

Barbara Roberts, and Frankie Jones Married In Services At Grassland

Wedding vows for Miss Barbara Ruth Roberts and Frankie Royce Jones were read at 8 o'clock Friday night in the Central Baptist Church. Rev. Kenneth Leech officiated in a double ring service before a background of white gladioli flanked by candelabra.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Roberts of Grassland, and Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Jones of Tahoka.

Miss Dottie Harrison accompanied Donald Renfro as he sang "I Love You Truly" and "Always." The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a waltz length dress of white lace over satin. The sweetheart neckline accented the fitted waist and pleated skirt. Her waist length veil of net depended from a tiara of seed pearls and rhinestones. She carried white carnations featured with mums atop a white Bible.

Miss Mary Alice Roberts attended her sister as maid of honor. She wore a pastel pink dress with a square neckline and full pleated skirt accented with rhinestone buttons and a matching lace jacket.

Charley Jones served his brother as best man. Ushers were Elbert Roberts, cousin of the bride, and Floyd Brasher.

Candle lighters were Sue and Tommy Jones, sister and brother of the bridegroom.

A reception following the service was held at the home of the bride's parents. Assisting with hospitalities were Misses Barbara and Wanda Jones, sisters of the bridegroom. The bridal table, laid with a white lace cloth over pink, was centered with a three-



MRS. FRANKIE JONES

tiered wedding cake surrounded by the bride and maid of honor bouquets. Mrs. C. B. Taylor, the bride's sister, registered, wedding and reception guests.

The bride is a senior at Tahoka High School. After a wedding trip to points in New Mexico, the couple will be at home in Brownfield where the bridegroom is employed at Furr's Super Market.

Bobby Lehman In Pre-Med Society

Austin, June 7—Robert Lehman, University of Texas student from Tahoka, is a new member of Alpha Epsilon Delta, national honorary pre-medical society.

Lehman is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Lehman. He is an honor student.

Mae Polk Weds Lyndell Kenley

Miss Mae Polk, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Polk, and Lyndell Kenley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Kenley of O'Donnell, exchanged wedding vows in the First Baptist Church at 7:30 o'clock Saturday night.

Rev. Tom Auburg, uncle of the bridegroom, from Lubbock read the single ring ceremony before an altar banked with gladioli and candelabra.

Preceding the ceremony, Mrs. W. P. Hutchison provided traditional wedding music and accompanied Miss Charlene Riddle as she sang, "I Love You Truly" and "Melody of Love."

Escorted to the altar by her father, the bride wore a gown of white tulle over satin fashioned with a lace Peter Pan collar and long sleeves of matching lace. The fully shirred ballerina length skirt stemmed from a fitted bodice styled with tiny self-covered buttons down center front. Her veil of illusion was joined to a tiara of pearlized orange blossoms and she carried a bouquet of white roses on a white Bible.

Miss Martha Riddle, maid of honor, was attired in a ballerina length dress of blue organdy styled with a long torso waistline and full skirt.

Misses Peggy Polk, sister of the bride, and Barbara White of O'Donnell, were candle lighters. Their dresses were styled similar to that worn by Miss Riddle, fashioned from yellow organdy.

Johnny McLaurin of O'Donnell served as best man and O'Dell Howard and Joe Caffey, both of Lubbock, were ushers.

The reception was held in Fellowship Hall of the church. The table was laid with lace over blue linen. Assisting in hospitalities were Misses Charlene Riddle and Betsy Rowe.



MRS. RONNIE GURLEY

Miss Janet Solomon, And Ronnie Gurley Take Wedding Vows In Dallas Ceremony

Miss Janet Solomon of Dallas and Ronnie Gurley of Tahoka, were united in marriage Saturday at 8:00 p. m. at Casa Linda Presbyterian Church in Dallas. The ceremony was read by Rev. Allen H. Craft, pastor of the church. Wedding music was furnished by Mrs. Karl Hoefle, organist, and Mrs. Leo Holy, soloist.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry J. Solomon, 1411 Verano Drive, Dallas. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jess L. Gurley of Tahoka. Given in marriage by her father, the bride's gown was of white embroidered tulle, with a portrait neckline, tiered skirt, and cap sleeves. She had matching mitts, and wore a lace tiara with fingertip veil. Her flowers were white orchid with stephanotis and carnations. The wedding color scheme was pink and dobonnet.

Miss Jane Solomon of Dallas, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. The bridesmaids were Mrs. R. B. Rosenstein of Fort Worth, Miss Prudy Haley of Tyler, and Miss Janice Lester of Dallas.

Serving as best man was Douglas McNeely of Tahoka. The groomsmen were Jay Gurley, brother of the bridegroom, Jimmy Small, and Gerald Wayne Tippit, all of Tahoka.

Candlelighters were Bill Solomon, brother of the bride, and Mike Gurley, brother of the groom.

Miss Myrtle Ramsey Married Recently

Miss Frances La Myrtle Ramsey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Blain Ramsey, and Clifton Neel Cox, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Cox, pledged wedding vows May 18, at the St. John Methodist Church parlor in Lubbock.

Before an altar banked with candelabra and baskets of gladioli, stocks, and fern, the Rev. Ray Cox performed the double ring service.

