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Remember what Will Rogers said that it takes to make a dramatic critic? "Two seats on the aisle."

And he declared that "college is wonderful because it takes the children away from home just as they reach the arguing stage."

Will remarked of the Dionne quintuplets that "motherhood has been put on a mass production basis."

At Cameron's 100th anniversary celebration, your columnist had the honor of speaking and the pavilion stood on the spot where the immortal James Stephen Hogg and his rival, George Clarke, once spoke. The original stand yielded to the years but the new one is a duplicate.

Interesting signs: In Childress, "We trim the car—not the customer."

In Bowie, a faded sign—perhaps 40 years old—on the wall of a building, "Buggies and Wagons."

The history of Texas is not just the Alamo and San Jacinto. The story includes circuit riders, pioneer physicians, teachers of one-room schools and early-day editors, with their hand presses. Texas was built by heroes in homespun and heroics in sun-bonnet and calico.

It is a story of hard work, and sweat, and calloused hands, of danger and hardship and prayer. It is the story of people, the kind of people that Lincoln loved—the plain people, like those who "heard the Master gladly"—the great rank and file who are the hope and the strength of our nation.

While perhaps people (if they think of me at all) think of me as a writer of humor, as a matter-of-fact, my first two books were of a serious nature—and not particularly successful, from a sales standpoint.

The first was "Were You In Ranger?", an account of the great oil rush of 1918-20, which began with the McCleskey gusher and transformed Ranger, Eastland, Cisco and Breckenridge from villages into cities almost overnight. Ten years spent in Eastland County in editing newspapers gave opportunity for gathering the material that went into this book, which sold about 3,600 copies, which is not bad for a "first book," but not particularly good, either. Incidentally, "Were You In Ranger?" is out-of-print and dealers ask \$6 a copy (the original price was \$1.50).

Next book was "Oil Boom", an account of six Southwestern oil rushes—Spindletop, Ranger, Desdemona, Burkburnett, Smackover (Arkansas) and Mexia. Two of the chapters appeared in the Saturday Evening Post, before the book came out. "Oil Boom" received a fair amount of attention from some of the national critics and received an award or two—but sold fewer copies than "Were You In Ranger?"

For a long time, just as a hobby, I had been gathering Texas jokes and, just for the fun of it, sat down and dashed off 500 of them. Half a dozen publishing houses in the North and East turned the manuscript down. Finally, Joe Naylor of San Antonio brought it out—and the two most surprised men in Texas were the publisher and the author when folks began buying it. About 115,000 copies have been sold.

Then came "Tall Talk From Texas" (70,000 copies) and "Texas—Proud and Loud" (35,000 copies). Really, the humor books were just a sort of sideline or by-product—and they happened to catch the fancy of the public. My next book? It will be out soon; it's called "Cowtown Columnist"—and there's not a joke in it!

And will someone please explain why, a year and a half after the war, we still have a sugar shortage? Is John L. Lewis to blame for that, too?

FORMER RESIDENT OF SHERWOOD DIES

Mrs. Thomas A. Ross, 65, a former resident of Sherwood, died Saturday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Alice Elizabeth Scoggins of Houston.

Mrs. Ross, formerly Katie Lackey, was born Feb. 22, 1881 in Sherwood and lived in that community until about 20 years of age. She attended school in Fort Worth and later taught in the schools of that city until her marriage to Mr. Ross. Mrs. Ross had three children, two boys and one girl, but only her daughter survives. She had been living with this daughter in Houston since an accident last January in which she was seriously burned. She never recovered from these burns which was the cause of her death.

Burial services for Mrs. Ross were held in Fort Worth Monday at 4 p. m. with a Methodist minister officiating.

Survivors, besides the daughter, include four sisters and two brothers: Mmes. S. C. Frost of Dallas, Charles McDonough, Savannah Boles and Madie Blair, Fort Worth; Gillie Lackey, Fort Worth, and J. E. Lackey of Mertzton and two grandchildren of Houston.

WAA CERTIFYING OFFICER WILL BE IN SAN ANGELO

W. L. Roy Wellborne, field certifying officer of the Fort Worth office of War Assets Administration, will be in San Angelo for a two day visit in the interest of veterans of World War II, Tuesday and Wednesday, September 24 and 25.

Wellborne will have headquarters at the Veterans Service Center in the basement of Tom Green County Courthouse.

Increased interest on the part of veterans in obtaining required certificates to participate in purchases from the WAA has been manifested during the past few days, due to the announcement that increasing amounts of "set aside" items were expected shortly to be available for sale to veterans within the Fort Worth region.

Certification may still be obtained from Wellborne during his stay in San Angelo for the vast majority of items now on the veteran "set aside" list.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Our meeting continues with growing interest and will continue through Wednesday evening of next week.

Sunday a basket lunch will be served after the morning service (location to be announced). All are invited.

A hearty invitation is extended to everyone to attend our services.

W. A. Record, Minister.

On Tuesdays and Thursdays, Chester Cunningham will do dry cleaning personally when he is here at his shop. He has arranged with a laundry to give laundry service and he will pick up and deliver laundry work here at his shop. All work will be guaranteed by Mr. Cunningham. Laundry or dry cleaning may be left any day of the week with Mrs. Hill at the shop.

Mrs. Charlie Trantham returned to her home last Thursday week from a San Angelo hospital where she underwent a major operation.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Benton spent last week end with Mrs. Benton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Van Liew of Eola.

Mr. and Mrs. Stokes Williams is the proud possessors of a new 1947 Buick sedan which they purchased Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Goodall took their son, Jack, to Kingsville this week to enroll in Texas A. & I. College.

SAW FILING done by me. See Elmer Swebston

FOR SALE—10 Yearling Purebred Angora Billies. See N. T. Busby.

FREITAG-FENNEL WEDDING RITES READ SATURDAY

Miss Jacqueline Fennel of San Angelo became the bride of Johnnie Freitag, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Freitag of Mertzton, Saturday at 7 p. m. in the First Christian Church in San Angelo. Rev. N. A. Goldston, pastor, read the double ring ceremony.

The bride was dressed in a traveling suit of gold gaberdine with black accessories. She wore an orchid corsage.

Her maid of honor, Minnie Jo Evans of Mertzton, wore a white dress with a belt and buttons of gold, black accessories and a corsage of carnations.

Bill Freitag, Jr. attended his brother as best man.

After the ceremony the bridal party enjoyed a wedding supper at the Mexican Grill given by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Freitag and later a reception at the Goodwin Tavern.

The bride and groom left Monday for a honeymoon in Rul Roso, N. M.

Guests from Mertzton at the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. Preston Dudley and Linda, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Freitag and Jimmie, Janette McFarlane, Leona Wagner, Bobby Glaser, Eunice Nell Girvin, Buck Bird and Larry Knowlton.

CARR-HOBBS WEDDING SET FOR OCTOBER 6

Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Carr of Sherwood announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Alta Marie, to David Hobbs of Mertzton, son of Mrs. A. G. Hobbs of San Angelo.

No definite details have been planned as yet but the wedding will take place Sunday, October 6, in the Carr home.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Richie L. Davis will be here Sunday and will hold services in the morning and evening.

At the morning service Kay Carpenter will sing and Roy Shilling Jr. will play the violin.

Mrs. Lonnie McFall underwent an emergency appendectomy in a San Angelo hospital Sunday. By Wednesday's reports she was resting satisfactorily.

Mrs. W. W. Carson and daughter, Mrs. Irene Crowder of San Angelo, spent last Friday night visiting Mrs. Carson's sister, Mrs. Maud Branch who ranches near Big Lake.

FOR SALE—26 inch girl's bicycle, basket and lights, 1942 model. \$25. Phone 62.

Uncle Sam Says



How big are you in deciding the future of America? What power is there in your Savings Bonds investments to help yourself? Your Uncle Sam does not have to be a quiz genius to furnish the answers to these questions. You are as big as 140,000,000 Americans put together. You are actually a giant. United States Savings Bonds have the strength to build a better future for yourself and your America.

U. S. Treasury Department

Barnhart News

By MRS. ALMA TARVIN

Thursday afternoon, Mrs. Lit Caruthers entertained her Sewing Club in the P-TA room at the school house. Members worked about two hours, and Mrs. Caruthers was assisted in serving by June Caruthers and Mary Lou Green. Sandwiches and cokes were served to Mmes. Sam Jeffers, Ed Graston, E. C. Tarvin, Clyde Parry, Fred Elkins, Fred Kessler, Joe Ross, D. W. Burks, Floyd Ridley, Cal Johnson, R. S. Neal, C. B. Becton, T. E. Strother, Margaret Mullins, Roy Collins and Everette Roe.

