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BALLAST

By BABBLER

Once upon a time we knew a man. 'Twas in the dear, dim, days (we trust they are neither dead nor beyond recall) He graduated from College and never even asked the school for a job. He did not think the school owned him a job just because he had attended four years. He did not even think the world owed him a living. And he had been to school.

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He reasoned that neither the college nor the world had given him an education. He had worked for it. By some sort of logic, very unpopular, he thought he might therefore expect to work for success. He thought the word "commencement" as applied to his graduation day had some meaning.

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He did not seek a stupendous salary in proportion to the "sweat and sacrifices that he had known and hardships he had endured", to get his education. He thought the same sort of sweat and sacrifice and hard work was due before he should claim a diploma in the society into which he had graduated. He did not recognize the word "hardship".

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So he began work at a salary much smaller than many classmates turned down. Why not? They had always had more money than he. Could not he afford to work for less money than they? Hard work seemed to promise little promotion financially, but he worked hard never the less. Maybe it was habit?

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Ten years, still little money-not much advance, long hours-hard work!

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We went into the town to ask about our friend. Everybody knew him. Everybody spoke more than a casual word. Everybody's face lit up. Everybody was proud to admit acquaintance. Everybody had time for a good word. We asked what chance there was to see him. "He is the busiest man in town, but he has time to see anybody, any time. But, if you need money let me talk with you first. You see, he'll give you all he has if you ask him and he cannot afford it. I'd rather try to arrange to help you than to see you approach him"

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We are going to watch and see whether he ever starves.

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So, Stalin is not at war with Finland? Hitler never made war with Poland? Sherman was wrong in his definition. We must rewrite Webster. He doesn't know the meaning of a three letter word, War.

Prizes For The Best Christmas Decorations

The Sesame Club and the West Texas Utilities Company are awarding prizes for the most beautiful outdoor decoration of the home this Christmas. The decoration may be the lighting of outdoor trees or of doors and windows. First prize will be a floor lamp; second prize will be a student lamp—these two to be awarded by the West Texas Utilities Company; and the third will be a \$2.00 prize by the Sesame Club. Lighting should be completed by December 20th.

Let's make our homes beautiful for Christmas!

Christmas Air Raid



(WNU SERVICE)

Edgar Mosel Is Crash Victim

Edgar Mosel, Superintendent of the State Fish Hatchery at San Angelo, J. B. Davis, aid to Dr. Lee W. Fisher, regional game manager Henry Hahn and Bubba Foster were victims of a car crash on highway 87, south a few miles of Big Spring last Friday.

It is reported that Bubba Foster was driving when the car struck the end of a bridge, demolishing it and injuring all the occupants. Mr. Mosel was seriously injured and underwent a surgical operation in the hope of saving his life.

J. B. Davis, Dr. Fisher and Henry Hahn were severely hurt. Bubba Foster escaped with a few bruises.

Edgar Mosel died in a hospital at Big Spring last Monday evening and burial was made at Kerrville.

Mrs. Bailey Hostess to Bridge Club

On Tuesday afternoon Mrs. E. L. Bailey was hostess to a bridge club and a number of guests. A beautifully lighted Christmas tree, poinsettias, and red carnations, as decoration, suggested the approach of the Christmas season. High score rewards fell to Miss Marvin Foster, high club, Mrs. Lee Reed, high guest and Mrs. Thad Munn, high cut. A salad course with fruit cake and coffee was served. Red carnations were given as favors. The following guests were present: Mesdames Herman Everitt, Hal Knight, James McEntire, E. F. McEntire, W. N. Reed, V. E. Davis, Roland Lowe, John Reed, Lee Reed, Thad Munn, W. T. Conger, John Cole, Jim Atkinson, J. E. Wyckoff, C. B. Barker, Clyde Everitt, N. H. Reed, Rogers Hefley, E. B. Butler, W. L. Foster, H. L. Hildebrand, W. E. Allen, Sterling Foster, C. N. Crawford, Rufus Foster, Pat Kellis, and Miss Marvin Foster.