Given in marriage by her father the bride wore a blue linen sheath dress accompanied with white accessories. Her corsage was a white orchid.

Miss Bobby Day attended as matron of honor and Mrs. C. E. Reynolds played traditional wedding music.

Douglas Linley served as best man.

The bride is a graduate of Tahoka High School and attended Draughts Business College. She is presently employed at Rigney Auto Parts.

The bridegroom graduated from Hereford High School and attended Texas Tech.

After a short trip the couple will be at home in Lubbock where the groom is employed at Firestone.

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Larry Ramsour Is Married At Athens

Miss Valetta Stripling, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Stripling, and Rev. James Larry Ramsour, son of Rev. and Mrs. Lee Ramsour exchanged marriage vows in a double ring ceremony Tuesday last week at 8 o'clock at the First Baptist in Athens.

The officiating minister was the bridegroom's father, who was assisted by the grandfather, the Rev. H. B. Ramsour.

The bridegroom's sister, Miss Betty Ramsour, was maid of honor.

Paxton Hutchison of Waco, formerly of Tahoka, served as best man.

The bride is a graduate of Athens High School and Henderson County Junior College, and at present is attending Baylor University.

The bridegroom, who is also attending Baylor University, is a graduate of Tahoka High School. The couple will make their home in Navarro Mills, where the Rev. Ramsour is the pastor of the Baptist Church.

Eastern Star To Install Officers

The Eastern Star cordially invites the public to attend their installation service to be held Friday, June 8 at 8 p. m.

Officers to be installed are: Helen Biggerstaff, Worthy Matron; Bill Biggerstaff, Worthy Patron; Virginia Yandell, associate matron; Ed Hamilton, associate patron; Margaret Stone, conductress; Lessie Cawthron, associate conductress; Tommy Ruth Oliver, secretary; Charles Whitfield, treasurer; J. B. Oliver, chaplain; Loyce Fleming, Marshal; Anita Billman, Organist.

Star points are Thelma Oliver, Clara Toler, Jewell Dudgeon, and Eddie Lois Whitfield. Warden is Florence Stone and W. E. Smith, sentinel.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee McFadden and Doc left Wednesday for a six day vacation at Christoval and San Saba. They will join Pete Ware and daughter, Jeanie, who are already there.

Mrs. W. A. Reddell, who was very ill last week, is much improved and able to be up a part of the time.

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Grassland MYF Elects Officers

The Grassland M. Y. F. got off to a good start for the new year. Ten were present Sunday evening for election of officers and for the program, according to Hazel Bean, publicity chairman.

The following were elected officers: Dixie Davis, president; Joyce Lauderdale, vice president; Dottie Harrison, secretary; Hazel Bean, publicity secretary; Harriett Bean, outreach; Patsy Norman, faith; Shirley Lauderdale, witness; Lyn-

dell Norman, fellowship; Lovern Lauderdale, citizenship; Jan Thomas, song leader and Nedra Roberts, pianist.

Tom Gills Leave On Canada Trip

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gill left Monday for a vacation trip to Canada. Mr. Gill will attend a thirteen day Telegraphers convention in Montreal.

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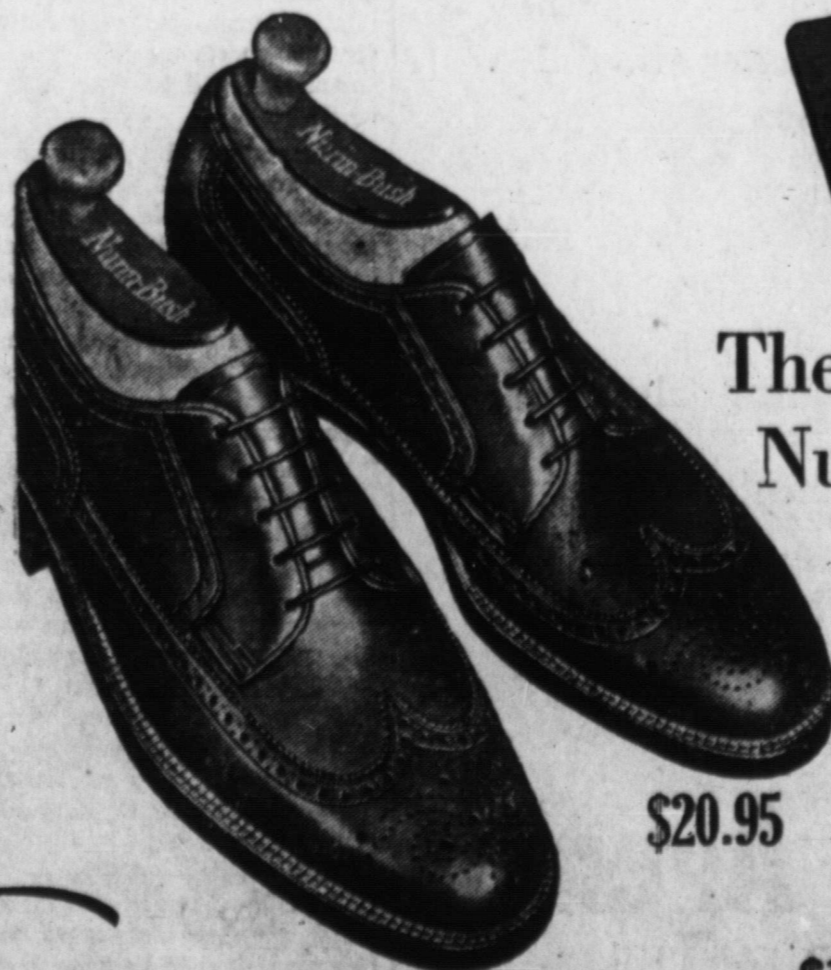
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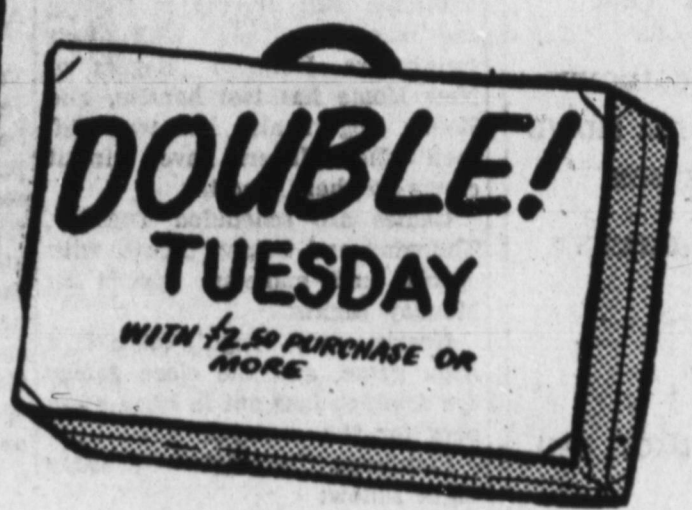


