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Kingsbury Texas

News & Information Newsletter*Dear Kingsbury,**Here's the latest on what's going on in Kingsbury!*

Road Work

You may have seen the sign on Kingsbury Road to expect traffic **delays** starting Monday, August 11th.

According to Guadalupe County Road & Bridge, work will begin Monday to "level up" the roadway beginning on the north end of Kingsbury Road near FM 20 and moving south.

The road will not be closed, but we can expect long delays where the crews are working. The work will take several days to complete.



Perseid Meteors Peak!

The annual Perseid meteor shower is one of the most beloved meteor showers of the year, especially in the Northern Hemisphere, where the shower peaks on warm summer nights. No matter where you live worldwide, the 2025 Perseid meteor shower will probably produce the greatest number of meteors on the mornings of August 12 and 13. Since we just had the Full Sturgeon Moon on Saturday, the moon will be still near full (88.8% full) and will drown out some Perseids from view after moonrise at 10:24 pm on August 12th. Try and catch a few before the moon gets high in the night sky!

People tend to focus on the peak mornings of meteor showers, and that's entirely appropriate. But meteors in annual showers – which come from streams of debris left behind in space by comets – typically last weeks, not days. Perseid meteors have been streaking across our skies since around July 17. We'll see Perseids for 10 days or so after the peak mornings on August 12 and 13.

Also remember, the the Delta Aquariid and Alpha Capricornid meteor showers are still rambling along steadily. You'll see mostly Perseids, but also some others in the mix. The Perseids are active from July 17 to August 24. They reach a strong maximum on August 11-12 this year. Normal rates seen from rural locations range from 50-75 shower members per hour at maximum. The Perseids are particles released from comet 109P/Swift-Tuttle during its numerous returns to the inner solar system.

In a typical year, although the meteor numbers increase after midnight, the Perseid meteors still start to fly at mid-to-late evening from northerly latitudes. If fortune smiles upon you, the evening hours might offer you an earthgrazer – a **loooooong**, slow, colorful meteor traveling horizontally across the evening sky. Earthgrazer meteors are rare but memorable. Perseid earthgrazers appear before midnight, when the radiant point of the shower is close to the horizon.

General rules for Perseid-watching. No special equipment, or knowledge of the constellations, needed.

Find a dark, open sky to enjoy the show. An open sky is essential because these meteors fly across the sky in many different directions and in front of numerous constellations.

Give yourself at least an hour of observing time, because the meteors in meteor showers come in spurts and are interspersed with lulls. Remember, your eyes can take as long as 20 minutes to adapt to the darkness of night. So don't rush the process.

Know that the meteors all come from a single point in the sky. If you trace the paths of the Perseid meteors backwards, you'd find they all come from a point in front of the constellation Perseus. Don't worry about which stars are Perseus. Just enjoying knowing and observing that they all come from one place on the sky's dome.

Avoid looking at your phone and other light sources. Look for the darkest area of the sky. Keep the moon out of your line of sight as best you can.

Enjoy the comfort of a reclining lawn chair. Bring along some other things you might enjoy also, like a thermos filled with a hot drink.

Remember ... all good things come to those who wait. Meteors are part of nature. There's no way to predict exactly how many you'll see on any given night. Find a good spot, watch, wait.

You'll see some!



There's A Day For Everything

In case you didn't already know ... there's something every day to **celebrate!**
Here are some of the fun, unusual, or forgotten holidays this week:

August 10th - National Agent Orange Awareness Day, National Connecticut Day, National Shapewear Day, National Spirit Of 45 Day, National Smores Day, National Lazy Day

August 11th - National Play In The Sand Day, Global Kinetic Sand Day, National Raspberry Bombe Day, National Son's And Daughter's Day, National Presidential Joke Day

