





# The Belle Plaine Story

By Jean Williams

## CHAPTER VII Continued From Last Week

Peachie's daddy, no doubt was more amused by her ver- of what the boys had told and just to add fuel to the of her imagination, would his bandana hankkerchief, round his head, get a carv- knife from the kitchen, place between his teeth and stalk and the room with the heels is confederate type cavalry s beating a tattoo across the r that served as accompani- t to the growls he was trying to make while he balanced knife between his teeth.

The little dumpling-like child ably would double up with rter and roll on the floor at antics since everything her ty did just too wonderful for ds.

Ervine Jackson, or "Hog", he had been facetiously bed by friends in Robertson nty long before he came to

Belle Plaine or even before that when he'd had a general store at Buffalo Gap in '75, because he was fond of raising hogs and always had a few of the critters around, would do just anything at all to provide Peachie with a laugh or a giggle to make up to her for the loss of her mother who had died shortly after they moved from Buffalo Gap in Taylor County to the new settlement in Callahan.

He promised his wife on her death bed that he would always take care of her mother, Mrs. Roberts, so when Peachie's mother died, he asked his mother-in-law to join him in Belle Plaine and help him with the boarding house and the little girl.

Mrs. Martha Johnson Roberts had buried two husbands, suffered deprecation from the Comanche Indians and seen a great deal of life during her half century of living so pulling up roots and moving west was just another milestone in life's path to her.

She and her son, Johnny Johnson met Hog in Callahan and the three of them did every thing they could to make

Peachie happy, wanted and adored.

This was the little dimpled darling's first year at school and she always appeared fresh and crisp in her pinafore under which there was always a dress of colorful material and pantaloons with crocheted lace to match. Her cotton stockings were sparkling white and her high-button shoes were never without a mirror-shine, her head was covered with a mass of curls that were always crowned by an elegant ribbon chosen to set off her expressive eyes and peaches and cream complexion.

In the late spring of '78, Hog gave up the boarding house and started buying and trading horses. This energetic, handsome man had too much vitality to be confined within four walls for long. He delighted Peachie when he told her that during the summer after school was over she would be going with him.

He had already taught her to ride so when school was over she joined her daddy and his men quite dwarfed by the horse she was riding but quite firm in the seat of the saddle her daddy had ordered made for her.

Yes, she became spoiled, but in an enchanting way and cast a spell over every male she met that they never did recover from. In fact, not too long ago, the same Benjamin Franklin Austin was asked if he remembered her and replied, "Oh Peachie, Oh, I never could forget Peachie, because she was the first girl I ever loved."

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR...

Today I walked into the Baird Star Office, and after being bawled out for not getting there early enough to help clean up the press room I was forgiven. (This happens each week by the way.) A few minutes conversation with the genial editor, though bare of hair on the head as I, he was at the time of my entry reading the exchange of the papers in the area. And for some reason gave me several. I read them with pleasure as I did aboard ship in 1917, when any paper from Texas was our home town paper.

How many times through the many years that I have had the Star sent to me by the family? Gosh I dunno. But was always news to me even though several weeks old. And when I read those exchange papers this morning I wondered how many readers really understand the time, labor and endeavor of the editor of our home town paper to seek out the news, publish what would not offend anyone. (Me too.) And still stay in the Newspaper Publishing Business. Oh I am sure that many are of-

fended because they do not see the names of their loved ones in print each issue. But do you ever stop to think that the paper is limited on how much space they can allot to local news.

I do know that in many places I hunted for a name I knew. Some friend that I could rejoice in his marriage, or the birth of the first babe and the sympathy I was not able to express in person in time of loss of a loved one.

I have seen many men with tears in their eyes, why? The home town paper was received and someone of their Acquaintances had passed away. Perhaps one of their family, as in my case. This happens to all of us.

But then after reading the papers E.M. gave me this morning, brought the realization that none of us appreciate the value of our home town weekly paper. I'd like to comment upon some of the articles in the papers I received this morning, but I know that I am not capable to do so. Though I will try to get more of these weekly papers each Friday and am sure that you yourself would do a great deal of pleasure to you and yours did you read them of your town. Oh, no, I'm not selling subscriptions. Yet if you do send me the cash, I will see that the Star or any other paper in the area receives the money and am sure you will be repaid many times. Same as I in reading these Ads as well as local happenings, the girls and boys that win in the stock shows, the happy events that are due soon, and will bear the sorrow of the loved ones who have passed away.

Joe Ellis  
Mae Hotel  
Baird, Texas

## Benny Brame Enters Steer At Stock Show

Fort Worth (Spl) — Benny Brame of Baird, Texas, will have a charolais steer in competition at the 1964 Fort Worth Stock Show, officials have announced.

