

## HOUSE FAVORS INFLATION PLAN OF PRESIDENT

Votes 307 to 86 to Push Through Currency Rider; Farm Bill to Conference; To White House Probably Saturday.

Washington, May 4.—With a roaring chorus of ayes, piling up a vote of 307 to 86, the house Wednesday approved the Roosevelt currency inflation plan and sent its parent, the big farm relief bill, to conference with prospects of a presidential signature by Saturday night.

The inflation rider which now has complete congressional approval will allow President Roosevelt among other things to expand currency and credit by as much as \$6,000,000,000 in addition to altering the gold backing of the dollar by as much as fifty per cent.

Senate and house conferees will hold their first formal meeting Thursday in an effort to agree upon several scores of differences in the farm relief measure. Leaders hold hope of obtaining quick agreement in order that the legislation may be finally approved and sent to the White House by Saturday.

The administration is anxious that it be expedited so that it can be placed into immediate operation for 300,000 farmers, hundreds of whom are threatened with the loss of their property.

Action came on the inflation amendment in the house after it disagreed to all senate farm relief amendments and sent them to conference.

Under the farm relief sections, the measure at present provides that federal cotton be pooled to be sold on credit to growers in exchange for acreage reduction. The government is to hold the cotton and sell later, the profit to go to the planter.

Secretary Wallace is authorized to fix a processing tax on wheat, cotton, corn, hogs, rice, tobacco, sugar cane, sugar beets and dairy products in the amount he deems necessary to increase income over market levels. Tax receipts would either be paid the farmer as a direct benefit or by leasing up land in exchange for decreasing his production.

## Rhode Island Votes Repeal Emphatically

Providence, R. I., May 4.—Rhode Island, which never did ratify the 18th amendment, voted emphatically Tuesday to repeal it.

The electorate, by a vote of 150,244 to 20,874, named 31 delegates, all pledged for repeal, to the state convention May 8, when Rhode Island will officially make known its stand on the prohibition amendment.

Wisconsin and Michigan already have voted in favor of repeal.

### Record of Births.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Clabe Goains, residing east of town, Monday, May 1, 1933.

## MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail May 2, 1913.)

The Mail is in receipt of a letter from T. B. Holliday of Buffalo Gap in which he asks that we announce the pro and con discussion here Saturday afternoon between himself and Hon. J. M. Wagstaff of Abilene on whether we move the county seat from Abilene to Buffalo Gap or leave it as it is.

The improvement and making-over-modernly of Merkel continues with increasing interest with the contract let last week for the building of a new front for the Burroughs' drug store.

Mrs. A. A. Baker and daughters, Messdames J. L. Baker and J. B. Warnick, baked a large cake this week and sent it to Hugh Baker of Campbell, Cal., as a birthday present to Hugh from his parents, Rev. and Mrs. A. A. Baker. The cake weighed ten pounds and required the whites of 30 eggs in baking. It was sent by parcel post.

Tully B. Lucas and Forest Gaither were visitors in Dallas Sunday.

Miss Lou Sears of Whitewater is here visiting her brother, Jno. Sears and family.

## KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

The hottest April day since 1920 was recorded at Brownsville at 98 Thursday of last week. In 1920 the temperature went to 100.

Tom Connally, United States senator from Texas, will deliver the commencement address to the graduating class at Baylor university May 31.

Carlot shipments of Texas fruits and vegetables for the week ending April 29 totaled 1,604 cars, compared with 1,171 a year ago, an increase of 433 cars.

With the installation of 165 modern busses replacing street cars, San Antonio Monday became one of the largest cities in the United States to have 100 per cent bus transportation.

J. V. (Uncle Jim) Savage, 74, one of the oldest West Texas pioneers, who was captured by Indians and held by them for several years when a child, died Monday at Childress.

Representative Clay Stone Briggs, of Galveston, who had represented the seventh Texas district in congress for 16 years, died at his Washington residence Saturday after a heart attack.

A 20-month-old Fort Worth baby, Maxine Chappell, drowned in brine left in an ice cream freezer. It is believed the baby was reaching into the freezer for bits of floating ice when it tumbled in.

One-half million pounds of Texas 12-months wool was sold to Boston firms Monday by San Angelo parties at 20 cents a pound, while one clip brought 20 1-2 cents, a new high price for the last two years.