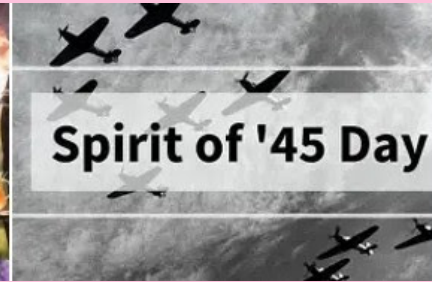
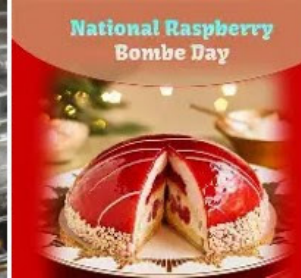
August 12th - National Julienne Fries Day, National Vinyl Record Day, National Middle Child Day

August 13th - National Prosecco Day, National Filet Mignon Day

August 14th - National Navajo Code Talkers Day, National Creamsicle Day

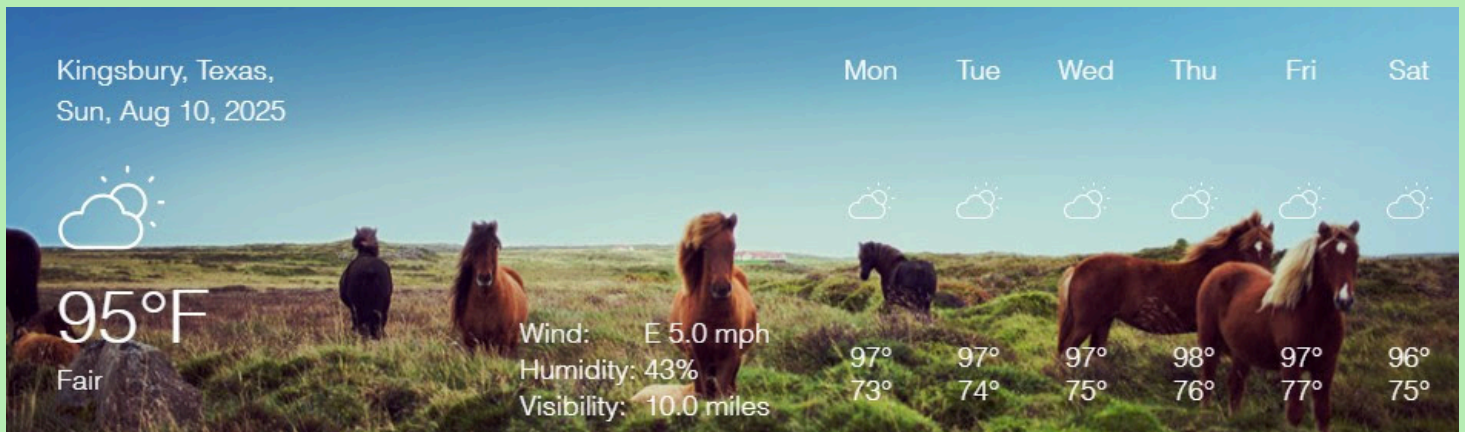
August 15th - National Leathercraft Day, National Lemon Meringue Pie Day, National Relaxation Day

August 16th - National Bratwurst Day, National Rum Day, National Airborne Day, National Roller Coaster Day, National Tell A Joke Day



Kingsbury Weather

Kingsbury weather for this week. You can always get the latest **weather** in Kingsbury on the Kingsbury website under [Calendar](#).



For current temperature, rainfall totals, wind speed, etc. just click on the bar at the bottom to go directly to the Baker Ranch weather station in Kingsbury. You can view local conditions and all the other weather stations in the TexMesonet network.



[Click here to check out the Texas Water Development Board "Baker Ranch" weather](#)

Kingsbury Commission Workshop

**Tuesday, August 12th
at 6:00 pm**

The Workshop is to discuss the **renovation** plans for the location of the future Town Hall and community space.

The Workshop is open to the public, however the location is under renovation and may not be wheelchair accessible. Requests for accommodations or interpretive services must be made 48 hours prior to this meeting. For assistance, or additional information on any item on this agenda, please call (323) KINGSBURY (323-546-4728).

