

Bellaire Girls' School Has Active Bible Classes

The Sunday school closed a year's work Sunday, September 30, with an enthusiastic review. Each class was given 31 questions and the class making the highest average received the banner. The average per cent of each Sunday's lesson is made up from the following items: Attendance, 10 per cent; quarterlies in class, 10 per cent; Bibles in class, 30 per cent; number taking part, 50 per cent. In getting the percentage for the quarter the general average of each Sunday's lesson, the number of questions answered in the review and the number of pupils taking part were the factors used. The young people's class received the banner for the quarter.

On October 7 the school began the new year by changing from the international series to the graded series of lessons. There are four departments—the juniors, who study the creation, with lessons found in Genesis; the intermediates, divided into three classes, who are studying the life of Jesus according to the gospel of Mark; the seniors, who are studying the poetry of the Bible, and

the young people's class, who are studying the rise of the Hebrew nation. Every member of each class keeps a note book in which outlines, illustrations and other data are recorded.

Dr. E. P. West of the Heights Baptist church preached at 4 p. m. His subject was "Think on These Things." The text was found in Phillipians, iv:8. The sermon was made more helpful by his wise choice of illustrations, many of them being taken from his experiences during his recent visit of the East. The glee club sang a special two-part song at the service.

The Senior Christian Endeavor subject was "The Word of God," with the Scripture lesson taken from parts of the 119th Psalm. The leader's talk was very interesting. It began with an explanation of the "Alphabet Psalm," telling how it was built up, for what purpose it was written and the lessons it contains for us. Other good talks followed and the glee club sang two special songs, accompanied by the violin.

The regular Bible verse recitation work for Sunday was the first eight verses of the 96th Psalm.

Commissioners Accept New Girls' Dormitory

The Harris County commissioners court Thursday afternoon accepted from Contractor Fred Chambers the new dormitory for girls at the Harris County School for Girls, which will be known as "Bayland Cottage."

The building, with outside improvements will cost the county approximately \$50,000. It was built to house about 50 dependent children. The old Bayland Home, about two miles away, will be the home for dependent boys.

The building was erected on the "unit plan," in view of the fact that the county contemplates additions at some time in the future, and is modern in every respect. The building has all the best conveniences of a new city home.

Under the direction of Miss Claxton, in charge of the home, the commissioners, County Judge Chester H. Bryan, County Auditor H. L. Washburn, Architects Cato and Enders and others were served with lunch at the home.

The motto for the home is "For every child let truth spring from earth and justice and mercy look down from heaven."

BAYLAND COTTAGE, LITTLE GIRLS' HAVEN



Half a hundred of Harris county's dependent little girls will have a home in a class with the majority of their more fortunate sisters following completion of Bayland cottage, the elaborate new \$50,000 county structure near Bellaire.

The building, practically complete, was inspected by Judge Chester H. Bryan and other county officials during the past week.

Within a few days moving of furniture and the possessions of 46 little dependent girls from the old Bayland orphanage to the new home will be

begun. Bayland cottage was originally conceived when the old Bayland orphanage was deeded to the county on condition that a new home be constructed for dependent girls and that the old structure be utilized as a home for boys. Following removal of the girls to the palatial new home, the old home will be turned over to the boys at once, it is understood.

A pretentious structure, 92 by 104 feet, with a broad 90-foot veranda across the front, the new home represents all that is modern and comfort-

able in such an institution. Built-in features, with an abundance of clothes closets, shower baths, and two immense sleeping porches make the structure as near a real home as possible. The upstairs consists of 20 girls' rooms, four large rooms for teachers, and the baths and sleeping porches. Down stairs are the offices, living room, school rooms, dining hall and kitchen.

Landscaping will give the final home touch to the cottage, while it will be furnished in mahogany finish. Enders and Cato are architects, F. B. Chambers the builder.

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This certifies that

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Chapter, for the school year 1926-1927

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24 ARE GRADUATED
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SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

Rev. Henry Barnston
Gives Commencement
Talk; Prizes Awarded

Twenty-four graduates of the Harris County School for Girls at Bellaire received diplomas Monday night in commencement exercises held on the school grounds before Cargill Cottage. The commencement address was delivered by Rev. Henry Barnston. Judge Chester H. Bryan superintended the awarding of diplomas, class pins and prizes. Ennis Cargill, school president, introduced the speakers. Addresses by the class president, valedictorian and salutatorian completed the program. The musical element was provided by several group songs and by a charmingly presented operetta, "The Witch of the Fairy Dell," given by members of the lower grades.

Announce Prize Winners.

Prize winners in various contests, scholastic and otherwise, were announced as follows:

Miss Grace, first scholarship, \$50.
Miss Valor, first scholarship medal

Miss Muriel, first scholarship, grammar grades.

Miss Crystal, second scholarship, seventh grade.

Miss Isabel, proficiency medal for all-around supremacy in school activities.

Miss Dora, silver pencil, seventh grade, penmanship.

Miss Muriel, \$5 gold piece, habitual user of best English.

Miss Muriel, who took two prizes, is a tiny fifth grade pupil. She was chosen by vote of the entire school to receive the "better English" prize, given by W. W. Baldwin of Chicago, who made a short talk toward the close of the program.

The names of the 1923 graduates are as follows: Alma, Crystal, Lena, Dora, Eve, Gladys, Irene, Isabel, Jessie, Jennie, Lenora, Lottie, Lucille, Lorraine, Mary Ann, Martha, Mattie, Marguerite, Marie, May, Nina, Opal, Orietta, Ruth and Valor.

School Founded in 1914.

The school was founded in 1914. It now has two large buildings, used both for dormitories and for class rooms, with another "cottage" in process of erection. The grounds are kept in excellent shape, by the girls themselves, and the surroundings are beautiful.

The grammar grades from the fourth through the seventh, and three high school grades, are provided. Some of the graduates attended four years of Houston High school, while others are sent to Houston for college entrance work after completing the three-year course at Bellaire.

Sewing, canning, housekeeping, laundry and other industrial and household arts also are taught, and plenty of recreation furnished. The school contains at present 134 girls.

GIRLS' SCHOOL GIVES SNAPPY HOLIDAY FETE

Cottage Halloween Parties Feature County Institute Entertainment

A Halloween party planned entirely by the students of the school was given Saturday night at the Harris County School for Girls. Each of the three cottages gave a program of its own and worked up the material for them without help of the teachers.

The party at the new Bayland building was given an extra weird Halloween effect by the fact that there are no electric lights in the building. The party was given by candlelight and had a real Halloween atmosphere, one could imagine ghosts and all sorts of unearthly things were lurking in the shadows cast by the candles and the shadows that danced on the wall.

The house was very prettily decorated, much work being spent by the pupils on the decorating for the occasion. The program consisted of Halloween games such as bobbing for apples, and eating marshmallows. Of course the old witch was there and told fortunes, and performed magic tricks. The evening at Bayland was under the direction of Miss Ella McKinley.

At Gray cottage a very entertaining program was presented. Fancy dances were given by two of the students, and a one act sketch entitled, "Who Was Scared," was presented, with all its ghostly element that turned out to be one of the students, who in the play dressed up to counter-scare some fellow students that were planning to scare certain members of the faculty. After the play, Halloween games were played, refreshments were served.

A most elaborate program was given at Cargill cottage. The program included: "The Dance of Ghosts," in which the students went through a number of ghostly drills on the stage, and gave one a queer feeling when they uttered their weird shrieks and cries, in the semi-darkness of the room. Next came the brownies, who sang and danced and chased the ghosts away.

The next number was a wax works show of the people of all nations. Each nation in turn was called upon by the Halloween fairy to perform for the audience. The old witch told a Halloween story, and her cat, who was one of the children dressed in a very clever costume, cut capers around the stage, creating much mirth among the spectators. The wise old owl recited a poem, and the Chinaman told a story. The Eskimo, sang a song about his native land, that was followed by a song from Holland, who was dressed in a Dutch costume. The Indian sang an Indian song and gave a poem on Halloween. The little Japanese maid, sang and did a quaint Oriental dance, and an amusing song was given by Sambo with his banjo who sang as he did an old-fashioned elog dance.

Next came the poppy girls, all dressed in yellow who did a dance and sang before the wax works show. The closing number was a chorus and grand march of the wax works show, who were unlocked by the fairy queen and allowed to return to life.

The program at Cargill was under the direction of Miss Alma Garrison.

After the program, the party was continued in the dining room where Halloween games were played and refreshments served.

County Girls' School Anita Dunn, Correspondent.

Such laughing, skipping and rushing work you never saw when it was announced to the girls in the Old Bayland cottage that they were to move to their new Bayland cottage that very day.

All morning the youngsters worked, getting their playthings, books, clothing and other belongings into bundles and boxes so they would be ready to go on the first trip—for you see there were many girls and each girl had many things and the school truck is very small. The packing was finally finished, even the last look around was over and each one had hands, arms and pockets full, then all sat down beside their bundles to wait for the truck. The afternoon passed slowly—so slowly that the little girls imagined they could have had time to move the whole world.

Car Comes.

Darkness began to settle around the world and despair was just getting ready to settle on the hearts of the youngsters when far down the white shelled road the weak little chug, chug of the faithful old truck and trailer was wafted on the breeze to the ears of the waiting girls.

In a few minutes "our Ford" arrived without light, without honker and almost without motor power, after its exertion from several trips to town and other small errands.

Now the scramble began, the Ruggles family can't compare with us when we move. There were only the lights of the cottage to help see how to get the truck and trailer packed to its utmost capacity and cranked and cranked and pushed and persuaded, and finally it began to move toward the new cottage. In the course of 30 minutes or more the school van steamed up to the new home, which is a beautiful modern building equipped with everything except the one thing necessary, especially at that particular time, lights.

There were exclamations of "Why we are Pilgrims! Look at the candles!" For sure enough the cottage was lighted with the old tallow candles. Not many of the children had ever heard of what Shakespeare said about the candle's beam, but they realized the truth of its welcoming rays, clamored out of the truck and entered their new home. Two or three trips of our truck succeeded in getting all the girls over, and enough things to spend the night. Just as soon as each little girl found her pretty new room that had been prepared for her, 48 little hearts were lifted up to God in prayer, then all was quiet at new Bayland cottage until a new day had dawned.

County Girls' School Anita Dunn, Correspondent.

Last Saturday the girls felt almost as though a fairy godmother had visited them when it was announced that Mrs. Saunders had invited the Circle Girls to see the grand opera "La Boheme." The first question was "Do we know the story?" Some of the girls then took time to look it up and to make it known to the rest.

Twenty students took the 7 o'clock car, reached the auditorium in plenty of time and were given seats in the family circle. Ennis Cargill, one of our very best friends, sat with us and made the evening still more delightful by explaining the scenes. The little Japanese actress, who had taken the part of Madam Butterfly in the opera the evening before, sat a few seats in front of us. We were very glad to see this charming little lady.

Those who remained at home had an enjoyable evening because they were entertained by the moving picture "Timothy's Quest." The seven-reel film lasted two hours. This is a beautiful story and there were not many dry eyes while some of the scenes were being so vividly portrayed. This was one of several such evenings spent with our new model Zenith machine which we purchased in the summer and which will be used throughout the year for educational purposes as well as for pleasure.

