

The Norwood Index

A few years of this newspaper "survived" to be microfilmed.

What follows are genealogical excerpts from those papers.

**Dates of the newspapers serve as division points. The paper was published on
Thursday.**

**In obits, I have omitted extraneous comments that do not contribute
genealogical info.**

May 5, 1927:

A baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Orander Monday of this week.

Roy Robinson's Store at Macomb was destroyed by fire the first of last week. None of the contents were saved. He carried no insurance.

The infant son born to Mr. and Mrs. Ed Jarrett last Friday, April 29th, died at birth. Mother is recovering nicely.

May 12, 1927:

Harry Morgan shot and seriously wounded Kenneth Douglas Sunday evening about two miles south of Mansfield. The shooting was done with a .38 caliber pistol and if it had not been for a silk handkerchief that Douglas had around his neck he would have been killed. The ball struck the knot in the handkerchief and drove it into the young man's neck, and was checked sufficiently to keep it from penetrating to a vital spot. Both are boys about 18 years old. According to one report the shooting was the result of jealousy. Douglas and Morgan had been going with the same girl and had not been on the best of terms for some time. Morgan was arrested Sunday evening at Cedar Gap. He claims that the shooting was accidental.

James Russell Hitchcock was born in Sparta, Ill., October 30, 1846, and departed this life at his home in Norwood Sunday, May 8, 1927. He came to Missouri soon after the close of the Civil War, and came to Norwood when the present Frisco railroad was being graded and made this his home up to the time of his death. He was married to Mary E. Huffman February 5, 1871, in Douglas County, Missouri. She died in Norwood, September 10, 1910. He served in the Civil War in Company L, Fifth Regiment, Cavalry, of Tennessee. He reared three children; his wife's cousins, Josephine Robinett who has passed on, Mary Miller of Olathe, Mo., and Margaret Bruton of Norwood, with whom he living at the time of his death. He also leaves two sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth Stark of Norwood and Mrs. Celia Elliott of Fairfax, Mo., and a number of other relatives and friends to mourn his loss. Mr. Hitchcock was an energetic and prosperous businessman, having engaged in the dry goods and drug business in Norwood for many years. He was very influential in the up-building of the town and always was found working for the betterment of the community. Probably no person did more or worked harder for civic and social improvements than he. The present business conditions and appearance of Norwood stand as a monument to his energy and progressiveness. He

was a member of the Odd Fellows and Masonic orders, and was a charter member of the former order in Norwood. Funeral services were held at the Christian Church Monday afternoon, conducted by the pastor, Rev. Barfield. Burial was in Thomas Cemetery under direction of the Masons.

Mr. Michael Jackson was born in Lee County, Virginia July 4th 1857 was married to Mary E. Ball in 1879, to this union was born six boys G. J. Jackson, Tulsa, Okla., H. C. Jackson, Nevada Mo., P. H. Jackson, Kansas City, Mo., H. N. Jackson, Pershing Okla., C. H. Jackson, Mountain Grove and O. L. Jackson, Norwood, Mo. His first wife departed this life July 12, 1907. Some years after her death he married Manda Ussery to this union was born one child Ruth Jackson. Brother Jackson came to Missouri in 1883. He had made his home here since. He departed this life May 9, 1927. Brother Jackson professed religion at the age of forty years and joined the Pleasant Grove Church. The funeral services were conducted at one thirty P.M. at the Caudle Church. His body was taken to the family cemetery and laid to rest.

Robert Grey passed away at his home in Macomb Thursday afternoon, May 5th at four o'clock. He is survived by his wife and twelve children. Mr. Grey was seventy-eight years of age and was one of Missouri pioneer farmers, having resided here during the whole of his long and useful life.

I will not be responsible for any debts contracted by my wife Gertie Royal after May 7, 1927.....Charles Royal.

May 19, 1927:

About a week ago the Springfield papers reported finding a woman in a stream of water in the outskirts of town where she had evidently committed suicide by drowning. From the description of the woman quite a number of people around here thought it was Mrs. Cora Beal, who had recently sold her place in the Oak Forest neighborhood and had just left here on her way to Chicago to join her husband. The description in the paper fit the description of Mrs. Beal in every way, but we are glad to state that it was not her. Mrs. Leona Akers, who was a neighbor of Mrs. Beal, received a letter from her in which she stated that she was well and was at that time visiting her father in Boone, Iowa.

In the trial of the State of Missouri against Britton Owens and Jennie Owens, his wife, which was tried in Norwood Wednesday before Justice Graves, the Owens were bound over to the circuit court on a charge of assaulting J. P. Raney, and their bond fixed at \$1000. These parties live about six miles north of Norwood and according to report there had been ill feeling between the two families for some time. They met in Norwood, April 6th and Mr. and Mrs. Owens attacked Mr. Raney, and inflicted two or three wounds on him before they could be stopped. The evidence at the trial showed that both the Owens were carrying rocks and had come to town especially looking for Raney.

A fine baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Dee Caudle Sunday night.

Marriage license was issued last week to Ira Homer Raney of Hartville and Miss Helen Ussery of Norwood.

Mr. A. C. Pennington received word Sunday that Miss Fay Robertson, 15 year old daughter of his sister, Mrs. C. B. Robertson, had just died at their home in Ft. Smith, Ark.

June 2, 1927:

David Connolly was born in New York City Jan. 10, 1863 and died May 26, 1927. Age 65 years, 5 months and 15 days. He leaves a widow and three daughters, Mrs. Charles Camp, Mrs. Charles Hodges and Mrs. W. W. Williamson, of Mountain Grove, Mo. He also leaves three brothers and two sisters to mourn his loss: John Connolly of Cedar Gap, P. L. Connolly of Norwood and W. A. Connolly of Detroit, Mich.; Mrs. John Robertson of Cedar Gap and Mrs. James A. Hayman of Mountain Grove. Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Father John of Springfield.

Mr. William Johnson died Saturday at his home in Hartville and was buried Monday. Mr. Johnson was about 60 years old and had lived practically all his life in and near Hartville. He had been in business there for many years but was forced to retire on account of ill health. Mr. Johnson was well known in this part of the country.

Alice Pricilla Quirk Thomas was born in Kings County, New Brunswick, Canada, June 4, 1877, and lived in that vicinity until she was about 40 years old when she came west, meeting with Frazier Thomas whom she later married, August 9, 1918. They came to this vicinity about three years ago, residing here since then. She leaves beside her husband, a mother, four sisters and three brothers. She departed this life May 29, age 49 years, 11 months and 25 days. While she had never made any profession of Christianity she had a most excellent reputation among her neighbors. The funeral service was held at the home and the body was laid to rest in Norwood Cemetery.

Mr. A. H. Collins passed away Monday at 3 A.M. He has been a sufferer for many years with Asthma leaving here for the altitude of Colorado Springs, coming to the Colson farm which he purchased one year ago. The lower altitude again brought on the trouble again followed with lung and heart trouble. He will be taken back to Hawarden, Iowa, where his wife is buried.

Health in the neighborhood is fine with the exception of Mrs. Raney who is about as usual. She has been sick over a year.

June 9, 1927:

Dr. Rogers died at his home in Mansfield Friday and was buried there Saturday. The Masonic order had charge of the burial. Dr. Rogers was probably the oldest member of the Masonic Lodge in Mansfield.

F. M. Houghton, father of Mrs. A. D. Roper, died at his home in Marshfield Sunday evening and was buried there Tuesday. Mr. Houghton was 87 years of age and had lived in Marshfield for the past 25 years. He was a Christian preacher, having entered the Ministry sixty years ago when a preacher had to undergo more hardships than now. Funeral services were in the form of a memorial and were conducted by several of the former pastors of the Marshfield Church.

Mrs. Marinda Love, wife of Joe Love, died in a sanitarium at Nevada, Mo., and was brought here and buried in the cemetery at Oak Grove Sunday. Rev. Burney preached the funeral services. Mrs. Love was about 46 years of age and leaves her husband and one daughter, Miss Nellie, of Mountain Grove. She was a Christian woman and previous to her affliction was an excellent neighbor and friend. She had lived practically all her life in the Oak Grove neighborhood.

June 23, 1927:

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Burke of Oak Forest on the 18th, a girl.

A baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Carter the 18th.

We learn that Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wakefield are the proud parents of a 9 lb. baby boy which made its arrival Saturday night June 18. Mother and baby are doing fine. Dr. VanNoy was the attending physician.

June 30, 1927:

Mr. Harold Kirk and Marie Royal were married last Thursday night at the home of the bride near Norwood. Rev. Seigle Moody performed the ceremony. Mr. Kirk is the son of Mrs. Snyder. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Royal and has lived near Norwood all her life.

Mr. Louis Hill was called to Oklahoma last Sunday on account of the death of his brother, Bert Hill.

Mrs. P. O. Carlson returned home from her daughter's, Mrs. Alma Wakefield of Hartville, where she has been staying for the past three weeks. Her daughter, Esther, took her place caring for Mrs. Wakefield who has a new baby boy.

