

1935

You are invited to attend the  
First Commencement Exercises  
of the  
Junior High School Department  
of the  
Mary Burnett School  
Bellaire, Texas  
June 7, 1935 at 8 P. M.  
Operetta, "The Prince of Peddlers"



ANCILLAE REGIS CLASS  
Honoring our Mothers  
May 1935

HEAR AND ENJOY

# JACK DIONNE

AMERICA'S  
GREATEST STORY TELLER



JACK DIONNE

*Blaudette  
Virginia  
Ballins*

*Bouncing baby girl  
Born Sept 15  
Weight 4 lbs. 10 ozs  
Mrs. L.M. Ballins  
(Virginia Phillips) 1224 Houston Ave*



Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Earley  
announce the marriage of their niece

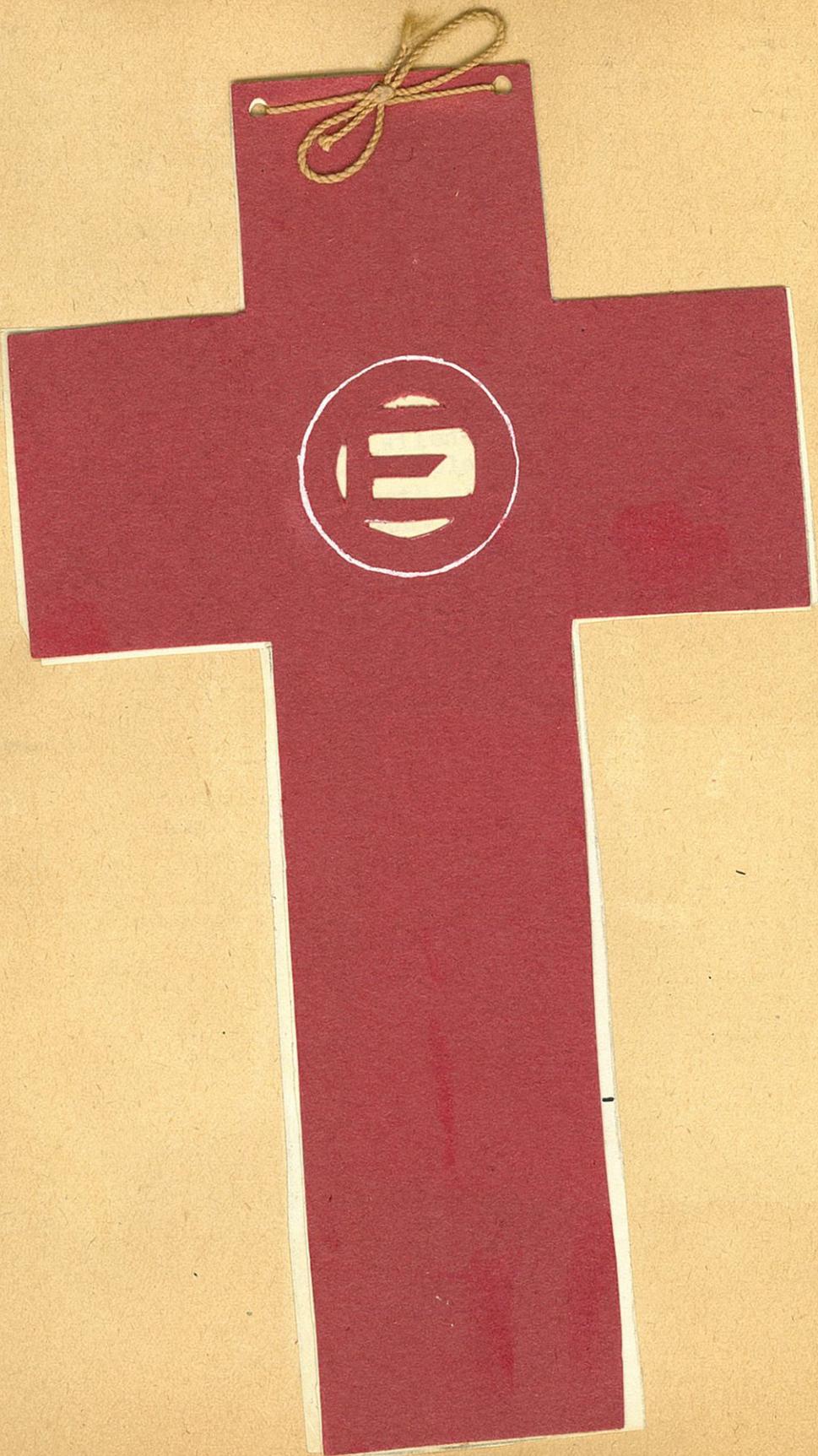
Miss Louise Gressett

to

Mr. Clay Garriott

on Saturday, October the nineteenth  
nineteen hundred and thirty-five

Phoenix, Arizona



## Distinguished Record

JUDGE CHARLES E. ASHE will leave the bench at the end of his present term with the respect and affection of the whole community.

For thirty-six years he has presided over his court with dignity, fairness and efficiency. No litigant before his tribunal could charge him with unfairness, and during all his years on the bench that charge never has been made. Winners and losers have left his court with the knowledge that they have been given a square deal as far as it is humanly possible to do so.

Judge Ashe has been not only a wise and conscientious jurist but a high type citizen who has done much to bring advancement and honor to his community. His work in civic endeavors, as a leader in patriotic organizations and humanitarian undertakings has been of the same high quality as his professional career on the bench.

The bar and the people of Harris county will lose a judge who is a credit to his community and his profession when he steps out at the end of a distinguished career that has been filled with noteworthy accomplishment.

It would be appropriate to place in his position a man who possesses many of the fine qualities of Judge Ashe. Judge Walter E. Monteith made a distinguished record as a district judge in Harris county, before he yielded to the urgings of his friends and became a candidate for mayor. In the office of mayor he made another notable record. As the successor to Judge Ashe he would be in a position to continue a judicial career in which he already has won distinction.

## James Charlton

JAMES CHARLTON came to Houston sixty-two years ago, a young man seeking opportunity. He remained here until his death last Sunday at the age of 89 years. He left behind him as an enduring memorial a record of useful service to his community and his fellow man of which all Houston is proud.

