

MORE PRECIOUS THAN RUBIES

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THE STORY: Alma Conroy, employed by the exclusive jewel firm of Trumbull & Company, believes her husband Tommy when he says he has been promoted to a responsible, but confidential, position in the firm for which he also works. He presents Alma with expensive furs as a gift. But Joe Denton, a friend, tells Alma that there has been another inside robbery at the House. No suspicious has entered Alma's mind as she goes to lunch with her grandfather, Old Victor Blanchard, who has been employed half a century by The House, and who recommended that Mr. Muncie, the head, place his own son in general charge. The son, Brighton Muncie, was the one who gave Tommy his new job.

WHEN Alma Conroy and Old Victor Blanchard arrived at the restaurant, Joe Denton was already there. He sprang to his feet and pulled out the chair next to him while her grandfather sank into his accustomed place beside the white-haired, beautiful, Madame Leshinka, head appraiser of jewels.

Her fine eyes, still dark and sparkling, lit up at the sight of Victor. She had been in love with him for half a century, and Alma often wondered why these two had never married. The wife Old Victor had lost had been nothing like so beautiful as White Marie, as the store called her. But Gran' Bjord had possessed a quality that she never forgot.

The restaurant was one of those highly respectable, but moderate-priced places. It was located across the street from the House of Trumbull and groups from the different departments had their special luncheon tables there.

This noon there was an unusual excitement evident in the group. Mr. Smith, from Silverware, was holding the floor.

"It's true!" he was saying with low emphasis. "The Head's son—Brighton Muncie!"

Old Victor caught the name

might become more serious if given real responsibility. It would be dreadful—ma's out—formidable! If Mr. Muncie were to learn about his son and this women.

"Well, it's a sure thing nobody here is going to tell him!" Alma looked at her challengingly as she said this and a moment of awkward silence followed.

"Don't worry yourself, Alma," Mr. Smith from Silverware spoke out with our kindness. "I can't help thinking, though, it's a strange thing that the only discreditable person at The House should be the president's son!"

"His father believes in Bright," said Alma with slow deliberation. "Bright means everything to Mr. Muncie. There isn't any other personal interest in Mr. Muncie's life—so let's stop guessing at things we don't really know about."

Old Victor, his distress still undisguised, slowly nodded his head. It was true. Brighton Muncie did mean everything to the Head that a son could mean to a father.

THE talk drifted around to other matters after that. But there was no discussion of the recent robbery at Trumbull's. The employees had been asked not to speak of them in public and they respected the request as if it had been a military command.

At closing time that afternoon Alma found herself dreading to go home to the empty apartment. She had a few minutes early, telling herself that it had been a long time since she'd had a look around the ground floor shop.

But that basically honest voice which was the core of her kept whispering that this was merely an excuse to see Joe Denton. She wanted to see Joe alone, to tell him about Tommy's good fortune—and, well, to be with Joe!

But she did not have to go into the shop to find him, after all. When she reached the foyer of the employer's entrance, Joe was coming in from the street.

He hastened to join her, a trifle out of breath, as though he had been running.

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Come Tax Time, The Better Half Has Financial Value

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13 (UP)—You fellows may not be able to tell it from looking at your bankbook at the end of the year, but having a wife is a big help, financially.

Ludwig S. Hellborn, an economist from Bloomfield Hills, Mich., and a former federal tax expert here, says it bluntly—wives have a "cash value."

Hellborn has prepared a chart to prove his point.

"For instance," he says, "on a net income of \$10,000 earned by a single person, the tax on the first \$5,000 is \$1,052, but the tax on the second \$5,000 is \$1,676. The total tax, therefore, is \$2,728. That leaves the bachelor \$7,272 after taxes to spend for bow ties, hamburgers and steaks."

Now consider the case of a married man with \$10,000 net income. The tax law says, in effect, that \$5,000 is earned by him and \$5,000 by his wife. Thus, the married couple pays \$1,052 on the first \$5,000 of income, but it only pays another \$1,052 on the second \$5,000.

Total tax bill in that case is \$2,104 or \$624 less than the single person in the same wage bracket. The married couple's income after taxes is \$7,896.

Hellborn carries it further.

"If a single person wanted to obtain the same \$7,896 after taxes which married couples enjoy from a \$10,000 income before taxes, he would have to earn 11,034."

