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THE POWER OF HABIT.

Habit is a great power which causes many people to do wrong. The habits of children are greater than that of grown people. a habit of a child, I will mention to illustrate, is something like a fire, say if the grass of the plains were to catch a fire, at first the fire would be small and easy to put out, but if there was no one to stop it, it would continue to get larger until it would almost be impossible to stop the fire at all. It is the same way of a child. A child will form a bad habit of some kind, say using tobacco which is a very bad habit. They probably at first don't like the tobacco, but keep on using it once and a while until they form a habit of using it and then they could not be made to quit. My advice is to set good examples before children that they might grow up in the right way and never commence a habit which you think will ever be a particular injury to yourself, and a person of bad habits is also an injury to the people whom he may be associated with. You should be a person of power and have the ability to influence boys and girls in the right way that might be of great importance in the destinies of the rising generation. We should cultivate a disposition to be good, kind and treat everybody right and if we ever happen to be associated with bad company and some one wanted to indulge in

something wrong and asked you to take a drink with him you should not be so easily decided to indulge in the awful habit that he has for it might influence you to drink more.

Now there is a great lesson to be derived from the people who use intoxicating drinks, to see the effect it has on people, and to know that the awful bad habit of drinking has caused the death of many a man, to know that when you start a habit of drinking that it gives you an appetite for more and more until the habit is such a power that it would be entirely impossible to stop you under any consideration, I have heard some people say we are at home now we don't have to be polite and so particular as we are when in company, but we should form a habit at home to be particular in all our undertakings so it will become natural for us to act right and respect everyone when in company. I will mention an illustration which I heard once about the great power of habit.

Once upon a time there were some young men that visited the Niagara falls which is a very beautiful place where many people go during summer vacations. Now above the rapids about two mile there was a bark canoe near the bank for people to ride in. So several men got in and started out on their pleasure excursion. Before going far some

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Gordon County Needs a School Fund.

We have 3 teachers employed this year in Gail School and the strength of each is taxed to its limit and will be until our grading system is completed. Our students are wide awake to every plan of work laid out by the teachers.

They want the Gail School to be the best in West Texas, and the best in the world for them. They believe they are as good as anybody's children, which of course is true, and that they ought to be led to and developed in as high a standard of scholarship as other children. They have an infant library which is growing as it is fed by the friends of the school, but it needs the sincere consideration and judicial interest of its supporters to give it the appearance of an Alexandra Library in a reasonable time.

The Advanced room should, at the earliest possible moment, have a set of maps to use in teaching General History.

The also need a map of the U. S. and a map of Texas. They need a chart to use in the study of Phpsiology. They ought to have a globe and then a "dust proof" cabinet to protect all these devices.

And again, our rooms without an exception need seating nearly all the way through and will need new stoves next winter.

The school ground needs fencing and planting in trees and shrubs.

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The cistern should be put in order and cow troughs placed on the house in connection with a filter, to give pure water. The school ought to run NINE months each year, where as it runs six to seven months.

Every school in the county is needing a first class house well equipped and placed on its own ground, fenced and the ground planted and cared for and should have money enough to run at least eight months under the instruction of a first class teacher.

Gail should be the educational center for the county and all schools ought to begin the first of September if possible, and ought to be taught so that the students could enter at Gail without a break in their course of study.

The Intermediate and Primary rooms are also destitute of school apparatus of any kind. Just think of a graded school in a county seat without the semblance of an aid in the way of apparatus or chart. If you want farmers in Borden county, look after your school interest.

If you want systematic arrangement developed in your educa-

tional centers, don't neglect your school fund. If you want your gin to double each year in number speak a good word for the schools. If you want your merchants, lawyers, doctors, blacksmiths, barbers, butchers and hotel men to be happy, progressive and useful, let them live in an atmosphere of a well equipped and well taught school.

If you want the children of Borden county educated commensurate with their worth, SUPPORT YOUR SCHOOL. Stand by your children and see to it that they get that much needed training that they are clamoring for and that the world of to-day demands "they must have" or else take a place that does not justly belong to them, but that they are forced to occupy because you as a parent have failed to look after their best interest.

The funds necessary to expend on the schools of Borden county can be had when EVERY CITIZEN has done his FULL DUTY and not before.

Each district should have a special school tax in proportion to the school fund needed.

Gail district should, at least 25cts on the \$100.00 valuation, and the land should be taxed from \$1.50 per acre to \$6.00 per acre.