County Girls' School Anita Dunn, Correspondent.

Last Saturday evening an honest-to-goodness Indian chief, with feathers, moccasins and everything, came to our school.

This Indian, Chief Red Fox by name, was dressed in his native costume. This was the first time a real Indian chief ever has visited our school, and we were very interested in the things he told us about the customs and ideals of his people. The chief was educated in the famous Indian school in Pennsylvania and is a 101 per cent American. He explains that the reason he is 101 per cent American is that his people were here long before the white man discovered the land.

Chief Red Fox was not old enough to take part in the Indian wars, but the last great battles were fought when he was only 6 years old, and his

father, Chief Black Eagle, took an active part in the encounters.

Before Chief Red Fox gave his lecture and native dances a series of educational pictures were shown. They were as follows: "Across the Ocean on a Great Liner," "The Rediscovery of the French River" and "Correct Table Service." After study hall on Monday evening slides were shown on "Hiawatha," and then the girls voted to have some of the pictures that were shown on Saturday evening shown again.

Tuesday afternoon Donald Gould gave us a very interesting talk on the manufacture of paper. He took up the industry at the time the wood, which is the chief ingredient of the paper, was still in the forest. Told how the trees were cut, carried to the rivers and floated down the rivers to the mills, or to the place they have to be loaded on boats or trains to be transported to the mills. The special kind of paper, Mr. Gould explained, was that which is used for news papers. He has promised to come back some time and tell us what happens to the paper while it is in the printing machines.

Tuesday evening a birthday dinner for the girls who have had birthdays in November was celebrated. This being Thanksgiving, and also turkey month, the table was very attractively decorated in the holiday scheme, with miniature turkeys for favors. When the December birthday has been given we will then have celebrated all of the birthdays of the year.

County Girls' School Anita Dunn, Correspondent.

The regular meeting of the senior circle was held at 5 p. m. Wednesday. There seems to be greater interest at each meeting. At this meeting we were very glad to readmit one of our older girls into the circle, and we hope that she will prove to be a strong and helpful member.

During the last month we have had four virtues, friendship, influence, character and courage. We had a very inspiring program on the last: speeches, recitations, themes and a debate were given. The debate was on "Resolved, that the people of Christ's day had more courage than the people of today."

A regular meeting of the junior circle was held the same day at 7 p. m. The correspondent was invited to attend this meeting. The subject of the meeting was politeness. The following definition of politeness was given "Politeness is the quality of being polite; it shows good breeding, courtesy, refinement and civility." There are 12 members in the junior circle. One of the members was admitted at this meeting.

If one would visit our school at most any time it would be hard for them to tell whether we were Americans or Spaniards, for in all class rooms you hear such as this, "Gracias, senorita," and then if no response is heard the speaker will again say, "Gracias, senorita," until the reply is heard, "No ida se," which means thank you, or you are welcome.

All the students of the Spanish classes, which are composed not only of the girls, but of some of the teachers, have organized a Spanish club. At the first regular meeting, which was held on Friday evening, a very interesting program was given. It was composed of Spanish songs, dances and readings. After the regular program all of the members except the ones on the initiation committee were excused from the room and then were called in one by one to be initiated into the club. After the initiation each girl feels that she is a 100 per cent member of the club. It is very interesting to know that there are about 40 members in the club, and we feel sure that it will not only be interesting, but that it will be very educational, and will make each member more enthusiastic over her Spanish lessons.

BELLAIRE SCHOOL GIRLS ENTERTAIN SALESMAN'S CLUB

Members Delightfully Sur- prised by Guests at Bay- shore Home

Another of those unexpected, but gratifying, surprises in the way of amateur performances was given to the club members of the Salesmanship club, their wives and friends, Friday night when the girls from the Bellaire school held open house and presented a program in honor and appreciation of the club, at the Bayshore Orphan home at Seabrook.

The girls of the Bellaire school have been the guests of the Salesmanship club at the home for a period of from one to two weeks each summer for the past two years and this year the club has entertained over 70 of the girls at the home, giving them a fortnight's outing and bathing on the shores of Galveston bay, where they may frolic to their heart's content in the bright sunshine and dancing water.

Two Skits Presented.

The short program was prepared, rehearsed and presented by the girls themselves and consisted of two skits, solos and numbers by the girl's glee club. The hit of the evening was the skit by eight girls entitled "Sister Masons," and represented a meeting of a lodge of lady Masons and an attempt at initiation of a candidate. It was a screaming farce cleverly executed parodying the reported ritual of the order, and brought storms of applause from the guests.

The next was a sketch "Embalming of Ebenezer," and portrayed well and faithfully the credulity and superstition of the negro. The rendition of the negro dialect was excellent and showed hard study. The solos were well rendered and the numbers given by the glee club were encored and encored. All the parts were taken by the girls and displayed histrionic ability of no mean order. Following the program refreshments were served and the evening closed with dancing.

Large Number Present.

Members of the club and their invited guests motored down from the city and a large number were present to partake of the girls' hospitality. The seats for the performance were in the open air, on the spacious lawn in front of the home, which was illuminated with electric lights through the courtesy of R. E. Houser, who installed a light truck with half a dozen motor batteries which furnished the current.

With the last contingent of children from one of the institutions in Houston which will be taken to the home Sunday, the home will close for the

day week after a most successful term since the opening of the warm weather. The bay shore home is maintained by the Salesmanship club solely for the benefits of the orphans and poorer children of Houston as a playground for health and recreation of those who otherwise would not receive this.

Rotarians Make Trip to Bellaire

More than 60 members of the Houston Rotary Club attended the dinner given by the Harris County School for Girls at Bellaire last night, the event being an annual pre-Christmas affair.

A delicious dinner was served, several impromptu talks were given and a Christmas fund of \$265 was contributed by the Rotarians present. In addition Baldwin & Cargill contributed a splendid large assortment of fruits for Christmas use.

WILL ENLARGE GIRLS SCHOOL

Harris County's facilities for taking care of its dependent and delinquent girls will be increased during 1922 by the construction of a new unit at the School for Girls at Bellaire, it was announced Tuesday.

Provision for the expenditure of \$27,500 for a new building and for the levying of a special tax of 2 cents on the \$100 valuation in connection with the annual county tax to be fixed in August was made by the commissioners court in adopting its 1922 budget.

Under the law provision for levying the tax must be made at the same time as the appropriation.

"We have needed additional facilities for some time at the girls' institution," Judge Bryan said Tuesday. "There are 124 girls at the school and conditions have been becoming more and more crowded."

With some minor changes from the tentative budget as published yesterday, the commissioners court adopted the new budget after an all-day session. The appropriation for the county library was increased \$1000, making it \$12,000.

According to County Auditor Washburn, the adopted budget will exceed this year's revenue by approximately \$15,000. The budget may be reduced to that extent at any time during the year.

County Girls' School

Anita Dunn, Correspondent.

When the old year of 1923 bade the world good-bye and the bells were tolling in Houston, the Circle Girls at the H. C. S. were quietly getting together to sing a welcome to the New Year, and just as the whistles were blowing the chorus sounded out loud and clear to welcome 1924 as a glad New Year, a year for work, study and play, a year in which to serve each day.

It would take some one wiser than a Philadelphia lawyer to decide who said first, "A happy New Year to all!" after a wink or two of sleep it was morning, the New Year was several hours old and breakfast was served. For grace we sang "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow." After breakfast we scattered around to a few home duties, but the majority of us to a day of pleasure.

The entire school had dinner at Cargill cottage. Bayland and Grey cottages played old time visiting by bringing their dinner, dishes and chairs and had dinner with us. The main dish was turkey and all the things that go with that renowned fowl.

Games, skating and dancing in the afternoon, supper at 6, a picture show at 7:30 and then we had to say good night with this thought uppermost in our minds: the holidays are over and we have to go to school in the morning.

County Girls' School

By BEATRICE BEDGOOD.

Sunday's program was as follows: Sunday school at 10 a. m. The class receiving 100 per cent for attendance, having Bibles and quarterlies, and taking part in the discussion of the lesson was the young people's class. The senior class had 94 per cent, A intermediate 90 per cent, B intermediate 99 per cent, C intermediate 96 per cent and the juniors 94 per cent.

The 4 o'clock services were conducted by Mr. and Mrs. Wright of the First Christian Science church of Houston. Mr. Clark was the vocal soloist.

The Christian Endeavor society held its semi-annual business meeting for the election of officers at 7 p. m. The officers elected were: President, Martha Williams; vice president, Flora Floeck; secretary and treasurer, Ellice Teague. Various committees were appointed.

Mr. Miller and Miss Bobb, member of the Christian Endeavor flying squadron, called to solicit members for classes in Christian Endeavor to be held this week and next at the First Christian church. These classes will be conducted by Mr. Bryan, assistant field secretary for the St.

County Girls' School

Anita Dunn, Correspondent.

The H. C. S. has long ago established the custom of observing birthdays. Every year there are 12 birthday parties, one for each month. All pupils and teachers having a birthday in the same months are the honored guests of that month's party. Thursday was the day set for the December party. Everybody had a jolly time all day skating, reading new

books, and visiting. At 6 p. m. the doors of the auditorium were thrown open and the December guests were ushered in.

The room was decorated with greens, poinsettias and red bells. In the center was a long table spread with a snowy cloth and covers laid for 14. In the middle of the table was a dish of ferns and pine cones, and in the center of this was a Bayberry candle. At each place stood a little Christmas tree, all filled with tinsel and tiny red and white candles. The only light in the room was from these candles.

At the foot of each tree were candy toys and the guests had to describe them with a rhyme. Birthday cards were used as place cards. A most delicious dinner was served, ending with cake and ice cream. Everybody except those having birthdays in other months agreed that this the last birthday party in 1923 was the prettiest and the best of all.

At 7:30 there was a joint meeting of the Senior and Junior Young Woman's Missionary society, the subject studied was Japan, its customs, traditions and its religion. These discussions were made more interesting by the use of slides from the University bureau, there were several numbers of special music

County Girls' School

By EVA SAUNDERS.

Friday, February 1, closed the first week of the second term of school. While the finals ended happily for the majority of the girls, there were a few who realized for the first time that mathematics is such an important factor in an education. There are still tears on the part of some, but most of them have decided to make the second semester the most successful one of their lives.

In the evening the students greatly enjoyed an educational picture, "Sea to the Sierra," which showed the beauty and the advantages of the Golden State, so there is no wonder that so many of the girls have decided to own a home in California. There was also shown a humorous picture, "A Square Deal," which brought out a moral that could easily be applied to daily life.

On Saturday afternoon, three official basket ball games were played. The first team of the "Eagles" was beaten by the "Wildcats." However, the "Wildcats" lost when their second team was conquered by the "Comets" second team. The Junior Bayland team tied with the little "Eagles."

On Sunday afternoon Dr. Milligan of New York city gave the girls a most interesting and helpful sermon of the year on the thirteenth chapter of St. John. Dr. Milligan proved to be especially entertaining. He has spent a number of years as missionary in Africa.