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Mr. and Mrs. LaGrone came to Lynn county in about 1930. They acquired two and a quarter sections of Lynn county farm land, and also engaged in extensive livestock farming for a number of years. In fact, livestock helped them build up their land holdings.

The LaGrones had a big chicken raising project, raised a lot of hogs, and kept a number of milch cows. They also carried out a big steer feeding program.

About ten years ago, they bought a wheat farm and ranch at Cameron, N. M., and last year they moved to this place. Mr. LaGrone does lots of hunting and fishing.

They have two children. Mrs. Harvey (Leola) Hatfield, formerly secretary of the First Baptist Church in Tahoka, now lives in Dallas. Their son, Leon, is with them on the Cameron ranch.

When the LaGrones left Lynn County, they rented their land to Welch Flippin. Mr. Flippin said the two and a quarter section of land and the 400 acres of Mary Ann at Midway.

Wilson, New Home Couple Married

Miss Margie Owens became the bride of Lehman Rodgers Saturday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Patterson, of Wilson. Rev. H. F. Scott read the ceremony.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Owens of Houston and Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Rodgers, Route 1, Wilson.

The bride wore a powder blue nylon dress with white accessories and carried a white Bible topped with pink rosebuds.

After a wedding trip to points in Texas, the couple will be at home in Wilson where the bridegroom is engaged in farming. The bride, a graduate of Wilson High School, is presently employed at the Wilson State Bank. The bridegroom is a graduate of New Home High School.

The Lynn County News

SECOND SECTION
Tahoka, Texas, Friday, June 8, 1956

D. G. Phipps Is Early Settler

D. G. Phipps of San Antonio, formerly of Lynn county and who still owns considerable land in the Wells area, was a visitor in The News office last Friday.

While here, he got to reminiscing about "the good old days" that were not quite so good.

Raised in Travis county, Mr. Phipps came out to Nolan county in 1902 and worked on the Jess Everett ranch at Decker, south of Sweetwater, breaking horses for \$15.00 a month. It was rough, tough work, and he still bears scars and a bad wrist as evidence.

While in Nolan, he became acquainted with the famed "Booger Red" and "Booger Red Junior," two tough cowboys who were on the road a lot of the time with their rodeo, one of the first traveling rodeos in the west. "Booger Red" then had a ranch about where Blackwell is now. He is said to have ridden broncs when in his seventies, and is said to have originated the rodeo contest of bulldogging.

The next year, Mr. Phipps went back home, and in 1903 married a Gonzales county girl. They lived in Travis county for some time, and then came out to Lynn county in 1915 to cast their lot in this new farming area.

The Phipps had not been in the Wells area long until the drouth of 1917 and 1918 came along, and D. G. went back to cowboying on the Singleton and other ranches to help make a living.

On one occasion, either in 1918 or 1919, he was caught about ten miles from the ranch headquarters in a snowstorm. He took shelter in a shed, while the thermometer dropped to 10 below. Back at home, the kids walked two and a

half miles through the snow to school.

These are some of the reasons D. G. thinks times and living are a little better now. However, he admits he would like to see a little more of the wet storms of the past.

After acquiring enough property by such hard work to take care of them, a few years ago, Mr. and Mrs. Phipps moved to San Antonio

on account of her health. But they still call Lynn county home, and come back every little while.

One son, Buster, who farms a section near the Hagood places, has his dad's love for good horses. Buster has some fine race horses that frequently are in the winning at Ruidoso Downs. Having to farm, Buster does not follow the races much himself, but rents his horses out to an operator at Ruidoso, who keeps, trains, and runs them for a part of the profits.