This matter should receive the thoughtful consideration of every citizen at once and when school houses are built and equipped, the special tax can be lowered and possibly discarded although as our Borden county land will soon sell for \$8.00 per acre, 1-10 cash, balance on forty years time at 6 per cent, which will give us the enormous sum of about \$12000.00 per year, for schools.

It is better to pay \$35.00 more tax to educate you children at home than to send them off at a cost of \$250.00 per year.

T R. MAULDIN.

BASKET BALL GAME AND RECEPTION.

Thursday afternoon at the appointed time, the Basket Ball Team all present but Miss Fay Jolly, played a matched game of thirty minutes. The colors being red and white, the latter won with 12 to 2 over the former. Such a marked victory for the "Whites" would no doubt have been prevented had not the girl absent been one of the "reds" best centermen. Quite a crowd was out to witness the game. Harvey Everett and Frank Berry were Line men.

After the game the girls returned to their respective homes and begun preparations for the reception prepared for them by Mr. and Mrs. D. Dorward.

On the arrival at this pleasant home, the young folks found many games of amusement awaiting them. A beautiful repast of Chocolate tea, fruit and cake was served at ten o'clock; just as the first five couples had left the dining room the quiet enjoyment within was suddenly broken in upon by the most melodious music ever wafted upon mortal ear. The doors were thrown open and those without were invited by our kind host to enter. Upon obeying we found those who had so highly entertained us were Messrs. Howe and Curtis and their wives, Mrs. George A. Cathey and Misses Eula Holler and Pearl Gober. They were Hospitably invited to remain for

supper but would not consent to do so, and after a few minutes conversation departed with their musical instruments consisting of wash tubs, dinner pots, tin pans, water buckets &c. After their sad departure the party went on with the usual pleasure until late hours showed us it was time we were at rest.

Those who could truthfully thank Mr. and Mrs. Dorward for the delightful time afforded them were:

Messrs. John Micheal, Boyed Johnson, Edwin Love, J. B. Cotten, Harvy Everett, Porter Cotten, Frank Berry, Olin Keen, Mex Dillahunty, Edd Gober, Sid Cathey, and Frank Burke. Misses Myrtle Smoot, Zettie Cathey, Ora Smoot, Ola Kincaid, Ethel Morrow, Mollie Hopkins, Josie DeShazo, Cora Berry, Lillie Morrow, Myrtle Hopkins and Sammie Morrow. Messrs. Jim Dorward, H. T. Dodson, W. A. Clark and wives.

To our surprise last Friday three weeks ago our teacher, Mr. McKay handed in his resignation. We know not why he has resigned but trust that it will prove for the best. We regret very much of having to give him up but we can say that we have a teacher (Mr. Mauldin) that can fill the place just as well. Mr. McKay has been such a help to the school of Gail. Although he is gone, but with the help of our present teacher we expect to carry everything on just the same. We entered Monday morning with our new teacher and have been progressing nicely all week. We wish to thank Mr. McKay for the kindness he has shown us,
A Pupil.

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one cries out from the banks:

"Young men stop!" "What is it they asked?" "The rapids are below you!" "Ha! ha! we have heard of the rapids before, but we are not fools enough to go there, when we get close enough to the rapids we will turn and sail to the land." So they went on, on, on and they heard a voice faintly say: "young men, beware, the rapids are below you!" They laughed "Ha! ha! it is fun to us we are enjoying life now, we don't care anything about the future, no one has ever seen it. We are catching pleasure as it flies. We are going to sail further we have plenty of time to avoid danger." Now they had gone on so far that they could not hear any voice to warn them of their danger, but after they had sailed so far they began to realize they were getting in danger, so they began to yell out to turn and be safe. Now turn! quick! quick! pull hard! oh! oh! gone too far, it is too late, too late! Shrieking, crying, howling, groaning, over the rapids they go, eternally lost. Thousands of people lose their lives every year on the account of the great power of habit.

When they find out it is injuring them and that they are in danger they will make an effort to turn and be safe but it is too late. Resist the beginning of bad habits so that you may not form a habit, that would be so confirmed, to require a resolute and persistent effort to effect a change. PORTER COTTON.

Prof. says we must stop this note passing.

Every body come to Sunday school Dec. 15 and help decide about the Christmas tree,

You are warned to get up early and get to school in time because Mr. Mauldin counts off five when you are tardy,

Mr. Holt Stokes, who has been visiting in Lynn county for some time, has returned to his old place in school this week.