As Sunday was Christian Endeavor day, a special program was given at the young people's meeting in the evening. Mr. Drummitt, president of the Houston Christian Endeavor societies, as chief speaker, explained what it meant to be a Christian worker, and told many interesting things about the national convention.

Monday evening, 17 of the girls were the guests of the Treble Clef club at the auditorium to hear the Cherniavsky Trio. Wednesday afternoon all the students and teachers gathered together in the chapel room where they held a memorial service for Wilson. A very appropriate program was carried out, consisting of two hymns by the school, followed by Psalms CIII. After several of the teachers gave talks about the great war chief, the glee club closed the services by singing "Abide With Me," accompanied by piano and violin. In the evening the Houston Heights chapter of the Eastern Star invited 22 girls to hear "Miss 1924," which was a clever musicale.

2-24-24
County Girls' School

BEATRICE BEDGOOD, Cor.

Friday afternoon Prof. Dudley Craft Watson, director of the Milwaukee Art institute, spoke to the girls on "The Beauty of Life."

He proved to us, by many illustrations, that our time was the best time to be alive—that we enjoyed more comfort in every walk of life than kings, queens and sages of only a few years back. For instance, he stated that Queen Victoria, who was the most powerful queen of all time, had not the comforts when she traveled as are afforded by our ordinary flivver. He told us that our working hours would be made even shorter by the introducing and use of machinery. The point he urged was the right use of the leisure time we now have and that we will later have. He affirmed that he could teach every girl in this school how to draw in 10 hours, for he says everybody can draw if they only know where to make the pencil or crayon go. To illustrate how easy it is he had one of the girls stand while he drew her profile on the board. He evidently knew where to make his crayon go, for the picture was readily recognized as a true likeness of the girl.

Soon after the lecture was over groups of girls busied themselves decorating the lower floor of Cargill cottage for the Washington tea. Streamers of red, white and blue were draped from dining room through the sewing room, the hall and into the school rooms. There was one continuous table extending from the dining room to the school room, and covers were laid for 156 people. A two course dinner was served. The favors were a patriotic nosegay made of candy. For entertainment there were toasts, games and songs, closing, of course, with "America." Several guests were present.

3-24-24
County Girls' School

By BEATRICE BEDGOOD.

February 29 a birthday supper was given to the members of the faculty and student body whose birthdays came in the months of January and February. The dining room and long table were prettily decorated with red and white crepe paper. Around the table centerpiece of red and white flowers, were placed favors filled with candy.

Short speeches on great people born in these two months, prophecies, and wishes for the coming year afforded pleasant entertainment. Miss Harrison was the hostess for the evening.

Sunday evening Mr. Bryan, associate field secretary of the Texas Christian Endeavor society, gave us a talk and showed us some interesting slides on C. E. work. Some of the pictures were taken in foreign countries. Mr. Bryan also gave us a recipe for being happy. He said that happiness consisted in serving others.

3-19-24
County Girls' School

By BEATRICE BEDGOOD.

On Friday evening educational pictures on "The Care of the Teeth" and slides on "Egypt" were shown to all of the girls and members of the faculty.

On Saturday afternoon a kite flying contest was held between the three cottages. This event proved to be quite a success. There were more than a hundred kites entered in the contest. In determining which cottage should be entitled to the prize, the kites were judged according to workmanship, beauty, largest number from each cottage entering kites and the greatest number of kites flying high. Gray cottage won the prize. Kites of every size, color and description were entered in the contest, and much pleasure was derived from the afternoon's program.

Sunday afternoon 11 from the Junior Christian Endeavor, with Miss Garrison, their supervisor, attended a mass meeting in Houston.

3-26-24
County Girls' School

By BEATRICE BEDGOOD.

Friday evening the girls gathered in the Cargill school room for a picture show. There were slides of the ancient world, showing some of its beautiful architecture, and giving a part of its history.

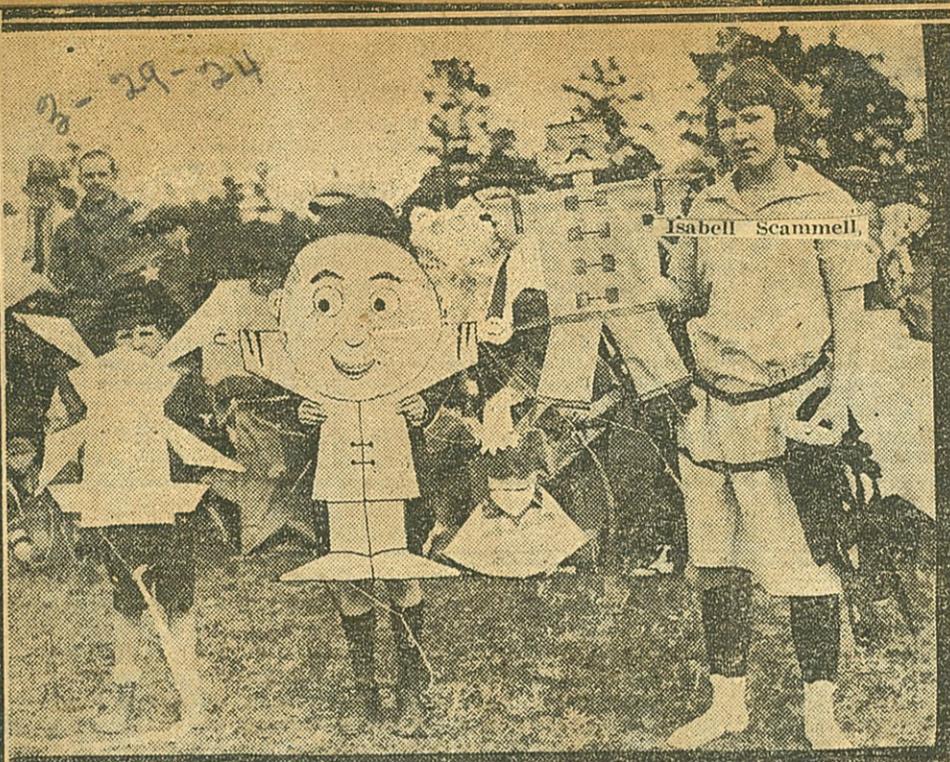
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Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Webb visited us Saturday evening and brought with them several of the interesting films that are sent out by the Ford Motor company and the Pathe News that was shown at the Queen theater last week. The last film was shown through the courtesy of Mr. McFarland. Mr. Kepple, who was also a visitor for the evening, told us some humorous stories during the intermissions.

Monday evening there was a dinner party given to the members of the Junior Circle, by Miss Claxton and Miss Burnett, this being the second anniversary of the circle.

The room was very attractively decorated in the circle colors, and around the center piece, of white iris and fern, were arranged the favors. After dinner was served, many interesting games were played, such as passing the ring, spelling contests and kissing the blarney stone.

3-29-24



Isabell Scammell

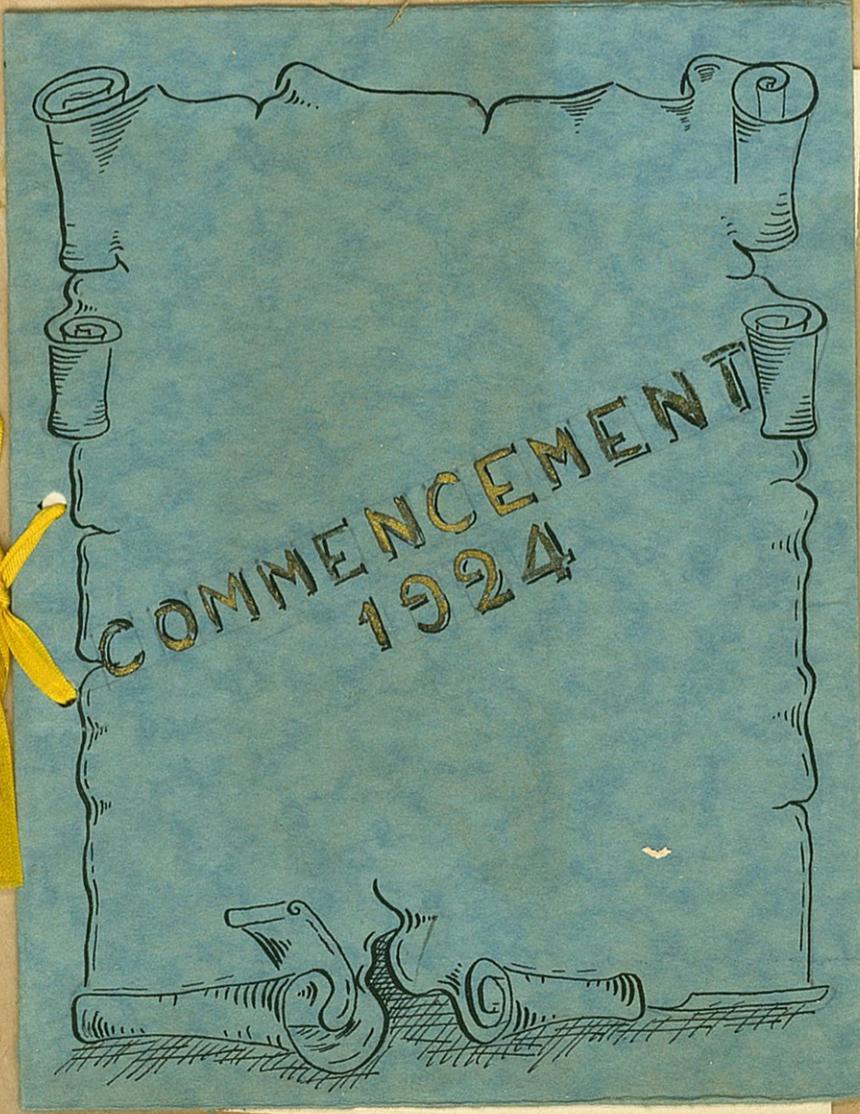


Edith Jorke

Best Unique Kite.

Second prize was awarded to a queer man kite made by Carrie Griffith of Bellaire, and the third to a huge flying fish kite, made by George Hammond of South End.

Probably the naughtiest of events to judge was the "most artistic kite" event. Dozens of kites were entered, all carefully made and artistic in design, but decision was finally made to award the gold medal to a small black kite, appliqued with a basket of flowers, owned by Robert Bell. Second prize went to an eagle kite of Billy Cochran, and third to a butterfly kite of Ruth Jerrett. A tiny kite, designed into a flower girl, flown by three-year-old Jessie Jean Rowe, the youngest contestant, received honorable mention.



COMMENCEMENT
1924

5-16-24
**Judge Amerman
Tells Kiwanis
Of Girls' School**

The Kiwanis Glee Club entertained at the luncheon of the club Wednesday in the Rice Hotel and was enthusiastically applauded. The glee club will go to Denver to the national convention of the Kiwanis in June.

Among the songs they sang were "Annie Laurie" and "My Love Is Like a Red, Red Rose." Several "booster" songs were also given, including "Telling You of Houston" to

the tune of "Sittin' in the Corner"; "That Old Town of Ours," to the tune of "That Old Gang of Mine," and "Boosting Houston" to the tune of "Carolina in the Morning."