The present generation of Houstonians knew him as the county treasurer, as a kindly, amiable elderly gentleman who had served the people of Harris county well for thirty years in an important official capacity. But that service, although it extended over three decades and covered the period of Houston's growth from a town into a metropolitan city, is only an incident in a most remarkable career.

James Charlton is the man who conceived the idea of giving free textbooks to the children of Harris county as a means of equalizing educational opportunity. As chairman of the school board, he could see the need for such a measure and could visualize its helpfulness in making available to children of poor parents the advantages of education. He was instrumental in framing of a bill. Then he went to Austin and fought before the Legislature for its enactment. For this service for the children of Harris county and the people of Texas alone, he earned the lasting gratitude of Houstonians and Texans.

He became a public official and a "white collar" man only after many years of earning a living with his hands as a machinist. He never lost his sympathy for the working man or his understanding of his problems. As grand marshal of Houston's first Labor Day parade, he marched proudly at the head of a column of thousands of working men. He interested himself throughout his career in legislation and in movements for the benefit of the workers.

In 1906, when he was elected county treasurer, he promised to conduct the office honestly, economically

and efficiently. He kept those pledges through thirty years of faithful service. There was never a hint of scandal, even in political campaigns. No man ever charged him, up to the day of his death, with inefficiency, waste, dishonesty or neglect of his important office. No public official elected to office in this county earned more richly the confidence placed in him by the people.

Mr. Charlton was a fine gentleman, an old-timer with enough vision to meet changing conditions but who clung tenaciously to the old definitions of honesty and integrity. He was a good citizen, a husband and father who loved his family with all the devotion of which he was capable and a man who was loved by his friends for his worth rather than wealth and position.

In his death, Houston and Harris county have lost a splendid, useful citizen and public official worthy of the honors conferred upon him.

## THANKS FROM THE BELLAIRE SCHOOL 1936

MR. ED BLACKBURN, President, Houston Rotary Club, Rice Hotel, Houston, Texas.

MY DEAR MR. BLACKBURN: It was indeed a great pleasure to have the large group of Rotarians with us on Thursday evening, December 3. The most generous gift for Christmas will bring to the children much happiness and will make Christmas at the Mary Burnett School one which will be overflowing with real Christmas cheer.

The six dozen new chairs have solved a great problem for us, and are more than appreciated. As to the radio, Bettie Bryan will write you concerning that. I, too, am very happy to know that they have one which they can enjoy as the other cottages have enjoyed theirs.

Our doors are always open to visitors throughout the year, and any members of the Rotary Club and their families who would enjoy looking through the school and knowing more about the work being done here, will be welcome at any time.

Thanking you for the many things which have been done for the school during the past eighteen years, and with best wishes for a most enjoyable holiday season, I am sincerely yours,

ETHEL A. CLAXTON, Superintendent.



## Rotary to Present Girls' Yule Party

Program Will Be Held at  
Mary Burnett School  
Thursday, 1936

Santa Claus is early, maybe, for his annual visit to all and sundry, but not for the group of Santa's

children at the Mary Burnett School for Girls. Because a very special Rotary Santa Claus makes a very special visit to the girls of the school on a pre-Christmas date each year, and leaves warm hearts and happy laughter that echoes throughout the year.

Thursday night the Houston Rotary club will give its annual Christmas party for the girls at the school, with A. S. Pimentel, Bob Jolly, President Ed Blackburn and others of the Rotary club presenting the program. The girls of the school also will take part in an original skit written and directed by

Mr. Pimentel, in which Rotary members are put on the gridiron in a way that is expected to be a riot of fun—at least to the girls.

A turkey dinner with all of the "fixings" will be prepared and served by the girls for Rotary guests before the program. Following the skit the guests will make up the gift cash box which will be presented to Miss Ethel Claxton, superintendent of the school, for financing a real Christmas party for the girls during the holidays. The fund will provide for practical gifts for each of the 175 girls, as well as the trinkets and decorations that

form the settings for a real Christmas party.

All persons who are interested in helping make possible the Christmas party for the girls of the school are invited to attend the meeting Thursday night, President Blackburn said.

I hope it may continue its  
good work for many years

Very sincerely

Rachel Baldwin,

September 28, 1936

My dear Miss Claxton

Thank you so much  
for your note of sympathy.  
My father admired your  
work, and felt a very  
sincere interest in  
the school that has done  
so much for so many girls.

You are invited to the  
Christmas Service  
at the  
Mary Burnett School for Girls  
Bellaire, Texas  
December 20, 1936  
3:00 P. M.

Cantata - "The Redeemer of The World" - by Fred B. Holton  
Glee Club

Address - Rev. F. B. Thorn



*The Sisters of the Poor of Saint Francis*

*The Faculty and Class of*

*Nineteen Hundred Thirty six*

*request the honor of your presence at the*

*Commencement Exercises*

*Thursday evening, September seventeenth*

*at eight fifteen o'clock*

*Mother of God Auditorium*

*West Sixth Street*

*Covington, Kentucky*

**RECENT BRIDE**



Mrs. Jack Nanney, a recent bride, is the former Miss Mildred Thompson.

*Lucy L. Latino*

# CHRISTMAS PARTY HELD BY ROTARIANS

1936

## Club Raises \$768 For Mary Burnet School and Other Gifts Are Presented to Girls at Annual Affair.

Houston Rotarians set a new record for enthusiasm and interest in their annual Christmas party for the girls of Mary Burnet School at Bellaire Thursday night in the eighteenth successive pre-Christmas party at the school, according to those who attended.

The Rotarians reached beyond their previous bounds in making a gift to the girls, now numbering 173 at the Mary Burnet and Harris County School for Girls. They raised among themselves a total of \$768 and turned it over to Miss Ethel Claxton, superintendent, for providing a Christmas Eve party and individual gifts to the girls.

Responding to the presentation of the gift, on behalf of the 225 Rotarians and friends attending, Miss Claxton said: "There are times when a person cannot express his feelings and thanks in adequate words. This is one of those times. I want you to know that the girls and I appreciate this wonderful gift and your interest."

### 75 New Chairs Presented.

Seventy-five new chairs also were given by the Rotarians to the school. Bob Kerr furnished chrysanthemums and poinsettias for the decorations, and Ernest Crumpacker gave the school a radio.