On Monday afternoon, Mrs. Stanley Bolin was feted with a miscellaneous shower in the home of Mrs. R. S. Neal, assisted by Mrs. D. W. Burks, Mrs. L. W. Kirk and Mrs. W. C. Doyal. Guests were greeted at the door by Mrs. Bolin, Mrs. Neal and Mrs. W. C. Bolin. The party rooms were decorated with fall flowers. Mrs. Burks displayed the gifts, Mrs. Doyal was at the bride's book while Mrs. Kirk was at the refreshment table. Calling during the afternoon were Mmes. H. L. Peek, Jene Linthicum, R. M. Greenhill, Joe Ross, E. C. Tarvin, J. D. Shaw, N. Davis, T. C. Harris, Fred Kessler, T. E. Strother, J. B. Westfall, Clyde Parry, James and Janet Parry, H. C. Dunkin, Fred Elkins, Charles Springston, Rance Brunson and Donna Jene, W. W. Kessler, A. C. Hinde and Lucy Ann, V. L. Porter, Robbie Grace, Sam Jeffers and Janie, Hazel Taylor, L. Coffee, M. Z. Rutland, N. Taylor and Everette Roe.

On Wednesday night Barnhart played Santa Rita in the Big Lake League in what was said to be the best game played on the field this summer. The score was tied up 4 and 4 in the end of the 7th inning and the game ran on to 13 innings, when Santa Rita ran in a score. The games have been called off on account of fall football practice they say. Big Lake and Barnhart were tied for top honors.

Bro. Roy Shilling preached at the Methodist Church Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Next Sunday there will be a young preacher from McCamey here to preach at the 11 o'clock hour, James Hale, a high school senior. Everybody is invited to hear him. You will not be disappointed, if he is unable to be here the 4th Sunday he will be here the 5th.

Everette Roe, accompanied by several others, attended lodge meeting in Mertzton Wednesday night last week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Dunkin of Marathon came by the last of the week to take their son, H. C. Jr., to school at Southwestern University at Georgetown. H. C. had been visiting in the V. L. Porter home here during the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bode Owens took their daughter, June, to Fort Worth to enter school for her second year at TCU. James Porter also left for TCU the last of the week.

Leon Atkins has enrolled in Draugh's Business College at Abilene for the year.

Mrs. Ledbetter, who has been visiting Mrs. T. E. Hamm, has returned to her home in Fort Worth, after visiting another daughter in Abilene. She had been to Albuquerque, N. M., to visit another daughter, then stopped over in Midland for a visit, then on to Barnhart to visit with Mrs. Hamm.

Mrs. Ledbetter is a sister to the late Mr. Tom Hamm.

Mrs. Violet McMullen was confined to bed at her grandmother's in Ozona all last week with a severe case of flu, and was under treatment of Dr. Tandy.

Mrs. George Newman and son, Blue, spent a week at Harlingen visiting Mr. and Mrs. Tim Peters and family and Mr. and Mrs. Cotton Newman.

Mrs. Ted Atkins and family attended a recent reunion of the S. C. Cumbie family near Snyder. It was a two day affair staged by the mother, Mrs. S. C. Cumbie, with barbecue dinner each day, highlighted by string music and singing by the crowd. The reunion was in honor of the 14 grandsons and one son-in-law who fought in World War II. Nine of these were present, but five were unable to be

53 PRESENT FOR FELLOWSHIP MEETING

At the regular meeting of the Fellowship Supper club last Friday night there were 53 persons present.

"America" was sung by the group, invocation by W. A. Record and supper was served.

Next came introduction and group singing, a piano solo by Janie Rose Hargrave and a solo by Mrs. Pattie Turner.

A short talk by Jack Goodall was followed by a solo by Mary Bird, piano duet by Jean Evans and Yvonne Van Court, accordion solo by Mrs. Henry Cravens, and a short address by W. A. Record.

To wind things up the Scrap Iron Trio composed of Sam Langford, Les White and L. E. Lane knocked out some good string-music.

FOOTBALL GAME THIS AFTERNOON HERE

Mertzton High School Hornets will tangle with the Water Valley High School team this afternoon at 3 o'clock in a six-man football game which is to be played at the City Park field.

This is the first time Mertzton has had a football team in several years and everyone is urged to come out and cheer for the Hornets.

To Whom It May Concern:

We are no longer connected with the cafe known as Long's Cafe.

We are not responsible for any debts or bills as all of our are paid.

(Signed)

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Wyckoff

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Covey left Saturday for their home in Cliff, N. M., after a week's visit with relatives in Mertzton.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Commissioners' Court of Irion County, Texas will receive bids up until 10 o'clock A. M. on the 14th day of October, 1946, at the Court House in Mertzton, Texas on the following described road machinery: Two Diesel Powered Heavy Duty Maintainers, and the following described used road machinery to be taken as part payment: Two 101 Galion Maintainers, and at the same time and place said Court will proceed to let a contract, if any bid be accepted. Certified check in the amount of five per cent of the amount bid required, and the Court reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

If any contract is made the Court intends to issue interest bearing time warrants in an amount not to exceed \$12,500.00, said warrants to bear interest at the rate of 4 per cent per annum and the full amount of said warrants to mature at a date not later than July 15th, 1957.

W. W. Adams,
County Judge,
Irion County, Texas.

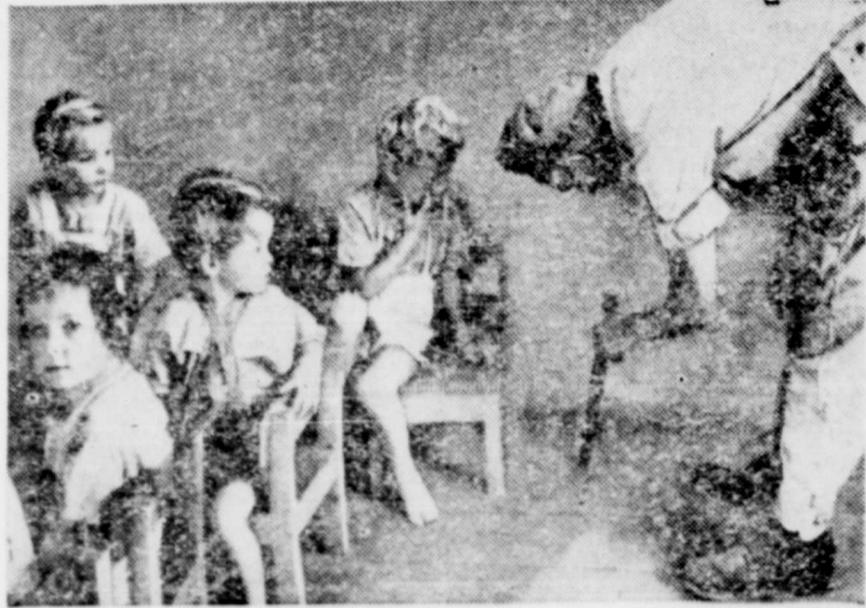
there. Fifty-one members of the immediate family were present including three sons and three daughters; 21 grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. Mrs. T. E. Vaughn, Mrs. Olin Adwell and Mrs. Ted Atkins furnished the cake, beautifully decorated with "Welcome Home Boys" written across the top. Boys in service who were unable to attend were Lt. Leslie Squyres Jr. who is in Italy; Arnold Ray Cumbie, Denver, Colo.; Wayne Cumbie, Charleston, S. C.; J. B. Cumbie, Ft. Bliss, El Paso; and Bannie Cumbie, Barnhart.

Friends learned this week of the death of Mrs. Sam McKee of Sonora, who would have been 76 years old Sept. 22. Mrs. McKee was the mother of Sam and Joe McKee who lived here until a short time ago. Other children are Mrs. Dick Brown of Barksdale, Mrs. George Burleson of Fort Stockton, Hubert and Tom of Sonora, and Mrs. Robert Young of San Angelo. There are also several grandchildren and great grandchildren.

WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

Nazi Bigwigs Await Sentence; Dewey Faces Mead in Strategic Race for Governor in New York

Released by Western Newspaper Union
 (EDITOR'S NOTE: When opinions are expressed in these columns, they are those of Western Newspaper Union's news analysts and not necessarily of this newspaper.)



Searching for mines of the type that blew up transport scheduled to carry illegal Jewish immigrants to Palestine to detention camp on Cyprus. British combed seaside settlement of S Doth Yam. Tommy is shown tapping floor of nursery in quest for hidden cache.

WAR CRIMINALS:

Germany

Defiant to the last, Nazi bigwigs awaited sentence on war crimes after a 10-month trial at Nuernberg. Winding up the lengthy case, in which 3,000 documents were introduced and 5,000,000 words of testimony taken, former Reichsmarshal Goering denounced the allies for accusing the German leaders alone of violations of international law; ex-Foreign Minister Von Ribbentrop ripped the prosecution for refusal to admit as evidence an alleged warning by Churchill that Germany would be destroyed if she became too strong, and Finance Minister Schacht pleaded he had tried to avert the war.

Japan

Counsel for 27 high Japanese leaders on trial for war crimes in Tokyo was thrown into a dither by the revelation that officials of the war department had misused confidential information to tip off the prosecution on its strategy. Knowledge that counsel would claim Japan was forced into the war by America's diplomatic moves and economic sanctions was radiated to the prosecution and accidentally fell into the hands of the defense.

Philippines

Concluding three days of fiery oratory before the people's court for his release on bail, Jose Laurel, Filipino puppet ruler under the Japanese charged with collaboration, declared everyone had worked for the enemy out of fear or other motives. Mentioning Japanese money, Laurel shouted that it was in general circulation throughout the nation and therefore everyone who accepted it had assisted the Nipponese.

