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STORM KILLED ONE NEAR ELTON SATURDAY

Cooper, the Victim, Was Sleeping at Home of Otis Putnam. Others Injured

Reports of the Friday night storm, cyclone, which passed over Elton, were soon enlarged upon and so numerous in various dailies coming our notice, that your correspondent attempt a correct account of the disaster, having gotten data from those on the premises at the time, although it is hard to chronicle a thing so horrible, so swift, sudden and sure as its deadly way.

At about fifteen minutes past midnight, already being awakened by a light rainfall and a sudden cooling of the temperature, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Putnam, living some four miles east of town, became aware of an approaching wind. At first they thought it to be a train, as they live near the track, but in only a few seconds they recognized the roar of the cyclone and immediately sprang up to call the boys from the sleeping porch, which is on the east side of the house. Mrs. Putnam, being nearest crossed her room and the dressing room of the porch within ten feet of the double doors directly in front of which was the bed in which her son, Bruce, and his friend Jule Cooper, were sleeping. The boys were awake as they had just been up closing the windows, but Lee Pilgrim, who was sleeping in another bed, not eighteen inches from the boys was evidently sound asleep. Just as Mrs. Putnam gave a warning call for them to come into the house the wind struck a huge magnolia tree breaking off some thirty feet from the ground the outer and larger limbs striking the porch completely demolished the roof taking out three section of window lights about twelve feet long. The moon was shining brightly, there being no rain until after the blow, and Mrs. Putnam was standing so she saw the tree break through, fully expecting her boys, as well as the others to be crushed to death. She had forgotten, in the horror of the situation, that her younger son, Shelby, was safely sleeping in the home of Mrs. Aida Pilgrim in Elton.

As she called, her son Bruce raised up to get out of bed, but was immediately hurled prostrate by a piece of ceiling which penetrated the mattress springs, and made a dent in the floor beneath the bed. Bruce called out "Don't be frightened, we are alright,"

but at once Jule said, "no we are not alright, I am badly hurt." Mr. and Mrs. Putnam flashed on the lights and found their son almost without a scratch, but by his side was Jule pinned beneath a huge limb and covered with shattered glass and debris Lee Pilgrim, in the bed so near, was also covered by debris, mostly the window frames and glass, and his first impression upon awaking was that of a weight upon him and a pain in his head. They removed the debris and got both Jule and Pilgrim to the adjoining room, where first aid was administered, and did all within their power to relieve the sufferers. The telephone line having been demolished Mr. Putnam drove his car to Elton for a doctor, having first called his neighbor, Mr. Johnson, to come to their assistance.

Dr. Fletcher and Mr. and Mrs. Cooper arrived as speedily as possible and upon examination it was found that Pilgrim had a severe blow upon the left side of his head and a slight bruise upon one arm. He was only semi-conscious and it could not at first be determined just the extent of his injuries, but upon turning to Jule he was soon found to be fatally injured, his abdomen being crushed and one arm lacerated. Jule fully realized his end was near and said at the beginning that he could not live. He was patient and bore up bravely, perfectly conscious until he breathed his last at four o'clock. All that possibly could be done was done for his comfort and it is a comfort to know he suffered practically no pain, as his body was evidently partially paralyzed by the severe blow.

Pilgrim's condition remained uncertain and others with his mother concluded it best to send him to Lake Charles to the hospital, which was done, flagging the afternoon west-bound train and putting him aboard at the Putnam home. Mrs. Putnam and his brother, Harry, accompanied him. His sight, which was seemingly impaired, is clearing and his power of speech returning. At this writing plans are being made to bring him home. The doctors think he will be himself again in a few days.

CLASS PICNIC.

The Comrade Class of the Methodist Sunday School, with their teacher Mrs. Nellie Scoggins, went to Bayou Serpent on a picnic Thanksgiving day. The day was spent in fishing and other sports and a regular Thanksgiving dinner, to which all did justice, was served at noon. The picnickers had a jolly time and a good outing.

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Harriet Bogue Lawson.

I cannot think of her as dead, but only sleeping, having been called to her reward by her Heavenly Father on Monday November 21st, 1921, at the age of forty-five years, nine months and twenty-six days. Hattie was the third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Lawson, who went to "that Home Over There" just within the past month, and was born near Trear, La., on January 25th, 1876.