Wedding bells jingled twice last week in one home. Thursday Mrs. Mae Davis and Mr. Tom Roadlander were married, also Mrs. Davis's daughter Jewell Cooper and Jesse Stevens. Rev. Clarence Ussery performed the ceremonies.

July 7, 1927:

Miss Leone Cottengim and Mr. Vern M. Cable of Pasadena, Calif., were married at the home of the bride in Hartville Wednesday of last week. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Cottengim.

July 14, 1927:

Sarah J. Davis was born Oct. 27, 1845 and died July 4, 1927 at the age of 82 years, 8 months and 7 days. She was united in marriage to J. W. Cale Jan. 1, 1863 and to this union were born six children, four girls and two boys, of which only three are left to mourn the departure of their mother. They are Frank Cale of Liberal, Mo., Mrs. Maude Newby of Blockton, Iowa and Mrs. Eva Davis of Norwood where Mrs. Cale had made her home for a number of years. Her husband preceded her in death 21 years ago. She was converted when young and lived a faithful Christian until death. She was laid to rest in the Fairmount Cemetery. Bro. Will Anderson conducted the funeral services.

Mrs. Anna Ines Hopkins, 27 years of age, died Sunday afternoon at the family home on South River Street, Commerce, Okla. She leaves her husband, Willie Hopkins, three daughters Marie, Jeweldean and Lois, all of the home, her parents, Mrs. and Mrs. George Arnold of Commerce, Okla., two brothers Lee Arnold of Kansas City and Earnest Arnold of Seminole, Okla. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday afternoon at the Commerce Christian Church by the Rev. Rolla Graham, pastor. Burial was in the G. A. R. cemetery under directions of the Mitchelson Undertaking Company. Mrs. Hopkins was a niece of J. W. Robertson and lived near Norwood a number of years.

Malissia A. Raney was born October 23, 1865 in Wright County, Mo. She departed this life July 10, 1927 at the age of 61 years, 8 months and 18 days. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Owens. In 1870 she was united in marriage to Robert G. Raney and to this union 7 children were born. Husband and four children have passed away. She leaves three children, two brothers and one sister to mourn her loss: Mrs. Verna Sparks, Clarence Raney, Mrs. Vada Barnes, O. C. Owens and Mrs. Ella Peterson. She has been a devoted Christian for many years. Funeral services were by Rev. G. Chadwell and the remains laid to rest in the Raney Cemetery.

Miss Margaret King and Arthur Firth were quietly married at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Coats last Wednesday noon with Mr. Coats tying the nuptial knot.

July 21, 1927:

Mrs. Bettie Walker, aged 75 years, of Custer, Ark., was instantly killed when an automobile in which she was riding skidded on loose gravel and turned over. The accident happened on Highway 5 between Mansfield and Ava. Mrs. Walker was accompanied by her son, Porter Walker, and family and he was driving the car. They had been visiting relatives in Wright and Douglas counties. None of the the other occupants of the car were injured.

Nathan Workman was born in Bloomfield, Indiana, in Green County, March 12, 1849 and departed this life July 11, 1927. He was married Oct. 21, 1869 to Martha A. Combs and to this union were born seven children. His wife and four children have preceded him to the Great Beyond, leaving three children Elmer Workman of Vera Cruz, Mo., Edith Absher of Mountain Grove and Vergil Workman. He was converted and baptized at the age of 16 and lived a Christian life until death. He was a member of the Freewill Baptist Church. He was laid to rest in the Fairview Cemetery July 12th. Rev. Archie Hoffard conducted the funeral services.

Judge Schofield was in Hartville Tuesday where a meeting of the County Court had been called to provide for the care of J. R. Sparks who had been judged insane. After going into the case fully it was found that Mr. Sparks was not a resident of Missouri, but his home was at Chanute, Kan., and he had been in Wright County just a short time at the home of his brother who lives near Hartville. The Court decided to furnish the family with \$25 to send him back to Chanute.

Mrs. T. B. Bouldin was called to Hartville Tuesday to serve a warrant on Sheriff McIntosh, who had been charged with assault and battery.

On Friday night death entered our midst and took Mr. Allen Page who had been an invalid for more than a year. Uncle Allen as he was called by all was an old soldier and had lived here many years. He leaves besides his wife, seven sons and three daughters. Two sons and one daughter have passed to that better world.

August 4, 1927:

John Thomas Larue, the four months old son of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Larue, died at their home near Macomb early Monday morning and was buried Monday evening at Macomb.

Mr. Bud Holman passed away. He ate a hearty meal at noon Sunday and died about 3:00 p.m. Apoplexy is what they pronounced the case. His son, Clarence, just came in from Iowa, where he had been working. A brother-in-law from Douglas County happened to come and will stay with the bereaved family for awhile.

Friends in this community regret very much to hear of the sudden death of Clyde Mulkey, which occurred in Chicago last week. He had been employed there for several years. His former home was in the Pleasant Hill neighborhood near here. He leaves a wife, father, mother, two brothers and five sisters.

Word reached here of a serious accident which happened to Mr. Hayden Holt of Mountain Grove. He dropped a gun which was loaded, the bullet striking him in the temple and ranging upward. The Doctors report no chance for recovery.

Mrs. P. O. Carlson received a telegram from Indianapolis, Indiana, stating that her uncle Mr. Frank Grubbs was dead. Mr. Grubbs has been here very much of the time for the

last two or three years till last spring visiting with his sister Mrs. Cynthia McAlister, who made her home with Mrs. P. O. Carlson till her death last winter.

Word has been received here that Jerry Riley and Miss Ineta McKinney were married the 4th of July at Olympia, Wash.

The little son of Ezra Walker and wife of Cheney was buried at the Brushy Knob graveyard last Monday evening. The little fellow was sick only a few hours.

August 11, 1927:

A head end collision occurred between two big automobiles Sunday evening on the curve on Highway 60 just west of Crescent Park. Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Hunziker and party were returning to their homes in Springfield from a visit in Arkansas and were just rounding the curve when they struck a car occupied by two men and carrying Florida license. Both cars were running at about fifteen miles per hour. The road was wet and slippery after the recent rain and it seems as though each car was following a rut and neither driver could pull his car out. The front end of both cars were pretty badly smashed. Mrs. Hunziker was seriously injured. She was thrown through the windshield and her lips and mouth cut and three or four teeth knocked out. She was also injured about the breast and one leg. The other occupants of the cars escaped with minor injuries. She was taken to Mansfield for treatment.

Mr. Pat Fletcher died Saturday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. William Snively, three miles south of Norwood. Funeral services were held at Oak Grove Sunday and the body laid to rest in Raney Cemetery. Mr. Fletcher was around 80 years of age.

Mrs. Nancy A. Goolsby was born August 5, 1859 and departed this life at the home of her stepdaughter, Mrs. Wes Housley, two miles east of Owensville, Wednesday, August 3, 1927. The funeral services were conducted at Oak Grove Sunday and interment followed in the cemetery near by. Mrs. Goolsby's maiden name was Lewis and she was a sister of Jeff Lewis of California, who was present at the funeral and burial. She was married to Mr. Tom Goolsby late in life and no children were born to them.

Mr. Lester Jones is home after working all summer in Oklahoma. His wife, who was formerly Miss Stella Williams came with him.

M. F. Smallwood tells us that one night the first of the week their cow came up with a rope around her neck and minus her usual amount of milk. He wishes to announce that the owner of the rope can have it by calling at his home.

As my wife, Ida Parmenter, has left my bed and board, I will not be responsible for any debts she may contract...J. R. Parmenter

August 18, 1927:

Mrs. Catherine Huffman departed this life August 14th at the home of her daughter, Mrs. H. J. Rice in Cedar Gap, with whom she had made her home for several years. She was in her 93rd year. Mrs. Huffman's maiden name was Butler. She was born in Indiana, but came to Missouri when a girl. When eighteen years old, she was married to Dock Huffman and they lived in Douglas County near Olathe, practically all their married life until the death of Mr. Huffman in 1899. Funeral and interment was at Prairie Hollow Church, Douglas County, of which she was a member. Mrs. Huffman is survived by one son, William Huffman of Douglas County, and four daughters Mrs. Peggy Goodman of Douglas County, Mrs. Mary Avery of Mansfield, Mrs. Vicy Barber of Sedalia and Mrs. H. J. Rice of Cedar Gap. He has two daughters dead, Miss Susie Huffman who died in 1895 and Mrs. Matilda Burris who died near Drury in 1917.

Willie L. Goss, seventeen year old son of Charles Goss of near Cedar Gap, died Saturday August 13th at Pittsburg, Kansas. The remains were brought to Cedar Gap and buried in the Newton Cemetery Tuesday. Death was due to typhoid fever, of which he had been sick for more than two months. He went to Kansas in the early part of the harvest season but took down ill shortly after arriving.

