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## GRAINS SELL AT SEASON'S HIGH PRICES

### May Wheat Soars on Wednesday's Market Above Closing Price of Year Ago: Cotton Also Scores Gain, Then Reacts.

Chicago, April 6.—Grains sold at the highest prices of the season Wednesday, riding the crest of a buying wave which carried financial markets sharply upward until late in the day when rails weakened on the New York stock exchange.

Huge buying orders which were thrown into the grain pits at the board of trade by the handful shot all grains upward except barley, and the security markets were quick to show kindred strength. Stocks near the end of the day lost approximately half the early advance, Chicago and Northwestern Railway common dropping from \$3 to \$1.50 a share.

Rye was the most spectacular performer in the grain pits with a maximum advance of 3 1-8 cents a bushel for September delivery, but with all deliveries touching 47 cents.

September wheat surged ahead to 1-2 cents a bushel, one-half cent higher than the previous peak, and the October delivery was only a minor fraction lower at 57 cents. Most of the gains were retained at the finish with the market ranging from 1 to 1 3-8 cents higher than the previous day's last quotations.

The upswing carried May wheat above the closing price of a year ago for the first time in many months.

The New York cotton market climbed on the band wagon early and scored a rise of 50 cents a bale, or a tenth of a cent a pound, but lost much of this gain when stocks faltered.

Among the smaller commodity markets, raw sugar futures on the New York coffee and sugar exchange showed further strength.

Cash markets followed grain futures higher in most cities with gains of 1 to 2 cents a bushel common in wheat.

### Mitchell Trial April 17.

New York, April 6.—Federal Judge John C. Knox Monday fixed April 17 as the date for opening the trial of Charles E. Mitchell, former head of the National City bank, on an indictment charging him with attempting to defeat and evade the income tax laws as to 1929.

### Resigns from Legislature.

Austin, April 6.—Milton H. West of Brownsville, democratic nominee for congress from the fifteenth district to succeed John N. Garner, elevated to the vice presidency, has resigned from the Texas house of representatives. He was serving his second term.

## MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail April 4, 1913.)

The Anchor Hardware company this week contracted for the erection of a strictly modern brick building on their property. The building is to be 90x100 feet and is to have a southwest front.

The Southern National bank let a contract for the remodeling and rebuilding of the front of their bank building; the style is to be Gothic and colonial and four large concrete columns will run to the top of the building. The front will be almost wholly of plate glass with tiling floor.

The contract has not been let but the front of the Burroughs drug store is to be remodeled and a modern awning and entrance provided as soon as the contractors complete work for the bank.

Dr. M. Armstrong left Sunday on his annual trip to Chicago for the purpose of taking a post graduate course in general and special practice of medicine.

The vote Tuesday resulted in the election of W. T. Potter as our new mayor and the re-election of W. N. Hall, marshal; R. A. McClain, secretary; H. C. Burroughs, treasurer, and Aldermen J. O. Hamilton and G. H. Adams.

## KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Two unmasked men robbed the Ellenville State bank of about \$1,000 in currency shortly before noon Wednesday.

The first two car loads of Bermuda onions of the season moved from the Laredo district toward eastern markets Monday.

Following a dust storm Tuesday night, sufficient snow fell at Pampa Wednesday to cover the ground, but it melted rapidly.

The railroad commission Wednesday ordered a complete shutdown of the East Texas oil field for five days from 7 a. m. Thursday, April 6, to the same hour Tuesday, April 11.

Both Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Matthews, 78 and 72, respectively, died Wednesday at their home in the Cedar Bluff community, near Nacogdoches—he at 5 o'clock a. m. and she at 7 o'clock p. m.

Luther Nickels, 50, well known Texas attorney and law partner of the late Joseph Weldon Bailey, Sr., and of Joseph Weldon Bailey, Jr., died suddenly at Dallas Saturday after a heart attack.

M. H. Cahill, president of the board of directors, and other officials were present Monday when the Missouri-Kansas-Texas railroad shops at Bell Mead, near Waco, reopened, giving employment to 250 men.

Eleie Misseldine, 15, high school sophomore who was shot Tuesday last week, from the door of a Palestine dance hall where she and others were dancing, by B. M. Mahaffey, who then took his own life, died Monday.

Included among 19 marine enlisted men, to be awarded decorations by the Nicaraguan government for deeds of valor is the name of Sergt. Irvin V. Masters, U. S. M. C., of Big Spring, his decoration being for courage shown in an airplane attack on bandits near Neptuno mine.

### Substitute Water for Soda Fountain Syrup

Soon after R. B. Johnson, Trent druggist, reported to City Marshal P. F. Dickinson Friday night that he had found himself in possession of a 55-gallon barrel of water, for which he had paid \$50 earlier in the day, believing he was buying a barrel of soda fountain syrup, the two went to Abilene and gave the officers there description of the parties to the alleged sale.

Charges of swindling were filed against Ervin Spicer and R. H. Jones in connection with the alleged transaction. Spicer was released under \$500 bond early Monday afternoon, having waived examining trial, and Jones was released Saturday afternoon on \$500 bond.

5,000 fat hens wanted at the Kent Street Grain & Grocery company.

See "The Night Riders" at the Opera House Saturday night.

Miss Clara Saffle and Will Joe Largent were married in Abilene Sunday afternoon, Rev. Shaw officiating. They were accompanied to Abilene by Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Largent. The party going down in the Largent car, immediately after the marriage they returned home and announced their secret to their parents and their many friends, who wish for them a life of happiness.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Britain were delightful entertainers at their home on Orange street Tuesday evening when they served a full course six o'clock dinner, naming as their guests the "local talent," who had parts in the play, "Because I Love You." Covers were laid for Messrs. H. C. Burroughs, Jr., Vernon Boring, Homer Easterwood, Jno. Morgan, Jack Walker, Misses Duncan Browning, Orra Long, Mattie Murphy, Fannie Burroughs and Mae White, the host and hostess.

## HENRY R. HICKS, RESIDENT SINCE 1905, PASSES ON

### Another of Merkel's Best Known Older Men Answers Last Call: Prominent Mason and Deacon In Baptist Church 25 Years.

Funeral services were held at the First Baptist church at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon for Henry R. Hicks, 65, a resident of Merkel for nearly 30 years and well known in business, church and Masonic circles here. Mr. Hicks died Thursday night at a hospital in Wichita Falls.

The Rev. C. R. Joyner, pastor of the Baptist church, of which Mr. Hicks was a member, officiated, assisted by other ministers of the city, Revs. E. L. Yeats, R. A. Walker and W. G. Cybert. Interment was at Rose Hill cemetery with ceremonies in charge of the Masons.

Pall bearers were: Bill Moore, Olie Dye, Castle Ellis, Spencer Bird, Andy Shouse and Irven Thompson.

Native of Vancouver, British Columbia, Mr. Hicks was born August 4, 1867. He resided for a time after he came to Texas in Lampasas county, where he was married on August 25, 1889, to Miss Minnie Bell Starkey, by whom he is survived.

He taught school several years in South and Central Texas counties, removing to Merkel in 1905. Here he was book-keeper for several of the older firms and was more recently associated with the Liberty Hardware company as one of the owners. He was converted at the age of 17 and joined the Baptist church, of which he was a deacon for 25 years. He was a member of both the Merkel Masonic lodge and chapter, having been secretary of the latter for several years.

Besides his wife, he is survived by two sons, Bob Hicks, who is living temporarily at Wills Point, and Vestal Hicks of Merkel, and two daughters, Mesdames A. H. Hutchins and Andy Brown of Sweetwater. All were present for the funeral. Ten grandchildren also survive. Mrs. Hicks' mother, Mrs. Jane Starkey, has made her home with the couple 40 years.

