Mrs. John H. Blis, nee Julia Deggan, dans of Mr. + Mrs. Randolph Freeman Duggan, I



July 30 1963

Dear Clent Julia -What happiness the liveleday card leraught to Sue and I love your thaught Randalph and I have been beach from an trip around the would two waks Hoday. There are a life-time y memails stated up from this are that we can think duftly rest your days. We hope to drive to alielene same Sunday to see you lut the will call ahead gteing to make sure you are in Town. Hate your blumb is pleasant and that you are in fine bedelh -Much love Mary

#### I MUST HAVE MISSED THE BOAT

I THINK I KNOW, WITHOUT A DOUBT, THE THING I D MOST DESIRE; IF I COULD CHANGE, SOME YEARS ABOUT, BY MAGIC, RHYME, OR LYRE.

I'D PUSH THEM BACK, AND DIG RIGHT IN, JUST FORTY YEARS AGO; AND AT THAT SPOT, I WOULD BEGIN, TO LEVEL OFF, AND GROW.

I WOULD NOT WANT, JUST EVERYTHING, WHICH SEEMED IMPORTANT THEN; AND I'D KNOW BETTER, WHAT TO BRING TO WIFE AND KIDS AND KIN.

I FEEL SURE, IN FACT I KNOW,
I'D BRING MYSELF UP FIRST;
I'D STAND, WITH HEAD BOWED VERY LOW,
AT OUR FIRST BABIES BIRTH.

1°D TAKE HOLD, WITH A MIGHTY GRIP, OF WHIMS AND EMOTIONS DEEP; 1°D MISS A MANY BITTER SLIP, THAT CAUSED THAT TROUBLED SLEEP.

1'D MEASURE EVERY SINGLE WORD, ADDRESSED TO LOVED ONE'S DEAR; AND NEVER PLAY A SINGLE CARD, TO CAUSE THEM GRIEF OR FEAR.

! THOUGHT ! WAS A DANDY THEN, SELF SATISFIED, AND SURE; ! WELL KNOW NOW, IT WAS A SIN, THE BUNGLES MADE GALORE.

BUT NOW I KNOW, IT'S PLAIN TO SEE I WASN'T GROWN - TOO BAD; AND OH, HOW FAR I FAILED TO BE, A HUSBAND, FRIEND AND DAD.

YES, WE WERE POOR, BUT LET ME SAY, THAT -- THAT, WAS QUITE OK; I ALWAYS KEPT THE WOLF AT BAY, WE HAD A PLACE TO STAY.

IN FACT, THE STRUGGLE HELPED A LOT, IT KEPT US CLOSE TOGETHER; AND WHEN THE FIGHT, WAS THICK AND HOT, WE MANAGED, IT TO WEATHER.

AS TIME WENT ON, WE OWNED A HOME, I THOUGHT WE D BE MORE SETTLED; BUT THEN AMBITION MADE ME ROAM, AND DISAPPOINTMENTS NETTED.

THE BABY GREW, WAS STRONG AND FINE, WITH CURLY HAIR AND ALL;
BUT HOW I MISSED, THE TIES THAT BIND,
JUST FAILED TO HEAR THE CALL.

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I DID NOT HAVE, THAT VITAL THING, YES, VITAL IS THE WORD; THE FATHER'S TOUCH, I COULD NOT BRING, SO MUST HAVE USED A SWORD.

IT WAS NOT LONG, BEFORE OUR BOY, APPEARED UPON THE SCENE; AS GENTLE, QUIET AND COY, AS YOU HAVE EVER SEEN.

WE MOVED AGAIN, FAR BETTER PAY, WAS HEADED FOR THE TOP; WE DID QUITE WELL, AWHILE I SAY, THEN HAD ANOTHER FLOP.

I THINK I SEE QUITE CLEARLY NOW, THE TROUBLE ALL ALONG; WAS IN NOT KNOWING JUST QUITE HOW, TO BALANCE RIGHT AND WRONG.

MY EYE WAS ON THE BALL ALL RIGHT, BUT WHAT A GOAL WAS IT; THE FINER THINGS LEFT OUT OF SIGHT, WHICH DIDN'T HELP A BIT.

SO THEN WE MOVED, ANOTHER TIME,
JUST HAD TO KEEP IT UP;
THE GRASS WAS GREENER DOWN THE LINE,
SO WHY NOT LICK IT UP?

THIS WAS FINE, MOST FOLKS WOULD SAY, QUITE BUSY AS A BEE; BUT I MISSED THE BOAT, IN MANY A WAY, SO NOW MUST PAY THE FEE.

I MISSED IT FIRST, AS MOST FOLKS DO, WHO RUSH THROUGH LIFE FOR GAIN; AND FAILED TO HOLD, THE COURSE SO TRUE, I DOUBT, IF I WAS SANE.

DON'T GET ME WRONG, WE THOUGHT IT FINE, AND HAD, WHAT MOST FOLKS CRAVE; WE MET OUR DITIES - RIGHT DOWN THE LINE, FEARING NEITHER FOE NOR GRAVE.

AND BLESS HER HEART, OUR THIRD ONE CAME, A GIRL SO WELL AND SOUND; ANOTHER GIRL, BUT NOT THE SAME, BUT DIFFERENT ALL AROUND.

WE JOINED THE CHURCH, AND SUNDAY SCHOOL, MADE MANY FRIENDS GALORE; WE THOUGHT FOR SURE, WE'D REACHED THE SHOAL, THAT WE WERE LOOKING FOR.