Rev. Rhodes preached the funeral of Mr. Alec Wilson at Vera Cruz, Tuesday afternoon. The young man was killed at Picher, Okla., by a slide of several tons of chat. He was buried at the Vera Cruz Cemetery. The Wilson family formerly resided at Vera Cruz, but for the past few years have resided at Picher.

Mr. and Mrs. Ike Freeman are the proud parents of a fine, ten pound baby girl.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Raney, daughters Elva and Lura, Mrs. S. B. Lock and sons Roy and Ova motored to Osage County, Oklahoma to attend the family reunion of the Raney family. There are 10 of the children, Virgil and Mrs. Bethel Bruton of Burbank, Oklahoma, Elmer, Marion and Monroe of Nelogoney and the five mentioned above who motored from Missouri. There are 8 grandchildren all of whom were present. The family met at the home of Elmer. It was the first time the entire family had been together for 10 years.

August 25, 1927:

The remains of William Frederick Baker were brought here for burial Saturday. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Will Hale at the Methodist Church Sunday afternoon. Mr. Baker died at the Memorial Hospital in Rawlins, Wyo., August 18, 1927. He was a son of James Baker and was born near Norwood March 21, 1888. When about 20 years of age he left here for California and has been making his home in the west ever since. He was never married. When about 18 years of age he professed faith in the Lord and was baptized into the Baptist Church. His mother, two brothers and one sister preceded him in death. He is survived by his father, four half sisters and five half brothers. He was a relative of Mrs. J. M. Ellis.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Thomas are the proud parents of a baby boy born Monday.

September 1, 1927:

Louis Erb, probably the most widely known fruit man in the state, died at his home in Cedar Gap at twelve o'clock Wednesday, August 31st. Death came to him on his 83rd birthday. Mr. Erb was the founder and builder of Cedar Gap. He went to that place about forty years ago and engaged in fruit raising, and continued actively in that business until his death. His orchards were widely known for the variety and excellency of their fruit. Mr. Erb was also interested in the orchards around Olden. The body will be taken to Memphis today (Thursday) for interment.

Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Dennis are the proud parents of an 8 1/2 pound baby girl born Sunday, August 27, 1927.

September 8, 1927:

Mr. Jerry Newton of Mansfield and Miss Golda Scarborough of Norwood were married Sunday afternoon at the home of Rev. G. Chadwell. Bro. Chadwell performed the ceremony. After the ceremony the young couple went to the home of the bride's parents. They are both teaching school in the Mansfield Consolidated district. Golda is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Scarborough.

Miss Hazel Anderson and Mr. Harvey Cones of Norwood were married at the home of the bride's parents Wednesday afternoon.

Rufus Hitchcock, who went from here to Willow Springs about two months ago has just been sentenced to serve two years in the penitentiary for manufacturing corn whiskey. When Hitchcock was arrested the officers found a large copper still and two barrels of mash on his premises. It is thought by a good many who know him that he was just a tool for some other parties. Hitchcock has a wife and three small children.

Word was received by Mrs. D. Burke of the marriage of her daughter Nellie to Mr. Ray Barnes. They expect to live in California for the present.

September 15, 1927:

Mrs. S. L. Hoy, one of Norwood's old settlers, was called to the Great Beyond September 10, 1927. She departed this life at the Old Soldiers' Home in St. James where she had been making her home for some time. The remains were brought to Norwood and funeral services conducted at four o'clock Sunday evening at the Christian Church. Rev. Will Anderson conducted services. The body was laid to rest in Reliford Cemetery. Mrs. Hoy was the mother of our townsman, Walter Hoy and he is the only surviving member of that family, his father and four sisters preceding his mother in death. Mrs. Hoy and her husband and family lived in and around Norwood for over thirty years.

Mrs. Dora Weeden is lying in Seymour at the point of death with a bullet hole through her head fired by Ray Barker, a young man about 20 years old, and while under the influence of liquor, following a day of drinking. The shooting occurred Sunday evening south of Seymour. Mr. and Mrs. Weeden, accompanied by two girls were on their way to Church and were passing the car occupied by Barker and his companions, when Barker who had been waving a pistol fired it. The bullet struck Mrs. Weeden in her right temple and passed entirely through her head. Barker and his companions were later arrested and he confessed to the shooting, which was substantiated by the others. It is claimed and probable that he did not shoot intentionally to hit anyone, but crazed by drink he shot with no thought of the consequence. The people in that neighborhood and around Seymour are considerably stirred up over the affair and there has been talk of immediate action and extreme measures used to remedy this awful condition that prevails throughout our country, when it is unsafe to drive along the highways.

Word has been received of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Kingdon Kilgore of Greenfield, Mo. Mrs. Kilgore was formerly Miss Faye Jarrett of Norwood.

September 22, 1927:

Harriett Elizabeth, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Caudle, was killed at their home out north of town about three o'clock Friday afternoon by a molasses pan falling on her and crushing her stomach and chest. A large molasses pan had been placed against a tree near the house and Harriett Elizabeth and a brother two years older were playing around it. Apparently the boy pushed the pan over in trying to climb it or in playing around it and it fell catching the girl under it. The boy immediately called for his mother and the pan was lifted and the little child took from under it. Mr. Caudle went to the home of Frank Jarrett and he came and got Dr. Little, but the child was dead before they got back. She lived just a few minutes after being taken from under the pan. Little Harriett Elizabeth was just 1 year, 10 months and three days old. The little body was laid to rest in the Caudle Cemetery Saturday afternoon.

September 29, 1927:

Last Saturday about 10:30 a.m. Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Smotherman were walking along the highway toward Norwood near the Huffman filling station when they heard a car behind them. The both looked back and to get out of the way, Mrs. Smotherman ran to the left and Mr. Smotherman to the right. Uncle John Pearson of Macomb was driving the car. He passed by both all right but in some manner the rear fender struck Mr. Smotherman about the knees, knocking him to the ground. Mrs. Smotherman rushed to him and he was lying there lifeless. He had one shoe torn off and several cuts and bruises about the face and head. Mr. Pearson and Judge Garland rendered what assistance they could. Mrs. Smotherman requested that he be brought to Dr. VanNoy's office where his wounds were dressed and he was taken home. He did not fully regain consciousness until in the afternoon. Mr. Smotherman is now at Burke's Restaurant so as to be near the doctor. According to latest reports he is not getting along very well. Mr. Pearson deeply regretted the accident.

Mrs. J. W. Robertson received the sad news Saturday of the death of her mother, Mrs. S. T. Poer of Cheny, Kansas, which occurred September 23, 1927.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl McAllister are the proud parents of a fine baby girl born September 25.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Crider have a fine baby girl.

October 6, 1927:

A number of Miss Marion Owens friends will be interested to learn of her marriage on the 8th of September to Mr. Jiles Beebe. They are now at the home of his parents in Eagleston, Montana.

Little Joe Fred Jr. made his arrival at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Fred Frye of Lake Caramount, Miss., September 12th.

We all received quite a shock when we heard of Berta Johnson and Arley Walls being married Sunday.

October 13, 1927:

Rev. O. E. Hamilton, well known evangelist in the Christian Church, died suddenly Saturday night in Texas where he was engaged in a revival meeting. The body was brought to Mountain Grove and buried Tuesday. Rev. Hamilton formerly made his home in Mountain Grove, but for a short time had been residing in Springfield. He is survived by his wife, the former Mayme Candler, daughter of Mr. W. S. Candler of Mountain Grove, and by a daughter Jean, eight years old.

Mrs. J. O. Howard and Mrs. John Kitts received the sad news that 27th of September of the death of their mother Mrs. Jacob Cogdill, of North Missouri, which occurred September 26th.

Uncle Narve Allen has been on the sick list the past week.

October 20, 1927:

A marriage license was issued last week at Ava to Everett Strong of Vera Cruz and Vietta Harvey of Brushy Knob. These young folks are well and favorably known in the country south of here.

Mr. Sam Smotherman is reported much better at present. Dr. Dardy of Mountain Grove was called in consultation. They report him progressing nicely but still in a very critical condition, and it will probably be several weeks before he is fully recovered. He is still unable to walk and has to be carried from place to place. They are making preparations to move into one of Mrs. Barnett's houses in the north part of town.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Anderola have a two week's old son. Mrs. Anderola was Miss Millie Riley of Brushy Knob before her marriage.

October 27, 1927:

Mrs. John Choate of Springfield died Friday night from injuries received in an automobile accident that morning on Highway 60 a few miles north of Mansfield. Mr. Choate was driving the car and claims it skidded on some loose gravel, causing it to turn over in a ditch. They had been down looking after a farm they own near Norwood and was returning home when the accident occurred.

Among those who received marriage license at Hartville last week were Mr. Hensley of Hartville and Miss Josie Mayfield of Norwood.

November 3, 1927:

Word has been received here that Eucas Gates was killed in the oil fields of Oklahoma. (The funeral was held at Mansfield, Mo.)

November 10, 1927:

We received a telegram Sunday from a brother, Mr. Will Cole of Aldrich, Mo., telling us of the death of their baby boy two years old.

