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Salitpa.

Salitpa, June 18.—D. D. White went to Jackson Saturday on business.

Mrs. E. R. Guy and little daughter, Albanie, are visiting relatives in Jackson this week. Sidney May, of Coffeyville, was a pleasant visitor here Saturday and Sunday.

Misses Sheba and Daycie Simpkins, of Jackson, are guests of Misses Myrtle and Sallie Dunn this week.

Harry Cleland, of Thomasville, visited home folks here Sunday.

Misses Arizona and Toy White left Sunday for Coffeyville where they will visit friends.

Rev. J. A. Stripling preached two interesting sermons here Sunday. He was accompanied by his wife and little daughter.

Mrs. W. A. McCordquodale returned home Sunday from Mobile. She is improving rapidly.

Miss Odie May, of relatives here Sunday.

Zack Orren and Armstead May, of Jackson, were pleasant visitors to our town Sunday.

Joe McCordquodale and Misses Mary June and Nona Guy made a short visit over in Washington county Wednesday.

Clayton McVar, of McVar, was a visitor here Sunday.

Miss Tommie Prim is visiting relatives in Coffeyville this week.

Mrs. W. S. Porter is visiting relatives in McWay this week.

Miss Myra Batchelder, of Montgomery, lectured Monday night about the Sunday school work. We were glad to have her with us.

C. T. McCordquodale went to Coffeyville last week on business.

McWay.

McWay, Ala., June 17, 1912.—Aien Reeves and sister, Annie Bell, visited relatives at Coffeyville last Sunday.

The singing at Arlington was well attended and everyone reported a good time. A large crowd from the Cross Roads attended the singing here last Sunday.

Misses Sadie and Ruble Boles, of Winn, visited relatives here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Gwin, from near Grove Hill, spent Saturday night with their daughter, Mrs. Alice Kelly, at Bolentown.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Gwin from near Grove Hill, took dinner with the family of E. J. Reeves last Sunday.

Bascorn Stanley has returned home from Washington county where he has been at work.

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Mr. and Mrs. James Horton visited the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Guy, at Tatitilaba last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Horton made a shopping trip to Jackson last week.

Misses Creola and Letha Hill were the guest of G. A. Atchison family last Sunday.

Mrs. R. C. Leonard visited Ernest Pettis' family, who are very ill with measles this week at Tatitilaba.

Major Williams left here last week for Florida. Guess oranges will be a better price next Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Lucy McLean passed through town Saturday.

S. E. Kennedy made a business trip to Peachtree Friday.

Davis Thomas called at Chance Sunday.

Miss Kennedy is out again after a few days of fever last week.

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