Following a turkey dinner, served by the girls, a sort of grid-iron dinner staged with A. S. Pimentel as master of ceremonies kept the guests in an uproar of laughter. The skit, written by Pimentel, pictured the Rotary board in a "bored room." Senior girls of the school, making up the cast, were attired to represent leading Rotarians. Choral groups sang under the direction of Mrs. Lillian Brand, with Miss Nellie Mae Pasal as pianist.

### Other Entertainers.

Other entertainers were Cleone and Lucile Monette and Mary Treadway, known as the "Melody Lassies." They were accompanied by Miss Thelma Slocum. They entertained at four successive Rotary parties there. Mrs. Walter Jenkins sang solo numbers. Max Davis, Carl Dahlstrom, William Ray and Buck Lay comprised the Davis Quartet that sang to the accompaniment of Boyd Nash. Allen Mabry and Wilton Roper of the Cliff Drescher Cowboy Band played the accordion and saxophone.

Bob Jolly introduced the notables present, and gave special recognition to five Rotarians who have attended all 18 annual Christmas parties. They were J. W. Neal, John Embry, A. S. Moody, J. W. Mills and A. S. Pimentel.

HOME NIGHT PROGRAM  
NATIONAL WEEK  
for  
BOY'S and GIRL'S  
April 26-May 2, 1936

Bed-time Stories.....Bryan  
"All aboard for sleepy town."  
  
Kid Party.....Bayland  
From twins to quintuplets  
will be there.  
  
The Mark Twain--Gillard-Riley Co.  
.....Cargill  
  
Radio Amateur Program,  
giving news of the Day.....Gray  
  
Grand March,  
led by  
Misses Garrison and Guthrie.  
  
Refreshments

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SENIOR CIRCLE BANQUET  
MARY BURNETT SCHOOL

1936



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Ghastly Halls  
at the Gray Haunted  
House

Oct. 30, 1936

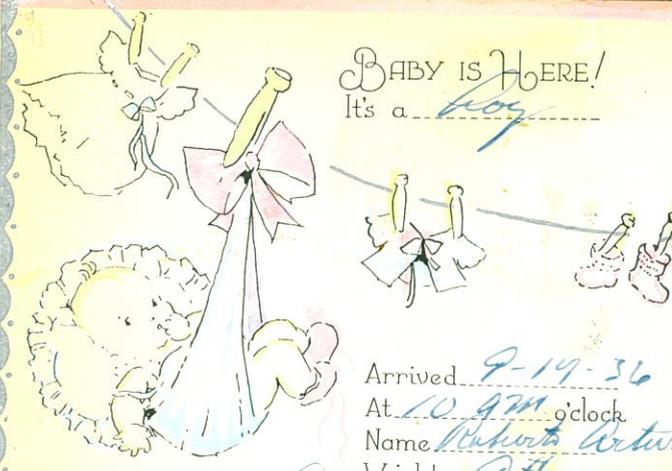
Miss Marian Holmes

11-6-36  
**Barnard Art School  
Pupils to Entertain**

Pupils of the Barnard School of Arts will present an evening of entertainment at the Mary Burnett School for Girls at Bellaire, Friday evening. The Barnard program will be supplemented by orchestrations and solo numbers presented by Clarice Shults and her violin and accordion orchestra. The variety show will include readings, songs and dances and two popular playlets, "Paw Gets Took" and "Getting the Evidence."



BABY IS HERE!  
It's a boy



Arrived 9-19-36  
At 10 45 o'clock  
Name Robert Arthur  
Weight 9#

Mr. and Mrs. Allen B. Finney

WIDENS WORK



Dr. M. M. Wolf resigned Wednesday night as pastor of the South Main Baptist church. He had held the pulpit for 19 years.

**Dr. Wolf Resigns  
From South Main  
Baptist Pastorate**

Leader for 19 Years to  
Be Revivalist-Writer  
After Oct. 1.

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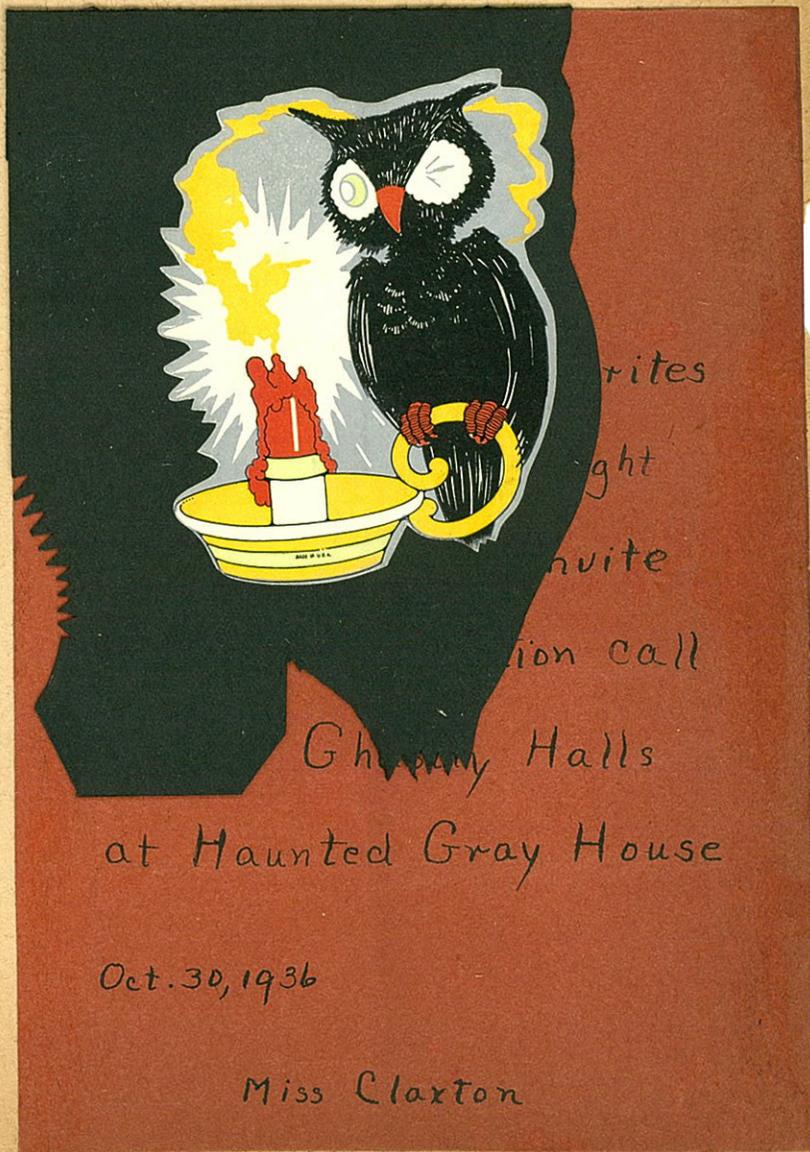
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Mary Burnett School  
For Girls  
Bellaire, Texas  
July 19, 1936