Among those from out of town who came for the funeral were: Mrs. A. C. Abbott and child, Abilene; Mrs. Lule Walker, Abilene; Mrs. Pearl Sublett and son, John, Sweetwater; Mrs. Lillian Haskey and child, Sweetwater; Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson, Sweetwater; Mr. and Mrs. John Commer, Sweetwater; Charlie Brown, Sweetwater; C. L. Boswell, Sweetwater, and Mr. and Mrs. Deal, Miss Laverne Deal Sweetwater.

### Chicago Pupils Strike In Protest of Delayed Teachers' Salaries

Chicago, April 6.—There was a holiday on textbooks in several Chicago public schools Wednesday as 13,000 pupils struck in protest against delay in paying their teachers' salaries.

The price of education, as demanded by the young crusaders, was \$52,000,000 or a substantial part of own "strike" absenting themselves from their class rooms on pleas of back pay.

Some elementary teachers, school authorities reported, staged their own "strike" absenting themselves from their class rooms on pleas of illness.

### Fords Waive Claim to Million in Deposit

Detroit, April 6.—Officials of the Ford Motor company have announced that Henry and Edsel Ford have waived claim to \$1,000,000 deposits in the Dearborn State bank for a period of years sufficient for the bank to liquidate its slow assets.

The bank opened Tuesday under federal authority, and its officials said operation would be on a 100 per cent basis.

W. J. Cameron, of the Ford company, said that Henry Ford, as a personal depositor, and Edsel, as president of the Ford Motor company, in effect have underwritten the slow assets of the bank. He said their action was the prime consideration in opening the bank, and reported that thousands of dollars in deposits to Dearborn merchants, school districts and small depositors will be released.

## DEATH COMES TO MRS. J. S. BICKLEY; ILL ONLY 3 DAYS

### One of City's Most Beloved Characters Passes Away At Home of Son, Where She Was Spending Winter.

Mrs. J. S. Bickley, one of Merkel's most beloved characters, who was christened America McNeese, in honor of her natal day, July 4, 1860, died at the home of a son, Rev. C. A. Bickley, presiding elder of the Lubbock district at 11:30 Sunday night. She and her devoted husband had been there spending the winter. She had been ill only three days.

Funeral services were held here Monday afternoon from the Methodist church where she worshipped 39 years. She was one of the few remaining early members of this church.

Rev. E. L. Yeats, pastor, was assisted by five Methodist ministers, all prominent in that denomination's activities: Rev. J. O. Haynes, pastor of the First church, Lubbock; Rev. W. O. Carter, pastor of Asbury church, Lubbock; Rev. W. M. Murrell, presiding elder of the Abilene district; Rev. O. P. Clark, presiding elder of the Sweetwater district, and Rev. J. W. Watson of Lubbock, educational secretary of the Northwest Texas conference.

Pall bearers were: Homer Laney, Howard Laney, Floyd Davis, W. D. Hutcheson, Bert Chambliss and Buster Kelly.

Mrs. Bickley, a native Texan, was born at Beckville in Panola county on July 4, 1860. She was married to J. S. Bickley on Jan. 27, 1878, and with him moved to Merkel 39 years ago. She joined the Methodist church in early childhood and her life was ever centered in the activities and duties of her beautiful home life and devotion to her church.

Besides the son in Lubbock, surviving children are: J. C. Bickley, Stanton; J. M. Bickley, Chatfield, and Miss Annie Bickley, Merkel. One sister, Mrs. Henry Frazier, of this city, and a brother, C. L. McNeese of Monterey, Mexico, also survive. The late Mrs. Mattie McNeese Simpson, who died about 3 years ago, was also a sister.

Mr. Bickley will make his home for the present with J. C., the son at Stanton.

### Return of All Gold Ordered Before May 1

Washington, April 6.—President Roosevelt Wednesday ordered the return of all gold over \$100 held by individuals to the federal reserve system before May 1.

In the same executive order, the president authorized the secretary of the treasury to issue licenses permitting the use of gold in necessary domestic and foreign trade transactions.

For violation of the order the president decreed a maximum fine of \$10,000 and imprisonment of ten years, or both.

The order was issued to get such gold as is still in hoarding and to ease the national embargo to permit legitimate transactions under federal license.

### C. L. Johnson Elected As Abilene's Mayor

Abilene voters Tuesday split 50-50 on city officials' bids for re-election, rejecting two who sought office again and returning for another term two others.

In so doing, they brought into office a new mayor, C. L. Johnson; and three new members of a four-place commission: W. B. Hale, G. B. Tittle and C. H. Boyd. W. Victor Womack is the fourth commissioner, re-elected. Election of Johnson and Boyd was by record narrow margins—69 and 76.

The voters also accorded their chief of police, W. R. (Ruck) Sibley, a rousing vote of confidence in retaining him in office by a poll more than three times as large as the combined vote of three opponents.

Will Preach at Noodle. W. G. Cybert will preach at the Church of Christ at Noodle at the 11 o'clock hour next Sunday. Everyone is invited to hear him.

## JOYCE ASHTON

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### SHE OPENED HER EYES

to find that she was married to a strange man . . . and RICH . . . Then trouble began. . . Turn now to

## "AWAKENED WOMAN"

A new serial by Elinor Barry . . . Page 3.

### Elliott Re-Elected Mayor; Mrs. Dowell Is Named Secretary

Mayor W. M. Elliott, now completing his first term as mayor of the city of Merkel, was re-elected in Tuesday's balloting by a margin of 32 votes over Judge N. D. Cobb, himself a former mayor. Out of 205 votes cast Mayor Elliott received 118 votes and Judge Cobb 86.

In the race for aldermen, two to be elected, W. D. Hutcheson and Fred Baker were high men, receiving 91 and 87 votes, respectively. Others in the race and the votes they received were: Watt Blair 74, T. O. Lackey 62 and J. D. Porter 62.

A. T. Sheppard and Len Sublett, retiring aldermen, declined to stand for re-election.

Holdover members of the city council are C. E. Jacobs, John S. Hughes and J. A. Buford.

Mrs. Juanita Dowell was re-elected city secretary and tax collector ex-officio over Mrs. Florence Berry. The vote in this race was: Mrs. Dowell 137, Mrs. Berry 67.

The city council will meet next Monday night to canvas the returns of the election and the two new aldermen may take their oaths of office any time after that time.

### TRUSTEE ELECTION.

Only 22 votes were cast in the election for city trustees, which was held last Saturday, and Herbert Patterson and C. P. Church, the two whose names appeared on the ballot, each received 21 of these votes. Herbert Patterson was re-elected to the office, while C. P. Church, who succeeds J. M. Collins, was formerly a member of the Merkel school board before removing to the Plains.

The five who complete the board are: O. J. Adcock, president; W. O. Eoney, secretary, and S. D. Gamble, A. J. Canon and J. E. Richardson.

### Cricket Craig Winner.

Dee Bland's Cricket Craig, which was not scored against, won the 16-dog registered stake at the dog races held last week on the racing course at Abilene. Dee is justly proud of his dog and you should talk to him to find out all the fine points.

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"By what authority do you do these things," they demanded brusquely, "and who gave you this authority?"

If they expected him to yield an inch they received the surprise of their lives. His retort was instantaneous.

"I'll ask you a question," he exclaimed, "and if you answer it, then I'll tell you by what authority I work. Answer me now, what about John; was his work in baptizing inspired by Heaven or by men?"

They caught their breath. Their heads came together; excited and disturbing whispers were exchanged. What should they say? If we answer that John had come from Heaven, he will say, "Well, why then didn't you believe him?" If we say, that he came from men, this crowd of fools will tear us to pieces, because every last one of them believes that John was a prophet. What shall we do? Better tell him we don't know; better get out of here as quickly as we can.

"We don't know," they muttered. "All right," said Jesus serenely. "You don't answer my question. Neither will I answer yours."