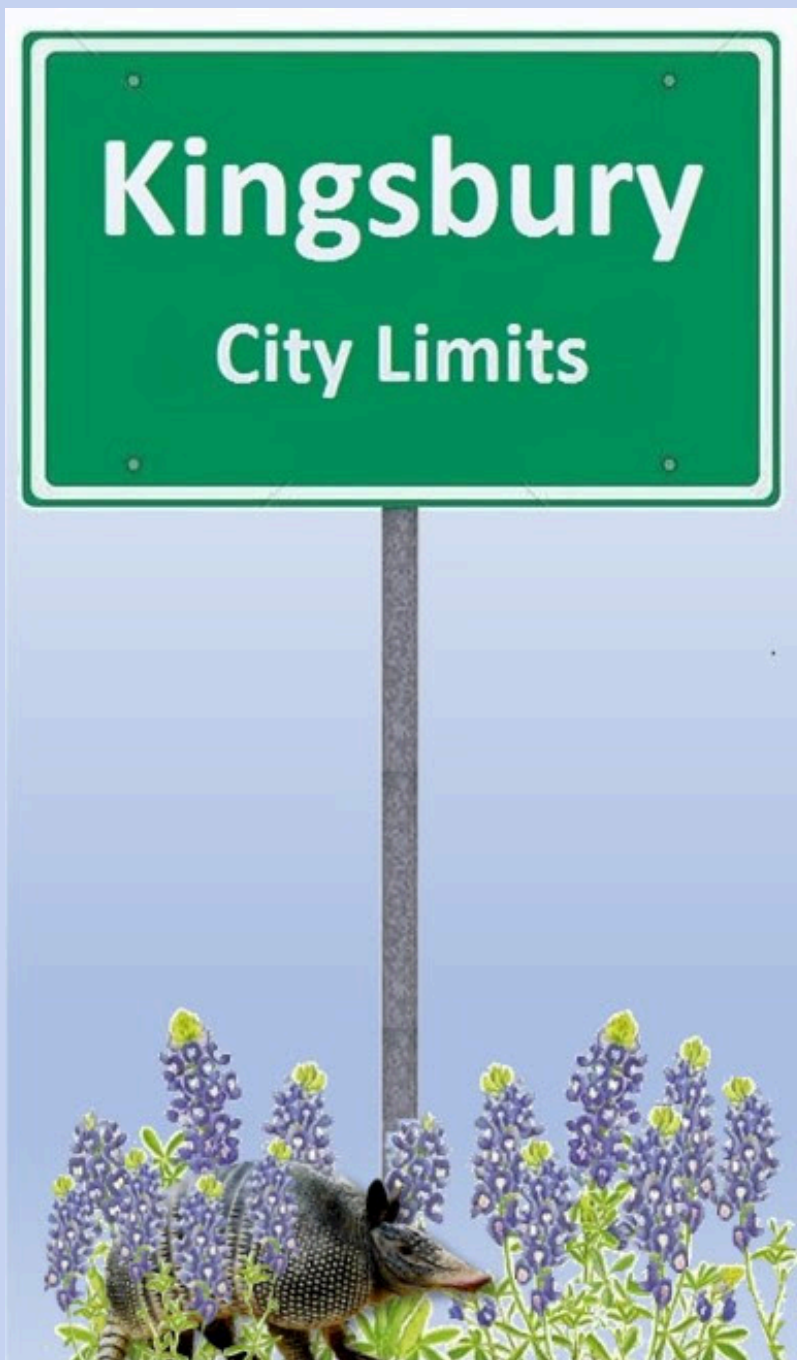


Kingsbury City Limits

Do you have property in the Kingsbury area but not in the **official** Kingsbury city limits? Would you like it to be a part of the new city of Kingsbury? Let Kingsbury know! It's a simple "Voluntary Annexation" petition form to fill out and you can be on the list to be part of our Kingsbury.

Check out the "Kingsbury City Limits" page on the Kingsbury [website](#) to see the current map, get a petition form, and find more information on voluntary annexations.

Also, check out the Kingsbury "[Blog](#)" to see pictures of the first voluntary annexations! Need more information? Just fill out the "Contact" page on the Kingsbury [website](#) and a city official will get it to you. It's so easy!



