

## **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.**

### **January 7, 1937:**

Taft (Roy) Hitchcock, under the influence of liquor, tried to be a bad man Tuesday, but went a little too far when he hit Harve Jackson a couple of times, without provocation. Hitchcock was placed under arrest by Deputy Arthur Akers and taken to Hartville to answer for his conduct.

Dr. L. T. VanNoy is the proud owner of a new Ford car which runs like everything, especially as long as he can keep the hind wheels on the ground. However, it seems that some of the boys thought it would be quite the thing to do to play a little joke on the doctor, so they jacked up one of the rear wheels Monday evening, and when he went to start the car it just wouldn't budge out of its tracks, though the motor was running beautifully and sometimes furiously.

E. L. Kelley was pleasantly surprised last Friday when his sister-in-law, Mrs. Dora Kelley, and her son, Ray, of near Pueblo, Colorado, came in for a short visit. It had been 40 years since Mr. Kelley had seen the visitors, the son being only a baby at that time. E. L. accompanied the others to Mountain Grove Friday afternoon and they all visited overnight in the home of his sister, Mrs. Franklin, returning to Norwood Saturday afternoon. Mrs. Kelley is the widow of Jim Kelley, who died in Oklahoma a few years ago.

Mrs. H. J. Bock received word last week that her father, W. O. Leach, had passed away very suddenly December 23 at his home in Arizona. Funeral services and interment took place December 26 in that state. He was 65 years of age.

R. E. Williams, who has been suffering for some time with kidney and bladder trouble, accompanied his daughter, Mrs. D. L. Taylor, to her home at Coldwater just after Christmas, and was taken to Fredericktown to consult a doctor. After examination the doctor there advised an operation, stating that was the only thing that would help him. However, Mr. Williams decided that at his age he did not care to risk an operation of such serious nature.

As there is no high school this week, most of the boys are spending the vacation rabbit hunting.

Mrs. Florence Robertson has the sympathy of the community in the loss of her father, Mr. Poer.

**January 14, 1937:**

Jerry B. Coday, 20 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Haden Coday of Mansfield, died Tuesday morning of last week, following a very brief illness, at the Connelley hospital in Kansas City. Jerry had spent the Christmas holidays with his parents in Mansfield and was returning to Kansas City, where he was a student in the Kansas City School of Osteopathy and Surgery, when he became ill Sunday night. Funeral services were held Friday at the Cumberland Presbyterian church in Mansfield but on account of the inclement weather the body was not buried until Monday. Deceased was a nephew of Mrs. John D. Jones of Norwood.

Dr. and Mrs. Albert E. Reeves of Farnam, Nebr., visited with Dr. and Mrs. L. T. VanNoy in Norwood a couple of days last week while enroute to Tampa, Fla., to spend the winter. Dr. Reeves and Dr. VanNoy attended the Ensworth Medical College at St. Joseph together, both graduating with the class of 1904. Though pals while in school, they had never communicated with each other and had not seen each other since the night of graduation. In some manner Reeves had learned that VanNoy had been located at Norwood and decided to stop and look him up while making the trip to Florida.

Last rites for Alvin Michael King, five day old son of Mr. and Mrs. John R. King of Durham, were said at the Dayton cemetery yesterday under direction of the Westfall Funeral Home. Survivors besides the parents include a sister, Marie Jane King, Durham; and the grandmother, Mrs. Amanda Jackson, Durham. The infant died yesterday morning at Durham.---From a California newspaper

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Hart are the proud parents of a 7 1/2 pound girl which arrived December 30. Mother and baby are doing nicely.

**January 21, 1937:**

The new administration in Jefferson City is off to a good start. After using the fact that his opponent helped to raise the farmers' taxes as the chief point against him in the campaign, Gov. Stark opened his term by recommending that the sales tax be doubled and the gas tax raised to three cents. I wonder if the farmers would be exempt.

Just after daylight last Friday morning officers raided the home of Mrs. Ella Jackson, north of town, where several cases of liquor, which it is alleged was stolen in Joplin, were recovered, and a man who was said to be guarding the liquor was taken into custody. The home of Mrs. Jackson's son Otis, was also searched and Mr. Jackson was placed under arrest after being chased for some distance by officers. Several cases of liquor, it is reported, were thrown from his car during the chase and were recovered by the officers. All together 18 cases of the 20 reported stolen were

recovered. It is said that Earn Jackson, brother of Otis, was involved in the liquor deal, but he escaped arrest. Officers taking part in the raids were Sheriff James Baker and deputies Sellers of Hartville and Lige Jones of Mansfield, deputy constable Arthur Akers of Norwood, State patrolmen Taylor and Graham, and federal agents Shoemaker and Brown of Springfield. Mr. Swanson, the man arrested at the Ella Jackson home, was taken to Springfield Tuesday for safe keeping. Otis Jackson has been released on bond. The case has been taken over by the Commercial Department of the U. S. Government for investigations, and they will file charges against all parties involved.

A Mr. Malone from Bolivar was arrested one day last week on the highway west of Mansfield, by state patrolmen, on the charge of stealing 16 head of sheep from Shannon & Shannon at Mountain Grove. He was given a preliminary hearing and was bound over to the circuit court, his younger brother and another lad from Willow Springs having confessed to the theft. It is said that Malone was also wanted at Bolivar on a hog stealing charge.

William Joy took over his filling station and tourist camp, west of town, again last Thursday, and Mr. and Mrs. Myers, who had it leased, left for Peoria, Ill., where they will operate a restaurant for Mr. Myers' uncle who is an invalid.

Mr. and Mrs. Elisha Owens, well known and highly respected citizens of north of town, will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary at Oak Grove next Sunday, January 24.

Friends in Norwood received word this week from Miss Opal Cason of Cheyenne, Wyoming, that she was united in marriage Thursday, January 14, to Mr. Dick Bagley, son of Bert Bagley. The wedding took place in Colorado.

Fox Creek was high last week. Our mail carrier, Mr. Akers, had to turn back twice.

### **January 28, 1937:**

Mrs. Albert Fletcher died last Wednesday at her home near Owensville, and funeral services were held Thursday with interment at Oak Grove. Death was caused by flu and pneumonia. Mrs. Ethel Fletcher was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Thornhill, and was born September 26, 1902, being aged 34 years, 3 months and 24 days at time of death. She is survived by her husband and 3 children.

Grandma Pearman, aged 86 years, passed away Friday at the home of a son near Little Creek, north of Hartville. Her funeral was held Sunday and burial was in the Little Creek cemetery. She was the mother of W. N. Pearman, prominent citizen and miller of Mountain Grove.

William H. Latimer, an early settler in Wright County, died January 15 at his farm home in the Little Creek community, north of Hartville, at the age of 74 years. He is survived by his widow and two sons, J. A. Latimer, postmaster at Loring, and A. D. Latimer, farmer of the home community.

Marriage Licenses issued recently at Ava to couples residing in territory adjacent to Norwood: Fred Akeman and Odessa Garrison of Norwood; Roy Trettin and Fern Johnson of Macomb; Orville Hicks of Norwood and Ruth Hancock of Drury; S. R. Stillwell of Ann and Melinda McGowan of Mountain Grove.

A letter from Mrs. Clyde Ogg of Ogallala, Nebr., to friends in Norwood conveys the information that Mr. Ogg died at their home in Ogallala January 15, after having been bedfast for 3 1/2 months. The widow and 6 children are left to mourn his death. The Ogg family lived on the G. C. Shannon farm just southeast of Norwood for several months, the youngest child having been born there a year ago last June.

The greatest flood in the history of this country is sweeping down the Ohio River and lower Mississippi Valley. 700,000 people have already been driven from their homes, and the worst has not yet been reached. The Red Cross is appealing for funds with which to administer to the needs of the flood victims. Wright County has been asked for \$160, and the quota for Norwood and vicinity has been placed at \$25. Part of this has been raised, but we are far short of our quota. Let it not be said that Norwood citizens failed in this crisis. Leave your contribution at the Index office or pay it to Miss Anna May Means.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Schlicher have a new baby girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Coday have a new baby girl.

Ernest Byron has neuritis.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Fagan are rejoicing over the arrival of a 12 pound boy at their home Jan. 15. His name is Eddie Joe.

#### **February 4, 1937:**

Elbert Chadwell of south of Macomb died at his home at 4:00 o'clock Tuesday morning, and his wife followed him in death at 4:00 p.m. the same day. Both died from flu and complications. Funeral services were held at the Macomb Baptist church at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, Rev. William Fox of Norwood conducting the services. Bouldin-Ryan funeral directors were in charge. Interment was in the cemetery there. The aged couple leaves one son, Elmer, in his early teens, who is seriously ill at the home of an aunt, Mrs. Sowersby, near Macomb. Mr. Chadwell was a brother of Rev. G. Chadwell, of Norwood, and also leaves another brother, Rev. James Chadwell, of Tulsa, Oklahoma, in addition to a sister, Mrs. Sowersby.

As suffering in the flood-stricken areas became more intense, the amount of money asked for to give the homeless relief has mounted. Last week the Wright County quota was increased from \$160 to \$400. Of that amount \$325 had been raised by Thursday, with Mountain Grove donating \$175, Hartville \$86, Mansfield \$75 and Norwood \$8.25.

Dr. James C. B. Davis, prominent doctor of Willow Springs, who was kidnapped last Tuesday afternoon, was found dead in some bushes near Hammond Mill in Ozark county Wednesday morning, according to radio reports Wednesday. A 20 year old Willow Springs youth is reported to have confessed to the crime and shown officers where the body was, after several hours of questioning. Dr. Davis had last week settled the estate of a deceased nephew, for whom he was administrator, and had planned to take more than \$7,000 in cash to the nephew's parents in Pomona. However, the clerk at eh bank dissuaded him from his purpose. He was leaving his office to go to Pomona when he met an apparent stranger, who asked him to go to the "James" farm six miles south of there on an emergency call. The Doctor went with him and disappeared. It is believed that robbery was the intent of the killer, who apparently thought he had the \$7,000 in cash on his person. However, when the money was not found, he forced Dr. Davis to write a ransom note to his family demanding \$5,000 for his release. The note was mailed in West Plains and received Thursday, but was kept secret until Tuesday just before the case broke. According to the radio bulletin, the Doctor had apparently been dead since some time last week. Upon an appeal to Missouri U.S. Senators Bennett C. Clark and Harry S. Truman from the victim's family, 15 G men were sent to Willow Springfield to work with the State Police in the search for the missing doctor. The kidnap-murder of Dr. Davis has caused a great stir of excitement throughout this section, where the Doctor was widely known. Among his patients were people from this vicinity. Mrs. G. W. Shaw had been taking regular treatments from him and was to have taken a treatment last Wednesday.

This community was saddened by the sudden death of Mrs. Dora Kelley Saturday morning. She is survived by 6 children. Two of the boys live in Nebraska; the other live close here. Burial was in Little Creek cemetery.

We were sorry to hear of the death of Aunt Sabert Pearman of the Little Creek community.

We are sorry to hear of the death of Mrs. Dennis. She was a sister of Mrs. Tilda Jack.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Best are the proud parents of a baby girl, born Sunday, January 31. Her name is Ernestine.

The mail carrier, Charley Cramer, got stuck in the creek Saturday and had to stay about all day. Henry Bradshaw pulled him out.

### **February 11, 1937:**

We were mistaken last week in stating that the body of Dr. J. C. B. Davis, kidnap-murder victim of Willow Springs, was found near Hammond Mill in Ozark County. The body was found 100 yards from highway 63 between Pomona and Olden in a thicket. Robert Kenyon, who is being held in the Jackson county jail at Kansas City, accused of the kidnaping and murder of the popular physician, is a 20 year old youth whose

parents live near Grimmet, Mo. The car he drove was stolen last November from a Rolla salesman.

W. C. Brantley of Willow Springs has rented ground from Roy Burnett to be used as a site for a heading mill. Mr. Brantley expects the machinery here the last of this week, and will have the mill ready for operation as soon as sufficient timber is on the ground. Several tracts of timber have already been contracted for, and there seems to be a plentiful supply in sight. Eleven men will be employed as soon as the mill begins operation, and Mr. Brantley informs us that he will probably put in a stave mill later, giving employment to still more men.

Bethel Bruton, former Norwood resident and a son of Woody Bruton, met death almost instantly last Friday when he fell beneath the wheels of a box car in the railroad yards at Ogden, Utah, where he was employed by the railroad company. Details of the accident are lacking. The body of Mr. Bruton was brought to Norwood for burial, Mrs. Bruton and son, Louis, arriving with him Wednesday afternoon. We go to press too early to learn the funeral arrangements which have awaited the arrival of Mrs. Bruton.

We were sorry to hear of the death of Mrs. Laura Zieber of Mountain Grove. Mrs. Zieber formerly lived here and has many friends who extend their sympathy to her son, Frank, of Mountain Grove, and her three daughters, Mrs. Lura Bell of Springfield, Mrs. Daisy White of Hiawatha, Kans, and Mrs. Molly Zimmerman of Arkansas.

Mrs. Robinson, sister of P. L. Connolly and aunt of C. M. Minihan, died at her home at Cedar Gap one day last week.

Virgil Caudle and family moved from the Bell place to the Bill Hill place Tuesday, and Orville Inman and family moved to the Bell place Wednesday.

Mrs. Ben F. Nall was called to Springfield last week to make the acquaintance of a new grandson born to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Nall Sunday night, January 31.

### **February 18, 1937:**

Arlington Bethel Bruton, son of Hazelwood and Symanthia Bruton, was born at Norwood, Missouri, August 27, 1897. He departed this life at Ogden, Utah, February 5, 1937, at the age of 39 years, 5 months and 19 days. He was married to Clara Ethel Raney at Norwood on February 13, 1921. To this union was born one son, Louis Monroe. Soon after their marriage they returned to Evanston, Wyoming, where he was employed with the Union Pacific Railroad Company, making that their home until 1926, when they removed to Oklahoma. They returned to Norwood in 1932, where they made their home until 1936 when Bethel was re-employed with the Union Pacific Railroad Company at Ogden, Utah. He leaves to mourn his departure a loving wife and son, his father, two sisters: Mrs. Fred Hart of Springfield, Missouri, and Mrs. Ray Brazeal of Farragut, Iowa; 5 brothers: Jesse of Mountain Grove; Frank of Columbine, Wyoming; Elbert of Redlands, California; Granvil of Norwood and Ernest of Guyman, Oklahoma.

George Crinton Finley was born in Crinton County, Ky., March 17, 1854 and passed away at his home in Wright County, Mo. Feb. 11, 1937, at the age of 82 years, 10 months and 24 days. Deceased was a resident of Wright County for almost 82 years, his parents having moved here when he was very young. At the age of 25 he was married to Martha I. Caudle. To this union 10 children were born. On June 5, 1917, Mrs. Finley and three children, Harry age 19 years, Oscar age 11, and Mabel age 8, were instantly killed by a cyclone which demolished their residence. Another son, Ben, died at the age of 24 from wounds suffered during the World War. Mr. Finley was united in marriage to Mattie Fletcher Pope on March 16, 1919. To this union was born one son, Joe Eugene. He leaves the following survivors besides his widow: A brother, M. S. Finley of Wright County; 3 daughters, Ella Frazier, Florence Royal and Elizabeth St. Clair, all of this county; 4 sons Fred of Lamar, Mo., and Frank, Jason and Joe, all of this county; 2 stepsons, Leonard L. Pope of Mountain Grove, and Attorney John C. Pope of Marshfield; 18 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. William Fox at Caudle Church north of Norwood Sunday afternoon and interment was in the cemetery at that place.

Last Thursday Jesse Mallatt received a message that Grandma Mitchell was thought to be dying at the home of her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Sarah Mitchell, at Shell City. This led to rumors that Grandma was already dead and that her body was being brought to Norwood for burial. However, the latest report is that word has come that she is recovering.

Hose Kelley's house, northwest of town, was destroyed by fire Saturday night. The family was visiting at the home of a neighbor when the fire started, and they lost everything but the clothing they were wearing at the time.

The residence of Mr. and Mrs. Mynard Rust, near Cabool, was destroyed by fire about 4:00 o'clock Tuesday morning. The fire had gained great headway before the family awoke and not much was saved from the house. Mrs. Rust is a sister of Mrs. G. M. Shaw of Norwood and the family is spending a few days in the Shaw home here.

Mrs. A. D. White received a message last week telling of the death of her stepfather, Charley Monasmith of Pawnee City, Nebraska. Mrs. White reports that of his 14 children and stepchildren, only three including herself, Mrs. Rebecca Schmelzel of Penticton, B. C., Canada, and Attorney Del Monasmith of Long Beach, Calif., were unable to attend the funeral.

Joe Kelley of the Little Creek neighborhood died one day last week. Mr. Kelley, who was about 72 years old, was a cousin of Mrs. S. A. Boyer.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Seal have a new baby boy born at the Burge hospital in Springfield.

The news has been received here that Miss Mary Ballew, who graduated from Norwood high school in 1934, now has a job as reporter on a daily paper in Pensacola, Florida.

Herman Williams, oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Williams, died in a hospital at Oklahoma City Friday night of pneumonia. He leaves his wife, parents, two sisters and four brothers.

### **February 25, 1937:**

We agree with Representative Newton that \$16,000 is a lot of money to pay for a comic strip; and Thomas Hart Benton's murals in the capitol lounge are scarcely more than that. These grotesque figures used by mural painters may be called art, but color photos of Missouri's beautiful scenery would have been more decorative and would have let a better taste in the mouths of patriotic Missourians who have occasion to visit the exhibit.

A storm which struck parts of Christian, Greene, Webster and Wright counties Saturday afternoon damaged 52 homes, according to a Red Cross survey. At least 7 farm homes were utterly destroyed. The tornado first hit near the Hope Dale school east of highway 65 about 3 miles south of the 60-65 junction at James River, at about 4:05 Saturday afternoon. A 7 mile strip was cut there. Between Seymour and Fordland the twister hit again, demolishing buildings and uprooting orchards and other trees in a 10 mile strip there. Highway 60 was littered with trees, fence posts and roofs. It next hit about 5 miles southeast of Marshfield where two school buildings and a church were town down, and other damage done. Most seriously injured were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Plank, who lived 4 miles east of the 60-65 junctions, and Mrs. James Caldwell, who lived 2 miles west of Seymour. They were taken to a Springfield hospital. Mrs. Plank, 50, was suffering with the influenza and was in bed on the second floor of their farm home. Her bed was lifted out of the house and crashed to the muddy ground. Plank was in the barn with the storm struck. He was pinned in the wreckage and had to be extricated. Mrs. Caldwell, 60, suffered a broken right thigh and possible internal injuries. Her husband suffered a head gash. In Christian County, Mrs. Albert McCoy and her 4 months old baby had a miraculous escape. When she saw the storm coming she ran to her baby and threw herself across it on the bed to protect it. When the wind struck the house it lifted another bed and placed in on top of the one they were in, in such a way as to protect the mother and baby from the force of the tornado. When the force of the storm was spent, Mrs. McCoy managed to crawl out from between the two beds with her baby and get out of the house just before it burned down. The mother was bruised by the baby was not injured. In Wright County the storm struck about 5:30 near Odin, west of Hartville, uprooting trees and blowing down barns and other buildings in a path across to and through the Little Creek community north of Hartville. The Hartville-Marshfield farm-to-market road was blocked by fallen trees. A violent rain storm, hail and brilliant lightning accompanied the wind. Norwood and vicinity was visited by rain, thunder and lightning, but had no wind. The Red Cross will aid stricken families in the storm area.