A. E. Amerman spoke briefly on the Harris County School for Girls at Bellaire and its work.

"In 10 years," he declared, "this school has grown from one of delinquent girls to one of dependent girls. The majority of girls at the school are those who have been bereft of their parents by disease or disaster and are as moral and upright as any woman in the community."

"We have had graduates from Rice Institute and the University of Texas who came from the Bellaire School," he said. "This school has ceased to be an institution; it now is a place of training from which a girl

may enter any university in the land."

The Kiwanis Club will give a scholarship to the best student at Bellaire School next year. It was announced.

**THE BELLAIRE ROTARY
CLUB 1924**

The nintey-five Rotarians who constituted the delegation from Houston Rotary last Thursday night to the Bellaire School and Home for Girls are still suffering from over stuffed stomachs and the virulent attack of laughing gas which deluged the party.

To our hostess, Miss Ethel Claxton, we owe a sincere debt of gratitude for allowing us to come out to her school once a year and visit her wonderful institution; to Preacher West we extend our thanks because when he learns of a good thing he immediately shares it with his friends; to the other Rotarians who did not attend this party we give our heartfelt sympathy, they have missed something really BIG.

And that Bellaire Rotary Club! P-Me and Nick went out to the school four days before the meeting and gave the girls a few lines on the various members and those girls, in that short time gave a better program than many Rotarians give with a month's preparation.

We understand that P-Me wrote the little skit and was assisted in the matter by that peerless critic, Nick Daubon. If so they are given credit for one of the cleverest satires that has appeared before the Rotary Club this year. There was no sting to it and everyone enjoyed it. Bill Kirkland, he of the flounder eye, will display his emblem at his office; Bill Wood will write another ad for the Press; Rabbi West has changed his motto and will no longer "Say it with liquid;" Frank Cowen will continue to be "Fat, free, frisky, and fortyplus;" Red Boyle will be on time; and the Secretary will stay in the office; and the millenium will come.

Preacher West was cornered and finally admitted that the School was badly in need of a piano for their chapel exercises. The piano they have is on its last legs, or whatever piano gets on when in it is in its last days of dotage. Wonder if any Rotarian knows of a good piano that we could get for the girls.

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**Girls Score Win in
Bible Ball Game**

**Ministerial Team Routed by Well-Placed Hits Rattling From
Tongues of Mary Burnett Scholars**

By HAL KIRKHAM
Reporter for The Press

A group of Houston ministers was confident Saturday that women still can out-talk men.

A girls' team from the Mary Burnett School for Girls scored a convincing 76 to 12 victory over its minister opponents in a Bible "baseball" game Friday night.

Although the Buffs strive to triumph by batting balls over the lot, the ability of contestants to quote scriptures decides the winning team in a Bible baseball contest.

Take Early Lead

With Rev. Clark W. Lambert, pastor of the Heights Christian Church, in the "pitcher's box," the girls gained a 6 to 2 lead in the initial inning.

Rev. R. H. Tharp, pastor of the West End Baptist Church, recited the books of the New Testament for a home run with two teammates on bases in the first half of the second inning.

Anna Belle Buland unloaded the bases with a homer in the last half of the second and when the smoke cleared away the girls' team held a 27 to 5 advantage.

"I'm just about scared out of my wits," Mr. Lambert admitted as the second inning drew to a conclusion.

Hits Rattle Freely

"Many such things have I heard, miserable comforters are you all," a girl "batter" responded.

"Save him out of all his trouble," recited another girl player, and Mr. Tharp replaced Mr. Lambert in the "pitcher's box."

When the ministers came to bat in the final inning, Rev. G. Layton Miller, pastor of the Magnolia Christian Church, was lead off man and his answer to the Bible verse recited by the pitcher was "Jesus wept," and the large audience roared.

Rev. C. H. Maury, pastor of the East End Presbyterian Church, marked up a home run, scoring Mr. Miller ahead of him. The rally proved too much for Mr. Tharp gained first base by saying "Rejoice evermore."

Admit "Licking"

The girls continued to score at will during their half of the last inning until the ministers admitted they had been handed a "sound licking."

Those who played in the Bible baseball game were:

Ministers—Rev. P. M. Murphy, former pastor at Alvin; Rev. M. M. Wolf, captain, pastor of the South Main Baptist Church; Mr. Lambert, Mr. Miller, Mr. Maury and Mr. Tharp.

Girls—Dorothy Hersey, Jennie Latino, Edith Couch, Odessa Heath and Miss Buland.

A. L. Page, Houston Bible teacher, umpired the game.

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AS SEEN BY

THE VISITING REPORTER

TONIGHT'S the night that I have looked forward to for many days, because I am going to a party out at the Harris County School for Girls. That was the invitation I was expecting and I wasn't disappointed. I knew I wouldn't be, because when those teachers say anything out there about what they are going to do, it is just as good as done right then, and I knew I am going to have the grandest time in the world. I'll have enough to talk about for the next 10 years, but I won't, because I am going to store each individual good time in one corner of my mind, and when I get older I will draw them out and live them over again, and thank those folks out there at the same time.

Here is the invitation I received, and I was charmed with it. Especially that part about the banquet:

"At 7 o'clock on Thursday night, While at the H. C. S. the lights shine bright, Our tenth circle anniversary we'll celebrate.

January 15 is the date. And in a banquet way We'll try to make you gay.

"R. S. V. P."

As I said yesterday, I was so afraid that invitation was lost in the mails, or something had happened to it, that I was as nervous as a cat, which goes to prove that people should never try to cross bridges until they get to them. Here is what I answered them with, and for fear they will not get it, I am putting it out front like this. Yet I have been told that at times I am a good poet, that is, when I get my meter to meet. Listen to this:

At 7 o'clock on Thursday night, When the Harris County School girls' lights shine bright, The Visiting Reporter of the Post-Dispatch Will happily and straightway catch A bus or gig, or any old thing That can roll her out in time to sing The praises of the party she's invited to, And for the invite, does thank you.

Now the way that is written, they will think that I have a social secretary, because it sounds like somebody else wrote it. I couldn't let it go by that way, though, being it is as good as it is.

When I get out there, I know I'll be asked to speak, so I am going to tell them about my Magnolia and Central Park friends, and also about the other neighborhoods I have visited it, and as I am sure they are going to have a prize for something, I shall bring it around with me tomorrow, having won it, you know, and show it to each one of you ladies.

ROTARIANS BANQUET AT GIRLS' SCHOOL

1923

Club Members and Guests
Contribute \$500 to Provide Christmas Cheer.

The Rotary club played Santa Claus Thursday night when the sixth annual Rotary Christmas party was held at the Bellaire school for girls. Headed by the toastmaster, Rev. E. P. West, the Rotarians attended the party about 150 strong. After stirring addresses by the toastmaster the members and the visiting guests contributed \$500 to provide Christmas cheer for the students of the school.

While the party was put on for the benefit of the girls of the school, they provided most of the entertainment. A delicious turkey dinner prepared by the girls and served by them opened the evening's program. The meal had hardly begun when a curtain on the stage of the banquet room rose and the members of the girls glee club sang several selections.

Early in the evening the program was turned over to A. S. Pimentel, who was in sole charge of all the humor in the party. His offering was a miniature South Texas conference of the Rotary club in which the girls of the school made all the speeches. Pimentel announced the speakers, each of whom was greeted with loud cheers and laughter. The girls representing Rotarians M. M. Graves, George Mellinger, F. Marion Law, Henry Stude, Frank Black, "Skinny" Batjer and Rev. T. J. Windham were introduced in succession and each delivered a speech.

Mr. Pimentel turned the chair over to Toastmaster E. P. West, who called on a number of visitors for impromptu speeches. H. A. Halverton, representing Mayor Oscar Holcombe, Ennis Cargill, founder of the Bellaire school, Ed Hannak, General Jacob Wolters, Judge C. W. Robinson and Lewis Robertson, president of the Salesmanship club, made short talks.

Entertainment features that brought down the applause were an imitation of a brass band in full swing, by Jeff D. Farish, president of the Rotary club, a negro preacher's prayer, by Lewis Robertson and several vocal solos by Miss LaVeda Lowe, music teacher at the school.

The Rotary Christmas party is an annual affair put on to raise funds to provide Christmas luxuries for the girls at the Bellaire school. It was inaugurated five years ago by Rev. E. P. West, who has been chairman of the committee for the arrangements since its inception. Serving with him are A. S. Pimentel, who provides the laughs, Frank Cowan and John McLellan.

The Bellaire school for girls was founded 11 years ago by Ennis Cargill. Through the activity in its behalf on the part of Mr. Cargill and County Judge Chester H. Bryan, it has grown to be one of the best institutions of its kind in the United States.

At the conclusion of the entertainment features of the banquet the first public showing of the motion pictures of the Rotary club's recent trip to the Rio Grande valley was held. The film showed pictures taken in Harlingen and other cities of the valley. It showed the Houston public school band leading the Rotarians across the international bridge into Mexico at Matamoros. This is the first time motion pictures have been made in Matamoros since the revolution, according to the men who made the trip. The picture will be shown for a week beginning Friday at the Queen theater.

Building Named For Woman Head Of Girls' School

Miss Ethel A. Claxton, superintendent of Harris County School for Girls, since its organization in 1914, received recognition for her services yesterday, when County Judge Bryan announced that the building given the school by the Grand Orphans Home was to be named for her.

The resolution reads: "Whereas, Ethel A. Claxton has rendered an inestimable service to the womanhood of Harris County in her work and is devoting her heart, mind and soul to the betterment of the womanhood of this county, which fact is fully appreciated by the people.

"Be it therefore resolved by the commissioners court that the new building erected at the Harris County School for Girls at Bellaire, in recognition of her services, be named the Claxton-Bayland Cottage."

Judge Bryan, county commissioners, district judges, County Clerk Albert Townsend, Probation Officer J. W. Mills, and County Auditor H. L. Washburn were guests of the school Friday at luncheon, when they presented the resolution.

Miss Claxton has been connected with similar schools for 17 years, being first with the Sleighton Farm, near Philadelphia, and with the Magdalene School in Philadelphia.

When the Harris County School was planned, Miss Claxton was recommended for the position of superintendent by the Russell Sage Foundation of New York. In the spring of 1914 she came to Houston and assisted in the planning of the school.

In September, the school was opened, with one girl. During the 11 years of its existence, the school has grown steadily, and now is recognized as one of the best schools of its kind in the United States. More than 160 girls are cared for there, now, and there are three buildings.

The girls feel that the school is a real home, and that they are with their own family. Even after they are released they keep in touch with Miss Claxton and the school.

OBERHOLTZER LAUDS SERVICE OF HARRIS COUNTY GIRLS' HOME

The service rendered to a community by such institutions as the Harris County School for Girls was stressed by Dr. E. E. Oberholtzer, new superintendent of public schools, in his commencement address to graduates of the county school last night. He paid tribute to the superintendent, Miss Ethel A. Claxton, and to the county officials who are in charge of the school.

Other addresses were made by Ennis Cargill, president of the school; Inez McCoy, president of the class, and Lessie Boyett, valedictorian. Rev. J. E. Ferguson, pastor of the Central Presbyterian Church, delivered the invocation.