On Wednesday, November 2nd at the home of her son, Charlie at Olathe, Mrs. Towe passed away at the age of 80 years. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. M. Stanifer on Saturday in the presence of a large concourse of friends. She was buried by the side of her husband, who passed away about six years ago.

November 17, 1927:

Herman Purtle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Purtle, and Miss Goldia Beahm, daughter of Rev. Clarence Beahm of Fresno, Calif. were united in marriage Monday. The young couple will make their home on the ranch near Tulare where Mr. Purtle is foreman.

Tulare, California: Bobbie Purtle got real anxious to drive his father's new Dodge coupe Saturday evening. While Benton was in the store making a purchase Bobbie stepped on the starter, ran the car into the store and had a real smash-up of glass and damaged the car quite a bit. Bobbie and his cousin Lois Cain were in the car but no one was hurt.

We wish to express our most heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved ones of Roy Letsinger who passed away Wednesday morning, November 9th. He leaves a wife and little children. He was a member of the General Baptist Church.

November 24, 1927:

Tulare, California: Mrs. Mahala Bruton, celebrated her 85th birthday yesterday with a surprise dinner. Those present were her children and grandchildren of Tulare: Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Purtle, Mrs. R. H. Purtle, Mrs. and Mrs. Herman Purtle, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Barnett and daughter, Mrs. Glen Cain and children Billy and Louise, Mrs. H. J. Lewis, Bobby and Lavaughn Purtle. Mrs. Bruton is leaving tomorrow for Portland, Oregon where she will visit her brothers Pat and John Brown.

Garden Grove, California: Mr. and Mrs. Logan Coats have a new baby boy at their house born Nov. 6th.

Uncle Narve Allen's have moved south of Norwood near the Cornelius school house. We sure miss them, but wish them good luck in their new home.

December 1, 1927:

S. W. Reynolds was born in Pennsylvania in 1853 and departed this life on last Thursday morning. He was 73 years, 11 months and 24 days old. He was united in marriage to Ann E. Bonnel September 6, 1876 and to this union were born three children: R. J. Reynolds, Cora Harrison of Grand Valley, Colo., and Maude Jarrett who has already preceded Grandpa in death. Three years ago Grandpa embraced a hope in Christ and united with the Union Grove Church living a faithful Christian life until death. Funeral services were held at the Caudle Church, conducted by Rev. George W. Scott Jr. After funeral services the Woodmen took charge of the body and laid it to rest in the Norwood Cemetery.

From the Fresno, California, Bee: Funeral services for Noah Killion, 42, were being arranged today by the Mission Undertaking Company. Killion, who was a native of Missouri, died yesterday in a local sanitarium. He had been a resident of California for six years. He is survived by five brothers and two sisters who are: Martin and Manard of Fresno, Henry and Frank of Missouri, Phillip of Visalia, Mrs. Priscilla Wilson of Washington and Mrs. Eupha Ryan of Fresno.

We received a letter from Mrs. J. S. Smotherman yesterday in which she states that Mr. Smotherman is much better and expects to return to their home near here in a short time.

The stork visited Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Strunk with a baby girl.

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Mr. Fred Cogdill of Norwood and Miss Ora Atkins of Mansfield were married Saturday. The couple were charivaried Monday night at the home of the groom's father W. A. Cogdill.

Mr. and Mrs. Troy Thomas announce the arrival of a new daughter born Dec 6, weighing 7 pounds. Mother and baby are doing fine.

December 29, 1927:

Fred Zeigler died in the Frisco Hospital in St Louis Thursday, December 22. Mrs. Zeigler and Estral were with him at the end. He had been in poor health for some time. The body was taken to Houston, his old home, and buried Saturday the 24th. Mr. Zeigler had been section foreman here for about four years taking the place of Mr. Prince. He had come here from Burnham.

January 12, 1928:

James Williams, an old and highly respected citizen of our community, passed from this life at a hospital in Springfield, January 4, 1928 at the age of 83 years. The body was brought to Norwood Jan. 5th and burial and funeral services were held Sunday. Rev. Chadwell conducted the funeral services at the Christian Church. Burial was at Reliford Cemetery with services held by the Masonic order of which he had been a member for over 60 years. Mr. Williams was born June 8, 1845 in Lancaster County, England. He came to Norwood from Nebraska in the year 1908. He was married to Mary Jane Baker Jan. 25, 1872 and to this union were born 8 children, two of whom have gone on before. He is survived by 6 children: James and Frank of Peoria, Ill., H. T. of Scott Bluff, Nebraska, S. R. of Norwood, Mrs. Lizzie Lawson of Norwood and Mrs. Mabel West of Nebraska. These 6 children were all present at the funeral and burial. Mr. Williams made a profession of Christianity in early life.

Mrs. William Cottengim passed away at her home in Hartville Friday night of last week, after an illness extending over four months. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Wells of the Methodist Church Sunday and the body laid to rest in the Hartville Cemetery. Mrs. Cottengim was about 58 years of age, was born in Illinois, but had lived at Hartville for nearly 35 years. She is survived by her husband, one son and three daughters, one of whom is Mrs. Bob Ellis of Norwood. A brother, Frank Kerr, lives at Seymour. (This would be Jessie.)

Leo Duggar, 14 year old grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Harve Cody was instantly killed in an automobile accident occurring on Christmas Eve night.

Horace Hylton and wife have a new baby girl at their house. One of their children is getting over diphtheria. They are still under quarantine but no more of them had taken it yet.

January 14, 1928:

Mr. and Mrs. Will Everhart are the proud parents of a baby boy born Jan. 11th. The little one has been named Lowry Eugene.

Mrs. John Stutler died at her home on Bryant Thursday night and was laid to rest in the Roper Cemetery Saturday morning.

Wednesday of last week, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Hopewell were called to Champion to be at the bedside of Mrs. Hopewell's grandmother, Mrs. Coats, who quietly passed away Thursday night at 10 o'clock. Her husband passed on before her several years ago. She leaves five sons Arthur, Thomas, Abraham, Alfred and Harry; and six daughters Hannah, Ella, Delsa, Cara, Rebecca and Della; 47 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren. She was laid to rest Saturday at 2 o'clock in the New Hope Cemetery.

January 21, 1928:

Edgar Hensen, 16 year old son of Joe Henson and foster son of E. G. Morrow of near Denlow, was instantly killed last Friday while helping saw wood at his home. While assisting with the work, in some manner his sleeve caught in the saw and he was immediately jerked into it. His head was split open causing instant death.

According to recent reports, Mrs. Bert Ellis of Springfield is preparing to start a muskrat farm just north of Hartville at the Jap Garner spring which she has leased. Preparation for the necessary buildings and other work has been made and will be rushed to completion.

William H. Ross, an old pioneer of Wright County, died at his home in Mountain Grove Friday night of last week at the age of 81 years and 4 months. The remains were laid to rest Sunday in the Newton Cemetery north of Mansfield. Mr. Ross had lived in the vicinity of Mansfield practically ever since the Civil War, moving to Mountain Grove about 12 years ago. He was a veteran of the Civil War, very few of whom remain. He raised several children, one of whom, Mrs. Martin Gaskill, lives north of Mansfield.

Tulare, California: Roy Scott and wife are the proud parents of a 9 1/2 lb. boy born Jan. 9th. Mother and baby are getting along nicely.

February 9, 1928:

Illinois man buys "The Norwood Index". C. N. Means arrived Friday from Fairfield, Ill. to take charge of the newspaper. He had purchased it from Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wilhoit who have conducted the business the past 10 months. Mr. Means is an experience newspaper man, having been engaged in the publishing business since 1908 and expects to make his home in Norwood. He is also an ordained Baptist preacher and will welcome any opportunity to preach the gospel.

Burglars entered the drug store of J.K.P. Coday at Mansfield Tuesday night and blew the safe open. No money had been left in the safe that night and they made a water haul. Night watchman Strong surprised them as they were leaving the building and shot at them. He knocked one of the burglars down but they succeeded in making their escape.

The Bouldin-Ryan Furniture Company's funeral car was taken to Hartville Friday on account of the death of Mrs. N. C. Claxton.

February 16, 1928:

Mrs. Barnett, sister of Henry Bradshaw of Norwood, died Saturday at her home in Mountain Grove after an extended illness. Burial was near Owensville Monday.

The Douglas and Wright county officers captured and took into custody a still and about 200 gallons of mash and seven gallons of whiskey near the George Vaughn residence south of Norwood in Douglas County Saturday. One man was arrested, taken to Ava and placed in jail.

B. J. Williams who had been sick with diabetes for several months died at the home of his son-in-law Lon Campbell of the Wolf Creek neighborhood, Friday night, Feb. 3; aged 77 years, 7 months and 25 days. Funeral services were held Saturday at 11 o'clock, conducted by Rev. Selph Jones and burial was in Curtis Cemetery. Mr. Williams is survived by his widow and six children, four daughters and two sons.

The Sheriff and Prosecuting Attorney of Texas County have notified owners of slot machines and punch boards to quit or look out for prosecution.