Ross Williamson of Wilson has moved to Bangs, and hopes the move will give him some relief for his asthma.

Edgar Hammonds Ft. Lee Graduate

Fort Lee, Va.—Pvt. Edgar M. Hammonds Jr., 19, whose parents live in Tahoka, recently was graduated from the parachute packing, maintenance, and aerial delivery course at the Quartermaster School, Fort Lee, Va.

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Hammonds entered the Army in August 1955 and completed basic training at Fort Bragg, N. C.

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Grassland Gin Elects Directors

Nearly 300 people attended the annual membership meeting of Grassland Cooperative Gin Monday night.

Amos Gerner was re-elected a director, and Anton Mueller and Gerald Norman were named new directors. Hold-overs are L. S. Turner, C. M. Greer, Thurman Francis, and Ted Aten.

President, L. S. Turner issued the welcome, and Secretary Carl Greer made his report. C. C. Donaldson made the annual financial report.

Brief talks were made on the Plains Cotton Growers by Irby G. Metcalf, Jr., of the First National Bank of Post; Farmers Cooperative Compress by a Mr. Wiley; and Plains Cooperative Oil Mill, by Otha Key.

The meeting was held in the new gin building. New machinery had not yet been installed, the building made a good meeting place.

All the doughnuts, coffee, ice cream and soda pop that the people wanted were served.

Mrs. John (Dell) Reagan of Floydada is here this week visiting her sisters, Mrs. Harley Henderson and Mrs. Frand Hill.

John Foster, student in A. and M. College, is home for the summer.

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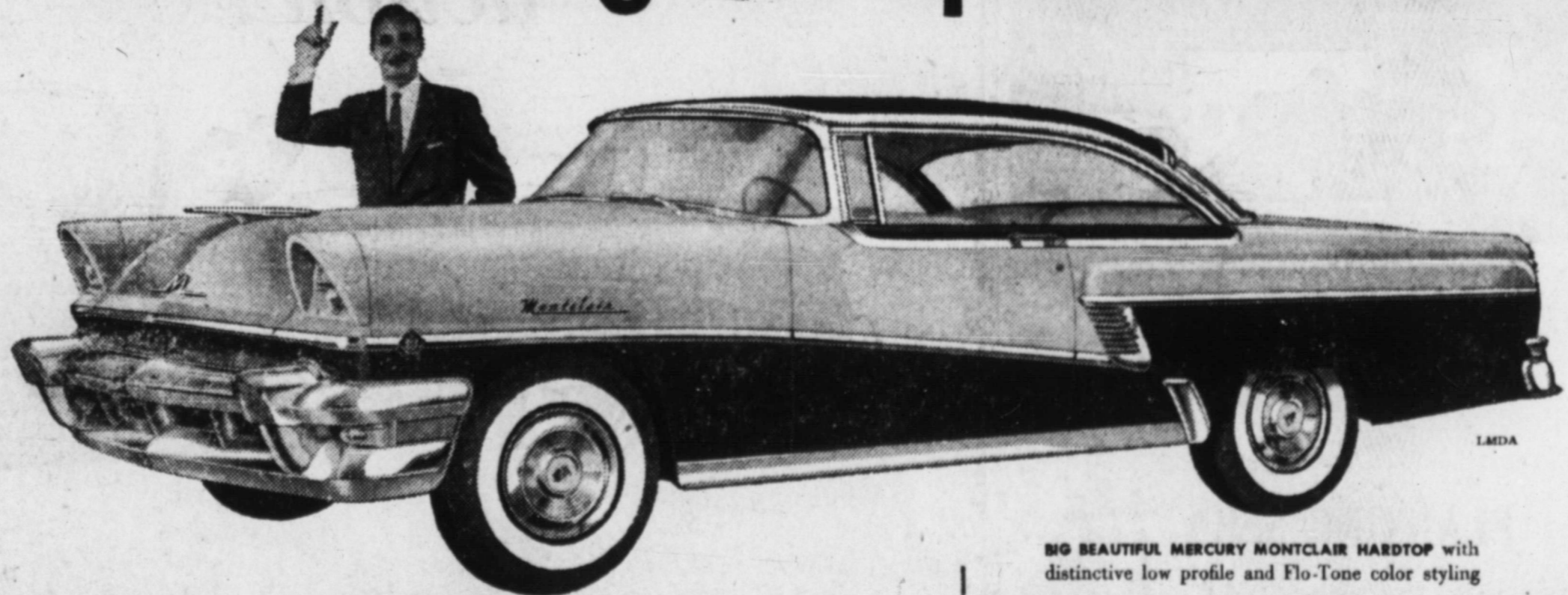
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(By E. I. The Elder)

During Sam Houston's boyhood life among the East Tennessee Cherokee Indians he was intent on paying his just part of the expense and so he ran a credit account, and by the time he was 19 years old in 1812, he found that this account amounted to \$100.00. It was in 1812 that the war with Great Britain broke out, and like most Tennesseans, Virginians, Carolinians, and other Southerners, young Sam was enthusiastically for the War and wanted to get into it himself. His brother Robert had already enlisted in the regular army. He was fairly aching to get into the army too, but he was determined to pay that debt first. So, he began to look for a job. He was no farmer, nor wood-chopper, nor rail-splitter, and seeing nothing else in sight where he could earn the money, he announced one day to the utter amazement of all his kin-folks and friends that he was going to open a private subscription school. He hoped to get the use in the summer months of the sprawling log school-house in Maryville in which the Porter Academy conducted its regular sessions but found that it was not available.