The 1964 Exposition, scheduled Jan. 24 through Feb. 2, will have an entry list topping 10,000, shown by exhibitors from more than 30 states. The open show livestock division figure alone is 3,983, exceeding last year's total for cattle, sheep and swine by more than 316 head. There will be nine breeds of beef cattle, 10 breeds of sheep and eight of swine.

## V.A. Completes Early Payment To Veterans

In response to a hurry - up order by President Johnson, the VA has completed payment of \$12,013,800 in 1964 GI Insurance dividends to 241,595 veterans in Texas in record time.

This was reported today by Glyndon M. Hague, Manager of the Waco VA Regional Office, who said that distribution of dividend checks by the VA began on January 2 and the last of the checks were placed in the mail on January 9.

President Johnson last month ordered John S. Gleason, Jr., Administrator of Veterans Affairs, to make payments of the dividends as early as possible in January as a stimulant to the national economy across the nation. Some five million veterans share in the nearly 240 million dollar 1964 dividend.

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## Kay Jackilene Garoutte And Leslie Ronald Detrick Exchange Vows On January 12th

Kay Jackilene Garoutte and Leslie Ronald Detrick of Taft, Calif., were married Sunday afternoon in the Episcopal Church of the Heavenly Rest, with the Rev. Edward P. Dentzer, rector, officiating.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Garoutte and Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Detrick, both of Rt. 2, Clyde.

Wedding music was by Mrs. Dub Wooten, organist.

Presented in marriage by her father, the bride wore a white wool sheath with matching pill-box encircled by a nosegay veil. Her colonial nosegay was of white rosebuds.

Susan Detrick, sister of the bridegroom, was maid of honor. She wore a blue wool sheath and

carried a colonial nosegay of white carnations.

Mark Garoutte of Dallas, brother of the bride, was best man. Ushers were Thurman Johnston and Barton Scott of Clyde.

The bride was graduated from Clyde High School. Also a graduate of Clyde High School, the bridegroom attended McMurry College. He served four years with the U. S. Air Force and is employed by Standard Oil Co. at Taft, where the couple will live.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Kerby and children from San Jose, Calif., visited during the holidays with his mother, Mrs. L. G. Kerby.

Joe Lynn Ault, Jr., returned to Galveston after spend the week end with his parents.

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# NEWS ITEMS FROM PUTNAM

## FIRST & SECOND GRADES

Sheri and Tana Price went to Abilene shopping with their mother.

Tim Ferguson went to the county stock show in Cross Plains Saturday. Tim's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Williams of Marlin visited in our school a few minutes last Friday.

Cindy Feely told our class that she had a pretty green Parakeet.

Jerry Foster went to Bridgeport to visit relatives.

## THIRD & FOURTH GRADES

The third and fourth grades have about settled down to normal after the Christmas vacation. We all had a nice holiday, with visit from old Santa Claus and friends and relatives.

We have some new records in our room which were given to us by Jerry Loper of Baird and we appreciate this gift very much.

Our room has a new world globe which we purchased with our Halloween Carnival money, and it is making our geography much more interesting.

We are sorry that Kenneth Chapman's grandmother passed away in Abilene recently.

Buddy Waddell was in Baird Friday and checked out several books at the Callahan County Library for us to read during the next two weeks. We are enjoying them, and they help us with our reading.

Brit Ferguson went to the livestock show at Cross Plains

Saturday and visited his grandparents in Baird that night.

## WOMENS STUDY CLUB

Mrs. Clinton Waddell hosted the Womens Study Club in the home of Mrs. E. C. Waddell Monday afternoon.

The theme for study was "The Civil War."

Our president, Mrs. W. A. Feeley presided. A book, "The Lady of Arlington" by Harnett D. Hane, was reviewed by Mrs. R. B. Taylor.

Officers were elected for the next two year as follows:

President, Mrs. Ray Wilbanks; 1st vice president, Mrs. Clinton Waddell; 2nd vice president, Mrs. Douglas Fry; rec'd. sec., Mrs. John Petty; corresponding sec. Mrs. John Doyle Isenhower; treasurer, Mrs. J. R. Gunn and parliamentarian, Mrs. Naomi Heysler.

Nineteen members were present.

## PERSONALS

Orville White of Fort Worth spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee White. They all went to Madill, Okla., Sunday to visit Mr. and Mrs.

White's son, Doyle, and family and Mrs. White's mother, Mrs. Mary Paregein.

Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Yeager of Brownwood were Saturday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Pruet, they were enroute to Fredrick, Okla., on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Clint Blakely of Eula, Lowery Blakely of Baird and Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Taylor spent Thursday with their brother, Bob Blakely, in Aspermont.

Capt. James O. Taylor of Yucca Valley, Calif., spent the week end with his brother, R. B. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Taylor and son of Weatherford were Sunday visitors with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Cook of Houston were Thursday and Friday visitors with his mother, Mrs. John Cook and aunt, Mrs. Mary Kellner.

Mrs. Wallace McCarver of Cisco was a Saturday visitor with her mother, Mrs. W. S. Jobe.

Jake Hinds of Columbus, Ohio, returned to his home Friday after spending five weeks with his

sister, Mrs. E. E. Sunderman and Mr. Sunderman.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Sprawls of Tye were Sunday visitors with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Drue Sprawls.

Mr. and Mrs. Beauford Allen of Merkel were Sunday visitors with her sister, Eva Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Overton of Sweetwater spent the week end with her parent, Tom Butler.

Mrs. W. M. Isenhower of Cisco was a Thursday visitor with her mother, Mrs. Mary Ramsey.

Glenn Green was a Saturday visitor with Mr. and Mrs. I. G. Mobley.

Beauford and David Green of Abilene spent the week end with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. I. G. Mobley.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Pruet and Mrs. W. R. Francisco had Sunday dinner in Abilene and visited Mrs. J. E. Pruet, a patient in Hendricks Hospital in Abilene.

Mrs. J. E. Pruet who has been seriously ill is much improved at this writing, her children, Wilma Mitchell of Houston, Earline Clark and daughter of Boerne and New Braunfels, Arnold Pruet and son of N. M., John Allen Pruet of Rising Star, Mrs.

Henry Mundt of Abilene and Mrs. John D. Isenhower were at her bedside, also Mrs. Nona Kittrell of Petersburg and Mrs. Guy Steen of Austin.

Miss Ora Clinton who has been a patient in Hendricks was moved to the Baird hospital Thursday.

Mrs. F. P. Shackelford, Sr., of Cisco spent the week end with relatives in Putnam.

Mrs. Warren Everett of Cisco was a Monday visitor with Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Everett. Sunday visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Ellis of Irving, Mr. and Mrs. Jewel Ellis of Moran, Herbert Ellis of the Atwell Community, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence McCormack and daughters of Abilene.

A. E. Ellis is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Ellis in Irving.

Mrs. Janet Selter who has been visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Mary Guyton, returned to her home in Long Beach, Calif., Friday.

Mrs. W. G. Jones of Moran was a Wednesday guest of Mrs. S. M. Eubank. Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Pruet were Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Eubank.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Reynolds and family were Sunday visitors with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds and Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Higgs in Nugent.

Mrs. John Gilbert of Cisco, Mrs. Beth Manley, Galena Park, Mrs. Elva Smith of Baird, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Rutherford.

Joan Hamric of Dallas spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Hamric.

William Hamric and family of Baird were Saturday visitors with his parents, B. A. Hamric.

Mr. and Mrs. John Adair were host to a birthday dinner for their son, Johnny, Sunday. Others present for the day were Mrs. Johnny Adair, Gina and Bobby and Dick Grider and Mrs. Bob Merriman of Cross Plains, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Herndon of Lubbock and Billie Paul Holston of Burkett.

Twelve ladies were present for the quilting at the Community Center Wednesday, two quilts were finished for Mrs. Lella Gibbs.

Mrs. Gene Mauldin attended the basketball games at Cross Plains Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Notgrass of Cisco was dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Gary last Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Audrey Gary and boys of Abilene visited their parents the past week.