AUTO OUTPUT:

Hits Lag

In calling a press conference in Detroit, Mich., C. E. Wilson, president of General Motors corporation, presented the company's case against both the government and workers for the serious lag in auto production.

Pointing out that G.M. had turned out only 400,000 cars and trucks in the year following V-J Day instead of the 1,400,000 scheduled, Wilson charged the Truman administration with having attempted to appease labor unions by taking the lid off wages while at the same time stating that price increases were unnecessary. As a result, manufacturers were "put in the nutcracker," he averred.

Although G.M. has 88,000 more employees on its payroll than in 1941, production is about half, Wilson said. Tests on relative jobs have shown that worker productivity is about 80 per cent of the pre-war rate. Refusal of employees to extend themselves, a high absenteeism rate, inexperience and a large turnover partly due to the ease in collecting unemployment compensation all have contributed to the inefficiency, Wilson declared.

HOUSING:

Fear New Obstacle

Having trimmed commercial construction and tightened allocation of materials to speed up the veterans' emergency housing program, Housing Expediter Wilson W. Wyatt feared a prospective labor

shortage as a new obstacle to the rapid erection of dwellings.

Revealing his apprehensions in his August report on the vet housing situation, Wyatt indicated that the government would strive to head off the latest bogeyman with an intensive recruiting and apprentice training program.

Despite a pickup in new building in July, Wyatt disclosed in his report, the emergency housing program is lagging behind the announced goal of 1,200,000 homes and apartments for this year. During the first seven months of 1946, 607,100 new dwellings were started and 287,100 completed.

NEW YORK:

Election Battle

Gov. Thomas E. Dewey's renomination as the Republican candidate for re-election in November, and Sen. James M. Mead's selection as the Democratic choice for the office, promised to make New York one of the strategic political battlegrounds for the 1948 presidential race.

In naming Mead, the Democrats pushed one of their strongest standard-bearers into the fight to capture the governmental apparatus of the all-important empire state and at the same time squelch Dewey's aspirations for the White House. The son of Irish immigrants, who got his start in life as a water carrier for a railroad section gang, Mead has made an impressive record in the senate, particularly as head of the war investigating committee.

That Dewey hoped to make the impending gubernatorial race a springboard for the 1948 presidential run was seen in his strong castigation of the Truman administration for "bungling and confusion" in his renomination speech. As the party lines were being drawn for battle, Dewey stood as the favorite to win because of his administrative record in office.

NAVY:

To Provide Comforts

One could almost have heard the rattle down in Davey Jones' locker when the navy announced that it was air-conditioning the new cruisers, Salem and Newport News, to determine the best kind of equipment for eventually cooling all of its ships.

In announcing the navy's plans for providing additional comfort for crews on the bounding main, Vice-Adm. Edward L. Cochrane, chief of the bureau of ships, emphasized that air-conditioning had proved invaluable in boosting morale and fighting efficiency in combat.

Various types of new air-conditioning equipment will be used in the tests in the new 17,000-ton cruisers, with the cool air transmitted into all living and working compartments save machinery areas where the heat is too intense. Simplified coils will be shockproof and easily cleaned, it was said.

Washington Digest

Diary of 46 Years Ago Points Way for Present

By BAUKHAGE

News Analyst and Commentator.

WNU Service, 1616 Eye Street, N.W., Washington, D. C.

WASHINGTON. — Mary Condit-Smith, a young Washington society girl, visiting diplomatic friends in China, and a 17-year-old boy in a little town on the Erie Canal both were keeping diaries at the turn of the century.



Baukhage

Mary, alone in her room in the American legation in Peking on June 11, 1900, slipped on her pink silk dressing gown, sat down and wrote:

"The telegraph was broken last night. We have no more communication with the outside world; our world is this dangerous Peking."

That same day, though it was really the day before, according to the strange tricks Old Sol plays as he pushes the clock around while he marches westward and paradoxically reaches the Far East—that same day, Monday, June 11, a boy in the fifth grade of the High street school painfully inscribed this entry in his book:

"It rained this A. M. Two more weeks and we'll be free from this School of Misery." (The next day it is of record that he broke the crank of his "wheel"—bicycle to you.)

The boy's name appears at the head of this column and what he wrote isn't important, but just 46 years later he was to read Mary's diary. She had gone to her reward long since but not until her diary became a book and she had become Mrs. Hooker, a colonel's lady.

White Man's Prestige

Slipped to Low

As I read this fascinating story, told in simple, boarding-school English, those awful days when the foreign colony in Peking lived in the daily horror of massacre during the Boxer rebellion, became very real.

Today the fires of civil war are spreading in China. Voices are being raised, demanding that our marines be withdrawn. American prestige has fallen almost as low as it was when Mary Hooker in her diary told the dramatic story of the Boxer Rebellion—that moment in China's history when Americans, along with all foreigners reached their nadir. History repeats.

The Empress Tzuhsi, a reactionary, encouraged the activities of the Boxers and other groups whose chief purpose was to cleanse China of the "foreign devils." It is only fair to say that China had passed through a period during which the occidental powers had exploited her to the hilt.

Attacks on foreigners, especially missionaries, began in 1899, but as Mary Hooker records, "the diplomats and people in general put these things down to the usual spring riots which yearly seized Peking."

By June and July of 1900, however, the foreigners found themselves besieged in Peking. As late as June 7 Mary's diary reports:

"Mr. Pethick . . . forty years a resident of China and an intimate friend of half the political leaders, knowing their weaknesses by heart, urges the minister to state to Washington the situation as it is, but all to no avail."

Three days later, as I mentioned, the foreign colony "had no communication with the outside world."

The next day's entry states: "Such intense excitement! This afternoon the Japanese Chancellor of the Legation went down to the railway station in the official legation car to see if there was any sign of troops. Returning by the principal gate, he was seized by the Imperial (Chinese) troops, disemboweled and cut to pieces."

Eagerly Awaited

Arrival of Troops

From then on the entries become even more exciting . . . twenty of our marines have been sent by an officer to guard the big Methodist Mission . . . the Russian secretary . . . has figures at the ends of his fingers about the number of troops Russia can land in Tien-Tsin . . . are

they trying to prepare us for a Russian coup d'etat?

Each day the arrival of foreign troops was awaited. On June 17 the entry reads:

"Just one week ago today we got the telegram that the combined forces of England, the United States, France, Japan, etc. . . . had left to go to the relief of the legations in Peking . . . when the time comes that the American and Russian legations can no longer hold out, the British legation will be the stage for the terrible last act."

The Roman Catholic church was only one of many burned, and the converts and their families in the vicinity slaughtered.

"In some cases," says the diary, "the Christians thought it better to be roasted in their houses than try to escape." (She herself had decided that she might as well be massacred in her pink silk dressing gown with a pink bow at her neck as in her golf clothes.)

On the 19th of June, the Chinese government offered to give legation members their passports and escort them and their families to the port. There was a division of opinion as to whether to trust the Chinese. In the evening the German minister started to confer a second time on the question when he was murdered in the streets.

The situation grows worse.

Dead Piled

Around Ramparts

A bullet knocks off the headpiece of a baby's crib.

All the women are sewing sandbags.

The Dutch and Austrian legations burn.

On July 1: "There are so many dead dogs, horses and Chinese lying in heaps all around the defended lines, but too far for us to bury or burn them."

They used the dead horses closer by, however: "The . . . mess has an invariable menu. At breakfast, rice, tea and jam; at tiffin, rice and horse; at dinner, rice, horse and jam."

With the privations and fear of the Boxers grew the suspicion and distrust of the members of the foreign missions of each other. Russians and English hated each other; Americans were the buffers. Racial ructions have no date lines. Mary Hooker notes:

"The dislike of the Russians for the British is so cordial that it is only equalled by the feeling the British entertain toward them. Our compound joins the Russians, and they love us and we love them in as strong a fashion as they hate their English neighbors on their other side."

And so pretty Mary Hooker wrote history. . . .

But it was more than history. It was drama. It was tragedy. Just look over her shoulder once again:

"July 9 . . . day before yesterday, the Austrian Charge d'Affaires was shot at the French legation. . . . At first we kept a record of the dead or badly wounded . . . but now they come in so often we cease to note the exact number. . . ."

"July 16 . . . I was en route to the hospital carrying a pot of coffee to the doctors and nurses when some soldiers passed me, carrying a rough litter, bearing Captain Strouts (the British commanding officer) mortally wounded."

Then July 16: "It is discussed quietly by men that they will certainly kill their wives when that time comes (to make a final stand). God grant it never may! Apropos of this, I have in my pocket a small pistol loaded with several cartridges, to use if the worst happens. A Belgian secretary stole it from the armoury for me—in case you need it, mademoiselle."

Then finally this note on August 15, when the Chinese were closing in on the improvised fortifications manned by lord and flunky, soldier and civilian making their last stand . . . "a veritable ring of flame on all sides of the defenses."

And then! — "Through that racket that was around us all night, we could faintly hear the unmistakable sound of the foreign guns of our troops."

That page of history, let us hope, will not be repeated.