Two convicts at Harlem state penal farm near Sugarland, C. A. Roaby and E. A. Bragg, were shot to death Tuesday when they attempted to disarm a mounted guard overseeing a squad of 15 men at work in a field.

Charles F. Roeser of Fort Worth, W. C. Stroube of Corsicana and Bryan Payne of Tyler, prominent oil men, were publicly reprimanded and censured by the Texas house of Representatives Tuesday for engaging in a fight with one of its members.

Dr. Guy W. Davis of San Angelo, superintendent of home missions of the Brownwood presbytery, will become president of Daniel Baker college at Brownwood on July 1, succeeding Dr. S. E. Chandler, who had been head of the school for the last 15 years. Dr. Chandler will retain his chair of Bible at the college.

With the approval of both houses, the bill to effect partial repeal of the "gin marriage" law, enacted four years ago, was sent to the governor Wednesday. The bill would repeal the provision of the statute requiring couples to give three days notice of intention to wed, but retain the provision requiring bridegrooms to pass a medical examination.

### Insult Out at Cornell.

Ithaca, N. Y., May 4.—Resignation of Martin J. Insull of Chicago, former public utilities magnate, as a trustee of Cornell University, has been accepted by the board. It became known Tuesday.

Ottis Barnett left Saturday night for Comanche to visit relatives for a few days.

Joe Bettis of Abilene was on the streets here Saturday shaking hands with old friends.

Mrs. Rufus Grisham of Hamlin is here visiting her father, J. T. Howard and relatives.

Mrs. W. H. Free returned to her home in Abilene Monday after spending a few days here in the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Ussery.

Those attending the closing of the Trent school from here Monday evening were: Misses Maude Martin, Louise and Stella Schmid, Messrs. Ottis Barnett and Forest Gaither. Others going were: Luther Grimes, John West, W. L. Diltz, Jr., Robert Haynes, Homer Rainbolt and Taylor Jennings.

Notice, Library Readers—After May 1st the library will be open from 5 to 6 o'clock on each Monday, Wednesday and Saturday afternoons.

## SENATE PUTS OK ON STATE BOND ISSUE

Proposed Constitutional Amendment to Authorize the State to Issue \$20,000,000 in Bonds for Unemployment Relief.

Austin, May 4.—The senate Wednesday voted to submit a proposed constitutional amendment to authorize the state to issue \$20,000,000 in bonds for unemployment relief. The vote was 22 to 6. The resolution now goes to the house.

If 100 members of the house approve the resolution it would be submitted to the electorate on August 26.

The proposal mustered only 13 votes when it was put to a test in the senate Tuesday. The vote of 21 senators was necessary to send it to the house.

Representatives of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation had been quoted as saying that the federal agency would make no further allotments to Texas until the legislature voted to submit the bond proposal. The R. F. C. had taken the position that the state should bear part of the burden of carrying on the relief work.

If the constitutional amendment should be adopted, the legislature would be authorized to issue up to \$20,000,000 in bonds bearing interest not exceeding four and one half per cent. These bonds would have to be paid off within ten years.

The legislature would make appropriations to pay the interest and principal of the bonds as they became due.

## Wednesday's Rainfall Less Than Half Inch

Late Wednesday afternoon Merkel had most promising prospects for the much desired rain and, for a few minutes, the prospect materialized. Shortly before 5 o'clock a hard shower fell here and all the way toward the mountains, amounting to three-eighths of an inch, according to the gauge of Volunteer Weather Observer Grover Hale. Abilene had about the same rainfall, but it is reported that it did not extend as far as Trent to the West.

While the rain here was accompanied by a light hail, there was no particular disturbance, but at about the same hour a cyclone struck Iberis in the south part of the county, sweeping away the Baptist church and four homes there. Spasmodic tornadoes also struck at Spur in Dickens county and clipped out a path of desolation in Fisher county.

This is the only rainfall here during May so far, precipitation for the year up to May 1 having been 2 1-4 inches. The total to date is 2 5-8 inches.

## Are Nearing End of Regular Session

Austin, May 4.—Lawmakers of Texas are nearing the end of their 120-day period of their full \$10-a-day pay for the regular session of the legislature. So far, no definite date has been established for closing the session.

