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Please return to Tuscania1918.org in the future to see if a revised and
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Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

F: = Find A Grave (www.findagrave.org)

NOK = next-of-kin

TUSCANIA**Left behind in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada****Meneley, Howard William****1889 KS – 1958 OK**

Howard William Meneley – Find A Grave 34168862

Washington, Feb. 12.—Twenty-one men who sailed on the transport Tuscania were removed from the vessel at Halifax, N. S., the war department announced today. They include:

Rupert A. Davies, Frisco, Tex.
 Albert Dias, Mission, Tex.
 Henry Forshee, Hayward, Okla.
 William T. George, Waverly, Tenn.
 Fred J. Broomer, Horseshoe Bend, Ia.
 Carl V. Jacobson, Elk City, Ore.
 Jefferson Davis Jones, Wingfield, Tex.
 Jesse Robert Kime, Deer Park, Wash.
 Roderick B. McDonald, R. F. D. 2, Bellingham, Wash.
 Jacob W. Martin, Fort Worth, Tex.
 Stephen F. Mead, Reed, Ore.
 Howard F. Memly, Sahakwa, Okla.
 Ervin Miller, Anselmo, Neb.
 Edward F. Parker, 403 F street, Grants Pass, Ore.
 Theodore Pollard, Adkium, Tex.
 Roy E. Howelson, Mill City, Ore.
 Archie D. Roberts, 1247 Laurel avenue, Salem, Ore.
 George R. Rogers, Dallas, Wis.
 Elvin O. Stephens, Springfield, Ore.
 Rufus W. Taff, San Sabas, Tex.
 Joe L. Taylor, San Antonio, Tex.

Identified as Howard F. MEMLY - The 21 removed from Tuscania in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Oregon -
 "Eugene (OR) Guard" Tuesday 12 Feb 1918 p 1

Howard W. Meneley Rites At Stringtown

Funeral services for Howard William Meneley were held Tuesday March 18 at the Stringtown Baptist Church.

Born September 11, 1889 at Ottawa, Kansas, he died March 14 at Stringtown where he had lived the past 9 years. He was a veteran of World War I and a farmer by occupation.

Atoka Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements and interment was made in the Stringtown cemetery.

Survivors include his wife, Martha Meneley, Stringtown; 4 daughters, Ruby Drinnon, Lake Port, California; Martha Howell, Richmond, California; Mary Sylvester, Lake Port, California; Paye McPherson, Plainview, Texas; 1 son, W. H. Meneley, Atoka; 4 brothers, Jim Meneley, Napa, California; Alta Meneley, Okmulgee; Floyd Meneley, Oklahoma City; Clarence Meneley, Stringtown; 1 sister, Lula Sawyer, Seminole, Oklahoma; 31 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

Indian Citizen, Atoka OK
27 Mar 1958 (Thurs)

Find A Grave 34168862

**HOWARD MENELEY, 68, DIED
AT STRINGTOWN MARCH 14**

Howard Meneley, 68, of Stringtown died at his home March 14. He was born Sept. 11, 1889 in Ottawa, Kansas. He served in World War I and was a farmer.

Services were held at Baptist church in Stringtown Tuesday afternoon and Bural was in the Stringtown cemetery under the direction of Atoka Funeral Home.

Survivors are his wife, Martha, of the home; 4 daughters, Ruby Drinnon, Lakeport, Calif., Martha Rowell, Richmond, Calif., Mary Sylvester, Lakeport, Calif., Faye McPherson, Plainview, Tex.; 1 son, W. H. of Atoka; 31 grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren; 4 brothers, Jim of Napa, Calif., Alto of Okmulgee, Floyd of Oklahoma City, Clarence of Stringtown; one sister, Lula Sawyer of Seminole.

"Atoka County Times" (Atoka OK) Thursday 20 Mar 1958 p 1

Military:

Howard M. Meneley and Ondis Powell whose homes were near Sasakwa, were reported victims of the Tuscania, which was sunk last week by a German U-boat.

Howard was not on board Tuscania when it sank – Ondis Powell did die - "Hughes County Tribune" (Holdenville OK) Thursday 14 Feb 1918 p 5

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MENELEY

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DUPLICATE

1. NAME OF DECEASED—LAST—FIRST—MIDDLE (Print or type) Meneley Howard W.			APPLICATION FOR HEADSTONE OR MARKER (See attached instructions. Complete and submit original and duplicate)	
2. ENLISTMENT DATE (Month, Day, Year) Dec. 17, 1917		3. DISCHARGE DATE (Month, Day, Year) June 7, 1919 <i>Non</i>		12. EMBLEM (Check one) ☒ CHRISTIAN (Latin Cross) ☐ HEBREW (Star of David) ☐ NONE
4. SERVICE NO. A.S. No. 2298082		5. PENSION OR VA CLAIM NO. C-214450		13. CHECK TYPE REQUIRED ☐ UPRIGHT MARBLE HEADSTONE ☐ FLAT MARBLE MARKER ☒ FLAT GRANITE MARKER ☐ FLAT BRONZE MARKER
6. STATE Oklahoma	7. GRADE Pvt.	8. MEDALS <i>Purple Heart</i>		
9. BRANCH OF SERVICE, COMPANY, REGIMENT, AND DIVISION OR SHIP Co. D 9th Regiment of Inf., 2nd Div.			14. SHIP TO (Name and address of person who will transport stone or marker to cemetery) Arnold L. Bingham	
10. DATE OF BIRTH (Month, Day, Year) Sept. 11, 1889			11. DATE OF DEATH (Month, Day, Year) March 14, 1958	
15. FREIGHT STATION Atoka, Oklahoma			16. NAME AND LOCATION OF CEMETERY (City and State) Stringtown Cemetery Stringtown, Oklahoma	
17. I CERTIFY THE APPLICANT FOR THIS STONE OR MARKER HAS MADE ARRANGEMENTS WITH ME TO TRANSPORT SAME TO THE CEMETERY. SIGNATURE <i>Howard W. Meneley</i> DATE 5/13/1958				
DO NOT WRITE HERE RECEIVED MAY 19 1958 VERIFIED B/L WY- 7892134 JUN 9 1958 ORDERED COLUMBUS MARBLE WORKS COLUMBUS, MISSISSIPPI			18. NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT (Print or type) W. H. Meneley Atoka, Okla. 19. I certify this application is submitted for a stone or marker for the unmarked grave of a deceased member or former member of the Armed Forces of the United States, soldiers of Union and Confederate Armies of the Civil War. I hereby agree to accept responsibility for properly placing the stone or marker at the grave at no expense to the Government. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT <i>W. H. Meneley</i> DATE 5/13/1958	

QMG FORM 13 OCT 52 646 REPLACES QMG FORM 623, 8 FEB 49 WHICH MAY BE USED

IMPORTANT—Reverse Side Must Be Completed

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Life:

Howard Meneley and Charley Turner tried their luck as fishermen Thursday. They sure had fisherman's luck.

"Roff (OK) Oklahoma Eagle" Friday 21 May 1909 p 8

Howard Meneley, who has been serving a 15 days sentence for larceny, completed his term today and on payment of the fine part of the sentence, was released.

"Ada (OK) Weekly News" Thursday 29 Sep 1910 p 3

Howard Meneley and wife, of near Asher, are visiting relatives in this community.

In King community news – “Wanette (OK) Enterprise” Friday 4 Oct 1912 p 10

Howard Meneley was in the county jail today while charges of manufacturing intoxicating liquor were being prepared for filing against him.

“Ada (OK) Evening News” Thursday 17 Aug 1922 p 3

Wife #1: Emma Drinnon Ragsdale



Emma Drinnon Ragsdale Meneley - Find A Grave 28365702

Left -
 Emma Mary
 Ragsdale

Right -
 Emma Ragsdale
 Drinnon
 Meneley



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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
 INDIAN TERRITORY,
 SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

MARRIAGE LICENSE.

No. 771

To any Person Authorized by Law to Solemnize Marriage—GREETING,

You are hereby commanded to solemnize the Rite and publish the Bans of Matrimony between Mr. Klen Drinnon
 of Roth, in the Indian Territory, aged 24 years, and M. Emma Ragsdale
 of ", in the Indian Territory, aged 19 years, according to law, and do you officially sign and return this License to
 the parties herein named.
 Witness my hand and official seal, this 29 day of April A. D. 1905

C. M. CAMPBELL,
 Clerk of the United States Court.
 By A. H. Constant Deputy.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
 INDIAN TERRITORY,
 SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE.