Vulgar Display of Wealth Back in the Gay Nineties

The climax of all the vulgar displays of wealth which took place in this country in the Gay Nineties was the Bradley Martin ball at the Waldorf-Astoria on February 10, 1897, says Collier's. Given for New York's Four Hundred, the fancy-dress affair was one of the greatest society news stories in history, even receiving pages of publicity in London and Paris.

As this ball cost \$369,200 and was held at a time when thousands of Americans were destitute, the Bradley Martins were severely censured for their extravagance. Unable to endure the notoriety, they left the country and settled permanently in England.

Contains No Cream of Tartar

HARGRAVE'S

STORE - - - NEWS

Here They Are---Buffalo Plaid Klondike Shirts, 100 per cent wool \$8.45
 All Rayon Dress Pants, Real Values, D&J \$5.49
 On the Way 300 Pair Army Twill - Cramerton Labels - Pants Tug o' War Pants - Sweet Orr - 6 men can't rip 'em
 Army 100 per cent All Wool Blankets - A Grade 15 Doz. Imported Goat Skin Gloves - We Like 'Em
 Quit aching, See Dr. Deal—If his medicine should happen to fail, see me.—Won't need a doctor.—Weather: General Forecast—Coming winter to be a hard one—Get ready now.—Repellant, All Wool Sheep-Lined Coats, Beaverized Collars—ALSO—Fish Brand Slickers—Fish Brand Jackets.—Big Line All Wool Sheep Lined Vests—Sweaters—Mackinaws—Caps.—Cheer up. Hargraves will keep 'em coming — but don't wait too long — we are human — Believe It Or Not!

OFFICIAL RECORDS
OIL LEASES

The W. M. Noelke Estate has leased 5,876.1 acres of land to the Atlantic Refining Co., which include Survey 1,148 of 687.5 acres, Survey 2 of 320 acres, and from Tom Green County school lands, Survey No. 1 of 4,868.6 acres. Atlantic paid a \$2 bonus and 50 cents rental for a period of 10 years.
 The Sawyer Cattle Co. has leased to Humble Oil and Refining Co., Surveys 186, 187, 190 and 191, Block 1, T&P Survey, totaling 2,560 acres for a consideration of \$5,120 with a 50 cent rental.

MARRIAGE LICENSES
 Douglas T. Knipper to Bernice

STOCKMEN SAVE!
 Our 75c bottle of **DURHAM'S PINK EYE PRESCRIPTION** contains four times as much powder as most \$1.00 brands and is absolutely guaranteed to relieve Pink Eye—or your money back.
MERTZON DRUG COMPANY

Cook, Sept. 6.
 Bill Wood to Mrs. Hazel Lorraine Barler, Sept. 10.
 Johnnie Freitag to Jacqueline Fennel, Sept. 10.
 George M. Thorp to Mildred Faye Harris, Sept. 14.
 Fidel Razo to Lydia Favila, Sept. 17.
 Mr. and Mrs. Forrest C. Walker of Presidio are parents of a son born Sept. 1, 1946, at 7 a. m. in a Marfa hospital. The baby weighed six pounds and four ounces and has been named Forrest C. Walker II. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Walker of Marfa and Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Cathey of Mertzton.

TO RANCHMEN:—I have purchased a new string of windmill tools and am prepared to do your windmill repair jobs. I have had a number of years experience in windmill work and believe I can handle the job.
 Felix Ramsel, Mertzton.

MISS EVELYN BAKER IS NOW STUDENT NURSE AT SHANNON

Miss Evelyn Baker, now a student nurse at Shannon Memorial Hospital, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Baker last week end. Miss Baker reports that her class has been taken on a bus tour of San Angelo by the Board of City Development, the Public Health Nurse has welcomed them in a special speech and Sunday they will be guests of the Business Men's Bible Class. Miss Bakr is now taking five courses in San Angelo College in addition to her courses at the nursing school. She reports that "it's a fine profession and I like it, but it is a very hard one."

Mrs. Mittie Lindley has as her guests, this week her daughter, Mrs. Jim Parker of Odessa, and Mrs. Parker's daughter, Mrs. Gus Darling of Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Richardson of Rankin were visitors in the Bonnie Wilson home Tuesday. Mrs. Richardson is an aunt of Mrs. Wilson.

SUL ROSS TO OFFER EXTENSION COURSES

Sul Ross State College will again offer its services to those who desire to do college credit by Extension this year according to Dr. R. M. Hawkins, president. Dr. J. B. Speer, Director of Public Service, will be in San Angelo on September 21 at the Cactus Hotel at 10 o'clock for the purpose of enrolling prospective students. Courses will be offered according to the demand of those interested. The courses are planned to meet the interests of laymen as well as school teachers. Anyone interested is encouraged to be present at the meeting. Those who for some reason cannot meet on this date are requested to write to Dr. J. B. Speer in care of the Cactus Hotel.

Mrs. Ida Mapes returned home from a San Angelo hospital Monday where she underwent a major operation about two weeks ago. Mrs. Mapes is muc himproved and able to be out of bed for a short length of time each day.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Wagner and Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Evans took their daughters, Leona Wagner and Minnie Jo Evans to Denton Sunday to enroll in T. S. C. W. for their first year of college.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Freitag had as their guests last week Mrs. Freitag's brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Pomeroy of Port Arthur and Mrs. Ada Hay of Austin.

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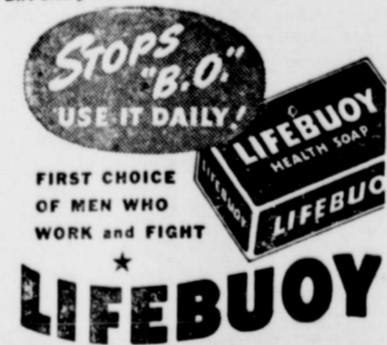
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FRIDAY-SATURDAY SPECIALS

Romantic Pacific Isles Prove Lure to Many Ex-Servicemen

NAMES REMEMBERED

Jungle Is Creeping Back On Historic War Sites

Guadalcanal, Hollandia, Manus, Tarawa, Kwajalein, Iwo Jima, Okinawa—all were but spots on a map of the Pacific (a large-scale chart at that) until American soldiers, sailors and marines battled and bled there on their long march to victory in World War II.

By dint of sheer manpower, many of them became bases hacked out of the wilderness of the jungle. Now, only a year after the war clouds have cleared, many of them are creeping back to their jungle vastness.

Guadalcanal, site of America's first major land stand against the Jap invaders, has slipped back into obscurity. British civil officials once more rule the Solomon Island bastion and far-famed Henderson Field is quiet except for an occasional plane.

Airfield Disappears.

The remorseless jungle is reconquering the big airfield hacked out by the Americans at Buna, New Guinea.

Few signs of conflict remain on battle-scarred Kwajalein. Developed as a major base in closing days of the war, it also served as an advance base for the atomic-bomb tests.

At Tarawa, one of the costliest battlefields of the Pacific, a small navy garrison maintains the air base, but it may be decommissioned soon.

The name, Leyte, where Gen. Douglas MacArthur kept his pledge to return to the Philippines, is kept alive by the navy, which maintains a major base there. The bay teems with activity, an airfield, air depot, hospital, radio station and naval repair yards being located there.

Manila Is Shambles.

Manila, most dramatic battleground of the war, still is in shabby ruins. Army trucks and jeeps wind through the streets, past heaps of rubble cleared from the thoroughfares and gaunt frames of once-beautiful buildings. Tourists gaze in awe at the maze of rubble in the Walled City; historic battlesite.

Waves lap the wrecked and rusting landing craft which litter the shoreline at Iwo Jima, a volcanic stepping stone in the march to Tokyo. The American flag still flutters from Mount Surabachi, for a small garrison maintains a relatively unimportant air base on Iwo.

In less than two years, Guam has become the most powerful navy base in the distant Pacific. Of all the Mid-Pacific bases, it alone



POPULAR PASTIME . . . Most popular diversion for sailors in the Pacific was the hula show.

has taken on an air of permanency.

Okinawa, at Japan's southern threshold, still lives in much of the misery that war left. Army air forces and navy bases are maintained on the island. Naha, capital city, is a wilderness of destruction, and sunken ships stud Buckner bay.

Kahoolawe Ranks Most Bombarded Island In Pacific

Ask any veteran of the Pacific warfare which bastion was the "most shot at island" during World War II and he'll probably answer Saipan, Iwo Jima, Okinawa, Tarawa or one of the other Japanese strongholds.

But that dubious distinction belongs to the small, desolate, insignificant, waterless, uninhabited island of Kahoolawe in the Hawaiian chain. Former smugglers' haven, the island, only eight miles by five and of rugged terrain, has been reduced to a mass of rubble by countless shells and bombs.

The explanation is that naval and marine forces used Kahoolawe, uninhabited and commercially worthless, as a testing ground for theories of naval gunfire support of landing forces.

More than 800 ships, ranging from small amphibious craft to battlewagons, poured thousands upon thousands of rounds into Kahoolawe's barren sides. The tiny island took a greater shelling than either Iwo Jima or Okinawa, where naval gunfire reached its peak in the Pacific.