It generally was agreed the session will run over into time in which the members will draw \$5 per day. The \$10 period ends May 9. The session will run on until a concurrent resolution adopted by both houses fixes the terminal date.

Indications were that the regular session probably will last the rest of next week and two full weeks afterward, or end May 27. It may run longer, since practically all house and senate members have bills they feel must be passed.

## Twin Boys Were First-Born in Panhandle

Borger, May 4.—The first white children born in the Texas Panhandle were twin boys, and they made their arrival in a covered wagon camped on White Deer creek in Hutchinson county, according to T. D. Hobart, Pampa, past-president of the Panhandle-Plains historical society.

The children were born June 8, 1849, to an immigrant family who accompanied Captain Marcy's expedition in making a survey of the old Santa Fe trail between Fort Smith, Ark., and Santa Fe, N. M.

## RE-DISTRICTING PLAN FOR STATE IS COMPLETED

Both Houses Approve Compromise Bill to Establish Twenty-one Congressional Territories; Seventeenth is Changed.

Austin, May 4.—The Texas legislature has at last worked out a division of the counties of the state into 21 congressional districts. After two unsuccessful attempts at the regular and a special session of the 42nd legislature both houses Wednesday approved a compromise bill rearranging the congressional bailiwicks.

Conferees on bills passed by the house and senate were able to make room for three new districts without placing any of the incumbents in the national house in the same district. Three of the Texas delegation now are elected from the state at large.

However, should a candidate whose home is in Galveston be elected to congress to succeed the late Clay Stone Briggs he would be obliged to either change his residence after his term expired or contest with Congressman J. J. Mansfield, of Columbus.

Galveston and Chambers counties were taken from the seventh and placed in the ninth district.

It was pointed out that an election to choose a successor to the late congressman Briggs would be held in the old district, the redistricting not to become effective until the next regular election.

Three counties, Bexar, Harris and Dallas, would have districts to themselves. The three new districts were allotted to Bexar county, the Panhandle-Plains area of northwest Texas and the livestock region of central West Texas. Also, a partially new district was grouped in East Texas.

### NEW SEVENTEENTH DISTRICT.

The new 17th district, represented by Congressman Thomas L. Blanton, is reduced from 19 to 12, ten counties being dropped and three new ones added. It would be comprised of the following counties:

Fisher, Jones, Shackelford, Stephens, Palo Pinto, Nolan, Taylor, Callahan, Eastland, Erath, Comanche and Hamilton. The last named, with Fisher and Erath, are additions.

The district at present includes: Burnet, Brown, Callahan, Coleman, Comanche, Concho, Eastland, Jones, Llano, Lampasas, Mills, McCulloch, Nolan, Palo Pinto, Runnels, Shackelford, San Saba, Stephens and Taylor.

## Six Sent to Forest Army From Abilene

Taylor county's first recruits to the forest army, six youths from Abilene, left the first of the week for Fort Worth to report to the army recruiting officer. This sextet were: Claude Eugene Biggers, Carl Wayne Briley, Fred Noel Busby, Edgel Raymond McCoy, Wyley Eugene Peters and Bryant A. Weaver.

A second call for recruits is expected later in the week.

This county's quota is 84 men, to be apportioned according to population throughout the county. Merkel and its immediate contiguous territory is entitled to five.

## \$400 Transit Shown To Local Trig Class

On Wednesday of this week, County Agent C. Metz Heald responded to an invitation from Supt. Burgess to visit his class in trigonometry. Mr. Heald very generously gave the class his time to show them some practical illustrations of the use of trigonometry in determining distances and heights of angular measurements. He had with him his \$400 transit which was used to demonstrate its use in practical measurements. He also showed the class how his terracing instrument was used to determine differences in elevation. The class very much appreciate this visit.

### "An Old Fashioned Mother."

A three-act play, "An Old Fashioned Mother," will be presented by the Shiloh Baptist Sunday School Friday night at the Goodman schoolhouse. Admission charges will be 10c and 20c. There are twelve principals in the cast and interesting specialties will be introduced between the acts.

## FINANCIAL REPORT OF CITY SCHOOLS REVEALS DISTRICT ONE OF FEW ON CASH BASIS

### ENTIRE STAFF IS RE-ELECTED

Personel of Faculty for the Merkel Public Schools for 1933-34 Session.