BEFORE ERE LONG, WE BUILT A HOME,
AS FINE AS IT COULD BE;
WE SETTLED DOWN, AND REFUSED TO ROAM,
A FUTURE WE COULD SEE

BUT THEN THE AUTO, CAME ALONG, AND FILLED MY BLOOD WITH FIRE; I BOUGHT US ONE, BEFORE ERE LONG, AND IT WAS NOT FOR HIRE.

A MAXWELL SMALL, BUT VERY RED, AND CYLINDERS -- ONLY TWO; A DANDY -- YES OUR NEIGHBORS SAID, AND WE AGREED FOR SURE.

THIS LITTLE CAR, WAS BIG TO US, A TOOL BOX ON BEHIND; I TELL YOU NOW WE MADE A FUSS, YES, REALLY CUT A SHINE.

THE KIDDIES SAT, ON TOOL BOX BACK,
AND HELD ON TO A STRAP;
OUR PLEASURE SEEMED, TO HAVE NO LACK,
BUT LO --- ANOTHER RAP.

TO ABILENE, WE MOVED THIS TIME, AND SOLD CARS FAR AND WIDE; I TRIED TO KEEP, MYSELF IN LINE, BUT ALMOST LOST MY HIDE.

THE RANGER OIL BOOM, NEXT IN LINE, WITH WORLD WAR NUMBER ONE; SO IN 1 WENT, BOTH HOOK AND LINE, TO PLUNGE IN OIL FOR FUN.

THE NEXT MOVE - YES WAS DALLAS BOUND, WITH WAR, AND OIL - BY CLOCK; BUT WORST OF ALL, NO TIME WAS FOUND, TO KNOW MY LITTLE FLOCK.

UP AND DOWN, AROUND, AROUND, FIRST PLUSHED, THEN NEARLY BROKE; THE KIDS GREW UP - YES, PLENTY SOUND, SEEMED THE ONLY BLOKE.

WE FINALLY HIT IT FAIRLY RICH, A REAL HOME, BOUGHT ONE DAY; I FELT FOR SURE, THAT I COULD PITCH, NO MATTER WHAT FOLKS SAY.

1 REALLY THEN, BEGAN TO MOVE, 1 RAN FIRST HERE AND THERE; WITH LITTLE TIME, FOR WIFE AND LOVE, NOR FAMILY CARES TO SHARE.

THE CHILDREN GREW, AND FINISHED SCHOOL, AND SOON BEGAN TO MARRY; I THOUGHT AGAIN, I HAD THE TOOL, TO MAKE THE CASH AND CARRY.

IT WASN'T LONG, TILL THEY WERE GONE, OUR HOME WAS LARGE AND LONESOME; SO WHAT'T THE USE, OF KEEPING ON, I'LL MAKE A DEAL SO HANDSOME. I FOUND A MAN WITH LAND SO FINE, LOCATED OUT ON THE PLAINS; WHY NOT MAKE A TRADE — JUST RIGHT IN LINE, NO TROUBLE AND NO PAINS.

THE DEAL OR TRADE, WAS VERY GOOD, THE LAND TURNED OUT ALL RIGHT; BUT IN MYSELF — A BARRIER STOOD, FOR I HAD LOST MY SIGHT.

I DO NOT MEAN THAT I WAS BLIND, MY EYES WERE VERY FAIR; BUT MOST OF ALL, I LEFT BEHIND, THE THINGS WORTH WHILE AND RARE.

WHILE I WAS DISHING, OUT THE DOUGH, TO SCHOOL AND CHURCH AND STORE; FAILED COMPLETELY, THEN TO SLOW, THE MISERY YET IN STORE.

TOO LITTLE AND TOO LATE, I MNOW,
TO GET THE CLOSER TOUCH;
WE REAP RIGHT BACK, THE SEED WE SOW,
NO MATTER HOW WE LURCH.

1 AM GLAD TO SAY, IN PASSING BY, 1 VE HELPED OTHERS ON THE TRAIL; SO WITH A SONG, AND NOT A SIGH, IN THIS 1 DID NOT FAIL.

WHAT I HAVE DONE, IS COMMON GROUND, FOLLOWED BY MANY A CROWD; AND SHOULD BE KNOWN, IS NOT SOUND, AND HEADED FOR A SHROUD.

IT IS SO EASY, JUST TO COAST, AND DO JUST WHAT WE WISH; AND WHEN WE WIN, SO NICE TO BOAST, EVEN IF OTHER LIST.

A FEW CRUMBS FELL, ALONG MY PATH, AND SOME OF THEM ARE SWEET; I AM, A GRANDAD - AND HAVE, JUST FOUR, YOU NOW, MUST MEET.

BOBBY FIRST, SO SWEET AND SMALL, WHEN HE FIRST LOOKED US O'RE; AND NOW EXACTLY SIX FEET TALL, HE'S FINE AND NOT A BORE.

THEN COMES, HIS LITTLE BROTHER JOE, WITH COTTON HEAD, AND ALL;
BOTH BOYS OK, AS REAL BOYS GO,
WITH SOMETHING ON THE BALL.

THEN RANDY, QUICK AND FULL OF VIM, A COW TOWN LAD, WAS HE; YOU COULD NOT KEEP FROM LOVING HIM, THO VEXED YOU SOMETIME BE.

MARYLYN JUST DROPPED RIGHT IN; JUST TOOK HER PLACE, AT HOME AND FEAST, AND THEN THE FUN BEGIN.