February 23, 1928:

The Nichols store at Mountain Grove was robbed Monday night, entry being made by the removal of a pane of glass from a window. Merchandise to the value of about \$60.00 was taken. This consisted of clothing, dress goods, a suit case and other articles. Tuesday morning, a young lady was given a ride by a travelling salesman who stopped at Norwood. The salesman reported that this person's actions had aroused his suspicions, and as a result of this report Deputy Sheriff W. D. Hoy, of this place, started out in pursuit of the strange "lady" who was overtaken on the highway one-fourth mile west of Norwood. Mr. Hoy at once placed her under arrest and investigation revealed the fact that the individual was a young man dressed in women's clothes, high heel shoes and all. The stolen goods were found in his possession and he was taken back to Mountain Grove where he entered a plea of guilty and was bound over to the Circuit Court which convenes next week. The young man gave his name as Herbert Roland and his home as Pitcher, Okla. He stated that he would be 15 years old the 20th of March, but appears to be much older.

The home of Oran Garrison in Norwood was the scene of a double wedding Monday afternoon when Rev. W. H. Kelley said the words that united Mr. Frank Davidson to Miss Ollie Mulkey and Mr. Jesse Davidson to Miss Inez Robertson. These young people are from the Pleasant Hill neighborhood. (Note: This was a mistake made by the writer of the item. Frank Davidson married Inez Robertson. Jesse Davidson married Ollie Mulkey.)

March 1, 1928:

Mr. Bert Hilton and Miss Elva Raney were united in marriage Sunday afternoon by Rev. G. Chadwell at the latter's home in Norwood.

J. T. Shrouder and Mrs. Myrtle Weaver were united in marriage at H. J. Schofield's store in Norwood February 11th. The ceremony was performed by Judge Schofield. Mr. and Mrs. Shrouder are making their home in Norwood for the present.

March 8, 1928:

Mr. Wheaton Cottengim, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cottengim, and Miss Esther Carlson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. O. Carlson, were united in marriage Sunday afternoon at the home of Rev. G. Chadwell in Norwood, Rev. Chadwell officiating. They will reside on the farm belonging to the groom's father north of Norwood.

Martha M. Seymour was born Feb 28, 1852. She was married to John Seymour and to this union were born seven children, of whom three girls and three boys are now living: Lucy McCool of Gage Okla., R. A. Seymour and Sam Seymour of Commerce Okla., Mattie Pearce of Texas, Areatha Coday of Mansfield and John Seymour of Texas. Mittle Johnson departed this life May 3, 1911. Mrs. Seymour was converted in early life and lived a faithful and devoted Christian life. Funeral services were conducted at the home of Jesse Coday on Wolf Creek and the body taken to Commerce, Okla., for burial.

March 15, 1928:

James Sumner, 69 years old, died Monday night at his home seven miles south of Norwood. Flu was the immediate cause of death, though he had been in poor health the past year. Funeral services will be held in Norwood Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock with burial in the Thomas Cemetery north of town.

March 22, 1928:

Mrs. Jewell Stephens is getting along fine. Her big boy arrived March 15th.

Mr. and Mrs. Huse Bolt are the proud parents of a boy baby born March 18th.

March 29, 1928:

A new baby girl is reported at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Heith on route 3.

April 5, 1928:

Mr. Amos Fowler and Miss Lilly Doyle were married one day last week according to the best information we can get.

April 12, 1928:

At the home of Rev. and Mrs. G. Chadwell, in Norwood, occurred a double wedding Saturday evening, April 7th, when Rev. Chadwell said the happy words that united Mr. Guy Stradley to Miss Neva Swecker, and Mrs. Matthew Quinn to Miss Wave Hall.

Thomas J. Walker who had his left leg amputated a few weeks ago in the Baptist Hospital in Springfield died there Tuesday night. Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon and interment was at Springfield.

Friends of Oliver Rogers of Strathmore, Calif. were sorry to hear of the painful accident he received when the spraying machine he was using exploded. His head and face were badly injured and his skull was fractured. He was taken immediately to the Tulare Hospital and at least reports was getting along all right. Mr. Rogers is a brother of Mrs. Earnest Miller of Norwood and a brother-in-law of the writer.

Friends of Archie Miller of California will be shocked to hear of the untimely death of his wife a short time ago. Archie spent his boyhood days near Shiloh and has the sympathy of a host of friends here.

Floyd Long received the sad news Friday of the death of his grandfather, Uncle Dave Long, which occurred that day (April 6). A good many here knew Uncle Dave who was a Freewill Baptist minister. He had a paralytic stroke about three years ago and has been in bad health ever since, being confined to his bed about all the time the past year. He leaves a wife, four sons Joe, Well, Miles and Sam, and one daughter Mrs. Jim Moore.

We just learned of the marriage of Ben Moore to a lady by the name of Smith.

Mrs. Dosie Stewart, wife of Edgar Stewart, died suddenly Friday morning of heart trouble. It was a great shock to all as she was not thought to be seriously ill. She leaves three sons, Ernie and Lester Pasley and Sylvester Stewart, her husband and other relatives.

Just before daylight one morning last week, A. R. Worsham discovered a wolf among his sheep. It had killed three sheep and was eating a lamb. It had also killed some

hens. Mr. Worsham got his gun and attempted to shoot the wolf but the gun would not fire, so Mr. Wolf got away.

April 19, 1928:

Nancy C. Barnett was born on Crowley Ridge in Arkansas, Feb. 5, 1847. Departed this life at 5:15 a.m. April 11, 1928 being 81 years, two months and six days old. She professed religion and joined the United Baptist Church at the age of 14 years, but at death was a member of the Freewill Baptist Church. At the age of 19 she was married to Jacob Kelley of Wright County, Mo. and to this union were born thirteen children, ten girls and three boys. Four died in infancy and two after they were grown. She lived a devoted Christian for 67 years. Her husband preceded her 24 years ago. Six daughters, one son, one brother and one sister survive. Her sister, Mrs. Peggy Jane Lucas, was not able to attend the funeral. Jackson Barnett, her brother; Jim Kelley, Elizabeth Pridemore and Sarah J. Raney, all of Norwood and vicinity; Mrs. Minnie Cecil of Weir, Kans.; Mrs. Izora Wallace, Wichita, Kans.; Mrs. Almita Kirkendall of Parsons, Kans. and Mrs. Pricilia Lane of Tarkio, were present for the funeral. Bro. Ben Nall conducted the funeral and her body was laid to rest in the Curtis Cemetery.

Thirty-seven people are dead and about twenty injured, many of them seriously, as a result of a mysterious explosion which occurred at 11:05 o'clock last Friday night in the garage of the Wisner Motor Co. on East Main St. in West Plains. The Bond dance hall on the second floor of the building, where a dance was in progress at the time, was completely wrecked. The blast came without an instant's warning and people in nearby buildings who rushed out saw the bodies and debris flying high in the air. Only three women escaped from the dance alive while sixteen men escaped. Among the dead is Miss Beatrice Barker, 16 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Barker of Mountain Grove. Among the injured are Olias Stockday, broken leg and burns, and Fred Archer, broken leg; both of Mountain Grove.

With this issue "The Index" completes its first year of existence, being a rather husky youngster for one so young.

April 26, 1928:

Last Thursday was Grandma Mitchell's 81st birthday and in honor of it neighbors took dinner with her that day. Grandma is the oldest resident of the Fairview neighborhood and has made quite a record as a Sunday school worker, having taught the beginners class in Fairview Sunday school for more than 40 years and is still able to take her place there!

Last Wednesday morning about 4 o'clock Amos Massey, prominent farmer near Grove Springs, shot and killed himself with a shotgun. Grief over the death of his wife who passed away in November is supposed to have been the cause of his act.

Mr. and Mrs. Vira Whetstone have a new baby boy.

May 3, 1928:

Twenty-four hours after he had staged a daring hold-up of Rockbridge, in Ozark County, Rex Byerly, 19 year old orphan boy, stood before Judge Fred Stewart, pleaded guilty to bank robbery and was sentenced to serve ten years in the State Penitentiary. His air of braggadocia gone, the youthful bandit who on Friday threatened to shoot cashier J. T. Edwards while waiting for the time lock to open the safe, asked to be allowed to plead guilty. Young Byerly grabbed \$126 in his hurry to get away and overlooked \$1000 in the safe. He offered no opposition when arrested and asked for an early trial.

Alma Hutson was born Oct. 31, 1879; died April 29, 1928 at the age of 48 years, 6 months and 29 days. She was married to Will Hutson March 9, 1902. To this union were born 7 children, two of whom died when small. Five are still living as follows: Roy, Jesse, Vonja and Leonard Hutson and Velma Tetrick. Her husband, one brother, Jim Raney of Springfield, Mo., one sister Lora Hutson, of Hartville and a host of relatives and friends are left to mourn their loss. She was converted at the age of 14 years and lived a devoted Christian life to the end, being a member of the Missionary Baptist Church. Funeral services were conducted by the writer at Bethel Chapel Tuesday and burial was in the Broyles Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Pope are the proud parents of a baby girl.