Uncle Joe Ryan, aged and highly respected citizen of this community, passed away Friday at the home of his son, Arch Ryan, southwest of town. Mr. Ryan left 141 descendants. Joseph Ryan was born in Southern Kentucky December 9, 1843. He

died near Norwood, Mo., February 19, 1937 at the age of 93 years, 2 months and 10 days. At the age of 19 years he was married to Miss Nancy Jane Hays. To this union were born 12 children, 6 of who are living. In 1888 he was married to Miss Martha Cornelius, and to this union were born 7 children, 5 of whom are still living. He leaves to mourn his departure 11 children, 53 grandchildren, 75 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren. He profess a hope in Christ while very young and united with the Methodist church. Funeral services were conducted at the Assembly of God church in Norwood Sunday afternoon by Rev. Will Anderson and interment was in the Ryan cemetery near Mansfield. The Bouldin-Ryan funeral directors had charge.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: This is to inform you that action will be taken at once against all illegal gaming devices, illegal punch boards, and unlicensed billiard tables which may be operating in Wright count. All will be confiscated and the owners or operators thereof vigorously prosecuted if said devices, punch boards, and tables are continued in operation.----James Baker, Sheriff; M. J. Huffman, Prosecuting Attorney

Charley E. Rowland and Miss Beulah Vaughan were united in marriage Tuesday, February 16, and were given a charivari in their home that night by a large crowd of relatives and friends. After the congratulations and treat, the crowd was very pleasantly entertained by violin and guitar music furnished by Tiry Barnett and son, Dale, and W. H. Rowland. Charley is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Rowland and is an industrious young man. Beulah is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Vaughan of Mountain Grove and was a sophomore in Mountain Grove high school. They will make their home on a farm about 4 miles west of Norwood.

John C. Bonfanti, 68 years old, died at his home in Mountain Grove Tuesday of last week. Mr. Bonfanti had operated a tailor shop and cleaning establishment in Mountain Grove since 1913.

Mrs. John Pearman died very suddenly Sunday evening at her home north of Hartville. Mrs. Pearman was holding a grandchild on her lap when she complained of a peculiar feeling. She fell over and died within a few minutes. Shock from the storm which struck that community Saturday evening is thought to have been a contributory cause of death. Funeral services were held at Little Creek Baptist church Tuesday afternoon and burial was in the cemetery at that place.

The stork has been a busy bird in these regions the past few days, keeping Dr. VanNoy on the go to keep up with him. New arrivals are reported as follows: A girl at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dale B. Clark, on the Dave Ellis farm southwest of town, Feb. 12; Mr. and Mrs. Olen Reynolds, Bertha, Mo., a girl, Feb. 13; Mr. and Mrs. Jess H. Hull, Norwood, Rt. 2, a girl, Feb. 14; Mr. and Mrs. Elza Smith, Owensville, a boy, Feb. 15; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Fleetwood, Drury, a boy, Feb. 18; Mr. and Mrs. Otis Turner, Mountain Grove, a boy, Feb. 20; Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Kitts, south of town, a girl, Feb. 20; Mr. and Mrs. William York, Brushy Knob, a boy, Feb. 20; Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Owens, Mountain Grove, Rt. 7, (on Whetstone) a girl, Feb. 21. The York baby was stillborn.

Robert J. Reynolds received word last week that his brother-in-law, H. E. Harrison, had died at his home in Grand Valley, Colo., this month. Mr. Harrison formerly lived on the old McCarty place north of Norwood, having left here about 17 years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Liplacker and family of Kansas and Miss Crissie Kelly spent one night last week with Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Young.

### **March 4, 1937:**

A very pretty wedding was solemnized at the home of Rev. J. E. Seal in Mansfield Tuesday, February 23, when Miss Jewel Nall of Norwood became the bride of Mr. Chalmer King of Cedar Gap, Rev. Seal saying the words that made them husband and wife. The marriage was witnessed by Miss May Nall, sister of the bride, and Miss Olga Andrews, teachers in the Seymour schools. Mr. King, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert King of Cedar Gap, is a fine young man of outstanding qualities. The bride is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben F. Nall of Norwood, and is known for her industry, integrity and pureness of life. She graduated with high honors from the Norwood high school class of 1928, and also attended State Teachers college at Springfield. He taught in the Cedar Gap School 3 consecutive years. The happy couple will make their home for the present in Mansfield.

Wednesday of this week was the 50th day of this Legislative session with but little accomplished. The sales tax measure will be voted on Tuesday, March 2. The old age pension bill was passed by the House Friday. It reduces the maximum pension from \$30 to \$20, despite the fact that the sales tax is almost sure to be doubled, and most all other branches of the state government are to receive substantial increases in appropriations. This does not tally with pre-election promises. They say that Forest Smith and others, who are good at making alibis, are making a deep study of the situation, with the intention of finding the best way to lay the blame on the Republicans.-  
--J. F. Newton, Representative

Dan Adamson, who broke jail in Wright County several years ago while awaiting transfer to the state prison at Jefferson City, where he had been sentenced to serve 4 years for the theft of an automobile, was captured at Mountain Grove last Thursday evening by Arthur Akers and Henry Bradshaw, deputy sheriffs, and Most Gray, deputy constable, assisted by night Marshal Atkisson of Mountain Grove. Adamson has been in California since his escape from the Wright County jail and had returned here, it is reported, to take his wife back with him to the Pacific coast. Through information furnished by Mose Gray, officers here learned of Adamson's presence in the county. He was found in bed in a rear room and was well concealed by bed clothing being piled on top of him. He was also armed when found by the officers. It is said that the habitual criminal act will be invoked against Adamson.

Arthur Chadwell of near Macomb sustained a broken right arm last Thursday afternoon while cranking a car. He is staying in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Chadwell while Dr. VanNoy looks after the broken limb.

Mr. Lawrence Harker of Mansfield and Miss Inita Helsley of Norwood were granted a license to wed at Ava last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Bartlett of Olathe report the arrival of a baby boy in their home February 24; Mr. and Mrs. Garnett Hopper report the arrival of a boy the 25th; and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Sutherland of Coldspring, a girl, March 2.

In Circuit Court at Hartville last week, 3 men were sentenced to serve prison terms. Charley Crain, 45, of Cedar Gap drew a 2 year sentence for hog stealing and 2 years for jail breaking; Elva Goddard of Mountain Grove was found guilty of driving a car while intoxicated and was sentenced to serve 2 years in state prison; and James P. Scott was sentenced for 2 years for jail breaking. Sheriff Baker had the prisoners in Norwood Thursday for vaccination by Dr. VanNoy before taking them to Jefferson City. Mrs. Ada Bruton of Norwood was granted a divorce from James R. Bruton. Minnie Taylor was granted a divorce from Oscar Taylor. Lowell Walker was divorced from Jewell Walker.

Miss Lesta Allen, who had been in Mountain Grove the past 2 weeks taking treatments for paralysis of the left side of her face, is spending this week at home, being somewhat improved. She will return Saturday for further treatment.

### **March 11, 1937:**

Bert and Rod Raney, sons of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Raney, and Clifton Bunch were arrested Monday morning on a warrant charging assault on the person of Howard Bradshaw, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bradshaw. They were taken to Hartville and lodged in jail pending the filling of proper bonds for their appearance in court, which bail was furnished Tuesday, we understand. There seems to have been bad feelings existing between the boys for some time, and out of this grew a fight when took place south of Norwood Sunday night when the Raney boys and Bunch are said to have bumped into the car driven by Bradshaw. Young Bradshaw received a number of cuts and bruises in the melee, according to reports.

Jim Finch and Mrs. Minnie Taylor were licensed to wed last week at Hartville.

Joe Doran of Ava was arrested Sunday by Deputy Arthur Akers and was lodged in the Hartville jail on the charge of driving a car while intoxicated. Sheriff James Baker states that he will rigorously enforce the law against drunken drivers in Wright County.

Mr. W. C. Brantley, buyer for Tuttle Heading Mill, slipped away to Dexter over the weekend and was united in marriage there to Miss Mae Hart of that city. Mr. Brantley brought his bride to Norwood, and they are now at home in the Trailway Hotel where they have rooms for light housekeeping.

The following births have been reported during the past week: Mr. and Mrs. Roy McIntosh, south of town, a boy, born March 3; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Murrell, Norwood, a boy, born March 6; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wakefield, Hartville, a boy, born March 8.

Rev. Egbert Allen preached at Stony Point Sunday night. He reported 5 conversions.

### **March 18, 1937:**

James R. Gass, aged 85 years, of southwest of Norwood, passed away Friday night after a long illness. The funeral sermon was preached Monday by Rev. Adkins pastor of the Brethren church at Cabool, and interment was in the Macomb cemetery.

Grandma Mitchell died Tuesday night at the home of her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Sarah Mitchell, at Schell City. The body was brought to Norwood Thursday morning for burial in the Thomas Cemetery. Funeral will be held at Fairview church Thursday afternoon at 1 o'clock.

A letter from Orville Jones at Pine Grove, Calif., to his mother-in-law, Mrs. Arzila Flora, of Norwood, bears the sad news that Mrs. Jones died at their Pine Grove home March 1, and was buried there the second. She had been sick since Thanksgiving. Mr. and Mrs. Jones moved from this community to California nearly a year ago.

William Jefferson Whitaker, aged 74 years, died Saturday at his home in Hartville. Funeral services were conducted Monday at the Hartville Freewill Baptist church, of which he was a member, by Rev. Selph Jones, and interment was in the Hartville cemetery. Mr. Whitteker was the father of Ray Whitteker of Norwood.

C. A. Carlock, field worker for the Sunday school and Training Union department of the Missouri State Baptist association, died Sunday at his home in Liberty. He was only 33 years of age and his death came as a great shock to friends throughout the state. He leaves a wife and 2 children.

Boy babies seem to predominate just now. Since last week new boys have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Otto Simmons, Seymour, Route 1, on March 10; Mr. and Mrs. Milburn Lathrom, Mountain Grove, Route 7, on March 15; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Campbell, Macomb, Rt. 1, on March 16.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Glenn are receiving congratulations over the safe arrival of a bouncing baby boy a few days ago.

### **March 25, 1937:**

Nancy F. Mitchell, daughter of Martin and Mary Rice, was born April 19, 1847, near Lone Jack, Mo. Died at the home of her daughter-in-law, Sarah C. Mitchell, at Schell City, Mo., Tuesday March 16, 1937 at 8 p.m. At the age of 89 years, 10 months and 29 days. She united with the Baptist church in her early teens and continued in the faith

until the end. She was married to John Mitchell in 1882 and to this union were born 2 children, Martin R. and Mary Mitchell. Both have preceded her in death. She is survived by 5 grandchildren: Miss Hannah D. Mitchell, Kansas City, Mo.; Paul P. Mitchell of August, Kansas; Marcus M. Mitchell of Bellgrade, Mo.; J. Russell Mitchell of Fulton, Mo.; and James A. Mitchell of Schell City, Mo.; 2 great-grandchildren, Sharon Lee and Martin Mitchell, of Augusta, Kansas; 7 step-children and several nieces and nephews.

Dee Caudle, aged 50, died Friday morning in a Springfield hospital where he had undergone an operation. The body was brought back to Norwood Friday in the Bouldin-Ryan ambulance, and funeral services were held Saturday afternoon, Rev. Jim Russell preaching the sermon at the Assembly of God church and burial was in Thomas cemetery.

Charles E. Ferguson died early Friday morning at the home of his brother, J. W. Ferguson, in Norwood from a heart attack. Deceased would have been 76 years old April 7th. The body was taken to Sweet Springs Friday afternoon for burial, the undertaker from there coming for it. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ferguson and their son, Richard, went to Sweet Springs for the funeral and before returning home attended the funeral of Mrs. Ferguson's sister who died in a hospital at Humansville.

Mrs. Simon Sears happened to a very painful accident last Thursday evening, while milking a cow. Her milk stool broke down, scaring the cow, and she stepped on both her ankles, bruising one so badly, she was unable to walk the next day.

Frank Thompkins was arrested by Sheriff Baker and Deputy Sellers Saturday and lodged in jail on a charge of stealing timber on the Howe Steele tract of land near Norwood, selling the timber for stave bolts. Officers state he confessed to the theft and is waiting a preliminary hearing.---Wright County Republican

Levi Devault was arrested last Friday afternoon by Deputy Akers on a warrant charging assault on the person of Rev. William Fox. It is said that Devault knocked Fox down and kicked him after he fell, and also that he threatened to hit him with a hammer. Their trouble is said to have been caused by Fox refusing to allow Devault to take his cow through a gate near a pond on the Bert Morgan place where the former lives. Devault was placed in jail but was released on bond the next day. He will be given a hearing next Wednesday.

Deputies Akers and Bradshaw were called out to the Gray filling station last Tuesday afternoon on the report that a drunken driver was monopolizing the highway there. Just as they arrived on the scene Sheriff Baker also appeared, and together they took into custody Lyle Douglas of Mountain Grove and took him to Hartville where he was put in the jail on the charge of driving a car while intoxicated. The officers reported that he was "dead to the world" when found by them.

**April 1, 1937:**

Henry Bradshaw accompanied Sheriff Baker to Jefferson City Tuesday to take Dan Adamson to the state prison. They also took the son of Mrs. May Dobbs to the reformatory at Boonville. He had been out on parole which he had broken.

Those who attended the surprise birthday dinner given in honor of W. H. Bradshaw's 48th birthday and his small son, Leo Bradshaw's 11th birthday reported a nice dinner and a nice time. We wish Mr. Bradshaw and son many more happy birthdays.

Levi Devault was given a preliminary hearing Wednesday morning before H. C. Jackson, J.P., on the charge of assault on the person of William Fox and was held for the next term of Circuit Court. Joe Doran of Ava was also given a hearing on the charge of driving a car while intoxicated and was held for Circuit Court.

Miss Lena Allen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Allen, and Mrs. Elmer Hanes of Brushy Knob are reported to have been married in Hartville last Saturday. They will live at Brushy Knob.

Elmer McMillan's mother passed away Friday night. She was past 70 years of age. Funeral services were held Sunday at a church near Seymour and burial there. [Donia McMillan, buried in Finley Cemetery]

Bob Hutchinson of Emoret was here a few days last week looking after his farm and while here he sold his farm to Noah Strunk of Norwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Finch have moved on the Bill Parmenter farm near here.

Mrs. Orville Sisco who was taken to Nevada last week for treatment had to leave 7 little children.

**April 8, 1937:**

Julia A. Yoast was born in Humansville, Polk County, Missouri, February 28, 1855; departed this life April 1, 1937 at the age of 82 years, 1 month and 1 day. She was united in marriage to Dr. J. B. Little December 1, 1879. To this union were born 2 children: John M. Little who departed this life in 1922 and Mrs. Ollie Randall, who resides in Norwood and at whose home she had lived since the death of Dr. Little November 7, 1932. In early life she was converted and joined the Methodist Church. Later she united with the Baptist church. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. D. S. Jones at the Christian church in Norwood Sunday afternoon and interment followed in the Thomas Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Cramer are the proud parents of a baby boy born Sunday afternoon. This is their 5th child.

Mr. and Mrs. Edsel Quessenberry, south of Mansfield, are receiving congratulations over the arrival of a baby girl in their home Sunday morning. Mrs. Quessenberry is a daughter of Mrs. Walter Hylton.

Mr. H. C. Claxton of Hartville and Mrs. Ada Burton of Norwood were united in marriage at the bride's home here last Thursday, Rev. William Fox performing the ceremony. They will make their home in Hartville. Mrs. Claxton has rented her property here to Rev. and Mrs. Fox who are moving there this week from the Bert Morgan property.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Young and family returned home from Sawyer, Kansas, Thursday of last week, where they took their small son, Joy, for burial. He died about 10 days ago.

Mrs. Wanda Wedge, who has been in Chicago since Christmas with her husband who is working there, is visiting her parents Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Anderson for a few weeks. She expects to return to Chicago.

#### **April 15, 1937:**

Rosa Katherine Crist, 15 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Crist, who recently moved from Near Hartville to the Boyer place north of town, has just completed a quilt top containing 2856 blocks and on which she took 51,408 stitches. She was 6 months and 8 days completing the task.

John Gunnette who lives one and one-fourth miles southeast of junction of route C and highway 14, was a pleasant caller at the Index office Saturday morning and while here ordered the Index sent to his address for the coming year. Mr. Gunnette and his stepson, Charles Reichart, manufacture the famous Nelson and Reichart Master Built baseball bats and are now busy turning out bats for the current season. They expect their production this season to be about 5,000. They came to the Ozarks 2 years ago from near Council Bluffs, Iowa, buying an 80 acre farm south of highway 14.

Will Greenwood has 2,500 tomato plants and he is having a time to keep them warm.

Mr. D. V. Tuttle of the Tuttle Heading Mill informs us that unless more timber can be secured here within a short time he will move his mill to Hartville where he is offered inducements in the way of timber acreage and site for his mill.

Bill Roadlander died last Thursday morning at his home north of town as a result of exposure in the flooded district of Arkansas a few weeks ago. He is survived by his wife, 3 children and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Roadlander.

#### **April 22, 1937:**

The war scare abroad has boomed the scrap iron market. Every farm is being scoured for old iron until a fellow won't be able to find a chunk big enough to weight a throw line this season. So much has been rushed to the St. Louis market that the price has

dropped slightly, but much is still being shipped. The old plow shares are being made into swords today.