With her family she came to Louisiana among the early northern settlers on Dec. 7th, 1887, and settled on a farm in the Meadow Prairie district, where the writer first met her as a girl attending school and knew her as a friend, which friendship ripened and grew warmer and dearer as the years slipped by. The family lived there and in Welsh during the remainder of her life. One year she spent with her sister, Agnes, in California, which she always cherished as a bright spot in her life.

While yet in her teens she was converted and united with the Congregational church in Welsh and was ever found a true and faithful Christian always willing to denounce the wrong and defend the right in her frank but sweet spirited manner, and after the dissolution of the church of her choice she united with the Methodist church. Her loyalty to Christ ever proved true. She was a member of the Anti-Kant Sunday School class many years, later teaching a class of boys and girls, which duty she cheerfully performed until unable to attend by her illness.

Several years ago her people becoming too feeble to engage in farm work bought a home in Welsh and moved here to reside. Then she opened a small store of dry goods and notions which for the past few years she had conducted in the Morse Hardware building. As the care of her parents grew heavier her sister, Emma, came from Lake Charles, and the two labored together uncomplainingly and lovingly to care for their parents. No more loving, unselfish devotion could have possibly been bestowed upon parents.

Miss Hattie was known and loved by everyone, young and old. The school children loved to buy their supplies from her, and always received some thery word. Even the babies and tiny tots were left with aunt Hattie, as she was endearingly called by many, by mothers who needed to do errands or shop in other parts of town knowing they were tenderly cared for and not considered by her a burden but as a privilege which she loved and enjoyed.

Only a few weeks ago she was taken ill of what her physician thought to be pellagra, and because of the illness of her father at the time was taken to the home of her devoted friend and former school mate, Mrs. Mar: Scoggins, where she was tenderly cared for. After her father's death on October 28th, she was so greatly missed by the aged and lonely mother, who begged for her return, that she was taken home and seemed better, until her mother was taken Home on November 14th. She was dressed and able to go in the room and see her mother, and greatly admired the lovely flowers. This was a great consolation to her, but very shortly she became worse and was taken to the sanitarium in Lake Charles on Monday, Nov. 21st. She was very weak and died shortly after arriving there.

Funeral services were held in the Methodist church, conducted by her pastor, Rev. R. L. Weldon, assisted by Rev. Brown of the Baptist church and her body was laid to rest by the side of her parents in that beautiful city of the dead on the afternoon of Tuesday, November 22nd.

Of that lovely funeral service, the beautifully decorated church, filled with overflowing friends, the songs sung with such pathos by her friends in the choir, even the ones carrying her to her last resting place selected among her friends with such care, I cannot find words to express as I should, other than to say it was all as Miss Hattie's life—beautiful! Most beautiful!

Rev. Weldon spoke such comforting words to all, and the songs sung were as from the lips of the departed one, "Face to Face," especially having been a great favorite of hers in Christian Endeavor services some years ago.

The ones left to miss her most and mourn their loss, are her sister, Emma and brother, George, of Welsh, brother, Alex., of Arizona, and sister, Agnes Robbins in California.

Our friend Hattie is gone and we shall miss her, but

"Some glad morn not far away,
Just beyond the twilight dim,
We shall greet the golden day
With the everlasting hymn.

"Heart to heart and hand to hand,
I shall clasp again her own,
In God's sinless summer land
Where good-bye is never known.

Some glad day where flowers shall bloom,
Never more to fade and die,
Some glad day beyond the tomb,
We shall meet, some golden day."

—A FRIEND.

Mothers' Pension Bill Fails to Go Through

Baton Rouge, La.—The mothers' pension bill by Representative Tobin of Natchitoches to provide for an appropriation of \$50,000 for the maintenance of a mother's pension by the state died in the Senate Monday, when it failed by two votes of getting the required number of twenty-one to pass. But even before the Senate roll call was taken the bill had been effectively killed by reason of the house of representatives having already adjourned.

Under the law all measures carrying appropriations must be in the hands of the governor five days before the final adjournment of a legislative session. Monday was the last night on which the mothers' pension bill could have passed. Amendments to the Tobin bill already had been adopted by the Senate and had the bill finally passed Monday night it would have been necessary for it to have gone to the House for concurrence in the Senate amendments. Three minutes before the Senate roll call began on the bill the House adjourned and the bill already died at that time.

