

"Silent Night" Sung First To Guitar Accompaniment; Story Told

Rogers Rites Held At Suit Church

Funeral services for William Hoyt Rogers, 35, who died at 8:20 p. m. Wednesday, December 8 in Bakersfield, California, following a week's illness, were held at 3 p. m. Monday in Friendship Baptist Church at Suit.

The Rev. Lester Stowe and the Rev. Edward Altland officiated and burial was in the church cemetery.

The body lay in state in the church for one hour prior to the service.

Pallbearers were Jewel and Lowrey Whitmore, Lloyd Kisselburg, C. C. White, and Robert and Lake Potete.

Flower girls were Miss Maggie Belle Kisselburg, Mrs. Irene Stowe, Mrs. Sally White, Mrs. Dorothy Sue Kisselburg, Mrs. Alice Thompson, and Mrs. Gennett Westmoreland.

Rogers, a native of Blairsville, Ga., moved with his family when he was two years old to Bakersfield. He served in World War II from April 1941 to September 1945, and was in the European Theater approximately three years. He was a member of Bakersfield Baptist Church.

He was married last July 27 to Miss Annie Lou Keenum, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Keenum of Suit, who survives.

Other survivors are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Grady Rogers of Bakersville; two brothers, J. G. Rogers of Bakersville, and Darrell Lee Rogers of Rio De Janeiro, Brazil; and two sisters, Miss Willa Mae Rogers and Mrs. Melvin Griffith of Bakersfield.

He was employed with the Southern Pacific Railroad system in Bakersfield and his wife served with the Bakersfield city school system.

Ivie Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Fall output of commercial truck crops is expected to be about 4 per cent larger than last year and 9 per cent above average. The increase in supply probably will be accompanied by moderately lower prices.

Automotive Buying Is Leader In County

(Special to the Cherokee Scout)

NEW YORK—President Truman's call for a study by the Federal Trade Commission to determine how the consumer's dollar is being spent, draws attention to the current copyrighted survey by Sales Management, which shows that in Cherokee County, sales of cars and other automotive equipment take the biggest bite out of the retail dollar.

In the county in 1951, in places selling new and used autos and trucks, tires, batteries and accessories, and in outlets handling farm machinery, motorcycles, boats and the like, expenditures were equivalent to \$530 per family when divided arithmetically among the local population.

This represented 28 percent of all the money spent in the county's retail stores in the year. It was more than the proportion spent for automotive equipment elsewhere in the United States. The national average was 18 percent of the retail dollar. In the South Atlantic States it was also 18 percent and in North Carolina, 20 percent.

The automotive group of stores in Cherokee did business in the amount of \$2,321,000 in 1951. This high activity is attributed in the main to better earnings. With larger incomes, people spend more on luxury items. As a result the per family purchases of autos and the like have come to be an index of economic well-being.

Healthy conditions were also found in Cherokee County in the other classes of retail business covered by the survey. The local purchases of food of all sorts came to \$1,839,000, accounting for 22 percent of each retail dollar.

Places selling general merchandise, including variety and department stores, had sales of \$532,000, amounting to another 6 percent.

The stores handling furniture, household supplies and radio equipment had a sales volume of \$619,000, or 7 percent.

The total retail volume attained by the local stores was \$8,368,000. This was ahead of the 1950 figure, \$7,953,000.

Hymn Composer's Great Grandson Tells Carol Story

"Silent Night, Holy Night", has been sung in Cherokee County with great fervor for many years, as it has all over the world. But now, the county can sing the famous Christmas hymn with greater feeling for knowing that there is a connection between a Cherokee County woman and the composer of "Silent Night".

Mrs. Zeb Chastain, of Murphy, formerly of Danville, Ill., is a former pupil and member of the chorus of Otis Gruber in Danville, great grandson of Franz Xaver Gruber, composer of "Silent Night".

The St. Louis Post-Dispatch carried the story of the writing of the carol and portions of that story, as told by Otis Gruber, are printed here:

THE STORY

The night was still and the stars were bright over the high Austrian Alps. It was such a night as might have been when the shepherds watched their flocks and saw the star in the east. On that night in the Alps "Silent Night" was born to celebrate the birth of the Babe in the manger at Bethlehem and, with an immortality of its own, to be sung around the world at Christmas time.