I, J. W. Lunsford, do hereby certify that on the 29 day of April, A. D. 1905, I did duly and according to law,
 as commanded in the foregoing License, solemnize the Rite and publish the Bans of Matrimony between the parties therein named.
 Witness my hand, this 29 day of April, A. D. 1905 J. W. Lunsford
Roth, D. J.

My credentials are recorded in the office of the Clerk of the United States Court in the Indian Territory, 30 Judicial Division, Book A Page 188

Filed and duly recorded, this 9 day of May, 1905 C. M. CAMPBELL,
 Clerk of the United States Court.

1st marriage of Emma Ragsdale, on 29 Apr 1905 in Southern District of Indian Territory [later OK] to Klen Drinnon - https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/61379/images/th-1-9727-38597-58?usePUB=true&_phsrc=hFB34611&_phstart=default&usePUBJs=true&pld=963395045

A lovely wedding was pulled off last week by Rev. J.W. Lunsford. The contracting parties were Mr. Klen Drinnon and Miss Emma Ragsdale. We extend our congratulations and wish them a smooth voyage and a prosperous life.

"Roff (OK) Eagle" Friday 5 May 1905 p 12

WARNING ORDER.	
State of Oklahoma, In District Court, Pontotoc County,	
Emma Drinnon, Plaintiff	
Klen Drinnon, Delendant	No. 76.
Said defendant Klen Drinnon will take notice that he has been sued in the above named Court for divorce and must answer the petition filed therein by said plaintiff on or before the 17 day of June A. D. 1908, or said petition will be taken as true, and a judgement will be rendered accordingly.	
Dated this 14th day of April 1908.	
W. F. Cox, District Clerk,	
R. C. Roland, Attorney for Plaintiff	
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Divorce action by Emma Ragsdale Drinnon vs. Klen Millard Duff Drinnon 14 Apr 1908 – "Roff (OK) Eagle" Friday 17 Apr 1908 p 8

LICENSED TO WED.

Frank Ingram 55 Ada
Fannie Younger, 45 Ada
C W Taylor 23 Sasakwa
Miss Fella Dismukes 16 Ada.
Howard Meneley, 23, Roff
Miss Emma Agee, 22, Roff
C B Washburn, 53, Stratford
Miss Amelia Welch, 20, Spaulding.

Marriage license of Howard Meneley & Emma Agee (her mother's surname from her 2nd marriage) –
"Ada (OK) Evening News" Wednesday 16 Mar 1910 p 3

State Of Oklahoma, }
Pontotoc County. } **IN COUNTY COURT.**

I, Howard Menely the undersigned, hereby apply for a Marriage License, to be issued to Mr. Howard Menely aged 23 years, whose residence is Roff State of Oklahoma and Miss Estima Age aged 22 years, whose residence is Roff State of Oklahoma and for the purpose of procuring the same, do solemnly swear that I have personal knowledge of the facts herein stated; that the names, ages and places of residence of said parties are truly and correctly set out above; that neither of said parties are disqualified or incapable under the law of entering into the marriage relation, nor are they related to each other within the degrees prohibited by law. That I am 23 years of age, and reside at Roff County of Pontotoc State of Oklahoma

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of March 1910
H. Menely Applicant.
Joe Ferrell County Judge.

Clerk County Court.

MARRIAGE LICENSE
IN COUNTY COURT.
 To Any Person Authorized To Perform The Marriage Ceremony, Greeting:

You are hereby authorized to join in marriage Mr. Howard Menely of Roff County of Pontotoc State of Oklahoma aged 23 years, and Miss Estima Age of Roff County of Pontotoc State of Oklahoma aged 22 years. And of this License you will make due return to my office within thirty days from this date.

Witness my hand and official seal this 15th day of March A. D. 1910.
Joe Ferrell County Judge.
 Clerk County Court.

Recorded this 15th day of March 1910
Joe Ferrell, Judge

CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE

State of Oklahoma, } ss. I, J. W. Lunsford
Pontotoc County. } Minister, Pres will Baptist
 Official Designation Court or Congregation

of Roff in Pontotoc County, State of Oklahoma, do hereby certify that I joined in marriage the persons named in and authorized by this License to be married, on the 20th day of March A. D. 1910, at Roff in Pontotoc County, State of Oklahoma, in the presence of C. M. Raypelala of Roff and J. J. Age of Roff
J. W. Lunsford

Returned and recorded this 22nd day of March 1910
P. C. Swin

1. PLACE OF DEATH		Registration Dist. No.		CERTIFICATE OF DEATH	
County	Pontotoc	Registration Dist. No.		Oklahoma State Board of Health	
Township	Fitzhugh	Primary Dist. No.	441	BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS	
Village				441 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	
City	Roll No.	Street	67	Room	5-274400V
If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give the name instead of street and number. If an industrial case, give name of the camp to be given.					
2. FULL NAME of decedent. If an unmarried child, the surname preceded by "unmarried" <u>Emma Meneley</u>					
PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS			MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH		
1. Sex	4. Color or Race, as <u>White</u>	3. Single, <u>Mar</u>	10. DATE OF DEATH		
2. Age	or Black, mulatto, or other negro descent, Indian, Chinese, Japanese or other	or Widowed or Divorced	11. I HEREBY CERTIFY that I attended deceased, from <u>Sept 12, 1920</u> to <u>Oct 29, 1920</u>		
5. DATE OF BIRTH	6. AGE	7. PLACE OF BIRTH	12. I saw her alive on <u>Oct 20, 1920</u> and that death occurred on the date stated above at <u>Roll</u>		
October	35	Roll	13. CAUSE OF DEATH, was as follows:		
Month	yr.	City	<u>Pneumonia</u>		
			(Duration) <u>17</u> days		
			Contributory <u>Primary</u>		
			(Duration) <u>17</u> days		
			Signed: <u>J. L. Jones</u> M.D.		
			Date: <u>Oct 22, 1920</u> Address: <u>Roll</u>		
			State the disease causing death or, in deaths from violent causes state (1) cause of injury, and (2) whether accidental, suicidal, or homicidal, state whether attributed to contagious or infectious conditions of employment.		
			14. LENGTH OF RESIDENCE for hospitals, institutions, transient or recent Residents:		
			At place of death <u>17</u> days		
			In the State <u>17</u> days		
			Where was disease contracted, if not at place of death? Former or usual residence.		
			15. PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL		
			Date of Burial <u>18</u>		
			Address <u>Dalsberg, Ok.</u>		
			20. UNDERTAKER		

OK death record of Emma Ragsdale Drinnon Meneley, who died of pneumonia -
<https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/110443/person/-2112789485/media/09c4c54f-4b59-4652-932d-25a887a4f15f>

Wife #2 Martha Talley Brown (1875-1959)



Daughter Faye Hazel Meneley McPherson on left with her mother, Howard's 2nd wife, Martha Talley Brown Meneley – Find A Grave 34169374

MARRIAGE RECORD

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APPLICATION FOR MARRIAGE LICENSE

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, } ss.
 Pontotoc County }

I, Howard Munley the undersigned, hereby apply for a Marriage License, to be issued to myself aged 31 years, whose residence is Raff - R B 3 State of Oklahoma and Mrs Martha Brown aged 40 years, whose residence is Raff State of Oklahoma and for the purpose of procuring the same, do solemnly swear that I have personal knowledge of the facts herein stated; that the names, ages and places of residence of said parties are truly and correctly set out above; that neither of said parties are disqualified or incapable under the law of entering into the marriage relation, nor are they related to each other within the degrees prohibited by law. That I am 31 years of age, and reside at Raff County of Pontotoc State of Oklahoma Applicant.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1 day of May 1920

AR Du 99 Court Clerk. By L. H. H. H. H. H. Deputy.

I, the undersigned, _____ of _____ named in the above application as being of the age of _____ years, do hereby consent to _____ marriage to _____

Dated at _____ Oklahoma, this _____ day of _____ 19____

Parent or Guardian.

MARRIAGE LICENSE

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, } ss.
Pontate County }

IN COUNTY COURT

To Any Person Authorized to Perform the Marriage Ceremony, GREETING:

You are hereby authorized to join in marriage Mr. Howard Mumby, of Raff
County of Pontate, State of Okeo, aged 31 years and
Mrs. Martha Brown of Raff, County of Pontate
State of Okeo, aged 40 years. And of this License you will make due return to my office
within thirty days from this date.

Witness my hand and official seal this 1 day of May A. D. 1920
AR Dec 99 Court Clerk. By L E Traubner Deputy.