Martha Ann Kathryn Hitchcock was born at Brushy Knob, Douglas County, Missouri, January 14, 1888. She departed this life at Pine Grove, Calif., March 1, 1937, being 49 years, 1 month and 15 days old. She was united in marriage to Arch Raney at Ava, Missouri, March 23, 1909. To that union 2 children were born, Ruth Raney Morgan, of the Presidio of Monterey, California, and Jesse G. Raney of the Presidio of San Francisco, California. Mr. Raney preceded her in death July 24, 1921. She was united in marriage to Orville C. Jones April 23, 1922. To this union were born 3 children, Leonard, Mildred and Valta Jones, all of the home. She was converted at the age of 17 and united with the Free Will Baptist church in Douglas County. She is survived by the sorrowing husband and 5 children, also her mother, Arzilla Hitchcock Flora, of Norwood, Mo. Six brothers: Frank Hitchcock, Leresita, Okla.; John Hitchcock, Brice, Mo.; Rufus Hitchcock, Springfield, Mo.; Ted Hitchcock, Dewey, Okla.; Zack Hitchcock, Baxter Springs, Kansas; and Taft Hitchcock, Norwood, Mo., and one sister, Mrs. Edd Henderson, Springfield, Missouri. Funeral services were conducted at the home with Rev. Anderson of Lone, Calif., officiating.

Mrs. Carrie Worsham visited her brother, Jim Hutsell, near Rayborn Sunday. Mr. Hutsell has been sick.

Uncle Jim Housley died Saturday morning at his home east of Owensville. Funeral services were held at Oak Grove Wednesday and burial was at that place.

Dr. C. B. Robertson of Mountain Grove was given a preliminary hearing Saturday before W. B. Hensley, Justice of the Peace, in Norwood, on the charge of sodomy. After hearing the evidence the defendant was bound over to await the action of the circuit court. Robertson was represented by Honorable A. M. Curtis of Springfield and M. K. McMurtrey of Hartville, while Prosecuting Attorney M. J. Huffman was assisted in the prosecution by C. H. Jackson of Mountain Grove.

Johnnie Clemons, mail carrier on the star route between Norwood and Rippee, began delivering mail Monday to Evans, the new post office just established on highway 14 at the junction of the farm-to-market road.

N. M. Ball returned home last Thursday from Kansas City where he had spent 12 days serving on the petit jury in Federal court where the election fraud cases are being heard. Coon said he was glad to get back home as it is too dangerous to be safe in Kansas City.

#### **April 29, 1937:**

Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Yandell, of Fresno, Calif., announce the arrival of Claire Elaine in their home on April 24. The young lady tipped the scales at seven pounds and three

ounces. Mrs. Yandell was formerly Miss Lola Anderson, oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Anderson of Norwood.

H. E. Hensley recently cut a black oak tree which sets a record for others to shoot at. This tree was cut for the purpose of making boards and was two feet and 6 inches in diameter at the butt. Sixteen blocks two feet long were cut from the tree and the last block just lacked an inch of being two feet in diameter, and for the entire 32 feet there was not a knot or limb of any kind. After eliminating all culls, Mr. Hensley had 1650 boards from the tree, which was cut on ridge land about five miles southwest of Hartville.

Officers Akers and Bradshaw arrested Earn Jones Tuesday night and took him to jail at Hartville. He was intoxicated and creating a general disturbance at the Morgan garage.

I wish to make a correction in my last items: The tomato plants belonging to Will Greenwood should have been 25,000 instead of 2500.

Anyone having relatives or friends buried in Fairmount, we would like to have you clean up your lots before the 2nd Sunday in May.

Bill Stephens was lucky Saturday. He drew a \$5 basket of groceries at the new store in Mountain Grove.

### **May 6, 1937:**

George Fields, 43 year old native of Wright County and the "Honeyboy" of the radio team, "Honeyboy and Sassafras," dropped dead in the Pennsylvania station in New York last Sunday while on his way to a physician for a physical examination. He was born in Grovespring, Wright County, in 1894 and ran away from home when he was 16 years old to play in medicine, tent and minstrel shows and musical comedy. In 1929 he and Johnny Welsh of Dallas, Texas, teamed up at "Honeyboy and Sassafras." The team made its radio debut in 1934 and since then has been heard on the NBC chain. His widow resides at Claremore, Okla.---Mountain Grove Journal

The county court in session at Hartville this week ordered an election to be held on Tuesday, May 25, for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing bonds to the amount of \$75,000 to pay off the county's indebtedness.

The Goodwill Family of radio fame are coming to Norwood Friday, May 28.

The store of J. M. Ellis & Sons was robbed Monday night, the glass being broken out of one of the front doors. A few pennies were taken from the cash drawer, some candy bars and other small articles were missed, but no great amount of goods were taken. Sheriff Baker was called Tuesday morning, but as far as we have learned no clues have been found.

An infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Perkins died Wednesday morning and was buried that afternoon.

Mrs. Isaac Owens died at her home near Oak Grove Tuesday morning after a lingering illness. Burial was in the Oak Grove cemetery Wednesday.

Mr. Tuttle has had a shed built over his machinery at the heading mill this week. He tells us that he has a large order for furniture stock to be sawed here soon.

Word has been received from Jesse Young and Elmer and Hobart McIntosh, who recently left for the CCC camps, that they are located in Utah.

### **May 13, 1937:**

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Beckham of Hartville are the proud parents of a bouncing baby girl weighing 9 1/2 pounds, born May 10. The little Miss will answer to the name of Shelby Jean. Mother and dad are doing fine. Mrs. Beckham will be remembered as Miss Pearl Moody.

W. W. Jennings was given a preliminary hearing Tuesday before Justice of the Peace W. B. Hensley in Norwood on the charge of felonious assault on the person of Archie Jennings. The defendant was bound over to the circuit court and gave bond for his appearance at the June term. The alleged assault took place at the West Campbell school house last Friday night.

We failed to mention last week the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Morgan of Brushy Knob. The youngster arrived April 29.

Funeral services were held at the Macomb Baptist church Friday afternoon for Mrs. E. R. Warner, age 27, who died at her home in Springfield Wednesday after a brief illness with pneumonia. She was born near Macomb, the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gray (Oma Gray), and lived here several years. Survivors are her husband, 5 small children, a stepson, her mother and 4 brothers, Earl, Ralph, Alvie and Ramey Gray. Interment was in the Macomb cemetery.

J. L. Dennis, poet-author, and about 20 other Christian Harmony band members spent Sunday at Fairmount. He gave an interesting talk. Mr. Dennis can see God's hand in all of nature, and he doesn't hesitate to tell it. By the way, Mr. Dennis is a bachelor and is looking for a model wife. Ask him the requirements.

### **May 20, 1937:**

Associate Justice Willis VanDeventer of the U. S. Supreme Court will retire from active service on the bench June 2, having submitted his resignation to President Roosevelt Tuesday. He is 78 years old and has been a member of the court for 26 years. He retires on full pay of \$20,000 per year.

Fairmount Community was shocked to hear of the death of Mrs. H. E. Dale's father, Mr. J. W. Cook. Mr. Cook was born March 18, 1856 and departed from this life at the home of his daughter. He leaves to mourn his loss 4 children, 6 grandchildren and a great-grandson. Mr. Cook came 6 months ago to make his home with his daughter and family. During his brief stay he had made many friends.

Miss Alta Allen is working in the Roscoe Allen home.

Nestled on a hillside a few hundred yards north of Highway 60, between Norwood and Mountain Grove, you will find the Whetstone Baptist Church. A small frame building, it does not give promise of the unusual as you approach it, but an investigation reveals a church and community rich in historic interest. On entering the church building the first thing that strikes the visitor's eye is the word "VALKOMMEN," on the wall just behind the pulpit stand. On inquiry we learn that this is Swedish for "Welcome."

Gustave Lindholm, wife and young son, Charlie and a foster daughter arrived at Lebanon, Mo., July 4, 1879, having bought transportation from their home in Sweden directly to Lebanon. Here they were met by an uncle Peter Lindholm, with wagon and team to take them to what was to be their new home in America, near Mountain Grove. Peter had come here from Sweden several years previous to this time and had become a leader among the Swedes already here. At that time Lebanon was the nearest railroad point and all freight was hauled from there by wagon, a distance of some 60 miles.

Soon after coming to America Gustave Lindholm was ordained to the Baptist ministry by the Corinth Baptist church in Laclede County, having been recommended to the Baptist churches of America for ordination, by the Baptist church of Sweden. The next step was to provide a place of worship in the new land and on July 16, 1883, the Mountain Grove Swedish Baptist church was organized in the Gustave Lindholm home. A part of the old house in which the organization was perfected is still standing, and the old homestead is still owned and occupied by the son, Charlie, and family.

Charter members of the new church were: Gustave Lindholm, Hadda Lindholm, his wife; and Andy, Christine and Margaret Lindholm. They were assisted in the organization by Missionary August Johnson of Kansas. Mrs. Gustave Lindholm was baptized by her husband, having previously belonging to another denomination.

The present church building was started in August, 1883, and was soon brought to completion and preaching services were held there every Sunday, Gustave Lindholm being the first pastor. He died Jan. 16, 1892. Another prominent minister well known over Missouri, who preached there was Rev. Frank Hall.

The Swedish language was used in all services and all church records were kept in that language. Charles A. Lindholm, the son who name has already been mentioned, was clerk of the church for many years and while visiting in his home recently, the writer had the privilege of looking over these records, and was also shown the church letter of Mrs. Charlie Lindholm who came here from Princeton, Ill., at the time of her marriage. This letter is also written in Swedish and is dated Nov. 27, 1900.

In the course of time the older members of this church passed away, and some moved to other places, so that the church finally ceased to exist. But the Lindholms, and others of the community, never lost interest in the work of the church, and following

a revival held by Revs. G. Chadwell, I. E. Taylor and R. E. Williams, the present Whetstone Baptist church was organized on August 3, 1926, and Rev. G. Chadwell was pastor of the church until 2 years ago when he retired on account of his advanced age. Rev. C. N. Means succeeded him and is now pastor of the church. George Lindholm, grandson of Gustave and son of Charlie Lindholm, is the church clerk at this time.

Rev. R. E. Williams, well known resident of Norwood, who assisted in the organization in 1926, is a son of Dr. William Williams who was one of the founders of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary now located at Louisville, Ky.

Rev. G. Chadwell, now in his 80th year, is a pioneer minister of Wright County, serving many years as pastor and missionary in this association.

### **May 27, 1937:**

The Index is in receipt of a copy of the Republican-Bulletin of Rawlins, Wyoming, in which appears an account of the death of Alget P. Hall which occurred May 17 as the result of an automobile accident the evening before. Mr. and Mrs. Hall and daughters, Miss Elsie Gronlund, and son, Oscar, had spent the weekend at their cabin on the Savery about 50 miles south of Rawlins and were returning to the city when the accident occurred. Miss Gronlund was driving and it seems that the car skidded as she applied the brakes to slow down for a bridge. The car turned over, catching Mr. Hall underneath. The others escaped injury. Mr. Hall was born in Sweden on Sept. 16, 1887, and came to the United State with his family when only 3 years old. He has been in Rawlins since he was 17 years old and at the time of his death was owner and manager of the Rawlins Home Furnishings store. Mr. Hall is survived by his wife, 4 children, 3 sisters Mrs. J. A. Kraul of Edgewater, Colo., Mrs. Jarrett Ellison of Mountain Grove, Mo., and Mrs. Frank Burton of Midwest, Wyoming; and 3 brothers, Charley Hall of Norwood, Mo., Ernest Hall of Casper and Albin Hall of Wamsutter, Wyo.

Mrs. Hazel Raney, of Kansas City, was killed instantly in a motor car accident near Lamar late Friday afternoon while enroute to Norwood, with her sister, Mrs. George C. Creal, Mr. Creal and the 2 children of the Creals, to visit relatives. The Creal car was being driven at a moderate rate of speed while the occupants were partaking of a lunch. As they came around a curve on the highway they were hit by a car driven by Fred Hamby, 16 year old boy, of Joplin who is said to have been travelling at a speed of 80 miles an hour. Young Hamby was driving a car which had been stolen from Senator Allen McReynolds of Carthage. He had stopped at a gas station and after having the tank filled, drove away without paying for the gasoline. He was pursued by an attendant at the station and it was while trying to escape that the accident occurred. Hamby, who was under parole from the Joplin Juvenile court for delinquency, was killed. Mr. Creal had both arms broken, suffered a slight fracture of one knee cap and was badly cut about the face, 20 stitches being necessary in dressing same. Both of the children were injured, the little girl being very badly cut about the face in which 40 stitches were taken by the attending physician. Mr. Creal and both children are in the hospital in Lamar. The body of Mrs. Raney was brought to Norwood where funeral services were conducted at the Christian church Monday afternoon by Rev. George O. VanNoy of Springfield, assisted by Rev. William Fox, pastor of the local Baptist church of which

deceased was a member. Interment was in the Thomas Cemetery. Mrs. Raney, formerly Miss Hazel Chadwell, was the daughter of Sam and Hattie Chadwell and was born here Oct. 15, 1910. She was united in marriage in 1929 to Roy C. Raney. At the time of her death she was employed by the Postal Telegraph Co. in Kansas City. Mr. Creal has been for some time city superintendent in Kansas City for the Postal Telegraph Co. and had just been given a promotion and was being transferred to Chicago. They expected to visit in Norwood for a few days before going on to his new position. Mrs. Creal was able to attend her sister's funeral.

Clyde Steinert passed away at 2:28 Wednesday morning at his home northeast of town. He suffered a stroke one day last week, death coming as a result. Funeral arrangements are not complete as we go to press but services will probably be held Thursday afternoon. Mr. Steinert's young son, Charles, is reported to be very low with typhoid.

The annual old time singing will be held at Cedar Gap the first Sunday in June.

Al King's mother passed away Monday at her home near Tulsa, Okla. The body was brought back here for burial in the Thomas Cemetery Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Fuson of Hartville visited at the Fay VanNoy home Sunday afternoon. They were accompanied by Mrs. M. C. Kindrick of Grove springs who came to make the acquaintance of her new great-granddaughter, Lois Nadine VanNoy. Mrs. Kindrick is the mother of Mrs. Fuson and the grandmother of Mrs. VanNoy.

Elder Thomas Murdock had some bad luck Saturday while on his way to Mountain Grove. He ran into the ditch and damaged Mrs. Sutton's car pretty badly and smashed a lot of eggs.

We understand that someone has been making a raid on the chickens here in the Pleasant Hill district, taking about 30 from Charles Schuette and some from Elza Sisco and Howard Besson.

Mrs. Ivy Smith and Bert Inman were united in marriage in Norwood Friday night with William Fox performing the ceremony.

### **June 3, 1937:**

Rev. Golvin Chadwell died at his home in Norwood about 5:00 o'clock Saturday afternoon. He had been taken to Dr. W. S. Calhoun's office by his son, Sam, to have a tooth pulled and while in the dentist's chair he suffered a severe hemorrhage of the nose, a little later suffering another hemorrhage. He soon became unconscious and was taken to his home in the Bouldin-Ryan ambulance, and only lived a few hours. Rev. Chadwell would have been 80 years old on July 5th of this year and had been in failing health the past few years. Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon on the lawn of the Chadwell home by Rev. G. O. VanNoy of Springfield and interment was in the Thomas cemetery north of town. It had been planned to have the funeral in

the Baptist church but on account of the large crowd attending, the seats were removed from the church house to the lawn where all might have a chance to hear. For 50 years Rev. Chadwell preached the Gospel in Wright county and friends from many parts of the county were present for the funeral.

Clyde Steinert was born July 21, 1886; died May 26, 1937, at the age of 50 years, 10 months and 5 days. On Oct. 4, 1924, he was united in marriage to Birdie Jones of Macomb and to this union were born 4 children: Charles, Dan, Clyde, Jr., and Lucille. He is survived by his wife and 4 children; a brother, Earl, of Springfield; and 6 sisters, Mrs. Mabel Jarrett, Mrs. Anna Raney and Mrs. Eunice Souder of Norwood; Mrs. Lilly Caudle of California, and Mrs. Fern Fredholm and Mrs. Margaret Frisk of Kansas. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. William Fox at the Christian Church in Norwood May 27, and burial was in the Thomas Cemetery.

We are sorry to hear of the death of Charley Johnson. Mr. Johnson was the grandfather of Alfred Johnson. I had known his for year and never heard him speak an ill work to anyone. He had been in poor health for several years and was 95 years of age. Mrs. Johnson is such a sweet old lady. She is about 85 years old and has 2 wonderful boys who have stayed at home with them all these years. Neither one is married.

On Friday evening, May 28th, the high school gymnasium of Norwood was the scene of one of the largest audiences ever gathered to see and hear the "Goodwill Family Program." Uncle George, Aunt Martha, Junior, Little Eddie, Glenn and Smokey were all present. They entered from the south side of the building, Little Eddie being led by Blaine Williams. Next came Aunt Martha dressed in her red and white checked dress and bonnet trimmed in white. Junior, Glenn, Smokey and Uncle George carrying the guitars, one banjo and Hawaiian steel guitar, and last came Slim with the big bass violin, marching to the stage behind the curtains. Never before did an audience seem to be so eager to hear every word of song and music which was so highly rendered by those talented radio stars. It was indeed a pleasure to have a chance to see and hear them in person. They are wonderful people, going through this world of care singing beautiful songs of praise and gladdening the hearts of poor humanity. Much praise is due Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Williams who sponsored their coming and invited them to their home together with about 50 friends. A large table was prepared and filled with many good things to eat of which all enjoyed together.

Our hearts were made sad by so many old people passing away. Mrs. Malinda Barnes, mother of Mrs. W. D. Neukirk, passed away May 28. She was buried in the Fairview Cemetery.

Wedding bells rang again in the Oak Forest community May 30th when Mr. Lawrence Allen and Miss Helen Rhoads were united in marriage by Rev. Will Anderson at the home of the bride. They will live for the present at the home of the groom.

## **June 10, 1937:**

Well, the past week has seen two notable weddings, the Duke and Duchess of Windsor, and Loyd N. Means and Miss Helen Smith. We were not able to attend the first but stood up as best man at the second. It wasn't so much fun, except that we were first in the rush to kiss the bride. The best part was the dinner afterward at the Sukow cafe in West Plains where enough rice was thrown to give a Scotchman quite a pain at such waste. Anyway, we wish them a long and happy married life. Both couples.

We have found the fishing pretty good in this section with lots of bass in the creeks. Our prize catch was an 11 inch bass taken out of Whetstone.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Marshall report the arrival of a baby boy in their home last Friday.

Hoey Deckard, 18, was arrested in Kansas City last week charged with stealing a 1933 V-8 Ford car from Bert Morgan's garage in Norwood. Sheriff James Baker and Deputy Lacey Sellers went after Deckard who was held by Kansas City police on information furnished by the Wright county officers. Much credit is due local deputy sheriffs Henry Bradshaw and A. W. Akers of Norwood for their part in running down the stolen car.

Sheriff Baker and Deputy Sellers and Marion Huffman of Hartville were in Norwood Friday night to consult with the village board in regard to law enforcement.