Mrs. William Eagan and son, William Eagan Jr. of St. Louis, Mo. are here for the Christmas holidays as guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Pearson and other relatives in this vicinity. Before her marriage, Mrs. Eagan was Miss Alice Hardt,

CORNFLOWER BLUE CHIFFON



Ilona Massey wears a charming dinner gown of cornflower blue chiffon. The bodice and tiny cap sleeves are shirred and the tiny blue buttons are blue stones.

Undulant Fever

"Brucellosis (undulant fever) is caused by a germ found in hogs, cows, sheep and goats. In human beings the disease is known as brucellosis in man, or undulant fever; in animals, Bangs' disease or contagious abortion. The condition was formerly termed Malta fever. Man acquires undulant fever as the result of direct contact with infected animals or following the use of raw dairy products from infected dairy cows," states Dr. George W. Cox, State Health Officer.

"Though brucellosis, or undulant fever, is reported every month of the year, case records show that it occurs most frequently in July, August and September.

"Since 1924 when two deaths were reported in Texas from undulant fever, the disease has been reported in 1925, and annually from 1929-1939, the prevalence of undulant fever has increased from three cases in

1929 to 293 cases so far reported for the year 1939. A significant upswing in reporting the disease was noted when in 1937, 190 cases were reported as compared with 1936, when 43 cases were reported.

"Because of its nature, the disease is more prevalent on farms than in cities, with the exception of packing house workers. The handling of infected cows or sows or the animals at the time of birth represents hazardous type of contact. The germs of undulant fever enter the body through the mouth or skin; therefore care should be used in handling animals known to be infected, and dairy products from the same source should be pasteurized if used.

"More men acquire the disease than women, and adults seem more likely to have it than children.

"Undulant fever is so named because of the wave-like variations in temperature. The symptoms include rising temperature, loss of weight and strength, chills, sweats, and joint pain. The mortality rate of undulant fever is comparatively low, but the disease itself possesses symptoms which may persist for a number weeks and even months before normal health and strength are restored. The patient often appears fresh in the morning, but is extremely fatigued by afternoon.

"Prevention of undulant fever is based upon detection of infectious abortion, or Bangs' disease, in livestock, and the elimination of the infected animals from the herd. Dairy herds should be tested for bacillus abortus. Pasteurization of milk will prevent spread from this source.

Mrs. Henry Hostess to Federation Club

Mrs. S. B. Henry was hostess to the Sterling County Federated Club on Tuesday afternoon December 5th. Poems were read by Mesdames T. A. Chapman, George Covey and G. H. Cannon. The club chose December 21st for their annual Christmas party. After the program refreshments were served to Mesdames Bob Rose, Will Meyer, R. B. House, R. P. Davis, George Covey, T. H. Murrell, W. H. Stone, Ben Atwell, G. H. Cannon, and Ted Brown,

THE EDITOR GOES TO GRAND LODGE

In company with my distinguished Masonic kid brother, Judge B. F. Brown, I attended the Annual Meeting of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Texas at Waco last week.

Brother Brown went down the week before to attend the annual convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of which he is and has been a distinguished member. This was the 48th consecutive year that he has attended the Grand Lodge.

I always thought that Waco was (and it is) a big town, but when I arrived there on Tuesday night, I realized how little the erstwhile Indian village of "Hueco" was. I was told that every hotel in the city was packed like sardines in a box with Masonic visitors. I went to Brother Brown's room to get sympathy, but he said: "don't worry about that; get in here with me and sleep until morning and may be we can do better. I did. I slept like a child that night, and next morning after breakfast we went to the grand temple where I was warned to be on hand early, because there was much work to do.

The Temple was crowded with Brethren from hundreds of Lodges over the state. Over 3000 delegates registered.

When Grandmaster Lockwood sounded the gavel, I wondered how on earth was he to bring order out of chaos in that great gathering. But when the gavel fell on the Grandmasters desk, absolute silence reigned in the great hall.