May 10, 1928:

W. H. Wright of Rippee, owner of the Brown Cave, was in Norwood Wednesday enroute to Springfield on business in connection with improvements he is making on his property. Brown Cave is said to be among the largest in the country and is worth a visit from anyone. Mr. Wright is 84 years old, is very active and is going ahead with needed improvements to make his place a popular resort.

Mr. Fred Epker, teacher at Denlow the past year, and Miss Cressie Caudle, student in the Norwood High School class of '28, were united in marriage at Mountain Home, Ark. Nov. 25, 1927. While a number of friends of the couple knew of the wedding it was not made public until recently. Mr. Epker will teach at Denlow again the coming year and they will make their home at that place, expecting to move there some time this summer.

Saturday evening about 8 o'clock as deputy sheriff W. D. Hoy was passing along the street in Norwood, he became suspicious of two men who were acting in a peculiar manner. They had a Ford car and as Mr. Hoy approached they would leave the car, apparently trying to escape notice. Mr. Hoy made a brief search for someone to assist him, but not finding anyone readily, he returned alone just as the men were starting their car. He called upon them to halt, firing one shot as they started. He then cut around in front of them as they turned a corner, throwing his gun in their faces and demanding that they stop, which they did. He then ordered them out of the car and searched them, taking a revolver from one of the men who gave his name as George Carvey. His

companion was Everett Sellers, both of Springfield. Mr. Hoy took them to Pennington Market where P. L. Connolly identified the overalls which Carvey was wearing as the ones he had sold the man who gave him the bad check on April 28. J. L. Scarborough was brought in and identified Carvey as the man who gave him the bad check the same day. He was also identified by Roy Raney and Miss Iva Worsham as being the man who tried to cash a check at the Ryan Bank. The two men were taken to Hartville and lodged in jail, the date for a preliminary hearing being set for May 9th at which time they waived a hearing and were bound over to the June term of court. Their bond was fixed at \$3000 each and being unable to fill same they were returned to jail. Mr. Hoy went to Springfield Sunday where he found that both men had long police records and that Carvey had served a term in the penitentiary. A search warrant was secured and the flour sold to Carvey by Mr. Scarborough and by Mr. Strunk was found in the home of Carvey's brother-in-law where he has been making his home. Orvil Coday who had been previously arrested on a charge of being implicated in the check deal was released.

Sunday afternoon a car owned by Elmer Pope and driven by Miss Hazel Orender ran into the F. J. Thompson filling station, hitting J. M. Cross, bruising him about the head and face and on one knee pretty badly and rendering him unconscious for a time. He was taken to Dr. VanNoy's office where he received first aid and his wounds were dressed and bandaged. Fortunately his injuries were not of a serious nature. In the car with Mr. Pope and Miss Orender were Versell Moody, Mabel Vancil and Persie Moles. The young folks were out pleasure riding and in some manner Miss Orender, an inexperienced driver lost control of the car. Mr. Cross, J. J. Jones, M. Parks and Mr. Thompson were sitting in front of the filling station talking and the first warning of danger they had was when Miss Orender began to scream, the car being almost upon them at the time. They made a run for safety and all except Mr. Cross succeeded in getting out of the way. He was caught between a bench upon which some of the men had been sitting and the front of the building and had it not have been for this bench and a steel barrel standing near the door, he would probably have been killed. The bench was smashed into kindling wood. The car was not seriously damaged, having only the radiator mashed in by the impact with some object. Mr. Cross, whose home is near Springfield, had been here several days assisting in getting out walnut logs in this section.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Raney's nine days old baby girl, Dorothy Emma, died last Friday and was buried in the Raney Cemetery Saturday.

Mrs. C. R. Raney has been very sick, but is better now. Her mother, Mrs. John Gray, has returned to her home in Coldsprings after spending several days with her daughter.

May 17, 1928:

Word was received here by phone Thursday morning of the death of Ray Caudle at the home of his mother, Mrs. Sarah Caudle in Springfield. Burial will be in Caudle Cemetery Friday afternoon at one o'clock.

We have heard that on last Friday night while driving a Chevrolet coach belonging to Medley Towe of Olathe, Miss Velma Anderson turned a corner that wasn't there at forty miles per hour and met a bank coming her way. The bank didn't move and the car stopped very suddenly, leaving it and its occupants very much the worse for wear and tear. So far as we have heard no serious injuries resulted although Miss Wanda Anderson who was in the back seat with Nolan DeVault lost several front teeth. The accident occurred on the U.S. Highway near Mountain Grove. Iris Kelley brought them home.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ira Atchison on Wednesday, May 9th, a son. All parties doing nicely.

May 24, 1928:

Ray Caudle who died in Springfield last week was born and raised in this community, his father being the late Frank Caudle. The body was brought here for burial in the Caudle Cemetery. The funeral sermon was delivered by a minister from Springfield. The deceased leaves a mother, one brother, two sisters, uncles, aunts, cousins, an aged grandfather and many friends to mourn their loss.

Mr. and Mrs. Conn Ussery are the proud parents of a new baby girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed McIntosh are the proud parents of a new baby boy.

May 31, 1928:

A baby girl born to Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Kelley last Friday died Monday night. Short funeral services were conducted at the home Tuesday afternoon by C. N. Means and interment was in the Releford Cemetery.

Monday afternoon a Ford touring car driven by John Pearson and a Ford Sedan driven by Ed Richardson, son of Arthur Richardson, ran together at the corner in front of the Starks produce house. The Richardson car had to be towed in for repairs. Mr. Pearson's car was not damaged very much. No one was seriously hurt.

June 7, 1928:

William Murphy, former presiding judge of the Laclede county court will have to serve two years in the state prison, his sentence having been affirmed by the supreme court. Murphy was convicted in circuit court in Wright County on charges of having accepted a bribe while serving as presiding judge, in connection with the sale of a safe belonging to Laclede County. The deal was made in November, 1925.

Mrs. Lucy B. Seymour, wife of Frank Seymour, died last Friday at the home of her sister, Mrs. Tom Pope, north of town. Funeral services were conducted at the Pope

home Monday afternoon by Rev. Jones of near Joplin and interment was in the Retherford cemetery. Mrs. Seymour was 44 years of age.

Charley Allen, aged 64 years, died at 6 o'clock Monday morning at his home on the Tobe Thomas farm three miles north of Norwood. He had been sick for several weeks. The body was shipped to Cleveland, Ohio Tuesday evening for burial at Gibsonburg, Ohio.

MY AUTO by Lloyd Means: We started out in the morning, "We'll get there today" we said: But ere we were past the barn, Our engine was quite dead. We filled her up with water, And we filled her up with gas: E'en then we couldn't start 'er, But we wouldn't take her sass; So John took hold of the wheel, And I took the crank in hand. I cranked until I did reel, And then we let her stand. We gave her a kick and a cuff And started down the road, But she was coming, too, So we got on and rode."

June 14, 1928:

With damage estimated at more than \$100,000, and all means of communication with the outside world cut off, Bakersfield, little Ozark County town, was dazed by the furious tornado which swept over it Tuesday evening. Schools, churches, business houses, the town's cotton gin, homes---all were swept away by a terrific wind which hit the town shortly before 7 o'clock Tuesday night. Though almost every building in Bakersfield was wrecked, only two persons were injured seriously. They were John Powell and Thomas Cropper. The new consolidated high school building, a concrete block structure, the pride of the countryside was laid level with the ground. Two churches, the Christian and the Baptist, were destroyed. A cotton gin, new and valued at more than \$10,000 was razed.

There is a move on foot to get a cheese factory in Norwood. Let's boost it all we can, for it will not only help to build up the town, but it will also increase the value of land in this vicinity and further develop the dairy industry already started in this county.

J. O. Sanders received a telegram Tuesday stating that his son, Willy, who recently underwent an operation for gravel in the Mayo Sanitarium at Rochester, Minn., is better.

J. L. Scarborough, Roy Raney, Tommy Burke, Charles Royal, P. L. Connolly, W. D. Hoy, L. C. Gregory and Floyd Gilley were in Hartville Monday attending the trial of George Carvey and Everett Sellers who were charged with forgery. The two men were given sentences of two years each in the penitentiary. These are the men who passed forged checks on several business men in Norwood some weeks ago. Floyd Gilley's name was signed to the checks for Sellers and Carvey.

The body of Mr. Charlie Seger, an uncle of Mrs. Jule Turgon, was brought here Tuesday and was buried in the Swede Cemetery near Mountain Grove.

Mrs. Andy Millsap departed this life Friday, leaving several children, husband and other relatives and friends to mourn their loss.

Wedding bells to the south of us. Jesse Hull and Violet Goodman were married last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hiser and daughter, Opal, motored to Springfield Thursday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Hiser returned Friday morning by Miss Opal and Jasper Ryan drove through to Wichita, Kansas to be present at the wedding of Miss Sylvia Duncan.

