

DIPLOMA

GEORGETOWN HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OF 1928



John Henry Mitchell

Was

Born in a one room



Grandpa
hears the
cry and
abandons
his book
news of your
advent
reaches
Grandpa
and
Grandma
Mitchell.

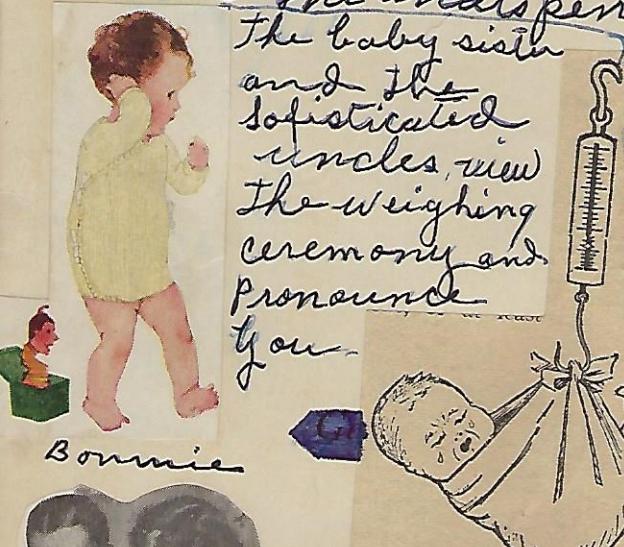


AIR!

Baby's first cry! However it may sound to grandmother's ears, it is music to the baby's mother. Under the spell of her eager imagination that thin little cry is a call for her. But what he really is crying for is air. In the Land of

Except of

course the indispensable Daddy-
and Mama



Bonnie



Bob

a weight light - only 9 1/2 pounds.

Made George and aunt Lillie hear the news.

house on the
Pelan Bayou
14 miles south
of Baird, Tex.
Oct 23, 1906.

at the home
of his Grand
pa Russell.
Dr. Miller of
Admiral was the
physician
in charge
and Grand-
ma the
only attend-
ant.





Daddy had to teach, so Mamer
take you and Bonnie for a
trip on the train to see all
the Grandparents and you
meet a lot of new kin. Grandpa
met us in Baird and we go
in the buggy to the Boy's place.
Tommy Traddles for a few days.
and his wife
who sat before
The fireplace where
we cooked our meals
in the old "nigger" house.



Then
on

a ride with
Grandaddy on
mollie
Bailey
was a
treat.

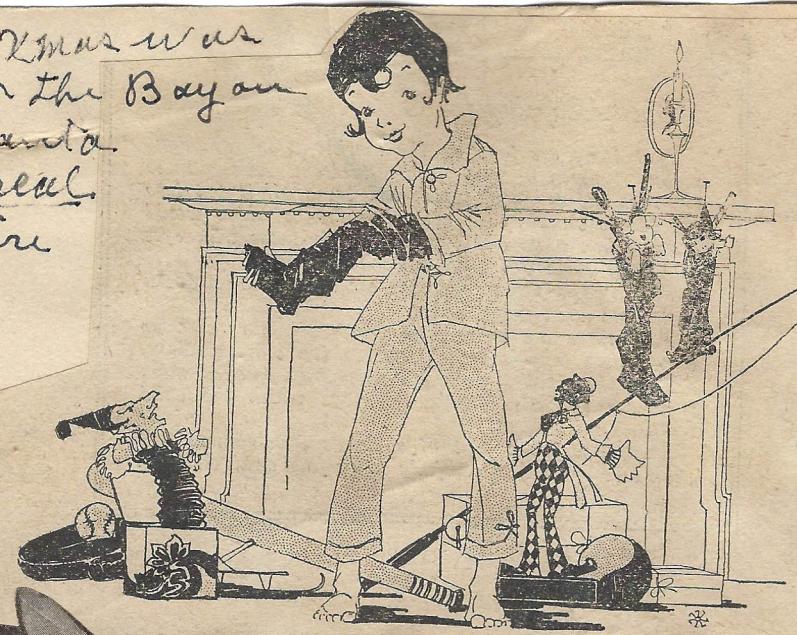
also Great Uncle Pat who went along
thru your early life as a guardian
angel and later as a companion
He was a wonder with the
oxen, in the breaking of
new turf. A very important
part in the development
of Grandpa Russell's new
home on the Bayou.