London Learns Of American Independence

This week in American history, on August 10, 1776, news finally reaches London that the Americans had drafted the Declaration of Independence.

Until the Declaration of Independence formally transformed the 13 British colonies into states, both Americans and the British saw the conflict centered in Massachusetts as a local uprising within the British empire. To King George III, it was a colonial **rebellion**, and to the Americans, it was a struggle for their rights as British citizens.

However, when Parliament continued to oppose any reform and remained unwilling to negotiate with the American rebels and instead hired Hessians, German mercenaries, to help the British army crush the rebellion, the Continental Congress began to pass measures abolishing British authority in the colonies.

In January 1776, Thomas Paine published *Common Sense*, an influential political pamphlet that convincingly argued for American independence from the British monarchy. It sold more than 500,000 copies in just a few months. By the spring of 1776, support for independence had swept through the colonies, the Continental Congress called for states to form their own governments and a five-man committee was assigned to draft a

document declaring independence from the British king.

The Declaration of Independence was largely the work of Virginian Thomas Jefferson. In justifying American independence, Jefferson drew generously from the political philosophy of John Locke, an advocate of natural rights, and from the work of other British theorists. The declaration features the immortal lines “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.” It then goes on to present a long list of grievances that provided the American rationale for rebellion.

IN CONGRESS, JULY 4, 1776.

A DECLARATION

BY THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

IN GENERAL CONGRESS ASSEMBLED.

WHEN in the Course of human Events, it becomes necessary for one People to dissolve the Political Bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the Powers of the Earth, the separate and equal Station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent Respect to the Opinions of Mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the Separation.

We hold these Truths to be self-evident, that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness—That to secure these Rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just Powers from the Consent of the Governed, that whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these Ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its Foundation on such Principles, and organizing its Powers in such Form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient Causes; and accordingly all Experience hath shewn, that Mankind are more disposed to suffer, while Evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the Forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long Train of Abuses and Usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object, evinces a Design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their Right, it is their Duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future Security. Such has been the patient Sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the Necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government. The History of the present King of Great-Britain is a History of repeated Injuries and Usurpations, all having in direct Object the Establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States. To prove this, let Facts be submitted to a candid World.

He has refused his Assent to Laws, the most wholesome and necessary for the public Good.

He has forbidden his Governors to pass Laws of immediate and pressing Importance, unless suspended in their Operation till his Assent should be obtained; and when so suspended, he has utterly neglected to attend to them.

He has refused to pass other Laws for the Accommodation of large Districts of People, unless those People would relinquish the Right of Representation in the Legislature, a Right inestimable to them, and formidable to Tyrants only.

He has called together Legislative Bodies at Places unusual, uncomfortable, and distant from the Depository of their public Records, for the sole Purpose of fatiguing them into Compliance with his Measures.

He has dissolved Representative Houses repeatedly, for opposing with manly Firmness his Invasions on the Rights of the People.

He has refused for a long Time, after such Dissolutions, to cause others to be elected; whereby the Legislative Powers, incapable of Annihilation, have returned to the People at large for their exercise; the State remaining in the mean time exposed to all the Dangers of Invasion from without, and Convulsions within.

He has endeavoured to prevent the Population of these States; for that Purpose obstructing the Laws for Naturalization of Foreigners; refusing to pass others to encourage their Migrations hither, and raising the Conditions of new Appropriations of Lands.

He has obstructed the Administration of Justice, by refusing his Assent to Laws for establishing Judiciary Powers.

He has made Judges dependent on his Will alone, for the Tenure of their Offices, and the Amount and Payment of their Salaries.

He has erected a Multitude of new Offices, and sent hither Swarms of Officers to harass our People, and eat out their Substance.

He has kept among us, in Times of Peace, Standing Armies, without the Consent of our Legislatures.

He has affected to render the Military independent of and superior to the Civil Power.

