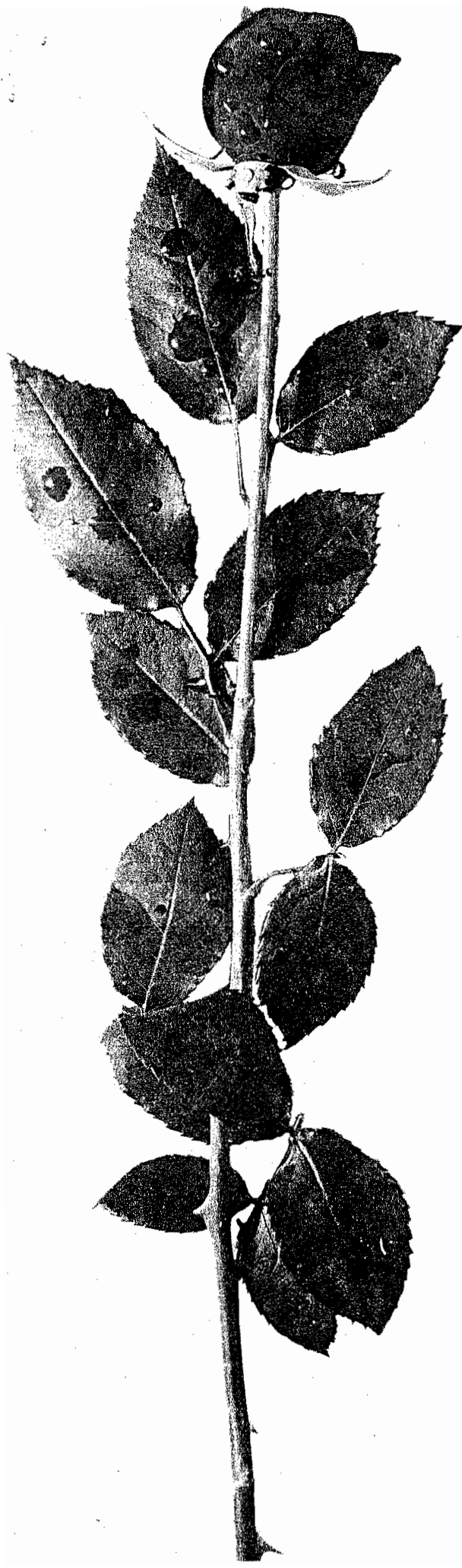




**Otway
Culvin
Moorman
Abbitt**

by Herbert M. Abbitt

Olway Culvin Moorman Abbott - "Totsie"

by son - Herbert, August 9, 2000

"Tot" as she was to me, had the sweetest voice I ever heard along with the most benevolent attitude one ever experienced. When she corrected anyone for his misbehavior at once that person felt so sorry and so ashamed. I remember coming home on the school bus and seeing Tot at the woodpile picking up an armful of wood with which to cook our supper. I felt so ashamed that my mother had to perform this menial task which was my assigned duty that I tried never again to leave home with no wood in the kitchen wood box. When I tried stumbling through an apology Tot gently said: "If you don't mind it would be very nice if you would bring us a bucket of fresh well-water for supper."

One evening when I was being her persistent "urchin" she dashed toward her dresser to grab her long heavy hair comb to be used as a weapon of punishment on me. I ran out the back door knowing she would not chase me. My problem was how to get back into the house without that overdue punishment. I stood around waiting on the back porch until I heard her walking into her distant pantry, it being Daddy's grocery store, when I dashed into the kitchen to grab one of the empty water buckets to fill with fresh water at the well. When I entered with this fresh bucket of water Tot said "It is so very nice to have fresh water for supper."

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I was exonerated!

On Cold winter Sunday afternoons, it being too chilly to play outdoors, it was such a charming treat to hear Tot read us children stories. She made all the characters really seem to come alive right there with us in Tot's living room. She seemed to enjoy presenting these characters to us as much as we delighted in feeling like they really were right there in the room with us.

Some of us children were very young when we lived deep in the country. On occasion our Daddy had to spend the night away from home. Before putting us to bed Tot would have us children kneel around her chair putting our faces covered with our hands in her lap. She would read to us some of her favorite Bible scriptures and talk to God. And I do mean she spoke directly and personally to Him. So much convinced of this that I felt sure Jesus was right there in the room with us. I would uncover only one eye at a time expecting to be looking right into the eyes of Jesus. When unsuccessful, I would immediately try the other eye looking to the other side of the room. The unsuccessfulness was repeated to my disappointment over and over again.

When I was somewhat older my Sunday School Teacher Mr Dick O'Brien would say, "Whenever Miss Totsie talked to Jesus in Church you can expect to see Him come walking down the aisle."

My Mother shared her love and her prayers with me

every week by letter when I was away from home - as long as she was physically able to do so.

When Iat was much younger upon graduating from high school in Lynchburg her father's friend, Lynchburg City Mayor Bob Yancey, paid her a tremendous Compliment. After hearing her deliver her valedictory oration from high school he announced to those persons around him that: "her words were as emotional and her delivery was as eloquent as ^{they} were coming from the mouth of that famous and beloved Lynchburg orator, Senator John Womack Daniel - a most outstanding Compliment.

Iat wrote a letter to the editors of the Times-Virginian News Paper Complaining about the deplorable condition on the school bus taking children from Vera to Appomattox High School. Parents and riders of the bus were greatly elated at the comforting results the letter produced. The owner of the bus was one of her best friends and a fellow Sunday School teacher.

Iat's assistance and HER insistence were of the greatest influence in my conquest of four years of high school Latin.

My mother's character was one that was very pure and honest; it was lovingly kind and helpful to all people as well as to nature itself. She was extremely kind to those whom she could not really help, and for those helpless ones she continually prayed. She attempted to rectify things and influence that were harmful in her neighborhood and to introduce activities that

would be for the betterment of her community, church or school.

Pat was a great lover of nature especially: flowers, birds and sunrises and sunsets. One of her most longed for pleasures was to sit on the huge front porch after our evening meal and chores to listen to the birds sing before sunset and to watch the Chimney sweep (birds) glide and float in pairs across the sky. This treat was often succeeded by her loving time listening to the whippoorwills while watching the charming fireflies twinkle. These charming activities were enjoyed only ^{by} God's people living in rural habitats.

Pat's very unique love of nature was demonstrated so remarkably when she helped me create the outstanding essay for our "Professor Crawley's" class known as the "Literary Society" in high school entitled "The Lonesome Pine". From her bedroom window we could see on a rounded hill top this beautiful lone giant of the forest in his coat of ever green; it was a single age old huge pine tree in the pasture standing as a lone sentinel as the year-round guardian for all the surrounding landscape: hence: "The Lone Sentinel".

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