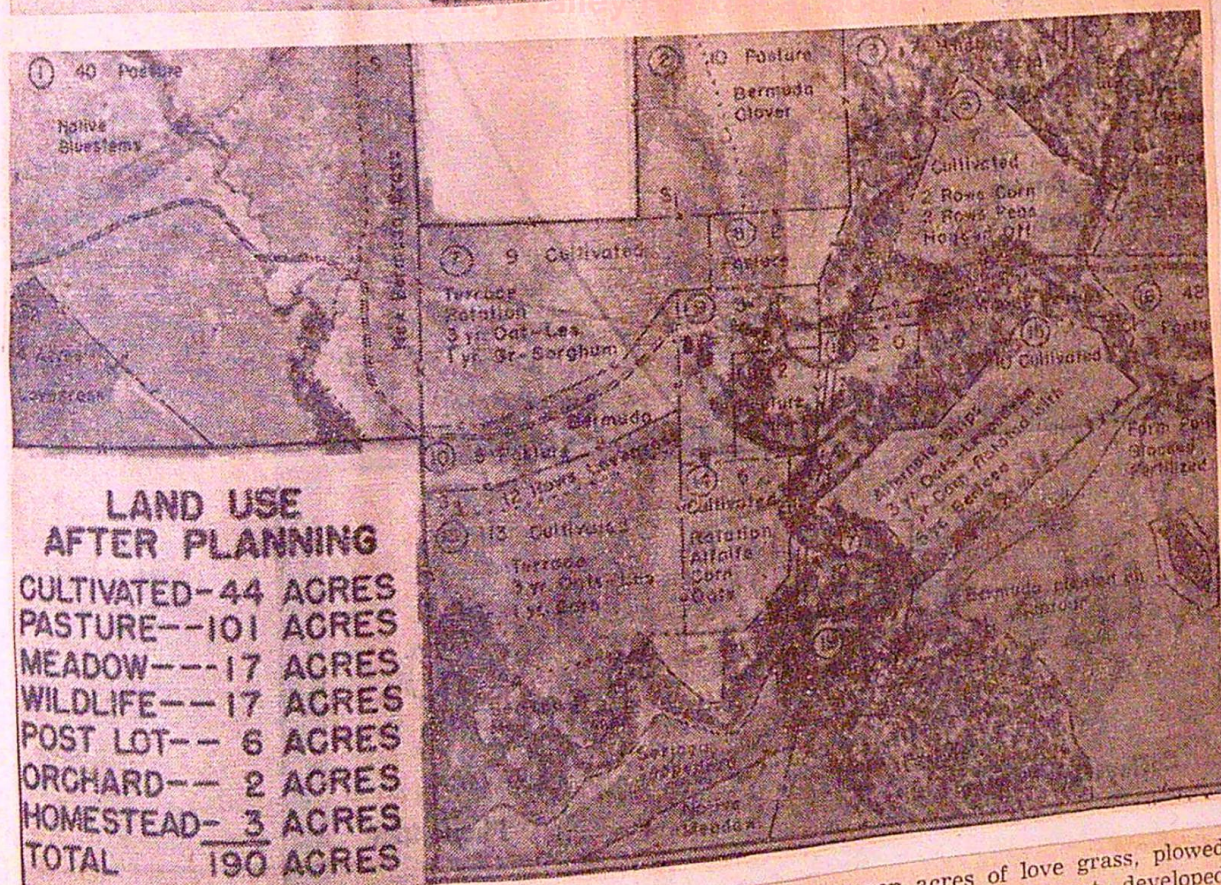
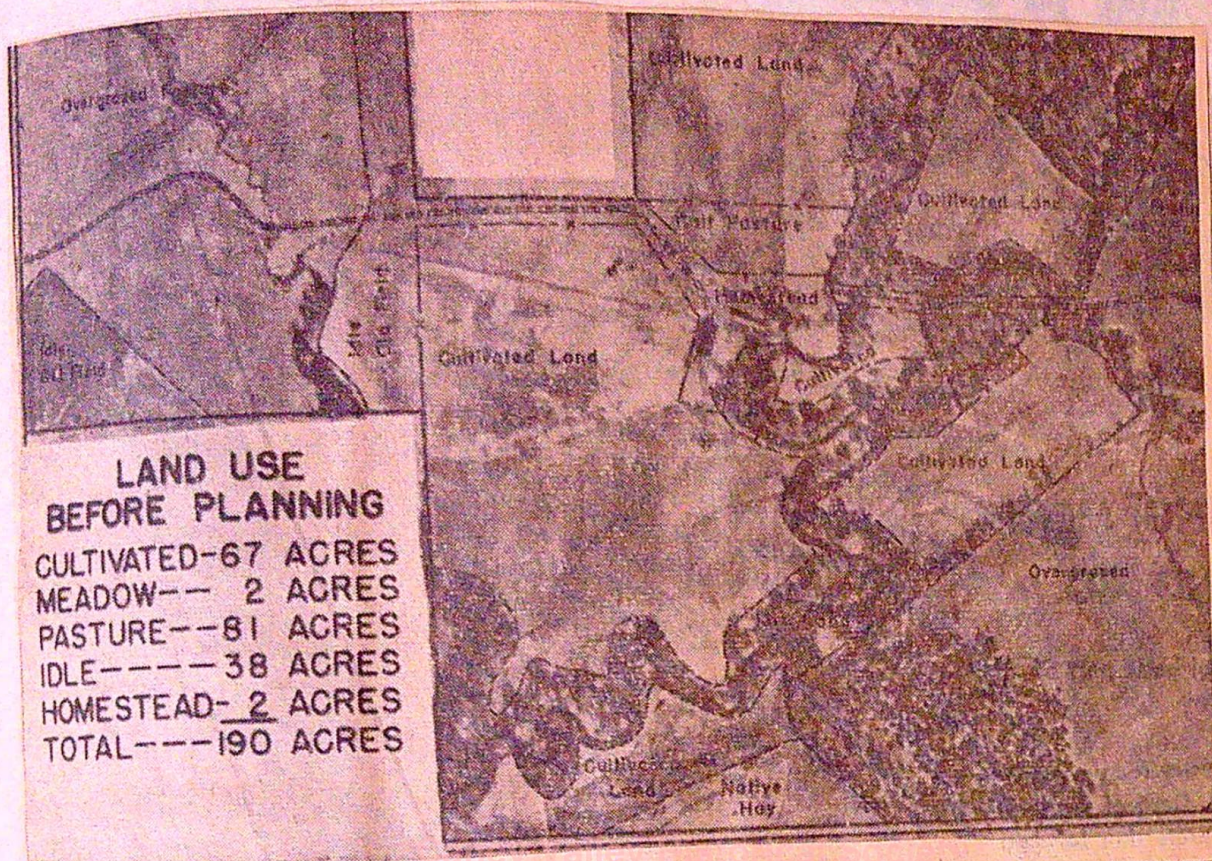
The farmer or rancher contacts the Caney Valley Soil Conservation district and arrangements are made for the soil conservation technicians to go over the farm or ranch field by field.