The faculty of the Merkel Public schools for 1933-34, all re-elected at the regular monthly meeting of the school board Tuesday night, follows:

First grade—Mrs. Elsie Sharp, Mrs. Holland Teaff.

Second grade—Miss Nell Swann, Miss Evelyn Curb.

Third grade—Miss Inice Brown, Miss Vennie Heizer.

Fourth grade—Miss Imogene Hayes, Miss Julia Martin.

Intermediate grades (5th, 6th and 7th)—Miss Opal Sloan, writing and drawing; Miss Pauline Pinckley, reading; Miss Carrie Coffey, English; Miss Virgilia Welch, geography; Ralph Duke, history; Mrs. Len Sublett, arithmetic, (principal.)

High school: Mrs. Orpah Campbell, history, algebra.

Miss Helen Patterson, mathematics, physical education.

Tom D. Riddle, science.

Mrs. R. B. Irvin, English.

Mrs. Lucy Tracy Haynes, English, public speaking.

R. B. Irvin, Spanish, coach, (principal.)

The superintendent, Roger A. Burgess, had been previously elected for another term at the March meeting of the board.

## Football Tryouts Put Through Scrimmage

The Badger team has a few prospects for next year but as Briggs Irvin, the coach, says, "not enough to carry off the world championship." The boys had a short scrimmage practice last Friday afternoon. A number of Grammar School boys are coming out and, if the coach can work with them and get them started in the right way, the future will look bright for M. H. S.

The tryouts for Patterson and Shannon, to see whether or not any one goes to Austin, will be held either Tuesday or Wednesday afternoon. Here's hoping them luck!

## Merkel Has Been Able to Pay Teachers in Cash, Without Borrowing; Made Possible by Accumulated Surplus.

At the regular meeting of the Merkel School board on Tuesday evening of this week, the faculty of the Merkel Public schools for next year was named. Due to the uncertainty of the amount of the state apportionment for the coming year, Merkel adopted the plan used by many surrounding schools and will not set the salaries of the teachers for next year until the state apportionment is made. This plan was followed by Abilene and Anson for this year and last year. The state apportionment will be made by the state board of education either July 1 or August 1.

The entire faculty was re-elected for next year. Two changes, however, were made. Due to increasing home responsibilities, Miss Martin asked to be transferred to lighter work. She was, therefore, transferred to the fourth grade at Grammar school, a grade she formerly taught before coming to High school. Her place at High school will be taken by Mrs. Orpah Campbell, who was transferred from Grammar school.

### ON CASH BASIS.

The report made at this meeting shows that Merkel Independent School district is among the very few the year that are on a cash basis. During the depression, Merkel has been able to pay teachers in cash without the necessity of borrowing as most schools have had to do. This is not due to any higher tax rate nor a high per cent of collections. It is due to the fact that Merkel began the depression with a cash surplus which had been accumulated by pushing the collection of delinquent taxes in good times and due to the fact that salaries have been cut from 30 per cent to 49 per cent during the last two years. The report also showed that valuations this last year had been reduced 36 per cent from the preceding year. The amount of current taxes collected this year amounts to 56 per cent of the assessed taxes; in other words, 44 per cent of the taxes were not paid.

### State Athletic Meet.

Austin, Texas, May 4.—Arrangements had been completed Wednesday for the twenty-third annual Intercollegiate League meet. The program will open Thursday and continue through Saturday.

## BRUCE BARTON

...writes of "THE MASTER EXECUTIVE"

Supplying a week-to-week inspiration for the heavy-burdened who will find every human trial paralleled in the experiences of "The Man Nobody Knows."

### A NEWS MAKER.

Let us look at Jesus twenty-four hours' schedule; see how it bristles with front-page news.

The activity begins at sunrise. Jesus was an early riser. We discover a little boat pushing out from the shore of the lake. It deposits Jesus and his disciples in Capernaum, his favorite city. He proceeds at once to the house of a friend. The report spreads instantly that he is in town, and a crowd collects outside the gate—a poor palsied chap among them. The day's work is at hand.

Having slept soundly in the open air he meets the call with quiet nerves. He stoops down toward the sufferer.