Golvin Chadwell, son of Samuel and Mary Chadwell, was born in Lee county, Va., July 5, 1857; died at his home in Norwood, Mo., May 29, 1937, and would have been 80 years old July 5th. He was converted and united with the Chadwell Station Baptist church, Lee county, Va., at the age of 18 and began preaching in his early twenties. He was united in marriage with Witty Elizabeth Jackson soon after entering the ministry. To this union 3 children were born: Thurman C., Mary Stowie and Samuel B. His first wife died about 50 years ago. Sometime afterwards he was united in marriage with Elizabeth Nevil, daughter of Rev. Bishop Nevil. To this union were born 3 children: Maggie J., James B. and Lona E. Some forty years ago his second wife died. September 29, 1901, he was married to Elizabeth Pearman which wife also preceded him in death some 4 years ago. Two years ago last July he was united in marriage with Mrs. Mary Smith. He is survived by his wife, 3 children as follows: Samuel B. Chadwell of Norwood, Maggie Raney of Mountain Grove and Lona Lilly of Buffalo; 2 brothers Rev. James Chadwell of California and William Chadwell of Tulsa, Okla.; 2 sisters Margarette of California and Catherine of Macomb, Mo., 21 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hightower of Blanche are rejoicing over the arrival of a baby girl in their home Saturday night.

Mrs. Lola Walker of Coweta, Okla., who accompanied the body of her mother here for a burial, spent a few days visiting in the home of her brother, Al King.

A wedding of 2 Douglas County school teachers was solemnized at the county courthouse here Friday afternoon. The young couple were Norman Coats, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Coats of Vanzant and Miss Beatrice McLean, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur McLean of Goodville. The ceremony was read by the Rev. Mrs. Fannie Hunsaker. During the coming school year Mrs. Coats will teach the Hickory Flat School near Norwood and Mr. Coats will teach the Oak Grove School near Mountain Grove.---

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Contracts were awarded by the Douglas County Court last week for furniture and equipment for the new courthouse and for seats for the circuit court room. The Elkins Swyers Office Equipment Company of Springfield was the successful bidder on the furniture and equipment on a bid of \$499.35. The Queen City Woodworks and Lumber Company of Springfield was awarded the contract for court room seats on a bid of \$765. All the furniture and equipment will be made of birch and will have walnut finish. Funds for the seats and equipment were supplied by a second government grant recently approved. Part of the grant will be used for having sidewalks around the courthouse.

Wess Sisco received word last week from his sister, Mrs. E. H. Shropshire of Arizona, telling him that her husband, Zeek Shropshire and youngest son were both dead. Just 5 days difference in their deaths. Zeek died with blood poison and Dave with leakage of the heart and dropsy. Mr. Shropshire is well known here as he once lived here, but at the time of his death he was in Arizona where he had lived the past 5 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Cole are rejoicing over the arrival of a 9 1/2 pound baby boy, born Friday evening, June 4. Mother and babe are getting along fine.

John William Whittaker was born July 26, 1855, at Yellow Creek, Miss. He passed away at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, June 6, 1937, at Macomb, Mo. He is survived by his wife, Massey Whittaker, and 4 children: Mrs. Mima Bolt, Wyandotte, Okla.; Fred Whittaker, Pawhuska, Okla.; Walter Whittaker, Tulsa, Okla.; and Robert Whittaker, Macomb, Mo. One brother, S. W. Whittaker of Springfield, Mo., also survives. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Chris Tyson at 2:00 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at the Macomb Baptist church.

Mary Frances Rogers was born in Marion county, Ind., Jan. 21, 1856 and departed this life May 24, 1937 at the age of 81 years, 4 months and 3 days. She was united in marriage to Robert King Jan. 28, 1873. To this union were born 11 children, 7 of whom are still living. Surviving relatives are: a son, Alvin King of Norwood, Mo.; 6 daughters, Lola Walker of Coweta, Okla.; Oka Riser of Iowa Falls, Iowa; Dora Goon of Chico, Calif.; Cora Campbell of Tyler, Texas; Dolly Anderson of Pharaoh, Okla.; and Verna Hatfield of Coweta, Okla; also a stepdaughter, Mrs. Flora Rader of Mountain Grove; a great number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was baptized into the Church of Christ in 1887. Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon, May 26, at the Church of Christ in Coweta, Okla., with Rev. L. R. Wilson of Tulsa delivering the

sermon. The remains were taken to Norwood by the Wright Funeral Home Wednesday for interment.

### **June 17, 1937:**

Considerable complaint has been heard the past few days concerning the careless shooting of fire crackers on the streets of Norwood. It is dangerous to explode fire crackers near anyone and women and children hesitate to go out upon the streets where the shooting is taking place. We are sure that those who have been doing the shooting have had no intention of harm or annoyance to anyone, and the matter having been called to their attention will no doubt be more careful in the future. Otherwise it may be necessary to ask the village board to pass an ordinance prohibiting the shooting of fire crackers within the village limits.

Mrs. S. J. VanNoy sustained a fracture of the right hip Sunday night when she fell in her home in Norwood. A cat had followed her into the house and in making a grab for the cat, which she missed, she fell to the floor, with results as above stated. She has been suffering from the injury, but is getting along as well as could be expected of one her age.

Mr. and Mrs. George C. Creal and children came down from Kansas City Tuesday evening, bringing Mrs. Creal's mother, Mrs. Hattie Chadwell, back home. They will remain here about 2 weeks before going to Chicago where Mr. Creal expects to take up his new duties with the Postal Telegraph Co. about July 15th. They are all recovering nicely from their injuries sustained in the auto wreck a few weeks ago when Mrs. Hazel Raney was killed.

James Clark, father of Rev. William Clark who was pastor of the Mountain Grove Baptist church a few years ago, died Sunday night at his home in the Little Creek neighborhood north of Hartville. Funeral services were held Wednesday.

William Huber, who left here a few weeks ago for his former home in South Dakota, was seriously injured recently while employed with a paving crew near Mitchell, S. D. A swinging crane struck him in the side, throwing him about 25 feet. It is reported that 5 ribs were caved in and that he received other bruises about the body and head. Mr. Huber was taken to a Mitchell hospital where for a time his injuries were considered rather critical, but later reports were that he is improving.

A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Levi Devault last Wednesday, and a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Howard Shores on Thursday.

Several of our citizens have had business in Hartville this week, attending circuit court. John Dixon and Charlie Cole are serving on the petit jury. Most of the day Tuesday was taken up with the trial of Lyle Douglas, of Mountain Grove, on the charge of driving an automobile while intoxicated. He was found guilty and given a sentence of 60 days in jail and a fine of \$100.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ballew and family attended the funeral service for T. C. Carrol last Wednesday at Walnut Grove. Mr. Ballew was a stepson of Mr. Carrol.

Velva Berniece Warner, daughter of E. R. Warner, of Springfield, died there Saturday. Funeral services were held at Macomb Monday for the 2 year old child and burial was at Macomb. Her mother was buried here a short time ago. She leaves her father, 5 brothers and sisters, and he grandmother, Mrs. Mary Gray.

Joe and Elsie Lou Findley were selling papers in this community Thursday. They sell the Grit, and it is worth the money.

### **June 24, 1937:**

Old time citizens of Norwood tell us that in the years gone by there was a public well located at what is now near the corner of the Ryan bank building and that it supplied an abundance of good water for both man and beast. The village board has made a proposition looking toward the reopening of this well which was plugged up some 25 or 30 years ago, and at a meeting of the business men's club Monday night a committee was appointed to try to locate the well and to make investigation as to steps necessary to have same cleaned out and made ready for the installation of a pump.

Rufus Morgan was born in Tennessee in 1852, and departed this life June 21, 1937 at Brushy Knob, Mo., at the age of 82 years. He was married to Mary Kirkendall October 18, 1874 and to this union were born 8 children, 6 boys and 2 girls. Three sons: William, Sidney and Shelt have preceded him in death. Those living are: Edward Morgan of Brushy Knob; Mrs. Pearl Baker of Shoshone, Idaho; Bert Morgan of Norwood, Walter Morgan and Mrs. Ivory Wade of Brushy Knob. Besides his wife and children, he leaves 18 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. His father was killed during the Civil War and his mother died soon after, so he had no knowledge of what became of the 2 sisters. He was converted to the Christian religion during his illness and shouted his way to a glorious victory, and enjoyed his religion to the fullest for the few days he lived. He expressed the desire to join a church and be baptized. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Archie Halford at Brushy Knob Tuesday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock and interment was in the cemetery at that place.

Mr. Thomas B. Spurling, of Wadworth, Kans., and Mrs. Elsie Akeman Webb, of Norwood were united in marriage Saturday, June 19, at Hartville. Probate Judge E. L. Colton performing the ceremony in the presence of Fred Akeman and Henry Norcross who accompanied the couple to Hartville. Mr. and Mrs. Spurling will make their home in Norwood. The bride's former husband, Mr. Webb, passed away just 10 years ago Saturday.

Miss May Thornhill, former Norwood girl, and daughter of Mrs. John Hitchcock, was united in marriage June 1st to Mr. Roy Benton of Eureka, Kansas. Thirty of their friends witnessed the ceremony.

J. T. Broadus received word that his son, Paul, was married in Kansas City, Saturday night. This community, in which Paul formerly lived, joins with the writer in wishing them a happy married life.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Tuttle are the proud parents of a baby girl born last Tuesday and who will answer to the name of Virginia Joan. Mrs. Tuttle is now in the Ryan hospital.

John Rouse and son, Raymond, and family of Kansas City were called home Friday on account of the death of their brother and Uncle, Bill Rouse. Bill Rouse of Whetstone neighborhood died last Thursday night and was buried in the Fair View cemetery Saturday. He had been sick for several months.

Sheriff James Baker and Deputy Arthur Akers went to Jefferson City Monday to take Hoey Deckard who was given a 3 year sentence to the Algoa Farm in circuit court last week. Deckard was convicted of stealing a car from Bert Morgan's garage in Norwood.

Word has been received here of the birth of a daughter on May 15 to Mr. and Mrs. Leo Luna, former residents of this community, who now live in Kansas. Mary Frances is the name given the new arrival.

### **July 1, 1937:**

At the auction sale Saturday N. E. Caudle bought the Caudle school house and grounds for \$92.50. C. R. Raney bought the Stony Point building and ground for \$70.

J. Lon Dennis of near Mansfield, was almost instantly killed Sunday morning when he was hit by a car on the Smith hill north of Mansfield. Mr. Dennis was walking to town where he expected to join the Christian Harmony band of singers and go on to the singing at Prairie Hollow with them in the school bus. When he reached the Smith hill Clyde Huggans came along and stopped to give him a ride on into Mansfield. Mr. Dennis, who was very hard of hearing, stepped around to get into the car when he was hit by a car driven by Bill Young, Frisco signal foreman of Mansfield, who was coming in home from Hartville and was passing the Huggans car. Mr. Young stopped to render whatever assistance he could to the injured man. Dr. Fuson was called at once, but Mr. Dennis died a few minutes after he arrived, his skull having been crushed. Mr. Dennis will be greatly missed by a great host of friends throughout this section. He always accompanied the old time singers and was the spokesman on all public occasions. He was also a poet of no mean ability, writing poetry mostly for his own pleasure. He was at one time Wright county representative in the state legislature and at the time of his death was serving as collector of Pleasant Valley township, having been re-elected to that office this spring. He was 66 years old and had never been married, living on the old home place, near the Dennis church with his brother, Joe Lee Dennis. Rev. L. W. Hensley, assisted by Rev. J. E. Burney, conducted the funeral service at the Baptist church in Mansfield Tuesday afternoon and interment was in the old Dennis cemetery. The Christian Harmony band of singers had charge of the song service. Mr. Dennis had been engaged to make a speech Saturday, July 3, at the celebration in Norwood.

Preparations are being made to entertain the largest crowd ever assembled in Norwood next Saturday, July 3rd. Indications are that by Saturday morning everything will be in readiness to welcome to our town a great host of people and to royally entertain them throughout the day. Seats will be placed in the Norwood Motor Co. building for the convenience of all who want to hear the speaking and music and at the same time be out of the sun. For those who prefer the outside there will be a loud speaker in operation so that all may hear on any part of the grounds. Plenty of ice water will be available and convenient to the public, and for those who prefer to slake the thirst with soda pop and ice cream there will be refreshment stands ready to serve them. Ample police protection will be provided to keep order and to clear the grounds of any who might create a disturbance. Electric lights will be installed and made available to all stands on the grounds.

Howard Bruton who for some time has been subject to spells of mental disorder was taken to Hartville Tuesday by local officers, and was given a sanity hearing there Wednesday.

Grandpa Cole died at 2:20 Sunday afternoon and funeral services were conducted at Fairview church Monday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock by Rev. W. E. Brook, with interment in Thomas cemetery, under direction of the Bouldin-Ryan funeral home. James Preston Cold was born January 1, 1854 in Crawford county, Mo., near Cherry Valley. He departed this life June 27, 1937 at the age of 83 years, 5 months and 26 days. He was married to Matilda Rebecca Eaton in July 1872. She preceded him in death Oct. 13, 1933. To this union were born 6 children, the oldest dying in infancy. Those surviving are William Isaac of near Aldrich, Mo., Julia Ann of Osawatomie, Kans., Charles Henry of Norwood, James Franklin of Ottawa, Kans. and Martin Bertie of Fairfax, Okla. He was converted in early married life and joined the Fairview Baptist church soon after its organization. Shortly after uniting with the church he was ordained as a deacon. His passing is the last of a family of 7 children.

Jarrett "Bob" Campbell, 72 years old, died Sunday evening at his home near Pleasant Hill school house as the result of a heart attack with which he was stricken Saturday night. Funeral services were conducted at the home Monday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock by Rev. Will Anderson and interment was in the Thomas cemetery, under direction of Bouldin-Ryan. Mr. Campbell is survived by his widow and by 6 children as follows: Charley and Louise who are at home, Mrs. Noah Strunk, Mrs. Charles Thomas, Mrs. Bill Calhoun and Fred Campbell.

Nancy Hill was born July 18, 1857 in Belleville, Ill., and died at her home near Norwood, Mo., on June 23, 1937, after an illness of several weeks. She was united in marriage to John F. Irwin on Feb. 4, 1873 in Marion, Ill. To this union were born 6 children, 2 preceding her in death. The 4 surviving are: Mrs. J. W. Shastid of Granite City, Ill., Mrs. D. S. William and Albert Irwin, both of Decatur, Ill., and Archie Irwin at home. Mr. Irwin died September 2, 1902 in Oreana, Ill. On December 8, 1910, she was united in marriage to Samuel McFarron who survives her. She also leaves 15 grandchildren and

19 great-grandchildren. She was a member of the Baptist church at Oreana, Ill. She came to this country from Illinois in 1918 and had been a resident here ever since.

Edward G. Harris, 46, and Thomas Maxwell, 60, both of St. Louis were killed Sunday on highway No. 5 two miles north of Mansfield. Their car was overturned when it struck a stove bolt in the road and the men were thrown a distance of 40 feet. Harris was killed instantly and Maxwell died in a Springfield hospital that night. Their bodies were sent to St. Louis for burial.

Rev. J. R. Bogart filled his regular appointment at the Macomb Baptist church Sunday. He and family were dinner guests in the Gene Doyel home.

Mrs. L. D. Pugh and Mrs. J. J. Smith and husband attended uncle Ruff Morgan's funeral Tuesday at Brushy Knob.

### **July 8, 1937:**

Junior, 15 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Akers, accidentally shot himself Wednesday morning while shooting at a target at the family home at the west edge of town. He was rushed to Mountain Grove to the hospital but died before reaching there. The shot entered about the mouth and ranged upward through the head. The accident happening near our press time we are unable to give details.

In point of attendance, interest and general enjoyment the celebration in Norwood Saturday was very successful.

During the celebration Saturday local officers, headed by Deputy Arthur Akers, were on the job and as a result there was but little disturbance on the grounds. Drunks soon learned that they must stay in the background if they did not want to make the acquaintance of the inside of a jail. In the afternoon, Virgil Prock, of Grove Spring was arrested for driving a car while intoxicated. Prock tried to make his getaway but a shot from the gun of Mr. Akers convinced him that it might be best to stop. He was taken into custody and was soon on the way to Hartville where he was later released on bond. A gun was taken from his companion, a Mr. Todd, who was also arrested. Dave Boman, giving his address as Thayer, was also arrested for driving a car while intoxicated and at last report was still in jail. He was driving a car with a Kansas license. Joe Hill was arrested for disorderly conduct and was released on \$500 bond. Friday afternoon Tom Pope and Tom Cramer were arrested by Mr. Akers and were taken to Hartville, being released Saturday morning. Mr. Pope will be given a hearing before the police judge here on the charge of public intoxication. State patrolman Ted Taylor was here Saturday afternoon assisting the officers and checking up on car licenses and titles.

Someone stole the tires off of Jason Finley's car Saturday night.

## **July 15, 1937:**

Mr. Raymond Alberty and Miss Dorothy Bouldin of Springfield were united in marriage at 7:00 o'clock Monday evening at the home of the bride's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Bouldin, in Norwood. Rev. W. O. Kellison of the South Street Christian church, Springfield, officiated. The young couple will make their home in Springfield.

Dr. and Mrs. J. J. Spencer announce the marriage of their daughter, Mary Colene, to Homer Rollis Chadwell, on Sunday, May 10, 1936. The marriage took place at the home of the bride's uncle, B. H. Watson, with the ring ceremony by Rev. Robert McElvoy. Their many friends extend the heartiest of congratulations and best wishes, even though they are a whole year in arrears.

Mrs. J. C. Claxton, known to her many friends as Aunt Lina, died last Thursday at her home in Hartville at the age of 76 years, 9 months and 26 days. Funeral services were conducted at the Free Will Baptist church in Hartville Sunday morning at 10 o'clock by Rev. George Scott, Jr., and burial was in the Hartville cemetery. The old time singers had charge of the song service. Mrs. Claxton is survived by her husband and 9 children.

Homer J. Akers, Jr., son of Homer J. and Grace Akers, was born Sept. 29, 1922 in Norwood, Mo., where his parents now reside. He departed this life July 7, 1937, at the age of 14 years, 9 months and 8 days. He was converted Dec. 13, 1932 and joined the Christian church in Norwood. He is survived by his parents, a sister Jean, a brother Billy. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. George O VanNoy, assisted by Rev. William Fox, at the Baptist church in Norwood Saturday afternoon in the presence of a large audience. Interment was in the Thomas Cemetery. The business houses of Norwood were closed during the funeral service.