ALL FOUR ARE FINE, AND PLENTY SMART, JUST GROWING RIGHT ALONG; IN MUSIC, CHURCH, IN SCHOOL AND ART, AND BODY, PLAY AND SONG.

I WISH FOR THEM, A HAPPY LIFE, WITH PURPOSE PURE AS GOLD; AND MAY THEY MISS, THE BITTER STRIFE, AND KEEP THEIR SOULS - UNSOLD.

IF I SHOULD OFFER THEM ADVICE, WHICH WOULD NOT DO I KNOW; I\*D SIMPLY SAY, YOU PAY THE PRICE, AND REAP WHAT ERE YOU SOW.

WELL HERE ! AM, AT SIXTY PAST, NOT FULLY IN REPAIR; ILLUSIONS GONE OR PASSING FAST, BUT STILL NOT IN DISPAIR.

I'VE LIVED MY LIFE, AND GONE MY GATE, THE THIRD WAR I HAVE SEEN; IN CUBA, BACK IN NINETY EIGHT, A KID, JUST IN MY TEENS.

THAT, WAS JUST A JOLLY SCRAP, COMPARED TO THIS AFFAIR; AND NOW I PRAY, FOR EVERY CHAP, WHO MUST THE BATTLE SHARE.

THE ONLY THING, I SEEM TO KNOW, I TRIED AND DID NOT REST; AND LOVED THEM ALL, AND WANTED SO, FOR THEM TO HAVE THE BEST.

SO IF I VE FAILED, TO MAKE THE GRADE, I BELIEVE I KNOW, THE REASON; I SIMPLY MISSED, BY SOME SMALL SHADE, TO GROW, AND FILL, AND SEASON.

SO LOOKING OUT, MY WINDOW WIDE, O'ER — LAKE CLIFF BEAUTIES FINE; I'M SEARCHING FOR THE BRIGHTER SIDE, FOR TIES, THAT REALLY BIND.

I PROBABLY MISSED THE BOAT ALRIGHT, WOULD LIKE ANOTHER FLING; BUT NOW WILL TRY, WITH ALL MY MIGHT, TO HELP THE CAUSE AND SING. ! WANT TO HELP JUST ANYWHERE, AS ! "M TOO OLD TO FIGHT; SO LOOK FOR BURDENS ! CAN SHARE, AMD SHOW SOME ONE THE LIGHT.

WE MUST BE STRONG, WE MUST BE TRUE, AND MUST STILL LOVE, AND LIVE; AND WHEN THE PATH IS DARK AND BLUE, JUST HOPE, AND PRAY AND GIVE.

R.F. DUGGAN 6-20-42

Medical Arts Hospital - Room 1804 5:45 A.M. Sunday Sept 19 1943

The Flying Red Horse, a sight to behold.

I wonder how much Gas he has sold?

He never comes down from building so high,

But Oh what a Salesman -- Oh what a Guy.

I don't know his history - I can't say his name, But what ever it is, he has quite a fame. Some times he turns and some times he stands; Yet never stops advertising Magnolia Brands.

I know this for sure, I'm a vic tim -- and How I sell oil to his firm, with which to buy chow The price is too low but not his own fault O.P.A. took a hand - the oil price to halt.

This does not stop the Flying Red Horse
He just keeps making, dough for his Boss.
So let us not linger, too long at these points
But keep buying Bonds and Gas at his joints.

R.F.DUGGAN

#### HOSPITALS

I'VE LIVED QUITE A SPELL, I'VE BEEN AROUND A BIT; BUT JUST NOW LEARNED, WHERE HOSPITALS FIT. WHEN THEY TAKE YOU IN, YOU ARE THERE FOR A SPELL BUT THEY DON'T CHARGE A CENT, FOR THAT AWFUL SMELL.

AT FIRST IT IS STRANGE — THEY ALL SIZE YOU UP;
THEY EVEN TAKE BLOOD, BUT NOT BY THE CUP.

DON'T BLAME THE NURSE — IT'S ACCORDING TO RULES,
SO SURGEONS CAN KNOW THE RIGHT KIND OF TOOLS.

YOUR TEMPERATURE FIRST AND THEN THE PULSE BEAT;
ITS IMPORTANT TO KNOW IF THERE'S STILL ANY HEAT;
FOR, AFTER ALL, IF YOU ARE ONLY A STIFF
YOU BELONG IN A MORGUE AND NOT IN THIS "SKIFF".

THEN THE BLOOD PRESSURE - LIKE PUMPING A TIRE;

I WONDER IF, THAT CONTRAPTION'S FOR HIRE?

IF SO, I WANT ONE, TO SEND TO A KID,

A GRANDSON OF MINE, WHO SURE LIKES TO RIB.

HE COULD HAVE A TIME, I'M TELLING YOU HOW
HE'D TRY IT ON CHICKENS, HIS DOG, AND A COW.
NOW DON'T GET ME WRONG, I'M NOT MAKING LIGHT
WE MUST KEEP OUR HUMOR, TO WIN IN THIS FIGHT.

ALL KIND OF SURPRISES; THE NURSES BOB IN SOME WITH A FROWN AND SOME WITH A GRIN. SHE GIVES YOU AN ORDER AND BOY DON'T SAY NO; UNLESS YOU ARE THRU AND READY TO GO.

YOUR DOCTOR MAKES CALLS, THANK GOD NOT FOR LONG.

HE ALWAYS SUILES BUT DON'T GET HIM WRONG.

YOU CAN'T TELL WHAT'S COMING, NOR WHAT IS IN STORE;

THEY TAKE YOU DOWN STAIRS AND PUNCH WHERE IT'S SORE.