"In other words, additional income, before taxes, of \$1,304 per year would be required to put the single person's spending on the same basis as that of the married man who earns \$10,000. Thus, a married fellow with a net of \$10,000 not only has a wife, but also the equivalent of an investment yielding him \$1,304 per year."

Hellborn's calculations go even beyond this.

"An investment of \$41,360 in 2-1/2 per cent U. S. Treasury Bonds would yield an annual income of \$1,304," he said.

Federal Payroll Election Factor

Conservatives in Congress fear that Federal spending has reached the point where voters receiving government checks will be the major factor in electing Presidents.

The reason is that as of June 30, 1951, more than one-fourth the number of persons who voted in the last Presidential election, when 48,836,579 cast ballots, were receiving Federal checks. That's in addition to military and naval personnel. The conservatives say that when that many voters have a financial interest in keeping an Administration in power, their influence could swing an election.

A man with an annual net income of \$2,000 has a wife whose "cash" value is \$6,840. If a fellow is lucky enough to net \$75,000 his wife is worth—on paper, at least, \$3,432,880 which, let's say, likely is more than the old man has in his checking account.

Hellborn warns that a guy has to watch he doesn't make as much

Game Violations Show Increase Over January 51

AUSTIN — The Director of Law Enforcement for the Game & Fish Commission reports that the January arrest report shows "a substantial decrease" from January, 1951.

He added that the monthly report on violations for the last three months, covering most of the major 1951 hunting season, reflects a lower number of prosecutions.

The Director of Law Enforcement deducted that "this apparently indicates a better attitude of the general public and a healthier sportsmanship all the way around."

He went on: "It seems significant that there has been a decline in arrests in the face of increased law enforcement facilities."

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The Director of Law Enforcement observed that "there still is room for improvement." He based this comment on the 11 cases which showed: Nineteen arrests for killing deer; eight for killing spiking buck deer; four arrests for killing fawn deer; 36 arrests for hunting at night; five arrests for headlighting deer; 25 arrests for killing migratory waterfowl in closed season; 12 arrests for hunting ducks in closed season; 14 for killing ducks after legal hours; 10 arrests for killing geese after legal hours; eight arrests for killing quail in closed season; 14 arrests for exceeding bag limit on quail, and 11 arrests for using electrical devices to take fish.

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Pioneer Conference Races Shapes Up Between San Angelo - Arlington

ARLINGTON, Feb. 13 — The basketball title chase in the Pioneer Conference appears this week to have narrowed into a two-way scrap between the San Angelo Rams and the Arlington State Rebels, both undefeated in league play.

These quintets are scheduled to meet at San Angelo, Friday night in a game that should go far in indicating the season's champion. If San Angelo wins Friday night, the Rams will have to beat the

Bible Lectures At ACC Expected To Draw 4,000

ABILENE, Feb. 13 (Sp.) — The welcome mat is out for the first of an estimated 4,000 visitors expected to arrive here Sunday for the opening of the 33rd annual Abilene Christian College Bible Lectureship.

The lectureship is a five-day series of lectures which draws the largest annual gathering of a Church of Christ members in the nation.

Glenn Wallace of Abilene, minister of the College Church of Christ, will open the series of lectures at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, speaking on the lectureship theme, "Back to the Old Paths." At 7:30 p.m. Sunday, James Baird, dean of Central Christian College, Bartlesville, Okla., will speak on "Authority in Religion." The lectureship will run through Thursday, Feb. 21.

Wallace's sermon Sunday morning will be the first ever preached in the \$400,000 building of the College congregation, located across the street from the ACC campus. The College congregation through the years has worshipped in Sewall Auditorium on the ACC campus.

College officials anticipate the largest crowds in history at the 1952 lectures because of enlarged accommodations. Two auditoriums will be used simultaneously, the new church auditorium and Sewall Auditorium.

Other lecturers will be L. L. Geiger of Tyler, Claude Guild and Joe Malone of Fort Worth, M. Norvel Young of Lubbock, C. R. Nichol of Clifton, Trine Starnes of Waco, G. C. Brewer of Memphis, Tenn., and Elbridge Linn of Denver, Colo.