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## SEVERE STORM BATTERS DOWN PRIDE OF NAVY

### Airship Akron Plunges into Sea Off New Jersey; 73 Lives Lost, Only Three Men Escape; Admiral Moffett Among Dead.

New York, April 6.—The Akron, mightiest dirigible ever built, was plummeted into the Atlantic off the New Jersey coast during a blinding lightning storm Tuesday, 71 of the 76 men aboard are still reported missing.

Four were rescued, one of whom died and the body of another was recovered.

The mighty aircraft apparently a victim of lightning and a swift thunderstorm, caught fire as it fell to the water.

Fourteen hours after America's "mistress of the air" vanished in the turbulent Atlantic waters, the J-3, semi-rigid navy dirigible which had joined in the search for Akron victims, crashed into the sea 1,000 yards off the Jersey coast, with a loss of two lives.

Admiral William A. Moffett, chief of the navy bureau of aeronautics, was among those lost with the Akron.

Only four men were rescued—Lieut. Commander H. V. Wiley of New London, Conn., executive officer and second in command; Robert W. Copeland of Lakehurst, N. J., chief radio operator; Moody E. Erwin of Memphis, Tenn., metallurgist, and Richard E. Deal of Lakehurst, N. J., boatswain's mate. Copland died while being brought to shore.

Twelve hours after the crash the body of Lieut. Commander Harold E. MacClelland of Westbury, L. I., was picked up by a coast guard cutter near the scene of the crash.

Lieut. Commander David E. Cummins of Prescott, Ark., commander of the J-3, who was picked up out of the water unconscious after the blimp accident, died a short time afterward. The body of Pasquale Bettio, chief machinist's mate, was recovered by a cutter several hours later and taken to Lakehurst.

Five of the other six who had been aboard the searching craft were rescued.

### Recluse Leaves \$25,000 in Gold.

Detroit, April 6.—Twenty-five thousand dollars in gold pieces and \$1,500 in currency were found by police in searching the house of Mrs. Josephine Schwass, 76-year-old recluse who died of heart disease here.

### Record of Births.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Neal, Saturday, March 25, 1933.  
Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hawkins, Saturday, April 1, 1933.  
Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Shurlock, Sunday, April 2, 1933.

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**BRUCE BARTON**

(Continued from Page One)  
It was a perfect triumph. Amid the jeers of the delighted crowd they gathered up their fine robes and went away.

You would think as you read the narrative that the wise ones would have been wise enough to let him alone. Even a child having burned his fingers once, knows enough to avoid the fire. But their jealousy and anger drove them back again and again; and every time he was too much for them. In the very last week the "Pharisees and Herodians" gathered together a picked delegation of sharp wits and sent them with what looked like an absolutely fool-proof bomb. They started in with flattery; after all he was a simple fellow from the provinces—a few kind words and his head would be turned. Then they would catch him off his guard.

Next Week: "Render Unto Caesar."

**LOCAL BRIEFS.**

It was on Sunday, June 12, last year, that the giant navy dirigible, Akron which met such a fatal end Tuesday when it dropped into the Atlantic off the New Jersey coast, was viewed by Merkel folks as it passed over the city in mid-afternoon.

Charles Jones, agent, and Virgil Hass, J. H. Moseley, M. L. Windom and C. F. Curb were among those who attended the conference at the Wooten hotel in Abilene Tuesday night of dealers and agents of the Magnolia company in the Abilene area.

It was just 42 years ago Thursday that Dr. M. Armstrong began the practice of medicine, he recalled in conversation with friends, having opened his office in Osage. He had been in Merkel 27 years on October 7 last. During these 42 years of practice, Dr. Armstrong has ushered 2,720 babies into the world.

Tuesday afternoon, when Bert Chambliss was trying to get out of the lot where an infuriated bull had attacked him, he was pawed as he was climbing the fence and fell, breaking the bone in one of his ankles. No other serious injuries were noted.

Attention is called to the various honors and awards by the Merkel Public Schools, collectively, and by individual pupils at the county meet at Abilene last Saturday. Full details appear in the Badger Weekly, which is considered one of the best features of the Merkel Mail.

**CARD OF THANKS.**

We wish to thank everyone who helped to share our trouble in the sickness and death of our little girl and loved one, Mary Lea. We thank you for every kind deed and for every kind word that was spoken.

We thank everyone for the beautiful flowers and especially do we thank her teacher and school mates, and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley King. May God's blessing rest upon you is our greatest desire, and we pray that we meet you all in heaven.

Mr. and Mrs. Dock Calloway.  
Margaret Calloway.  
Mr. and Mrs. Roy Whitehurst.

**CARD OF THANKS.**

We wish to thank our many friends in Merkel who assisted us so kindly in arranging for the burial of our dear one, Mrs. J. S. Bickley, who died Sunday night at Lubbock. Especially do we thank you for the beautiful floral offerings. Flowers were her delight and inspiration. May God's richest blessings come to you.

J. S. Bickley and Children.  
Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Frazier.

**CARD OF THANKS**

We wish to thank each and everyone who so lovingly assisted us at any time in the illness and death of our dear husband and father and we especially thank each and everyone for the beautiful floral offerings. We shall always hold in tender memory the many evidences of the love and esteem in which he was held in this community. May God's richest blessings rest upon you all.

Mrs. H. R. Hicks and Children.

Use The Mail Want Ads.

**PERSONALS**

Mrs. J. S. Blair is reported seriously ill.

Miss Bonnie Wilhelm and Homer Lane from Bronco are visitors in the W. H. Lane home.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. McCormick left Wednesday for Ochoa, N. M., to be gone several months.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Morton were over from Sweetwater Sunday afternoon visiting old friends here.

Sterling Sheppard, who is now a member of the Dallas Journal staff, was a Sunday visitor with the home folks.

Mrs. Guy Darsey and little daughter have returned to Austin after a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hamm.

Thursday noted the return of Mrs. B. A. Wall to her home at Midland after a month's visit with her daughter, Mrs. Yates Brown, here.

After a visit in Abilene among friends and relatives, during which she celebrated her 89th birthday, on March 21, Mrs. S. F. Annis has returned home.

Friends will be glad to learn a slight improvement was noted Wednesday night in the condition of Mrs. J. T. Dennis, who has been ill for several weeks.

Miss Ola Ellen Smith had as a week-end guest her friend, Arles Whitworth, of Albany. Both of them are students at Draughon's Business college in Abilene.

Mrs. Ernest Higgins has as her guest Miss Eldora Hale of Lubbock.

Rev. W. P. Gerhart of Abilene made a ministerial call on Miss Dota Garcutte one morning the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Black and daughter, Janelle, accompanied by Mrs. Black's sister, Mrs. Cora Robbins, of Riverside, Calif., spent the week-end in Cross Plains, Mrs. Robbins remaining for a visit there.

After a visit with Mrs. Bridges' father, G. D. Ritchie, of Nubia, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Bridges returned Monday to their home in Breckenridge where Mr. Bridges is associated with the Lone Star Gas company.

Mr. and Mrs. Wade Darsey and little daughter, Nancy Sue, came up from San Angelo for the week-end and Mrs. Darsey and Nancy Sue remained over for a visit with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. H. P. Hulsey.

**Gable is Starred in "No Man of Her Own"**

Famous for his he-man acting, Clark Gable is starred for the first time in "No Man of Her Own" with Carole Lombard and Dorothy Mackall, which is the Queen theatre's attraction for tonight and Saturday. Mr. Gable made his first appearance on the screen a few years ago with Joan Crawford and later with Norma Shearer. His rise to fame as a movie star has been amazingly rapid.

