

Webster says it is a word to describe in a derogatory sense a person who "conforms to the respectable materialism of his class."

Many a sharply-drawn character in Lewis' books was picked out by millions of readers as a true-to-life person of their own experience.

And Gopher Prairie and Zenith, the village of the small city in "Main Street" and "Babbitt," were real enough to be on a map.

"ARROWSMITH," "Elmer Gantry," "Dodsworth," "It Can't Happen Here," "Kingsblood Royal," "Cass Timberlane," "The Man Who Knew Coolidge," "Ann Vickers" and "Prodigal Parents" were among other better known books.

Critics called Lewis one of the great social historians of his generation.

His latest novel, "The God Seeker," was issued in 1949.

Lewis was the son and grandson of country doctors at Sauk Center, where he was born Feb. 7, 1885. The family was of Welsh origin.

Lewis married Grace Hegger in 1914. Their only son, Wells, was killed in World War II. Mrs. Lewis obtained a divorce in 1928, and the next month Lewis married Dorothy Thompson.

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A son from the second marriage, Michael, is a student of dramatics.

Whether the writer will be buried here was not learned.

(Special to The State Journal)
VERMONTVILLE, March 26--William Tennant, 78, died in Pennock hospital, Hastings, Tuesday. He had been a resident of Vermontville for 15 years. Surviving are the widow, Maude; three sons, Derwood of Flint, Don of LaGrange, Ind., and Gerald of Kalamazoo; one daughter, Mrs. Ruth Allen of Elkhart, Ind.; two brothers, Frank of Bloomingdale and Earl of Ypsilanti; a sister, Mrs. Lina Fritz of Jackson; nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Services will be at the Ward funeral home Friday at 2 p. m.

Mrs. Lena N. Fox

Mrs. Lena N. Fox, 72, died Tuesday at the home of her son, Clyde, in Vermontville township, with whom she had lived for the past two years. She had been a resident of Eaton county most of her life in Benton. She was the widow of Arthur E. Fox, a farmer, who died Sept. 14, 1946. She was a member of the Methodist church. Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Carl Onrich, of Litchfield; two sons, Clyde, at whose home she died, and Homer of Ann Arbor; and a brother, Harlo Sabin of Birmingham. Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. Friday from the Burkhead chapel. Rev. D. D. Nagle of the Vermontville Methodist church officiating. Burial in Potterville cemetery.

Christine Klann

Christine Klann, wife of Carl Klann, formerly of Chester, passed on at her home in Detroit Jan. 17, 1950. Christine Melton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Melton, was born at Weidman, Ontario, Jan. 6, 1894. At the age of twenty years she came to Detroit to work and there met Carl Klann. They were married April 24, 1920. In 1930 she was stricken with a severe form of arthritis and was a semi-invalid since then. She was always cheerful and in spite of great pain was a source of strength, encouragement and inspiration to her family and a wide circle of friends who mourn her passing. She leaves besides the husband, a sister, Mrs. Ann Stevens, who has faithfully cared for her the past thirteen years; a brother, Henry Melton, of Detroit; a niece, Margery Melton, of Detroit; two nephews, Elwood and George Melton, of Chatham, Ontario; several cousins, and a host of friends.

The funeral service was held at the F. B. Hunter funeral home at 2 p. m. January 20, with Sidney Mueller, Christian Science Reader, officiating. Interment in Grand Lawn cemetery, Detroit, Mich.

This Service, cooperation with the U. S. Weather Bureau, was established February 3, 1887, for the purpose of collecting and publishing the meteorological features of Michigan in detail; to aid the U. S. Weather Bureau in the accurate and rapid dissemination of the weather forecasts and frost and cold wave warnings; and for publishing the weather conditions for the benefit of the agricultural, commercial and scientific interests of the state. The central office is located at East Lansing, with cooperation observation stations in nearly all counties of the state. Observations relative to