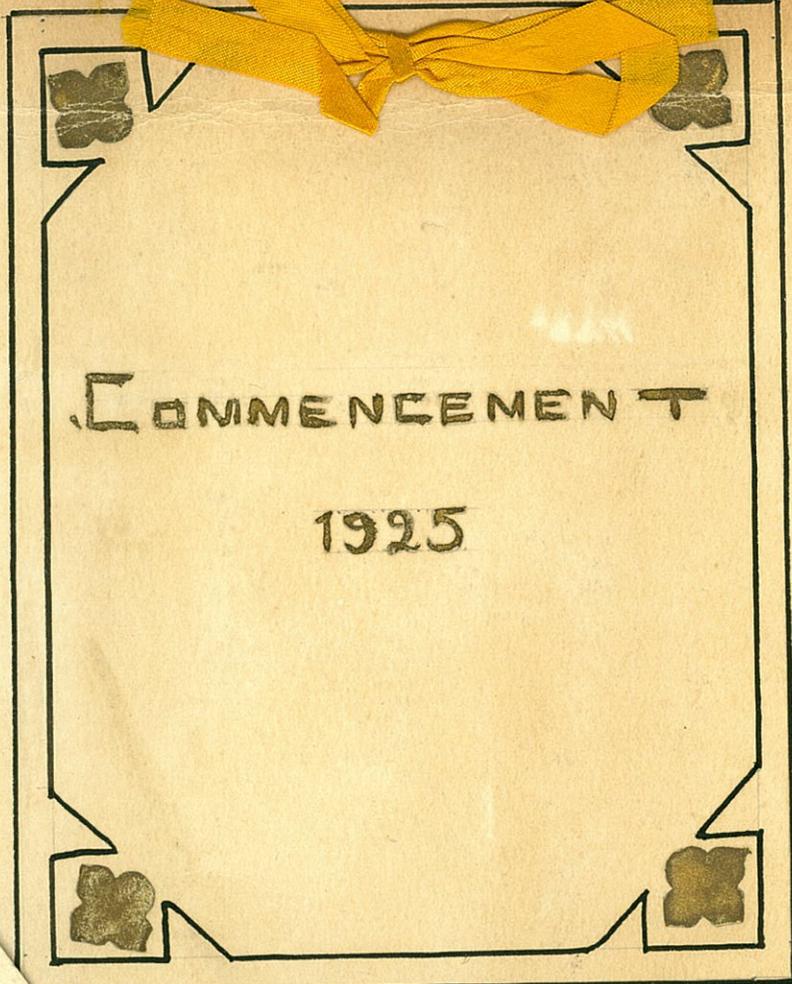
An operetta, "Ghosts of Hilo," was presented by the girls of the school in an appropriate setting arranged in front of the Cargill building. Principal parts were taken by Hattie May Stewart, Lessie Boyett, Mamie Cook and Ruth Gibbs. It was directed by Miss Loreta Barnell.

The following awards were presented by County Judge Chester H. Bryan: The Betty Bryan scholarship of \$50, given by Chester Bryan, Lewis R. Bryan and Mrs. Lula Rambo, children of Mrs. Bryan, for the highest scholastic record in the school, to Grace McInnis, a student-teacher of the past year; a medal for second highest scholastic average, by J. L. Cox, to Christine Williams; a medal for third highest average, by Dr. Elva Wright, to Delala Saccar; a proficiency medal, by Jake Sam, to Lorraine Reed for excellent conduct and helpfulness; a \$5 gold piece, by members of the faculty, to Isabelle Scammell, for proficiency, and a \$5 gold piece, by W. W. Baldwin of Chicago, to Mable Cochran for the best English.

John Mellinger gave class pins to each member of the class.

Mrs. Kate Kohlsaat presented Red Cross certificates from national headquarters to Hattie May Stewart, Thelma Dunn, Adel Duke, Sophia Seiverts, Ida Belle Dupree, Flora Floeck, Evangeline Waters, Ruth Gibbs, Elise Teague, Grace McInnis, Beatrice Bedgood, Jessie Gary, Idalia Williams, Dorothy Dee Sain and Minnie Keener.

Diplomas were given to the following graduates: Elloise Allen, Lillie Barber, Bessie Boeker, Lessie Boyett, Louise Cheshire, Mable Cochran, Francis Cook, Nora Gordon, Mae Harrison, Inez McCoy, Lenora Parker, Lucille Smith, Claire Suttles, Ruby Welch and Mary Zab-



BURNETT—Funeral services for Miss Mary E. Burnett, 51, assistant superintendent of the Harris County School for Girls at Bellaire, will be held at the new location of Settegast-Kopf, 2017 Milam, at 10 a. m. Sunday, Rev. T. J. Windham officiating. The body will be shipped to North Philadelphia by Settegast-Kopf Sunday.

Miss Burnett died at 9:30 p. m. Friday after a long illness.

Pallbearers will be: Judge Chester H. Bryan, Harry C. Webb, D. Barker, Ennis Cargill, John McClellan, R. H. Spencer, Dr. E. H. Willisford, H. L. Kelly, Judge Ewing Boyd and Judge Charles E. Ashe.

SERVICES FOR MISS BURNETT SET FOR TODAY

Funeral services for Miss Mary E. Burnett, 51, who died at 9:30 p. m. Friday, will be held at the Settegast-Kopf parlors, new location at 2017 Milam, at 10 a. m. Sunday, Rev. T. J. Windham officiating.

Miss Burnett had been in ill health for six months. She was assistant superintendent of the Harris County School for Girls at Bellaire since its opening 12 years ago. Miss Burnett has devoted practically the whole of her life to work with girls. She was born in Morristown, Pa., and later moved to North Philadelphia. She came to Houston from Philadelphia, where she had been engaged in a training school similar to the one here. The body will be sent to her former home in Philadelphia Sunday by Settegast-Kopf.

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Commissioners Laud Miss Mary Burnett

The members of commissioners court of Harris county are greatly grieved at the passing of Miss Mary Burnett, assistant superintendent of the Harris county school for girls. We are at the same time impressed with the great services to humanity which this fine woman has given during the past 12 years of her life, and it seems only fitting that a tribute in the public press should be paid to her by those who have had occasion to know the high character of the services which she has rendered.

She has for all these years given every ounce of her strength and devotion towards the betterment of the many hundreds of young women with whom she has come in contact, and it is really impossible to adequately express the success with which she has met and the results which she has obtained in working hand in hand with our superintendent Miss Claxton.

It does not fall within the experience of but very few to mold the lives of so many young people as has been the opportunity of Miss Burnett, and that she herself offered an example of the highest type of Christian womanhood accounts for her unusual efficiency in the guidance of these young women. She was a woman of great ability, and yet modest withal, and in her passing Houston and

Harris county has suffered a great loss which will be hard to replace, but Heaven is the richer for a woman of such accomplishments for human-kind.

In these few words I am sure I am inadequately but sincerely expressing the feelings of not only Judge Bryan, and the commissioners but all of those connected with the county who have had the privilege of being associated with the work of the Harris county school for girls.

(Signed) R. H. SPENCER,
County Commissioner.

The Girls are Looking for Old Santa Out at Bellaire

Harris County School for Girls, Bellaire, Texas, November 19th, 1926.

Dear Santa Claus:

I enjoyed your visit last December, very much and I am sure everybody else did too.

I have always heard that you visit only good little girls, but I am hoping you do not slight the naughty ones this time.

But I have tried to be honest, truthful and obedient to mother, father and my teachers.

When you enter my chimney you will find it clean for I don't want you to get dirty. My stocking will be hanging by the chimney corner. When you pass, please drop in a red sweater No. 36, or a ring with H. C. S., or a fountain pen.

You will find your reward in the pleasure I get out of either of the gifts I mentioned.

Your friend

Augusta Herrmann.

Harris County School for Girls, Bellaire, Texas, November, 21st, 1926.

Mr. Santa Claus, North Pole.

Dear Old Santa:

Almost time for your visit again. I wish every day was Christmas so I could always be expecting my dearest friend—you, and your workmen. The biggest thrill of my life would be to see you drive down my chimney with your sack and your old faithful reindeer. Please do not be so modern as to come in an airplane.

I'm having an extra large stocking made this year and I want you to put right on the top a fountain pen or a set of "Shakespeare's Works."

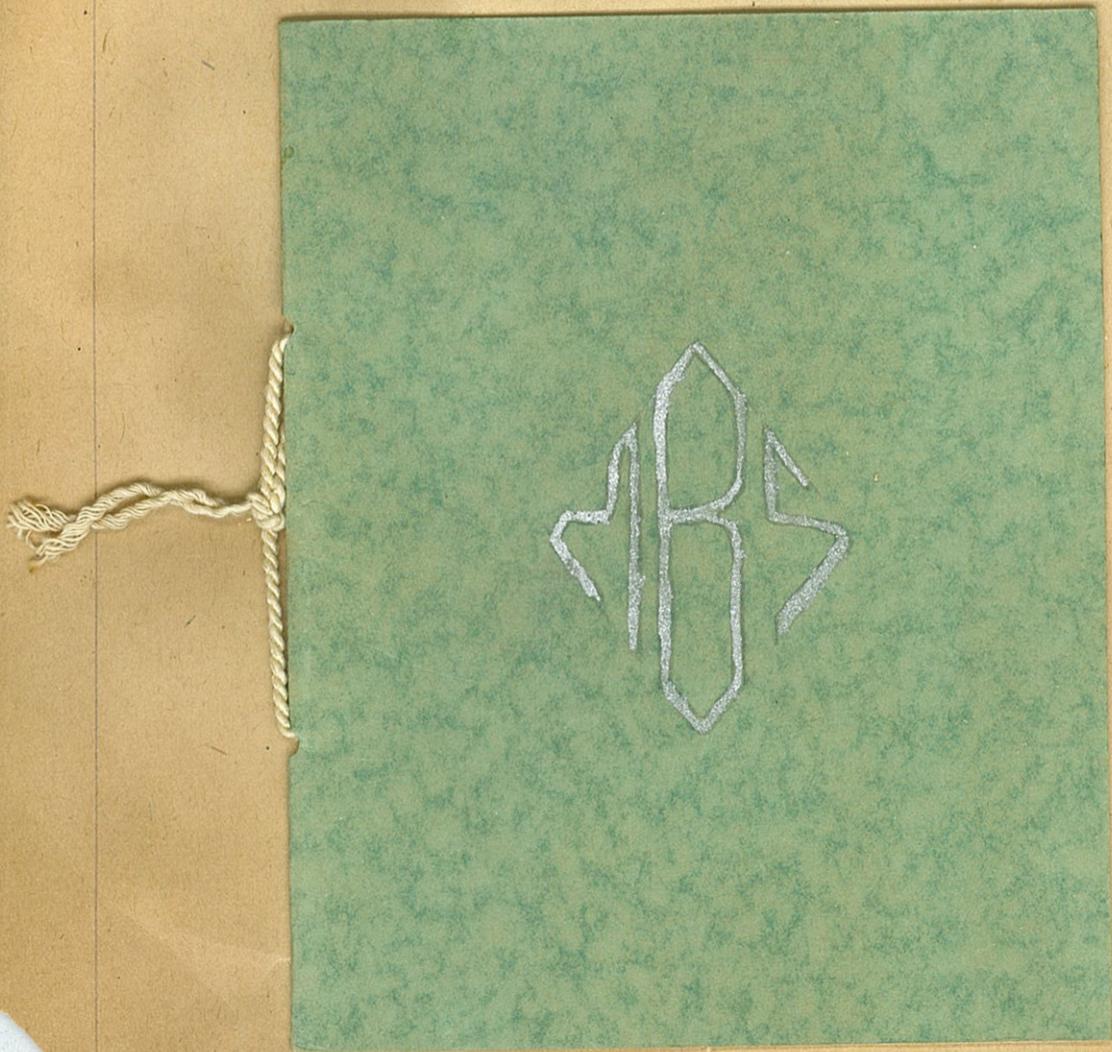
If you have any accidents please be careful and do not lose my package.