Then came the annual address of the Grandmaster. It was a masterpiece which found lodgement in the soul of everyone who heard. When he touched upon the persecution of our Masonic Brethren in Europe, and admonished us to stand by the principles of Freemasonry if we would preserve the blessed heritage of liberty, a cheer went up from that vast assembly that would have caused a Nazi or Communist to feel that the rocks and the mountains had fallen upon him.

I wish that all Texas could have heard that part of the address.

When most of the work was over and only the routine affairs of the Grand Lodge was left to committees, I went to my home town West, where I boarded a covered wagon 53 years ago to come to the land of golden opportunity. Then it took me fourteen days to drive to the place where Sterling City now stands. Now it takes only a little over seven hours to make the same journey.

When I landed in West, I was made to realize that I was only a link between the past and present. When I left that town 53 years ago I knew every soul, but they are all gone now. Not one left to greet me. Only their children and their grandchildren were left to give me a welcome to the land of their fathers and the place of my youthful joys and sorrows.

But the hospitalities of the fathers and mothers had been transmitted to those children and grandchildren. They took me in and treated me as their fathers and mothers would wish them to do.

I visited the spot where the old school house stood more than seventy years ago. The spring nearby was still bubbling cool, sparkling water where my school mates and I on hand and knee, drank as thirsty schoolboys were wont to do three score and ten years ago. My knees were not so supple as they were then.

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THE EDITOR GOES

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but I cupped my hands and drank and drank of the crystal waters as I did in the long ago.

I went to the old graveyard on the hill where sleeps a host of departed friends. I read the brief legends carved on the gravestones of scores of friends, and in my soul I asked: "Are you sleeping well? Are you happy in the place where your spirits dwell?" Not a response came back from the echoless world, but the silence gave me notice that they were.

Then a bird in a tall oak called to its mate. The call caused me to awake from my reverie and I took my heart from out those graves and joined the living.

I was made to realize that death was only a dream at the end of life. God so willed it that there can be no life without death, and no death without life. At the end of life, comes the dream which no one knows its duration. It was a sad happiness to feel that those dear ones were sleeping well and that their souls were happy in the spirit world.-- Uncle Bill

VANDAL BONEHEAD

Some body, we do not know what to call him, drove his car onto the football field during the rainy weather recently and proceeded to turn round and round until the middle of the field is practically ruined. All grass roots are destroyed. A little more dry wind and it will be a fearful dust bowl. All due to the perverted sense of pleasure of Mr.—How would you like to see your name written in that blank? We know about a dozen husky boys who would like to see a name written there, but the person bearing that name would have to leave pronto.

We hope it proves to be an outsider. We would hate to think any one in Sterling would be so low-down.

Review Club Meets

The Club met Dec. 7, 1939 in the home of Mrs. T. W. Butler. Roll call was answered with cities enroute to Alaska. Bible lesson "Of the Old Testament World" by Mrs. Homer Pearce. Route to Alaska by Mrs. John Blair. Birthday gifts were presented to Mesdames Jay Harper and Jake Martin.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Butler as hostess assisted by Mesdames Delbert Dearen and Daisy Smith. Those present were Mesdames Pearce, Martin, Harper, John Blair, Millard Taylor, Willie Holster, Dearen, Willie Mae Brown, Roy C. Davis, Smith, Butler and the following new members were added to the club Mesdames Levi Martin, A. D. Naron, Veanifred Hallmark and Miss Lometa Wood. Visitors were Mrs. J. P. Cox and Miss Oecal Nabors.

Hearing on North Concho River Soil Conservation District December 18

Notice of hearing upon organization of proposed North Concho River soil conservation district, embracing land lying in Tom Green, Coke, Sterling, Glasscock, Howard, Reagan counties, Texas.