Recorded this 1 day of May A. D. 1920
AR Dec 99 Court Clerk. By L E Traubner Deputy.

CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, } ss.
Pontate County }

I, Joseph Anderson Justice of the peace of Okeo
Pontate County, State of Oklahoma, do hereby certify that I joined in marriage the persons named
in and authorized by this License to be married, on the 1 day of May A. D. 1920, at Okeo
Pontate County, State of Oklahoma, in the presence of Mrs Eva Roberts Duvall of
Okeo and J B Hill of Okeo
Joseph Anderson

Returned and recorded this 1 day of May 1920
By L E Traubner AR Dec 99

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MENELEY RITES

Funeral services for Martha Jane Meneley were conducted Thursday, August 20 at the Bingham Chapel. Mrs. Meneley died August 17 at Scarber Nurse Home at the age of 83. Born December 23, 1875 at Big-flat, Arkansas, she had been an Atoka resident for 10 years.

Services were conducted by Bro. Hogan Scarber and interment was made in the Stringtown cemetery with Atoka Funeral Home in charge.

Survivors include 5 daughters, Marie Acrey, Ruth Moran, Bessie Acrey and Mildred Tidwell, all of Riversidd, California, and Faye McPherson of Plainview, Texas. Also 19 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren.

Obituary of wife Martha Jane Talley Brown Meneley – “Indian Citizen” (Atoka OK) Thursday 3 Sep 1959 p 1

Father:

Rites At Little For Jeff Meneley, Cromwell

Funeral services for Jeff Meneley, 80-year-old farmer living near Cromwell, were held at the cemetery at Little yesterday afternoon. Meneley died at his home last Friday. He is survived by his widow, one daughter and six sons.

Obituary of father Jefferson Davis Meneley – “Seminole (OK) Producer” Monday 3 Jan 1938 p 1

STATE OF KANSAS,
 OSAGE COUNTY.

Office of Probate Judge of said County

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on the 13th day of June, A. D. 1885, there was from the office of said Probate Judge, a Marriage License, of which the following is a true copy:

MARRIAGE LICENSE.

State of Kansas, Osage County, June 13th A. D. 1885

TO ANY PERSON AUTHORIZED BY LAW TO PERFORM THE MARRIAGE CEREMONY, GREETING:

You are hereby authorized to join in Marriage Jefferson D. Menely of Lincoln aged 27 years, and Maggie Shipman of Melvern, Mo. aged 15 years, and of this License you will make due return to my office within thirty days.

[SEAL.]

And which said Marriage License was afterwards, to wit, on the 20 day of June A. D. 1885 returned to said Probate Judge, with the following certificate endorsed thereon, to wit:

STATE OF KANSAS, Osage County, ss:

I, J. F. Plummer, do hereby certify that in accordance with the authorization of the within License, I did on the 14 day of June A. D. 1885, at Melvern in said County, join and unite in Marriage the above named Jefferson D. Menely and Maggie Shipman.

WITNESS my hand this day and year above written.

Attest:

J. F. Plummer Minister
 Alex. Blake Probate Judge

marriage of Jefferson D. Menely to Maggie Shipman in Melvern, Osage Co. KS on 14 Jun 1885 -
<https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/61371/images/TH-1-16103-9838-24?pld=900253501>

Mother:



Services Set Today For Mrs. Meneley At Little Chapel

Services will be held at 2:30 p.m. today at Little Cemetery Chapel for Mrs. Sarah Bell Meneley, 94, who resided in Seminole 40 years before moving to California about 11 years ago.

Mrs. Meneley, who was born Dec. 3, 1862, in Bellphont, Pennsylvania, died Monday in Santa Barbara, Calif.

Survivors include five sons, Jim Meneley, Napa, Calif., Jess, of California, Floyd, of Oklahoma City, Howard, of Atoka, and Clarence, of Atoka; two daughters, Mrs. Lula Sawyer, Seminole, and Alta Menelye, Okmulgee; three sisters, eight brothers, 40 grandchildren, 76 great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren.

Services, under the direction of Stout-Sarber Funeral Home of Wewoka, will be conducted by Rev. Jim Pierce, pastor of the Seminole First Church of God.

Mother Sarah Elizabeth Bell Meneley (1862-1957) – Left: Find A Grave 21293152 – Right: obituary in “Seminole (OK) Producer” Sunday 17 Mar 1957 p 2

Children, by 1st wife Emma Drinnon Ragsdale



William Howard (Bill) Meneley (1911-1971) – Find A Grave 34168663



Daughter Ruby Anna Meneley Drinnon Hollen Bazzano (1914-1984) – Find A Grave 4956926

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ALL BLANKS BELOW ARE FOR USE OF COUNTY RECORDER

GROOM		BRIDE	
1 FULL NAME <u>ORVAL E. LONGCOR</u>		1 FULL NAME <u>RUBY A. HOLLEN</u>	
1 RESIDENCE <u>LAKEPORT, CALIFORNIA</u>		1 RESIDENCE <u>LAKEPORT, CALIFORNIA</u>	
1 COLOR OR RACE <u>WHITE</u>	1 AGE AT LAST BIRTHDAY <u>30</u> (Years)	1 COLOR OR RACE <u>WHITE</u>	1 AGE AT LAST BIRTHDAY <u>33</u> (Years)
1 SINGLE, WIDOWED OR DIVORCED <u>Single</u>	1 NUMBER OF MARRIAGE <u>1</u>	1 SINGLE, WIDOWED OR DIVORCED <u>DIVORCED</u>	1 NUMBER OF MARRIAGE <u>3</u>
1 BIRTHPLACE <u>CALIFORNIA</u> (State or country)		1 BIRTHPLACE <u>OKLAHOMA</u> (State or country)	
1 OCCUPATION (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work <u>CARPENTER</u> (b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer) <u>Not employed</u>		1 OCCUPATION (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work <u>NONE</u> (b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer)	
1 NAME OF FATHER <u>LEE LONGCOR</u>		1 NAME OF FATHER <u>HOWARD MENELEY</u>	
1 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER <u>OREGON</u> (State or country)		1 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER <u>TEXAS</u> (State or country)	
1 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER <u>MYRTLE PRAEDES</u>		1 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER <u>EMMA RAGSDALE</u>	
1 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER <u>CALIFORNIA</u> (State or country)		1 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER <u>ARKANSAS</u> (State or country)	
1 MAIDEN NAME OF BRIDE, IF SHE WAS PREVIOUSLY MARRIED <u>RUBY A. MENELEY</u>			
1 COUNTY OF LICENSE <u>LAKE</u>		1 COUNTY OF MARRIAGE <u>Sonoma</u>	
DATE ISSUED <u>12/8/48</u>		DATE PERFORMED <u>12-9-48</u>	
WE, the groom and bride named in this Certificate, hereby certify that the information given therein is correct, to the best of our knowledge and belief.			
Groom <u>Orval E. Longcor</u>		Bride <u>Ruby A. Hollen</u>	
Filed out in the presence of <u>Ruth F. Needham</u> Deputy County Clerk			
2 CERTIFICATE OF PERSON PERFORMING CEREMONY			
I HEREBY CERTIFY that <u>Orval E. Longcor</u> and <u>Ruby A. Hollen</u> were joined in marriage by me			
in accordance with the laws of the State of California, at <u>Santa Rosa</u>			
this <u>9th</u> day of <u>December</u> 19 <u>48</u>			
1 Signature of Witness to the Marriage <u>Levi J. Longcor</u> Residence <u>Santa Rosa</u>		1 Signature of Person Performing the Ceremony <u>Cecil F. Wilkins</u> Official position <u>Methodist Minister</u>	
1 FILED <u>DEC 10 1948</u> I. E. Payne Registrar (County Recorder)		Residence <u>Santa Rosa, Calif.</u>	
STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRY OF MARRIAGE			
A full, true and correct copy of the original recorded this <u>10</u> day of <u>Dec</u> 19 <u>48</u>			
at <u>2</u> min. past <u>1</u> o'clock <u>P.</u> M. <u>I. E. Payne</u> Recorder		By <u>Shada Ayer</u> Deputy	
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3rd marriage of daughter Ruby Ann Meneley Drinnon Hollen on 9 Dec 1948 in Santa Rosa CA -
<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:939V-MV1G-8?i=844&cc=1804002>

RUBY A. BAZZANO (Newman) — A service will be held at 1 p.m. today in Norton Mortuary, Turlock, for Ruby Anna Bazzano, 70, who died Sunday in Turlock.