10,000 Navy Men Take Discharges At Island Bases

Long heralded in song and film as the land of beauty and romance, glamour and adventure, the myriad islands of the Pacific left a lasting imprint on thousands of American servicemen whose war duties gave them their first glimpse of the palm-fringed and coral-studded atolls.

The romantic lure of these Pacific isles already has drawn nearly 10,000 discharged American navy men, who have decided not to go home after the war's end.

The navy department reports that 9,372 navy men who were stationed on Pacific islands during the war have received special authority to be demobilized at their stations instead of returning to the United States for discharge.

All were required to have jobs or some other source of income before this permission was granted. Most of the voluntary ex-patriates have obtained civil service employment in the military government, the navy announces. Others have jobs in private enterprises, mainly in Hawaii and the Philippines.

Some sailors have "gone native" — marrying native girls and deciding to make their permanent homes on one of the islands.

A few were reported interested in starting commercial enterprises which import consumer durable goods from the United States. Private business has been impeded, however, because of the relative scarcity of radios, automobiles, refrigerators and other durable goods.

Look for Retreat.

Occasionally the navy department receives a wistful letter from a former sailor or marine, discouraged by peacetime conditions at home, asking if there is a little island in the Pacific he can buy inexpensively for a retreat "to get away from it all."

As during the war, Americans find a warm reception on most of the islands of the Pacific. Almost without exception the natives regarded the United States as their defender and liberator, and now they wait hopefully for the return of the men they saw during the war.

The Americans brought a taste of modernity and of big enterprise to the peoples of the island groups. The natives saw a picture of the United States as a place of vast wealth and immense physical resources. The huge quantities of materials which moved through these places made an indelible impression on the people.

Revelation of United States standards of comfort, of transportation, of eating and of public health has given the natives an incentive to move forward. Americans were friendly, and generally there was immediate response to this offer of friendship.



FOND MEMORIES . . . The romantic allure of Pacific isles is drawing many ex-servicemen back to the land of palm trees, coral beaches and hula girls. The navy itself has discharged nearly 10,000 sailors at Pacific bases because the men decided not to go home after war's end.

ONE OUT OF FOUR

High School Graduates Flock to Army

NEW YORK.—One of every four boys graduated from high school this year either has joined the army or has indicated his intention of doing so, it is disclosed in an army enlistment survey. The survey was taken in connection with the campaign to secure a million enlistments.

Army life still holds an element of adventure for youth, the survey indicates, as about 22 per cent of the approximate 900,000 volunteers so far were in the 17 to 18-year-old age bracket.

Former army men constituted 13 per cent of the total, although that category is diminishing.

Largest single group, about 65 per cent, represent men already in the army who signed up for extended service.

Many responding to the survey reported that they considered the army a "better deal" than a civilian's job, especially since the pay has been increased materially.

Others expressed a desire to join the army because it provides a "chance to learn." In addition to army training, soldiers joining the regular army at this time are eligible to secure a college education

under the extended G.I. Bill of Rights.

With the goal of a million enlistments in sight, the army now is planning a new approach—a search for quality. Maj. Gen. Harold N. Gilbert, assistant to the adjutant general for military personnel procurement, said the army soon would be putting quality above all; that the service wanted men who could absorb the technical training necessary for soldiers who must deal with electronics, chemistry, communications, intelligence, languages, civil administration, high speed aviation and the other factors of a scientific army in the atomic age.

ASK ME ? ANOTHER ?

A quiz with answers offering information on various subjects

The Questions

1. The Bessemer process refers to the manufacture of what?
2. What is the name of the stock exchange in Paris?
3. Who was the emperor of Mexico when it was conquered by Cortez?
4. What was Dante's last name?
5. The Caucasus extends for 940 miles into what country?
6. What is the name of the load line mark on a ship?
7. Which of all land animals is best equipped for the water?

8. The average elevation of the plateau states is what?

The Answers

1. Steel.
2. Bourse.
3. Montezuma.
4. Alighieri.
5. Russia.
6. Pimmsoll line.
7. The porcupine. He has 30,000 air-filled quills, which makes him practically impossible to sink.
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SENIOR-JUNIOR MEETING

The Seniors met in a joint session with the Juniors on Sept. 16, to discuss plans for the year, including the annual, plays, and a trip. However, no decision has yet been reached. The two classes are going to sell drinks, popcorn, candy, etc., at the football games.

Mr. McIntosh gave us a very pleasant surprise Tuesday morning when he called all seniors into the office to discuss business. There we found our rings, and excitement ran so high all morning that it is very doubtful if any senior knew what went on in any of their classes.

SOPHISTICATED SOPHOMORES

by the Sophomores
 Seniors are worms,
 Long may they squirm,
 Sophomores are best,
 We must confess.

CHEMISTRY CLASS FORMULA

by the Sophomores
 Little drops of acid,
 Little bits of zinc,
 Stirred up all together
 Make an awful—odor.

FRESHMAN FROLICS

This week the Freshmen are having the dedication of songs to class members.

Kay Carpenter—"I Don't Know Why"; Mary Bird—"Homesick, That's All"; Vivian Stratton—"Should I Believe My Heart, Or Him?"; Betty Moore—"To Each His Own"; Edith Hensley—"Shoo Fly Pie!"; Joane Cathey—"Come To Baby, Do!"; Jo Ann Thompson—"No Can Do!"; Dale Hegwood—"Gotta' Change My Way Of Living"; Hubert Paten—"Oh, What It Seemed To Be"; E. L. Tankersley just says "Gotta' get back to the wagon 'cause my feet are killing me!"

SPORTS PARADE

September 20th will see the Mertzon Hornet football team on the field for their first game since 1940.

Mertzon has only 11 boys out this year, but they hope to have a fine team. They boys who are out are Roy Shilling, 155 lbs.; Bobby Glaser, 150 lbs.; Jay Lindley, 155 lbs.; Fayette Tankersley, 150 lbs.; Dale Hegwood, 125 lbs.; Harvey Kubena, 130 lbs.; E. L. Tankersley, 120 lbs.; Jack Turner, 148 lbs.; Stewart Evans, 125 lbs.; Hubert Payton, 125 lbs.; and Gene Hegwood, 150 lbs. All of these boys are inexperienced but they have been working hard to be in the best of shape for this first game of the season.

Their next game scheduled will be at Garden City, September 27.

GUESS WHO???

I Lolly Pop Reward—Dead or Alive)
 You will find this blue-eyed, brunette scrimmaging with the other football players every school day afternoon. To look at this five feet eleven inch husky of about 145 pounds, who would ever guess he weighed only eight pounds in 1931.

He and an older sister attended Voss (you find it on the map if you don't believe it) Grammar School. The family moved to Mertzon in May, 1943.

Fishing and hunting takes up most of his leisure time and from all ac-

counts, he likes to whistle too. If he isn't busy eating lemon pie, his favorite dish, you might be able to get him to sing his original version of "Give Me Five Minutes More!"

Girls take notice—he definitely isn't color blind because he can spot a red-head or blond all the way across the study hall!

(Answer next week).

THE STINGER

M.H.S. has decided that Roy, Gene and Bobby must start a radio program of their own. They entertained us with a concert last Thursday during the sixth period. As Mr. Sartain drove them around the school yard in his pick-up (they were bringing a piano to the school house), Roy and Gene sang "Lay That Pistol Down, Babe" and "Rubber Dolly" while Bobby played the piano. Of course, he wasn't playing the same songs they were singing, but the arrangement was original.

Some little bird told me—There could be a feud between Dale and Jean. Dale waits, Jean dates.

FOURTH GRADE

Patsy Allen is visiting in Brownwood today.

Ruth Stratton is ill today. Could it be from eating too many walnuts?

Marianne Lyons is also absent from school.

We are all waiting for that football game Friday afternoon. Our class is going to be there one hundred per cent to yell for those Hornets.

SURPLUS VEHICLES TO BE SOLD AT GOODFELLOW FIELD

Goodfellow Field at San Angelo is announced as one of six cities at which sales of surplus used motor vehicles will be conducted by the Fort Worth regional office of War Assets Administration in the week beginning Monday, September 23. The sales include "set aside" items and are being held exclusively for veterans of World War II. All veterans holding certificates for any of the vehicles offered are eligible to attend any or all sales.

The sale at Goodfellow Field, which will also include vehicles stored at San Angelo Army Air Field, lists a total of 94 pieces of automotive equipment.

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Other sales listed for the same week include: Sept. 23, Big Spring AAF; Sept. 24, Amarillo AAF; Sept. 24, Abil-

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An editor sent out the following reminder to delinquent subscribers:

"There is a little matter that some of our subscribers have seemingly forgotten. Some of them have made us many promises but have not kept them. To us it is a very important matter—it's necessary in our business. We are very modest and do not like to speak about such remissness."

One of the most impressive sights of Texas: the ancient oaks, hung with moss, in Columbus. Some of these huge trees are said to be 600 years old; they were casting a shade and furnishing a haven for birds a century and a half before Columbus set sail. One stands in awe before such antiquity as he realizes the fleetness of human life.

A few definitions by a cynic:

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A conference is a group of men who individually can do nothing but as a group can meet and decide that nothing can be done.