Using a soil survey map or range conservation survey as a guide, they walk over the farm and each acre is discussed. The farmer decides how he intends to use each field for maximum production and the treatment of each acre against erosion. The technician serves only as an advisor. The farmer thus draws up a long range conservation and soil improvement program that suits him. The Soil Conservation man drafts up the farm plan on an aerial photograph for future reference, much like the blueprint of a house.

Now what about changing the farm plan? Certainly, that is possible and altogether proper as economic conditions, family needs and other factors always have a bearing.

Is it necessary to plan the whole farm the first trip? No, oftentimes the farmer needs time to make decisions and needed adjustments, so planning and establishing a conservation program may be on a field-by-field basis, as the farmer desires.

When is the plan established? The work is done as the farmer can get to it. Technical guide sheets are furnished for each planned practice. Where on-the-farm assistance is needed, the Soil Conservation Service engineers are available to lay out drainage ditches, stake ponds, terraces or outlets or other engineering practices.



RESULTS OF USING A SOILS map in planning a farm program is showing in the picture above. As part of his program, Roy Hayden, who farms 190-acre farm near Wann, built a mile of terraces, constructed a water way, planted 10 acres of seri-

cea lespedeza, seven acres of love grass, plowed under cowpeas for soil improvement, developed six acres of wild life habitat and followed the soils map with his general farming program.