Mrs. Bazzano had resided in the Newman and Turlock areas since 1974. She was a native of Oklahoma. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her husband, John B. Bazzano of Newman; three sons, Charles Drinnon of Patterson, Oscar Drinnon of Redwood Valley and Stanley Drinnon of Ukiah; five

daughters, Edith Prickett of Modesto, Deloris Drinnon of West Virginia, Nellie Holland of Sacramento, Gleda Longcor of Santa Rosa and Lavina Longcor of New Mexico; 22 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

Charles Drinnon Dies on Coast; Rites Saturday

Funeral services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. at Anderson Valley Cemetery for 58-year old Charles M. Drinnon, Philo, an employe of Jim Kinsey Redwood Products, Philo, who was found dead in his temporary cabin residence south of Point Arena Monday morning.

Graveside funeral services have been arranged by Ormsbee Funeral Home, Point Arena, with the Rev. Charles Neher of Boonville Assembly of God Church officiating.

Mr. Drinnon, who quietly passed away while preparing to go to bed, is survived by his five children, Charles Leroy Drinnon, Philo; Oscar Drinnon, Philo and Ukiah; Sgt. Stanley Drinnon, U. S. Army, stationed in Maryland; Mrs. Edith Drinnon Russell, Ukiah; Mrs. Deloris League, living in Maryland; a brother, Roosevelt Drinnon, of West Plains, Mo.; his former wife, Mrs. Ruby Drinnon Gosnell, Santa Rosa; 13 grandchildren and several sons and daughters - in - law; and nieces and nephews.

non, of West Plains, Mo.; his former wife, Mrs. Ruby Drinnon Gosnell, Santa Rosa; 13 grandchildren and several sons and daughters - in - law; and nieces and nephews.

Death of Ruby Meneley's former husband, Charles M. Drinnon, found dead on Monday, 21 Mar 1966 - "Ukiah (CA) Daily Journal" Friday 25 Mar 1966 p 3



Daughter Mary Edna ("Frits") Meneley Sylvester (1918-1991) – Find A Grave 34132917

WITH UNFADING INK—THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD.
 WITH A SEPARATE CERTIFICATE must be made for each and every member of family, in order to be registered as a birth and also as a death.

PLACE OF BIRTH
 County Conforte
 Township Fitzhugh
 Village OK
 City OK

Registration Dist. No. 6220
 Primary Dist. No. 6253

Standard Certificate of Birth
 Oklahoma State Board of Health
 Bureau of Vital Statistics
 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
 Register No. 49

(If in a hospital or other institution, the name of the same to be given, instead of the street and house number.)
 2. FULL NAME OF CHILD Mary Anna Meneley
 (If the child dies without a name, before the certificate is filed, enter the words "Died unnamed." If the living child has not yet been named at the date of filing certificate of birth, the space for "Full name of child" is to be left blank, to be filled out subsequently by a supplemental report.)

3. Sex of Child <u>Female</u>	4. Twin, triplet or other (To be answered only in event of plural births.)	5. Number in order of birth <u>1st</u>	6. Legitimate? <u>Yes</u>	7. Date of Birth <u>Sept 16 1918</u> (month) (day) (year)
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8. Full name FATHER Howard W. Meneley
 9. Residence Sacagwa, Okla.
 10. Color or race White
 11. Age at last Birthday 29 years.
 12. Birthplace, at least state or foreign country, if known. Kansas
 13. Occupation Farmer
 (a) trade, profession or particular kind of work.
 (b) General nature of industry, business or establishment in which employed (or employee).

14. Full Maiden Name MOTHER Anna M. Meneley
 15. Residence Sacagwa
 16. Color or race White
 17. Age at last Birthday 33 years.
 18. Birthplace, at least state or foreign country, if known. Kan
 19. Occupation House wife
 (a) trade, profession or particular kind of work.
 (b) General nature of industry, business or establishment in which employed (or employee).

20. Number of children born to this mother, including present birth 5
 21. Number of children of this mother now living 4

22. CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MIDWIFE. (1)
 I hereby certify that I attended the birth of this child, who was 11 at a M., on the date above stated.
 (Born alive or Stillborn)
 (1) When there was no attending physician or midwife, then the father, householders, etc., should make this return. A stillborn child is one that neither breathes nor shows other evidence of life after birth.
 (Signature) J. L. Jeffries
 (Physician or Midwife)
 Address Ray Okla
 Filed Oct 3 1918
 Registrar.

Given name added from supplemental report Oct. 3 1918
Eastell
 Registrar.

23. Did you use a one or two per cent silver nitrate solution in this infant's eyes immediately after its birth?
No

https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/116042426/person/280190357669/media/338c3276-3b3f-4f86-a26e-a52f1268d56f?_phsrc=hFB34560&_phstart=successSource

Child: by his marriage to Martha Talley Brown Meneley

Fay McPherson Fay McPherson, 89, of Plainview, died Friday, Aug. 31, 2012. A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Plainview Cemetery. Her son, Donny McPherson, will officiate. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Lemons Funeral Home. Open visitation will be held from noon to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Hazel Fay McPherson was born Sept. 17, 1922, in Ada, Okla., to Howard and Martha Meneley. She was raised on a farm where she helped pick cotton. She and Henry McPherson were married July 23, 1937, in McAllister, Okla. He died Feb. 5, 1974. Mrs. McPherson was an excellent mom, raising her family by herself after her husband died. She worked in the central supply department at the hospital for many years. She attended the Church of Christ. Survivors include 12 children; more than 40 grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. She also was preceded in death by her parents; one daughter; and all of her siblings. Online condolences may be made at www.lemonsfunerals.com.

Published by Plainview Daily Herald from Sep. 2 to Sep. 3, 2012.

<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/myplainview/name/fay-mcpherson-obituary?id=21021566>

Siblings:

29 ANTI-DRAFTERS HELD FOR BAIL

Holdenville, Okla., August 23.—Twenty-nine men charged with participating in the anti-draft riots in Hughes and Seminole counties have been bound over to the Federal grand jury in hearings conducted here by United States commissioner L.S. Fawcett.

The men held, with the amount of bond fixed for each, are as follows: J. M. Allen, J. D. Allen and Robert Hammett, \$1,000 each; George Norman, A. Wilson, Ernest Johnson, Sam Bingham, Jib Hammett, Jr., W. M. Doover, J. C. Doover, L. N. Doover, Keller Gly, C. A. Gooden, Alta Meneley, D. Hardesty, J. S. Hardesty, W. I. Jones, J. R. Warrick and A. C. Smith, \$5,000 each; J. A. Chapman, \$7,500 and Earl Potter, H. D. Edwards, J. M. Hammett, A. J. Polk, C. M. Potter, Sam Spray, Sam Scroggins, C. C. Adams, and J. B. Potter, \$10,000 each.

The charges filed against the defendants are conspiracy and the use of force against carrying out the provisions of the draft law.

Brother Alta M. Meneley arrested for participation in anti-draft riots – “Ada (OK) Weekly News”
Thursday 30 Aug 1917 p 8

LIST OF INDICTED W. C. U DRAFT OBSTRUCTIONISTS

List of W. C. U. defendants indicted by the Grand Jury at McAlester, September 29, 1917.:

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Meneley, Alta
Meneley, J. D.
Meneley, Jim

Those under federal indictment – Howard's brothers Alta & James Thomas Meneley & father Jefferson Davis Meneley – "Holdenville (OK) Democrat" Friday 6 Oct 1917 p 1 – Alta is sent to Leavenworth Prison

TRY TO RELEASE DRAFT OBJECTORS FROM U. S. PRISON

T. W. Bell, Local Attorney, Files
Application for Habeas Corpus
Writ at Topeka.

ALL CAME FROM OKLAHOMA

Forty-seven Mentioned in Petition
Sent Up Last November on
Charge of Resisting Con-
scription Officers.

From Saturday's Daily Times.

Petitions asking for habeas corpus writs for the release of forty-seven men now confined at the United States penitentiary here have been filed at Topeka by T. W. Bell, local attorney. The petitions were filed with Frank L. Campbell, clerk of the United States court.

The forty-seven men to bring about whose release the action is being taken were sent up from Oklahoma. They were convicted on charges of conspiracy to obstruct the enlistment and recruiting activities in the eastern part of that state. They were found guilty by the United States court at Ardmore, Oklahoma, last November, and are now serving sentences ranging from one to ten years.