To Curtis where
you met the
Mitchells
for the
first time



You were
a great
favorite
with Grand-
ma Mitchell and
never suffered
for food, and
there was
always
ready to tease, Emmett

Our 1st Xmas was
spent on the Bayou
where Santa
was as real
as the fire
Place -

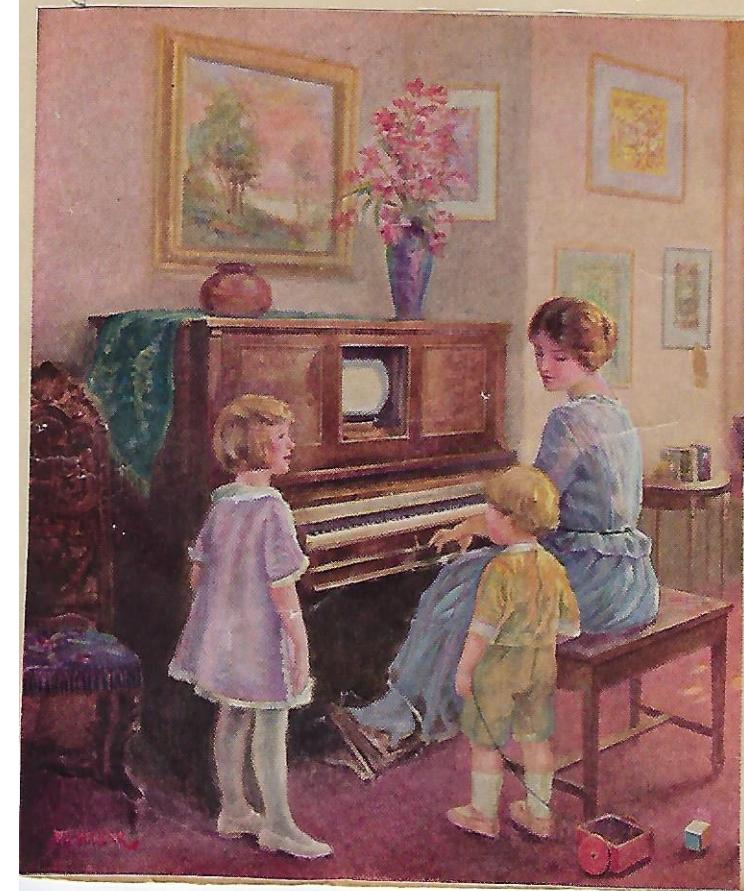


What wondrous things
a stocking can hold!
Heaps Big Injun
eats his breakfast
in glory.

But by the time
Xmas dinner is
served - Grandma
Russell comes in
to tie a towel
around you
But you are still
hopped.



Of course you are to blame for
this situation and Bonnie hates
you (a little while) but you just
eat and
grin.



next day we
go to Grand-
pa Mitchell's
near Curtis,
Aunt Hattie
tries to teach
you to sing:
(It was a
organ) She was
always ready
for a romp
with you.

Summer was spent on the Bayou, where Daddy contracted typhoid fever. We lived near Grandma so you and Bonnie staid with her, where you stopped cake pan, pot and were generally settled. But you came home every few hours, in your old straw hat to kiss your Mama.