Grace Cecilia Hovey.

JUDGE BRYAN has announced that he will retire from office at the expiration of his present term, in order to devote his time to private business.

He has served Harris county ably and well. Aside from his attitude toward the now-dead klan issue, his administration of county affairs has been made the target for very little criticism. His personal popularity is enormous. No experienced politician would care to enter the lists against him at this time. He has developed the Harris county school for boys into an institution which is looked upon over the nation as a model. He has performed a similar work in behalf of the girls' school. He has kept down the county tax rate and at the same time has sponsored many major improvements. On the whole his record has been one to which his friends may point with pride.

It is highly desirable that an able and worthy man be chosen as Judge Bryan's successor. The bond money has been voted, but it still must be expended. Wisdom and strict economy are necessary in order that the road building program may be carried out just as it has been outlined.



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APRIL MEETING



MARY BURNETT
SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

APRIL 16, 1929



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

HOUSTON ROTARY CLUB
HARRIS COUNTY SCHOOL FOR GIRLS
Bellaire—December 5th, 1929

HAPPY DAYS

"Gone But Not Forgotten"

CAST

Miss Fortune—The Teacher - - - - - Tim Evans
Miss Augusta Herrmann
Noah Lott—Member of Ho. School Board - Ed Shepherd
Miss Dorothy Horsey
No Less—Member of Ho. School Board - W. A. Kirkland
Miss Alice Johnson
A Rotarian—In Person - - - - - G. H. Cottingham
Miss Ruth Jarrett

SCHOOL GIRLS

Jeff Alexander - - - - - *Miss Lucy Latino*
J. M. Boyle - - - - - *Miss Lurline Harvey*
Tovell Marston - - - - - *Miss Lillian Beatty*
Harry Hedges - - - - - *Miss Bonzie Ola Williams*
John A. Embry - - - - - *Miss Mary Frances Mayfield*
Bill Hogue - - - - - *Miss Carrie Roesch*
Mike Quin - - - - - *Miss Norma Godkin*

SCHOOL BOYS

F. M. Cowen - - - - - *Miss Verna Mae O'Neal*
R. H. Spencer - - - - - *Miss Christine Walker*
Lige Coles - - - - - *Miss Viola Herrmann*
Skin Batjer - - - - - *Miss Henrietta Heaton*
Eddie Bremer - - - - - *Miss Mary Latino*
Bob Cummins - - - - - *Miss Eloise Lane*
Tom Dunn - - - - - *Miss Elizabeth Lindsey*

BELLAIRE RED HEADS GET \$695 AT ROTARY GRIDIRON STYLE DINNER AT SCHOOL

Santa Claus—gridiron style—made his annual visit to Bellaire School for Girls Thursday night.

Not down the dormitory chimney did he come, nor with reindeer swift nor with sleigh bells on the snow—rather he came in the guise of Rotary, riding in shiny limousines which lined the winding roadways of Bellaire campus.

Christmas spirit was in the air—from the turkey dinner to the charge of the Red Head Brigade, which marched out among assembled Rotarians and returned with baskets laden with greenbacks, yellowbacks and checks to the amount of \$695.97.

The county furnishes necessities for its school for girls. Rotarians' gift of nearly \$700 will provide Christmas cheer.

Real Santa Claus.

After most of the 141 Rotarians present had been placed on the grid and thoroughly "roasted" by Toastmaster E. P. West and Chief Gridster A. S. Pimentel, Miss Ethel Claxton, head of Bellaire School, received the club's gift from Rotary President T. L. Evans.

"Now," said Miss Claxton, "we know there is a Santa Claus. Not a Santa Claus who comes down the chimney, but a Santa Claus who is with us every day—providing cheer which lasts through the year."

In a voice which conveyed the emotion she felt at the realization of this Christmas gift—the largest in the 12 years of Rotary Yuletide parties—Miss Claxton brought thanks from the 153 girls and from the faculty of Mary Burnett School for Girls at Bellaire.

Impersonations Given.

It is doubtful whether girl students or Rotarians enjoyed most the skit "School Days," written by Pimentel and produced under his direction. The cast was headed by "Miss Fortune, the teacher," Tim Evans, impersonated by a member of the student body.

Ed Shepherd, member of the Houston school board, was "Noah Lott." W. A. Kirkland, another member, was caricatured as "No Less."

George Cottingham, "A Rotarian in Person," was materialized on the stage in the person of one of the students.

"Mr. Cottingham" and "school board members" paid a visit to the school, where Eddie Oberholtzer's picture, life size, hung between diminutive portraits of Washington and Lincoln.

School opened and pupils sang a Rotary parody on "School Days." One verse ran thus:

"Remember the school boards of old days,
Their whiskers and ways so sedate,
They knew about rules for running the schools,
But they didn't know real estate."

Traffic Planning.

Little "Tovell Marston" said: "Yes, teacher, it's the only place in town where anybody dares call Bishop Clinton S. Quin 'Mike,' call Rev. E. P. West 'Preacher' and Rev. Thomas J. Windham 'Tom-mie' and get away with it."

The traffic regulations came in for a "panning" by these singularly wise pupils, as did school buildings, bond issues, Fannin Street, the S. P. tracks and the mayor.

There was an original composition from "Red Boyle" on the subject of "Air."

One of the hits of the playlet was Pimentel's parody, "I Don't Get That Sum," from "Babes in Toyland." One verse sung by the class ran like this:

"If a mayor bought some depot land
That cost a lot of dough,
And then an exposition site
For an agriculture show,
And he took in all the suburbs, too,
To increase the city's size,
What would he do to make it sure
The taxes didn't rise?"

After the curtain had fallen on the comedy skit Toastmaster West introduced various Rotarians. Commissioner D. Barker brought the mayor's greetings. City school Superintendent Oberholtzer praised the playlet and J. M. West made his bow to the audience when called upon to speak.

Others Introduced.

J. W. Neal was introduced by the toastmaster thus:

"He used to be in the coffee business and it was 'Good to the last drop.' Now he's in the banking business and it's 'Good till the first drop.'"

Brig. Gen. Jacob F. Wolters paid a tribute to Miss Claxton and to the late Mary Burnett.

Chester H. Bryan, former county judge, said:

"It is gratifying to all interested in Bellaire to see the interest the Rotary Club and the citizenship are taking in this institution. I trust that you may continue your good work."

A. D. Foreman was called on

for a short talk. Bishop Quin was introduced as "Everybody's bishop and everybody's friend." There were short talks by County Judge Norman Atkinson, Ennis Cargill and Allen Peden.

In his address President Evans said:

"This party every year inaugurates in our hearts the gladdest season of the year. Harris County provides amply the necessities for these 153 girls in Bellaire School, but for lack of funds they can not provide the things which gladden their hearts at Christmastide.

"We as Rotarians are happy that we can have a part in bringing Christmas cheer to these worthy young women."

The Harris County School for Girls

celebrated the glorious Fourth in a unique manner. At 5 o'clock a clown, riding a donkey, came down the main street of the school grounds, announcing by megaphone that the parade was coming. Eight small girls dressed in white carrying a large United States flag came first. Then Uncle Sam seated on a charger decorated in red, white and blue rode in front of the farm truck with the Statue of Liberty. After this came the Glee Club, the clowns, the band, the ponies, the Indians and last the "Ford" loaded with farm products. The parade halted before Cargill Cottage porch, where the visitors were seated, and the Glee Club sang patriotic songs. The march was resumed around one block outside of the grounds. As the parade returned to the school grounds there was a race by the two Indians on the Shetland ponies, Uncle Sam and the clown, and foot races.

A dinner of frankfurters, sandwiches, cake, pink lemonade and ice cream in cantaloupes was served from five, red, white and blue tables on the lawn. Then every one went to the baseball field which looked like a carnival ground and visited the various booths seeing the wild woman, the human spider, having fortunes told and many other things. Six pins was the fee to each booth. There was a merry-go-round, which was kept busy despite the fact that the steam piano was lack. In the evening a program of patriotic selections was rendered after which good night was said.

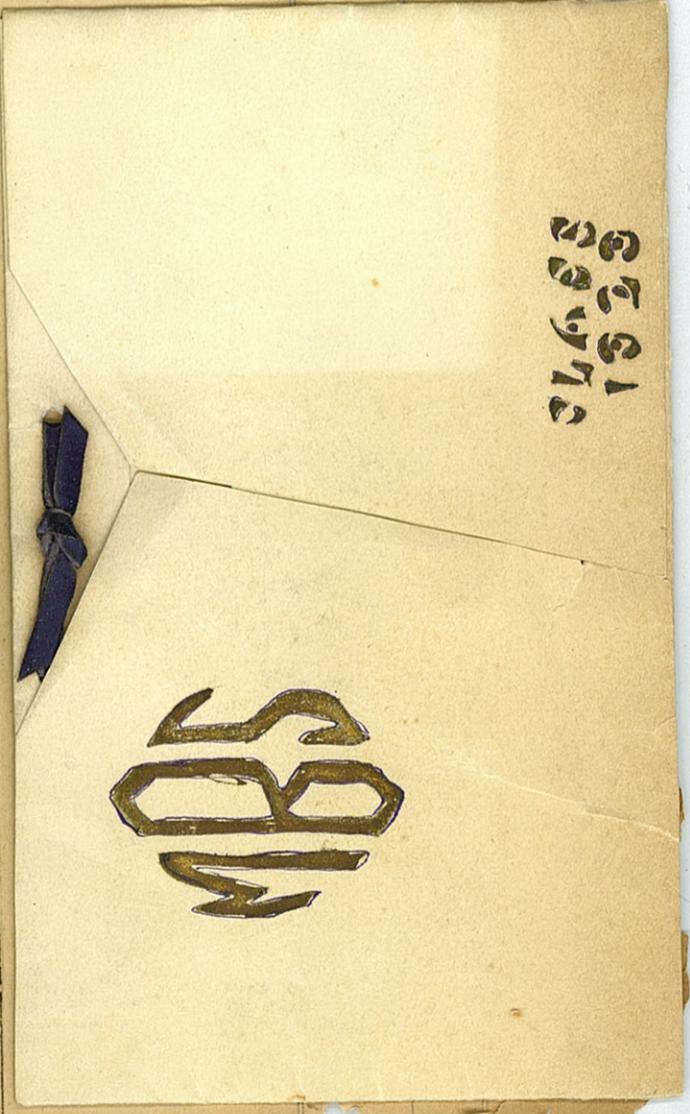
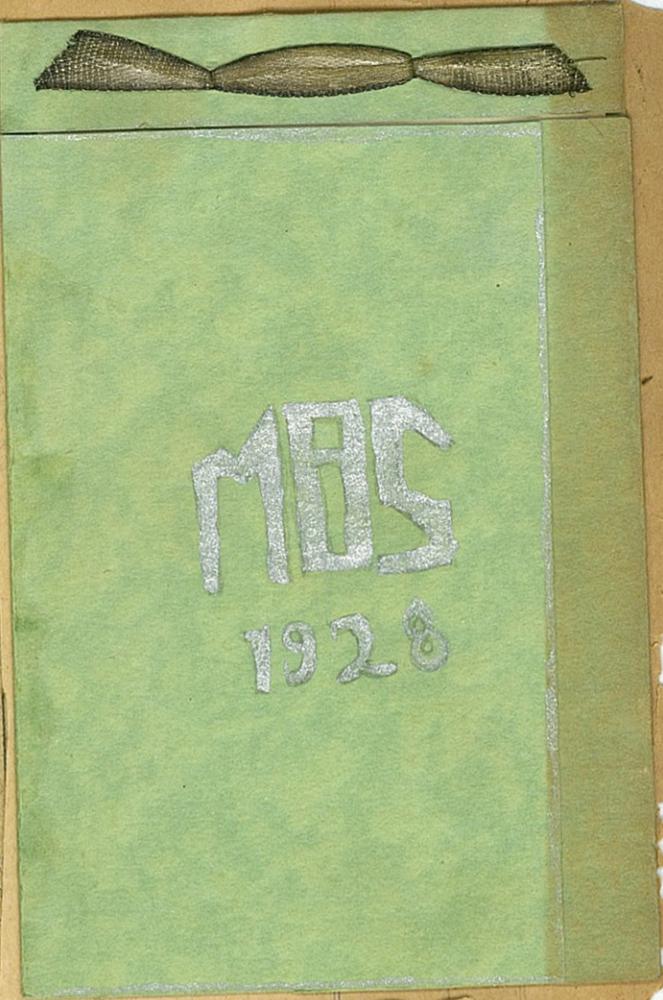
Tarrant County Officers Here to Study Institution