The petition filed by Bell sets out that the men are being unlawfully confined because at the time the men were placed on trial, there was no law in effect giving the grand jury the right to indict them. It is further alleged that at the time the acts for which they were tried, were committed the law covering the charges had not yet gone into effect.

The prisoners for whom the petition is filed are all of draft age. Late in 1917 they caused draft and recruiting officers considerable trouble. Among the charges against them contained in the indictment are those of setting fire to a railroad bridge across Spring Creek near Ardmore, Oklahoma, and attempting to destroy another one over the Canadian river.

Some of them living in Seminole county banded together, armed themselves to fight against being inducted into military service and drove off county officials who attempted to disperse them, with the guns in their possession. Among the other offenses committed by these in the bunch were resisting draft officers and destroying a section of railway telephone line.

They were brought to trial before the U. S. court and many of them plead guilty. On the technical charge of conspiracy all were sentenced to terms in the penitentiary. They arrived here and were dressed in early in January.

The names of the prisoners for whom the attempt to obtain habeas corpus writs is being made are:

H. H. Munson, C. C. Brewer, Jack
 Caroline, W. F. Casper, Caesar
 Dindy, Cephas Dover, H. S. Roberts,
 H. F. Robertson, John Spears, Har-
 ry Thomas, R. C. Boggs, R. L. Boles
 D. R. Callip, A. L. Spears, W. W.
 Walker, Mark Dover, H. W. Boland,
 J. H. Blake, M. D. Eure, C. M.
 Potter, J. R. Trout, H. M. Harris,
 Roy Crane, Ira Hardy, J. A. Max-
 well, Earl Potter, C. W. Banta, Jim
 Hammett, Alta Meneley, Walter
 Spears, W. L. Sweatmen, Claude
 Watson, D. K. Updegraff, Charles
 Johnson, W. H. Lee, Claude West,
 Price Street, W. L. Bennefield, H.
 C. Spence, Anthong Eberlie, Albert
 Eberlie, J. H. Majors, W. H. Max-
 well, A. L. Austin, J. B. Douglas
 and H. L. Updegraff.



"Leavenworth (KS) Weekly Times" Thursday 16 May 1918 p 5

Neeley Adams et al., indicted September 29, 1917, for 'conspiracy to violate espionage act. Case still pending as to following defendants: Neeley Adams, C. C. Adams, J. D. Allen, Albert L. Austin, John Barkus, Webb Brooking, W. L. Bennefield, C. C. Brewer, Dave Brewer, H. W. Poland, R. C. Boggs, L. S. Bowles, Jack Caroline, Spellman Davis, Alex Davis, Frazier Dindy, Caesar Dindy, Cephas Dover, Noah Dover, Marto Dover, Ray Doolen, H. D. Edwards, Antony Eberle, Albert Eberle, Spurgeon Estes, A. C. Fisher, Keller Fly, C. A. Gooden, A. J. Polk, Dalton Pompey, Earl Potter, C. M. Potter, R. E. Powell, John T. Ralls, L. R. Ralls, John M. Spears, A. L. Spears, Erb Spears, Walter Spears, H. S. Spence, Price Street, W. G. Gordon, J. B. Gray, A. L. Hamilton, Jim Hammett jr., Jim Hammett sr., L. Hamrick, Dee Hardesty, Sam Hardesty, Ira Hardy, M. A. Harris, H. M. Harris, J. M. Haynes, Virgil Harris, Dave arjo, J. T. Ice, Jim Jeffry, Henry B. Klutz, Josie Marpiyecher, Virgil May, Robert May, W. H. Maxwell, J. A. Maxwell, Jess Mathes, Alta Meneley, Jim Neal, Ben Offutt, Ben Pidcock, R. H. Walker, W. W.



Walker, Jack Waters, Charley Waters, Tom Welch; M. M. West, Alex Zackary, H. H. Munson, D. A. Allman, Sam Bingham, Jim Burton, J. A. Chapman, Ernest Johnson, W. I. Jones, Sango Moore, George Noram, Sam Sroggins, Columbus Scroggins, Dudley Scrogins, Henry W. Taylor, Anson Tilton, Harry Thomas, J. R. Trout.

All of the above defendants entered pleas of guilty or case was dismissed as to them in companion case No. 2550, U. S. vs. Neeley Adams et al., except Allman and Moore.

"Morning Tulsa (OK) Daily World" Sunday 26 Mar 1922 p 31

Police Find Still In City

A telephone call yesterday from an unidentified person led police officers to an operating whisky still.

Two and a half gallons of corn whisky and complete equipment were seized at the home of Alta M. Meneley, 1128 North Taft.

The whisky still, which holds about 50 gallons, was in operation in the bedroom of the man's home, officers stated, at the time of the arrest. Mash barrels were found in a dugout under the floor of a shed behind the home.

Officers participating in the raid were Capt. Blain Hill, Police Officers Dan Stout and Harry Har-ker and Tom Graves, Alcohol Tax Unit Agent from Muskogee. Meneley was released to Mr. Graves.

"Okmulgee (OK) Daily Times" Sunday 11 May 1952 p 1



James Thomas Meneley (1896-1963) – Find A Grave 51839157



James Thomas Meneley <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/110443/person/-1945029810/media/2b0c2084-9f81-4313-aac7-628d481a3f32>

Holdenville, Okla., August 7, 1917.
—Well, dear mother and family, will try to write a few lines to let you know how I am very well, and hope

this will find you all the same. I seen papa and Howard and Floyd. they sent them to South McAlester. I hope

I wilil get out some day. how is the crop. I don't know where Alta is. I heard the team run away with you did they. Well mother you will just hafta do the best you can. tell my gisl Hello for me. I will close. Write soon and tell me how you all are. from your son, Jim Meneley, Holden-ville, Okla.

“Henryetta (OK) Free-Lance” Friday 10 Aug 1917 p 4

Stepchildren: by his 2nd wife Martha Talley's marriage to her 1st husband, Benjamin Franklin Brown



Stepdaughters (left to right): Bessie Lee Brown Acrey, Ruth Baxter Brown Moran, Marie Samantha Brown Twyman Acrey – Find A Grave 183324965 (Marie)

MAGDELINE N. TIDWELL

Crossing guard

Magdeline N. Tidwell, 83, of San Bernardino died Monday of intercerebral edema at San Bernardino Community Hospital.

Tidwell, a native of Tulsa, Okla., lived in San Bernardino 70



years. She worked as a crossing guard for the San Bernardino Police Department for 36 years. She was a member of Crest View Baptist

Church.

Survivors include her son, Marvin of San Bernardino, and one grandchild.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Montecito Memorial Park at Waterman Avenue and Barton Road in Colton. Mark B. Shaw Mortuary is directing.



Staff photo by Mike Pender

Magdeline "Mildred" Tidwell guides another generation of San Bernardino school children across the

street. She's been on the job for 33 years, and now works the intersection of Rialto and K Streets.

They don't let down their guard, or their kids

By BARBARA ANDERSON

Sun Staff Writer

SAN BERNARDINO — Wilma Reese gestured at a gaping hole in the chain link fence surrounding the Golden Valley Intermediate School parking lot on Waterman Avenue.

"I guess someone went through the fence down there," she said, shaking her head in frustrated acceptance.

The crumpled fence is just another reminder of the speeding, nonstop traffic Reese has watched, dodged and yelled at in the 19 years she has walked Parkside Elementary students across Waterman Avenue at 38th Street.

"The traffic gets heavier every year," the 62-year-old crossing guard said, stepping off the curb to lead a bicyclist to the safety of

Sunday special

the east side of the state Highway 18, otherwise known as Waterman Avenue on that stretch of its route into the mountains.

"Hurry up, Skip," Reese admonished, following the boy walking his bicycle to the sidewalk.

"That's one of my boys from last year, but he doesn't have to mind this year," she said, trying to look stern, but having a hard time hiding a smile from the boy.

Crossing guards technically help only elementary students cross the street, but Reese watches out for the intermediate students who attend Golden Valley, on the opposite side of Waterman Avenue from Parkside.

San Bernardino has about 52 crossing guards who escort elementary students across busy city intersections before school, during the lunch hour and after school. Another 26 crossing guards oversee intersections in unincorporated portions of the county that are within San Bernardino City Unified School District.

The crossing guards are hired by the city Police Department and are paid \$3.10 an hour — 25 cents below the minimum full-time wage. They are paid for six-hour shifts, but most spend only about half that time on the job. The pay for the extra three hours helps de-

fray the cost of traveling to their intersections.