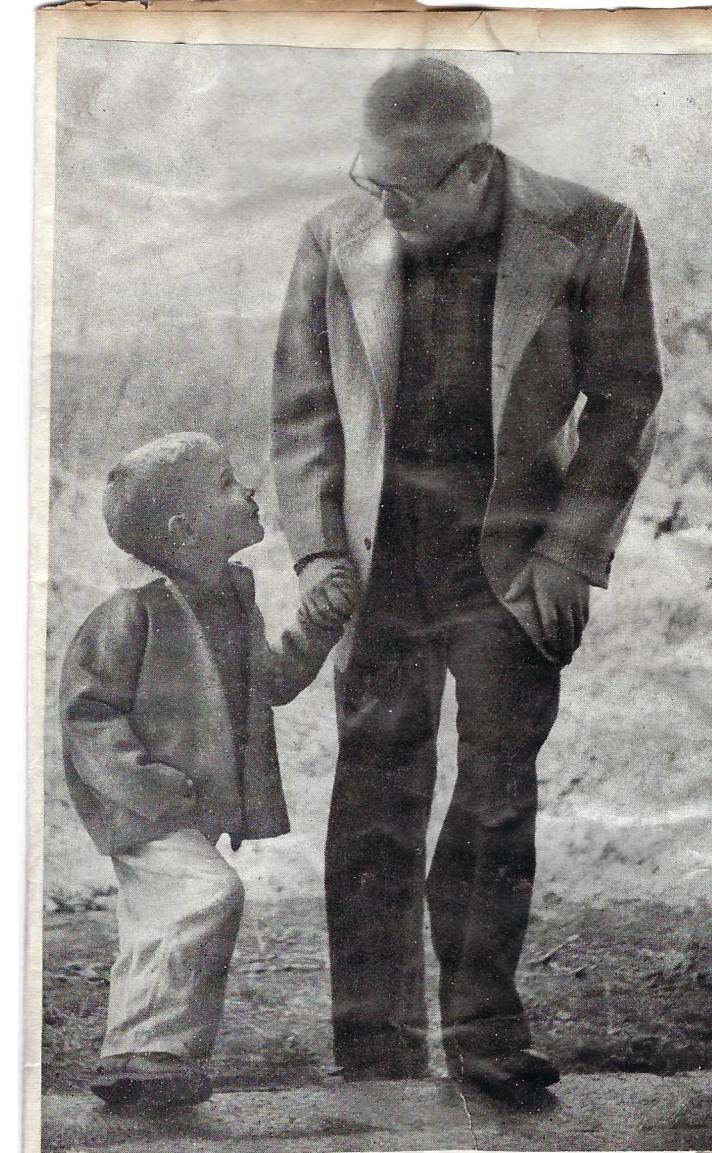
Grandpa, Bill, Bal, George, and Lillie took a long trip on horse back, about this time and left us very lonely.



Seeing the birds making nests of ever silk, prompted you to cut your own cottony tacks and give them to the birds. Before they had time to grow back, you were invited to a celebration in Eastland where your bald head attracted a lot of attention.



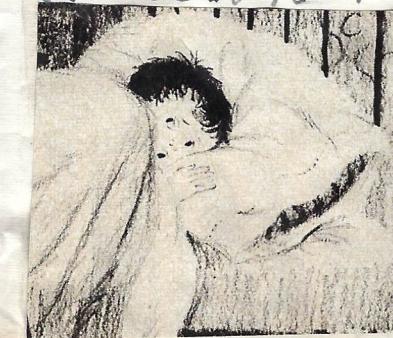
On this trip we rode in our first automobile. By paying five cents each tree could ride the mile to the picnic ground where speaking was the main attraction.

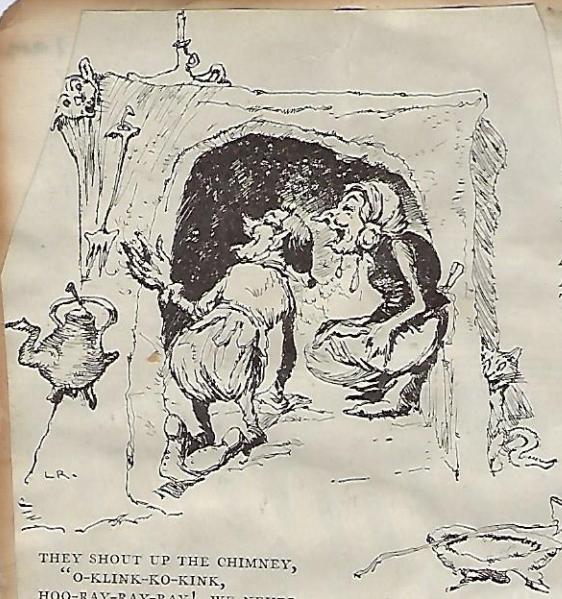


You went to Grandmitchell with Daddy, where he was to convalesce from the long illness. Cotton picking was the order of the day's so you were both soon picking cotton in the Valley Field where Grandma served lunch, picnic style every day, and was a lot of fun.