John B. C. Hopkins of the Dawson neighborhood received a telegram last Wednesday from his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Angie Hopkins of Fresno, Calif., as follows: "The family went to Grant Park for the weekend. Ivan went fishing Sunday morning. Lost or drowned. Men hunting. No trace yet. Come." Thursday Mr. Hopkins received telegrams from Ivan's brother and Mrs. Hopkins, saying that there was no hope. Mr. and Mrs. Hopkins left Friday morning for California. Mrs. Angie Hopkins is a granddaughter of Mrs. G. Chadwell of Norwood. Ivan is about 30 years old and the father of 3 children.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Little are receiving congratulations over the arrival of a son and heir in their home early Saturday morning.

J. E. Hart asks us to state that there are lots of blackberries going to waste on his place and that anybody is welcome to come out and pick them.

Sidney Towe, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Towe of Olathe, was in our community last week, but his mind was so bad he was taken to the asylum Saturday.

Lester Doyel and Miss June Hall of south of Macomb were united in marriage Sunday at the Primitive Baptist church. They charivariated them Monday night. They will reside south of Macomb.

**July 22, 1937:**

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bogart of near Macomb report the arrival of a baby boy in their home Monday morning.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Calhoun, last Wednesday morning, a boy. The same day, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Barnett welcomed a girl into their home.

A visit to Roy Burnett's place of business the first of the week was enough to convince one that the world was just about turning into blackberries. He bought 500 gallons Monday and a larger quantity Tuesday. They go to the canning factory at Mountain Grove.

**July 29, 1937:**

Mrs. John Berlieu was called to St. Louis last week on account of the death of her brother, Robert Morawski, who died at the veterans' hospital. The funeral was in charge of the American Legion, with full military honors. Mr. Morawski followed his father in death just a year and a week, the father dying at the home of Mrs. Berlieu in Mountain Grove when the family resided there. Besides Mrs. Berlieu he is survived by another sister, Mrs. Paul Schwarz, of Lost Angeles, Calif.

Amanda Adaline Smith, daughter of Henry J. Smith, was born Feb. 20, 1859 in Indianapolis, Ind. Departed this life July 24, 1937, at the age of 78 years, 5 months and 4 days. She came to Missouri with the family at about the age of 11 years. She was united in marriage to Levi Burton Oct. 5, 1874. To this union were born 7 children, 2 of them preceding her in death. Five are still living: Fidella Maddy, Bessie Turner, Jodie Burton and Willie Burton, all of Fresno, Calif., and Ella Fletcher of Norwood, Mo. Mr. Burton having departed this life, she was later united in marriage to James Allen, and to this union was born one son, Ocie Allen, Of Mountain Grove, Mo. Mr. Allen having died she was later united in marriage to James W. Housley who also preceded her in death. She is survived by her stepmother, Elzone Smith, of Hartville, Mo.; 6 children, 23 grandchildren; one brother and 3 sisters. She united with the Christian church at an early age, then later joined the Freewill Baptist church at Oak Grove. Funeral services were conducted at Oak Grove Sunday by Rev. George Scott, Jr., and interment was in the cemetery there with the Bouldin-Ryan funeral directors in charge.

Uncle Alec Glenn, pioneer resident of the Pea Ridge community, died Sunday morning at the home of a son in Springfield. He was 88 years old. Funeral services and burial were at No. 5 Tuesday morning at 11:00 o'clock.

Floyd Jarrett and Oda McIntosh were arrested here Saturday night by Sheriff Baker on charges of intoxication. They were taken to Hartville.

The body of Ivan Hopkins, who was reported missing a few weeks ago, was found in a creek in California. It is not known whether he was accidentally drowned or someone murdered him and threw the body into the water.

Ray Whitteker who has been conducting a shoe and harness repair shop in Norwood the past few years returned to Hartville last week. He has installed his shop in the front of the Whitteker garage building. Mrs. Whitteker will remain in Norwood until about the first of August while Mr. Whitteker fixes up the rooms on the second floor of the building where they will have an apartment. Hartville friends will be glad to welcome them back home.---Wright County Republican

Mrs. Zettie Dean of Norwood, Mo., and Mr. William Gallagher, of Detroit, Mich. were quietly married at the home of Rev. Will Anderson at 6:00 o'clock Tuesday evening. Mr. Anderson performing the ceremony.

Mr. Everett Richardson and Miss Edna Rutter were united in marriage Sunday.

#### **August 5, 1937:**

H. E. Ryan, son of Dr. R. A. Ryan, of Mountain Grove, received word Monday that he had passed the state bar examination. Mr. Ryan will be located in the office of Attorney C. H. Jackson in Mountain Grove where he will engage in the general practice of law. He graduated from Harvard law school this spring.

Miss Girlie Moore left Saturday for the home of her sister in Idaho where she will spend several months and while there will undergo an operation. Her brother-in-law came after her. While she is gone her father, Marion Moore, will stay with his daughter, Mrs. J. H. Helums, on Whetstone.

Like more little boys who play with firecrackers, Dr. VanNoy got his finger and thumb painfully injured the other day when his curiosity got the best of his judgment. He wanted to find out why his firecracker had not exploded when he threw it at some birds, so he picked it up to investigate when---BANG--and the damage was done.

Ben Owens and daughter have opened up a lunch room and will also sell cold drinks and candy in the cobblestone building adjoining the Moles and Bradshaw garage on highway 60.

Mr. Elliot Long and Mrs. Lizzie Barnett were united in marriage last Thursday in Hartville. They will reside on Mr. Long's farm near Mountain Grove. Mr. Long is the father of Mrs. Amos Caudle of Norwood.

The Tuttle Heading Mill in Norwood has been sold to the Griffin Stave Co. of Springfield. Mr. Cloud, the new manager, expects to have the mill in operation again soon, and will remain in Norwood if sufficient timber can be secured.

Roy Burnett reports that during the current season he bought more than 7,000 gallons of blackberries at his service station in Norwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Long, north of Norwood, are the proud parents of twin girls born last week.

Jim Hutsell of Rayborn, who has been sick for almost 2 years is reported very low. His sister, Mrs. Carrie Worsham, accompanied by her daughters, Mrs. Zelma Hammack and Mrs. Iva Wilson, called to see him Monday evening.

Charley Cole has been appointed a permanent deputy sheriff by Sheriff Baker, having received his commission Monday.

Sheriff Condo Evans of Webster County was fatally injured in an auto collision at Picher, Okla. Sunday, dying a short time after the accident which happened while he and Mrs. Evans and Mr. and Mrs. John C. Pope were returning with a prisoner from New Mexico. Mrs. Pope suffered a broken ankle and is in a Springfield hospital, but the others were not hurt.

Dan Shields is driving a new 1928 four door Chevrolet. Dan gets along with it o.k. since he has big oversize headlights on it, but his wife says he sure makes lots of noise; which little Bobbie just sits and smiles and say "Pour it on it, Daddy."

Mrs. Goldie Helsley and Miss Eilene Jones of near Hartville called on their sister, Mrs. Marie Milsap, Monday afternoon.

### **August 12, 1937:**

L. S. Hinote sent to the Index office Wednesday an egg, laid by one of his hens, which weighs 3 1/2 ounces and is 7 inches in circumference one way and 8 inches the other.

Mrs. Martha Moore passed away last Thursday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. A. J. Sparks. Funeral services were conducted Saturday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock by Rev. Ocie Allen of Mountain Grove, at the Sparks home and interment was in the cemetery at the old Frog Knob church near Hartville. This cemetery is located on the farm that was homesteaded by Mrs. Moore and her husband in their early married life.

Martha Melvina Zeigler was born December 22, 1853 at St. James, Mo. and departed this life on August 5, 1937, at the age of 83 years, 7 months and 14 days. She was married to Joseph Moore, June 10, 1870. To this union were born 8 children, 5 of whom preceded her in death. She leaves to mourn their loss, 3 daughters Mrs. A. J. Sparks and Mrs. J. H. Conrow, of the home community, and Mrs. J. P. Raney of Baxter

Springs, Kansas. She became a Christian at the age of 17 years and united with the Christian church.

Miss Berniece Sikes of St. George is putting in a beauty shoppe in Norwood and will be ready for business next Wednesday with a complete new outfit of the latest equipment. She will be located upstairs in the Jones Hardware building. We welcome Miss Sikes to our town and wish for her abundant success in her new venture.

The reporter made a short call on Mrs. S. J. VanNoy Monday and found her still lying in her comfortable bed but all full of life and smiles. Mrs. VanNoy who had her hip broken some time ago is getting along nicely and says that she will soon be able to perform on the trapeze which she has up over her bed.

Lost---Somewhere on the S. A. Boyer farm, a potato patch; last seen about the 20th of June. Mrs. Boyer would appreciate any information that would help her to find it.

Lloyd Millsap sold his store to Lee Hart of north of Hartville last week and Lee took possession last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Denver Cottengim are rejoicing over the arrival of a new baby boy born August 4.

Mr. and Mrs. Ova Raney are the proud parents of an 8 pound boy born Monday morning.

Mrs. Edd Lawrence of near Cross Roads school was called last week to the bedside of her father, George Killham, in Nebraska. Mr. Killham died about an hour before her arrival there. She is expected home this week.

### **August 19, 1937:**

Cecil Connolly was taken into custody Saturday afternoon by officers Arthur Akers and Charles Cole and was taken before police judge C. M. Minihan on a charge of drunkenness and blackguarding. He was released and headed towards home with a warning not to repeat the offence. Sooner or later people may learn that they have to walk straight in Norwood.

Frank McConnaughay of Poplar Bluff has bought the Bert Morgan garage in the Thompson building. The business will be run under the name of Mack's Garage. Mr. McConnaughay will move his family here soon.

Jonathan Moody, northwest of town, was taken to the state hospital at Nevada last week for treatment. Mr. Moody is nearly 80 years old and his condition is said to be due to the infirmities of age.

Uncle Same McFarron, south of town, received a very pleasant surprise last week when his half-brother, Gene Halvert, of Chicago, came in for a few days' visit. Mr. McFarron and Mr. Halvert had not seen each other since 1903. Mr. Halvert left Friday for El Reno, Okla., to visit a sister, and will go from there to Ft. Worth, Texas.

I. C. Sparks who has been working at Beaumont, Texas the past year arrived Saturday for a short visit with his family east of town, returning to his work Wednesday. Mr. Sparks expects to move his family to town to be nearer the school.

Frank Jarrett was placed under arrest Saturday on the charge of having hit a car on the road near Hartville and fleeing from the scene of the accident without stopping. He was released on \$1000 bond.

Ike Woods of Mountain Grove is staying with his stepson, Johnnie Clemmons, in Norwood while receiving treatments from Dr. VanNoy for rheumatism.

Mr. Larner Owens and Miss Linda Eden, of Hartville, were united in marriage Sunday morning by Rev. Ben Owens at the latter's place of business on highway 60 in Norwood.

Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Sikes of near St. George were here the first of the week helping their daughter, Miss Berniece, decorate and get ready for the opening of her new beauty shoppe Wednesday. Miss Sikes' teacher, Mr. George Baird of the Riveria Beauty College of Lebanon, is here today to assist her on opening day.

Uncle Tom Burke who will be 95 years old his next birthday is standing the summer heat fine.

Price Smith died at his home at Hartville Sunday night. He was a nephew of France Smith of Norwood.

Almost too late for the roasting ear season, Dr. Calhoun completed a new set of teeth this week for Mrs. Henry Bradshaw. Henry says he will have to work a little harder now to keep enough to eat on the table.

Rev. Lester Greenwood, pastor of the Methodist church at Bolivar, and his 6 children Mary, Ruth, Arthur, John, Leona Pearl and Doris, visited his brother, W. R. Greenwood and family, and his father, J. E. Greenwood Saturday and Sunday. Rev. Greenwood attended services at the Macomb Baptist church Sunday morning and at the Mountain Grove Methodist church Sunday night.

The threshing machine and tractor belonging to W. R. Greenwood was turned over near Seymour Friday afternoon. Cab Brazeal, who was driving the tractor was under the machine, but was not seriously injured. Dr. Fuson was called and Mr. Brazeal had 3 broken ribs and minor injuries. He is able to be up some now at his home in Macomb, no one else was hurt. Mr. Greenwood ordered parts that were broken and hoped to be

able to have the machine running again by Monday noon or Tuesday. The machine was new, having been just been running 5 weeks to the day.

Walter Brazeal has purchased a new radio.

**August 26, 1937:**

Dan Brashers, 70, living about 9 miles northwest of Mansfield, committed suicide about 6:00 o'clock Saturday morning by shooting himself through the head. Mr. Brashers was a brother-in-law to Mrs. Dora Caudle, north of town. Ill health is thought to have been the cause of his act.

Joe Snavely who has been working in Iowa has returned home.

J. C. VanHorn traded for a Dodge sedan in Springfield Monday. Henry Bradshaw accompanied him to Springfield.

Mrs. P. D. Little returned home from Springfield Sunday. She was accompanied home by her sister, Mrs. Eliza Woods who came for a visit.

Miss Berniece Sikes who opened a beauty shoppe in the Jones Hardware building last Wednesday, reports a splendid business. She had to turn patrons away Saturday as she could not handle all who wanted work done.

The residence of Mr. and Mrs. Alva Filer, south of town, was destroyed by fire Tuesday afternoon. Some of the household goods were saved. A defective flue is thought to have been the cause of the fire.

The Security Bank of Mountain Grove was robbed of \$6,000 at 12:30 last Wednesday afternoon by three armed men. After scooping up all the money in sight the robbers left in a big black sedan which was waiting on the outside. They seem to have made a clean get-away.

Lutitia Paulina Browning, daughter of Isaac N. and Sarah Browning, was born Feb. 2, 1865 near Lebanon in Laclede county, Mo. Departed this life at her home in Norwood, Mo. August 19, 1937, at the age of 72 years, 6 months and 17 days. She was united in marriage to Orestes L. Curtis on Nov. 21, 1886. To this union was born 1 daughter who preceded her mother in death at the age of about 9 years. She professed faith in Christ about 40 years ago. She is survived by her husband, 2 brothers Jim Browning of Springfield, Mo. and Elbert Browning of Lebanon, Mo. and 1 sister Mrs. Georgia Griffith of Springfield, all of whom were at her bedside when death came. She also has another brother whose whereabouts are unknown. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. C. N. Means at the Christian church in Norwood Friday afternoon and interment was in the Curtis cemetery north of town, with the Bouldin-Ryan funeral directors in charge.

Mr. Hans Voss and Mrs. Mary Book were united in marriage Saturday, August 21, in Mountain Grove. A crowd of friends gathered Monday night and charivariated them, wishing them many happy years of married life. They will reside on the Doc Johnson farm southeast of Norwood. This is Mr. Voss' first step into double harness and we hope that he pulls well and believe he will as he has always liked books.

The picnic has come to town this week and you will find all kinds of amusement on Main street and Frisco Square in Norwood from now until Saturday night. Anyone looking for Dr. VanNoy of Ed Kelley will probably find them riding the merry go round or drinking pink lemonade.

Charlie Rowland, Jr. and Frank Jarrett engaged in a fight in Norwood Saturday in which Mr. Jarrett had several ribs broken and was badly bruised about the head. He was unconscious for several hours but is reported getting along all right. When Floyd Jarrett undertook to come to the aid of his brother, he was knocked out by a blow from the fist of Charles Rowland, Sr. and decided not to proceed further. It is said that the trouble grew out of previous differences between the two principals, who are brothers-in-law.

Word from Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mears tells us that their little 16 month old son got some lye and was not expected to live. Bill is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Mears. Bill lives in Oregon.

Tom Shannon of Fairmount whose health has been bad for some time ran off Sunday morning and late in the evening had not yet been found.

As Othel Jackson and Gene Bradshaw were starting home from Norwood about 1:00 o'clock Wednesday morning, they were stopped near the school house by two men and two women in a truck and Mr. Jackson was taken by force into the truck. Bradshaw escaped by running and not stopping until he reached the home of Henry Bradshaw and gave the alarm. The kidnapers became frightened, evidently, and did not go far before turning Jackson loose. He is said to have obtained the license number of the truck.

Mrs. Oscar Coday, former resident of Mansfield and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Reynolds, died at her home in California Saturday morning. The body was brought back to Wright County for burial.

### **September 2, 1937:**

A band of gypsies came to town with the carnival last week, Wednesday. Without proper authority they pitched camp on the Thompson lots on highway 60. Failing to comply with requests to move they were taken before justice of the peace W. B. Hensley where fine and costs amounting to \$9.60 were assessed against them for trespassing. Coming back up town that night they were given orders to close their fortune telling booths and leave town, which they reluctantly did when their pleadings failed to move the hard-hearted member of the village board and the hard boiled officers of the law.

Mr. Dale Barnett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tirey Barnett, and Miss Fern Moody, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eph Moody of Macomb, were united in marriage Saturday. They were given a charivari Saturday night.

Howard Freeman and Berniece Seal were quietly married last Tuesday. A large crowd gathered Wednesday night and gave them a real old fashioned charivari. They treated the crowd with cigars and candy.

The new baby girl at Leonard Keith's is quite a treat for the family. She has been named Loretta Louise.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Wymer are the proud parents of a baby girl born August 26.

Mrs. Ed Dunlap died Monday night in her home north of Norwood.

Born to Mrs. Raymond Strunk, Tuesday morning, a boy. Mr. Strunk is playing professional baseball in North Carolina this summer and will no doubt hit 'em a little harder on receiving word of the safe arrival of a son.

Mr. and Mrs. Ruey Moles and son, accompanied by Mr. Moles' parents of Douglas county, went to Clever Sunday to visit Sterling Howerton. Ruey's car broke down that evening when he went to take his parents home and he had to be pulled in.

Grandma (Jennie) Pusey, 86 years old, died in Mansfield Friday. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. William Fox Saturday afternoon at the Steffe funeral parlors and interment was in the Hensley cemetery.

### **September 9, 1937:**

Wade Rippee who escaped a few days after his arrest in February, 1932, in connection with the robbery of the Bank of Forsyth, and who had since been at large, was captured Thursday night at the home of his father, Oscar Rippee, near Mansfield. Officers participating in the raid in which Rippee was taken were Sheriff Baker, highway troopers Taylor, Massey and Brill, and Carl Endris, agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Rippee is known to have been in this county for some weeks and has been under suspicion of having been implicated in the robbery of the Security Bank at Mountain Grove on August 18. He was one of 5 men who robbed the Forsyth bank in 1932, it is charged. Percy Rippee, a brother, was scheduled to be released from the state penitentiary Friday after serving a 5 year sentence. Another brother, Collins Rippee, died in the prison hospital 3 years ago. Ralph Newton was sentenced to 5 years and Chester Huffman drew a 12 year sentence for the holdup. Later information was secured implicating not only Rippee but four other Mansfield and former Mansfield men in the Mountain Grove bank robbery. We have been unable to secure complete definite information before going to press, but understand that Wright county officers went to Wichita, Kansas the first of the week to bring back the alleged robbers who were being held there.