Parker to Assist Land Reclamation.

Bogalusa, La.—Walter Parker of the New Orleans Association of Commerce has been selected by the Chamber of Commerce of the United States as a member of the waste land reclamation committee which will tour the country for the purpose of investigating the waste land situation and recommending such state and national legislation which will result in redeeming for agricultural use 200,000,000 acres of waste land throughout the country, 10,000,000 of which are in Louisiana and 75,000,000 in the Mississippi valley. The investigation will be followed by a national survey and then a legislative program.

Large Acreage Leased for Mineral.

Baton Rouge, La.—A contract for the leasing of a large acreage for mineral rights was arranged through the state land office and signed by Acting Governor Bouchard. It involves Calcasieu Lake in Calcasieu Parish, Grand Lake in Cameron Parish, Vermillion Bay in Vermillion Parish and Grand Lake in St. Martin, Iberia and St. Mary Parishes. H. Kendall, acting for R. F. Hamilton, was the successful bidder.

Must Wait to Get "Zoo" Tax.

Baton Rouge, La.—Citizens of New Orleans will not have an opportunity to vote a special tax of one-fifth of a mill for the maintenance of a zoological garden until the next session of the Legislature. This situation is the result of what some of the members of the House of Representatives consider a "mix-up" over the drafting of a substitute bill dealing with the special "zoo" tax.

Kills Bill Pensioning Mothers.

Baton Rouge, La.—The mothers' pension bill for Louisiana, appropriating \$50,000 from the state, with proportionate amounts from the parishes, was killed Tuesday when the senate failed to pass it by a vote of 19 to 17.

Miss Lucy Bell Lyons of Sulphur is the guest of her cousin, Miss Edna McAffrey, this week.

Judge A. V. Peloquin of Fenton was a business visitor in town Tuesday. The Journal office acknowledges a pleasant call.

R. S. Greer is spending the week at St. Patrick's sanitarium with Chasberry. The later is reported to be recovering satisfactorily from the recent operation for appendicitis, and will probably be transferred to his home the first of the week to recuperate.



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UNION THANKSGIVING SERVICE.

The union Thanksgiving service at the Presbyterian church early Thursday morning was well attended.

Rev. R. L. Weldon, being in charge of the service, opened with the reading of a Scripture lesson, the 103rd Psalm, and an experience meeting followed in which the congregation took part.

BENOIT—LORRAIN.

A wedding of much interest to the people of this section occurred at the Catholic church Thanksgiving morning at 9:30 o'clock, when Miss Irene Lorrain of Hayes became the bride of Charlie Benoit, Rev. Father Ferret performing the ceremony.

The bride, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Lorain, one of the prominent families of the Hayes neighborhood; is a very charming and popular young lady, while the groom is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Jules Benoit, of Welsh, a worthy young man of sterling qualities.

Mr. and Mrs. Benoit will reside on a farm near Hayes. The Journal joins their many friends in hearty congratulations.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

A few of the young friends of Miss Annie Wolters gathered at the home of the honoree last Sunday afternoon to help her celebrate her 13th birthday.

The dining room was decorated for the occasion in yellow and white, refreshments of cake, chocolate and candy being served. Mrs. Wolters being assisted in the serving by Mrs. P. Celestin.

Those present were Misses Ruth Goldmith, Florence Nugent, Lily Mae Arceneaux, Modiste Henry, Margaret Shoemaker, Ruby Mae Hall and Annie Wolters, and Masters Lester Seward, Ernest and Fritz LaCour, Lilton Louviere, Clarence Hall.

Surprise Party for Senior Class President.

As November 17th, was our class president, Orvil Watkins', 16th birthday, we decided to give him a surprise party. Care was taken through the day in letting the class members know of the plans, without Orvil suspecting anything. There were three car loads of us drove out to the Watkins home.

On reaching the cross roads we stopped and one car at a time drove slowly past their house to quite a distance. We all walked back to the house, and just as we reached the gate the dogs ran out to greet us with a clamor of barking. We thought we were lost but someone in the house started the piano and Orville did not hear the noise.