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**NECROLOGY**

**MRS. KATE EFFREY.**

Mrs. Kate Jeffrey, age 71, wife of F. Jeffrey, prominent farmer of the Golan community, died Tuesday morning at their home and funeral services, held at the Golan church, Tuesday afternoon, were conducted by the Rev. Mr. Williams, Baptist pastor of Abilene. Interment was in Rose Hill cemetery.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Jeffrey is survived by ten children, nine of whom live in the Golan community. The other, a daughter, resides in California.

**MARY LEE CALLOWAY.**

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at the Prairie View cemetery, conducted by W. G. Cypert, Church of Christ minister, for Mary Lee Calloway, 12-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dock Calloway, Noodle farmer.

The little girl died at 4:20 Sunday morning at an Abilene hospital, death

being due to a heart involvement. Up to the time she took sick, about 14 days before her death, she had attended school at Noodle, where she was popular with all her teachers and schoolmates.

Besides her parents, she is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Roy Whitehurst, of San Antonio, who came for the funeral, and Margaret, who lives with her parents. The body was first brought here to the home of Mrs. Stanley King, a niece of Mrs. Calloway, and was carried to the Prairie Hill cemetery Sunday afternoon.

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# AWAKENED WOMAN

BY ELLINORE BARRY

## FIRST INSTALLMENT.

Even before she opened her eyes, Joyce was aware of being in a strange place. For the moment, however, she was still too drowsy to make an effort to move. A dull ache throbbled in her head. Her whole body felt heavy, weighed down by an insistent lassitude.

Then other sensations asserted themselves. Her fingers, moving languidly, sent to her drowsy brain the message of some sort of cool silken material under their sensitive tips.

She kept her eyes shut while she tried to think things out. She remembered perfectly now. . . . She was in a taxi going to the Hotel Blackstone in Chicago. It was sleeting, and in the traffic another machine skidded suddenly and crashed into them.

And then they had brought her—where?

It didn't smell in the least like a hospital. And the bed was softer than any cot she had ever felt.

Suddenly she was afraid to open her eyes. Completely awake now, she lay tingling with curiosity, filled at the same time with a foreboding of some strange, frightening revelation to come.

Where could she be?

At last she could stand the uncertainty no longer. Without moving she opened her eyes and stared straight ahead of her. Her first look showed a cluster of large oranges hanging like golden balls in the sunshine against a background of cloudless blue sky.

Oranges! She had never seen oranges actually growing. Still without moving she rolled her eyes from one side to the other. They traveled up the bed to her hands, lying inert on the satin cover. Suddenly she became aware of three separate facts startling in their significance that set her heart to pumping and paralyzed her muscles.

She could never tell which shock was the first to register: the circle of tiny diamonds on the third finger of her left hand; the rumpled condition of the other side of the bed; or the cheerful masculine whistle coming from somewhere in the house close behind her!

A hot wave flooded her face and neck. But gradually her heart quieted down. She relaxed a trifle, breathed deeply, and tried to bring her whirling brain back to normal.

"It's the most incredible thing I ever . . . ever heard!" she thought, desperately, fighting against a feeling of faintness. "It must be a dream! . . . I land in Chicago in November on a dark, cold, snowy afternoon; get in a taxi and . . . something bumps into the taxi. . . . I wake up the next morning and find that it's summertime, and that . . . I'm . . . I'm married! How could it have happened? How—"

The whistle seemed to come a little nearer. Joyce clutched at the bedclothes in a suddenly renewed panic of terror. If it were not a dream now, this instant, then what had happened while she was unconscious?

Suddenly a telephone bell rang. The whistling stopped abruptly. She heard the click of the receiver being lifted. . . . then "Yes?" in a deep, pleasant voice. She listened tensely.

"Oh, Laurine? Hello! . . . She's still asleep, I think. No. Doc says it's nothing serious, but it sure was lucky it wasn't worse. . . . Yes, you're absolutely right—What? . . . Well, I asked her last month not to ride that brute, but you know how she is. . . . I'm leaving in a few minutes. . . . Yes. Got to get to Chicago for a conference. . . . Come over sometime today and see how she is, will you? I hate to go off like this but I'm just going to have time to make the date. It's something I can't sidestep. . . . Yeah? Well, tell Paul to be a good boy while I'm away. So long, Laurine. See you all in 'bout two-three weeks."

Click. Steps across the floor. The sound of steps approaching the bed sent her pulses hammering. Curiosity and fear mingled in her feelings as she looked up. She was so frightened that it did not occur to her to pretend to be asleep.

She saw a man of medium height . . . thirtyish . . . ruddy . . . blue eyes and blue tie . . . tan face and tan suit . . . light brown hair, combed back smoothly . . . face rather wide across the jaw . . . short nose . . . mouth cut in clean curves like a girl's . . . Nothing villainous in the man's appearance.

"Hello, honey! How do you feel this morning?" He was smiling down at her with complete kindness.

Joyce swallowed hard, unable to answer. Under the sheet she clenched her hands trying to still the trembling of her body.

A worried look dimmed the smile on the man's face. He sat down on the side of the bed and leaned toward her, putting his hands on her shoulders.

"Why, what's the matter, dear? Head pretty bad? Oh, I say, did I hurt you? You poor kid!"

He drew back a little. Joyce had involuntarily flinched when his hands touched her.

The thought flashed into Joyce's confused mind that if he fancied she were really ill, he might after all not go away. And she must have time to recover from the shock and decide what to do. She must be left alone. She would have to speak; everything depended on her making this effort.

"Oh, I'm . . . I'm all right," she stammered hardly above a whisper. A look of relief came into the face above her. "Whew, but you gave me a scare. Frills," he exclaimed. "Sure you're all right? Doc's coming over today to take another look at you. Better stay in bed and get a rest. If you're really all right, I've got to dash to the city to get my train for Chicago. But I won't go if you're not. You don't seem just right."

"Oh, no, really, I'm all right," she said hastily. "I just have a headache. It'll be all right."

"You're sure? . . . Good! . . . Well, goodbye, honey. Take care of yourself. You can always reach me at the Blackstone you know. I'll expect to hear from you."

He leaned over, took her face between his large firm hands and kissed her. After he had kissed her twice, while Joyce tried furiously to recall the blush she felt burning her face, he added, hesitatingly, "Look here, Frills, I wish you'd . . . go a little easier while I'm away, will you. I'll be worried about you all the time if I think you're . . . pulling any more reckless stunts, you know. And—"

"Oh, no, don't worry about me!" interrupted Joyce, wishing he would stop kissing her and go away. "I won't do a thing, I . . . I know I'm going to feel like being very quiet for . . . for a while."

This sort of answer was evidently unexpected, Joyce decided, when she saw the surprise in his face mingled with relief. In speaking before, his voice had revealed a note of apprehension, as if he were afraid of the way his words would be received. "What sort of disposition can I have had?" she wondered.

"Well, goodbye, honey," he said once more, and kissing her again, he stood up. "I've got to hop off, I'll write today from somewhere along the line."

Joyce lay and listened to his steps receding inside the house. Then she drew a long breath and sat up suddenly. "So that's my . . . my husband. He has a very nice voice, and I don't feel exactly afraid of him. I think he's got a . . . a kind, pleasant look on his face . . ."

Her thoughts paused in confusion. What did it mean? Gradually her sense of dizzy panic gave way to puzzled curiosity. Lying there in the sweet scented sunshine her mind grew clearer and she tried to fathom the situation unemotionally. But it was no use; the pieces didn't fit; she had nothing to go on. . . .

Swinging her feet over the side of the bed, she found a pair of high-heeled satin bedroom slippers which she put on, and then stood up and stretched cautiously. She felt some-

what stiff and lame, especially all down the side, shoulder, elbow and knee.

"Ouch! That must be the side I fell on. To think that I always wanted to learn to ride horseback and now I've done it and had a bad fall besides—and I don't know a thing about it!"