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ed away. "Professor" Sam Houston, graduate of that "Cherokee Indian University" situated down the river where the Hiwassee flows into the Tennessee, was making good as a school teacher.

Nobody has enlightened us as to Sam's methods or technique as an instructor, but of course he had many good stories, thrilling and instructive, to tell those kids about the Indians, for one thing, and the kids fairly ate those stories up, I guess.

Well, Sam's school ran till corn-gathering time in November, and by that time Sam had paid all his debts and had money in his pockets.

Sam Houston must have been a Mark Hopkins kind of teacher. The remark is attributed to President Garfield, one of Mark Hopkins' former students, that, "A log with a student at one end and Mary Hopkins at the other is my ideal college."

But Sam Houston was not content to teach school however capable he may have been.

On June 21, 1812, before his school term was out, a courier from Washington had brought the news to Maryville and to all Tennessee that war between the United States and Great Britain had been declared and war enthusiasm ran high. Volunteers were called for in two divisions, one from East Tennessee and one from West Tennessee. Major General Andrew Jackson offered his services to President Madison and proposed to raise an army of 2,000 men consisting of the Tennessee State Militia. In January, 1813 he was ordered to go to New Orleans. He proceeded as far as Natchez, Mississippi, and stopped there to organize his troops. At that point he found that the Creek Indians, who had been allies of the British in the Revolutionary War, and had ever been hostile to the Americans, were organizing their forces to join up with the British.

While he was still waiting there in March, 1813, Jackson received orders from Washington to disband his men and send them home. No pay, no rations, and no transportation had been furnished them and they were hundreds of miles away from home. Naturally, he was furious, as he had a right to be. But he obeyed orders and furnished transportation to the men on his own account. Later he was able to collect from the Government the amount paid by him to the soldiers. Many of the men accepted discharges, however, leaving Jackson with a greatly diminished army. This embarrassing situation, it should be stated, resulted from no fault of the Administration in Washington but from a lack of sufficient appropriations on the part of Congress with which to carry on the War. There was much crippling opposition to the War both in Congress and in great sections of the country in New England and the Middle Atlantic states north of Virginia.

In the meantime the Creek Indians of Florida and Alabama were becoming more and more hostile and menacing at the time. Jackson was handling the situation as best he could under the circumstances.

In the meantime Sam's school had closed, late in the fall. He had heard numbers of pleas for volunteers to fight the British. But no fighting of the British had been done so far in New Orleans or vicinity and just a drab army camp life of inactivity in dull-colored unattractive uniform was not the kind of army life that appealed to Sam. So he entered Porter Academy for the winter. But he still showed little interest in school work and was a rather provoking pupil.

Came March, 1813, and Sam and a friend stood on a street corner in Maryville listening to a regular army recruiting officer as he was making an appeal to men to join the regular army.

"White pantaloons and waistcoats for every man," he heard the officer say. Flags were flying and the big drums sounded, and the officer made an appealing talk. The moment he finished Sam stepped up and made application for service in the Army. He had just recently passed his twentieth birthday and therefore had to get his mother's consent. As she gave it she slipped a plain gold ring on his finger, a kind of charm supposed to ward off evil from the life of a young soldier. On the inside of the ring was engraved the single word "Honor," which ring he was still wearing at the time of his death down here in Texas fifty years later.

Before he left for the army, his mother presented to him a second gift, a musket with this admonition: "My son, take this musket and never disgrace it: for remember, I had rather all my sons should fill one honorable grave than that one of them should turn his back to save his life. Go, and remember, too, that while the door of my cabin is open to brave men, it is eternally shut against cowards."

I am indebted to Marquis James, author of The Raven, for this quotation, who believes that they were the exact words of Sam Houston's mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Paxton Houston. She was indeed a wonderful woman—one of the

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real heroines of the East Tennessee frontier.

When Sam Houston left home for service in the Army, he joined up with the encampment of the 7th Infantry at Knoxville, which was about 15 miles north of Maryville. It was probably the largest town in East Tennessee at that time. Now I am going to quote another paragraph from The Raven: "In thirty days he (Houston) was drill sergeant. In four months he was commissioned an

ensign and transferred to the 39th Infantry. After a year of careful preparation, the 39th regiment took the field. Not, however, to fight the British. At the last moment it was diverted against a strong tribe of Creek Indians who had gone over to the English. But the Cherokees whose hospitality Houston had enjoyed three years were loyal. A band of their warriors—John and James Rogers among them—went ahead as scouts when the 39th Infantry marched (Con't. on next Page)