MONDAY, JUNE 16, 1958.

Rain Stops Harvest of Bumper 1958 Wheat Crop

A rain that fell slowly all of last night and with accelerated volume this morning put a stop to wheat harvest in this vicinity after it was off to a good start Friday and Saturday.

Glen Durrill of the Durill Elevator said wheat started to roll in Friday morning and continued in a steady flow Saturday. Some wheat was cut and marketed yesterday.

Durrill said reports at the elevator show wheat making from 35 to 45 bushels to the acre, an unusually high yield. Almost all of it has been No. 1.

The rain, good for other crops, is detrimental to wheat, but if the clouds disappear the sun can be expected to dry the golden fields in a hurry.

June 30, 1958

Much of Big Wheat Crop Is Harvested

Several days of sunshine have let farmers of the Caney area resume the harvest of wheat, and it is now nearing the final stages.

There was a lot of activity at the Durrill Elevator Saturday and yesterday. Elevator officials said the harvest should end in a few more days.

Before the excessive rains halted the harvest, wheat here was testing 62 and 63. It now is testing 47 and 48.

The average yield is from 30 to 40 bushels to the acre, it was stated at the elevator today.

Harry Jeter of Cotton Valley district, harvested a five-acre field that made 52 bushels to the acre. His entire wheat acreage averaged 45 bushels to the acre.

The articles below were clipped from the Caney Chronicle of July 3, 1958 and June 23, 1958, respectively.



Mrs. Dean Boyd of the Boyd Ranch is pictured with Noble Sam, 1957 champion Hereford bull at the English Royal Livestock Show and now head of the large herd of registered Hereford cows and calves at the 1,900-acre ranch, 3 miles west of Caney.

The prize animal was bought in London last summer by a partnership arrangement between the Earl Guitar Ranch

of near Abilene, Tex., and the Boyd Ranch. He was at the Guitar Ranch six months and was brought to the Boyd Ranch about three weeks ago.

The animal also was England's "Bull of the Year" winner.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Boyd and family moved their Hereford ranching activities from New Mexico in October, 1955. R. U. Boyd, who lives at Carlsbad,

N. M., is Dean Boyd's father, and he made a trip to Europe last summer to purchase Noble Sam.

The ranch home is in a picturesque hill region and the herds of fine Hereford cattle lend color to the scene.

The English Royal is comparable to the American Royal in the United States. The bull was in quarantine in Canada several months before released to its new owners.

Prize English Bull At Boyd Ranch

Noble Sam, top Hereford bull at the English Royal Livestock Show in London last summer, has arrived at the Boyd Hereford Ranch, west of Caney, to head the Boyd Hereford herd for several months.

The prize bull was purchased by R. U. Boyd in partnership with

a Texas rancher and was shipped to America. He was at the Boyd Ranch three days while en route from Canada to the Texan's ranch near Abilene several months ago.

The English Royal Livestock Show is comparable to the great American Royal at Kansas City. This gives an idea of the quality of Noble Sam and why Mr. and Mrs. Dean Boyd, ranch owners, are proud to have him on their premises.

"All visitors are welcome to see the bull," the Boyds said Saturday.

The animal was brought from Abilene by truck by R. U. Boyd and John Cheney, the latter being herdsman at the Boyd Ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. R. U. Boyd, who live at Carlsbad, N. M., have been guests at the Boyd Ranch. They are Dean Boyd's parents.

Unit IX

The sixth grade visits the dairy.

A very modern dairy is located northwest of Caney. Milk is trucked in tanks from the Lee McCall dairy where the entire process is scientifically managed. At no time does the milk contact the human hands.

(Agricultural colleges and government bureaus are quite generous in supplying information about dairies and other subjects as well. This is good experience for pupils to request pamphlets from these reliable sources. Familiarity with the material will appreciably aid pupils to understand many operations and processes. An assortment of dairy booklets should have been secured early for the development of this unit. The sixth grade level can understand the entire procedure with less confusion and waste of time.)

1. Arrangements are made for class to go to the dairy.
2. The trip is to be well directed.
3. Emphasize clarity in writing the account for the Caney Chronicle.

a. Clear description in good English

b. Clear telling step by step

c. The fashioning of articles

d. Attention

Unit X

What can we learn about glass?