THEY FILL YOU WITH POWDER; THEY FILL YOU WITH CHALK;
THEY FILL YOU SO FULL, YOU CAN'T EVEN WALK.
AND WHEN YOU ARE FULL OF THAT PESKEY STUFF
THEY START SHOOTING (PICTURES); THEY REALLY GET RUFF.

1F THE PICTURE'S NOT GOOD, OR THE CHALK FAILS TO MARK
THEY HAVE YOU PUMPED OUT JUST FOR A LARK;
THEN SOME MORE POWDER, AND THIS ONE MUST STAY
WITH PARAGORIC TO HELP, AND YOU HAVE NO SAY.

THE MAIDS AND THE PORTERS ALL PLAY A PART;
THEY SERVE YOU GOOD MEALS, TO HELP THE DAY START.
THE OFFICE AND SWITCH BOARD ARE VERY SWELL,
THEY GIVE YOU GOOD SERVICE, WHICH HELPS YOU GET WELL.

I WOULD NOT DARE MENTION ALL YOU MUST DO, BUT JUST TO BE HONEST, IT FITS LIKE A SHOE; THE NURSES ARE KIND, THO NOW OVERWORKED. THE DOCTORS ARE PATIENT, BUT WON'T LET YOU LURK.

FOR YOUR BED IS NEEDED FOR SOME OTHER GUY,
SO GET ON YOUR PANTS AND TELL 'EM GOOD-BY;
SO - SO LONG EVERY BODY, I BAIL OUT TODAY,
THE BILLS WILL BE DUE, SO ! MUST MAKE HAY.

BESIDES THERE'S A BIG JOB WAITING OUTSIDE,

IT'S VERY IMPORTANT, IN FACT IT'S WORLD WIDE

YES

MORE BONDS MUST BE BOUGHT MORE GREAT BATTLES FOUGHT

AND man

AND MORE OF OUR BOYS SAVED.

#### HAVE YOU LEFT ANYTHING

A hotel manager, I saw one day, His head was bowed so low. How can I make this place pay? How can I make it go?

Cheer up, my man, is it so bad? "It's worse than bad," he said. "My heart is heavy and very sad, I should really go to bed."

Pray, do tell me what is wrong, There must be a brighter side. Your house is full, a regular throng, They can hardly get inside.

"I know," he said, "the place is full, Yes, every room is taken, And even now I have a pull, So I can buy some bacon."

Pray, speak out, why all this gloom? With people flocking in, Without a single vacant room, With groceries in the bin.

He pulled his hair, began to shout, "I know all that and more, But look at that man checking out, He's from the seventh floor."

"Let's go at once," he cried,
"I'll show you once for all;
And up I went right by his side,
A marching down the hall.

Here it is, please step right in, And hold my hand so tight.

I hardly know where to begin, I know this room's a sight.

One long look and then I knew, Could I believe my eye? I blinked again, another view, Then I began to cry.

A chair was broke, a picture down, A hole burned in the rug, The dresser scarf was all brown From some obnoxious drug. The wall was marked, the mattress wet, The floor was wet and slick, A shade, almost as black as jet, The clock refused to tick.

Empty bottles and cigarette butts, A curtain, torn in two, No wonder he lost his guts, No wonder he was blue.

"That's not all," he finally said,
"I know the rest by heart,
A broken slat in the bed,
And now we really start.

I know a pillow case is ripped, The towels are black as soot, Provided they were skipped, In packing up his loot.

I glanced around and saw a sign, It said, "HAVE YOU LEFT "A" THING?" Then I knew the whole design, It hit me with a bing.

The guy had wrecked the room and all, And packed his grip with linen, But just as he had reached the hall, He turned back still a grinnin.

The sign -just read - made him think, I must return and try, I might even take the sink, For I'm bidding them GOOD-BYE.

He found his work had been complete, No use to take a look, The only thing he had not touched, Was the Gideon's "HOLY BOOK."

> R. F. Duggan October 4, 1944

About Lister; This is the result of a letter Brain storm I had the other marning after reading in the paper about how much Great were damaging Hotel Brokerty - though you & Rada might enjoy it have Freeman

#### AUTUMN

As I look out, across Lake Cliff, This lovely Autumn morn-There's not a ripple, or a riff, A lull - a calm - is born.

An Autumn tinge is in the air, The trees in Autumn's hue -We are endowed - we are an heir When Indian's Summer's due.

With flecks of tan, and flecks of gold, With different shades of green - A gentle whisper to our sould - From Nature - all unseen.

Then gliding with majestic grace, A swan with neck arched proud - Makes you wonder at his pace, And you utter, praises loud.

The birds, a squirrel, a wobbly goose, Are n ext upon the scene - With out a care - just free and loose, All happy and serene.

Then you wonder, why this strife, And why this world wide Hell - And why discord is all so rife, And why we weep and yell.

When after all our soul are free, Yes, Nature makes this so -If only, the light we'd see, And lift our heads and go.

Yes, go along with sturdy stride, Jusé like the squirrels and swans -With faith, and hope and manly pride, On Nature's Autumn lawns.

Suppose we all here make a vow, Unselfish - as can be -To let god's Nature s how us how, To live, and Love, and See.

> R. F. Duggan November 28, 1945

#### FREEMAN'S OPEN HOUSE - DECEMBER 28, 1945

That Cliff Towers Bunch is hard to beat - Some ugly - bald - swell and sweet.

"Some are ruff
Some are tuff
Some drink punch
And, never get enough."