"The pay is low, so basically the only people who want to work the job are housewives and retired people," said officer Michael McKee.

The pay isn't great, but the crossing guards said the intangible benefits of being around young children make them happy and loyal to their profession.

"There's a real old man who crosses the street all the time who always asks me when I'm going to retire," Reese laughed. "I always tell him I'm going to be doing this as long as I pass the physical. I just love the kids, just the feeling that you're helping the kids."

Crossing guards are aware,

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Guards

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however, of the risks they take when they don orange vests and hold up their red and white stop signs in the middle of the streets.

Christine Bayouth remembers the last day she worked as a crossing guard — Oct. 4, 1982 — the day she was hit by a motorist who failed to stop on Palm Avenue at Norwood Street.

"I got hit by a car as I was crossing the children. It was time for them to get off school and it was a brother and sister. I had to push them and tell them to jump or we would all three have gotten hit," Bayouth said.

Bayouth said she had no time to get herself out of the intersection. The impact of the collision threw her up onto the car's hood and down on the pavement.

Her right leg was broken, and her pelvis was fractured twice on the right side and once on the left. She has a steel rod in her right hip and continues to limp.

"I'm just thankful I wasn't killed," she said. "I think my (stop) sign helped me from getting hurt worse; it was bent all the way back."

The accident came close to being a major tragedy, however, Bayouth said. The two children who were in the intersection were the first she helped cross that day, and luckily, the biggest group had not reached the corner when the car failed to stop, she said.

"I felt good that those (two) children were safe and got across — that's the sacrifice you make sometimes, I guess," she said.

Despite the pain she has suffered since the accident, Bayouth misses being a crossing guard, and would resume her duties at the corner if her health was better.

"I really miss it. It didn't pay a lot, but I just enjoyed the job, being around the children," she said.

Robert Burgess, like most crossing guards, has had his close calls with cars, but he has never been hit. His corner is 29th Street and Sierra Way.

"I don't know why people don't stop," he said. "I notice that drivers are listening to a tape deck or radio and their minds are on going to work in the morning. Mornings are more dangerous than the afternoons."

Burgess, 64, a retired Internal Revenue Service employee, has been a crossing guard for six years. His wife, Mary, a crossing guard at the congested intersection of 40th Street and Waterman Avenue, talked him into applying for the job.

Mary Burgess has never been hurt in the 10 years she has stood

at the last signal light before Highway 18 goes up into the mountains, but she describes her crossing corner this way: "It's just like standing on the freeway, literally."

Reese lets out a good-hearted chuckle when asked if she has ever come close to being hit while directing children across Waterman Avenue, two blocks south of where Mary Burgess stands. "Oh, yes, several times," she said. "They'll (drivers) slap their hands over their mouths after they see you."

She would like to have "a squirt gun with colored ink in it and squirt them (drivers) every time they go through the intersection on a red light," Reese grinned.

The possibility that one of the children might get hit is her biggest fear while standing at the corner. "If I didn't think I was on my toes, I wouldn't keep the job, or this corner anyway," Reese said.

In the 24 years that 83-year-old Ray Ducker has helped children cross Golden Avenue at Pumalo Street, where there is no stop signal, he has learned not to take chances.

"The cars will almost knock the stop sign out of your hand,"

Ducker said. "So, I let the cars go by as much as I can. I've tried to judge the speed of the cars before, and there are times when they go through at 80 to 90 mph. I don't try to stop those guys, no sir, because it's useless."

Stepping out in front of traffic still worries Magdline "Mildred"

tion when a crossing guard is still in the roadway is an infraction of the vehicle code, said McKee, the traffic officer. The penalty for the first offense is a \$50 fine; \$100 for the second violation; and \$250 for the third in a three-year period.

The Police Department dispatches a traffic officer to a cross-

I got hit by a car as I was crossing the children. It was time for them to get off school and it was a brother and sister. I had to push them and tell them to jump or we would all three have gotten hit."

Tidwell after 33 years as a crossing guard.

But inattentive, fast drivers irritate her more than they scare her.

"Honey, you see what that car just did?" Tidwell said, the annoyance showing in her face. She had abruptly stood still to let a car make a right turn in front of her onto Rialto Avenue at K Street.

"You know that's illegal, don't you?" she said. "When you're out there in the crosswalk, you have the right of way."

Driving through an intersec-

ing guard's corner if the guard complains about the drivers in the area, McKee said.

"We send one of our motorcycle officers out there and he sits at the corner and writes tickets. He doesn't sit right at the intersection — and if you're not looking, you're not going to see him."

McKee said the traffic division receives about two or three complaints a month from crossing guards about drivers not stopping at intersections or making right turns when the guards and children are still in the street.

Crossing guards usually have time to catch a glimpse of a car and maybe a license plate, he said. The guard has to be able to identify the driver for the district attorney's office to be able to issue an infraction citation based on only the guard's complaint.

"The district attorney doesn't like issuing infractions — they'd much rather it be witnessed by an officer," he said.

The hazards of the job are not ignored by crossing guards, but that is not what they dwell on or talk most about.

"Well, honey, I just love the children and I love people. If you don't like children, you better not take this job," Tidwell said, taking off the faded red cap she was given 33 years ago when she started her first day as a crossing guard.

Tidwell has worn out one metal stop sign doing her job, and she and her green 20-year-old Rambler sedan have become fixtures at the corner of Rialto Avenue and K Street — her post each school day for the past 15 years.

"When I was in the sixth grade she crossed me, and now she's crossing him," 21-year-old Marlene Sanchez said, pointing to her son who was being led across the street by Tidwell.

At 71, Tidwell has seen several generations of children go to Lytle Creek Elementary, but she said youngsters really haven't changed so much in that time.

And Tidwell said she hasn't altered her philosophy about children in three decades, either.

"I always say good morning and goodbye to the children. I say good morning to everybody and sometimes they look like they don't have a friend. There's so many lonesome, lonesome people that don't have anybody to say good morning to them," she said.

Reese said it's easy to develop an attachment to the children because some of them will cross the intersection for seven years.

"Wilma, I like your shoes," said 9-year-old Shelby Martin as she waited for Reese to take her across Waterman Avenue.

"She's had me (as her crossing guard) all her life," Reese said, leading the black-haired girl and her younger brother across the street.

Like Tidwell, Reese makes a point of talking to the children — and they talk back to her.

"They tell me everything," she said, grinning. "The mothers would be shocked what they tell the crossing guard."

Reese, who started as a crossing guard when her own four daughters were still schoolchil-

dren, has a maternal relationship with the Parkside students, said Principal Mel Feuer. "She knows the children so well. She's motherly or grandmotherly with the youngsters and at the same time she's firm."

Children talk most about their scrapes and adventures at school, Mary Burgess said. "They'll tell me somebody hit them. I think they like to feel consoled."

Burgess' husband has become the corner "counselor" for the adults in the Sierra Way neighborhood, as well as the school crossing guard.

"I have the neighbors come out of their houses and talk to me every morning," he said. "Parents drop me off donuts, cakes and cookies. It's more fun than it is work."

Ducker has made it his respon-

sibility to be the neighborhood watchdog at Golden Avenue and Pumalo. Anytime he sees an unfamiliar car or face, he investigates.

He also warns the children about strangers and keeps an eye on them as they walk home. "You have to watch them up the street that nobody picks them up," he said.

Ducker said he took the crossing guard job 24 years ago after moving to California from Long Island, N.Y., where he had been a mailman for 31 years.

The crossing job has helped him keep busy, especially since his wife died, he said. "You have to do something. If you don't, you're going to get in the old rockin' chair and that's going to be the end."

Reese said her corner at Parkside has become "home to me. I'd just as soon come here as stay at home."

Besides, the \$18.60 she earns each day is her bingo money.

"I love to play bingo," she said.

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Staff photo by Mike Fender

Wilma Reese, a guard for 19 years, at 38th Street and Waterman Avenue.

"San Bernardino (CA) County Sun" Sunday 30 Sep 1964 p 1

Walter D. Tidwell, S.B.

Walter David Tidwell, 65, of 267 S. K St., San Bernardino, died yesterday in a San Bernardino hospital. He was born in Reidsville, Ga., and had lived in San Bernardino 45 years.

Tidwell was a service man for the Southern California Gas Co. for 30 years. He was a Methodist.

Survivors include his widow, Magdalene; a son, Marvin, of San Bernardino; a daughter, Barbara Mulligan of San Bernardino; and a granddaughter.

Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Montecito Memorial Park. Mark B. Shaw's is in charge of arrangements.