She went over to the big window of the sleeping porch and stood for a few moments in the warm sunshine, gazing out eagerly. Beneath her lay a terraced garden, full of a blaze of flowers. A high hedge surrounded the garden, down one side of which grew a row of slender Italian cypresses, stiff and dark and theatrical looking. Beyond the hedge stretched a huge orchard of fruit trees. Joyce stared down at it in amazement. She had never seen such an enormous orchard in her life.

The rows of white-blossomed trees seemed to run out for miles and miles over a flat valley, like a drift of snow across a huge plain. Along the farther horizon undulated a line of strange, puckery, treeless hills against the sky. As her glance followed them to the right, she saw that beyond the low hills rose high mountains.

She turned reluctantly away from the view of the sunny garden and the open country, and entered the house. She found a large bedroom with flowered cretonne curtains and cushions. . . . Ivory-tinted wicker furniture . . . a little pile of silk underclothes at the foot of the big smooth bed . . . Luxurious dressing table with a low seat in front of it . . . a partly-open door at the right giving a glimpse into a closet full of clothes . . . at the left a wide-open door into a spacious white tiled bathroom.

Suddenly, as she stood motionless on the threshold, feeling like an intruder entering some one else's bedroom, she caught sight of a girl with short wavy hair, clad in a delectable mauve pyjama suit. With a gasp of surprise she realized it was her own image reflected in one of the two full length mirrors which flanked the dressing table!

"Well! . . ." She moved hastily up close to the mirror and examined herself with interest. Fascinated, she examined her face more closely and smiled suddenly with pleased surprise at the image in this glass. "You look really a whole lot . . . prettier than you ever did in Philadelphia. I must admit!" The bathroom was another exciting discovery. It was a

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large, square room, elaborately tiled, with magnificently modern fittings and fixtures. Joyce gasped with pleasure as she looked.

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In spite of the mystery, in spite of the complications she was about to meet, it was impossible, after a two-year-long diet of Mrs. Lowrie's boarding house, for Joyce not to feel a thrill of pleasure at finding herself in these lovely surroundings. With a little hop of sheer excitement, she crossed the big bathroom and pushed open another door which she noticed stood just slightly ajar.

"Oh? His . . . his dressing room, I suppose," she murmured, hesitating on the threshold. She entered shyly, crossed to the dresser, and took from it a large photograph in a heavy silver frame. Her own face smiled out at her.

It was her own; but Joyce felt, nevertheless, that she must be looking at her double. "Of course, it's retouched a lot, and the shorn hair and the pearls and the evening gown make a difference. But I . . . don't know . . . there's something so assured and sophisticated and daring about it that it doesn't look like me, not like Joyce Ashton. . . ."

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### ONE ACT PLAY.

The district meet for one act plays was held in Sweetwater Friday and Saturday. Merkel presented "Pink and Patches." The cast consisted of Texie, Imogene Middleton; Rexie, Van Roberts; Ma, Opal Huskey, and Mrs. Allen, Frances Marie Church. The other contestants were Abilene, Roby, Sweetwater, Rotan, Fluvanna, Colorado and Albany.

Friday night Merkel won over Roby's "Elmer," and Sweetwater won over Rotan's "Gallow's Gate." Sweetwater presented "No Sabe." In the semi-finals Saturday afternoon, Sweetwater won over Merkel. Abilene won first place, Sweetwater second, and Merkel and Albany tied for third. Best personal actors were voted upon. Merkel carried away part of that honor also. Opal won third place as best girl actor.

County meet was held in Abilene Saturday night. Merkel won over Wylie's "Fixins." First place as best boy and girl actors went to Imogene and Van. County meet in one act plays is not an interscholastic league event, so the winner of the loving cup gets to keep it. Go by the office and see it! We're proud of it.

### CHAPEL.

Mr. Marx, former actor in Hollywood, spoke to us in chapel Tuesday morning. He urged us to continue our education. He said that education is needed badly. Eighty per cent of the inmates of the penitentiaries are illiterate. Many wish to go to city schools but towns the size of Merkel lead the United States. If they should go back on her, America would be ruined because ninety-eight per cent of the teachers, preachers, doctors, lawyers and political leaders come from small towns. He said that we should cooperate with our school and respect and love our teachers. He also said that we should get closer to God, live cleaner lives, and make our parents happy while they are on earth.

### GRAMMAR SCHOOL IN COUNTY MEET.

Grammar school not only showed up well this year in county meet, but she brought back numerous first places. Those that placed were:

1. Junior girls' declamation, Betty Lou Grimes, 3rd place.
2. Spelling, grades 6 and 7, William Hawkins and Lloyd Vick, 2nd place.
3. Spelling, grades 3, 4 and 5, W. I. Wenzcraft and Billie Wood, 1st place.
4. Essay, Betty Lou Grimes, 2nd place.
5. Picture memory, 3rd place.
6. Arithmetic, Sylvan Mellinger and Robert Grimes, Jr., 1st place. This is the sixth consecutive year that Merkel grammar school has won 1st place in arithmetic. This year the contestants were 205 points ahead of the next to highest team.
7. Choral singing, 2nd place.
8. For track:
  - a. Chinning the bar, 1st place.
  - b. 100 yard dash, 1st place.
  - c. Broad jump, 1st place.
  - d. 50 yard dash, 2nd place.
  - e. Relay, 2nd place.

Merkel grammar school also carried off the all round championship. Hail, to you, Merkel!

### SPELLING.

At county meet in seniors spelling Nell Hughes and Anna Lou Church won first. It is interesting to note that this year and last year both, Merkel placed first and Ovalo second. Merkel did not have to compete against all the schools in Taylor county. The schools are divided into two divisions: rural and other schools.

### TENNIS.

The tennis players did very well this year at county meet.

Girl's singles and boy's singles came off first. Billie Bernice drew the hardest opponent. Trent. As she had not practiced much, she was defeated. She won the first set, but lost the next two. We're expecting great things from her next year. Meyer Mellinger played Bradshaw. Bradshaw gained the victory over him, but he did some nice work.

The boys' doubles, Harold Reece and Tommy Jones, won second place. They played Bradshaw and won. The sets were 6-3 and 6-1. After noon they played Trent. They got too much for lunch; therefore, they lost. Howard Carson, the substitute, did not get to play, but he saw some good tennis

### games.

The girls' doubles were to play Potosi Friday morning, but Potosi had contestants in the literary events; therefore they had to wait until after four o'clock. The team, Julia Proctor and Caribel Mansfield, played them and came out winner by 6-0 and 7-5 sets.

The girls had to go back Saturday morning to play Bradshaw and Lawn. They won over Bradshaw by 6-1 and 6-4 sets. Then they played Lawn and defeated them by 6-2 and 6-4. They were through playing and had won first place.

We want to thank Mr. Riddle for the good time we had at a certain cafe in town.

### PRESENTING BEAUTIES.

Fish: Roger Derrick, a group of sob-sisters, and a happy boy presented the freshman beauty—Annie Lee Dubose.

Soph: A business meeting of a group of girls brought the Sophomore beauty before the high school. She was Mary Helen Lancaster.

Juniors had a fairy story told by Annie Lee Owens about the Prince who wanted a wife. The chosen one was Rogene Dye, the junior beauty. The Prince married her and all the land of M. H. S. rejoiced.

Seniors: The Queen, Joyce Wheeler, brought in on a decorated throne was hailed by all the Seniors of M. H. S.

Good luck to everybody.

### LITERARY EVENTS.

In the literary events of the county meet, held at Abilene March 31, Merkel won a first, a second, and two third places in the declamation contest.

Mary Helen Lancaster won first place in the junior girls and Ben Sublett won second place in the junior boys.

In the senior contest Annie Lee Owens won third place in the girls' contest and Charles F. Tipton won third in the boys'.

There were twenty-four entries in the declamation contest. One or two schools were not entered.