Not long ago, that Jolly Bunch Came to Freeman's and drank some punch. He had two kinds, and served them all -And both had something on the ball. One was made of fruit juice plain, The other spiked, but caused no pain. The time was Friday, Christmas week -With joy and good will at their peak. But life is never, all joy and fun. There were two spots upon the sun -Tab and Jim could not be there And believe you me, we missed that pair. Both were ill, Tab far away -Jim in Dallas but had to stay Quiet but grumbling in his bed. So by all a prayer was said -Wishing them the very best, Which put our emotions to a test. We could not have them with us there So Earl Ware sat down in a chair -Asking all to come and sign Two New Year's cards of nice design. Not a one in that fine crowd But shed a tear, or quietly bowed With wishes fervent, and hopes so strong When out from that friendly throng, With faith and hope we broadcast out -But all within and not without. Praying each one in his own way To bring them back so they could stay Right with us, that Wacky Bunch Who came to Freeman's and drank some punch. So after all had signed or prayed, The fun began and most all stayed.

(Later January 5, 1946 - Room 1402 Phillips Hotel Kansas City, Missouri)

Florence, Lee and Edna - three Made a team in helping me. Bill Underhill of Tea Room fame Furnished the hors d'ouerves before they came. Mamie helped and bossed those girls And Bob almost got in their curls -But Freida, let the old boy go -While under breath, saying "you so and so". It worried Bob to see those three And wondered why it could not be That he was young and in his prime, So he could take them down the line. Now coming back to that "tall three" As sweet and gracious as could be Pretty - swell - with character all. They will get another call. Now there is Georgia, so very droll But underneath a witty soul. She let the punch slip up on her But bless her heart, she is a dear. Miss Lottie Lewis and dear Mrs. Kraft -And Ellen from the Hotel Staff -Ruth Morris with her husband fine, And Mamie's Mother were all in line. Kittie came late and brought her man, And then sure 'nuff the fun began. Some whispered that Kitty was tight -At any rate, it was a sight -To see her with that stranger big, Who turned out later to be a pig. But no one blamed old Kittie dear, For all love Kittie and did not care, Knowing that she is God's own one Who loves us all, like a sun-of-a-gun. Dollie and Charles (Leppert), our good old sports Had to stay at Grande Courts -But they were there with smiles and grin, Making whoopee with out any sin. Grand old Tex and Dorothy too Fit right in, just like a shoe. Both were happy and Tex was swell, We swelled with joy to see him so well. Charles Tarver with new wife grand Came and liked that Cliff Towers Clan. Lee and Pat, they live close by With Edna parked in that same sty. But Florence has a hectic place, Trying to keep Freeman on his base. Lee works hard as nurse and mother, And out at Parkland, there is another -It's Dr. Dan (Smith), a real fine chap -Who could not come, so took the rap. Stayed at his post that Friday night, But was wishing with all his might That he could be with Lee and us. Why - that would make a preacher cuss. Our Mildred dear and Walter too Left before the party was due. And Mildred's heart was very sad, A brother lost, it was too bad. But both will soon be back with us -To see Betty dance, and hear Freida cuss. Little Pete and long tall Earl

Had their fun and took a whirl. Pete was lonesome for her man And Earl was able to understand. Margaret Babbs, our manager fine, Was right on hand and right in line. Josephine Edwards was there for sure -And thought the punch a splendid cure. Now that Ruth and Bettie Tips -Who like to play with poker chips. Bettie with her goggle eyes And Ruth with her quaint surprise. But false faces or any other disguise Could not fool us Cliff Tower guys. Stella, the maid, was on the job, Without complaint - and at a nod -Was ready to help just anywhere, A regular wheel horse, I do declare. Lucille quiet, but always there, Always anxious to do her share. Lois Hooe thin, and Parke Hooe fat -Both just crazy about little Pat. Frances Wade from Tulsa Town, Marched right in without a sound -Except she broacast far and wide, She craved a husband by her side. But being choice, and fine as gold -The guy that wins must be ten-fold. Mary Margaret could not come that night, For Harold was coming with all his might. And bless their hearts on New Year's bright, Dr. Leftowich joined them tight. Marvin and Alma Smith, my neighbors near Came right in without a fear. Marvin left early - a working man Who manages the Pig and Whistle stand. Alma stayed and with voice so sweet, Helped to make our joy complete. Polly Hanna with joy galore Came but felt a little sore -For poor old Sam who labors long To keep the Adolphus going strong. Jean Lunsford and Perry had to pass The thrill of coming to our class. But Lee and Babs did not miss And seemed to be in perfect bliss. Lee Joined Freeman in a song, That seemed to please that wacky throng. Mrs. Pearl Roberts was absent too, And Kittie's Jimmie failed, though due. And sweet Georgia Moxley with smile and charm Came though tired to join the swarm. Her many friends though newly made Thinks she's tops like the ace of spades. God bless our Henry - Yes Henry May Who came and quietly had his say. He seemed to like the harp and song And joined in singing with that throng. The Lord have mercy on us all, If we should ever miss a call To help a friend if found in need -And let that always be our creed.

(Texas State Hotel - Room 1011 - 4:30 A. M., March 8, 1946)

### SUCCESS OR PAILURE?

In failure really failure Or is it deferred success Are you sure you're in the slough Or riding near the crest.