With the view to constructing a school for delinquent girls in Fort Worth along lines similar to the Bellaire School for Girls here, a delegation of Tarrant County officials, headed by County Judge Hugh L. Small, was in Houston Saturday. On the party were County Commissioner Ed McRae and Chief Probation Officer S. S. Ogilvie.

Incidentally the question of road construction will be considered during the visit, in view of \$3,500,000 appropriations by Tarrant County for road improvements, Judge Small said.

"The Bellaire school has a state-wide reputation for the manner. We believe we should be acquainted with the methods and systems in operation there before constructing our schools," Probation Officer Ogilvie said.

In the absence of County Judge Chester H. Bryan the officers were received by County Commissioner D. Barker, who took them to the Bellaire school.



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WORK OFFERED AT BELLAIRE IS EXPLAINED

Jan 17 1930
Head of Mary Burnett
School Is Speaker at Meet-
ing of Association of
Deans in City.

Work of the Mary Burnett School for Girls at Bellaire in fitting its students along vocational, academic and artistic lines was outlined by Miss Ethel Claxton, head of the school, Monday before deans of various junior and senior high schools of the city.

Miss Claxton addressed the January meeting of the Houston Deans' Association at Sam Houston High School.

The address was one of a series by various educational, social and welfare workers before the association, which seeks, through its member deans in the city schools, a better understanding of the students from Bellaire and other schools of this type who enter the public schools.

Equal Opportunity.

It is the desire of deans of a dozen junior and senior high schools who comprise the association that dependent and delinquent students be given the fullest opportunity to develop educationally on an equal basis, as nearly as practicable, with other public school students.

Miss Claxton explained in discussion subsequent to her address on the type of study offered at Bellaire, that the school is made up of various classes of students—some of them dependent students who can not be cared for by their families, some of them delinquent students.

Her comment in connection with the types of students revealed the deep understanding of this woman who is at the head of the Harris County School for Girls, Mary Burnett School at Bellaire.

"If a child is delinquent," she said, "we look to the question of why. Often it is because of a broken home, or some other difficulty, which, when removed, allows the child's character to develop along wholesome lines."

Home Influence.

Miss Claxton explained that while there is segregation of students, the dividing line in many instances is so indistinct as to be barely perceptible.

"We can have the closest supervision of these students," declared Miss Claxton. "The school is their

home, and because it is both home and school we try to provide the best influences of both."

Instances were related of girls who have gone out from the school into happy homes of their own, into business careers, into public work and on to higher institutions of learning.

"Academic work at Bellaire has always been interspersed with vocational guidance," said Miss Claxton. "This was the policy even before much thought was given to vocational work in the high schools and colleges, due to the fact that these girls must be fitted to make their way in life.

"We have always tried to instill in the girls that each has an important place to fill. They must, of course, be physically fit. Then we try to provide the training which will lead up to the life work each girl wishes to pursue." The speaker outlined the various courses of study provided at Bellaire, telling of theory work in the classroom and practice work in the vocational classes. She enumerated clothing, cooking, home nursing, shorthand and typewriting as some of the vocational studies.

Practical and Artistic.

"While we feel that the practical must be given, we also stress the artistic side of the girls' training," Miss Claxton continued. "There is music, and the girls enter with enthusiasm into this study, as well as the study of art. We feel that as much of music and the fine arts as we can give the girls is worth while.

"The school has found that the adolescent child should be kept busy, busy with things the child likes to do."

Invitation was extended to members of the Deans' Association to inspect the school and its facilities. Present at the meeting were Mrs. Annabel Fahley, dean of Sidney Lanier Junior High School, who is president; Mrs. Stella Curry, dean of Jim Deady High School; Mrs. B. W. Creekmore, dean of John H. Reagan High School; Miss Clara Larrabee, dean of Milby High School; Mrs. L. K. Griffith, dean of Sam Houston High School; Mrs. S. P. Goodrich, dean of James Hogg Junior High School.

HOUSTON ROTARIANS IN CHRISTMAS VISIT

"Rotarians we greet thee,
We gladly welcome you today."

Sang a merry group of girls Thursday evening at the Mary Burnett School as their Santa, the Rotarians of Houston, arrived for his annual Christmas dinner.

Following greetings, cordial welcome of fellow members and the good humored banter, always a part of their gathering, an impressive half hour program was given by the girls under the direction of Mr. A. S. Piementel, himself a Rotarian.

A large Rotary wheel was the only object visible, and this minus every spoke but one, when the curtain rose.

While soft music played, the Voice of Rotary (represented by one of its members) invited members to the mountain top of Rotary achievement and from there, in the early morning mist, view its progress through the accomplishment of its ideals of:

Service;

High Ethical Standards;

Community Service;

Acquaintance and Friendship;

Worthiness of Occupation, and

Advancement of Understanding and International Peace.

As the Voice of Rotary gave a brief resume of each ideal, a spoke representing that ideal was added to the wheel until the circle was complete; a poem symbolizing it followed with the interpretation in pantomime by the girls of the school.

After this program, members gave short informal talks climaxing a most delightful evening, with a Christmas contribution to the girls of the school, to make possible a gift for each girl.

The Bellaire Party

December eleventh is the date.

Bellaire is the place.

Seven o'clock p. m. is the hour.

Turkey and trimmings is the eats.

Beautiful girls are the servers.

P.-Me. and "Preacher" and "Amos and Andy", the program.

'Nuff sed—hot doins'.

Watch the gridiron sizzle.

The biggest annual event in Houston Rotary.

Everybody has a good time.

LET'S GO!

Dec. 11, 1930

Station
R-O-T-A-R-Y
of
BELLAIRE
on the Air

Honest We Wouldn't Fool You
Explanations Later

Simple Songs to be SUNG
In Simple Ways
By Simple People

"COMRADES"

Comrades, comrades, ever since we were boys,
Sharing each others sorrows,
Sharing each others joys
Comrades when manhood was dawning
Faithful whate'er might betide,
When danger threatened—
My darling old comrade
Was there by my side.

"R-O-T-A-R-Y"

R-O-T-A-R-Y That spells Rotary
R-O-T-A-R-Y is known on land and sea
From North to South, from East to West
He profits most who serves the best;
R-O-T-A-R-Y That spells Rotary

"SWEET ADELINE"

"LET ME CALL YOU SWEETHEART"

*There May Be Others if the Audience
Will Stand for It*

**ROTARY CLUB
GIVES \$700 TO
GIRLS SCHOOL**

Members Visit County Institution, Hold Dinner and Program and Present Gift to Students.

One hundred and fifty-one girls of the Harris County School for Girls at Bellaire know Friday that the heritage of every girl—a merry and happy Christmas—will be theirs, following the visit of the Houston Rotary Club Thursday night.

The Rotarians made their thirteenth annual visit to the school; had a turkey dinner; staged a program, and concluded by presenting the girls with \$700.25 for their Christmas.

"If I had not been proud of the Houston Rotary Club before, I am proud tonight," said Gardner Winters, the president. "Tonight is the bright spot in the administration of Rotary this year. We hope the hearts of these girls will be made glad by this contribution."

He then presented Miss Ethel A. Caxon, in charge of the school, with the purse.

tell your friendship and your kindness."

Doctor West Presides.

Dr. E. P. West presided and A. S. Pimentel directed the program. Mr. Pimentel obtained a Rotary play, written by an Oklahoma City Rotarian, showing the six purposes of Rotary.

A dozen girls, dressed as men, acted the play as the Bellaire Rotary Club.

Ennis Cargill, who has attended all 13 of these Christmas parties, was the first one called on by Doctor West.

"These parties out here have not only been my pleasure—they have been my life," said Mr. Cargill. "No one knows what they mean to me."

Chester Bryan, under whose regime as county judge, 16 years ago, the county established the school, said he always looked forward to these parties—"the proof of the pudding is in these parties."

Gen. Jacob F. Wolters declared he did not believe there is another institution—"just such an institution as this"—in the world.

School Is Monument.

"It is a monument to those in authority who created the school," said General Wolters.

"I wonder if you, who have been coming out here for years, have thought of this. Many of us, coming out here year after year, are getting older. Yet we always find youth here. The girls stay a year or two or three, and then they pass out into the world to meet life's problems.

"Tonight we wish the girls here a merry Christmas, and we wish that the new year will be a good year for them, a year which will meet their own satisfaction and the approval of their instructors."

party at the school is a monument to Rotary.

"I am proud of your organization," the editor said. "Such acts as this tonight come out of your benevolent purpose. It is the encouragement of such men as you which makes this school what it is today."

Short Talks Made.

Judge T. M. Kennerly kidded Doctor West throughout his two-minute talk, announcing that the pastor had asked him to talk about him.

Mr. Huggins got a laugh when he said he had planned to make a serious speech, but had been so busy in important negotiations he had not had time—"Thinking of buying the Houston Press and giving Monty some real support," he said.