### SOPHOMORE NEWS.

The Sophs had a class meeting to select the most beautiful girl in the class. Mary Helen Lancaster is our beauty and we want everyone to help us make her the high school beauty.

The Sophs also had a number of contestants in the county meet at Abilene Friday. Most of the Sophomore contestants got a place: first, second or third. Are we glad for them? I should say. We want to win more next year, though.

### EXTEMPORE SPEAKING.

Howard Stanley and Nell Hughes represented Merkel in extempore speaking at county meet. Howard took first place and Nell second. Howard will continue with extempore speaking because he goes to district meet this month.

The subjects are sent out in the "Interscholastic Leaguer" each month from January on. The students read these topics from various magazines and newspapers. At county meet the student is allowed to draw five topics and talk from any one he chooses. Howard spoke on "Compensation of War Veterans," and Nell spoke on "Who Should Pay for Highways?"

This event is the outstanding speech event. It is helpful in several ways: first, the student learns to think before an audience; second, it makes the student more widely read on important topics of world-wide interest; third, it lends much to one's speaking ability.

Let us compare extempore speaking with declamation. From this county ninety-six entered declamation while only six entered extempore speaking. This shows extempore speaking needs much backing in order to create a decent interest in it.

Because of its usefulness, more students are urged to come out for this event next year.

### OH, MOUSE!

A certain Senior girl—we won't embarrass her by telling who she is—started to get something from a basket the other day. The basket had some old clothes in it and it had been in a dark corner. When she pulled out that old garment, there came a mouse! Oh! Ouch! Oh, help! Poor mouse was scared within an inch of his life, too. We hope he lived over his fright.

## TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Brother Howell of Abilene is preaching a series of sermons here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. McCright of Anson visited Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Jones last Tuesday.

Mrs. Ernest Nemir visited relatives at Roscoe last Tuesday and Wednesday, joining her son, Jack, who has been here since Sunday.

Mrs. Joe Nalley and two daughters, June and Joy, motored to Cottonwood to visit with her father, A. Rutherford, last Sunday. They were joined at Abilene by Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Rutherford and son, Junior, who also spent the day with them.

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Bishop and Mr. and Mrs. Jo Stewart were Waco and Cameron visitors this week, visiting relatives of each party.

Just as we are mailing this letter, we regret to learn that Grandma Burks is real sick.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hughes of Merkel visited the bedside of Mrs. Hughes' father, J. W. Reynolds.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Randal of Quanah spent the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Johnson, last week.

Eugene Murdock was a guest in Abilene last Friday night with Jack Bowers.

Last Saturday afternoon was well spent by way of entertainment. Our noted meat market man, Ben Howell, was in a way responsible for same, having made it possible for a free rodeo and barbecue, which was carried out very nicely and attended by a large crowd. People in general express themselves as being doubly glad for same. Come again, Bennie, hey!

Miss Bessie Mae Ford was a week-end guest at Newman, visiting in the home of her brother, A. J. Ford.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Sipe, accompanied by their son, Fay, and family, motored to Abilene last Saturday and spent the day with their daughter, Mrs. Mamie Massey.

Grandma Burks has returned from Merkel where she spent a short time with her daughter, Mrs. Cliff Newberry. She is in the home of her son, E. H. Burks, here.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Riley, accompanied by their daughter, Lurline, visited last Friday in the home of another daughter, Mrs. Hub West. Mr. and Mrs. Riley returned home, Miss Lurline remaining with them for a short visit.

### METHODIST REVIVAL.

The Methodist revival is to begin Sunday, April 9. The pastor, Rev. O. C. Copping, will do his own preaching for the meeting, and Mrs. Algine Steen will lead the singing at the morning hours and Mr. B. H. Quattlebaum at the night services.

We hope to make this a real old fashioned revival. The general public is cordially invited to attend, and Christian people of all denominations are requested to co-operate and help in any way possible.

## High School News.

### TRENT TAKES COUNTY HONORS.

The Trent High school and Grammar school pupils took several first, second, third and fourth places at the county meet.

Trent, having won the all-around county meet last year, took the meet this year with grammar and high school points, the points being 110 and 140. Cullen Tittle and Elmer McDonald won doubles in tennis and Cullen Tittle won first in singles in tennis. Sally Freeman winning second in girl's singles. Elizabeth Winn won first in junior girls' declamation and first in music memory, her partner being Gladys Roberts. Jewell Gabbert won second in high school essay writing. Ruth Copping won first in senior extempore speaking. Other winners were Mark Williams and Kirby Steadman, second in junior spelling, Lucille Howell and George Helen Lee third in junior girl spelling, Stanley Copping second in boys' extempore speech.

Trent ward school won by 24 points over Merkel who led in a close shave by 21 points.

Places won were: 100-yard dash, Henry Bright, 1st. 120-yard high hurdles, H. Bright, 1st.

850-yard dash, Stanley Copping, 2nd.

440-yard dash, H. Bright, 2nd. 1-mile run, C. Martin, 4th.

High jump, Stanley Copping, 1st. Javelin throw, Copping, 3rd and E. McDonald, 4th.

Pole vault, Stanley Copping, 4th. D. A. Hutchison and Victor Copping, N. L. McLeod, L. D. Bishop, Ivan Copping all won several first, second and third places in junior meet

## HEBRON NEWS

The B. Y. P. U. adult class rendered a fine program Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Lige Harris and family spent the week-end near Big Spring visiting with their son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Harris. They were accompanied on their return by Mrs. Thomas Harris and baby, Gloria Jean, who will spend a few days with them.

Mr. A. J. Sharp and children went to the singing at Hamlin Sunday.

Mrs. Williamson visited her niece at Winters Sunday.

Several enjoyed a spelling match at Union Ridge Friday night. Miss Terry gave our 250 words out of the blue back speller. A. Z. Johnson received the prize for standing up until the last. Several others were standing when the words were all given out. Some of these were Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Carey, Mr. and Mrs. Velma Shelton, Miss Ruby Carey and others.

Special musical feature included Miss Johnny Watson of Sweetwater on the ukelele and A. C. Terry and Bobbie Franks, who sang two numbers. Ice cream and cake were served to the crowd all of whom hope that Miss Terry and Mrs. Shelton will give another spelling match in the near future.

Lois Burleson is confined to his bed with the measles.

Paul Pannell and Dale Burleson were in Abilene Sunday.

Several from here attended church at Union Ridge Sunday.

Mrs. Oliver Carey was removed from the hospital at Abilene to the home of W. M. Carey Sunday a week ago. She is still confined to her bed but is doing nicely. Those to visit her the past week were: Mrs. McCree and Mabel, Mrs. Will Williams and daughters, Anna, Agnes and Wanda Lou, Mrs. O. E. Harwell, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Pannell and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Douglas and daughters.

## DORA DOINGS

Rev. Mr. Stanley filled his regular appointment at Slater's chapel Sunday morning and evening.

Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Laine are enjoying a visit from their daughter, Mrs. Wiley Post, of Oklahoma.

W. G. Oliver's condition remains unchanged and very discouraging.

We regret to report Mrs. Walter Hammond quite sick at this writing.

Edgar Elliott and Dr. and Mrs. Richardson made a business trip to Levelland Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ford Phillips are riding in a nice looking model A.

The ladies missionary society, meeting with Mrs. Mildred Hyde Monday, enjoyed a nice program.

The Divide baseball team is organized and ready to accept games at home and abroad. We have played two games with Nubia, winning one and losing one. So there is the sugar game yet. Give us a challenge.

Quite a number of our young people enjoyed the party at Mr. and Mrs. Payne Perry's at Elm Grove Friday night.

Miss Pollie Oliver of Abilene visited home folks, the W. G. Oliver family, over the week-end.

Quite a few of our sportsmen are going out to hook the funny tribe, but aren't having much luck.

Miss Ouida Cross and Mrs. Ruth Jones were on the sick list last week. Miss Cross continues to be real sick.

which caused them to win ward school by points of 24.