Obituary of Walter David Tidwell (1906-1971, F: 151483669), the wife of stepdaughter Magdline Nora Brown Tidwell – “San Bernardino (CA) County Sun” Sunday 26 Dec 1971 p 39

Name: Howard William Meneley

Name variations: Menely

Military:

On Tuscania: Camp Travis Det. 2, Casuals, then 9th Inf. Co. D - private

Serial number: 2298082 (on "Regina" passenger list & Veterans Administration Military Index) and 2298092 on "Chicago" list

Entered service from: Sasakwa, Seminole OK

Sailed on “Tuscania” as: Howard W. Menely

Next-of-kin on “Tuscania”: wife Emma Menely, Sasakwa OK [Emma, pregnant, dies 24 Feb 1920]

Removed from Tuscania on 26 or 27 Jan 1918 in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada because of mumps

Was to sail – as Howard W. Menely – on “New York” (ship 530, so New York may not be its name, but its port of departure) 12 Mar 1918, but crossed off. NOK wife Mrs. Emma Meneley, Sasakwa OK.

Sailed to war: on "Chicago" Apr 1918

Unit & NOK: Overseas Casual Co. #136 – NOK Mrs. Emma Meneley, Sasakwa OK.

Name: as Howard W. Meneley

Returned from war on: "Regina de Italia" Apr 1919

Sailed on return ship as: Howard W. Meneley

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: wife Mrs. H.W. Meneley, Sasaskwa OK (pvt, 9th Inf.)

World War I draft registration (1917): as Howard William Meneley – b. 11 Sep 1885 Ottoway KS; res: Sasakwa OK. Married, with a wife & 3 children. Farming for myself at Sasakwa OK. Claimed exemption from draft: “near sighted” – short in height, medium build.

World War II draft registration (1942): as Howard W. (I.O. = initial only) Meneley - b. 11 Sep 1889 Ottawa KS; res: Milburn, Johnston OK. NOK son William H. Meneley, Milburn OK. “no occupation at present” Card signed H.W. Meneley – “his mark by registrar Winston Cam---” – “scar on right arm” – Height: 5’5” – weight: 134 lbs.

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted: 20 Dec 1917

Discharged: 7 Jun 1919

Address: Roff OK

Rank/unit: private, Co. D (? – it is lowercase & could be “C”), 9th Infantry

Birth & death:

Born: 11 Sep 1889 Ottawa, Franklin KS

Died: 14 Mar 1958 Stringtown, Atoka OK

Find A Grave record: 34168862 – presence on Tuscania indicated in text

Burial location: Stringtown, Atoka OK

Cemetery: Stringtown

Tombstone: veteran flat: Oklahoma Pvt Co D 9 Infantry WWI PH [Purple Heart]

Father: Jefferson Davis (“Jeff”) Meneley, 8 Dec 1857 Gonzales Co. TX – 31 Dec 1938 Little, Seminole OK. Son of George C. Meneley & Eliza S. Lois Davis.

His 1st wife was Margaret Almeda (“Maggie”) Shipman, b. 2 Feb 1870 Girard, Crawford KS, d. 14 Dec 1957 Erie, Neosho KS. She was the daughter of Isaac Marion Shipman & Sarah Catherine. Jefferson D. Meneley married Maggie Shipman on 14 Jun 1885 in Melvern, Osage KS. She later married

William J. Dunlop on 28 Aug 1890 in Crawford Co. KS. Margaret Dunlop is buried in Girard Cemetery, Girard, Crawford KS, F: 53008000
Buried in Little Cemetery, Little, Seminole OK.
Find A Grave: 21293150

Mother: Sarah Elizabeth Bell Meneley, 9 Dec 1862 PA – 11 Mar 1957 Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara CA. Daughter of William Thomas Bell & Mary Ellen Garrett. Buried in Little Cemetery, Little, Seminole OK.

Find A Grave: 21293152

Parents' marriage:

Spouse: Emma Ragsdale Drinnon Meneley, 29 Oct 1885 Lawrence Co. AR – 24 Feb 1920 Roff, Pontotoc OK. Daughter of James Newton Ragsdale & Martha Lou Coffel (later Mrs. John J. Agee). Her 1st husband was Klen Millard Duff Drinnon (who used the name Duff Drinnon) whom she married on 29 Apr 1905. Emma Ragsdale was age 19, Klen of Roff OK was age 24. Klen was born 10 Sep 1880 Howell Co. MO & died 20 Jan 1953 in Salem, Marion OR. He was the son of William I. Drinnon & Nancy Ann Collier. He is buried in Salem OR but is not on Find A Grave as of 19 Dec 2021. In Apr 1908, Emma sues Klen for divorce in Pontotoc Co. OK.

Find A Grave site says she was pregnant at the time of her death. Her husband Howard had returned from Europe in Apr 1919 & was discharged from the Army on 7 Jun 1919. Buried in Dolberg Cemetery, Roff, Pontotoc OK.

Spouse Find A Grave: 28365702

Marriage: 15 Mar 1910 Pontotoc Co. OK

Spouse: Martha Jane Talley Brown Meneley, 23 Dec 1875 Big Flat, Baxter or Searcy Co. AR – 8 Aug 1959 Atoka, Atoka OK. Daughter of Alfred L. Talley & Rebecca Jane Chambers (F: 11895538) Married to Benjamin Franklin ("Shoefly") Brown by whom she had 4 daughters. He was the son of Francis Marion (Frank) Brown (1828-1912, F: 114825597) & Melinda Elizabeth Avey (1831-1901, F: 79866412). Benjamin was 1st married to Sarah Adaline Lawrence (1868-1896) whom he married 16 Dec 1887 in Farris, Stone Co. AR as "Frank Brown." Benjamin & Sarah had 3 daughters & 1 son, born between 1889 & 1895. Benjamin was born Jan 1867 in Searcy Co. AR & died 22 Apr 1920 in Lonoke Co. AR.

Martha died in the Scarber Nursing Home.

Buried in Stringtown Cemetery, Stringtown, Atoka OK

Spouse Find A Grave: 34169374

Marriage: 1 May 1920 Pontotoc Co. OK [Howard's 1st wife Emma had died in Feb 1920]

Children: by 1st wife, Emma Drinnon Ragsdale

- William Howard Meneley, 23 May 1911 OK – 15 Jun 1971 Atoka, Atoka OK. Husband of Myrtle H. Conn (1908-1993, F: 34168786). "Indian Citizen" (Atoka OK) Thursday 28 Feb 1929 p 5 – marriage license: William Meneley, 21, Seminole OK & Myrtle Conn, no age given, Ada OK. Buried in Stringtown Cemetery, Stringtown, Atoka OK. F: 34168663
- Ruby Anna Meneley Drinnon Hollen Longcor Bazzano, 14 Apr 1914 Roff, Pontotoc OK – 21 Oct 1984 Stanislaus Co. CA. – She, Martha & Mary were adopted by their maternal grandmother Martha Lou Coffel Ragsdale Agee (F: 19135469) on 20 Jul 1925 Pontotoc Co. OK following the death of their mother, but retained the surname Meneley. Wife of Charles M. Drinnon (1907-1966, F: 34220590). Listed as Mrs. Ruby Drinnon of Lake Port CA in her father's Mar 1958 obituary – Married to Troy Melvin Hollen (1914-1998, F: 58991311). –

Divorced, Ruby A. Hollen married Orval E. Longcor, age 30, son of Lee Longcor & Myrtle Praedes, on 9 Dec 1948 in Lake Co. CA. It was his 1st marriage, her 3rd. - Died with surname Bazzano. Had married John R. Bazzano (1907-1989, F: 130653683). Buried in Calvary Catholic Cemetery, Santa Rosa, Sonoma CA. F: 49056926

- Martha Emma Meneley Howell, 19 Oct 1916 Roff, Pontotoc OK – 7 Aug 1969 San Pablo, Contra Costa CA. She, Ruby & Mary were adopted by their maternal grandmother Martha Lou Coffel Ragsdale Agee (F: 19135469) on 20 Jul 1925 Pontotoc Co. OK following the death of their mother. Married in 1933 to Eugene Victor Rowell (1914-1990).
- Mary Edna (“Frits”) Meneley Sylvester, 16 Sep 1918 Roff, Pontotoc OK – 24 Oct 1991 Healdton, Carter OK. She, Ruby & Martha were adopted by their maternal grandmother Martha Lou Coffel Ragsdale Agee (F: 19135469) on 20 Jul 1925 Pontotoc Co. OK following the death of their mother. Wife of Roy L. Sylvester (1916-1993, F: 34699131); they married in Florence AZ. Resident of Lake Port CA in Mar 1958 when her father died. Buried in Eloy Memorial Park, Eloy, Pinal AZ. F: 34132917