A. L. Pope has returned to Hartville.

Friday, August 27, being the birthday anniversary of Arthur W. Akers, Mrs. Akers planned a surprise for him that evening. He was taken into the country by Henry Bradshaw on an official errand, so he was told, and when they returned to the house the yard was full of people who had come in to help him celebrate. Ice cream was served.

Aunt Belle Thomas has moved onto the Grandma Anderson farm. We are glad to have her as a neighbor.

Mrs. Fate Stark has been visiting her daughters, Mrs. Ira Atchison and Mrs. Mary Taylor, near Hickory Flat, for the past two weeks.

Mrs. Jahue Fry of Mansfield has purchased a new sewing machine. If anyone wants any sewing done just take it to her.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Roper of Vanzant are rejoicing over the arrival of a baby boy in their home Sunday night.

Mr. Greenwood made 149 gallons of sorghum Thursday at his mill at home. The sorghum is nice this year, and higher in price than for a few years.

### **September 16, 1937:**

A surprise dinner was given last Friday for Mrs. S. J. Dickerson at the home of her daughter, Mrs. L. T. Doyel, near Macomb in honor of Mrs. Dickerson's 93rd birthday anniversary. She was born in South Carolina September 10, 1844; moved to Georgia at the age of 12 years and remained until 1882 when she came to Ava, Mo., where she remained until 1902, and then moved to near Macomb where she has lived until the present time.

The Bouldin-Ryan Furniture Company cordially invites you to visit their new Funeral Home just completed in the building occupied by the furniture store. It will be a pleasure to us to show you our home-like family room, artistically finished and furnished for the comfort and convenience of the public, and to take you through our well-arranged display room. The next time you are in town come in and pay us a visit. You will be pleased to know that Norwood affords such an establishment.

The Farmers Produce Co. truck driven by Clifford Shores, was forced off the highway just east of Mansfield Tuesday afternoon by a car said to have been travelling at an excessive speed. The truck, loaded with 39 sacks of feed, turned over on its side but was not badly damaged. The driver was not hurt.

Jim Hutsell who had been sick for a long time died Tuesday afternoon at his home near Rayborn. Funeral services are to be held today (Thursday). He was a brother of Mrs. Carrie Worsham of Norwood.

Wade McGinnis of Vanzant was brought home Monday from the hospital in Springfield where he had undergone an operation for appendicitis. He was brought home in the Chaffin ambulance from Ozark and a short stop was made in Norwood. Wade is the brother of Miss Tressie McGinnis who was employed here in the home of Dr. and Mrs. VanNoy for some time.

Miss Ethel Wimberley of Mountain Grove visited her sister, Mrs. R. L. Ferguson and family in Norwood Sunday.

Postmaster Mrs. Roy Burnett, issued her first International money order Tuesday. Only 10 such orders have been issued by the Norwood office since it has been an International money order office.

Mr. and Mrs. Othel Coday of Kansas have just returned home after spending a week here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. McIntosh.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Long and son, Evi, of Coffeyville, Kansas, were called here Saturday on account of the death of their nephew and cousin, Jesse Long, oldest son of Ben Long of Mountain Grove. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Johnston and daughter, Bessie, attended the funeral with them and Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Long and son came home with them and stayed until Sunday afternoon.

We are certainly proud of our boys and girls of Liberty. Everyone who graduated from the 8th grade last spring is attending high school at Norwood this year. This is the first time this has happened in the history of our district. Those who graduated last spring are Lavern Owens, Mary McIntosh, Arletta Brazeal, Stella and Everett Shores and Andrew Johnston.

Mrs. Jack and Mrs. Schlicher have a new Norris washer. No more backache for them.

Alva Gray's son, James, got in a fight with James Jones coming home from school last week and got his jaw bone broken. He was taken to the doctor for treatment.

Theodore Larue and Miss Fern Stewart were united in marriage last week. They will reside south of Macomb.

Jack Johnson who moved onto the L. D. Pugh farm last week received a telegram Thursday night from Colorado saying that his mother had been killed in a car accident. Mr. Johnson left at once for Colorado.

Mrs. Lou Mackey of Exeter, Calif. came for the birthday celebration of her sister, Grandma Dickerson. It had been 35 years since the sisters had seen each other.

Bill and Fred Jack are fencing 80 acres of their woods with hog tight fence so they can have hogs eat the acorns.

TAKE NOTICE: To the one that is spreading the false gossip about the Caudle Church doors being closed, and nothing doing there any more: You are sadly mistaken, as there is Sunday School every Sunday morning with good interest, Bible reading every Sunday night, preaching Saturday night before the third Sunday, Sunday and Sunday night of each month, with singing on Friday night of each week. If everyone would live for the Lord and the betterment of the community in which they live, there would be no time for gossip.

### **September 23, 1937:**

The new driver's license law will stop a lot of ladies from driving the family car. They have to give their age and weight on the license application.

In the ancient ramshackle Court house of Webster County, in Marshfield, Monday of this week, Circuit Judge Cornelius H. Skinker opened the September term of court by dismissing a charge of murder against Dr. W. F. Schlicht of Niangua. The charge growing out of the mysterious slaying of Robert Robinson, Webster county farmer, in June, 1935, was dismissed on motion of Prosecutor, John C. Pope. Pope said the motion was based on "lack of evidence" and "as far as I'm concerned, this closes the Robinson case." With these words a conclusion has been reached in episode of Webster County history that has held the attention of hundreds of people both in Webster county and many outside of the county almost constantly since June 4, 1935. Great crowds have gathered in Marshfield each time a hearing was to be held in connection with this case. The case has cost both the defence and the taxpayers thousands of dollars. The son and wife of the slain man, Lloyd and Mary Robinson, are now serving prison sentences for the crime.---Marshfield Herald

Friends of Rev. Selph Jones have asked us to state that it is not true that his ministerial papers have been taken away from him, as he holds his papers from another association.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Calhoun of Oconto, Wis. and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Calhoun and son of Green Way, Wis., arrived here Thursday night to visit their father and grandfather, Dr. W. S. Calhoun. Mrs. R. L. Calhoun's father, J. M. Lewis, died at his home at Rogersville last week.

Mrs. Carrie Worsham and Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Hammack attended the funeral of Mrs. Worsham's brother, J. M. Hutsell, at Friendship church, 9 miles north of Mountain Grove, last Thursday afternoon. Mr. Hutsell was postmaster and merchant at Rayborn for many years, selling out to his son in 1935.

Jeff Ellis who lived on the Ray Barnett farm north of Norwood, died Monday afternoon and funeral services were held at Oak Grove Tuesday afternoon. Mr. Ellis would have been 80 years old his next birthday. He had been a resident of Wright county 12 years.

Mr. and Mrs. William Moore who live near Fletcher's store north of town are receiving congratulations over the arrival of twin girls in their home Tuesday morning.

Vernon Ballew, a former Frisco agent in Norwood, died at 12:05 p.m. Sunday in a Memphis hospital. He came from his home at Pensacola, Fla., to attend a Frisco Club meeting at Memphis and was taken sick on the train from which he was taken to the hospital on his arrival in Memphis, dying soon afterwards. Funeral and burial was at Winona at 3:30 Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Frost, south of town, are rejoicing over the arrival of an 8 pound boy Monday morning.

Sorry to hear of Mrs. Clyde Huggans passing away. She (Opal) was taken to Springfield hospital for an operation for appendicitis and died Sunday morning. (Note: Cause of death was cancer.)

Jessie Young came home last week from the CCC camp where he has been for the past 6 months.

The revival at Fairview is going on with good attendance and good interest. Two have already been saved, for which we are so thankful.

Herschell Cole arrived Thursday night from California where he had taken a load of people seeking employment there.

Reverend Will Anderson and Rev. Kelley began a meeting here at Pleasant Hill last week and as far as we know now it will go on this week, but it looks like there isn't much interest in the church any more.

Mrs. Harve Wedge received word last week that her little granddaughter Joyce Wedge, of Chicago, had cut her leg pretty badly on a piece of rusty tin. They had to take 4 stitches.

Saturday afternoon as some folks were on their way to Mountain Grove on old highway 60, near Pleasant Hill, they were driving at a good speed and as they turned the corner the car door came open, throwing a man and little child out and the child was hurt pretty badly. Reports were that the men were drunk.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Smith and family of Fairmount have moved to Mrs. Smith's father's, Mr. Stephens, near Lone Star, to take care of Mr. Stephens who is alone and getting up in years.

Mrs. Ernest Ryan and 3 months old son, Johnnie Lee, of Tulare, Calif., arrived here Tuesday for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Ryan.

The 13 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Clark near Vanzant, had his arm badly broken at the elbow last Thursday night when he fell from a horse. Dr. VanNoy set the broken bones.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Allen are moving to the Bill Eggen farm south of town.

Mrs. S. E. Sluder is having her new cistern plastered and will soon be ready for a good rain.

Mrs. G. Chadwell is moving to her home at Owensville and Mr. and Mrs. Noel Worsham will move into her house in Norwood.

Virgil Caudle who was fined some time ago was taken back to Hartville Tuesday by Henry Bradshaw to lay out his fine in jail.

Mrs. F. L. Cones expects to move to Mrs. Thompson's house recently vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Amos Caudle about the first of October.

While shoeing a horse last week Bill Pope had a horse shoe nail stuck into his leg in some manner, inflicting a painful injury.

Mrs. R. D. Bush who has been with her mother, Mrs. Hatcher, at Freeport, Fla., the past two weeks reports that Mrs. Hatcher, who has been suffering with blood poisoning in the hand as a result of cutting it on a tin can, is better. Mrs. Bush is expected home about Sunday. Mr. Bush is suffering with an abscessed tooth.

### **September 30, 1937:**

When the case of the State versus W. A. Pope, disturbance, was called before justice of the peace W. B. Hensley Friday morning, a change of venue was granted to Bob Morton's court. The case will be tried at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, September 30, at Ben Owens' Cafe in Norwood.

A family reunion was held Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Branstetter on Pea Ridge in honor of Mr. Branstetter's brothers, Peter Branstetter, and his sister, Mrs. Martha Denny, both of whom live in Texas and who are back here on a visit. It is Peter's first visit to Wright county since 1891 and Mrs. Denny's first visit in 20 years. A large crowd of relatives and friends attended the gathering Sunday and all reported a fine time.

J. N. Busby made a trip to Elk City, Okla., last week to take his father home. Mr. Busby brought back some very fine water melons but failed to state whether he got them in the night or during the day. However, it looks suspicious as he left Norwood after dark. The editor and family having been permitted to sample a large one we will ask no more questions, and we are sure that other favored friends feel the same way about it. The melons were delicious and Mr. Busby has our thanks.

Mr. Herschel Knight and Miss Lucille Caudle were united in marriage Saturday evening by Constable Ben Owens at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Amos Caudle, in Norwood. The groom is a stepson of Elbert Barnett, southeast of Norwood. The newlyweds were given a charivari Saturday night.

Mrs. Jason Roy died at 5:00 o'clock Sunday afternoon at her home at Vera Cruz. She had been in failing health for the past 3 months but her death was unexpected and came only a few hours after she had eaten a hearty dinner. (Jessie B. Roy---d/o R. M. Roper and Amanda Price)

Mrs. Mary J. Brook of Dawson visited over the weekend with her son, Rev. W. E. Brook, near Norwood. Mrs. Brook is about 90 years old and is very active for one of her age, doing her own cooking and getting around wherever she pleases.

In circuit court at Ava last week, J. T. Broadus was granted a divorce from Stella Broadus. The divorce case of Ruth Doyel against Terry Doyel was dismissed.

Mr. and Mrs. Garrett Cunningham report the arrival of a baby girl in their home Saturday morning. Ruth Pearl is the name given the new arrival. Mother and baby are reported doing nicely.

Jason E. Roy, former merchant at Vera Cruz, and unsuccessful candidate for representative last fall, was appointed treasurer of Douglas county last week by Governor Stark.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Matlock were here from Pea Ridge Saturday to consult Dr. VanNoy for Mrs. Matlock who is in very poor health.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Bouldin were in St. Louis last week buying a modern 3-way combination hearse and invalid coach.

Petit jurors from Clark township for the October term of circuit court are Tirey Barnett and Ben Jack, with J. N. Busby and Sherd Findley as alternates. Mountain Grove--Walter Lee and Fred Morton; alternates J. W. Stephens and Arthur Richardson. Pleasant Valley--John A. Dennis and O. B. Davis; alternates R. D. Berry and Ray Morris. Wood Township--Ben Sails and Jesse Deer; alternates Thomas Walker and W. A. Allen. Hart Township--Sisco Shaw and W. I. Wynn; alternates John Kinser and J. D. Turner.

Sigh Smith and wife are the proud parents of a baby boy. He made his arrival Sunday, September 26.

Hugh Woods has his car burned up last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Allen who returned last week from California are staying in the Roscoe Allen home.

W. D. Murrell, Hartville, will again use a home-made attachment on his mowing machine for harvesting his Korean lespedeza seed crop. Mr. Murrell has used this attachment for the past year or two in harvesting his home supply of Korean lespedeza seed. The attachment is made of metal roofing and is fastened onto the cutting bar in such a manner as to collect the shattered seed and to allow the stem part of the plant to pass on over onto the ground. Under such a method of harvesting, the lespedeza must necessarily be allowed to become well matured to cause free shattering of the seed. On the other hand if the seed crop is to be mowed and threshed with a grain separator, the lespedeza should be cut before it is too mature, when one-third of the seeds have turned to prevent excess shattering and loss of the seed. Either of the two methods are very satisfactory. Mr. Murrell was able to harvest approximately 1000 pounds of seed after it had been run through a fan mill for re-cleaning. His lespedeza cut for hay in July shows promise of making a large yield of clean seed.

800 head of sheep and 100 head of goats have been listed by 27 sheep raisers in the Odin and New Grove communities for dipping, according to County Agent Hargrave. The concrete dipping vat and dipping pens on the W. S. Allen place will be made use of on two different days, Monday October 11th and Tuesday October 12th. The 27 producers will work co-operatively on the project and in turn purchase the dipping materials co-operatively. Estimated cost is from 2 to 3 cents per head. The purpose of dipping will be to control sheep lice, ticks and general skin diseases. Results from dipping in Oregon County and by J. A. Westbrook last year indicate that the wool clip per sheep was increased by 2 pounds per head.

Bill McGowan was arrested for drunkenness Saturday afternoon and was taken to Hartville. He plead guilty. Fine and costs amounted to \$19.50.

### **October 7, 1937:**

Bill Pope was tried last Thursday before Judge Bob Morton in Norwood on a charge of having created a disturbance at the negro entertainment here September 18. A jury was empanelled and after hearing the evidence brought in a verdict of acquittal. Reports reaching this office indicate that the jury said in effect, "You're not guilty, Mr. Pope, but please don't do it again." The defendant plead his own case to good effect, while the state was represented by Prosecuting Attorney, M. J. Huffman.

Erple Hensley, 14, only son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hensley of Mansfield, was killed and Don Freeman, 14, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Freeman also of Mansfield, seriously injured last Thursday night about 7:30 when a Chevrolet pickup truck overturned with them near the highway maintenance depot in the north part of Mansfield. The two boys were members of the Freshman class of Mansfield high school and were attending wiener roast at Sam Smith's north of town that evening. According to reports they borrowed the Chevrolet pickup from Amon Short and started to town to get some soda pop when the fatal accident occurred. There were no witnesses to the accident, and Marvin Bogart, John Huffman and another man were first to reach the scene. They found Freeman lying in the road where he had apparently been thrown when the car

turned over the first time. Hensley was found dead underneath the overturned car. It is said that neither boy had ever driven a car before, except that young Freeman had on occasion backed his father's car out of the garage at home. Freeman was rushed to the hospital at Springfield and during the night, it is reported, kept repeating the words, "It just kept going faster and faster." On regaining consciousness Friday, he stated that the accelerator became stuck and they did not know what to do to loosen it or to stop the car.

Mrs. Carrie Wagner, 61 years old, died Tuesday morning at the home of her son, Merton Cottengim in Mountain Grove, after a lingering illness. Funeral services were held at the home Wednesday morning at 11:00 o'clock with the Bouldin-Ryan funeral directors in charge, and burial was in the Hartville cemetery immediately following the funeral.

Ed Claxton died very suddenly at 6:00 Saturday evening at his home two miles west of Hartville. Funeral services were held Monday at Elk Creek and burial was at that place. Rev. John Russell, assisted by Rev. Selph Jones, conducted the funeral. Mr. Claxton was about 63 years old and was a brother of Henry C. Claxton, well known to many of our readers.

The day old baby of Mr. and Mrs. George Williams died Monday.

Among the births recorded the past week are: A boy to Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Riley at Buckhart, last Thursday; a girl to Mr. and Mrs. Ocie Smith at Vanzant, last Thursday; and a girl to Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Taylor of Mansfield, Wednesday.

Frank Henry got the large sack of flour given away at the Farmers Produce Saturday. It weighed 176 1/2 pounds. Oscar Ridens received second prize, a set of knives and forks. H. H. Miller third prize of 24 pounds of meal.

Mr. Berner and Mr. D. W. Larson of this community opened their skating rink at Mountain Grove last Friday night. We wish them success.

West Campbell district has some new neighbors. A family by the name of Holler from near Owensville moved on the Guy Rake farm and a family from Macomb by the name of Harry Young moved on the Joe Ellis farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen Coday of near Mansfield are the proud parents of a 12 pound baby boy.

The meeting here (Pleasant Hill) closed with no good done. It seems as though there isn't any interest in the churches any more. We planned last Sunday night to start a prayer meeting at this place and we hope everyone will come out and help us. The prayer meeting will be every Sunday night.

Mrs. M. A. Sisco is having a cobblestone house built. Lewis Rook of Fairmount is doing the work.

Some boxing match at the fair Saturday night as little Herbert Sisco and Buddy Hatfield put on the gloves and had a knock out. Herbert is 7 years old and Hatfield 8 years. Herbert is small but he can do a pretty good job of boxing. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. McKinley Sisco.