(There are times when the glass plant is less crowded than others. It would be best to find the time just after a big shipment as the factory has enormous output for a plant of no greater area.)

1. In advance time and proper sequence permissions are gained to take the children for a study tour of the glass plant.
2. Preparation is made.
 - a. Materials in glass
 - b. Processes
 - c. Labor
 - d. Articles
 - e. Market
3. The class takes the field trip.
4. Complete review
5. Assignment to write reports stressing the order of processes.
 - a. Clear description in good English
 - b. Glass making step by step
 - c. The fashioning of articles
 - d. Shipment.

This picture appeared in the Coffeyville, Kansas, Journal, May 18, 1958.



GLASS FACTORY

The glass plant has built an addition, increased payroll, and received contracts for much production in the last two years. It sends out lamp shades and other articles to many markets in the United States and it is noted for enormous output. It has been visited by a number of groups, both local and distant.

Unit XI

Caney Industry Incorporated is a member of Mid-America.

Do you know how hard Mr. Marvin Sawyer worked to keep the glass plant in Caney? He is president of Caney Industry Incorporated and a trustee for Mid-America Incorporated. He is very well informed and can explain to us how these organizations function in the interest of industry -- occupations whereby we earn livelihood. Would you like for Mr. Sawyer to visit us?

1. Make out questions you want Mr. Sawyer to answer.
2. Two of the boys wish to invite Mr. Sawyer and tell him about the class' interest. That is a very good suggestion that the president of the class accompanied by the secretary would invite the speaker.
3. He accepts the invitation.
4. He shows how a community reaches out to co-operate with other communities to strength the entire area.
5. As you write this unit, be exact with details. You can easily see how the communal functions are widely significant and day by day help write the history of progress.

Sawyer One of 25 Trustees Selected For Mid-America, Inc.

Marvon E. Sawyer of Caney was elected one of the 25 trustees of Mid-America, Inc., at the meeting of the Southeast Kansas booster organization in Parsons last night.

Sawyer reports more than 100 business and civic leaders from many towns and cities of the Southeast Kansas district were present and the meeting was an enthusiastic one. There is a feeling that Mid-America, Inc., is going to bring new industries to Southeast Kansas but it is recognized that this is going to require a lot of effort and won't be accomplished overnight.

Since operation of the office of lists for the area. Thirty-one industries for Mid-America started last Jan. 1, the story of advantages of Southeast Kansas has been conferred personally to 31 industries considered as potential prospects for locating in the district. Several more have indicated an interest.

Mid-America is also concerned with encouraging the expansion of existing industries.

Congressman Myron V. George attended the meeting at Parsons and spoke briefly.

Lions See Film On Lumbering

An interesting and educational movie about the lumber industry in Arkansas and Oklahoma was the principal portion of the Lions club dinner meeting in Community Center last night. It showed the processes of lumbering from the time the trees are bought in the timbered areas until they are sawed into the various varieties of lumber for construction purposes.

Joe Liberman, chairman of the program committee, announced that Dr. M. W. Scimeca will speak concerning the fight against cancer. The following Monday night will be ladies' night and Dr. and Mrs. Floyd E. Muck will give the program.

Al Walsh, new watch repairman at the Scott Jewelry, was a guest of W. C. Skaggs.

Ladies of the Methodist church served the delicious dinner.

The Community of Caney, Kansas, is pleased to have one of their citizens selected a trustee for Mid-America, Inc.

Mr. Marvin Sawyer has lived in Caney over twenty-five years. He owns and operates a clothing store and has business contact with many daily.

Almost three years ago, the Caney Industry Incorporated was organized and Mr. Sawyer was elected president. He has been very enthusiastic. His efforts have helped Caney keep industry already located in the town and also bring in more.

Mrs. Sawyer and their daughters were reared in Caney. They have traveled in the United States and Europe.

Dr. and Mrs. Floyd Muck are surely resource people. They were in the Congo region in Africa seven years. Their picture slides are excellent. They very willingly show them to the Lions and other clubs and organizations.

The Muck family are faithful workers in the Methodist Church. They are talented and co-operative in community efforts and activities.

Unit XII

How big is a community?