I read one time - 'twas long ago When I was young and dapper That the difference between the two Is as thin as tissue paper

Right now to the headlines in the news Are full of dire distress I wonder if we are heading For failure or success

I'm only trying to figure Just where we're headed for And what St. Peter will say When I face the judgment bar

Will he say - "You have been useless" Or will he say "Your're grand" Will he say "You have failed To lend a helping hand"

It's hard sometimes to fathom What failure means to all We stumble blindly on And get up when we fall--

But this I seem to know We must keep chin up high Or success will disappear Yes - it will pass on by

So maybe this is the answer Just keep your head up, too Yes - Trust in the Supreme Being And He will see you through

Another thing is certain Don't let your neighbor down If you, up there in heaven, Expect to wear a crown

Life may seem a burden With disappointments, galore But all the time - Success Is knocking at the door.

So don't refuse to open
Just let success right in
For on the heels of failure
Just let success begin.
- R. F. Duggan

### LUCK

Yesterday was the thirteenth a lucky day for me Of course, it is a secret But I really have the key

I mean the key to open
The door to problems hard
It never fails, I tell you
So write it on your card

It says got up early And work the whole day long To smile as if you are happy Even when things go wrong

It also mentions honor which means so much to you "hen dealing with your fellow men It helps you follow through.

Then there's another matter About being on your own For after all we are supposed Some day to be quite grown

The way to make a weakling
Is to carry all his load
He'll never make the grade
He'll never keep the road

Ask the boys who fought This bloody war of late And they will tell you bluntly The way to success' gate

They'll tell you very plainly That they were trained to be Rugged individuals
In air - on land - on sea

So here's the old pay-off As plain as two and two You have to be a real man To fight this battle through

Now there is a Supreme Being To guide our stumbling foet But you must be a man Or Him you'll never meet

So call it luck or fortune or honest toil and work It really makes no difference Froviding you don't shirk

Just keep-a plodding on And laugh when tere you can And keep the old chin up And love your fellow-man.

- R. P. Dungan

### Mother's Day Meditation . . . About Mom

1.

My thoughts are sad and many on this Mother's day,
Thinking of our mom and mother, who soon may pass away,
Speeding to her bedside, hoping for the best,
Praying for her comfort, longing for her caress;
Thinking—thinking—thinking, of the years gone by
Of journeys through the valleys, of ambitions grand and high.

2.

Thinking of her hardships, of her mother's touch, Thinking of our children—to her they meant so much. True the little rascals were so ofttimes bad. True when they were naughty, it made her very sad. And, then, I think of joys—of soft and chubby hands, All so soiled and grimy from playing in the sands.

3.

Thinking of how she watched them, answering every call; Mending—sewing—cooking, or finding a lost ball; Helping with their lessons, putting them to bed; Staying on the job until their prayers were said; Watching them grow big, then watching them leave home, Wishing she could keep them and not be left alone.

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Thinking of many errors committed by us all,
Thinking how it hurt her when one of them would fall.
Thinking how she missed them when they were away,
Thinking how she joked with heart that was not gay.
With heavy heart and empty hands, and an empty hearth,
Deserving many crowns in heaven for crosses on this earth.

5.

Thinking of her illness all these many years,
Thinking of her bravery—thinking of her tears.
Thinking of how we often failed her, but not intending to.
Thinking of how we'll miss her, if her life is through.
Thinking, hoping, praying, she the crisis may have passed,
And will be well and happy—we united to the last.

P.S. Mom peacefully passed away
On the eighteenth day of May.—Dad

Written to my children on Mother's Day, May 12, 1946, while on American Flight No. 109, Dallas to Los Angeles.—R. F. Duggan.

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DRAPES IMPROVE ACCOUSTICS

Orb Fabrics' contract department decorated, made up and installed the draperies illustrated in the modern treatment shown above. Here, Mrs. Juanita Wallace, secretary to the president of the Magnolia Seed Company, is shown at work in the accoustically improved office.



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### NEW MAUVE TONES FEATURED

Above is Miss Marilyn Duggan, purchasing agent of Magnolia Seed Company in the Brook Hollow Industrial section. The Orb Fabrics contract department made use of aluminum-coated lining to help insulate the large picture window exposed to the sun. New mauve tones were used throughout in a monochromatic scheme.



Randolph Freeman Duggan in Spanish American War Sou of Mr. + Mrs. Alston Duggan



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### Seed Company Promotes Fair





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Top executives changes have been announced by the Magnolia Seed, Hardware & Implemen Company of Dallas.

Named president at a board meeting this week was J. Warren Landwermeyer. With the firm since 1939, he was formerly vicepresident and sales manager.

Stepping up from the presidency to chairman of the board will be Randolph F. Duggan Jr. He has been with Magnolia since 1940, and replaces Mrs. A. V. Lawrence, who is retiring from active service with the company. She will continue as a board member, however.

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### Sue Seltzer Becomes Miss Bride of Lieut. Joe Erwin

A jeweled knit suit in soft dusty rose was the wedding costume selected by Miss Sue Carla Seltzer for her recent wedding to Lieut. Joe L. Erwin Jr. at the Green Gables Wedding Chapel. The Rev. Mr. Raymond L. Wirth read the wedding service at eight in the evening. ning.

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Sue is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl C. Seltzer of Great Falls, Mont., who came to Whittier for the wedding. The bridegroom, who has been stationed at the air force base in Great Falls, is the son of Mrs. John H. Bliss of 11458 Loch Lomond Dr. and Joe L. Erwin of Austin, Tex.

The bride wore a tiny matching hat with her wedding suit, and carried a white orchid on her prayerbook. She was attended by Miss Wanda Brink and her sister, Mrs. Edward R. Teddy, as matron of honor.

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Douglas Elgar was the best man and Edward A. Balogh and Jerry Cartledge were the ushers.