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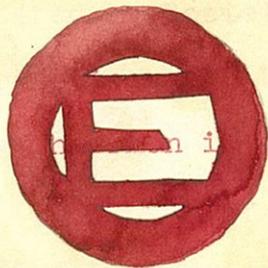
  
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 at Haunted Gray House

Oct. 30, 1936

Miss Claxton



YOUNG PEOPLES  
CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR  
BELLAIRE, TEXAS

June 21, 1936



*Mrs. Elbert E. Adkins Jr.*

Berry's portrait is by Robinson-Pestell, the others by Gittin

Sixth Union Commencement  
HOUSTON HIGH SCHOOLS  
Fifty-Eighth Annual

THE BUFFALO STADIUM

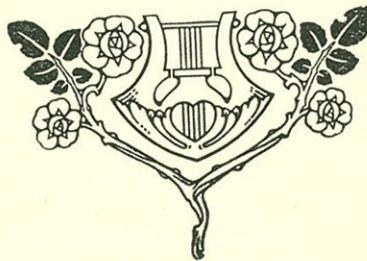
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 1936, 8:00 P. M.

1. PROCESSIONAL, "Triumphant March" ..... *Olivadoti*  
First Band, Victor Alessandro, Director
2. SONG, "America" (first and last verses) ..... Audience  
Directed by Victor Alessandro  
(The audience will stand during the singing of "America" and  
remain standing until after the invocation.)
3. INVOCATION ..... REV. J. W. ESVELD
4. "I'm Going A-Vagabonding" ..... *Coburn*  
Boys' Chorus, Jefferson Davis High School  
Mrs. Edythe Bates Old, Director
5. ADDRESS ..... DR. W. B. BIZZELL  
President, University of Oklahoma
6. "Stepping Together" ..... *Macy*  
Boys' Chorus, Jefferson Davis High School  
Mrs. Edythe Bates Old, Director
7. PLEDGE OF SERVICE ..... GRADUATES
8. AWARDING DIPLOMAS .. DOCTOR E. E. OBERHOLTZER
9. Excerpts from Wagnerian Operas ..... *Wagner*  
First Band, Victor Alessandro, Director
10. BENEDICTION ..... REV. J. W. ESVELD  
(Audience will please remain seated until graduates  
have marched out after benediction.)
11. RECESSIONAL, "Washington Post" ..... *Sousa*  
First Band, Victor Alessandro, Director

ST. ELIZABETH HOSPITAL  
SCHOOL OF NURSING



GRADUATING EXERCISES



Class of Nineteen Thirty-six



MOTHER OF GOD AUDITORIUM  
West Sixth Street  
Covington, Ky.

# Passing of Steam Packets Took Riche From Bayland Orphan Home In 1887

By ED KILMAN.

If steam packets had not ceased operating regularly between Houston and Galveston in 1887, Bayland Orphan Home now might be the richest charity institution in Texas. For, it was the inaccessibility of Bayland, on the west side of San Jacinto bay, after the steam packets departed, that prompted the removal of the home to Houston and the sale of its 304-acre site there. And a generation later, oil was discovered on that Bayland tract, and it became known as the Goose Creek oil field.

But at that, Bayland Orphan Home has existed long beyond its original plan. It was founded in 1866, by public-spirited citizens of Houston, Galveston and neighboring counties, to care for and educate Texas orphans of Confederate soldiers killed in the Civil war.

Some of those children for whom the home was established have died of old age, but it has carried on. Under its amended charter the institution has two years of a half-century period yet to run, but in a sense it already has ceased to function as the Bayland Orphan Home.

Its identity as such has gradually faded since the county took over the institution in 1922. And last month, when the two dozen inmates were removed from the Bellaire home to the Harris county home for delinquent boys on Clear Lake, to become inmates of a county home for juvenile dependents and delinquents, one of the last vestiges

of their proud Bayland tradition was erased.

## Career Is Reviewed.

Still, an obituary may be premature; but as the noble old mission of mercy bows out of the picture, it is interesting to review its long, distinguished career. Such a review is afforded by the musty old records of the home, in possession of A. E. Clarkson, secretary-treasurer of the Houston Printing company, and secretary-treasurer and trustee of the Bayland board of trustees.

The earliest of these records is a little cloth-bound book with "C. C. Preston, Bayland, July 20th, 1866," written on the flyleaf. It contains a petition as follows:

## "Orphans' Home!"

"In the midst of the various worthy and popular efforts now being made for the relief of our infirm and disabled soldiers and their families, your subscriber feels it is of vastly greater importance that the education and moral wants of their children should be immediately cared for.

"We therefore propose to open at once an asylum for the children of all deceased and disabled Confederate soldiers of our state, to be 'The Orphans Home of Bayland.'

"In this home these children are to be gratuitously educated, boarded, lodged and clothed. The education shall be ample, sufficient and thorough, such a one as shall make them useful citizens.

"Your subscriber alone is unable to accomplish so vast and important an undertaking. But, stimulated by full belief in success and urged by a sense of duty, he confidently presents his enterprise to the public, relying upon its liberality and memory of the past. We owe our brave and departed heroes a debt which can only be discharged in thus caring for their tender and helpless children.

"They are left a sacred trust to our keeping, and relying on your sense of gratitude and Divine Providence, we confidently ask the sympathy and support of the public.

"Further, in order more fully to insure success, it is proposed by your subscriber to transfer the title of his property to a board of trustees and then solicit from the present legislature a charter for the institution and an appropriation in its aid.