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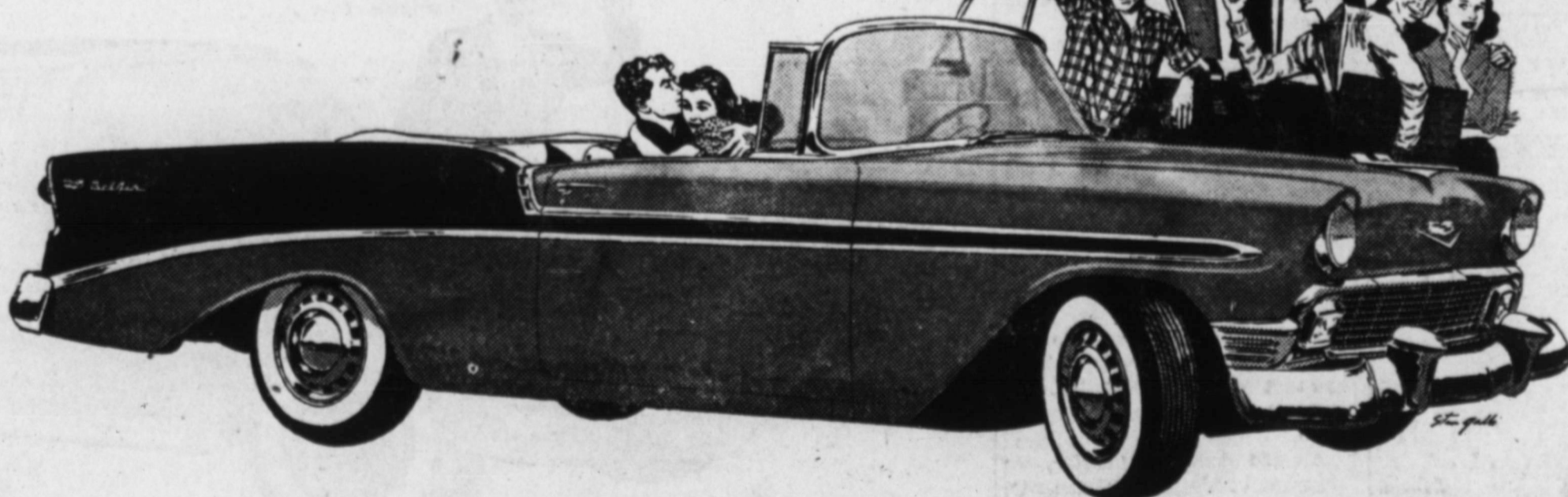
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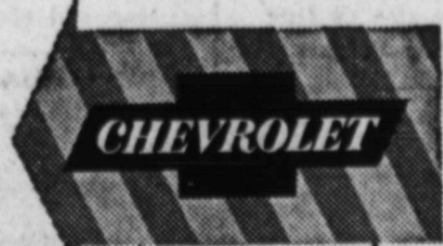
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into the wilderness of the Creek country.

The Creeks were the principal Indian tribe in Alabama. They had long been hostile toward the whites and furthermore had a real grievance against the whites. The territory had been guaranteed to them by a treaty, which the whites had violated. When the War of 1812 between the United States and Great Britain broke out, the Creeks took advantage of the situation to get revenge and to drive the whites out by lining up with the British. Old Chief Tecumseh, described in the World Book as a masterful organizer and a powerful orator, did come down into Alabama and stir them up mightily. He was encouraged and assisted in this atrocious task by a British brigadier-general. It was into the midst of this struggle with the Creeks that Sam Houston and the 39th Infantry plunged when they went to the assistance of the brave but beleaguered Andrew Jackson. The Creeks were being led in the fighting by a half-breed Indian named Bill Weatherford. In August Weatherford and his band had fallen upon an American Stockade and murdered and scalped four hundred of the occupants. With some 2,500 volunteers, Jackson then turned upon the crafty incarnate Devil and won the first two battles. By that time, a lot of the white soldiers were ready to quit and go back to their own homes, and others were inclined to be mutinous, and the next two battles were indecisive. General Jackson expressed delight at the arrival of Sam Houston and the 39th regiment of the Regular army.

At To-ho-pe-ka, (Horse-shoe) bend, on the Tallapoosa River in Alabama, the Indian leader, Weatherford, was waiting. He had put the finishing touches on his entrenchments and his position apparently was practically unconquerable. It enclosed 100 washed, and brush-covered land, and across the neck of the peninsula, Weatherford had built a wall of log breastworks. Around the end of the peninsula flowed the Tallapoosa River; and in the river at the end of the peninsula Weatherford had tied a fleet of canoes in which to insure the escape of his men if escape became necessary.

Now here is Marquis James' story of the battle. "Jackson surrounded the peninsula. Cherokee scouts swam the river and carried off Weatherford's canoes. A thousand men were drawn up on the land-side to storm the breastworks. Interpreters were sent to tell the Creeks to send their non-combatants across the river. At ten o'clock on the morning of March twenty-seventh, Jackson's two little cannons began to whang away at the breastworks at eighty yards. The round shot sank harmlessly in the spongy green logs, and Creek sharpshooters picked off the artillerymen at the guns.

"The infantry attack was delayed until the Indian women and children were conveyed to places of safety. This was completed at twelve-thirty o'clock. The 'Red Sticks' signaled that they were roll, and the Infantry charged.