Now we see our community does not stand alone. Eight counties co-operate in Mid-America Incorporated. You remember how Mr. Sawyer believes in unity there is strength.

Our family and school and community become influential in the state. Influence is a growing thing.

Would you like to know how people of communities a world apart often meet in a little town like Caney? We can get some citizens of Caney to tell us how close our communities are together and how small our world has become.

1. Dr. Elsie Scimeca can tell us about Berlin, Germany; in fact, she knows much about Europe. She has a family of professional children, all of whom are well informed about world conditions.

2. Mrs. Kiki Clark is now a citizen of the United States. She came from Okinawa.

3. Dr. and Mrs. Floyd Muck spent seven years in the Congo area. They have a wonderful collection of slides from many parts of Africa.

4. Others

One by one, speakers come to the classroom and tell their story in a scientific world -- world brotherhood -- so different -- but how can they be so similar? The same fables, similar myths, common ideals, identical needs!

A home, a school, a community, a state, a nation, a world! All this poured upon my sixth grade in a single school term. The little girl who dashed to the desk last year, exclaiming, "I didn't know there was a word that big in our books," possibly sits quietly pondering, "I didn't know there is a world this big in our reach!"

Speech by speech, the series on a big world are reviewed. The account for the Caney Chronicle is to be build sentence upon sentence, paragraph after paragraph, from the thirty-four pupils as they contribute the apples of gold from the treasury of memory. As they give away they increase for themselves.

May 14, 1958

Kiki Clark, Native of Okinawa, Now U.S. Citizen

Mrs. Kiki Clark, a native of Okinawa, experienced one of her finest days yesterday.

She was one of 31 persons who became American citizens in an impressive ceremony at Wichita.

Kiki, pretty and demure, came to the states five years ago following her marriage to Charles Clark of Caney, civilian worker on Okinawa. He brought her to the home of his mother, Mrs. Minnie Clark, and sister, Mrs. Beulah McBride, 106 E. First, and she began to learn the English language and American ways. She quickly won the love of her new family and of all persons who met her.

Among these were Mr. and Mrs. Neal M. Lovell. He was pastor of the Caney Christian church and Kiki became a member.

The Lovells began coaching the Okinawan for citizenship, and their interest in her continued after they left Caney to take the pastorate of the First Christian church at Fredonia. They took her to Wichita Tuesday and had the pleasure of watching

her become an American citizen.

Others have helped Kiki in preparing for the citizenship test. These include Mrs. Clark and Mrs. McBride of the home, Mrs. Clair Gordon of Caney and Rex Lafferty, an attorney at Fredonia.

Impressive Ceremony

The oath of citizenship at Wichita yesterday was a project of the Wichita Bar Association. The program included advancing of the colors by Boy Scouts; prayer by Rev. Frederic Raasch of St. John's Episcopal church; examination of the candidates by C. J. Long of the United States Department of Justice; oath by H. Jay Septer, and an address by the Hon. Wesley E. Brown.

The 31 new citizens came from 13 nations: England, Germany, Okinawa, Korea, Canada, Russia, France, Litvia, Ireland, Scotland, Mexico, Peru and Switzerland. Kiki was the only native of Okinawa. Germany led the group as the native land of the new Americans.

It was a proud and happy day for Kiki. She had worked hard for this privilege of being an American and she will be one of the best, her relatives and many friends are certain.

June 19, 1958

Caney Woman Tells of Visit To East Berlin

Dr. Elsie Scimeca, who recently returned from a visit to Germany, gave an illustrated lecture at the meeting of the Caney Lions Club in Community Center Monday night.

Colored slides, which she obtained on the visit, were shown, and Mrs. Scimeca gave a fine commentary on each. The pictures are marvelous and show German scenes of ancient culture, devastation wrought by war, and the modern, thriving sections of West Berlin, rebuilt since that city was largely destroyed during World War II.

Mrs. Scimeca spent her childhood in Berlin and she visited a sister and other relatives who live in Russian-controlled East Berlin. Her relatives are associated with the medical profession as doctors or pharmacists. She said they receive good treatment from the Russians.

Does any community live alone within itself?
Will the community give to help others?
The Caney Chronicle: March of Dimes, February 11; Red Cross, April 5;
Cancer, May 19, 1958.

