

# Remembering Colcord: 1923-24

*by Raymond Talbot.* (These notes were found in the file for the Row-Colcord book and must have been written about 1985.)

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### A Gold Star Mother's Prayer

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[During World War II, mothers who lost a son in the service were called Gold Star Mothers and were given a pin with a gold star on it. There are not many Gold Star Mothers left today. When we published the Colcord History book, there were just two in the community. Now there is only one left. i wrote this sometime in the latter part of World War II and, later, Johnny Martin used to recite it over KRMG radio. It was published in my book, *In the Shadow of the Hills*.]

God...I did not want my son to go, That...You and I know. But if it was willed for him to die, I'm proud it was for the Flag waving high.

Those who see me thru the window pane, Do not know how I hoped in vain, That my son might return to me, And fully enjoy this land of the free.

God...I am only one mother, Whose love cannot be replaced by none other. Others know the loneliness that comes later. But selfishly, I think my grief is greater.

Source: by Virgil Talbot, "A Bit of History", © 1986, Page 148



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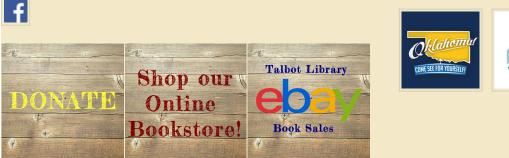
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