## Donations Asked.

"In the meantime, as extensive improvements will be necessary, an appeal is hereby made to your liberality, fellow citizens, for subscriptions in money, materials for building, supplies, stock or labor, produce or land. . . . All the means thus obtained will be placed in the hands of H. F. Gillette, Esq., who has kindly consented to act as treasurer

where. Extensive land donations were made by the state of Texas, Harris and Galveston counties, and individuals.

Thus assured of making a go of it, the organizers obtained passage of a legislative act on September 24, 1866, chartering "The Orphans Home at Bayland," to be non-sectarian and open to all indigent white orphans.

Approximately 304 acres of land and improvements on the west side of San Jacinto bay, in Harris county, were purchased and the institution was opened with about 250 inmates.

Colonel M. S. Munson, prominent citizen of Brazoria county, was chosen president of the board of trustees. Other trustees were Colonel Ashbel Smith, noted educator and statesman of the Republic of Texas; Dr. John L. Bryan, Bayland; Colonel John T. Brady, Houston; Colonel William P. Ballinger, Galveston; Colonel F. H. Merriman, Galveston, and Rev. C. C. Preston, Bayland, who started the movement. Rev. H. F. Gillette of Bayland was elected secretary of the board and superintendent of the home, at an annual salary of \$1800.

It was a struggle to keep the institution going in the early years, and the people of Harris and Galveston counties were called upon for liberal donations of money, goods and time. The largest contributors were William and J. J. Hendly of Galveston, who gave large tracts of land in Coryell county. In his will J. J. Hendly left to the home some \$30,000 worth of dividend-paying stocks.

Some of Houston's and Galveston's leading citizens of the latter nineteenth century were among the trustees who served on the board from time to time, namely: T. W. House (the elder), W. J. Hutchins, E. H. Cushing, R. M. Elgin, B. A. Shepherd, C. S. Longcape, S. K. McIlhenny, George L. Porter, W. V. R. Watson, R. R. Baer, Dr. D. F. Stuart, Captain William Christian, George Dumble, James F. Dumble, George W. Kidd, R. D. Gribble, L. M. Rich.

## Region Popular.

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orphans needing the help. The normal capacity of the new home was 42 children, and 40 orphans were brought up from the old place at Bayland.

In making the necessary charter amendment providing for the removal, the trustees changed the name of the institution to "Bayland Orphans Home," and stipulated that the corporation should exist for 50 years from the time of the amendment—January 20, 1888.

Mrs. Kezia P. DePelchin, whose name became widely known later in connection with the DePelchin Faith Home, was elected matron of the new home on June 4, 1888. Two weeks later J. W. Fuqua was elected superintendent. Together they took good care of the children for some years, raising vegetables and garden truck to sell and help pay expenses.

About the year 1890 the home encountered hard financial sailing. The board offered to sell all but five acres of the Perl place, but there were no buyers. (Most of the other lands, donated to the home, already had been sold off to meet debts and emergencies that arose from time to time.) In June of that year the home owed \$10,750, and its resources consisted of \$6598 in land notes, maturing in annual installments. An intensive canvass was made for funds to relieve the situation, and about \$9000 was raised.

## Fire Blasts Hopes.

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For some time the trustees had been hoping and planning to sell the Bayland street property and rebuild on a 65-acre tract of land near Bellaire, donated by Joseph F. Meyer. They now became active in furthering those plans, and on March 31, 1916, the children were moved into a new home on that land, on Richmond road, representing an investment of about \$25,000, expended on drainage, building, furniture and farm equipment. Of this amount, \$14,000 was borrowed on the old place.

may mark a new chapter in breeding of improved live stock. This thriving youngster was born in Poland of a Polish ewe and an English ram, neither of which had ever been any nearer the other than their respective countries.

How the feat of long-distance breeding was accomplished by means of glass tubes, a thermos bottle and commercial airmail was described Saturday in the Journal of Heredity, published here. Arthur Walton of the school of agriculture, Cambridge university, England, and Roman Prawochenski, Jagiellonski university, Krakow, Poland, who took part in the experiment, are the authors of the article.

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The first and largest recorded cash contributor was John L. Bryan, who is marked up for \$1000 in the book. Mary Jones gave 555½ acres of land, valued at \$1666.50. Harris county citizens subscribed \$2045 to the fund; Galveston, \$2413, and other contributions came from La Grange, Navasota, Liberty and else-

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By this time most of the Confederate orphans had grown up and left the home, but it was decided to offer the advantages of the home and school to any white indigent

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When the 10 boys and 11 girls had their formal housewarming on Easter Sunday, April 23, members of the board of trustees were E. W. Taylor, E. R. Cage, Harry T. Warner and Judge H. J. Dannenbaum.

Six years later the board entered into a contract with Harris county whereby the home turned over to the county real and personal property valued at \$76,268, and the county agreed to continue the institution as a county home for dependent white male juveniles, in the same manner that Bayland had provided for, educated and trained them. In addition, the county commissioners' court agreed to erect a new building at Bellaire, to be known as the Harris County Bayland home, for the exclusive use of dependent white female juveniles.

Chester H. Bryan was county judge at that time, and the Bayland board consisted of William Christian, president and trustee; J. C. Dealy, secretary and trustee; G. A. Brandt, Joseph F. Meyer, Ennis Cargill, A. E. Clarkson and S. J. Westheimer, trustees.

#### Dealy Died in 1934.

The board of trustees continued in existence, principally for the administration of certain properties still held by the corporation, for the benefit of the home. Mr. Dealy, after serving as trustee for 32 years, and as secretary-treasurer for 27 years, died in 1934, and Mr. Clarkson was elected secretary-treasurer in his place.

Only last month Bayland moved into its last phase. After repeated grand jury recommendations, urging that the Bellaire plant was inadequate, the Harris county juvenile board on November 3 moved the home to the handsome building overlooking Clear Lake which has been used for a decade as a school for delinquent boys. Under a reorganization plan that building is now being used as a home for dependent children and also for some of the younger delinquent boys who do not show real criminal tendencies. The older and more hardened characters are being sent to the state reform schools.

There are now 28 dependents and seven delinquent boys at Clear Lake, in charge of Superintendent E. C. Jacobs. All the boys are attending public school at Webster.