Mr. Charlie Brown was a welcome visitor of the Gail High School last Friday Morning.

What few books we have in our Library has been found very beneficial, but we are in great need of more books and any one wanting to present the library with a nice book, it will be appreciated.

Miss Ethel Morrow was absent from school Friday.

I think it would be much better for us school pupils when we come to school to get busy and try to learn, there is time enough yet to "spark." We as girls and boys should take the advantage of a good thing while we have an opportunity to do so. We will not have such opportunities as some have.

Miss Myrtle Jolly was the guest of Misses Myrtle and Ora Smoot Wednesday.

Miss Eunice Nisbett was absent from school Thursday and Friday.

It has been most too cold to play basket ball this week, tho some of the girls have played in spite of the cold.

Mr. Mex Dillahunty paid us a pleasant call Tuesday afternoon.

Misses Lida and Minnie Kennedy are back in school once more after several months absence. We are glad to have them back.

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NOTES OF THE LAST WEEK IN NOVEMBER.

Sid Cathey was absent from school Monday afternoon.

Miss Fay Jolly took supper with Lillie Morrow Friday night.

Roy and Dewy Everett staid in town Friday night and attended the Literary.

Misses Myrtle Smoot, Myrtle and Mollie Hopkins and Alma and Josie DeShazo were on the sick list Monday. Misses Myrtle Smoot and Josie were able to be in school again Tuesday.

Jake Morrow who has been absent from school for the past two weeks is once more in school.

Little Miss Lorene Pierce is very sick this week.

Alma and Earl Sealy have returned to their places in the Gail school once again.

Harvy Everett who was ill with sore throat, a few weeks ago, started to school before he was hardly able, which resulted in a relapse, his father was in town yesterday (Monday) for the doctor for him.

Mr. T. R. Mauldin visited our school Monday and Tuesday.

Miss Katie Turner and Mr. W. S. McClung honored our School with a pleasant call Wednesday afternoon.

The school in the hands of Misses Cora Berry and Lillie Morrow were nicely entertained Wednesday evening with a short program of music, recitations and reading.

Miss Josie DeShazo was initiated into the Gail School Li-

brary Club Monday evening.

School was dismissed Wednesday for Thanksgiving

Ora Smoot, Bee Burnett and Alma Dickenson were appointed a committee for the order of the club pins.

Charlie Baker has quit school; we are very sorry to be obliged to give up so good a pupil as Charlie is.

Myrtle, Fay and Cleave Jolly were prevented from being in school Tuesday afternoon on account of damp weather.

Myrtle Hopkins was back at her place in school Tuesday evening.

The fifth grade arithmetic class is progressing nicely.

Library Club had a call meeting last Monday evening and elected as chairman for the club Miss Ethel Atwood who will take Prof. McKay's place in the Club. I am sure Miss Atwood will fill the position to her utmost ability for the forwardness of our club, and can say that she will most certainly have the sincere cooperation of the entire club.

Misses Myrtle and Fay Jolly, Lida Kennedy, Susie and Winnie Patton were in town Friday night.

Roy Everett spent Thursday and Friday with Jake Morrow.

Wonder if some are not scared when they are asked if they made a hundred in deportment.

Some of the boys seem anxious to punch the board to see how it goes.

Harvy was heard reading the other day "don't idle time away while in the school room."

We would like for Cleave to wail till school is out to count his money as it seems to frighten Holt.

We would be very glad if all would take notice what Prof. Mauldin placed on the board.

It has been requested to announce that every one is invited to meet at Sunday school Dec. 15th and bring their song book. The Song Temple.

Miss Zettie Cathey is sad this week because she lost her pencil.

The seventh grade had a good algebra lesson wednesday.

Our former teacher, Mr. McKay has been missed very much from our "family circle" this week.

We regret very much that Alma DeShazo had to be absent a part of this week on account of her mothers illness.

Prof T. R. Mauldin presented the Library with several copies of "The Literary Digest" and we hardly know how to thank him for the favor. We are always thankful for any kind of good literature presented to us for the advantage of our school.

We are glad to see Miss Lida Kennedy's smiling countenance in our school room after an absence of several weeks.

Miss Lida Kennedy, who has been absent from school some time, started back to school again Monday.

We have changed our way of spelling this week. We now let two girls or boys in each grade choose all in their grade, then send two girls or boys from each side to the foot of their opposite side and be trappers for their side. The side, whose trapper gets head first is the winner.