The guests wished happiness to the young couple at a chapel reception where they were received by Mrs. Seltzer in forest green and Mrs. Bliss in periwinkle blue, both wearing corsages of pink rosebuds. Aiding at the reception were Mrs. Jay A. Lindsey and Mrs. Edward A. Balogh.

To Live in Whittier
Lieutenant and Mrs. Erwin are

noneymooning at Carmel, San Francisco and Sun Valley. They will live in Great Falls for the next year and then plan to establish their home in Whittier.

The bride, granddaughter of the noted western painter, O. C. Seltzer, was employed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Denver and New York City, and was later secretary to the commanding general of the 29th Air Division at Great Falls. She has recently been employed by the Fluor Corp. in Los Angeles.

Her husband, a graduate of Mark Keppel High School and Pasadena City College, attended the University of Southern California before entering the Air Force. He was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

### Financial, Social Aid Given by SMU Mothers

club the members are brought in Morton Marr, decorations; Mrs. closer touch with the school. One E. E. Leisy, publicity; Mrs. Ray is through the student aid com- Spears, yearbook; Mrs. Lee Raley, mittee which serves through fi- finance; Mrs. Goldie York Hignancial and social assistance; the gins, better films; Mrs. George H. third, through programs which Glanville, telephone; Mrs. R. T. present professors, music and Gidley, sunshine; Mrs. H. T. Neldents in devotional messages.

an alumna of the school is presi- Braselton, custodian. dent. She is Mrs. Randolph Dug- At noon Friday Mrs. Duggan C. H. Greengrass, F. Oliver Burns, home, 3661 Asbury Ave. Cohost-Bentz, vice-presidents.

All mothers of students at Mmes. Harry Crenshaw and Ju-Southern Methodist University lian C. Hyer are secretaries; Mrs. are invited to become members Frank B. Chatfield, treasurer; Mrs. R. Jourdan, auditor; Mrs. of the school's mothers club, Dan A. English, historian; Mrs. which this fall, begins its 24th Ben K. Schmid, parliamentarian; year. Last year's membership Mmes. Tom Cain, C. Leslie Birt reached the 500-mark with a large and M. K. Lightfoot, delegates to percentage from remote states. the Federation of Women's Clubs; Through three activities in the Mrs. R. C. King, courtesy; Mrs. second, the scholarship fund, and Norton, beautification; Mrs. Paul speech students and theology stu- son, constitution; Mrs. G. R. Sensabaugh, resolutions; Mrs. E. C. This year, for the first time, Bowman, committee; Mrs. Sina

gan. On her board are Mmes, is to entertain the executive Thomas M. Mott, Horace Butler, board of the Mothers Club at her Charles M. Powell and K. G. esses are to be Mmes. Chatfield, Schmid and Glanville.

# Newlyweds Residing Here

Mr. and Mrs. Robert R. Rogers the A. B. Pitts of Canton. Mr. ied at the First Baptist Church groom. ton Saturday. Reading the Mrs. Rogers attended Southern

as the Rev. M. E. Mc- Methodist University and Methodist Hospital School of Nursing. the former Miss Her husband is a Texas A&M Glanville. other of College graduate.



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SMU ALUMNA, Mrs. Randolph Duggan, is president of the Southern Methodist University Mothers Club for the current a year. Pictured at the left, she will entertain members of the C are making their home at 2911 and Mrs. J. C. Rogers of Wills executive board of the club at noon Friday at her home, 3661 Michigan Ave. They were mar- Point are parents of the bride- Asbury Ave. With the president is Mrs. Thomas M. Mott, her R first vice-president in charge of membership. Cohostesses for E the event which marks the 24th year of the mothers club, are to be Mmes. Frank B. Chatfield, Ben K. Schmid and Paul an

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## Mrs. Randolph Freeman Dug-Marilyn Duggan Bride Of David McCormick gan III, sister-in-law of the bride, and Donald Robert Mc-

Mr. and Mrs. David Wilfred Dickinson, Jr., officiated in the gan, Jr., 6405 Bandera. She at- Cormick of Lehighton, Pa. He groom, attended the couple. The McCormick are residing at 6611 presence of the immediate fami- tended Southern Methodist Uni- received degrees in music at bride wore a blue taffeta gown Northwest Pkwy, following their lies.

marriage Sunday at Cox Chapel The bride is the former Miss ber of Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority. Princeton, N. J. He is associate gloves. She carried pink orchids. of Highland Park Methodist Marilyn Duggan, daughter of Mr. McCormick is the son of director of music at Highland A wedding supper was held at Church. The Rev. William H. Mr. and Mrs. Randolph F. Dug- Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Mc- Park Methodist Church.

versity where she was a mem- Westminster Choir College in with orchid-toned hat and

Mrs. Randolph Freeman Dug-Cormick, brother of the bride-Dallas Athletic Country Club.



### Miss Marilyn Duggan Exchanges Vows With David W. McCormick

David Wilferd McCormick and his bride, the former Miss Marilyn Duggan, are now at home at 6611 Northwest Parkway.

She is the daughter of Mr. and

Mrs. Randolph F. Duggan Jr., 6405 Bandera, Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. McCormick of Lehighton, Pa., are the bridegroom's parents.

The double-ring ceremony was

performed by the Rev. William H. Dickinson Jr. in the presence of the immediate families in Cox Chapel of Highland Park Methodist Church Sunday evening.

The bride's ensemble was in blue and orchid. Her blue taffeta gown was waltz length. She wore a gold cross, gift of the bridegroom, and carried pink orchids.