Whereas, on the 4th day of December, 1939, there was duly filed in the office of the State Soil Conservation Board, at Temple, Texas, a petition signed by fifty or a majority of land owners pursuant to the provisions of the State Soil Conservation Law, as enacted by the 46th Legislature, known as House Bill No. 20 requesting the establishment of North Concho River Soil Conservation District; and

Whereas, the lands described by said petition and other lands which

will be considered for inclusion in said district, are located in Tom Green, Coke, Sterling, Glasscock, Howard, Reagan, Counties, described substantially as follows:

Those lands lying in Tom Green, Coke, Sterling, Glasscock, Howard, and Reagan Counties drained by the North Concho River and its tributaries.

Now, therefore, notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held pursuant to the said petition, on the question of the desirability and necessity, in the interest of public health, safety and welfare, of the creation of such district; on the question of the appropriation boundaries to be assigned to such district; upon the propriety of the petition, and of all other proceedings taken under the said Act; and upon all questions relevant to such inquiries. The said public hearing will be

held by the State Soil Conservation Board on the 18th day of December 1939, beginning at 2 o'clock p. m. at Sterling City in the County of Sterling.

All persons, firms, and corporations who shall hold title to any lands lying within the limits of the above described territory as owners and all other interested parties, are invited to attend and will be given opportunity to be heard at the times and places hereinbefore specified.

State Soil Conservation Board
By: V. C. Marshall, Chairman (Seal)

Graham Merrell Is Dead

Graham Merrell, 53, brother of fellow citizens, A. L. and Henry Merrell, died at a hospital in Odessa December 3. Burial was made in an Odessa Cemetery.

Deceased was well known in Sterling, having resided here for several years.

Wimodausis to Give Child Welfare Benefit

For the benefit of child welfare the Wimodausis Club is giving away a beautiful silk hand made quilt. Here is your chance to win a quilt. Buy a 10 cent piece of candy from any member of the Wimodausis club and get a chance, or as many as you want. You will be helping a worthy cause; the proceeds from the drawing will be used locally. The quilt is on display in Sharp-Baileys window. The drawing will take place Dec. 23 at 2:45 p. m. at Sharp Baileys store.

Conservation Committee For 1940 to Be Elected Tomorrow, Dec. 16th

There will be a meeting for the purpose of electing county committeeman for the 1940 Agricultural Conservation Association on Saturday, December 16th. at 4:00 p. m. at the courthouse.

Agricultural Conservation Association of Sterling County,
By: L. R. Reed
L. F. Hodges
R. J. Welch

Methodist Church

Bruce M. Cox, Pastor
Church school 10 a. m.
Morning worship, 11 o'clock
Young People's Service 6:30 p. m.
Evening worship, 7:00 o'clock

Presbyterian Church

Sunday School 10:00 a. m.
Church Worship 11:00 a. m.
Evening Worship 7:00 p. m.

No Christmas gift would be more appropriate than sending the News Record to your friend or relative living far away.

Here are some bargain combinations:

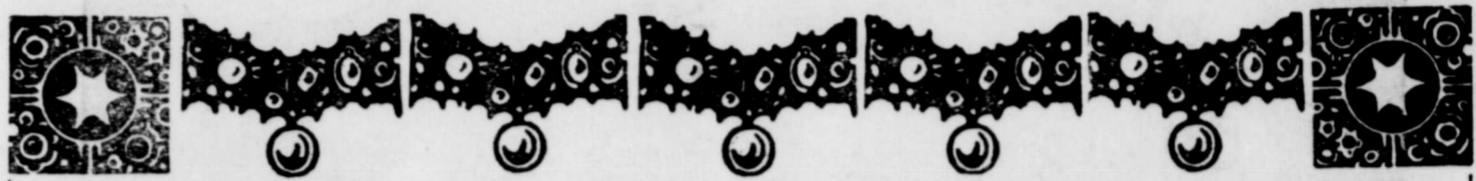
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Garage For Sale or Rent: See Z. L. Potts

Born: A girl to Mr. and Mrs. Porter Finney on Dec. 6.