"The Regulars reached the ramparts first. Major Lemuel P. Montgomery scaled them and toppled back dead, but his name survives in the capital city of Alabama.

Ensign Sam Houston was the next man on the works. Waving his sword he leaped down among the Red Sticks on the other side. The platoon scrambled after its leader. The first men over found him, covered with blood beating off a ring of Indians with his sword.

The ramparts were taken. Ensign Houston tried to pull out an arrow that was sticking in his thigh, but it would not come. He asked a lieutenant who was fighting near by to remove it. The officer gave a pull, but the arrow was a barbed one and held fast. The lieutenant said to go to a surgeon. Infuriated by pain, Houston brandished his sword and commanded the lieutenant to pull with all his strength. The officer braced himself and yanked the arrow out, but made such gash that Houston limped away to find the surgeons. They plugged up the wound and Houston was lying on the ground to steady himself when Jackson rode by.

He inquired about Houston's injury and ordered him not to return to the battle. Houston later said he might have obeyed if he had not recalled his boast that Maryville should hear of him before he got back.

But the Indians, even after their fortifications had been overrun, did not give up. As crude and superstitious in their religious beliefs as they may seem to have been in the eyes of white Christians, they believe in an all-powerful and overruling Great Spirit, and in the face of the direct extremity, they put their faith in him, as the events of that day will show.

Again quoting Mr. James: "When their fortifications were overrun, the Creeks split into bands and retreated into underground, which made ideal Indian fighting ground. Twenty small-battles raged at once, each a confusion of arrows, balls, spears, tomahawks, and knives. The Red Sticks fought with the impersonal courage that is a part of the Indian culture." They were not discouraged utterly by the terrific defeat they had suffered thus far. They believed that the Great Spirit was only testing their faith, and they believed that He would yet intervene in their behalf and give them victory. "Their medicine men had said so. The signal would be a cloud in the heavens." So the Creek leader, Weatherford, the half-breed, fought on under a cloudless sky. The courage of his warriors was sustained by assurances given by the medicine men who moved among them impressively scanning the heavens. Weatherford would listen to no suggestion on the part of Jackson that hostilities cease, even though Jackson had suspended fighting temporarily. Eventually, during

this lull, a small cloud did appear in the heavens; and the medicine men "redoubled their incantations, and the warriors renewed the fight with fanatic fury." The cloud brought a light shower on the battlefield but no drops of mercy on the infuriated Indian demons.

General Jackson called for volunteers to storm one stronghold of the enemy. Officers and their men for a moment hesitated, and then Ensign Houston, though suffering from the wound he had already received, called upon his men to follow him. When some of them still hesitated, he seized a musket from one of them and ordered a charge. Now again I quote: "The only chance of success was to rush the port-holes which bristled with arrows and rifle barrels. Houston plunged on, and when five yards from the redoubt stopped and leveled his piece. He received a volley from the port-holds, one ball shattered his right arm. Another smashed his right shoulder. His musket fell to the ground and his command took cover. The rash boy officer tried to rally his men; they failed him, and alone he climbed back up the ravine under fire and collapsed when he reached the top.

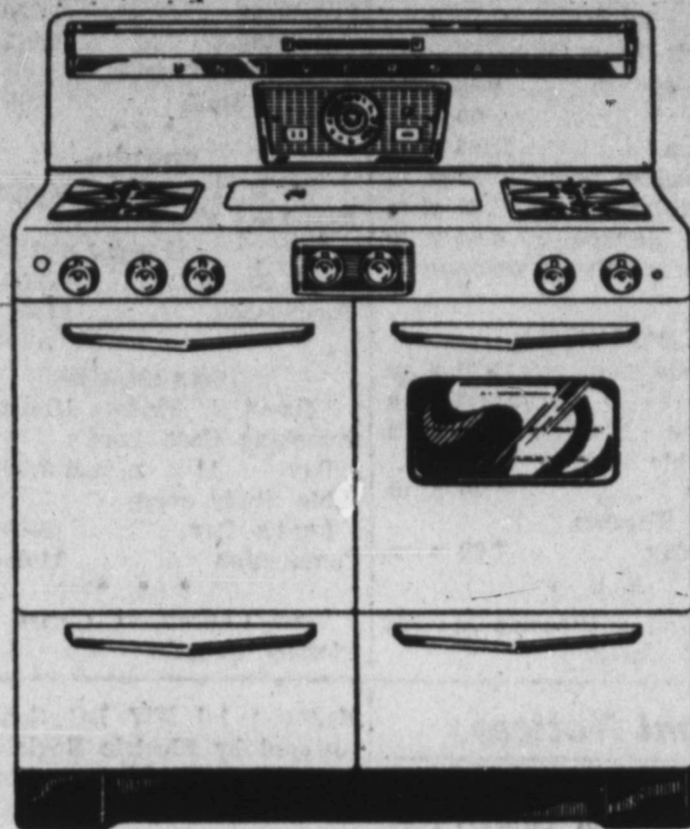
Jackson reduced the redoubt by setting fire to it with flaming arrows. The Creek Insurrection was over, and the British were without military representation in the South."

Have any of you at any time read of more heroic conduct than that exhibited at the Battle of Horse-Shoe Bend, by this 21-year-old Tennessee Ensign, Sam Houston, much of which occurred after he was wounded, sick, and ready to die?