Reports on missionary work and church work carried on in the press and on the radio will be given by Floyd Hamilton of La Feria, James W. Nichols and J. P. Gilman of Abilene, E. W. McMillan of Terrell, Joseph W. White of Santa Monica, Calif., Frank Winters of Oklahoma City, R. C. Cannon of Baraki-Ken, Japan, Antonio Ochoa of New York City, and Eldred Kehob of Johannesburg, South Africa.

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Lovell B. Davis, minister of the Church of Christ here, joined Davis' widow in calling for an investigation of the Air Force's failure to take Davis out of combat after he became an ace.

"Such an investigation is insignificant compared to the one that should be made of the entire Korean situation," he said.

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SOCIETY
LOOK WHO'S NEW

Mr. and Mrs. Randolph C. Howell are the parents of a baby girl born February 12 in an Abilene Hospital and weighing 7 pounds and 4 ounces. The baby has been named April Dawn.

The paternal grandmother is Mrs. R. C. Howell of Rising Star and the maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Byers of Ranger. Mother and baby are reported as doing fine.

Local Women Attend NCCW

The National Council of Catholic Women met in Abilene, February 12, at the Windsor Hotel for their quarterly luncheon and business meeting. Mrs. Herbert Carter of Avoca, president, presided.

Members attending were urged to keep the motto of the NCCW in their minds at all times—"God's Will—Our Work." Special emphasis was placed on the world need and importance of continuing the work towards relief of war torn nations.

Those attending from Ranger were Mrs. W. M. Bourdeau, Ann Shaeffer, Joe Daskewitch, Sr., Joe Fabry, Allen Full and Bob Earnest.

Auxiliary To Entertain Thurs.

The American Legion Auxiliary will entertain their families and the American Legion members and their families with a dinner Thursday evening at 7:30 p.m. at the Legion Club room.

Each woman is to bring a covered dish for the occasion.

Those attending the Cisco Association Workers' conference in Breckenridge Tuesday were: Bill Bullock, Mmes. Mary Wheat, Lee Mitchell, Rose, C. B. Pruet, Lloyd Bruce, Lloyd Clem, Hargraves, Joe Calder, Cora Walker, D. F. Duncanson, Betty Rush, Caroline Lindsey, Miss Brenda Townzen, Rev. Ralph Perkins, Rev. Jasper Masseege and Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Ward.

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Christian Church Women Host County Council

The Eastland Christian Women's Fellowship of the First Christian church hosted the meeting of the County Council Monday at the church annex, in Eastland.

Mrs. Jim Flournoy of Cisco, president, presided. Rev. Otto Marshall, Eastland pastor, gave the prayer.

Rev. Spain of Cisco, introduced by Mrs. Flournoy, was the principal speaker, and spoke on "Compassion Week."

Reports of the year's activities were given by the three Fellowships attending, Ranger, Cisco and Eastland.

The next Council meeting will be June 2 at Cisco, according to announcement by Mrs. Flournoy. Rev. Spain gave the closing prayer.

Following the program a refreshment plate was served carrying out a Valentine motif. Forty-five members and guests attended.

Men "Outsparkle" Women

Contrary to accepted opinion, American men not only like diamond rings, but wear larger diamonds than the ladies, according to a prominent jewelry designer. The average palladium or gold engagement ring sold today has one-quarter of a carat of gems, while men generally get rings containing about one-half of a carat of diamonds. He reveals that both sexes tend to select rings with several, rather than a single stone, mounted in precious white palladium "illusion" settings.

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Dr. Skrabanek reported that the number of pupils per teacher in 1945-49 was 24.6. This number had been reduced to 22.5 in 1945-51.

"Special service" teachers provided in the five counties during the 1950-51 school year included four librarians, three school nurses and four itinerant teachers. Dr. Skrabanek points out that schools in these five rural counties had no such personnel on their staffs before the Gilmer-Aikin laws were enacted.

As a result of the minimum wage scale for teachers provided by the Gilmer-Aikin laws, classroom teachers received an annual salary increase of about \$1,000—an increase from an average of \$1,909 for 1945-49 to \$2,808 for 1949-51.

The percentage of classroom teachers who had not completed more than two years of college was reduced from 24 in 1945-49 to only 5.4 in 1949-51. The average number of years of college training received by teachers increased from 3.2 to 3.9.

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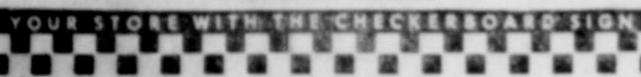
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A Hobby Is Developed Into A Community Project By Mrs. Wood

Mrs. Alvis Wood who resides on Mount View developed a hobby recently that has proved to be of much joy and practical use to her.