Mrs. Randolph Freeman Duggan III and Donald Robert McCormick, the bridegroom's brother, were honor attendants.

Mr. and Mrs. Duggan were hosts for a wedding supper for twelve guests at the DAC Country Club following the ceremony.

Mrs. McCormick was a member of Zeta Tau Alpha sorority at SMU.
h Mr. McCormick is organist and associate director of music at Highland Park Methodist Church.
He received his master's degree at Westminster Choir College in Princeton, N.J.

### Marilyn Duggan Becomes Bride of W. H. Pursifull

Chicago was the destination of in gold candelabra amidst green-Mr. and Mrs. William Howard ery. Pursifull after their marriage Fri- Given in marriage by her father, odist Church when Dr. Marshall white satin designed with a high neckline, a Peter Pan collar and T. Steel officiated. The bride is a full skirt which fell in folds daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ran- train. Her veil of illusion was dolph Freeman Duggan, Jr., 3661 gathered on a half hat of seed Asbury Ave., and her husband is pearls and fell in tiers to her Howard Pursifull of Jasper.

played by the Rev. V. Earle Copes satin ribbon and centered by a and Miss Joyce Thurman was vo- white orchid. Showers of ribbon

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day at the Highland Park Meth- the bride wore a gown of pearl the former Miss Marilyn Duggan, flaring into a completely circular the son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond finger tips. In a formal bouquet she carried gardenias and white At the wedding the organ was lilacs surrounded by tulle and calist. Decorations were tapers and lilies of the valley formed a cascade from her bouquet.

> Honor attendants were Mrs. Joe Bruce Kinnear and Miss Sarah Frances Munsell, both of Jasper and bridesmaids were Miss Billie Lee Garwood of San Antonio and Miss Cecelia Ann Boyd. The attendants wore organdy dresses in rainbow shades, with matching



#### MRS. WILLIAM HOWARD PURSIFULL

halo hats and carried colonial Mike Persia, Jr., assisted with the bouquets of spring flowers.

Best man was Joe Bruce Kinnear For the wedding trip the bride of Jasper and groomsmen were chose a navy gabardine suit with Randy Duggan, brother of the navy and white accessories and a bride, Harlan Stringer and Edgar white orchid corsage. The couple Herbst of Jasper. Ushering were will reside at 3650 University Eddie Ronan of Haverford, Pa., Blvd., when they return. Bob Manly of Grinnell, Iowa, Mrs. Pursifull was graduated Mike Tipps and Bob Banvard of from Highland Park High School

Hotel, Misses Mary Edith Chat- belongs to Zeta Tau Alpha Sororfield, Marcie O'Dwyer, Pat Pat- ity. Her husband, a member of rick, Peggy Rhoades, Joyce Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity Broughton, Lou Ann Whatley, Ce- at SMU now, attended Jasper cile Ann Bryant, Carolyn O'Con- High School and the University nell, Virginia Ward and Mrs. of Texas.

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### Rites Unite Marilyn Duggan, William Howard Pursifull

Dr. Marshall T. Steel was of-honor and Miss Sarah Frances

near of Jasper was her matron of sleeves. The bias skirt fell in folds

ficiant for the marriage of Miss Munsell, also of Jasper, was maid Marilyn Duggan and William Howard Pursifull of Jasper at 8 p.m.
Friday at the Highland Park
Methodist Church.

Munsell, also of Jasper, was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Miss Ceclia Ann Boyd and Billie Lee
Garwood of San Antonio, Mr. Kin-Methodist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Duggan
Jr., 3661 Asbury, and Mr. and Mrs.
Howard Raymond Pursifull of Jasper are parents of the couple.
The Rev. C. Earle Copes, organist, and Miss Joyce Thurman of Wichita Falls presented the nupties and Bob BanVard and The bride's goven of pearls white.

tial music and Bob BanVard and Mike Tipps lighted the candles.

Mr. Duggan gave his daughter in marriage. Mrs. Joe Bruce Kin- a molded bodice and extended cap

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live at 3650 University. For travel- Coffee will be served. ing, the bride chose a navy-blue

his degree from SMU in August, and thirteen Dallas girls are enHe is a former student of the University of Texas and a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

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and flared into a circular train. She had long satin gauntlets and a fingertip-length veil of imported illusion which fell in tiers from a half-hat of seed pearls. Her formal bouquet of gardenias and white orchid and showered with a white orchid and showered with satin streamers and valley lilies.

The guests who attended a reception at the Melrose Hotel were registered in the bride's book by Miss Carolyn O'Connell, Miss Virginia Ward and Miss Marcie O'Dwyer of Texarkana. Miss Marcie O'Dwyer of Texarkana. Miss Margedith Chatfield, Miss Patsy Patrick and Miss Cecile Ann Bryant of Tyler served the wedding cake. Presiding at the punch bowls were Mr. and Mrs. Simon W. Freese, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Nitteberg, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Coker, Mr. and Mrs. Robert, Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Munsell, Mr., and Mrs. C. V. Lindsey, Miss Wanda Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hillen, all of Jasper; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Munsell of Conroe and Mrs. Fred Munsell of Conroe and Mrs. Sims McCutchan of Marshall.

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An announcement luncheon was given Saturday at the Century Room of the Adolphus Hotel for Miss Duggan by her mother. The table was centered by a large lace-bordered colonial bouquet of pastel flowers. Attached to the bouquet were white satin streamers, on which the names of the engaged couple and the wedding date were written. Colonial bouquets marked places for 24 guests.

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