

The Giddings News

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A Shower

A large crowd gathered Tuesday afternoon August 12, 1924, from 5:30 to 7 p. m. at the home of Miss Annie Stockton to pledge its friendship to Miss Winnie Grant in the form of a miscellaneous shower.

The guests upon arrival were served refreshing punch by Misses Clara Heck and Dorothy Black. Miss Virginia Fields graciously favored those assembled with her songs.

The crowd was silenced when strains of an old air, "The Arkansas Traveler," were heard throughout the house. Immediately the traveler himself—Marius Heck—with fiddle in hand appeared at the door saying:

"Halloo! Is Winnie Grant here, I say?

I'm just an Arkansas traveler on my way;

I've come to welcome her to my state;

I'd better hurry on or I'll be late."

Adele Heck replied,

"Is the welcome one of good hearty cheer?"

The traveler proved his welcome materially by responding:

"Just let her see what I have here."

He left and returned immediately in a decorated car labeled "To Arkansas" and honking his way to the bride-to-be, presented her with the box of gifts tied to the hood. He then brought in his trailer, a huge basket loaded with many pretty, useful gifts.

Miss Grant unwrapped each gift and with a marked note of sincerity thanked the donors and invited each "to board the slow train through Arkansas" to visit her.