### CHORAL SINGING.

The Grammar school boys and girls won third place in choral singing. Miss Annie Bell Bailey, director, was assisted by Mrs. Dora Reynolds.

The Choral club singers were Bobby Ruth McLeod, Venita McDonald, Lady Fred Crain, Betty Lou Howell, Dorothy Louise Vessel, Hazel and Mary Love, Johnny Roberts, Jodie B. Gabbert, Flo Ella and Ruth Hallmark, Doris Steen, Dorothy Jo Strawn, Ilena Perkins, Harweda and Ada Wortham, Jean Scott, George Helen Lee, Vera Mae Bryant, Kathryn Shannon, Sara Wilson, A. C. Terry, Nelia Tittle, Georgeo McLeod, Jake Roberts, Junior Gabbert, T. G. Murdock, Mark Williamson, Valree West and Hazel Coats.

### A MARX SPEAKS IN CHAPEL.

Mr. A. Marx, a movie star from Hollywood, Calif., stopped and delivered a one hour lecture to the school group on "God, Mother and the Movie Life of Calif." It was enjoyed by everyone. It will bring a better life to our young children, we are sure. We are always glad to hear interesting men like Mr. Marx. He is only making the big cities and colleges.

5 1-2 per cent Farm and Ranch Loans. Apply now for loans maturing this fall and winter. So appraisal may be made. We like Merkel lands. W. Homer Shanks, Insurance, Lands, Room 1, Penney Bldg., Abilene.

## White Church News

We are having some dry winds here with plenty of sand mixed in.

Quite a few of our school children were in Abilene for the county meet over the week-end. Two who brought home gold medals were Frieda and Etsel Farmer.

Mr. Dillard Snow and family of Abilene visited their brother, J. E. Snow, and family here Sunday. They accompanied Misses Isla May Snow and Beulah Harrison home, who had spent the week-end with them in their home at Abilene.

Friends here were made sad to learn of the death of their old time friend and neighbor, Mrs. Bickley, who died at the home of her son in Lubbock, Mrs. B. D. Pressley and Mrs. A. D. Barnes attended the funeral in Merkel Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Frank Demore visited her daughter, Mrs. Joe Weston, of Mt. Pleasant, one day last week.

The White Church club will meet in the home of Mrs. W. E. Malone Monday for an all-day meeting. A covered dish lunch will be served at noon.

Woodrow Barnes spent the week-end in Abilene with his cousin, Nan Barnes.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Hutchins of Sweetwater, who came to attend the funeral of Mrs. Hutchins' father, Henry R. Hicks, were passing visitors here last week. The entire community was greatly grieved at his passing, as he was an old timer of this place.

Quite a few from here attended the revival meeting in Merkel last week. Some of our men and boys went on a fishing trip last week to Clear Fork and they report lots of luck.

## STITH NEWS

The B. Y. P. U. training school closed Friday night with an enrollment of 76. 56 members took the examinations Friday night and 38 members went to Anson Sunday afternoon where they received diplomas and were scored for the banner for standard of excellence in B. Y. P. U. work. Anson won the banner and Stith was a close second.

The 4-H club girls met Friday, March 31, with Mrs. Sam Mashburn. The program was on "Adequate Diet." The next meeting the girls will discuss "Clothing." Two new members joined the club at this meeting, Misses Daisy Shaw and Annie Mae Burns.

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# The Merkel Mail

The Stith High school pupils present "Fingerprints" in the Hav High school auditorium Wednesday evening, April 5, at 7:30. This play is full of fun and lively wit furnished by the "fingerprintin' fool," played by Durward Armwine. Admission: children 10c, adults 15c.

There were 85 pupils present at chapel Monday morning showing an absence of 14 pupils. The guests enjoying the chapel program Monday morning were: Mrs. Ira Stanley, Mrs. Claud Allison, Mrs. C. T. McCormick, Mrs. Burks and Miss McCormick. We are always proud to welcome visitors to the chapel programs.

A short play entitled "The Adopted One" will be given next Monday in chapel by four pupils of the fourth grade.

The Stith baseball team was defeated by the Tye boys last Thursday afternoon. The score was 14 to 7.

### FOR SALE.

Robert M. Harper's State Certified Cottonseed, \$1.20 per bushel, delivered; also have first year Harper's Mebane at 30 cents per bushel.  
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The average American is sailing through life with too much speed. Why should we as American citizens send ourselves to an early grave by not heeding the laws of Nature and protecting our bodies from disease before it is too late?

The laws of Nature are simple, but we do not take time to obey them. We eat at all hours, sleep when we can go no longer, and take exercise when it is convenient. No wonder the hospitals of our Nation are full and running over, because people living at this fast pace go until they are nervous wrecks then seek different ways and means to restore themselves to health.

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FOR SOME NICE tomato plants see Sid Criswell.

FOR SALE CHEAP—1 single row planter, 2 single row cultivators. See C. B. Williams at the old Collins place.

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HARPER'S MEBANE COTTON-SEED from last year's pedigreed seed, sacked and culled, 50c per bushel. R. H. Matthews, Sr., 1 1-2 miles southeast of Merkel.

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**LOST AND FOUND**

STOLEN—From Merkel Mail a valuable desk set. If offered for resale, please notify Perry Dickinson or the Mail office.

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**FOR RENT**

FOR RENT—4 room cottage and bath, just off Oak street. Mrs. R. I. Grimes.

**Scout Jamboree Set For May 12 and 13**

The sixth annual jamboree or field meet of Scout activities for the Chisholm Trail council will be held at Camp Tonkawa May 12 and 13 where more than five hundred Scouts and Scouters will gather for this climax of winter and spring activities in the council.

All registered Scouts are given an opportunity to participate. Special events are scheduled for Tenderfoot Scouts such as written test on the history and composition of the United States flag, written test on the significance of the Boy Scout uniform. Tenderfoot Scouts also compete in handicraft displays.

The program starts at 4 o'clock Friday evening, May 12, when troops draw for locations. These troops cook their own supper then compete in Indian dances, troop songs and yells around huge camp fires.

Starting early Saturday morning a beautiful sunrise flag ceremony is held followed by breakfast, then troop inspection, a check up on attendance, troop drills, points for Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster present, caring of uniforms, etc.

Cooking dinner Saturday noon is a wonderful sight to the visitors as all troops cook their own meal without the use of utensils.

The jamboree is one of the features of the new program of progress to be inaugurated April first through the territory of the Chisholm Trail council, an added progression to the ten year program of growth.

**MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS.**

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**Dick Powell's Post Made Simple Matter of Role in "42nd Street"**

Occasionally an actor's early training fits him peculiarly for some role he has to play in pictures. This was the case with Dick Powell, who is one of the members of the all star cast of the Warner Bros. picture, "42nd Street," coming to the Palace, Sweetwater, Sunday and Monday.

The picture, which is a dramatic story of backstage life, calls for a player who can sing, to enact the role of juvenile actor in a musical comedy show. Powell has been singing ever since he was a child, starting with the church choir. Later he toured the country with his own orchestra, both singing and directing.

It was while he was master of ceremonies at a Pittsburg theatre that he was called to Warner Bros. to enact the role of a crooner in "Blessed Event." His work was so good he was immediately assigned the role of "42nd Street."

Other members of the all star cast include Warner Baxter, Bebe Daniels, Una Merkel, George Brent, Ruby Keeler, Guy Kibbee, Ned Sparks, Ginger Rogers and Allen Jenkins.

The direction is by Lloyd Bacon while the dance numbers and ensembles for a musical comedy show within the main show were created and staged by Busby Berkeley, well known Broadway director. Special song numbers were written by Al Dubin and Harry Warren.