The modern solution of the juvenile dependent problem is to find private foster-homes for such children, where they may receive better individual care and attention than any public institution could give them. The full success of this system obviously would eliminate the need of any such home as Bayland.

However, even though the need continues, as it doubtless will, the move to Clear Lake in a sense wrote finis to the history of Bayland Orphan home. The county institution is not limited to orphans, as was Bayland by its charter; any dependent juveniles whom the county may see fit to give a home will be eligible, as will young delinquents. The Bayland orphans will be absorbed among these, and in time will be entirely replaced by county dependents.

But for nearly three-fourths of a century this institution, which was founded for the benefit of Civil war orphans, has rendered a magnificent philanthropic service to South Texas.

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**BOOKS FOR BELLAIRE 1937**

(Max Davis is becoming worried by the lack of response to the need of Bellaire for books. Why are you men so apathetic on this matter. Check over the list of books needed; maybe you have one of them you can spare; if so send it to Rotary office. If you have none of them, remember, money can be changed into books, too. How about it, fellows? If the girls don't get the books, the School loses its rating with the State Board.)

MR. T. MAX DAVIS, Massey's Business College,  
 1217 1/2 Capitol Street, Houston, Texas.

DEAR MR. DAVIS: Enclosed is a list of the general reference books required, and also a list of Junior High School reference books needed in starting our library.

The more we think about the work you are undertaking, the more enthused we become over the thought that we are going to realize one of our dreams — a reading room filled with reference material sufficient for our use.

Thanking you for this interest in our school, I am

Yours sincerely,

ETHEL A. CLAXTON, Superintendent.

**GENERAL REFERENCE BOOKS REQUIRED BY STATE**

- 1 Atlas of American History
- 1 Atlas of Ancient History
- 1 Atlas of Modern History
- 1 Dictionary, large, unabridged, International or Standard
- 1 Encyclopedia
  - The American, Compton's Pictured, or
  - The Britannica (14th Edition), or
  - The New International, or
  - The World Book
- 1 New Human Interest Library, Midland Press
- 1 Abstract of United States Census with Texas Supplement
- 1 Parliamentary Rules
- 1 Texas Almanac
- 1 World Almanac
- 3 Current Magazines

**JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL REFERENCE BOOKS**

**English:**

- Atlantic Book of Junior Plays.....Thomas
- Best Short Stories from the Southwest.....Greer
- Citizenship Plays.....Hubbard
- Classic Myths.....Gayley
- Creative Youth.....Mearns
- Eighteen Thousand Words Often Misspelled
- Familiar Quotations
- Guide Book to Literature, Book 1, 16 copies
- Guide Book to Literature, Book 2, 16 copies
- Guide Book to Literature, Book 3, 16 copies
- Legends Every Child Should Know
- Modern Short Stories.....Ashman
- Myths and Legends of Greece and Rome.....Forbush
- Short Stories for English Course.....Mikel
- The Short Story.....Atkinson
- Southwest in Literature
- Story of the Golden Age.....Baldwin
- Tales From Shakespeare.....Lamb

- When Knights Were Bold.....Tappan
- Wonder Book and Tanglewood Tales

**Fine Arts:**

- Alice in Orchestralia.....LaPrade
- Creative Music in the Home.....Coleman
- Great Pictures and Their Stories, 8 Volumes
- Operas Every Child Should Know.....Bacon
- Stories of Great Musicians.....Sooby and Horn

**Mathematics:**

- First Course Junior High School Mathematics
- Second Course Junior High School Mathematics
- Modern Junior Mathematics, No. 1.....Gugle
- Modern Junior Mathematics, No. 2.....Gugle
- Number Stories of Long Ago.....Smith

**Physical Education:**

- Diving and Swimming Book; Health by Stunts;
- Swimming Simplified; Festivals and Plays.

**Science:**

- Birds That Every Child Should Know
- Early Steps in Science
- Elements of General Science
- Emergencies.....Jewett
- Everyday Problems in Science
- First Course in General Science.....Barber
- General Science.....Snyder
- Health in Home and Neighborhood
- Modern Aladdins and Their Magic, Rush and Winslow
- Open Doors to Science.....Caldwell and Meyer
- Our Environment, Book 1
- Our Environment, Book 2
- Our Environment, Book 3
- Our Insect Friends and Foes.....DuPuy
- Science of Home and Community
- Stories of Useful Inventions.....Forman
- Story of Foods.....Crissey and Forrest

**Social Studies:**

- Across Seven Seas to Seven Continents
- Adventuring in Young America
- America in the Making, Book 1 (Founding the Nation)
- America in the Making, Book 2 (Growth of the Nation)
- American Beginnings in Europe.....Gordy
- American Indians.....Starr
- Asia.....Chamberlain and Chamberlain
- Changing Civilization in the Modern World, 6 Volumes.....Rugg
- Child Life in Colonial Days.....Earle
- Child's History of the World.....Hillyer
- Day in Old Athens.....Davis
- Enchanted Past.....Hodgon
- Following the Frontier.....Nida
- Geography of Texas.....Smith and Walker
- Hero Tales From History.....Durnham
- History of American Civilization.....Rugg
- History of American Government and Culture.....Rugg
- How Man Makes Markets.....Werthner
- Introduction to American Civilization.....Rugg
- How We are Clothed.....Chamberlain
- How We are Fed.....Chamberlain
- Legends of the Middle Ages.....Gubber
- Life in Ancient Athens.....Tucker
- Man and His Work.....Herbertson
- Modern World Setting for American History
- Nations as Neighbors.....Packard and Sinnott
- Nations at Work.....Packard, Sinnott and Overton

## THE BELLAIRE PARTY

By The Editor's Hatchet-Man

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Well, old Billie Rose Pimentel can chalk another "hit" show down in the books. Thursday night at the stroke of seven, out at the Mary Burnett School in Bellaire, the annual Christmas Party took place. And what a party!

If we should tell you that 300 pounds of turkey, four bushels of potatoes (Irish and the kind that you associate with 'possum), a lot of buckets of tomato juice, truckloads of celery and olives, and all that sort of thing, were et up by that mob, you'd probably be disgusted, so I won't mention it.