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A statistician is a man who draws a mathematically precise line from an unwarranted assumption to a foregone conclusion.

An efficiency expert is a man who knows less about your business than you do and gets paid more for telling you how to run it than you could possibly make out of it even if you ran it right, instead of the way he told you to.

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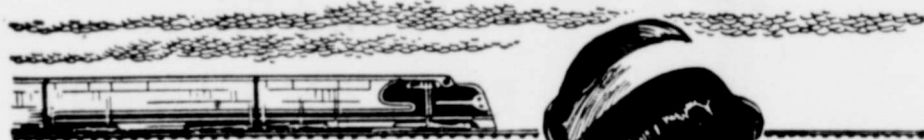
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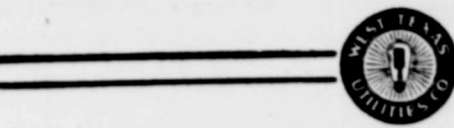
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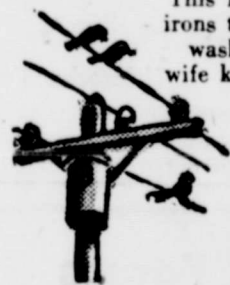


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Murder in Plain Sight

by GERALD BROWN



Duke McCale, private detective, is guarding the wedding presents at the Bigelow mansion. He senses that old Miss Adelaide Bigelow is afraid of something more than theft. In a conversation with Miss Bigelow he learns that she is sorry now that she gave her consent to her niece, Veronica's marriage with handsome Curt Vallincourt, as she has discovered that he is a fortune hunter and rake. He will control the entire family fortune of thirty million dollars. There are several cross currents in the family, she tells McCale. While they are talking and looking out the window, they hear a shot, and see two women hurrying away. The one in green runs toward the park.

CHAPTER VIII

She stopped running when she reached it. For a moment, he thought he saw someone else, someone in a gray raincoat walking steadily away into the fog. He could not tell whether it was a man or a woman, for the gray of the coat dissolved the figure into a mere blur. It only struck him as odd that the figure did not turn or falter or come nearer. It just walked—sedately was the only word—away. There was something terrible in the unruffled walk, because directly across from it and below where they peered out, something quite awful staggered, one hand to its chest, the other groping out blindly.

It was a man, tall, wide, a dark shadow of agony, seeking to climb the Bigelow stairs.

The doorbell pealed sharply, a ring of sheer despair.

Miss Bigelow and McCale, in a single movement, ran out of the drawing room. McCale reached the stairs first, tumbling down them two, three at a time. The bell was ringing now, steadily, a shriek, as though someone leaned heavily against it.

The butler, King, came out of the back hall, a sour look on his face. But McCale was already wrenching open the door. A light went up in the hall as the startled manservant pushed a button. For a moment, no one seemed to be there. The door gaped wide and black. Then, from around its edge, a bulky object slid, slumped to its knees, lunged inward, then out flat.

Curt Vallincourt turned his exquisite head once, opened his agonized eyes once, mouthed a word before he died.

"Veronica," he muttered thickly before his heart bubbled up into his throat.

It was then that Adelaide Bigelow dropped down beside him, cradling his head in her lap. Her tired old hands smoothed dark silky curls out of his eyes.

"A doctor," Miss Bigelow gasped. "The police," McCale said curtly. "But he may be dying—a doctor." "I'm sorry," he looked deep into her eyes, "but he is dead."

He closed the door on the night, shutting it out with the incredible thoughts which seethed through his mind. He barked an order to the butler, necessary action taking over his brain and body for the next few minutes.

"Leave the body just as it is," he cautioned, adding, "a police requirement," for he saw a look of dismay on Miss Bigelow's face.

McCale spoke to the butler. "Get the police department. Wait a minute. Call Devonshire 1212—line 103—and ask for Donlevy, chief of homicide."

The old man moved slowly. "Perhaps if you can, sir—" he began. "No. Better you."

McCale grasped Miss Bigelow's elbow in a reassuring grip.

McCale Slips Out Ahead of the Police

"I want your help," he began, and rushed on, for he lived in the world as it is and knew that there were things he might do if she could remain a little while outside the police orbit. "I'm going to be out of here before the police arrive."

"Oh—but please—" He held up his hand. "You must understand this. There may be some way I can lessen the publicity this case is bound to stir up."

"I understand." Her face was bleak.

He went on rapidly. "If I am here when the police arrive, I will be tied up for hours maybe with the preliminary investigation. If I am not, I can perhaps discover something before they do. I know Donlevy, Chief of Detectives. I can talk to him tomorrow. What I must do is get a head start. I want, for instance, to search Vallincourt's rooms. Where does—did he live?"

"413 Fensroad—but what shall I tell the police?"

"Tell them I left—that you do not know why."

"Yes."

He glanced at his wristwatch. Two minutes to go.

"Now, Miss Bigelow, I must ask you to tell me quickly what you saw from the window upstairs just before the shot."

She closed her eyes and let a shuddering breath escape her lips. Her hands clasped and unclasped nervously. He thought she might faint. She opened her eyes suddenly, tense, staggered, but determined.

"At first there was only Curt coming up the steps from the path that cuts across from Charles Street." The old voice was pained and hushed. "I knew it was he from away off. He always swaggered, sort of, and never wore a hat. There was also a woman—coming along the outer walk that comes over the hill from Park Street."

"A woman in green?" "Yes, in green." She looked frightened. "There was someone else in a gray coat and hat coming along Beacon Street toward the house. I couldn't see very well. The person was almost directly under the window and I was concentrating on—on Curt."

"On this side of the street?"

"Yes."

Whoever it was had crossed the street, then, for the figure had been on the opposite side when McCale looked. That someone must have been almost at the door when the shot was fired? The murderer?

"Man or woman?" he snapped.

"I—I couldn't tell. I was watch-



A tall wide man seeking to climb the Bigelow stairs.

ing Curt, I told you."

"But the hat. You said the figure had on a gray raincoat and a gray hat. Surely you could recognize the sex from the hat?"

"I'm sorry—I was watching Curt."

"Yes. Go on."

"I just can't remember what happened then. Curt and the woman in green almost met at the gate, but he was a little ahead. I thought he turned his head to look at her. . . I'm not sure. Then—I'm sorry. It's all confused. There was just the shot. I closed my eyes, I think. Then you were behind me and I did notice someone—the woman in green, I believe, running off into the fog."

Shari Lynn Tells Her Story

Then she went to an old, battered desk that stood in a corner of the room. Pressing a spring that opened a secret drawer, she took out a small envelope from which she shook a piece of paper.

"You'd better have this," she spoke almost furtively, and added, "If the house is searched, they'd be bound to find it."

He took it over to the light and saw it was the merest corner off the edge of a letter.

when you control the dough your promise to me, lover, will be ours.

e's to crime. Ha, ha.

"This, then," he said, straightening up, "is what really sent you to me."

"Yes," she murmured. "I found it in the drawing room grate. It was, surely, a note to Curt. He must have tried to burn it in this house. You see how it proved almost all my suspicions?"

"Yes." He returned the fragment to its envelope, slipped the envelope into his inside pocket. No time to lose now.

"The woman in green had red hair, didn't she?" he asked, coldly.

She looked for a moment down into an abyss of sheer terror.

"I—I don't know," she faltered.

"I was looking at Curt."

Disappointment and wrath flashed across his eyes, was as quickly gone.

She turned to the fire. He went out.

There was no one in the hall. The body of Curt Vallincourt lay long and dark and lifeless, half in, half out of the light thrown by the scones on each side of a console table.

McCale stopped by the still form, avoiding a puddle of congealing blood. He knelt and noticed that Curt had been shot a little above the heart, at close range, as if someone had walked up to him and let him have it.

He frisked the body until he came upon a key ring that held a number of keys. Satisfied that one of these must be the key to the dead man's apartment, he rearranged the clothing, walked to the door, eased it open and slipped out.

Four-thirteen was a big hunk of concrete and stainless steel. He stopped before Vallincourt's apartment and listened carefully, his ear to the door.

After he'd entered, he stood completely still, testing the silence that hung heavily about him. A wide doorway at his right gave entrance to a large living room. He stepped toward it, soundlessly.

The quiet of the place was disturbing. It was the intense, pregnant quiet of a room so recently occupied that the effluvia of that occupancy still hung in the air. There were two doorways in back and a little to the left of him as he stood motionless in the center of the carpet. Not a board creaked or a pin dropped, but the hair on the back of his head stood up warningly. Moisture beaded his palms. He swiveled slowly, expecting—anything.

A woman stood in the first doorway. Tall, dark, voluptuous, she lounged, white-faced, breathless, in a peculiarly familiar attitude. Hooded, discontented eyes looked steadily at him. Her face was so white she seemed all lipstick in the glare of so many lights. If she had had a cigarette in that mouth—Memory tugged at McCale and he knew it was Shari Lynn. She wore a dark green wool dress.

"Who are you?" he said huskily. She moved slowly toward him, eyes wary. For a moment he ignored her.

"You were a fool to come directly here," he said then.