M. E. Foster said he came to look, listen and eat—that Doctor West and Pimentel had the voices while he had the ideas."

Oscar Holcombe read a little poem on the Republican party and depression which brought applause.

Hugo Swan, Dallas Rotarian, praised the occasion, and added:

"I am going back to Dallas and tell them in what a big way Houston does things! I'll admit to them that Houston is on the gulf, and our hats will be off to Houston from now on."

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Eighteen young women compose the first graduating class at the Harris County School for Girls and get diplomas after completing within four months a course which usually requires eight months for ordinary seventh grade pupils. It was regarded as an eloquent testimonial of the welfare work done by the county. Introduced by Ennis Cargill, Professor P. W. Horn, superintendent of Houston schools, praised the young women for their work and lauded the school. County Judge Ward presented the diplomas and with them handed each girl a bouquet of daisies from the women of the Tuam Avenue Baptist Church and a handsome bouquet from Mrs. Henry Cohen and Mrs. Andral Vann. The proficiency medal awarded by Jake Sam was presented to the girl with the highest grade by Harry T. Warner, The board of control, represented by Mrs. W. W. Baines and Mrs. Max Taub, gave each graduate a small gold medal engraved with her initials.

"Big Brothers" Are Entertained.

The entertainments form a vital part of the curriculum of the Harris County School for Girls. Seventy-nine of them went on the Shriner's picnic. The salesmanship Club of Houston recently invited the entire school to visit their club house on Galveston bay and last Christmas the same club gave a dinner to the school which was served in the banquet room of the Rice hotel in Houston. Last December the girls entertained the Houston Rotarians at the school and the teachers described the "knights of the cog wheel" as acting like a lot of big boys. The Rotarians left a Christmas fund of \$125 when they departed. The various grades entertain each other during the summer, the object being that of teaching the girls to plan entertainments. Baseball and basket-ball teams are organized in each cottage.

The health conditions at Bellaire are ideal. There was not a single case of influenza in the school either in 1918 or 1919. There has not been a death in the history of the school. Each pupil is given a physical examination upon entrance and a Houston physician visits the school regularly once a week and when called.

The religious life is vigorous. A strong Christian Endeavor society is following the "string of pearls" system of learning to remember the Scriptures. Chapel services are held each morning at which the music and singing is furnished entirely by the girls. On Sunday afternoons pastors from the various churches in Houston preach in the chapel.

Sanitary Conditions Ideal.

In speaking of the health conditions I should add that a regular dispensary and operating room are to be found in the Cargill building. The operations are chiefly adenoid and tonsil removals. The living conditions are as sanitary as any school for girls in the East. No hospital in Houston would present a more ideal environment to recuperate from sickness. The girls' rooms are decorated with pictures, artistic drawings from the art department and fancy pieces of handiwork they have made. If one were shown through their rooms without knowing it is a school for immoral delinquents, he would immediately reach the conclusion that he was being shown a private school for girls. There is nothing to suggest the reformatory or institutional idea.

The meals are cooked and served entirely by the girls from the kitchen

that for cleanliness and system outranks many of our best colleges for girls. On this trip I ate at two of the most fashionable hotels of the entire South, but neither of them produced the quality of blackberry pie baked by one of the girls in this wonderful school. Everything else on the table (with the exception of those plymouth rock hens), was delightful to the extreme.

Music Department.

Immediately following dinner we were invited into the chapel where some of the pupils of the music department entertained us. The soloists, both instrumental and vocal, were proof that only the best music teachers are being employed. It was a study in psychology to read the faces of those girls as they sang and played. A few hymns were sung and Mr. Clark gave an address on "Watch" followed by solos by Miss McCullough. Miss Claxton asked me if I would speak to them and I replied that I would tell them some stories. A man has no adequate appreciation of the value of the power of a good story until he has stood before an audience of girls like that and recited the things that make them forget—forget entirely.

A Model for Tarrant County.

The Harris County School for Girls, the model for Tarrant County to follow in building a school here, is valued at \$131,165. Miss Ethel A. Claxton, the superintendent, is a native of Vermont and a graduate of the Falkner School in Philadelphia. She had charge of a school for girls in the Quaker City for five years and afterward at Atlanta, Ga. She is a specialist in schools for girls. Miss Mary E. Burnett, assistant superintendent, is also from Philadelphia and worked with Miss Claxton there.

The cottage teachers are, Mrs. Flora G. Crossley, Miss Estelle Walter and Mrs. Clara Shelburne. School teachers, Miss Esther Kimsey (recreational), Miss Versie Devereaux and Miss Berl Breedlove. Domestic science, Miss Gladys Markolf. Kitchen teachers, Mrs. Hassie Camp and Miss Mabel Claycorn. Office secretary, Miss Vovella Goodman. Music, Miss Anna Lucas. Art, Miss Alfreda Jenkins. Visitor, Miss Alma Garrison.

Houstonians Show Interest.

Citizens of Houston have shown a great interest in the girls and the various clubs always provide seats for the girls at the best concerts and other programs.

Mattie May Corder

Anthony Geraci

wish to announce their marriage

Saturday, August twenty-third

Nineteen hundred and twenty-four

at Prospect Park, New Jersey



You are invited to attend the Easter program

at the

Mary Burnett School for Girls

Bellaire, Texas

Sunday, April, 5, 1931, at 3:00 p.m.

CANTATA

—"The First Easter"—

By The Glee Club

ADDRESS Mr. R. B. Galloway



Miss Marguerite Roesch

Mary Burnett School
1930

Invitations through 1930.



Commencement
Exercises

School Club
To Be Honored
By Altrusans

The Altrusa club will hold its annual picnic Saturday honoring members of the Chit Chat club of the Mary Burnett School for Girls.

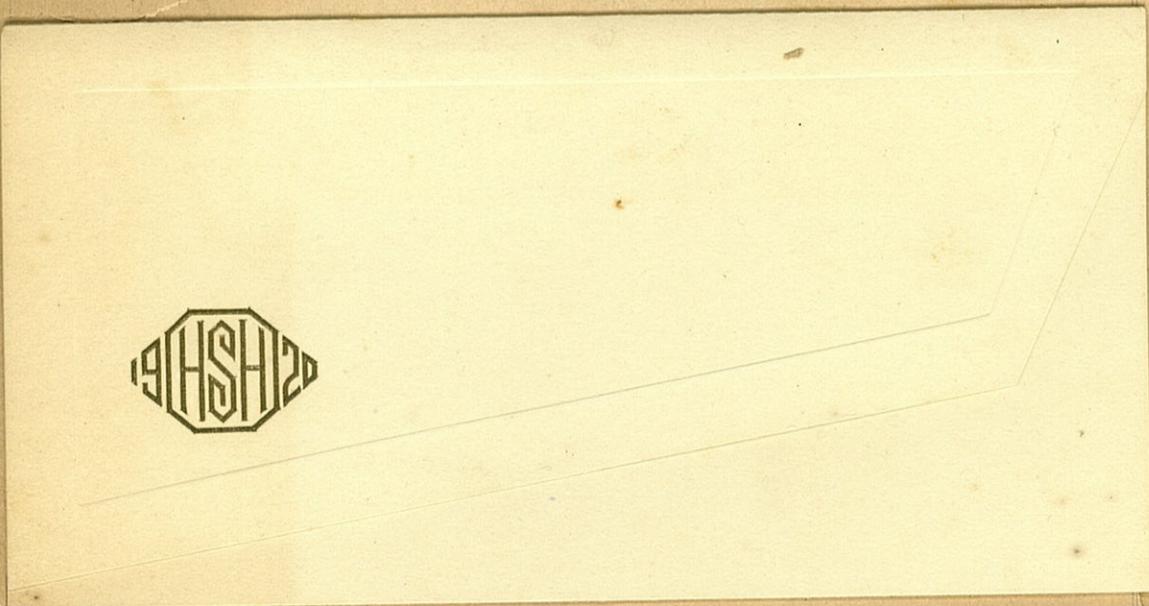
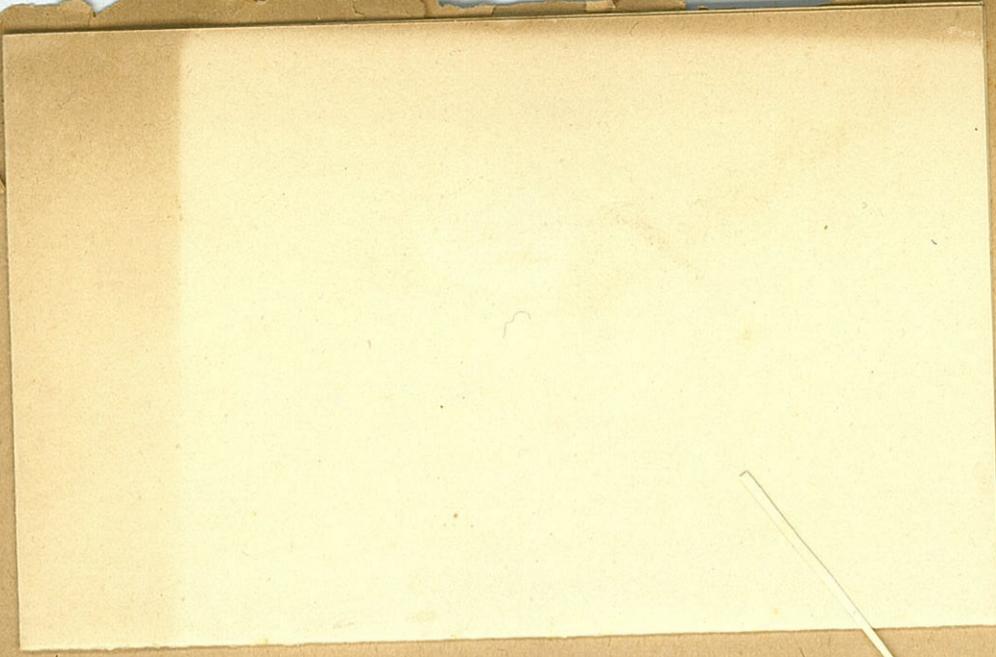
THE AFFAIR will be held at 4:30 p. m. at the home of Dr. Elva A. Wright, 6340 Brompton, founder and first president of the Houston Altrusa club.

Miss Emmeline J. Renis, president; Mrs. Gladys Allensworth and Mrs. Beulah Bono are chairmen for the picnic. They are being assisted by Dr. Ellen Wellensiek, Mrs. Alice Gregory, Mrs. Marjorie Lester, Mrs. Edith Openshaw, Miss Alva Ellisor, Miss Sarah Shannon, Miss Gertrude Chambers, Miss Iollah Belle Copeland.

The committee is being assisted by Miss Ethel Claxton, school superintendent, and Altrusa member.

WORK ON behalf of the girls at the school is one of the projects of the Altrusans under the direction of the vocational guidance committee.

The Chit Chat club was organized as an outgrowth of the club's lecture programs on training for homemaking and personal charm.





*The members of the June Class
Houston High School
cordially invite you to be present
Class Night*

May twenty-seventh, nineteen hundred nineteen

and

Commencement Night

*May twenty-eighth, nineteen hundred nineteen
for their Graduation Exercises*

*City Auditorium
at eight o'clock*

No flowers