June 21, 1928:

Elder Joseph Gray was born July 26, 1851 in Corinth, Miss. He departed this life June 17, 1928 at 10 a.m. at the home of his daughter in Springfield, Mo. He was married to Hannah Smith in 1872 in Wright County, Mo. To this union were born six children, three boys and three girls. He also had one daughter by a former marriage. Six children are left to mourn their loss, as follows: M. and L. T. Gray of Macomb, Mo.; Mrs. T. W. Miller of Fellows, Calif.; Mrs. F. Liggett of Wichita, Kans.; Mrs. R. D. Findley of Mansfield, Mo.; and Mrs. M. F. Gray of Springfield, Mo. His wife preceded him in death Aug. 11, 1912. He professed a hope in Christ in early life and joined the Missionary Baptist church. He spent most of his active life preaching the Gospel, but has been in declining health the past few years. He was a charter member of Corinth Church. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. G. Chadwell in the Corinth Church and the remains were laid to rest in Macomb Cemetery.

Mrs. A. P. Fisher of Mountain Grove was instantly killed in an automobile accident at Mansfield Saturday while returning home from Ava. Mrs. Fisher was formerly a resident of Norwood. Her son was killed in the West Plains disaster a few months ago.

Mrs. Charles Allen has returned from Ohio where she accompanied the body of her husband for burial. Upon her return she found her mother in critical condition and not expected to live.

Mr. and Mrs. Feita Procter are the proud parents of a baby boy born about 10 days ago.

Chairman P. L. Connolly of the Cheese Factory Committee informs us that more than 800 dairy cows are signed up for the factory in Norwood.

A Mr. and Mrs. Miller of Springfield were in our neighborhood looking over the old store building at the old Colony place with the view of putting in a stock of goods. We will be glad to welcome them if they decide to come here.

Mrs. Elsie Cooley who has been here for some time caring for her father, Uncle Bob Bruton, returned to her home in Headrick, Okla. Sunday evening and took her father with her. Woody Bruton also accompanied them home. Uncle Bob seemed in good spirits when he left, and his many friends wish him a safe journey. After leaving here

Sunday evening a message was received from Mr. Cooley at Headrick stating that their home there had been destroyed by a cyclone and asking them to remain here. However the message arrived too late to stop them.

June 28, 1928:

A. N. Myers, representative of the Winchester-Simmons Hardware Co. ran into the road grader on U.S. Highway 60 between Norwood and Mountain Grove Monday, badly damaging his new Chevrolet coach. The car had only been driven about 100 miles, having been purchased in Springfield Monday morning. Mr. Meyers seems to have fallen asleep while driving, but he escaped serious injury. The frame of the car was bent beyond repair where the right front spring was attached to it and the right fender and the apron above the running board were crushed. The steering wheel was also broken.

Sheriff R. N. McIntosh and Deputies, Ben Absher and E. K. Colton made a raid 4 or 5 miles east of Grove Spring Monday and captured a large still and arrested Bill Johnson. The still had been found previously and had been watched Sunday and Sunday night, but no one came to it. Monday the above officers hid themselves to watch, and during the day Bill Johnson made his appearance on the scene. With the large still, they captured two barrels of mash, besides the number of cream cans that were full of mash. Johnson was brought to Hartville and taken before Squire Turner, filing bond to the amount of \$500. His trial will come up at the October term of Circuit Court.
.....Hartville Democrat

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Anderson celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Sunday, June 24th. A number of their neighbors and friends were there and brought well-filled baskets. At 12:30 the table cloths were spread in the yard and were covered with a bountiful supply of good eats. The couple of honor was wished many happy years to come and were given some beautiful presents.

Mrs. A. P. Fisher, 50, wife of the proprietor of the Ozark Hotel of this city, was instantly killed at 10:30 o'clock Saturday morning when a new Buick Sedan in which she and her niece, Miss Drucilla McDaris, also of Ava, were driving, plunged off the overhead railroad bridge on Highway 5 at Mansfield. Miss McDaris, although badly shocked and frightened, escaped with only minor injuries. Mrs. Fisher, accompanied by Miss McDaris, was enroute to Mansfield to meet Rex Foster of St. Louis, Mrs. Fisher's brother, who was expected to arrive on the morning Frisco train. The bridge is about 25 feet high and Mrs. Fisher's body was badly mangled in the wreckage of the car. Her niece, who is 13 years old, apparently was protected from serious injury by Mrs. Fisher's body and the frame-work of the car. Several persons residing in the vicinity of the bridge were attracted by the crash and appeared at the scene of the accident within a few minutes. Mrs. Fisher was dead when the first witness arrived, it was said. Mrs. Fisher came to Ava with her husband several months ago from Mountain Grove to take charge of the Ozark Hotel. Her only son, Charles Fisher, was one of the young people who lost their lives in the recent explosion disaster in West Plains. The machine, according to all

indications, was travelling at high speed. Mrs. Fisher was an inexperienced driver and is believed to have lost control of the car. Two heavy braces 6X8 inches bolted to the side of the bridge were completely severed and another was split half in two by the impact. Mrs. Fisher's body was taken to Mountain Grove where funeral services were held Monday, followed by burial beside the body of her son.Douglas County Herald

Lucy Bell Seymour was born June 13, 1885 in Wright County, Mo. She departed this life June 1, 1928 at 3 a.m. at the home of her sister, Mrs. Tom Pope at Norwood, Mo. She was married to Frank M. Seymour, of Franklin, Ill. in 1910. To this union was born one child, Bethel O. Seymour. She professed a hope in Christ in early life and joined the Missionary Baptist Church. She had been in declining health the past two years. She was a member of the Baptist Church at Commerce, Okla. Funeral service was conducted by Rev. Jones of Galena, Kansas on June 4 and the remains were laid to rest in the Rethford Cemetery.

July 5, 1928:

James Worsham was severely injured Monday morning when the lock rim blew off a high pressure tire he was inflating. The rim knocked him against the wall of the Norwood Motor Co. garage where he was working, knocking several teeth loose and cutting his leg and lower lip. Three stitches were necessary to repair his lip. He will be unable to work again for a few days.

A cloud burst on the head of the Gasconade River south of Hartville put the Gasconade River and Wolf Creek on a rampage last Thursday. The Gasconade River was the largest it has ever been. Old settlers say they have never seen it as large as it was Thursday morning. The river only lacked a foot being to the floor of the bridge on Highway 5 between Hartville and Mansfield. The water was about 10 feet deep on the south side of the Highway bridge and traffic was held up for about 2 hours. Wolf Creek, a small stream just north of Mansfield, was also very high and the water was over the first bannister of the bridge which spans it. The water was from hill to hill. On the farm of Mrs. M. M. Wilson south of Hartville 16 acres of wheat was washed away. One the Tyra Newton farm, joining the Wilson farm over 100 shocks of wheat were washed away.

Mrs. Milt Dennis of Owensville died of consumption Sunday night.

Effective June 4, 1928 widows of Civil War Veterans who are 75 years or older, will received \$40 per month pension, under legislation enacted by the last congress. The widow of any person who served in the army, navy or marine corps for 90 days or more, is entitled to the increased pension. Marriage to the soldier must have been prior to June 17, 1905. It is estimated that about 95,000 widows and remarried widows of Civil War veterans have now attained the age of 75 years and are entitled to the \$40 rate. Those entitled to the increased rate will receive their first check at the \$40 rate at the next regular pay day, July 4, 1928.

Mrs. Cawthara of Fordland, mother of Arthur Cawthara, Fordland garage man, died Sunday night about midnight. The cause of her death is uncertain. She was about 90 years old. The local undertaker was called on to conduct the burial.

July 12, 1928:

L. A. Webster of near here ran amuck July 4th, being crazed by bad liquor and shot at his own father. Deputy Constable Charles H. Cole, who lives near-by, hearing the shots, ran to see what was happening and Webster turned on him, but, having jammed the gun by striking it against a post, it failed to shoot and he was captured. He then confessed that he had a stolen gun and that he got his drink at the home of David Tompkins, near Norwood. He was taken to Mountain Grove by deputy sheriff W. D. Hoy and Mr. Cole and search warrants were procured to search for the guns and liquor. Mr. Cole and deputy sheriffs Hoy, Henry Martin and Charles Irvin searched the Tompkins home and found one gun, a gallon of wine, twelve gallons of corn mash and a furnace for cooking mash, but no still. To the present time, two of the six guns stolen from Fred Akers some time ago have been found; a 32:20 Smith and Wesson revolver, the one used by Webster, and a 25:20 calibre Winchester rifle. Tompkins plead guilty of having liquor in his possession and was fined \$100 and costs, \$118 in all. Randolph Ellison, nephew of Tompkins, was arrested for stealing the guns and is out on bond. Webster was unable to fill a bond of \$1000 and is still in jail.