Children: by 2nd wife Martha Talley Brown

- (Hazel) Fay Meneley McPherson, 17 Sep 1922 Ada, Pontotoc OK – 31 Aug 2012 Plainview, Hale TX. Wife of Henry McPherson (1908-1974, F: 47464298) whom she married 23 Jul 1937 in McAllister, Pittsburg OK. They had 13 children. Buried in Plainview Cemetery, Plainview, Hale TX. F: 97213900

Stepchildren: his 2nd wife Martha Tally by husband Benjamin Franklin (“Shoefly”) Brown

- Marie Samantha Brown Twyman Acrey, 4 Mar 1901 Roff, Pontotoc OK – 1 Jan 1992 Riverside, Riverside CA [also found as Yucaipa, San Bernardino CA. Married to Silas Emery Twyman (1891-1965, F: 55232023). They had a son, Merle Franklin Twyman (1919-2004). – Married on 17 Nov 1925 to Osbie Easter (“Ocey”) Acrey (1902-1988, F: 183325819). He was the son of Odos Edgar Acrey & Lula May G. Moran. They had a daughter Bobbie Jean Acrey (later Kebler). Osbie was the brother of Voyd Acrey, who married Martha’s sister Bessie. Buried in Green Acres Memorial Park & Mortuary, Bloomington, San Bernardino CA. F: 183324965
- Ruth Baxter Brown Moran, 1902 Roff, Pontotoc OK – 1987 CA. Married 11 Jun 1920 to Howie Edward Moran (1901-1990, F: 183426582). Buried in Green Acres Memorial Park & Mortuary, Bloomington, San Bernardino CA. F: 183426522
- Bessie Lee Brown Acrey, 21 May 1910 OK – 12 Aug 1996 CA. Wife of Voyd Acrey (1905-1995, F: 183326428) whose brother Osbie Acrey was the 2nd husband of Bessie’s sister Martha. Buried in Olivewood Cemetery, Riverside, Riverside CA. F: 183326256
- Magdline Nora (“Mildred”) Brown Tidwell, 16 Mar 1913 Roff, Pontotoc OK – 16 Jun 1996 San Bernardino Co. CA. SSN 549-46-6846. Wife of Walter David Tidwell (1906-1971, F: 151483669). School crossing guard. In the 1940 census, lived in San Bernardino, San Bernardo CA, Mildred Tidwell (27 OK) lived with husband W. David Tidwell (31 GA) & daughter Barbara L. (6 CA). Her husband was a Southern California Gas Co. serviceman. Daughter Barbara Lee Tidwell married Allen Mulligan & died 24 Mar 1994 (F: 25253255). Magdline is buried in Montecito Memorial Park, Colton, San Bernardino CA. F: 151483701

Siblings:

- Floyd Lucas Meneley, 4 Mar 1892 Jackson Co. TX – 7 May 1967 Norwalk, Los Angeles Co. CA. Married 24 Jun 1920 in Roff, Pontotoc OK to Pearl Summers (1894-1966, F: 94537452). Buried in Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Cypress, Orange CA. F: 94537451
- Alta M. Meneley, 16 Nov 1893 TX – 19 Oct 1979 Okmulgee, Okmulgee OK. Serves sentence in federal prison at Leavenworth KS as of 2 Nov 1917 for participation in anti-draft riots. Husband of Ruby Beck (1903-1959, F: 41705642) whom he married 11 Jun 1928 in Pottawatomie Co. OK as A.M. Meneley, age 34. Buried in Okmulgee Cemetery, Okmulgee, Okmulgee Co. OK. F: 41705643
- James Thomas (Jim) Meneley, 9 Jan 1896 OK – 6 Dec 1963 Contra Costa Co. CA. Married on 15 Dec 1917 in OK to Vina Deleina/Delcina Watson (1903-1921). Their 2 daughters are born in 1918 & 1920. – “Wewoka (OK) Capital-Democrat” Thursday 29 Aug 1918 p 1 – nearly 100 men from Seminole Co. are going to Camp Pike, Little Rock AR, today, among them John Thomas Meneley. Also married to Cordelia Hanum Meneley Foster (1905-2002), whom he married 18 Aug 1923 in Pottawatomie Co. OK. She later married Harry Foster. Buried in Vacaville-Elmira Cemetery, Vacaville, Solano CA. F: 51839157
- Mary Edna Meneley, 28 Apr 1898 Indian Territory [OK] – 20 Sep 1902. Buried in Lark Cemetery, Kingston, Marshall OK. F: 125402696
- Lula Elizabeth Meneley Cleveland Sawyer, 13 May 1901 OK – 31 Jan 1985 Seminole, Seminole OK. Married to Ledford Cleveland (1894-1930, F: 35228411). – In the 1940 census for Red Mound, Seminole OK, she is married to “Homgh” Sawyer, age 52, b. AR. Buried in Little Cemetery, Little, Seminole OK. F: 25542358
- Clarence Elmore Meneley, 1 Nov 1904 OK – 23 Nov 1971 Jackson Co. TX. Husband of Ruby Annie Melton (1904-1944, F: 34926432), the daughter of John Dee Melton & Addie Mae Glass, whom he married 4 Oct 1922 in Pontotoc Co. OK. Buried in East Hill Cemetery, Roff, Pontotoc OK. F: 34169692
- Jess (Jessie) L. Meneley, 24 Apr 1907 OK – 28 Apr 1957 Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara CA. Married Avis Adell Brown (1913-1999) on 19 Jun 1934 in Shawnee, Pottawatomie OK. Buried in Oak Hill Cemetery, Ballard, Santa Barbara CA. F:65031711

Notes:

Pre-war:

Wartime:

“McCurtain Gazette” (Idabel OK) Wednesday 13 Feb 1918 p 1 – among the Oklahomans not yet listed as a survivor:

“Daily Oklahoman” (Oklahoma City OK) 17 Feb 1918, p. 19 - listed as Howard Menaly, member of 1 of the families alleged to be implicated in anti-draft riots around Sasakwa OK "last summer" - taken off ship due to mumps

Post-war:

Obituary:

Social Security number:

Censuses:

1900 Woodville District, Chickasaw Nation, Indian Territory [later Oklahoma]

Jefferson D. Meneley, 42 TX, Dec 1857, father b. MS, mother's birthplace unknown, married 12 years, farm laborer

Sarah E., 37 PA, Dec 1862, parents b. PA, gave birth to 5 children, 5 are living

Howard W., 10 KS, Sep 1889

Floyd L., 8 TX, Mar 1892

Alta M., 6 TX, Nov 1893 [identified as a daughter, but is a son]

James T., 4 Indian Territory, Jan 1896

Mary E., 2 Indian Territory, Apr 1898

& brother Wallis M. Meneley, 40 TX, Feb 1860, single [occupation left blank]

1910 Roff, Pontotoc OK – 9th St.

Howard McNEELY, 21, farm laborer

Emma, 24

1910 Roff, Pontotoc OK – rest of family

J.D. Meneley, 52 TX, father b. OH, mother b. MS, in 1st marriage, married 21 years, laborer, farm S.E., 47 PA, parents b. PA, gave birth to 8 children, 7 are living

Floyd, 18 TX, laborer, farm

Alta, 16 TX [again listed as a daughter, but is a son]

Jim, 14 OK

Lulie, 8 OK

Clarence, 6 OK

Jesse, 3 OK

1920 Fitzhugh, Pontotoc OK – conducted 31 Jan 1920 – Emma dies 24 Feb 1920

Howard Meneley, 30 KS, father b. TX, mother b. PA, farmer, general farm

Emma, 34 AR, parents b. AR

William, 8 years 7 months OK

Ruby, 4 years, 9 months OK

Martha, 3 years, 3 (?) months OK

Mary, 1 year 4 months OK

1930 Red Mound, Seminole OK

Howard W. MANELA [sic], 40 KS, father b. TX, mother b. PA, age 20 at 1st marriage, farmer, farm, WWI veteran

Martha J., 44 AR, father b. TN, mother b. AR, age 18 at 1st marriage

Hazel F., 18 OK, father b. KS, mother b. AR

1940 Milburn, Johnston OK – same place in 1935

H.W. Meneley, 49 KS

Martha, 63 AR

[no occupation listed for either]