Ernestine was there to tease you and tell hair raising stories that caused wakeful nights and dreams like this (over.)





THEY SHOUT UP THE CHIMNEY,
"O-KLINK-KO-KINK,
HOO-RAY-RAY-RAY! WE NEVER
SLEPT A WINK!"



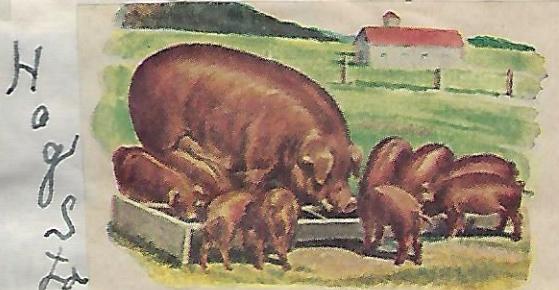
COWS to be milked.,
Grandpa and Grandma gather the apples for Xmas as we will meet some other cousins there for the Hollie



days, gay times are coming up with Bernice and pianist coming on the scene!



There were lots of interesting things like the big team that hauled the cotton to the gin.



HOGS to stop and feed -

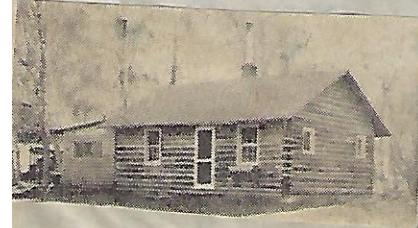


CHICKENS to feed, and EGGS to gather.



We Move To Belle Plains where our Buddy Teaches school and a lot of changes take place.

A Log house of ancient origin is the only home available.



A big fireplace which made for a happy Christmas was a redeeming feature.



A Little Brown Dog Named Pomp; a gift from the Landlord. Was your first possession, also your first tragedy since he was lost on a long walk that came later.



attend school and become your own person al prop- erty as well as her.

You end
this first
venture
in Country
by turn-
ing one
little screw
on the
Brooder which left all the little
darlings very dead.



for a few days
visit that
is rather
mysterious,
since much
is left unsaid.
Grandpa



You decide to be
a fiddler like your
Daddy.

Mama
tells you
a little
secret -
So you



and Bonnie go to
the Bay are
reads to
you every
night to
keep you
from getting
lonesick.

Aunt Beth answers the phone -



Ok it is a little black
headed Sister for
you -

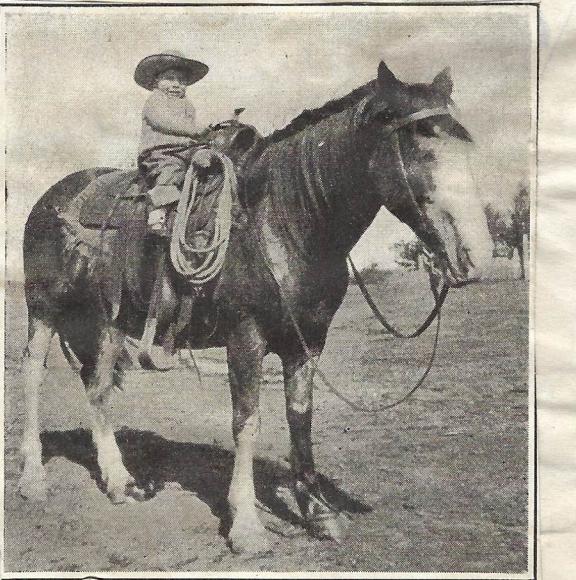


Grandma M.
comes for a
few days
visit and
you eat
as air.





You show mechanical
Tendencies in early
days.



No. 300
Work
Bench

You sit rather
shakily, on
Daddys horse.
Malvin Bailey the first time
alone.

General Electric
and night, it is
safely below the

GE

A.E.L.

... a soft snow
just left
but there
was no sign
of

Baby book / scrap book
made by Great Grandma
Menille Endora Russell
Mitchell for her son
John Henry Mitchell.

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