A Mr. Potter, living about seven miles northeast of Mountain Grove on the Texas County line, while temporarily insane, wandered away from home Sunday morning. Authorities from Mountain Grove were called and blood hounds put on the trail. The dogs tracked in several directions but wanted to back-track after going so far. It was found out later that Mr. Potter had actually back-tracked, but the authorities thought the dogs were wrong. He was found on a tract of land called the "Section" near Mountain Grove about 3 o'clock Monday morning in his right mind. Mr. Potter is subject to such spells but had never wandered off his own farm before.

At the meeting of the farmers and business men of this community Monday night, they decided to accept the proposition of the Ozark Cheese Co. and a committee of farmers was appointed to get the cows contracted for. We only have to get 1200 cows and nearly 1000 are promised already.

Billy Chapin, 14, and Woodrow Powell, 16, of Thayer were seen lying by the Frisco track about 7:50 o'clock Sunday morning by engineer Hegberg of freight train number 131. Mr. Hegberg states that he saw them through the side window of the cab as he passed and thought they were asleep, but upon looking back after he passed, he saw that one of them was lying doubled up and knew that they were hurt. It was impossible to stop the train before it had gone about two miles down grade as the air had been released just before the boys were sighted, so Mr. Hegberg stopped at Mountain Grove and told block signal manager G. H. Henry about them. Mr. Henry and a Mr. Shields then came out on Henry's motor car and found Powell still alive. The brought him into Norwood and took him to Dr. VanNoy's office where died a few hours later. He was in a

semi-conscious state when found but could not be understood. His chest and shoulder were crushed and he had a deep scalp wound as if struck by the sharp corner of a hatchet. Chapin seems to have been instantly killed as his skull was badly crushed. The coroner was called and a jury was summoned. The verdict was returned that Chapin and Powell were killed by freight train No. 131 about 2 1/2 miles east of Norwood about 7:50 o'clock Sunday morning. However, it is believed by some that their death was brought about by some other cause. According to T. E. Slater, fireman of No. 131 and Amos D. Slack, head brakeman, they could not have been near enough to the track to have been struck without being seen by one of them before the train struck them and they saw no one on the track at that point. The engineer's view was limited on account of the curve at that point. The locomotive was thoroughly inspected at Thayer and no marks whatever were found on it. Mr. Hegberg watched the prostrate bodies until the curve cut off his view and there was no movement made by either of them which makes it seem that they had been there for some time. The boy who left Thayer with them when they were put off a west bound freight about 6:30 Sunday morning and is still missing. One of them was seen to have a ten dollar bill before he left Thayer and again when they ate breakfast at the home of Mr. Royal near Norwood Sunday morning. However, no trinkets or money of any kind were to be found about the boys' clothing. It is the belief of line detective D. S. Furnell that they were killed by someone and placed near the track after being robbed.

We regret very much to learn of the death of Sam Long. He has been in ill health for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Snavely, living a mile south of Norwood are the proud parents of a baby boy which arrived last Friday evening.

July 19, 1928:

Dr. W. H. Davis, oldest son of Rev. A. Davis, pioneer Baptist minister of Wright County, died last Monday in a hospital at Olney, Ill. as the result of a paralytic stroke. Dr. Davis had practiced medicine for many years in Fairfield, Ill. and at the time of his death was president of the Wayne County Medical Association. He was in his 78th year.

Mr. and Mrs. John See, living on the highway west of town, are the proud parents of an 8 pound girl born Sunday night.

William Newton, 93, and his wife, Polly Ann Newton, 86, living 8 miles north of Mansfield, have been married 70 years. They were wedded July 1, 1858 and have resided on the same farm ever since. The only time Mr. Newton has been away from home during his married life was in 1910 when he made a trip to Washington, D.C.

Rev. W. E. Brooks was called to Texas County near the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church on Wednesday to preach the funeral of Charlie Jones, 23 year old son of Lige Jones, of that place. While the family were out milking the boy was shot dead either accidentally or with suicide intent. As yet it is not known which. He was considered a good boy,

was well thought of and had a host of friends. He was converted at a meeting held by Bro. Brooks a few years ago.

Narvel Allen visited his sons, Bob and John Allen, this week.

July 26, 1928:

Lloyd Henson, son of Ben Henson, of Coldspring, had his left hand badly mangled Tuesday while playing with some dynamite caps which he and his brother had found and one of which exploded in his hand. He was brought to Dr. VanNoy where the thumb and index finger were amputated. He is being kept at Burke's restaurant in order to be near the doctor.

August 2, 1928:

Placed by M. J. Crewse: As you know, I am a candidate for the Republican nomination for sheriff of Wright County. I want to make my position clear. I stand for the vigorous enforcement of all laws while they are on the statute books, including the 18th amendment. This was my policy during my previous term as sheriff of the county and will be again. During my services with the Federal government, I captured 252 bootleggers and 57 stills on my own initiative and helped capture a great many more. I have a copy of each case made. I will appreciate your vote at the polls next Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Nall and small children and J. O. Sanders went to Poplar Bluff Sunday to visit Mr. Sanders son, W. A. Sanders, who recently returned from the Mayo Sanitarium where he underwent an operation for kidney trouble.

Mrs. S. P. Bray orders the Index sent to her at Middleton, Idaho. She was a resident of Wright County 30 years ago.

Mrs. McClane departed her life Friday evening, July 27.

August 9, 1928:

Mrs. Marion Absher of south of Norwood died of dropsy Monday afternoon. She has been suffering for some time. Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon and interment made in the Norwood Cemetery.

M. J. Crewse received the nomination to run for Sheriff.

Last Thursday night about 9 o'clock Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Calhoun parked their Buick Coach in front of the bank building while they went upstairs. While up there they heard the horn of their car but thought it was their son, Frank, taking it. However, on coming down the car was gone and night man at the depot stated that he had seen someone drive the car away. Mr. Calhoun gave chase in his father's car, going as far as Cabool, but failed to overtake the thief. Early Friday morning the missing car was found near

Mrs. Belle Steinert's place with the engine still hot, having been driven more than 200 miles during the night. The tires were badly damaged and the body was scratched considerably and a new Stetson hat left in the car by Mr. Calhoun was missing. The Hinkle blood hounds from Mountain Grove were secured, and then G. L. Wyatt, finger print man of Springfield and his blood hounds were called, but failed to accomplish anything toward apprehending the guilty parties. The expense of securing the hounds was more than \$80, a generous portion of which was borne by Norwood citizens. Saturday morning Frank Jarrett and Constable Jim Bradshaw arrested Walter Muse, stepson of Tom Osborn, living south of Norwood, on suspicion. On being confronted by Mr. Calhoun, Muse confessed to taking the car, signing a written confession to that effect. He also told Mr. Calhoun where he would find his hat hidden in the bushes near here. Muse is on parole from the U. S. Government for desertion from the Navy and the federal authorities were notified.

J. M. Hook was born Nov. 5, 1855 and departed this life Aug. 1, 1928. He was united in marriage April 27, 1877 to Laura M. Townsend. To this union 5 children were born, two of whom died in infancy. Bertie, Myrtle L. and Gwendolyn, together with their mother, are left to mourn their loss. Funeral services were held at Relaford Cemetery, Thursday afternoon by Rev. G. Chadwell.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Cochran of Granite City, Ill. are proud parents of a baby daughter born July 30th. Mrs. Cochran was Macie Jones, formerly of this place.

Quite a few from the Whetstone vicinity attended the funeral of Grandma Rouse last Tuesday.

August 16, 1928:

Mrs. Elmer Raney died Sunday evening at her home in Norwood after an illness of more than two weeks, following the birth of a baby girl. She suffered a great deal and hopes for her recovery were given up several days before death came. Fae Alberta Stubbs was born June 7, 1896. She married Elmer E. Raney Jan. 30, 1913 and to this union were born 5 children, three girls and two boys. The boys departed this life when young. Sister Raney was converted at Caudle Church in the fall of 1912 and though she never united with any church, her walks were that which marks the path of a Christian. She leaves to mourn their loss, a husband, three children Leota Geneva, Pansy Lee and Lola Fae; father, mother, four brothers, two sisters. Funeral services were conducted at the Norwood Baptist Church Monday afternoon at 3:30 by Rev. W. E. Brooks and interment was in Thomas Cemetery.

R. N. McIntosh, Sheriff of Wright County, was instantly killed at Brandsville Monday by passenger train No. 108, known as "Sunnyland." He had been hunting peaches and Station Agent J. C. Smalley, an old schoolmate whom he hadn't seen for 30 years was helping him. He left Mr. Smalley at his home about noon and started for home. A moment later he drove onto the track in front of the train, totally unconscious of the fact that the train was near. He was looking back toward the Smalley home, evidently

thinking of incidents which happened when he and Mr. Smalley were schoolboys together and failed to hear the shouts of the spectators. His Chevrolet coupe was completely demolished.

Grandma Lamb died Monday morning, August 13. The body will be taken to Ohio for burial. She had been bedfast about two months with cancer.

Marion Vaughn of the Pleasant Hill neighborhood died Tuesday morning following an illness of several weeks.

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