58

\$970.51 March Of Dimes Total

Caney contributed \$970.21 to the March of Dimes during January. It was announced today by H. M. Winkler, drive chairman.

Following is a breakdown of the contributions:

Coffees	\$261.75
Legion bingo party	102.40
Business and professional firms	212.15
Porchlight parade.....	102.52
Kayette	52.26
Lincoln school	87.58
Lions Club	52.08
Clubs and churches	8.00
Rogers Cleaners (cleaning neckties	26.30
E. O. Jones (trash haul)	28.50
Individual donations....	36.67

This is less than last year's total of \$1,200. However, it is considered a successful drive as most totals over the country are less than a year ago.

"Everyone in the community has been very co-operative and helpful," Mr. Winkler said this morning. "This is my second year to head the March of Dimes drive and with all of the splendid help it has been a pleasure. I am indeed grateful and want to thank all who gave to the fund and those who helped so materially in other ways.

Winkler said he wants to extend special thanks to many workers. Including Mrs. S. B. Ingerson, who made the downtown collections and helped in other ways; E. O. Jones, who donated his receipts from hauling trash during January; to Mesdames O. B. Bridenstine, J. W. Rogers, Leon Brinkmeyer, Harold Winkler, A. B. Todd, Deryl Pendleton, Everett Estes, Rupert Wakeland, Harold Hale, Ted Haynes, Harold Mitchell, Harry Winkler, E. E. Morris, Earle Biggerstaff, Glen Jamison, C. S. Blackburn, Dr. Elsie Roof Scimeca, who held benefit coffees; to Mrs. Parolee Edmundson, who helped so much in the Third ward; Mrs. H. S. Cain and the Kayettes of Caney High School, who distributed the canisters to the business houses and picked them up and counted the money; Charles Mattix, who supervised collections at the Lincoln

school and the Lincoln teachers, who assisted; to the American Legion for sponsorship of its annual bingo party, and to the merchants who donated the prizes; to the Caney Electric for advertising; to the ladies of the Progressive Mothers Club, the Home Culture Club, the Sigourneyan Club, the Music Study Club and Parent-Teachers Association who made the Porchlight march; the Floyd Rogers Cleaners, S. Cain and the Kayettes of Caney, received for cleaning neckties during January; the Caney Valley National Bank for its kind assistance in taking care of the money contributed, and to the following clubs for cash donations: Lions, Methodist Mizpah class, Pleasant Hill Pals, and the Help One Another club, the latter of Niotaze.

Caney Short \$200 Of Red Cross Quota

With a quota of \$800 in the recent Red Cross roll call, Caney people gave \$600.91, it was stated today by E. E. Morris, Caney chairman.

It is known that numerous persons, who usually contribute liberally, were not at home when the solicitations were made by Caney clubwomen.

If these persons will call any of the solicitors, a return visit will be made, and it is possible the Caney quota could yet be attained.

Call Mrs. Earl McBride, Mrs. M. L. Pearsall, Mrs. R. J. Morency, Mrs. Ellis Nay and Mrs. H. B. Shannon.

Caney Area Meets Cancer Fund Quota

Caney and adjacent territory has made its Cancer Fund quota of \$600, it was reported today by Joe Liberman, drive chairman.

Liberman said a breakdown of the funds given show Havana contributed \$45.07; Tyro, \$37.33, and Caney, \$517.50.

Mrs. R. L. Powell was chairman at Havana and Mrs. Vestal Wheeler was head of the canvass at Tyro.

"We are happy with the results," Liberman stated. "Because the cancer drive followed several others, we were fearful that the people had been asked so often it would be difficult to reach our quota, but the public seems to realize the importance of the fight on cancer and gave freely."

Cited for special praise for their part in the drive were the Caney High School Kayettes and their sponsor, Mrs. Genevieve Cain.

"They made a house-to-house canvass, placed coin containers in the business houses, and did most of the actual work," Liberman commented.

The chairman said he also wants to publicly thank Joe Gregg and Kenneth Noblitt for their part in the benefit picture show, the Meyer Greenhouse for donating flowers for a Lions club donation night, O. P. Charles for a lot of help, The Chronicle, and employees at Cities Service, Erie-West and the Charles Wheatley Valve Co.