Last November Mrs. Wood was ill and could not be up very much but still her young son, Larry, seemed to be entertained. She started working with puppets, first making an old-fashioned one from cloth and playing with her son. After she got up and was able to sit around some, many of the children of her neighborhood came to see the puppet show and showed so much interest, in it that she began studying how to make them and found in a magazine the picture of the Kukua doll and fashioned one after it from paper mache.

The making of the puppets developed into a regular schedule in the lives of Mrs. Wood, Larry and the children in that neighborhood. Everyone worked at the job helping mold, paint and prepare the dolls and Mrs. Wood would tell stories to the helpers and entertain them with the puppets.

During the summer they held sessions in her home and used some of the puppets in Vacation Bible schools, and Sunday school.

Last fall week, Mrs. Wood gave her first public appearance of the puppets when she had charge of the programs in the grammar school. They have developed nine characters so far, the lady, girl, sisters, mommy, grandpa and grandma, clown, Indian prince, Mexican girl and a donkey.

The characters are made to act and the dialogue is read which brings much joy to the hearts of children.

Mrs. Woods has made a large collection of stories suitable to use with each character. Her Uncle Remus stories as told by the beloved mommy are among the favorites. The character Grandpa usually tells the stories from Rudyard Kipling; the clown recites poetry, pulls puns and tantalizes with riddles. The characters are also used to direct singing, games, stories and to give instructions to the audience.

Mrs. Woods said that the hobby developed gave her a good opportunity to teach through stories, and that many times she could see in the faces of the young people that the truth of the story had struck home. She gave as her philosophy "There is a destiny that makes us brothers; none goes his way alone; all that we send into the lives of others comes back into our own."

She is now working on a new phase of the hobby—the making of string puppets and their operation.

C. A. Roberts To Speak At Banquet

The Young People and Intermediates of the First Baptist church will meet tonight for the annual Sweetheart Banquet in the Fellowship Hall of the church. The Banquet is scheduled to begin at 8:00 p.m.

C. A. Roberts, student at Baylor University, will be the speaker for the evening. Mr. Walter Arterburn, Training Union Director, in charge of the program has assured the young people that the evening will be very entertaining and inspirational.

The Leap Year banquet is also Western Style and there will be a great many cowboys and cowgirls on hand this evening for the festivities.

Mr. J. F. Byas is suffering from the flu this week but is very anxious to recover because he wants to make a trip to Abilene with his wife on a very special visit—to see his new granddaughter, their first one.

READ THE CLASSIFIEDS



REV. TILSON MAYNARD

Rev. Maynard To Conduct Revival

Rev. Tilson Maynard, pastor of the Emmanuel Baptist church of Waco, will preach in the spring revival that is to be held in the First Baptist church beginning March 30 and closing April 13. Rev. Maynard has been in his present pastorate for the past 13 years and has served as moderator of the Association, Camp pastor on two occasions at Latham Springs Encampment, and has been on the Executive Board of the General Convention.

At the present time Rev. Maynard is Evangelistic Chairman of the Waco Association. There have been close to 1000 baptisms in the Emmanuel church during his pastorate.

"We think that our church and city is extremely fortunate in having this great pastor-evangelist come into our midst for these days of intensive work for the master," states Mr. Lloyd Bruce, chairman of the Evangelistic committee.

The pastor will preach the first week of the revival. Services will be held both morning and evening during the two weeks. The local church is cooperating with the 35 other churches in the Cisco Baptist Association in this Simultaneous Campaign.

Rev. Perkins states that according to records available this past year that more souls were led to make professions of faith in the City of Ranger than in any other year. A good revival in one church will influence all the other churches and all the people, and we would love to have the prayers of all the Christians in the city and area, states the pastor. Pray for the revival in '52.

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SS Planning Meeting Tonite

The weekly Officers and Teachers meeting of the First Baptist church will be held tonight beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Intermediate department according to Wilson Guest, Sunday School Superintendent.

