

IN MEMORIAM

The following poem, written in memory of Maurice Fitzgerald, by his sister, is published in reverence of the young man whose death occurred a year ago in an Abilene hotel. Fitzgerald was a student here at the time of his death—being a member of C Battery. Kimmie and Bert who are mentioned in the poem were his roommates.

Yes—the fourth day of May,  
In our home is a sad day.  
’Twas on this day the Lord saw best,  
To call unto him for rest—  
Our Maurice.

He was just in the prime of youth  
And one who stood always for the truth,  
When he took his own life in Abilene,  
So far away from his home in Palestine,  
A better or more noble one can not be found  
On this earth across or around  
Than Maurice.

When the evening shadows creep down  
And all the family settles around—  
There comes to each mind the vacant place—  
Yes—we will always miss your smiling face  
Maurice.

All hearts are sore and aching  
And mine is near the breaking.  
Your many friends along with Henry,  
Kimmie and Bert—  
Have in their hearts a deepening hurt  
For you, Old Pal.

Dear Mother still sits and weeps  
Our Daddy Dear is sad  
He thinks of the noble son he had—  
But Death now claims for his own  
And has taken from our home—  
Maurice.

Gone—are the happy days  
When you teased in your familiar ways  
When each smile brought joy to all hearts—

Yes—gone—but the memory lingers  
And will never part—  
For you were to me  
All that a Pal could be  
You have left us, but we shall all meet

And then life will be complete.  
We shall talk as of yore  
When we gather on that far away

shore  
For on that shore is a smiling face  
And waiting for us in his place  
Is our Maurice.  
—Jewell.

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“Say, Bo, ’ya goin’ to th’ struggle t’night?”

“Well, I don’t know. If I can see my bootlegger and get a quart or so, I’ll tank up good and come down. I lack the pep otherwise. I don’t have a good time—can’t bull the girls very well and somehow am too conscious of what I do.”

There are several excuses for any one who finds it necessary to drink when he goes to a dance: For one thing, he may be such a poor dancer that he realizes too well what misery the girl is in when he dances with her; therefore he has to drown his consciousness of it. Then therefore is the thought that “Everyone else does it, why not I?” If a fellow likes to get drunk occasionally, he finds it very convenient to do so where he will not be conspicuously by himself. A great percent of those who go to the public dances nowadays do not look so much with disfavor on the drink. That is why so many mothers will not permit their daughters to frequent public dances. Again is found the fellow who does not really enjoy the dance itself but who goes for other reasons. He should be barred out from the start. Oftimes a boy is naturally timid and bashful around girls. He drowns the timidity in drink and vulgarity.

Oh, there are any number of excuses! But how many of them can persuade the level mind that they are worth while? Becoming intoxicated in the presence of others is a mark of disrespect and lack of self-respect. He who does so broadcasts to the other dancers that he is weak in self-control, that he cares not what impression he makes on the girls with whom he dances, that he cares even less if his presence is undesirable. Watching a drunk person on the floor registers a feeling of temporary amusement and final disgust. Few girls care to dance with a person who has  
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