He has combined with others to subject us to a Jurisdiction foreign to our Constitution, and unacknowledged by our Laws; giving his Assent to their Acts of pretended Legislation:

For quartering large Bodies of Armed Troops among us:

For protecting them, by a mock Trial, from Punishment for any Murders which they should commit on the Inhabitants of these States:

For cutting off our Trade with all Parts of the World:

For imposing Taxes on us without our Consent:

For depriving us, in many Cases, of the Benefits of Trial by Jury:

For transporting us beyond Seas to be tried for pretended Offences:

For abolishing the free System of English Laws in a neighbouring Province, establishing therein an arbitrary Government, and enlarging its Boundaries, so as to render it at once an Example and fit Instrument for introducing the same absolute Rule into these Colonies:

For taking away our Charters, abolishing our most valuable Laws, and altering fundamentally the Forms of our Governments:

For suspending our own Legislatures, and declaring themselves invested with Power to legislate for us in all Cases whatsoever.

He has abdicated Government here, by declaring us out of his Protection and waging War against us.

He has plundered our Seas, ravaged our Coasts, burnt our Towns, and destroyed the Lives of our People.

He is, at this Time, transporting large Armies of foreign Mercenaries to complete the Works of Death, Desolation, and Tyranny, already begun with circumstances of Cruelty and Perfidy, scarcely paralleled in the most barbarous Ages, and totally unworthy the Head of a civilized Nation.

He has constrained our fellow Citizens taken Captive on the high Seas to bear Arms against their Country, to become the Executioners of their Friends and Brethren, or to fall themselves by their Hands.

He has excited domestic Insurrections amongst us, and has endeavoured to bring on the Inhabitants of our Frontiers, the merciless Indian Savages, whose known Rule of Warfare, is an undistinguished Destruction, of all Ages, Sexes and Conditions.

In every stage of these Oppressions we have Petitioned for Redress in the most humble Terms: Our repeated Petitions have been answered only by repeated Injury. A Prince, whose Character is thus marked by every act which may define a Tyrant, is unfit to be the Ruler of a free People.

Nor have we been wanting in Attentions to our British Brethren. We have warned them from Time to Time of Attempts by their Legislature to extend an unwarrantable Jurisdiction over us. We have reminded them of the Circumstances of our Emigration and Settlement here. We have appealed to their native Justice and Magnanimity, and we have conjured them by the Ties of our common Kindred to disavow these Usurpations, which would inevitably interrupt our Connections and Correspondence. They too have been deaf to the Voice of Justice and of Conspanguinity. We must, therefore, acquiesce in the Necessity, which denounces our Separation, and hold them, as we hold the rest of Mankind, Enemies in War, in Peace, Friends.

We, therefore, the Representatives of the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, in GENERAL CONGRESS, ASSEMBLED, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the World for the Rectitude of our Intentions, do, in the Name, and by Authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly Publish and Declare, That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be, FREE AND INDEPENDENT STATES; that they are absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political Connection between them and the State of Great-Britain, is and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as FREE AND INDEPENDENT STATES, they have full Power to levy War, conclude Peace, contract Alliances, establish Commerce, and to do all other Acts and Things which INDEPENDENT STATES may of right do. And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm Reliance on the Protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes, and our sacred Honor.

Signed by ORDER and in BEHALF of the CONGRESS,

JOHN HANCOCK, PRESIDENT.

ATTEST.
CHARLES THOMSON, SECRETARY.

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The Kingsbury Lutheran Church will be having weekly Fellowship gatherings every Thursday.

These get-togethers start at 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall and the **activities** could be a mix of food, Bible study, games, etc.

Everyone is welcome!



Application For Place On Ballot

There are two seats on the Kingsbury City Commission that are up for **election** in November - mayor and one city commission member.

Anyone filing for a place on the ballot must:

- 👉 Be a U.S. citizen
- 👉 Be a Texas resident 12 months prior to the filing deadline
- 👉 Be a resident within the Kingsbury city limits for at least 6 months prior to the filing deadline
- 👉 Be registered to vote in Kingsbury by the filing deadline
- 👉 Be at least 18 years of age

The filing period runs from July 19th to August 18th at 5:00 pm.

Applications and a drop box are available 24/7 on the outside message board at the Fire Station #1 ([1060 FM 1104, Kingsbury](#)).