Born: A girl to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Richardson on Dec. 5.

For Sale: A 28 inch wheel bicycle. See Garland Cannon Jr. It. pd.

John F. Thompson of Clifton, Arizona, is here to spend the holidays with his mother, Mrs. J. F. Thompson and other relatives here.

The price of turkeys doesn't pay the cost of production. At the prices now prevailing, no family should be without a turkey for Christmas.

The streets of Sterling are ablaze with gay colored holiday lights these nights. The belated traveller is thrilled and reminded that he must hasten on home where the joys of the approaching Christmas. You say it is beautiful and timely. Well if you do remember that the Lion's Club sponsored this thing. If you

are in a worthwhile business, you should become a member and help support such civic enterprises.

Baptist Church

Sunday
A.M.
10:00 Teaching service
11:00 Devotional in song
11:30 Sermon
P.M.
6:30 B. T. U. Training service
7:30 Evening worship
Monday
3:30 P.M. W. M. U.
Wednesday

P.M.
7:00 Evening devotion
7:30 Choir practice
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Claude Stovall, pastor

Church of Christ

R. D. Smith, minister
You are invited to attend the services at the Church of Christ. You will always be welcome and your presence will be appreciated.
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Preaching at 11:00 a. m., followed by Communion Services.
Preaching at 7.00, p. m.
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Inefficiency in High School Work Cause of Failure in College

It is suggested that this article be published in your school paper or be placed on your bulletin board as an aid to students preparing for college.

Lack of sufficient training in high schools, lack of ability or willingness to apply themselves and difficulty in adjusting themselves for college life are the main reasons students fail in college. Dean E. N. Jones of Baylor University has cited.

Dr. Jones pointed out that from his experience at Baylor he has learned that many of the failing students, the majority of whom are freshmen, drop courses or fail at the end of the term because their background served them in poor stead as college men and women.

This situation is not to be charged against high school administrators and faculties, Dr. Jones continued, but is a problem to be handled primarily by the students themselves.

The high school program as a whole must be designed to equip students for non college careers as well as for the further training in college, the Baylor dean pointed out. Thus the student planning for an education should take it upon himself to study a bit more thoroughly in high school.

Giving the students most trouble in college because of lack of sufficient earlier training are English, mathematics and foreign language— subjects not exactly necessary for non-college careers but of prime importance in college.

Outside duties, Dr. Jones asserted, also contribute largely in the students failure for best work in college. He recognized that many students are forced to work their way through college but emphasized it is important that not too much work be contracted to crowd out the primary task of studies.

The dean compared unequipped freshmen trying to make good in college to a model-T Ford attempting to climb a steep hill. The car motor must be "tuned up", and so must the students be prepared by self management in the discovery and overcoming of deficiencies.

High School Banquet

A Christmas banquet for all high school students, the members of the school board and their wives and the faculty and their wives or escorts is scheduled for Monday night Dec. 18, at seven p. m. The Home Economics department is sponsoring the banquet with the assistance of the faculty the high school, the seventh grade girls, and many parents and friends who are loaning silver, linens etc. The home making girls wish to express their warmest thanks to McClellans Store of San Angelo for loaning us all the necessary china and glass ware for serving the banquet.

The seventh grade girls will assist by checking wraps and serving.

The Sonora Games

Coach Floyd Burnett, Superintendent O. T. Jones and twelve members of the basketball teams, namely: Bennie Green, William Burns, Jack Mathis, Ross Foster, Richard Abernato, Lloyd Sharp, Claude Broome, R. D. Garrett, Jim Bob Clark, George Mills, C. J. Copeland and Ira Lee Langford went to Sonora for games Friday night and Saturday night with the high school basketball team there.

The boys were the guests of the Sonora people, and were very cordially treated. On Friday night the boys won from both the second and first teams of Sonora very decisively. On Saturday night they won the second team game easily 16 to 4, but dropped the first team game 11 to 9 in the last two minutes of play.