Before the guests were seated, the curtain on the stage was rolled up and the girl's choral club sang greetings to the boys. They did a swell job of *Glow Worm* and *Waters of Minnetonka*—those sweet-voiced kids sounded like angels. Or, maybe it was the Christmas spirit infiltrating my hardened old arteries. Ernie Peters then responded and brought Rotary greetings to the kids. After the boys had eaten everything in sight, P-Me banged his cane on the footlights and started the big show. It was a skit built around the meeting of the Club's Judiciary Committee, to consider the new Constitution and By-Laws. Never have I seen youngsters so thoroughly perfect on their lines, and the kid who impersonated Frank Jones is one of the greatest memory artists any of us ever saw. She memorized ream after ream of lines (P-Me was prolific this year) with tough historical data in them, and made scarcely a bobble.

Frank Jones, Eddie Clarkson, Tom Guthrie, Herb May, Judge T. M. Kennerly, Bishop Quin, Jack Jackson, and Kemp Dargan were put over the barrel and given a good ribbing. It was tough on Frank, but he took it with good grace, and everybody had a swell time.

Props on the stage included a picture of Justice blindfolded and cock-eyed, and a sign reading:

FRANK C. JONES

General Law Practice  
Divorce Law, Criminal Law  
Corporation Law, Maritime Law  
Patent Law, Mother-in-Law  
Court Reporting, Ambulance Law  
Law West o' Pecos, Law North of '36  
Law of Averages  
There Ought to Be a Law!

Wiley Johnson, Mr. Penney's handyman, furnished the men's clothing for the gals in the skit, which added to the success of the thing.

Frank Cowen, who was president of the Rotary Club at the time the first Bellaire Party was held, spoke briefly.

Tom Carruthers, who had previously said the invocation, told of his happiness in coming out to the school several times a year to hold services for the girls.

Charlie Plowden, former Rotarian, and

now County Treasurer, said that he gets to come out to the school for laymen's meetings occasionally and that he enjoyed it. He praised Miss Ethel Claxton for her work, which is good politics for him, now that he's got his feet wet.

Mayor Fonville, Judge Whit Boyd, Judge Frank Williford, E. A. Hudson, Commissioner Bill Tautenhahn, W. E. Robertson, probation official, Dave Barker, and Judge Roy Hofheinz, all spoke, but didn't say anything.

We were stalling for time all the time, and the kids who were looking on were getting a little sleepy and tired. Then a flash of silver hair appeared in the doorway near the stage—an a couple of kids screamed, "It's Walter Jenkins!" Well, from then on those kids figuratively said, "Phooey on the rest of the show—we want Walter Jenkins." And then the show really got under way. Walter sang a couple of the numbers that always fold up the listeners and lay them out in the aisles—in spite of a sore throat—then with the help of Thelma Slocum and the Melody Lassies gave them still more sweet music. Walter asked the kids to sing for the party, which they did—and how! (We take time out for a little personal: Walter Jenkins—there must be a special place for you in Heaven, for the joy you've brought to people the world over, in every walk of life, but more especially for what it has meant to these 200 kids at Bellaire, with your singing! And we're no softie.)

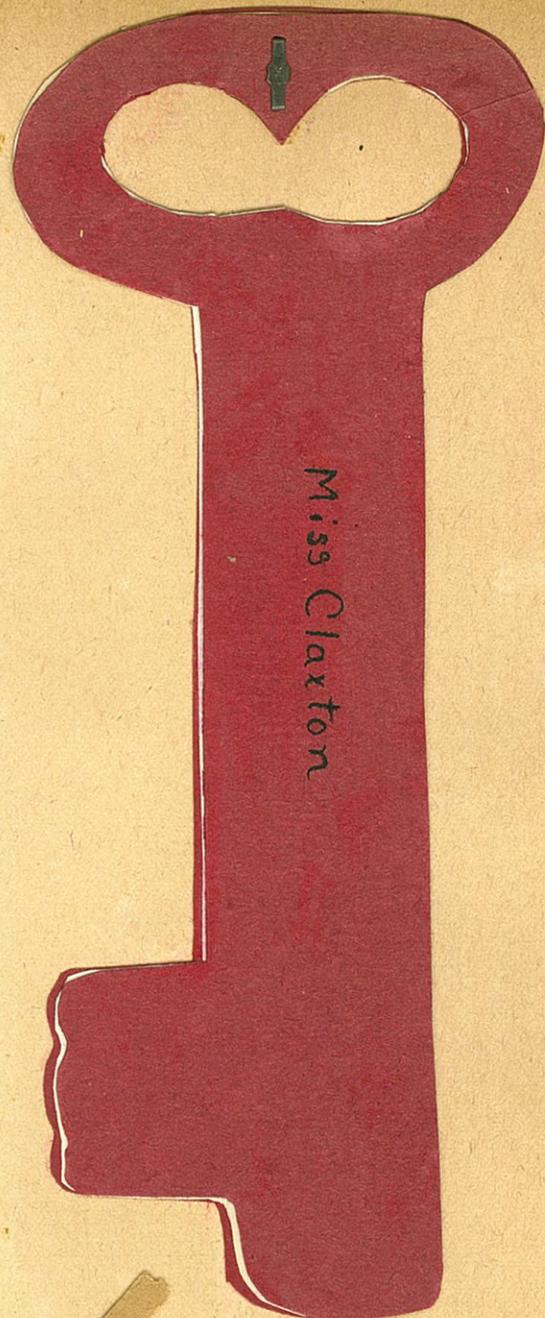
P-Me made a brief announcement about the fund, the baskets were passed and the announcement was made that this year's fund was 'way over last year—\$921.65! That means that every little kid out there will have about \$5 worth of Christmas this year—thanks to most of you Rotarians, and to good old P-Me.

The highlight of the evening was J. W. Mills' statement that he, as a good Kiwanian, had been coming to our parties and that the only thing that he envied the Rotary Club was its Bellaire Party for the kiddies.

Dr. Thorn, pastor of the Second Baptist Church, closed the meeting with a prayer, and a hundred or so Rotarians, with their invited guests, filed out of the meeting hall with real Christmas in their hearts.

And, I say this to all you Rotarians who missed this party, you haven't started to feel the beauty of Christmas until you've been to the party for the Bellaire kids!

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The Intermediate Society of the Mary Burnett School, Bellarie, has been specializing on Sharpshooting at their reguar Christian Endeavor meetings. They are assisting in conducting evening church services during July and August.