Apprehension widened her eyes for a moment, bringing out unsuspected lines in her face. She sat down unsteadily on a chair and ran nervous fingers through dark dyed hair.

She's scared, McCale thought. He perched perilously on the arm of the Empire sofa, shaking out a cigarette from a pack directly into his mouth in one motion. He spoke over the flame of his lighter.

"Curt Vallincourt has just been shot."

Watching her closely he was certain that it wasn't news to her—that she already knew.

"Who are you—a dick? I didn't kill him."

"You were there."

She was guarded now. Her eyes narrowed and she clutched the glass with shaking fingers. "You've got to prove that, copper."

"I'm not the police."

"Then who are you? What are you doing here? What is this, a shakedown?"

He shook his head. "I'm a private dick. I am, however, investigating Curt Vallincourt's murder."

Curt's Apartment Yields No Clues

Curiously, she seemed relieved. He soon found out why. A crafty look slid into her eyes. She almost smiled.

"Listen, then. I'm not saying I don't know Curt has been killed. I'll even admit maybe I was near enough to have seen it done. I might give you information as to who did it, mister."

"I'm listening. But make it quick. I want to frisk the place before the cops crawl all over it."

She understood the necessity for speed and went on hurriedly. "I was up here having a couple of drinks with Curt before he went to the wedding rehearsal. I decided to wait until he got back. He was gone a long time—too long. I grabbed a cab, and got out at the music shop near Park Square. I was paying off the taxi when I saw Curt cutting across the path to Beacon street."

"You followed him?"

She hesitated a moment, a look of doubt coming over her face, as if she were not sure of saying the right thing. That pause made a lot of difference in McCale's calculations.

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IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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Lesson for September 22

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JESUS AND THE LAW OF THE STRANGER

LESSON TEXT—Exodus 22:21-23; Deuteronomy 24:14, 15; Matthew 23:34-41.

MEMORY SELECTION—The King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.—Matthew 25:40.

There is as much need today for the words of counsel and admonition regarding strangers which we find in our lesson, as there was in the days of Moses, for there seems to be an almost complete breakdown of neighborliness both between nations and individuals.

I. The Law Required Neighborliness (Exod. 22:21-23; Deut. 24:14, 15).

Our heavenly Father as revealed to us in his Word is a Father indeed, one greatly concerned about his many children; but especially does he care for those who are weak and needy.

The laws of ancient Israel made provision for the feeding of those who had no fields. The corners of the field were left uncut at harvest-time, some of the grapes were to be left on the vine, etc., so that the poor could enjoy the sense of self-respect as they picked for themselves what God had provided (see Lev. 19:9, 10; 23:22; Deut. 24:19-21, and other passages).

The poor man who found work was to receive his pay when needed. For the one who hired him to do otherwise was to bring upon himself the judgment of God. He listens to the cry of the hungry worker and his family (Deut. 24:15).

Strangers were in a peculiar way subject to the possibility of extortion. They are even today the easy mark of the one who lives by his wits, the "confidence" man and sneak thief.

If any such person reads these notes let me warn him solemnly to keep his tricky hands off the stranger, for God is watching and will hear their cry (Exod. 22:23).

The same is true of widows and orphans. God is their keeper and their defender.

II. Christ Expects Neighborliness (Matt. 25:34-41).

This is a prophetic picture of a great judgment scene. It is not, as many suppose, the same as the judgment of the Great White Throne of Revelation 20.

The scene here is not in heaven, but upon the earth. It is not individuals who are being judged, but the nations of the earth. They are not being judged regarding personal salvation, but for their treatment of Christ's brethren.

Who are his brethren? First we think of his brethren, after the flesh, the people of the Jewish race. Scripture reveals again and again that God is watching over his chosen people, even though they are now scattered in judgment for their unbelief. He will not hold any guiltless who harm his people (Gen. 12:1-3).

The word "brethren" is also used in such a passage as Matthew 12:46-50 to include all who do the will of God. That suggests a broader application of these words.

Our attitude toward God expresses itself in our attitude toward our fellow man. That which we do toward those about us is not a matter of indifference, but is the basis for God's judgment of our lives. Each of us must answer for the deeds done in the flesh whether they be good or evil.

Here in our lesson, however, the failure to do that which shows forth God's law of love is made the ground of eternal judgment. This is not because an act of kindness itself can be regarded as the ground of division, but because the failure to give it or do it reflects an attitude of heart toward our God and his Christ which is in reality a rejection of his way of salvation.

Judgment is thus a revelation of the attitude of the heart, which marks a man or woman as being either saved or lost. It may be possible to so becloud the thinking of our friends and neighbors that we may go through life looking something like a Christian, but when Christ judges, it will all be revealed.

Observe also that the Lord identifies himself with his brethren—what is done to and for them is counted as done to and for him. Compare the experience of Samuel (1 Sam. 8:7) and of Paul (Acts 9:5). Touch God's people and you touch him. Fail them and you fail him. Serve them and you serve him.

Gems of Thought

WORDS are like leaves; and where they most abound, much fruit of sense beneath is rarely found.—Pope.

Hopes, what are they?—Beads of morning
Strung on slender blades of grass;
Or a spider's web adorning
In a straight and treacherous pass.
—WORDSWORTH.

Through knowledge shall the just be delivered.—Proverbs 20.

Great men seem to be a part of the infinite brothers of the mountains and the seas.

Kindness is wisdom. There is none in life but needs it and may learn.—Bailey.

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Instead of gaining another teacher this week Supt. T. E. Strother lost one. Mrs. Caloway, who was signed up as a grade school teacher, resigned, so at present we still lack two.

Several new pupils have registered since school opened. Loretta Caraway has enrolled in the 8th grade. Bobby Burleson, Robert Caraway in the 5th grade, Yvonne Collins in the 4th grade, Zona Flannagin and Paula Caraway, 3rd grade, Lafoy Burleson and Billy Hugh Collins, 2nd grade.

Friday night Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Hinde were hosts, honoring their daughter, Lucy Ann, with a barn dance. Boys attended in blue jeans and noisy shirts, and girls in skirts and blouses. Music was furnished by a Spanish orchestra. Refreshments were served to a large crowd at intermission. Everybody enjoys Mr. and Mrs. Hinde's parties, for they are grand hosts.

WE WONDER????

Why Janie is worried over Leon so? If Joe Roy and Margie are 'that way'?

If Buckshot is in school just to learn?

How serious some of those Fish romances will turn out to be?

If the Army can draft men, why

can't we? (submitted by a teacher)

If Mr. Hutmacher has a heart, especially in English?

Who the main attraction is at the drug store?

Who Janie's next victim will be since the college students are gone?

How our basket ball and volley ball teams will turn out?

If Mr. Holms thinks he can stand us for a whole year?

If Gerald likes competition?

Why teachers assign so much unnecessary work?

If we will ever get last year's awards?

If June, H. C., James and Leon are enjoying the routines of their 'dear old Ilma Mater'?

Why the sky is so blue, the sun so bright, the air so pure, and we have to go to school?

An old batchler uncle says he can't understand parents. The first two years of a child's age they teach it to say everything, and the next ten or twelve they tell it to 'be quite'.

The 'castor oil stage of education is that stage when you take it just because someone else thinks it is good for you.

You never hear of a man marrying

a woman to reform her.

NOTICE

Anyone having news for THE ROUND UP please get it in by noon Tuesday.

ROPED IN

Typical cow country folk sayings. Only a fool argues with a skunk, a mule, or a cook.

Polishin' your pants on saddle leather don't make you a rider.

The wilder the colt, the better the horse.

A loose horse is always lookin' for new pastures.

You can judge a man by the horse he rides.

Change of pasture sometimes makes a calf fatter.

The bigger the mouth, the better it looks when shut.

Nobody ever drowned himself in sweat.

Man's the only animal that can be skinned more than once.

Brains in the head save blisters on the feet.

A smart man is the one who has never let a woman pin anything on him since he was a baby.

Teacher: "Can the leopard change his spots?"

Lad: "Yes, if he don't like the spot he's sitting on, he can hunt a better one."

Young Mother: "I never can control my child when he becomes unruly."

Teacher: "That's very simple. When he is misbehaving, try soothing by brushing his hair, if that fails, try the other side on the other end."

Any man can have a wife, but only the ice man can have his pick.

A friend is a person who knocks before he enters, not after he has left.

Visitor: "Tell your father I called."

Virama: "Yes, sir, and what shall I say you wished to borrow?"

Teacher: "Define puppy love."

Marvin: "Beginning of a dog's life."

Little Mary was on a visit to her grandparents, and the old fashioned clock in the hall was a source of wonderment to her. While she was standing before it, her grandmother said to her from the next room, "Is the clock running, dear?"

"No, ma'am" promptly replied Mary, "it's just standing still and wagging its tail."

During a Navy swimming class a 'certain' sailor refused to dive from a 15 foot platform. The instructor asked: "What would you do if you were that high on a sinking ship?"

Sailor: "Sir, I'd wait for it to sink about 10 feet more." (submitted by basketball team)

Folks here in the rangeland really get a laugh out of a Western movie, if they can manage to sit through one, as they view the handsome, immaculate cowboy, racing across the screen in a full gallop, or dead run, from dawn to dusk, on his tireless pony. Then see

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Still, they draw good wages for this mockery.