Unit XIII

Summer recreation program.

School will soon be out. The weather is warm. We talk about fishing and swimming once in awhile. Most games are good now. Will the president of our class please get the tentative schedule for the summer recreation program?

1. What does the program offer?
2. Pupils choose activities.
3. Enroll in classes.

Recreation Enrollment Is Set for Wednesday

Enrollment for Caney's summer recreation program will be Wednesday, May 28, starting at 1 p. m. at the high school, it was stated this morning by Harold Thomas, director. The program of activities will be from June 16 to Aug. 8.

Thomas said the activities will be about the same as in previous years except a program of reading, directed by Mrs. Genevieve Cain, librarian the first half of the summer and instructions in baton twirling, with Mary Haynes and Diane McBurney the instructors, the last half.

Baseball for younger boys is to receive more emphasis this year, Thomas said.

Any firm or organization interested in placing a team in the City Softball League is asked to be represented at a meeting at the high school at 7:30 Thursday night. Thomas hopes for at least a fourteam circuit as in previous years.

Swim Free in Rec Program

Under a plan arranged by the city of Caney and the recreation commission, there will be no charge for swimming under the recreation program this summer. There was a 5-cent charge last summer.

Thomas will be assisted by Brad Buckner and Freddy Freisberg. Mrs. Susie Harris will again be art instructor, and Mrs. Marion Clouse of Coffeyville will be in charge of the dancing activities.

The entire schedule follows:

Monday

8 to 8:40 a. m.—Beginner swimming (7 and 8 years—no child admitted under 7).
8:40 to 9:20 a. m.—Beginning swimming, 9 and 10 years.
9:20 to 10 a. m.—Beginning swimming, 11 and 12 years.
10 to 10:40 a. m.—Beginning swimming adult age.
10:40 to 11:20 a. m.—Intermediate swimming
11:20 to 12 noon—Intermediate swimmers.
8 to 11 a. m.—Baseball. Ages 10-14.
1 p. m. to 3 p. m.—Arts and crafts.
3:00 to 5 p. m.—Reading pro-

gram, ending July 11.

6 to 7:30—Softball for boys, ages 10-14.

7:45—Mens' City Softball League.

Tuesday

9 to 10 a. m.—Swimmers and advanced swimmers.

10 to 11 a. m.—Junior and Senior life saving.

9 to 10 a. m.—Tennis for boys; archery for girls.

10 to 11 a. m.—Tennis for girls; archery for boys.

9 to 11 a. m.—Shuffleboard and horseshoes.

9 to noon—Dancing (tap, ballroom, modern, ballet).

1 to 3 p. m.—Arts and crafts.

3 to 5 p. m.—Baton lessons (all ages), begins July 14.

5 to 7 p. m.—Golf lessons at stadium.

7 to 9 p. m.—Arts and crafts for adults.

6 to 7:30—Softball for girls.

7:45 p. m.—Softball for women (Cinderellas).

Wednesday

Swimming schedule same as Monday.

8 to 11—Baseball, aged 10-14.

1 to 3 p. m.—Arts and crafts.

4:30 to 5 p. m.—Reading program.

6 to 7:30 p. m.—Softball for boys, 10-14 years.

7:45 — Mens' City Softball League

Thursday

Swimming schedule same as Tuesday.

9 to 10—Tennis for boys; archery for girls.

10 to 11—Tennis for girls; archery for boys.

9 to 11—Shuffleboard and horseshoe.

9 to 12 noon—Dancing lessons.

1 to 3—Arts and crafts.

3 to 5—Baton lessons.

6 to 7:30—Softball for girls.

5 to 7—Golf lessons at stadium.

7:45 — Softball for women (Cinderellas).

Friday

Swimming schedule same as Monday.

8 to 11—Baseball, ages 10-14.

1 to 3 p. m.—Arts and crafts.

7:45 — Mens City Softball League.

Unit XIV

The culminating activity

1. Materials are assembled for the book that had no meaning last September.
2. No two books will be alike, but each is to contain reviews of the units in chronological order.
3. Class notes, maps, and illustrations are to be included.
4. The book is the property of its maker, but the experience has no limitation. The chain reaction continues to set off other experiences.