# Houston Girl Is Drowned in Lake Near Crosby

Miss Arline Murdock, 18, of Houston was drowned late Sunday in Masterson lake near Crosby.

Miss Murdock had been attending a business school in Dallas but was home for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Murdock of 2610 Saltus. She went on a picnic at the lake with a sister, Miss Mildred Murdock.

There was a large crowd of swimmers at the lake.

Miss Mildred Murdock said she first dived from a swing into the lake, then her sister followed. Her sister never came to the surface after the dive.

The water in the lake is deep and the other swimmers were unable to recover the girl's body by surface diving. An ambulance crew from the Perry-Foley funeral home finally recovered it with grappling hooks and, aided by firemen from the Tri-Cities, worked an hour and a half with an inhalator, without success.

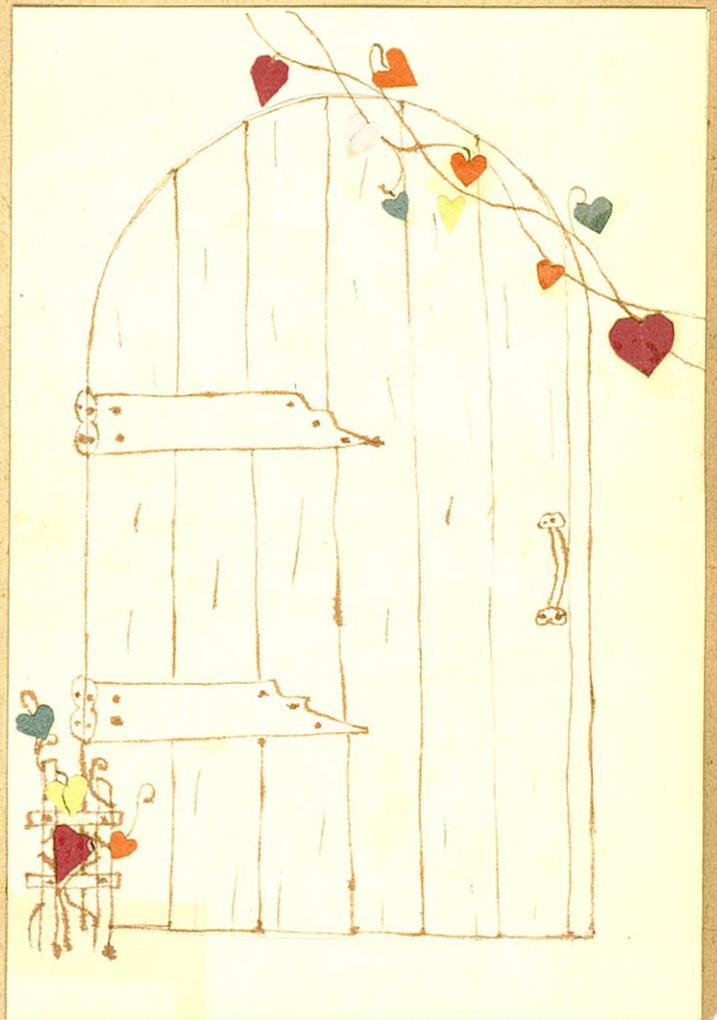
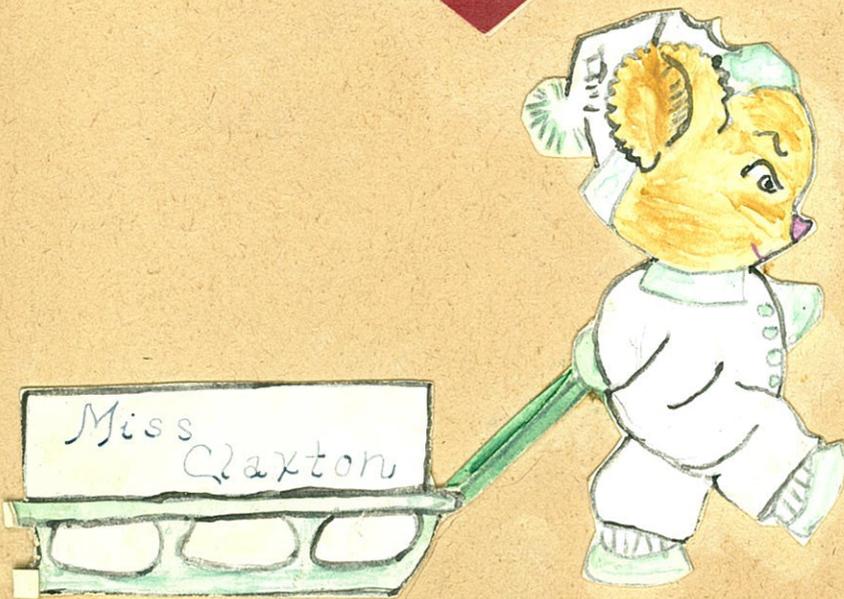
Deputy Sheriffs Roy Young and G. B. Scott investigated the accident and Justice Ben Moorhead held an inquest.

The body was returned to Houston in the funeral home ambulance.

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12th  
8:30 PM

Cargill  
Cottage

This valentine  
now brings you  
An invitation  
hearty,  
To come and  
celebrate with  
us  
A valentine  
Day's  
Party



**BRIDE AND GROOM**

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Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie R. Gray, Jr., were married February 8. Mrs. Gray is the former Miss Winona Fortune, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Fortune. The young couple now are at home at 631 East Six and One-Half Street.

**Open House Will Be Held at Old County Institution**

2-14-27

Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Dentler, who recently took over the old Bayland Home property at Bellaire, which they rented from the county for use as a convalescent home, announced late Saturday they will hold open house for Commissioners Court members and others interested, Thursday night.

Mrs. Dentler said the renovated home, which they call the Bellview Convalescent Home, will take over about 20 bed-ridden and feeble patients from the Harris County Home for the Aged about March 15.

The county's plan is to close out the County Home by placing most of the inmates on a state pension basis and boarding out the others.

The Bayland Home boys were transferred by the county to its institution on Clear Lake.



Jefferson Davis seniors learn to make chemistry experiments. Left to right: Kathryn Newton, Joerene Kelley, Margaret Davis, Miss Luta Buchanan, instructor, and Clifford Gaddis.

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