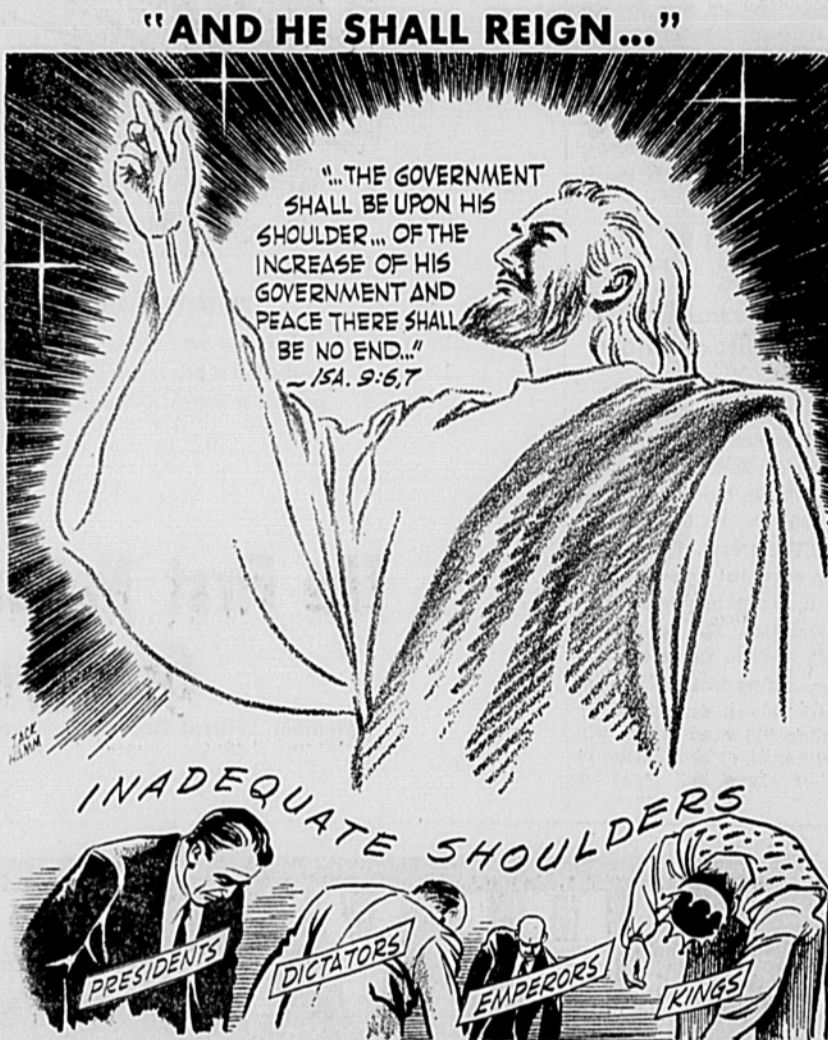
Mrs. L. G. Kerby returned to her home here last Thursday after spending two weeks with her daughter, Mrs. Howard Bost and family at Bartlesville, Okla. Mr. and Mrs. Bost are the parents of a new daughter, Carol Anne, born Dec. 23. The Bosts have two other daughters.

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- Wednesday:  
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 Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.  
 Morning Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.  
 MYF ..... 5:00 p.m.  
 Evening Worship ..... 6:00 p.m.  
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- Sunday:  
 Bible Study ..... 10:00 a.m.  
 Morning Worship ..... 10:45 a.m.  
 Training Classes ..... 5:15 p.m.  
 Evening Worship ..... 6:00 p.m.
- Tuesday:  
 Ladies Class ..... 9:30 a.m.
- Wednesday:  
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- Sunday:  
 Bible School ..... 10:00 a.m.  
 Morning Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.  
 Evening Worship ..... 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday:  
 Prayer Meeting ..... 7:30 p.m.
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- Sunday:  
 Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.  
 Morning Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.  
 Training Union ..... 7:00 p.m.  
 Evening Worship ..... 8:00 p.m.
- Wednesday:  
 Prayer Meeting ..... 7:00 p.m.



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 Morning Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.

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- Sunday:  
 Bible Study ..... 10:00 a.m.  
 Worship Service ..... 10:50 a.m.  
 Evening Worship ..... 6:00 p.m.
- Wednesday:  
 Ladies Bible Class ..... 10 a.m.  
 Mid-Week Service ..... 7:30 p.m.
- CLYDE METHODIST CHURCH**  
Merriell Abbott, Pastor
- Sunday:  
 Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.  
 Worship Service ..... 11:00 a.m.  
 Junior Fellowship ..... 6:15 p.m.  
 MYF ..... 6:15 p.m.  
 Worship Service ..... 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday:  
 Bible Study ..... 7:00 p.m.
- CLYDE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Harold Watson, Pastor
- Sunday:  
 Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
 Worship Service ..... 11:00 a.m.  
 Training Union ..... 6:30 p.m.  
 Worship Service ..... 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday:  
 Prayer Service ..... 7:30 p.m.
- Cherry Heights Baptist Church**  
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- SUNDAY:  
 Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
 Worship Service ..... 11:00 a.m.  
 Evening Worship ..... 7:30 p.m.
- Clyde Missionary Baptist Church**
- SUNDAY:  
 Sunday School ..... 10 a.m.  
 Worship Service ..... 11 a.m.  
 Training Union ..... 6 p.m.  
 Worship Service ..... 7 p.m.
- WEDNESDAY:  
 Prayer Meeting ..... 7:30 p.m.
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