**Legislature's Oldest Member Given Watch On His 81st Birthday**

Austin, April 6.—Flowers for the living were heaped Wednesday on Representative J. L. Goodman of Franklin, the oldest member of the legislature. The occasion was the celebration of his eighty-first birthday.

Goodman has been closely connected with state politics for a half century. He served his first term in the house in the twenty-second legislature in the early nineties. Between his legislative service he served several terms as county judge of Robertson county.

A resolution was adopted congratulating Goodman on his birthday and praising his public service. He was presented with a watch by the house membership.

**Divorce Granted to Mrs. Walker.** Miami, Fla., April 6.—Final decree of divorce in the suit of Mrs. Janet Allen Walker against James J. Walker, former New York mayor, was signed by Circuit Court Judge Worth W. Trammell here late Monday. Mrs. Walker in her suit alleged her husband deserted her in October of 1928.

**Teddy's Hunting Guide Dies.** Sierra Madre, Cal., April 6.—Sylvane M. Farris, 74, the man who was a hunting guide and companion of the late Theodore Roosevelt when the latter killed his first buffalo, about 1882, died at his home here Monday.

Complete line of office supplies at Mail office.

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**TELEPHONE THE MAIL**

The Mail will be glad to receive news of entertainments or visitors in Merkel homes, as well as other news items of a general nature. If you have company, entertain friends or return from a trip please telephone 61 or 29.

**Seek \$35,900 Damages; Aftermath of Crash**

Suit for damages totaling \$35,909.15 was filed in district court at Abilene Monday in behalf of five minor children of Mrs. Armita Howard, who was fatally injured in an automobile-truck crash here on February 23. The proceedings, instituted by Mrs. Howard's father, B. N. Wheeler, of Noodle, name the Lydick Roofing company, of Abilene, as defendant, it being alleged that it was a truck driven by W. C. Touchstone and belonging to this company which figured in the collision.

A second suit growing out of the same automobile crash was filed in district court Wednesday by B. N. Wheeler, father of Mrs. Howard, for \$20,800 for damages allegedly sustained in the crash, in which he suffered permanent injuries.

**THANKS VOTERS.**

I feel deeply grateful for the confidence that you, the citizens of Merkel, have placed in me in re-electing me as your mayor.

I appreciate every kind word and deed shown.

To those that opposed me I have nothing but the best feeling and I earnestly solicit the co-operation of all so that we all may work for the best interest of our city.

W. M. Elliott.

**PATTERSON-CARDILL.**

On Saturday Miss Grace Cardill and Jake Patterson were united in marriage by W. G. Cypert at his home here. The Mail joins many friends in extending best wishes.

Read the advertisements in this paper. There's a message in every one of them that may enable you to save money. At least you will know where to find what you want without doing a lot of hunting and asking questions, and you also know the merchants appreciate your patronage because they solicit your business and make special offering of their goods.

In a recent month 5,712,800 pounds of rayon were produced in Japan.

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**America's Sweetheart in Latest Film, "Secrets" At Paramount Sunday**

Of interest to local theatre-goers is the announcement that the Paramount Theatre in Abilene will present the first showing in the entire Southwest of Mary Pickford's latest picture, "Secrets," in which she shares the starring honors with Leslie Howard, brilliant star of "The Animal Kingdom." "Secrets" will be shown at the Paramount three days starting Sunday.

It is a simple love story with circumstances involving man and woman in a manner familiar to all lovers and is said to be particularly dear to the heart of every woman who sees it. It is without sophistication, wise cracks and daring circumstances. Most preview critics hail it as another "Smilin' Through," only possessing more charm and beauty and the locales of the story which carry you from rockbound Maine to sunny California give rise to the comment that "Secrets" is as big in epic sweep as the justly celebrated "Cimarron."

America's sweetheart is surrounded by a cast that is almost as famous as herself. In immediate support is Leslie Howard, brilliant star of "The Animal Kingdom" and regarded by many as the screen's finest actor. Others in the large cast are Ned Sparks, C. Aubrey Smith, Blanche Frederici and Mona Maris.

The scenario and direction are in the hands of two Motion Picture Academy of Awards winners, Francis Marion and Frank Borzage respectively.

ly, and insure a smooth continuity of story and perfect directorial accomplishment.

Since "Secrets" marks Mary Pickford's return to the screen after a long absence, the Paramount management in Abilene is anticipating record attendance during the three days engagement and in making this announcement added the following remarks: "Mary Pickford is the one star who is beloved by everyone and her brilliant performance in 'Secrets' will be viewed by thousands of theatre-goers in this section."

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Mr. and Mrs. Odger Matthews and son of Nubie have moved into our midst. They are living on the E. J. Orsburn place.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Spears and daughter, Miss Zuma, have returned from Lubbock after several days stay with their daughter, Mrs. Chalmers Patterson, who has been seriously ill for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Williams and son of Merkel were afternoon guests Wednesday of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Doan and family.

Mr. Fortenberry and daughter, Miss Myrtle, and Mrs. Sublett of Abilene were dinner guests of their sister, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Orsburn Sunday.

Harry Ingram of Brownwood was an interesting week-end guest of J. C. Horton.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Doan motored over to take birthday dinner with the latter's father, Mr. and Mrs. John Dulin, of Rotan, Sunday.

Oscar Arnold of Alexander, La., is on relief duty in the absence of Mr. Dusek, Santa Fe agent, for an indefinite time. Mr. and Mrs. Arnold will remain in our midst for the present.

A crowd of young people enjoyed a social in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Meeks Saturday night. After the party Miss Meeks entertained several of her friends with a slumber party. Those enjoying the occasion were: Harriet Rogers, Bessie Lou Windham, Zuma Spears, Frances Scoggin, Clara Lee Peterson, Flora Patterson, Lena Meeks, Emma Campbell and the hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Meeks and family and Mr. and Mrs. Bailey Meeks and family of Hamby spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. John Meeks.

The Christian revival conducted by Rev. Mr. Hail, assisted by Rev. Mr. Witt of Abilene, closed Sunday night and many from the surrounding communities attended these services. Rich in simplicity and frankness, these young evangelists have grown closer to the Blair folks. Manifold blessings have already been evidenced from this series of services, the church has been made stronger and a record made that will long be remembered.

John Walker filled his regular appointment at the Baptist church Sunday, delivering two soul-stirring messages that won many souls to God.

The Rev. Mr. Click, M. E. pastor, an inspirational talk at the Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Doan and family spent the week-end with the latter's sister, Mr. and Mrs. Whit Farmer of Snyder.

Mr. and Mrs. Hurman Doan, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Campbell and Mrs. Susie Doan spent one day the past week with Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Farmer of White Church.

**UNION RIDGE NEWS**

A nice crowd attended the ice cream supper given at the Union Ridge school house last Friday night. Everyone enjoyed the program.

Mr. and Mrs. Halstead have had natives from Abilene as their guests lately.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sharp and family were Hamlin visitors last Sunday. We are glad to report that Mrs. J. Douglas and son, Velmer Ellis, are doing fine.

Mrs. Robert Meeks of Post City has been a recent guest in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Clyde Irwin.

We are sorry to report that there is one case of measles in our community and a light epidemic going around among the children.

Ross Baker was called to the bedside of his father in Austin.

J. L. Jones and Darold Nubia of Arizona were recent guests in the E. J. Dean home.

We are glad to report that Mrs. O. R. Carey was removed to her home Sunday afternoon. She has with her Miss Williams of Goodman to do her housework.

**County Honor Roll**

**ROADS SCHOOL.**

Following pupils from the third grades of the Cross Roads school made the Noodle community made an average of 90 or above for the past month:

Third grade: James Cox, Iris Eoff, Charles Carter, Carl Jackson, Jr., Francis Myrick.

Fourth grade: Joe Tarpley, Nelly Joe Rutledge, Imageane Bird, Aelo Mae West, Mattie Bell Spinks.

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