### **October 14, 1937:**

Josh Hayseed of Squashville, better known to his many friends in Wright County as Eli Atkinson, was winner of second prize in an amateur contest held at the Tri-County Fair at Mountain Grove Saturday night. He came on the stage in costume leading his 'coon dog, "Tan", and went through his many imitations of wild and domestic animals. The imitations were pronounced very, very good by the large crowd present. At a former amateur contest held by Radio Stations KWTO and KGBX in Springfield at their 5th anniversary celebration he won 3rd prize in a field of some 30 contestants. Eli is thinking very seriously of trying out on the Major Bowes program at Madison Square Garden in New York City.---Wright County Republican

Wilbur Jennings was arrested last Thursday by Deputy Arthur Akers for driving a car while intoxicated. Jennings started out from Norwood east on the highway and when Akers attempted to stop him he turned the car around near W. C. Bruton's place and ran into the side of the Akers car. Akers shot into the hood of the car and also shot down one of his tires before Jennings would stop. It is reported that he will plead guilty at the October term of court.

Mrs. J. G. Burgess of the Norwood telephone exchange will leave Friday of this week for New Orleans to spend the winter with her two daughters. Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Miller and family are moving into the telephone building and Mrs. Miller will have charge of the exchange.

Mrs. Charles Johnson left early Monday morning for St. Louis to attend the 63rd annual session of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star. She was accompanied by Mrs. Stella Carter of Hartville and Mrs. Myrna Coats and Grace Bryant of Cabool.

The Christian Endeavor Society had a pie supper at the Macomb school house Saturday night. The proceeds, which were over \$12, went to the Endeavor Society.

John Pryor moved the last of his household goods by truck from the Greenwood farm Saturday.

Lyle Williams and Miss Sylvia Stewart were united in marriage September 21. They gave them a big charivari the next night. They have moved to the Masters farm south of Macomb which they have rented.

Sunday night Mr. and Mrs. Harry Vining parked their car near the church while they attended services here (Pleasant Hill) and in some manner the car was started and ran down the hill and ran through two fences, being found later in Jess Davidson's field. It was not badly damaged. The car had been parked for perhaps 45 minutes when Mr. Thompson who was on his porch heard the noise and went out to find out what it was, and found that the Vining car was gone. After the song and prayer service Ida Ruth had gone out and put the dog in the car and it was all right then. It is not known whether someone pushed it off or not but we hope no one would bother another's property. We hope this doesn't bluff Mr. and Mrs. Vining out of coming again.

Sam Bruce has purchased a new radio.

A good many Norwood people went to Mansfield Friday to see the whale, mermaid and other marine exhibits, and many of them expressed disappointment because the exhibition was not up to advance notices.

### **October 21, 1937:**

Gangsters have come down the ladder quite a distance since the \$25,000 funeral of Dion O'Bannion in Chicago in 1926. Last week, Al Brady, latest criminal to bear the title "Public Enemy No. 1" was killed by G-men in Bangor, Maine and was buried in a pauper's grave. They're not quite so glamorous since the Federal Bureau of Investigation started running them down and the politicians can no longer protect them.

Tom Pope was arrested one night last week by A. W. Akers on a charge of intoxication and disorderly conduct. Mr. Pope appeared before police judge L. C. Gregory Monday and plead guilty, and was fined \$5 and costs, amounting altogether to \$11.45. He was given a stay of execution to Nov. 1, giving bond to secure fine and costs.

Pete Akeman was arrested Monday evening and taken before the police judge on a charge of intoxication. He was fined \$11.45, including costs, but was given a stay of execution during good behavior.

Percy Rippee, 33, who was being held in jail at Hartville on charge of driving a car while intoxicated, broke out of jail last Wednesday night. He had been allowed the run of the upper corridor and he broke a hole in the upper rear wall with a can opener, a piece of wire and a brace off a cot. Rippee was only recently paroled from the state penitentiary where he was serving a term for robbing the bank of Forsyth. Irvin Warren, 19, of Enid, Okla., awaiting trial on a charge of stealing an automobile, was the only other inmate of the jail, and he gave the alarm when Rippee escaped. Sheriff Baker and deputies have made diligent search for the escaped prisoner but at last reports he had not been captured.

At 8:00 o'clock Sunday morning at the Christian church in Dodge City, Kansas, Miss Lucille Garver, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don B. Garver of Dodge City, became the bride

of Mr. Eldo Joy of Dodge. City. Eldo is the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. William Joy of Norwood.

Mrs. Bertha Brixey who has been in California the past two months helping take care of her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Lawrence, who passed away recently, is expected home this week. She made a visit with relatives in Texas on the way home. Mrs. Brixey is a sister of Mrs. T. L. Burke of Norwood.

691 head of sheep and 42 head of goats were dipped at the W. S. Allen farm Monday, Tuesday and Thursday of last week.

Dan Shields, driver for the Norwood Motor Co., was badly injured and his truck badly damaged Tuesday when another driver ran into him on highway 66 this side of St. Louis. The other driver was killed, it is reported.

Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Ryland, new proprietors of the Thompson filling station, are moving into the John Jones house with Mr. and Mrs. F. A. McConnaughay.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Laub are rejoicing over the arrival of an 8 pound boy in their home Saturday night. Fred will have to get a larger farm as this is 5 boys for him and Mrs. Laub.

#### History of Norwood Public Schools:

In the year 1881 the Kansas City, Fort Scott and Memphis Railroad was built through Wright County, Missouri, at which time the town of Norwood was laid off by the officials of the Railroad Company and at once began to grow and became a prosperous little town. In 1882 the School District of Norwood was organized and a school house built near the line of xx between range No. 13 and 14 in the east part of Norwood on the south side of the railroad track, and that building was used for school and other purposes until the town and school district outgrew the school building. In about the year of 1895 an addition known as Burnham's Addition to the town of Norwood was laid out on the north side of the railroad track, at which time an acre of ground of the said addition was secured and set apart for the purpose of erecting a larger school building to take care of the increasing number of patrons and children. Bonds were voted and a new school house was begun; when said house was almost completed, it was destroyed by fire, the origin of which was supposed to be incendiary. The citizens of Norwood and patrons of the Norwood School District, being determined to have a new school building, voted more bonds and a new school house was completed. In about the year of 1905, the J. R. Hitchcock addition to the town of Norwood was laid out, in the Northeast part of the town. Norwood's population grew so rapidly that an ordinary school district was inadequate, so an election was held, and the district was voted into a village school district. Shortly afterward the Freeman addition to Norwood was laid out in the northeast part of the village of Norwood.

About 1890, the Caudle addition was laid out in the southern part of Norwood. At the close of school in the year of 1918, the School Board and the patrons of the Norwood School, seeing that the old wooden building had outlived its usefulness for the district

and was not worthy of repair and had been condemned by the State School Department, decided that a better and larger building should be erected to accommodate the growing village and school district. On September 4, 1919, a special meeting was called by H. J. Schofield, President of the Board of Directors, at which time a petition of a majority of the qualified voters of the district was presented and an election for the purpose of voting bonds was ordered to be held on October 7, 1919, at which time a majority voted favorable to bond the district for 5% of the assessed valuation of the district. On the 19th day of April, 1920, bonds for \$7,400 were issued and officially signed by H. J. Schofield, President of the School Board, and F. M. Huffman, Secretary of the School Board. The said bonds were to run for a period of 20 years, bearing 6% interest from May 1, 1920. A redemption clause was written into the bonds allowing the district to pay any part of the bonds after 5 years at the option of the makers. On, or about, June 20, 1920 the above bonds were sold at a 5% discount, that being the best bid secured by the district.

Immediately after the sale of the bonds and the securing of the money, the School Board began buying material and making all necessary arrangements for the erection of a new, hollow-blocked, concrete, stuccoed school building on a new 6 acre tract of land secured from L. A. Huffman for that purpose. On September 19, 1920, the corner stone of the building was laid upon a new solid concrete foundation which forms a part of the building by being a basement of four rooms and a hall which are to be used for any purpose in the conducting of the school. The corner stone was laid by the officers of the Grand Lodge of the State of Missouri of A. F. & A. M., and ceremonies were conducted by Rev. C. H. Briggs, Past Grand Master. The school board at this time were: H. J. Schofield, President; F. M. Huffman, Secretary; W. V. Carter, Treasurer; G. H. Robertson, member; A. R. Worsham, member; R. L. Calhoun, member.

In September, 1935, the attendance at the Caudle school had fallen so low that the school was closed by order of the State Department of Education. The children in attendance at the Caudle school were transported to school at Norwood by W. F. Kempt, at the cost of Norwood Consolidated District No. 1. A few weeks later patrons of the Stony Point district present a petition to transport the Stony Point children to school in Norwood. As a result, N. W. Worsham was employed to transport the Stony Point children. In 1937 another school bus was added, which was driven by Theodore Pridemore. This then brought the total number of school buses to 3 and of the 208 students in attendance at the Norwood schools, 118 of them were riding school buses.

A birthday dinner next Sunday Oct. 24th in the Roscoe Allen home will be given in honor of Uncle Narve Allen's 89th birthday.

Aunt Sarah Moreland who has been ill for some time, passed away at her home Sunday night.

Morris Owens got his car damaged quite a lot Saturday night when another car ran into him on highway 60.

Hot Chili and all kinds of sandwiches now served by Thompson filling station.

Uncle Thomas Burke, our oldest subscriber (he'll be 95 in January) renewed his subscription this week for another year. He just can't get along without the Index.

R. D. Bush expects to leave Saturday for Linden, Ala., where he is a witness in a lawsuit of the Frisco railroad against E. M. Frazier. The trial is set for Oct. 25th.

Everybody around here are putting their heating stoves up as it had been cold for almost a week.

We are hoping the school at Mansfield will start right away. Everyone is scared since the little Roy boy died with infantile paralysis last week. He took sick in the school room.

### **October 28, 1937:**

Mrs. Hattie Chadwell wants it orated around and published abroad that she won three blue ribbons with her home arts exhibits at the fair--one on canned vegetables, one on cake and one for the 6 best jars of fruit canned in Sunshine coffee jars. Bachelors and widowers will please take note.

Ray Forbey Absher, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Absher, was born near Mountain Grove, Mo., August 14, 1906. He departed this life October 22, 1937, at Anaconda, Montana. On May 25, 1927, he was united in marriage to Margaret Jones. To this union the following children were born: Donald, Bernice, Duane, Clara May and Quinith. Besides his faithful companion and 5 children, he is survived by both father and mother; 2 brothers Carl and Oscar; and 4 sisters Goldie Absher, Mrs. Ruth Reaves, Mrs. Bertha Barnett and Mrs. Hazel Bayless. He spent most of his life in and around the place of his birth. Funeral services were conducted at the Norwood Christian church Monday afternoon by Rev. George Scott, Jr. and interment was in the Thomas Cemetery.

**Dogs Tree Queer Fox:** Mr. and Mrs. Phyneas Barnett, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Peck, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Vanzandt, Roy Miller, Jay Randall, Clifford Shores and Misses Pauline Grant, Berniece Sikes, Elizabeth Rowe and Louise Strunk went on a fox chase Tuesday night, but about the only excitement reported was the treeing of a tom cat [or was it a fox?] by Dr. VanNoy's dogs---the ones he has so well trained.

Missouri's 1938 automobile license plates will have black numerals on an ivory background and are now being manufactured in the state penitentiary at Jefferson City. The new plates will be mailed to the 55 state automobile license branch offices about December 25 and they will be placed on sale January 1.

The front tires and the spare tire were stolen from the R. E. Williams car Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Crisp are rejoicing over the arrival of a new 10 pound boy. He will answer to the name of Jack William.

Arthur Lund has quit hauling milk and bought a farm. He is getting ready to move onto it. George Sargent is running the milk route Arthur recently vacated.

Burley Owens had a sale Tuesday and is leaving for north Missouri.

Jim Coffman is still in the neighborhood drilling wells and is now finishing up one for Claud Smith.

Mrs. Herald Lindholm was called to Upton in Texas county Tuesday to attend the funeral of a friend, Wayne Roderick, 15, who died at San Diego, Calif.

W. H. Johnston sold 14 bushels of peaches in Norwood the first of the week. Mr. Johnston has had ripe peaches on his farm all the time since late June.

The old time singers were at Friendship, north of Mountain Grove, Sunday, and will be at Stony Point, between Norwood and Mountain Grove, next Sunday.

Dr. J. M. Hubbard, 84, pioneer physician of Mountain Grove, passed away Monday morning. Funeral services were held Tuesday and burial was in Hill Crest cemetery at Mountain Grove.

Rev. and Mrs. Merle Mitchell of Lebanon are the proud parents of an 8 1/2 pound baby girl born Saturday. Mrs. Mitchell was formerly Miss Mildred Murrell and is a niece of Dr. L. T. VanNoy.

#### **November 4, 1937:**

Incidentally, the poor man's car has vanished, if such an animal ever existed. Increased costs of labor and materials have raised factory prices while increasing taxes and cost of maintenance make the little fellows chances of buying a new auto extremely slender. Even the Willys, the working man's last hope, has a top price of \$715 for certain body types. Perhaps Ford will come to the rescue again.

Acting on a hunch, Deputy Sheriff Arthur Akers arrested Bill Barnett and recovered the tires stolen from R. E. Williams' care and two three dogs stolen from Broadie Absher last week. Mr. Akers had observed Barnett in this vicinity Monday and had noticed that he was gone Tuesday and decided that the stolen property might have left with him. Akers went to Sarcoxie Tuesday night, arriving there just before daylight Wednesday morning, and secured a search warrant for the Harrison Barnett place near there. Accompanied by a deputy from Sarcoxie he went to the Barnett farm home where a thorough search revealed the tires hidden under some fodder in an old shed. From there they went to Carl Junction where the dogs had been sold by Bill Barnett. The dogs recognized Mr. Absher at once and were identified by him as the ones stolen. Bill Barnett confessed to the theft of both tires and dogs and is in jail at Hartville. He said that he got the dogs Monday afternoon while the family was attending the funeral of Ray Absher in Norwood and that the tires were taken from the Williams car between 9 and

10 o'clock that night. Barnett, who is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Barnett, former residents here, was only recently released from the penitentiary in Texas where he had served a 4 year sentence of stealing an automobile.

C. C. Baker who had been making his home with Mr. and Mrs. Will Anderson at Oak Forrest died at 2:00 o'clock Friday morning and was buried in the Thomas cemetery Friday afternoon. No obituary has been furnished us.

Allen McClannahan has a new coat of paint on his coupe.

Frank Mays had a public sale Friday at his home at Mt. Zion, about 4 miles north of Ava, and left Monday for northern California where he will take possession of a 107 acre dairy farm Nov. 5. This is a strictly modern dairy farm in every respect and is also under irrigation. He will have 30 cows to milk. Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Moody who have been employed by R. R. McCoy about 7 miles northwest of Norwood are taking charge of Mr. Mays' farm at Mt. Zion.

The Farmers and Merchants bank in Mansfield was robbed about noon Tuesday by 3 men who entered the bank when only 2 women employees were there. About \$800 was taken and the women were locked in the vault while the robbers made their escape. The safe was locked and could not be opened by the women, hence the smallness of the loss.

Cecil Vining of Baldwin, Kans., won the Kansas corn husking championship Tuesday and established a new state record of 30 bushels, 6 and 1/4 pounds in the allotted time of 80 minutes. The previous record of 29.43 bushels was set by Lawrence House of Sherman county in 1933.

Tom Pope was taken to Hartville Monday evening by Deputy Akers to begin serving time for fine and costs recently assessed against him. However, after spending the night at a "guest" of Sheriff Baker, he decided to pay off to the tune of \$17.05 and return home.

Orville Orr of Ava was arrested by local officers here Saturday night for operating an automobile while intoxicated, but escaped and at last reports had not been found.

### **November 11, 1937:**

Orville Sims and his bride, Mrs. Orletta Sims, of Wichita, Kansas, and John Bayless of Kansas City were arrested in Wichita last week and returned to Missouri for investigation in the holdup of the Farmers and Merchants bank at Mansfield. Later another man was brought in by Sheriff Baker of Wright county. All the prisoners were turned over to the federal authorities.

Grandma Calhoun was given a dinner Sunday at her home in Norwood in honor of her 85th birthday anniversary. There were 67 present, including 8 of her children, 16

grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren. Her sister, Aunt Katy Long, and the latter's daughter, Miss May Long, of Hartville were also present. Mrs. Long will be 86 November 18th.

Everyone around here are working in the walnuts now as the kernels are 20 cents a pound.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Rutter are the proud parents of a baby boy born October 15.

Douglas Shedd, 27-year old WPA worker, confessed Monday to the murder of Bertha and Lillian Gregory near Eminence on Tuesday night of last week. Shedd said he and Lyman Tripp, 22 years old, went to the home to rob the sisters and that the women resisted. He said that one of the women recognized him when his mask slipped and that he told her that they were going to kill her. He said that he and Tripp stuck the women over the head with the butt of a 12 gauge single barrel shot gun and with a stick of wood, and that after killing them their bodies were place on a bed and the house was set on fire. Tripp confessed to having part in the crime but tried to shift most of the blame onto Shedd. The men said they secured only \$2 in the robbery. They are being held in the West Plains jail for safe keeping---threats of violence having been made in Eminence.

Dr. L. T. VanNoy is driving a new 1938 Chevrolet car.

Mrs. M. E. Thompson has moved into the Trailway hotel building and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Allen will occupy the house vacated by Mrs. Thompson, across the street east of the Standard filling station.

### **November 18, 1937:**

From the Seymour "Citizen": The Citizen this week extends its bouquet for good fellowship to Superintendent N. Fred McKINLEY, absent minded professor of the local high school. School teachers have long been the victims of gags directed at their forgetfulness and most of them are a bit touchy on the subject, but just to be different Supt. McKinley admits that he's afflicted a bit with amnesiac tendencies, and tells an incident to illustrate his point. But that comes later in our story. Little Freddie was one of 11 sons and daughters born to Mr. and Mrs. Peter McKinley of Norwood, and he came into being on the 3rd day of September in 1894. His father, since deceased, was a prominent stockman of that community. Others in the family were Joe, B.S., Mrs. Jim Hale, Mrs. E. M. Grisham, Mrs. Sidney Bond, Mrs. W. O. Warden and 4 youngsters who passed away in infancy. McKinley (not the President) attended country school in the Reed district near Norwood, grade school at Norwood and Hartville, high school at Gainesville and Fair Play, holds a B. S. degree from Springfield S.T.C., and studied at Missouri U. His high school days were interrupted by the war and in the spring of '17 he enlisted in the army, where he served 32 months, 14 of which were overseas in the great drive. After taking part in two of the last major offensives Fred's warring days were ended (until 1925) by the armistice, and he returned home. Back in America he

worked awhile as street car conductor in Kansas City before returning to Fair Play to finish high school. Mr. McKinley was married in 1925 to Miss Myrtle Patrick, daughter of Mrs. Paul Patrick of Althea. They have 3 children, Virginia 11, Bobby 9 and Sue 4. Both Bobby and Virginia attend the local school which is under their father's supervision, and claim that he shows too much favoritism---to other children. "Mac" whose hobby is farming when he isn't devoting his time to his profession, is in his 17th year as a teacher. Three years were spent in a large rural school and since then he has superintended the following high schools: Gainesville 2 years, Nixa 3 years, Norwood 3 years and this is his 6th term in Seymour.