The composer of the hymn was Franz Xaver Gruber, son of a linen weaver, who, after learning to play the organ against his parents' wishes, became so accomplished at the instrument that his parents soon became very proud of their musician son.

He was organist at the Church of Saint Nikolas, where he had the respect of all the people, second only to the reverence that they paid to Father Josef Mohr, priest of the Church of Saint Nikolas.

Came then the day before Christmas eve in the year of 1818 and Father Mohr was distressed because the organ had broken down and, though he had tried, he had not been able to get a man to come through the storm from Slazburg to repair it. That night

Christmas Angel Wings



Christmas is the cooky season and an especially good Christmas cooky is Angel Wings. This rich oatmeal cooky has a delicate crispness and a flavor that is "oh so good." They're pretty to serve too, with their lacy edges and decoration of nuts, citron and candied fruit. Try Angel Wings with a frosty fruit punch for elegant holiday entertaining.

Angel Wings

Makes 4 dozen cookies

- 1/2 cup sifted enriched flour
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup shortening, soft
- 2 eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1/2 teaspoon almond extract (optional)
- 1 cup quick rolled oats, uncooked
- Citron, candied cherries and chopped nuts

Sift together flour, sugar and salt into bowl. Add shortening, eggs and flavorings. Beat until smooth, about 2 minutes. Fold in rolled oats. Drop from a teaspoon onto greased cooky sheet, allowing about 2 inches between cookies. Flatten with a knife dipped in cold water. Decorate with pieces of citron, candied cherries or nuts. Bake in a moderate oven (375° F.) 10 to 12 minutes until cookies are golden brown around the edges. Remove from cooky sheet immediately.

came to him as if by inspiration—"All is calm, all is bright." Then, though it was not his planning or intention, the verse in its fullness and beauty.

THE WORDS

As he came away from the cottage he looked up at the stars. The thought came to him it might have been on such a night, except for the Alpine snow that covered the ground, when the Babe of Bethlehem was born, such a silent night as this. "Stille nacht," he mused, and "heilige nacht," for what had come to pass in the Obendorf cottage was holy, too, as the birth in the Bethlehem manger was holy.

As he trudged home through the snow, under the stars, words

came to him as if by inspiration—"All is calm, all is bright." Then, though it was not his planning or intention, the verse in its fullness and beauty.

At home he feverishly set down the words that had come to him as he walked through the night and added to it line upon line.

Early the next day Father Mohr hurried to the home of Franz Gruber and laid before him the words that he had written.

THE MUSIC

"Could you, my son," he asked, "make them into a melody?" And Franz said he might if so be that such inspiration might come to him as had come to Father Mohr in writing the words.

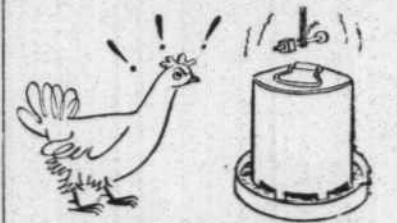
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Jack Stewart Is Valedictorian At UT

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Stewart left Andrews Friday afternoon for Memphis, Tenn., where they will attend the graduation exercises of the School of Pharmacy of the University of Tennessee.

Their son, Jack, is valedictorian of the graduating pharmacy class. Following his graduation, he will go to Elizabethton, Tenn., where he has accepted a position.

Handy Hints



Having trouble with hens roosting on water fountains, or self feeders? Then try this Handy Hint: Suspend a bolt (a heavy nut, hoop, or piece of metal will do)—from the ceiling until it hangs like a plumb bob directly over the fountain. When a hen tries to fly up on top of the fountain, she bumps into the weight—and she's promptly discouraged. She won't hold her perch long, even if she gets a foothold, because of the swinging weight.

ed it for the melodizing, but his wife played the guitar. That would be help. Franz wrote the notes as the words "Stille nacht" and "heilige nacht" sang in his soul and his wife played them on the guitar.

He listened and was satisfied. The melody that he had written was worthy of the words that Father Mohr had written. "Silent Night" had been born, to live on and on.

Early on Christmas morn, the organ being silent, Mrs. Gruber sang "Silent Night" to the accompaniment of her guitar. It was very beautiful, the people said, as they went away.

From then on "Silent Night" traveled by way of the organ repairman and journeying troubadours and finally to a command performance at the Cathedral of Leipzig after which it was published, to be sent and sung all over the world.

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