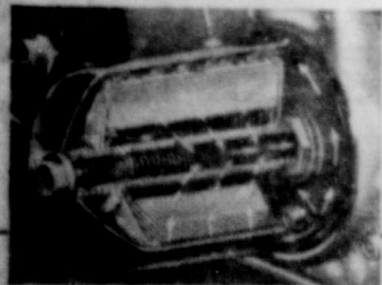
The theme of the program tonight will be visitation. All the class officers need to be present to get their instructions concerning the all church visitation day which begins Feb. 19.

Wilson Guest urges all the class officers to be present for the meeting tonight in order to get acquainted with the record forms that will be used for the visitation program. The program is being planned with the use of the information from the Sunday School Builder this month.

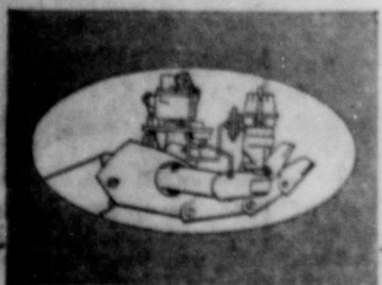
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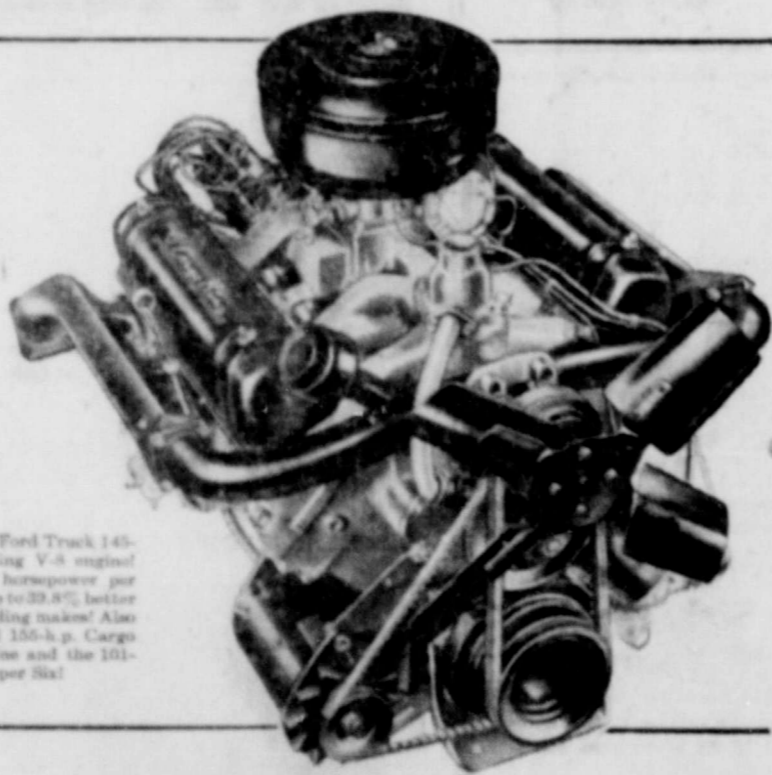
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Rev. Pattison To Speak Thurs.

At the annual Valentine Banquet for the young people of the First Methodist church, Rev. Mike Pattison, B.A., B.D., pastor of the Gordon church will be the inspirational speaker. He is a graduate of Southern Methodist University and is a young pastor with many interesting experiences to relate to the young people.

The banquet will be held in the basement of the church at 7 p.m. with a wonderful program and a good menu in store for those who attend.

All of the young people and their guests are invited to be present for the occasion.

High School Chorus To Resume Work

Mrs. C. C. Harris has resumed her duties with the high school chorus.

She is urging all students who are interested in choral work to please enroll by next Monday. She stated that this is necessary in preparing the spring music.

Boys, as well as girls, are especially invited as they are needed for a mixed chorus.

Mrs. C. C. Harris attended the Texas Music Educator Association Clinic in Mineral, Wells Feb. 8. She was accompanied by Mr. & Mrs. Johnnie King.

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Mission Program Monday Evening

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Second Baptist church enjoyed a very interesting mission program Monday evening under the direction of Mrs. Joe Calder, Mission study chairman.

The theme of the program was "Prayer". Mrs. D. F. Duncan and June Hood presented a skit from the life of a family; Mrs. Betty Bush and Mrs. J. C. Ward brought discussions on the subject.

The Society prepared a box of homemade candies for their scholarship girl; and packed a crate of eggs for the Buckner Orphan Home in Dallas.

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