Volunteer Work Day

The Old Kingsbury Aerodrome and the Pioneer Flight Museum are on Pershing Lane just off of FM 1104 in Kingsbury.

They usually have one or two days a month where they invite **volunteers** to come and help with the buildings, grounds, planes, vehicles, and other equipment.

The next Volunteer Work Day will be

Saturday, August 16th

There's always projects that should pique a variety of interests: the WWI Dodd Field Hangar and Car Barn, are still "works in progress", plus there are always aircraft and Model T's that need TLC. Please consider joining and helping out!



Do you have a meeting or public event that you want people to **know** about? Just let us know and we'll get it into the Kingsbury Newsletter and on the [Calendar](#) page of kingsburytexas.org!

Get in touch by replying to this email or by going to the Contact page on the Kingsbury [website](#).

It's a great way to find out what's going on around town and to let others know what meetings or events you have planned that your friends and neighbors might like to attend.

KINGSBURY CALENDAR & WEATHER

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Hurricane Alicia

Hurricane Alicia forms south of Louisiana in the Gulf of Mexico this week in Texas history on August 15, 1983. Three days later, the Texas Gulf Coast is slammed by the storm, causing 21 deaths, thousands of injuries and billions of dollars in damages.

When Alicia hit Galveston, Texas, it was the first hurricane to hit the United States in three years. It was a Category 3 hurricane, with sustained winds of nearly 100 mph and gusts up to 127 mph. The town of Seabrook on Galveston Bay endured a 12-foot storm surge and an 11-foot tide completely submerged buildings in the Brownwood development. Alicia also dropped **prodigious** amounts of rain on the area. Houston received 11 inches in a short period of time. Fortunately, Alicia moved so fast that inland areas did not suffer deadly flooding.

Hurricane Alicia also set off many tornadoes in southeast Texas. Fourteen were reported between Galveston and Houston in one day. In Houston, window panes on skyscrapers were broken by flying debris, unleashing flying shards of glass into the air over the downtown area. On the second day, nine more tornadoes were reported north of Houston.

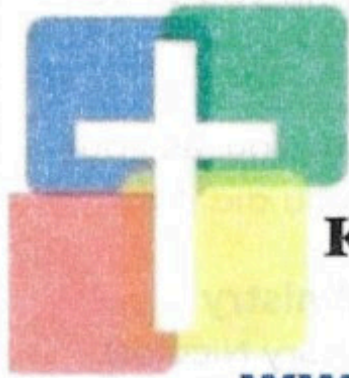
In addition to the 21 people who lost their lives in the storms, 3,000 homes suffered severe damage and thousands of people required shelter assistance from the Red Cross. The \$2 billion in damages recorded was a record for hurricane damage in Texas at the time. The environmental costs were also staggering. Thousands of trees were blown down. Galveston's West Beach lost 150 feet of sand to sudden erosion from the storm. For the most part, though, Galveston's seawall successfully protected the city. Afterwards, the Army Corps of Engineers estimated that without it, much of the city would have been destroyed.



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Kingsbury Homemakers Club

The Kingsbury Extension Homemakers Club was organized in the early 1950s. Charter members were Olga Lorenz, Emily Hagemann, and Lucille Glenewinkel.

The members met once a month in a member's home or a local church. They held a business meeting with the Guadalupe County Extension Agent or a member presenting a program followed by refreshments.

The programs were on home decorating, home safety, food preparation, gardening, water quality, sewing, **refinishing** furniture, glass etching and so much more.

Members included, Elsie Stautzenberger, Louise Pomrenke, Julia McAllister, Mildred Pegg, Vera Baker, Jennie Mae Munk, Lucille Tullos, Mary Rose Glenewinkel, Fieda Heinemeier, Betty Hoke, Bobbie Anderson, Lola Deharde, Viola Williams, Mrs. Lewis, Mercedes Appling, Verlin Schubert, Joy Brashears, Doris Jefferies, and Leona Schoelzel.



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of K. E. W. Club
Olga Lerry, Emily
Hagemann, Lucile Glencumtel

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