We burst in upon him with whoops resembling an Indian war cry. It was a genuine surprise or him. We would not allow him to dress, but made him remain in overalls. Many interesting games were played, one being a relay race in eating cookies and then whistling before returning to the home base. Speeches were made by different ones on such subjects as "boys," "girls," and "basket ball". The side you did not believe in had to be presented. One of the best on the program was a Latin oration given by Orville. Dialogues, duets and solos were rendered throughout the evening. Delicious refreshments of ice cream and cake were served by Mrs. Watkins. More songs were sung and then, after wishing Orville many happy returns of the day, we went home all having had a very delightful evening.

—Class Reporter.

Oil Well Near Shreveport.

Shreveport, La.—An oil well was struck near Shreveport at the shallow depth of 387 feet. The oil tested 20.5 gravity and the well will have a capacity of not less than 5,000 barrels, oil men estimated.

Abolishes Second-Choice Balloting.

Baton Rouge, La.—The house, by a vote of 90 to 0, Thursday passed the bill of Senator J. O. Stewart of Lake Charles, abolishing second choice voting and registering the second primary in Louisiana.

Boy Killed While Hunting.

Franklin, La.—The first death of the hunting season occurred Sunday when Sam Serio, 15 years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Serio of Franklin, accidentally shot himself. He died half an hour later.

Realty Taxes Are Paid.

Ruston, La.—Lincoln parish is one of the few in the state to be able to report that real estate taxes have all been paid. For 1920 there was not a single tax sale of real estate.

Heavy Rainfall is Benefit.

Etherwood, La.—A rainfall of 2½ inches was of great benefit to vegetation in the Etherwood section. No damage to rice was reported.

Gravel Roads Link Towns.

Etherwood, La.—Etherwood has been connected with Gueydan, Riceville and Morse by gravel road and will be linked soon with Florence and Lake Arthur.

WON HONORS AT THE PARISH FAIR.

Following are a list of the prize winners from Welsh at the Parish Fair in Jennings last Thursday, Friday and Saturday:

E. C. Willard, Bull, 1st.
Frances Willard, Holstein Heifer, 1st.
B. D. Woodruff, Aged Sow, Poland China Class, 1st.
B. D. Woodruff, Junior Yearling Boar, Poland China, 1st.
Floyd Willard, Duroc Jersey pig, 1st.
Mrs. A. R. Arceneaux, Buff Ducks, 1st.
Miss Amy Radeke, Centerpiece, 1st.
3rd and 4th.
Miss Dora Radeke, DateL. cat, 1st;
Chocolate Fudge, 1st; Divinity Fudge, 1st.
Mrs. E. C. Willard, Corn Relish, 1st.
Mrs. E. C. Willard, Catsup, 1st.
Mrs. A. R. Arceneaux, Egg Plant, 1st.
Floyd Willard, Sweet Peppers, 2nd.
Agnes Benoit, Beets, 1st.
Mrs. E. C. Willard, Ripe Peppers, 2nd.
Agnes Benoit, Okra, 1st.
Mrs. E. C. Willard, Irish Potatoes, 1st.
Agnes Benoit, Irish Potatoes, 2nd.
Frances Willard, Rhine Preserves, 1st.

The Journal would have liked very much to publish in this issue a complete list of all the winners at the fair, it being matter of great interest, but the list is long and time does not permit getting it in type in time.

All those who visited the fair have expressed the same sentiment: that it was very good, and they hope that the event will become an annual affair. Much credit is due to the public spirited citizens of Jennings who labored untiringly to make it the success that it was. They should be assured now a wider and more whole-hearted co-operation the coming year.

The kind of farming that the Agricultural Extension departments and the parish and State fairs encourage is the kind of effort that will lift our glorious country from its present circumstances.

Mehodist Episcopal Church.
Sunday, Nov. 27th.

9:45 a. m.—Sunday School.
11:00 a. m.—Worship and Sermon. Sermon subject: "Love", I. Cor. 13th Chapter.
3:00 p. m.—Junior League.
6:30 p. m.—Epworth League.
7:30 p. m.—Preaching. The pastor expects to use as his subject for this hour, "Home Example and Home Authority." As this deals with the source of every phase of civilization, every parent, school teacher and officer of our city attend this service. May we expect to see you there? A cordial invitation awaits you.

R. L. WELDON, Pastor.

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