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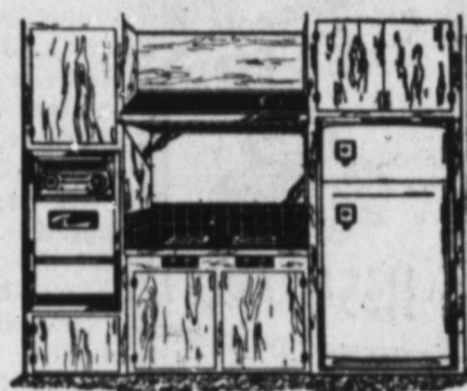
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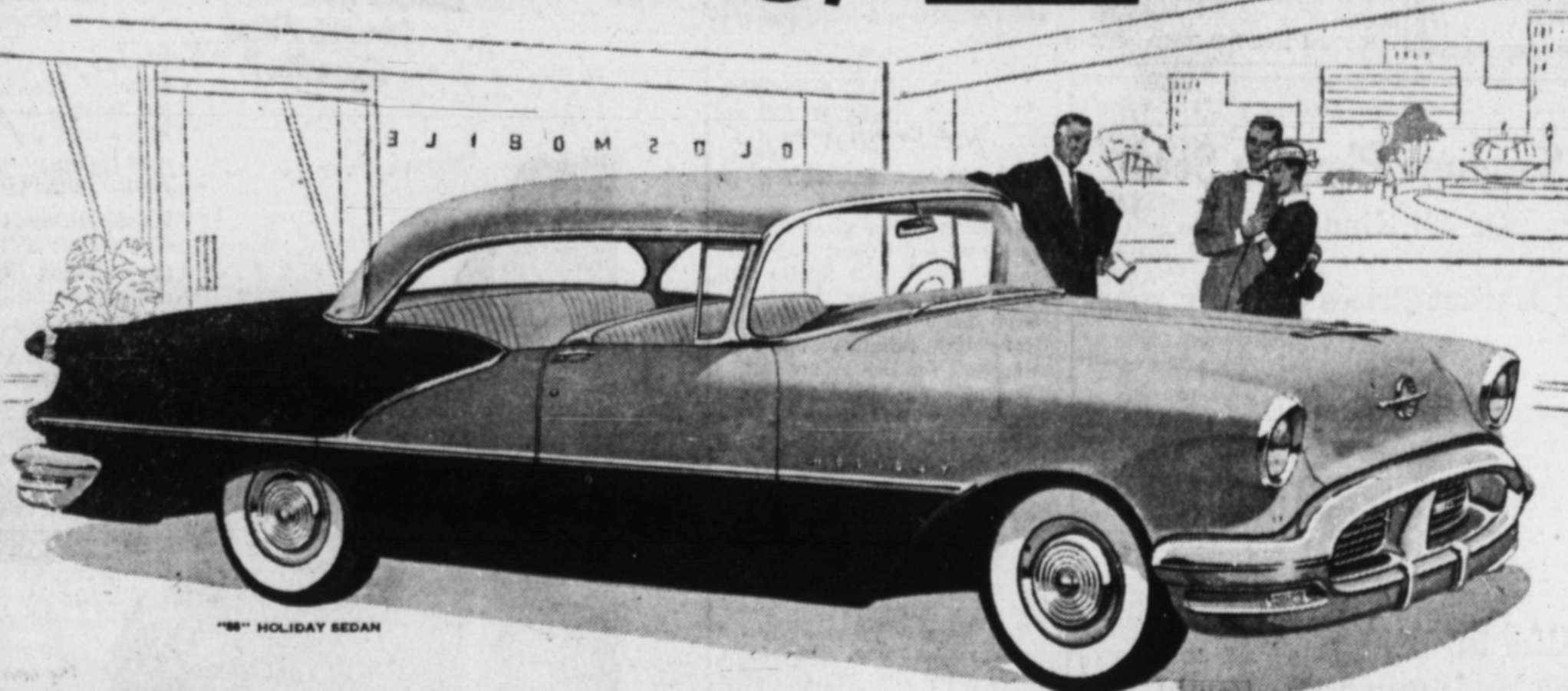
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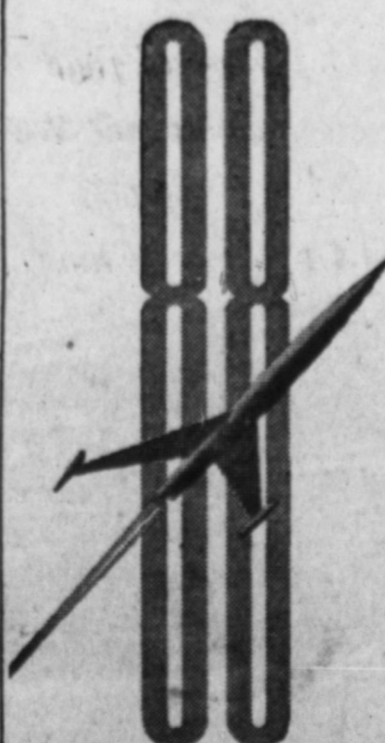
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