A room has been fixed up in the Red Cross room in the grammar school building, and Mr. Mutmacher is living there. We hope it is not too lonesome.

Mrs. Strother is substituting as a 3rd and 4th grade teacher at present.

Coach Holms has been working the boys out every afternoon. From now on, when he says 'jump the rope' they will know there is nothing 'sissy' about it. We feel like when the basketball season opens, the boys will be in good shape, and are going to put up some stiff competition this season. We all feel like we have a grand coach.

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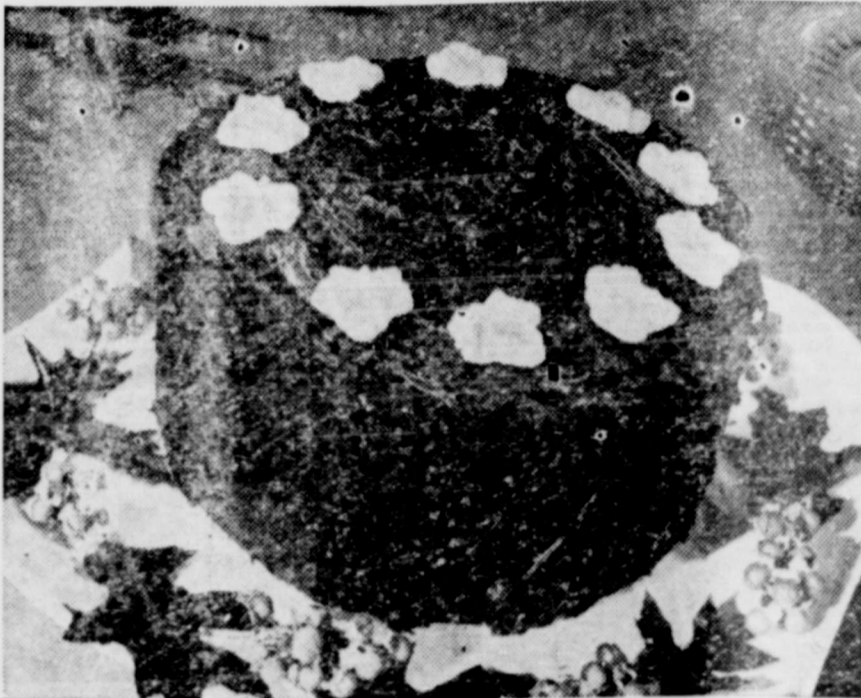
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Orange Cake.
(Makes 2 8-inch layers)
2 cups sifted flour
2 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
3/4 cup shortening
1 cup sugar
3 eggs
1 1/2 tablespoons grated orange rind
3/4 cup orange juice

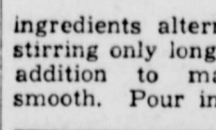
Sift flour, measure, then sift again with baking powder and salt. Cream shortening, add sugar gradually and cream until light and fluffy.

Add well-beaten eggs and cream thoroughly, then add orange rind. Add dry ingredients alternately with orange juice, blending thoroughly after each addition. Bake in two layers in greased pans or as cup cakes or loaf cake. Use a moderate (350-degree) oven for 30 to 35 minutes.

Chocolate Spice Cake.
(Makes 1 9-inch tube pan)

2 3/4 cups flour
4 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon cloves
1 teaspoon allspice
1 cup shortening
1 3/4 cups sugar
4 eggs
3 squares unsweetened chocolate
1 1/4 cups milk

Sift flour, measure, then sift again with baking powder, salt and spices. Cream shortening, add gradually the sugar and cream together until light and fluffy. Add well-beaten eggs, then chocolate which has been melted and cooled and beat until smooth. Add dry ingredients alternately with milk, stirring only long enough after each addition to make the mixture smooth. Pour into a greased tube



LYNN SAYS:

When You Bake Cakes: Use these tips to make your work more efficient:

Oven should be heated to desired temperature before placing the cake within it. A good work order to follow is to lay out your utensils and ingredients, then light the oven, and then mix your cake. In this way you don't have to stop during mixing to light the oven.

The cake is done when it is lightly browned, and when it springs back lightly as touched. It may show very slight shrinkage from the edges of the pan.

LYNN CHAMBERS' MENU

Broiled Whitefish Lemon Wedges
Boiled New Potatoes
Green Beans and Mushrooms
Citrus Fruit Salad
Toasted English Muffin
*Orange Cake with Orange Frosting Beverage
*Recipe given.

pan and bake in a moderate (350-degree) oven until done, about 1 hour.

When cool, spread with chocolate or mocha icing.

If you like fruit in your cake, I'd suggest you try a Prune Cake which will keep nicely moist for at least a week. Dress it up with orange frosting, sprinkled with shredded cocoanut.

Prune Velvet Cake.
(Makes 3 8-inch layers)
1 1/2 cups drained, unsweetened, cooked prunes
1 cup shortening
2 cups granulated sugar
4 eggs, separated
3 cups sifted flour
1/2 teaspoon salt
2 teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 cup sour cream or buttermilk
2 teaspoons vanilla

Measure prunes, then cut into small pieces. Cream together shortening with sugar and cream until fluffy. Add whole eggs, one at a time and beat until mixture is fluffy. Add sifted dry ingredients with sour cream, alternately, beating until smooth after each addition. Add prunes and vanilla last and mix lightly. Pour batter into three greased or oiled layer pans and bake in a moderately hot (375-degree) oven for 30 to 35 minutes. Frost when cool.

Maraschino Cherry Cake.
(Makes 8 by 12-inch loaf)

3/4 cup shortening
1 1/2 cups sugar
1/2 teaspoon vanilla
1/4 teaspoon lemon flavoring
1/2 cup liquid drained from maraschino cherries or 1/2 cup milk
1/2 cup finely chopped maraschino cherries
3 cups sifted flour
3 teaspoons baking powder
1/4 teaspoon salt
4 egg whites

Cream together shortening and sugar. Add flavoring and chopped cherries. Add flour alternately with liquid or milk, after flour has been sifted three times with baking powder and salt. Beat until smooth. Then fold in stiffly beaten egg whites. Place in a greased shallow loaf pan and bake 40 to 45 minutes in a moderate (375-degree) oven. Cool and ice with boiled icing.

Sugarless Boiled Icing.
2 egg whites, unbeaten
1 1/2 cups white corn syrup
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
Pinch of salt

Combine all ingredients except flavor in top of double boiler. Place over rapidly boiling water and beat with rotary beater for 7 minutes or until frosting stands in peaks. Remove from boiling water, add vanilla and beat until thick enough to spread.

AROUND THE HOUSE

A 60-inch tape measure, marked on both sides is the most practical kind for use when sewing. A yard stick is needed for marking long lines and taking skirt lengths. A six-inch ruler is useful as a gauge for spacing buttonholes.

Fasten the strings of baby's bonnet to the bonnet with snap fasteners. Then the strings can easily be removed when they need washing and the bonnet does not.

A nutpick is handy to turn under edges as one sews.

Before soaking a cooking pan in cold water, allow it to cool a few minutes after it is taken off the stove. Rapid cooling may warp aluminum, chip porcelain, or crack iron utensils.

You can't afford to be careless with delicate curtains these days. When washing them, baste the curtains into muslin bags or pillow cases to protect them.

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HALL OF STATE SEEKS COUNTY HISTORIES
 DALLAS. (Special).—The Texana Reference Library in the Hall of State, Dallas, wants materials on the History of Irion County, and officials of Dallas Historical Society are appealing to citizens of the county to help locate the needed items.
 "Copies of these books and pamphlets are in the hands of pioneer citizens and their descendants," Director Herbert Gambrell said, "but they are not to be found in bookstores. Placing them in this great shrine of Texas History for the use of the public, will not only be a permanent memorial to

the donors, but a genuine service to those seeking accurate information about the county."
 Information regarding available county materials should be addressed to the Director, Hall of State, Fair Park, Dallas 1.
 Biographical directories, booklets on the histories of towns, churches, schools and other institutions, are also desired for the library, along with histories of the county itself. Special anniversary numbers of county newspapers are also wanted.
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CARD OF THANKS

Any words I can say are so inadequate to express my feelings of gratitude for the happiness and pleasure and benefit derived from your prayers, letters, visits, beautiful flowers, many cards and many other gifts and expressions of your love and friendship during my stay in the hospital. I will be anxiously awaiting the time when I can be back in my capacity of service among you.
 May God bless and guide your lives and keep you ever busy in His service, is my prayer for you.
 Your friend,
 Mrs. Mapes.

The Homemaker's Club of Sherwood held a meeting last week with Mrs. W. J. D. Carr, president, presiding. Beautifying the ground of the Sherwood courthouse was selected as their objective.

On the first Sunday in October, Rev. W. A. Knight will supply for the Harris Avenue Baptist Church in San Angelo, and on the third Sunday he will supply at Eldorado.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Girvin went to Waco Tuesday to take their daughter, Eunice Nell Girvin who enrolled in Baylor for another term.



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