On Saturday Mr. Jones, Jim Bob, C. J., R. D., George, Claude and Bennie left Sonora and went to Del Rio and into Old Mexico where they had a very interesting and profitable visit. Many souvenirs of Old Mexico were brought back. An interesting visit was also made to San Felipe Springs near Del Rio.

Mr. Burnette, Richard, Lloyd, Jack, Ross, Ira Lee and William went to the Iraan and Eldorado football game Saturday afternoon.

The Sonora team will repay these two games after the holidays in Sterling City.

The following visitors came to our Sonora game Saturday night, Mrs. George Broome, Merle Moody, Mitzi Broome and Jack Graf.

Forsan Here With Three Teams

Forsan High School brought three teams to Sterling City, for games Tuesday night.

Forsan second team boys and Sterling City second team boys ended up the game in a 13 13 tie. In the play off Forsan won 15 13.

The Forsan girls won 23 to 13 from the Sterling City girls.

The Sterling City boys first team won from Forsan first team by a score of 20 to 16 in a thriller that kept the fans on their feet through out the game.

"It's More Fun When You Know the Rules"

BEATRICE PIERCE

"It's More Fun When You Know the Rules" made me stop and do something. A person does not always consider meeting people, writing letters or dining out as being subject to rules, but we are really judged by our rules that we set up and practice.

I think that if I will try and follow all or most of the things I read in "It's More Fun when You Know the Rules" I will not even have to wonder if I am right or wrong or won't have to say well I didn't know how to introduce them or did I say something in a letter I shouldn't have said. For I will know the rules.

Misses Jackie Luckie and Mary Ann Beck of Eden spent the week end with Miss Sybil Reiser.

No More Exemptions

From bulletin no. 397, the most recent bulletin of the State Department of Education on supervision, is found the following statement, Page 42

"The State Department of Education does not approve the policy of exempting pupils from tests and examinations."

Beginning this semester the Sterling Public Schools will discontinue exemptions at mid term and at the close of school as has previously been the custom.

First Grade

Tommy D. and Duard Grosshans were in San Angelo one day last week.

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa:

My little sister wants a doll buggy and a doll.

Please bring me a cowboy suit and a pair of spurs.

Your little friend
WyNell Stovall

Dear Santa Claus:

I want a doll and a suit case and a doll buggy. Bring my little sister a doll.

Evelyn Chesney

Dear Santa:

I want a shirley temple doll and a doll buggy. Do not forget the poor children. Bring Bonnie Ruth a pair of chaps and a pair of spurs. Bring Bobbie a saddle.

From
LaVerne King

Dear Santa Claus:

Do not forget my two brothers. Do not forget the poor children. Please bring me a doll, suitcase, a blackboard and a schoolbag.

Relta Fay Reed

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little boy four years old I would be glad for you to bring me a barn and animals and car and house and a stick horse with a saddle on it and Frank and I want some dishes together. If we are not here we will be down at Mamos at Luling Texas. I hope you will remember all the little children everywhere

With Love
Fred Bomar

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a play farm. That is all I want, but please don't forget my little friends.

Your Pal
Billy Ralph Bynum

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a car and a airplane and thats all.

Your Friend
Duard Grosshans

Fourth Grade

Our Citizenship Club met Wednesday, December 6, with Bonnte Ruth King presiding and Jackie Tweedle reading the minutes of the last meeting.

A very nice program was given on Thrift. Aaron Carpenter arranged the program. Those taking part were Billy Gene, Ira, Bonnie Ruth, Eula Mae and Dixie.

We are planning a Christmas program to be given next week.

Sixth Grade

We are having a Christmas tree Wednesday and want all of our mothers to come. Miss Roach let us draw names we are all pleased with them.

Seventh Grade

The seventh grade is having a Christmas tree Wednesday and cordially invite the parents of the class to attend.

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The name of Garland Cannon was overlooked last week in publishing the names of those who made the honor roll in the tenth grade. Sorry but those things will happen now and then.