A bit o' th' ol' Scottish, McKinley is one of the best---and most free-hearted men we know, always looking for a good joke on another and welcoming one on himself. Leaning back in his swivel chair and scratching his Heavenly (there is no parting there) head, he told us of the time when, on his first visit to the school building, he locked his keys in the office and was forced to retrieve them by crawling into the office window by way of the gym roof---which acrobatic debut we'd have enjoyed seeing.

Bill Barnett of Sarcoxie, Mo. was taken to Jefferson City to the state penitentiary Monday by Sheriff Jim Baker. In a special term court Saturday he was given a two year sentence for the theft of two hound dogs belong to Broady I. Absher, and three auto tires belonging to Mrs. R. E. Williams of Norwood. Mrs. Baker accompanied the Sheriff as far as Lebanon, in order to have her tonsils removed.---Mansfield Mirror

We are sorry to hear of the death of Paul McIntosh, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charley McIntosh of this neighborhood. Paul was in California and we understand that he was killed by a train hitting a truck he was driving.

C. W. Towe received a telegram Wednesday from C. W. Wilson of New Mexico telling him of his wife's death. Mrs. Wilson was Miss Alma Towe before her marriage.

Mr. and Mrs. Oren Bass are the proud parents of a new baby boy, Sidney Arthur.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Tedrick of Blanche report the arrival of a baby girl in their home Sunday.

### **November 25, 1937:**

Aunt Missouri Long, widow of the late John Long, died Tuesday morning at her home near Owensville. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday morning at 10:00 o'clock at Bethel church by Rev. Wells of Springfield, and interment was in the Broyles cemetery. Two of her daughters arrived from California before their mother's death.

Before commissioner Charles H. Thompson in federal court last Monday, Orville E. Sims and John Richard Bayless pleaded guilty to robbing the Farmers & Merchants Bank of Mansfield. Mrs. Orletta Sims, wife of Orville, entered a plea of not guilty. Bond was set at \$2500.---Wright County Republican

Mr. Bill Moxom, well known citizen of this community, was united in marriage here last Thursday night to Minnie Alson of Kansas, Rev. Ben Owens officiating.

Darcus Coday of Wolf Creek passed away Saturday night and was laid to rest in the Wolf Creek cemetery Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Newkirk are listening over a new radio now of which their son, Frank, made them a present last Saturday.

The Whetstone neighborhood was made sad to hear of Frances Young of Mountain Grove passing away last Friday.

Charles C. Baker was born in Kentucky December 14, 1854. Departed this life October 29, 1937 at the age of 82 years, 10 months and 19 days. He had lived in Missouri for over 50 years. Deceased joined the Methodist church over 50 years ago. He leaves 4 nephews, one niece and a host of friends. For the past two and a half years he had made his home with Mr. and Mrs. Will Anderson. He was an invalid the last year of his life, taking double pneumonia at the last, death coming 24 hours later. Funeral services were held at Oak Forest, Rev. William Fox officiating at the request of Brother Baker. Interment was in the Thomas Cemetery.

R. L. Ferguson is driving a new Ford.

### **December 2, 1937:**

Lowell Walker has bought the Texaco filling station , at the old hotel building, from Fay Forrest.

Mr. and Mrs. M. K. Cheney are the proud parents of an 8 pound boy born Sunday, November 28. He will be known by the name Mayo Kirk, Jr.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Herschell Cole a baby girl Sunday November 28. The little miss will answer to the name of Mary Ann. Dr. Ryan of Mountain Grove was the attending physician. Mother and babe are doing fine, and we think the father will also recover.

Ezra Dennis of Mansfield was down in our part of the country last Wednesday quail hunting and lost a black and white spotted bird dog.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Allen and daughter, Mary, and Beatrice Smalley took dinner in the Mrs. Hattie Wilson home Thanksgiving day. Mr. Allen worked for her that day.

Miss Verba Allen is staying in the Roscoe Allen home doing house work.

### **December 9, 1937:**

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Osbern of near Oak Forest have opened a restaurant and grocery store in the Mrs. P. D. Little building across the street from the post office. There has been need of a good eating place in Norwood for a long time and we welcome Mr. and Mrs. Osbern to our town.

Mrs. Classie McIntosh, 19, Norwood, was arrested Wednesday and lodged in jail at Hartville on a charge of running a bawdy house. Mrs. Betty Roadlander Pruitt, 16, Norwood, is in jail on a disturbing the peace charge. Miss Augusta Smalley, 16, Norwood, is being held for questioning but is not under arrest. Preliminary hearing of the two charges has not been set yet.---Wright County Republican

Mrs. McIntosh, mentioned above, had been occupying rooms in the "White Elephant" apartment house here the past few weeks, and according to all reports the officers have done a good piece of work in making the arrests. Mrs. Pruitt was arrested by deputy Akers on a warrant sworn out by Mrs. Young, who lives in the same building, and this led up to the arrest of the others by Sheriff Baker and deputies. We understand that a called term of circuit court will be held at which time the young women will plead guilty and receive sentence. Others inform us that Miss Smalley is also under arrest and not merely being held for questioning as first reported. Monday evening Frank Tompkins was arrested for breaking his parole and was taken to Jefferson City Tuesday. It will be remembered that he was convicted several months ago for stealing timber and was released on parole. Miss Eula Dodson was also taken into custody Monday evening and was take to Hartville. Both Tompkins and Miss Dodson were implicated in the affair at the White Elephant, we understand.

The Strunk beer joint, long a sore spot in Norwood, is again closed and it is reported that the proprietor has been warned by Sheriff Baker that if he reopens for business the place will be padlocked for a year as the sheriff is said to have plenty of evidence with which to proceed against the place. Mr. Strunk also had a citation to appear before the State Board of Liquor Control at Jefferson City Wednesday of this week to show cause why his state license should not be revoked for failure to secure a village license.

The notorious Hartley road house, east of Mountain Grove, was raided by Sheriff Baker and Federal officer Shoemaker Saturday night and 4 men, a truck and a keg of whiskey were taken.

Howard Bradshaw, Bert King and Jess Young were arrested Sunday by Sheriff Baker. Bradshaw is charged with disturbance and resisting an officer. Young with disturbance, and King with disturbance, interfering with an officer and giving whiskey to a minor. The arrests were a result of a disturbance at the gymnasium after the close of the entertainment Saturday night. Bradshaw, who was said to be drunk, grabbed June Caudle and as she fought to free herself, Deputy C. H. Cole started to place Bradshaw under arrest when the latter struck the officer in the jaw. Bradshaw's brother, Jack, grabbed him and managed to get him outside the gym where he was overpowered, place in a car and taken home. King and Young are said to have interfered with officer Cole in the performance of his duty.

Miss Nola Allen spent the weekend at home near Owensville.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Hoffman are rejoicing over the arrival of a new baby boy born Saturday evening.

John W. Walker and Alice Hall, both giving their address as Norwood, were granted a marriage license at Ava last week.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. M. K. Cheney passed away November 30, and was laid to rest in the Jackson cemetery northwest of Norwood.

Mr. Edgar Stubbs and Miss Anna Marie Gosvenor were united in marriage at Ava Monday, November 29. They expect to leave about December 15 for Idaho where they will make their home.

### **December 16, 1937:**

At a special called term of circuit court at Hartville Tuesday, Mrs. Classie McIntosh was sentenced to the state prison at Jefferson City for a two year term on the charge of operating a house of ill fame in Norwood. We understand that Mrs. Betty Pruitt and Miss Augusta Smalley were being tried Wednesday but we did not learn the results.

W. B. Gasperson who had been in poor health for a long time died Monday night at his home near Pleasant Hill. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday afternoon at the home by Rev. Will Anderson. Mr. Gasperson's daughter, Mrs. Hallie Orr, arrived Saturday from Kansas City.

Owen Cottengim who just recently returned to Norwood from California took over the Thompson filling station on highway 60 last Thursday and he and Mrs. Cottengim are operating it. They are putting in a lunch counter.

Howard Bradshaw, Bert King and Jess Young, whose arrest was mentioned in these columns last week, plead guilty before justice of the peace Bob Morton at Macomb one day last week and were given fines and costs amounting to about \$11 each.

At a meeting of the village board of trustees held Tuesday night Arthur Akers was appointed to serve as Marshall by unanimous vote of the board. Mr. Akers has been serving under his authority as deputy sheriff but circumstances made it necessary that he be given the appointment as Marshall. Mr. Akers has done good work here in the past few months and law abiding citizens will be glad to know that he is to continue on the job.

Morris Owens wrecked his Pontiac car Friday night when he ran into the embankment near the H. H. Miller residence west of Norwood, while trying to pass another car. Owens was returning home from the CCC camp near Willow Springs for a weekend visit with home folks and had taken Oscar Ford on to the latter's home at Macomb, the

accident happening on the return trip from Macomb. The car was badly damaged but Owens escaped without injury.

Floyd Sanders, accompanied by Gene Holdren of Hartville, made a trip to St. Louis Friday with the Bouldin-Ryan ambulance to take Joe Coffman of near Manes to the Missouri Baptist Hospital. Mr. Coffman had his right leg broken between the knee and hip eleven weeks ago and the bones had never grown together. An operation was performed at the hospital a few hours after his arrival there but the results have not been learned.

Mr. and Mrs. George Findley are the proud parents of a baby girl which they have named Joan. This makes them 6 children and is the second girl.

A number of neighbors went to Roscoe Allen's to listen to the radio. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Lawrance Allen, Miss Pauline Rhoads, Mr. and Mrs. Will Wymer and family, Mr. and Mrs. Will Anderson and their two grandchildren Lavern and Carl Cones. Heard some fine singing, one song especially was fine "Is Your Name Written in Heaven?"

A large crowd attended the funeral of Marian Keeling at Wolf Creek church Sunday afternoon.

An unusual incident was reported in Cabool this week by Harry Osbourn. His brother, Sanford, of Joplin, was in a train wreck in San Francisco, Calif., and was reported killed. His sister, Mrs. Virginia McQueen of Fullerton, Calif., went to San Francisco, identified the body and had the body buried there on November 23. On Tuesday, December 8, Mr. Osbourn came to his home in Joplin, hale and hearty. He is 41 years of age and has two children. The body which was mistaken for Mr. Osbourn was badly cut up and bruised which made identification vague. Harry Osbourn is manager of the Pevely Dairy at Cabool.---Cabool Enterprise.

### **December 23, 1937:**

Mrs. Lew Butcher died at 9:45 Sunday night at her home near Owensville as a result of an attack of flu and pneumonia. Mrs. Butcher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Raney, was born in Summerset, Ky., December 4, 1858. Funeral services and burial were at Oak Grove Tuesday. Deceased is survived by 3 children. Her brother, Will Raney, has been seriously ill for several days.

William Gasperson, son of Thomas and Sarah Gasperson, was born in Franklin County, Mo. May 1, 1856. In 1877 he was united in marriage to Elizabeth Sorrell of Crawford County. This devoted couple lived together 60 years. To this union were born 6 children, two of whom preceded their father in death, Gracie dying in infancy, and Iva at the age of 12. Surviving are his widow, his son Tom at home; 3 daughters Mrs. Clara Johnson and Mrs. Della Wedge of the home community and Mrs. Hallie Orr of Kansas

City; 16 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. Mr. Gasperson was converted at the age of 25.

Some of the boys have been doing quite a lot of hunting this week. Three of them brought in 6 birds Monday evening, and thought that two apiece was a pretty good average. Clifford Peck would probably have gotten more had he not have run out of ammunition, and Harvey Davis' gun just wouldn't shoot straight.

Balda H. Findley was born June 16, 1896; died December 18, 1937, at the age of 41 years. He was converted and joined the Baptist church at the age of 11 years. He leaves to mourn his going a mother, Mrs. Mary Findley; two sisters Anna of the home and Mrs. Charles Nevels of Strasburg, Mo.; 2 brothers George of the home address and Frank of Shoshone, Idaho. Funeral services were held at the Macomb Baptist church Sunday at 2:00 p.m. by Rev. Jordan Bogart, assisted by Rev. William Fox. Burial was in the Findley cemetery.

Habeas corpus proceedings last Friday freed Otto Bess, former Mountain Grove resident, who was arrested the previous day on a charge of embezzling \$21,000 in negotiable United States bonds. The proceedings were brought by attorneys of Bess late Thursday night, papers being served on Sheriff James Baker that night and on M. J. Huffman, prosecuting attorney, next morning. County Judge N. M. Ball, of Norwood, freed Bess after a hearing conducted at the former's home near Norwood. Habeas corpus proceedings can be conducted by a county judge in the absence of the circuit judge from the county. Bess was arrested under a warrant issued by the Justice of Peace court of Mike Smith, on a complaint of Mrs. Mattie Gee of Mountain Grove and other heirs of an estate of Bess' father, who, Sheriff Baker said, had been adjudged insane in several courts after hearings.

Baker said Bess had evaded arrest for 3 years, having been wanted since 1934, when complaining witnesses say, he illegally took possession of twenty-one \$1,000 non-registered government bonds belonging to his father and which were being kept in safe-keeping by a daughter, Mrs. Gee. Baker said that Mrs. Gee kept the bonds of Bess' father from 1928 to 1934, and Bess is charged with taking them from Mrs. Gee one day while she was clipping the coupons, which she turned over to Bess' father. Baker said complaining witnesses charged that Bess had previous to that made several attempts to obtain the bonds unsuccessfully, and after obtaining them had taken his father with him, moving the latter from the jurisdiction of every court that has adjudged the man insane and named a guardian. Baker said the bonds were taken when Bess' father lived in Mountain Grove, jurisdiction in the charge coming in this county. The chief complaining witness also charges that Bess had a fire-arm in possession at the time he allegedly illegally took possession of the bonds.

The case is arousing considerable interest because of the large amount of money involved.---Mansfield Mirror

On authorization from Circuit Judge C. H. Skinker, a special term of circuit court was convened here Tuesday, George C. Murrell, presiding, to try the cases of Mrs. Classie McIntosh, 19, of Norwood, charged with conducting a bawdy house, and Augusta

Smalley, 16, Mrs. Betty Roadlander Pruett, 16 and Eula Dodson, 15, all Norwood girls and charged with delinquency. All entered pleas of guilty and sentence of two years in the penitentiary was imposed on Classie McIntosh, and sentences of two years in Girls' Industrial Home assessed against the other three. The Dodson girl was paroled to her mother, Mrs. James Bradshaw, and Rev. R. E. Darrow of Mountain Grove. Judge Murrell also ordered a grand jury empanelled with general instructions to inquire into any criminal activity. The jury is compose of L. W. Hensley, Hart township, foreman; Duane Dennis, Pleasant Valley; E. L. Colton, Union; Argus Palmer, Elk Creek; Home Smith, Wood; Jerry Carter, Mountain Grove; John Dixon, Clark; W. U. Thomas, Brush Creek; Riley Tate, Montgomery; Robert Kinser, Gasconade; Bert Eaton, Boone and J. F. Davis, Van Buren.---Wright County Republican

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sanders are rejoicing over the arrival of a new baby boy. He answers to the name of Joe Allen.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Besson are rejoicing over the arrival of a baby boy December 12. Mrs. Besson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charley Schuette.

We were sorry to learn of the death of Mr. Gasperson. He was laid to rest in the Lone Star Cemetery. Rev. Will Anderson preached the funeral.

I was sorry to hear of the death of E. C. Young of the Little Creek neighborhood. He was an old schoolmate and neighbor of ours.

We overlooked an item from last week---the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Jim Finch December 11.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hill are rejoicing over the arrival of a baby in their home Monday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. William Appier, south of town, announce the birth of a son Thursday, December 16. He weighed 9 pounds and has been named Billy Lee.

Mr. Floyd Sanders and Miss Leota Raney were united in marriage a few weeks ago but had kept it a secret until last week. Last Wednesday night a crowd of friends gathered and gave them a charivari, and then charivaried Mr. and Mrs. Ed Stubbs, recently married. Mr. and Mrs. Sanders have moved into rooms in the Mrs. Viola Smallwood house where they are now at home to their friends.

### **December 30, 1937:**

Mrs. Anna May Hill, estranged wife of Joe Hill, and her brother Clifton Bunch, plead guilty Monday morning before police judge L. C. Gregory to the charge of fighting on the streets of Norwood last Friday at which time Mrs. Hill and Mr. Bunch had some trouble with Mr. Hill in which he is said to have been beaten up by the two defendants who were arrested at the time by Marshall Arthur Akers. They were each fined \$5 and costs,

making a total of \$11.45 in each case. The fines and costs were paid. A warrant was issued for Hill who is to stand trial Thursday of this week. Clifford and George Preston were also arrested Friday by Mr. Akers on a charge of drunkenness and attempting to fight on the public streets. They were lodged in the county jail, having failed to pay off.

There was an immense crowd in Norwood Friday afternoon to meet Santa Claus and give him a royal welcome to our town. He arrived on the Sunnyland from the east and was at once escorted to the truck where the drawing was then taking place. After the drawing was finished candy was distributed to the boys and girls.

William Levi Raney, living two miles north of Owensville, died about 10:00 o'clock Sunday night. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Homer Smith at Oak Grove Tuesday morning at 11:00 o'clock and interment was in the Oak Grove Cemetery. Mr. Raney would have been 77 years old Jan. 1, 1938. He had lived on the same farm for 39 years. He is survived by his widow, 4 sons and 4 daughters.

Barbara Jean Proctor, year old daughter of John Proctor of route 2, died Monday morning of an injury she received a few days before in a fall off a bed. The child was playing on the bed and fell off, striking the back of her head on a metal toy that was on the floor. The injury seemed to be slight but infection is believed to have set in causing death. Burial was in Brushy Knob cemetery. The child was born November 4, 1936.---

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Mr. Roy C. Raney of Barnsdall, Okla., and Miss Blanche Embrey of Seymour were united in marriage at the home of W. B. Hensley Christmas day, Mr. Hensley reading the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Raney left Sunday for Oklahoma with Mr. Raney's brother, Monroe, and Miss Esther Wallace who had been here on a holiday visit. The newlyweds will make their home in Oklahoma where the groom is employed.

Mrs. Rose Menne is enjoying the company of a new radio.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Brown are the proud parents of a baby boy born Dec. 14. He will answer to the name James Louis.

Bink Sisco is having an enjoyable time breaking in a new set of teeth.

The baby born to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hill last week only lived a few hours.