"Be of good cheer, my son," he cries, "your sins are all forgiven."

Sins forgiven! Indeed! The respectable members of the audience draw back with sharp disapproval. "What a blasphemous phrase," they exclaim. "Who authorized him to exercise the functions of God! What right has he to decide whose sins shall be forgiven?"

Jesus sensed rather than heard their protest. He never courted controversy but he never dodged it; much of his fame arose out of the reports of his verbal victories.

"What's the objection?" he exclaimed, turning on the dissenters. "Why do you stand there and criticize! Is it easier to say, 'Thy sins be forgiven thee,' or to say, 'Arise, take up thy bed and walk?' The results are the same." Bending over the sick man again he said: "Arise, take up thy bed and go unto thine house."

The man stirred and was amazed to find that his muscles responded. Slowly, doubtfully he struggled to his feet, and with one great shout of happiness started off, surrounded by his jubilant friends. The critics had received their answer, but they refused to give up. For an hour or more they persisted in angry argument, until the meeting ended in a tumult.

Can you imagine that day's issue of the Capernaum News, if there had been one? Palsied Man Healed . . . Jesus of Nazareth Claims Right To Forgive Sins . . . Prominent Scribes Object . . . "Blasphemous," Says Leading Citizen . . . "But Anyway I can Walk," Healed Man Reports.

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Front page story number one.

One of those who had been attracted  
by the excitement was a tax-collector  
named Matthew. Being a man  
of business he could not stay through  
the argument, but slipped away early  
and was hard at work when Jesus  
passed by a few minutes before noon.

That was all. No argument; no offer  
of inducements; no promise of rewards.  
Merely "I want you;" and the  
prosperous tax-collector closed his  
office, made a feast for the brilliant  
young teacher and forthwith announced  
himself a disciple.

Prominent Tax Collector Joins Nazareth  
Forces . . . Matthew Abandons  
Business to Promote New Cult . . .  
Gives Large Luncheon.

Front page story number two

Next Week: Holding Page One.

RURAL SOCIETY

SALT BRANCH GIRLS' 4-H CLUB.

The Salt Branch Girls' 4-H club  
met at the schoolhouse Wednesday,  
April 26. The meeting was opened by  
the singing of some new club songs.  
Marcella Pinckley demonstrated applique  
work. Each member then worked  
on her dresser scarf. The scarfs  
are to be judged and prizes given to  
winners at the next meeting which  
will be Saturday, May 6, at 2 o'clock  
at the home of Miss Gladys Petty.  
Each member is asked to bring a picture  
of the pajamas they are going to  
make and paper or cloth to cut a  
pattern. A cake baking demonstration  
will also be given at this meeting.  
Visitors are always welcome.

SURPRISE PARTY.

The many friends of Mrs. J. W.  
Teaff surprised her on last Thursday  
evening with a most enjoyable birthday  
party. Miss Selena Teaff and  
Mesdames W. C. White, Nim Teaff  
and Ernest Neff were co-hostesses to  
more than forty guests.

Upon arriving the guests were asked  
to register in a book presided over  
by the honoree's only granddaughter,  
little Jeanette Neff, who was permitted  
to break the news upon the arrival  
of the guests that the occasion was  
to honor her birthday.

Then the guests were asked to sew  
their link into the Friendship Chain  
which made a very beautiful quilt top  
when finished.

Various games were enjoyed  
throughout the evening. Mrs. W. C.  
White being awarded a prize on chewing  
gum art and Mrs. John Jones won  
the prize while testing the five senses.

A plate of chicken sandwiches, and  
finger pickles with pink ice cream in  
green cups with the birthday cake was  
served to the following guests: Mes-  
dames: Lula Lands, Pearl Massey, Jess  
Higgins, W. M. Hayes, Will Higgins,  
H. W. Hester, J. S. Pinckley, W. C.  
Lee, Angus Garvin, W. L. Barker,  
Willie McClain, M. H. Ely, C. A. Hud-  
son, Wilma Robertson, A. J. Hartly,  
W. E. Petty, Addie Jowers, George  
Harris, Ida Higgins, Fannie Mae  
Jones, Oma Robertson, Roy Harrell,  
S. W. Taylor of Sweetwater, Earl  
Lassiter, J. N. Teaff, Jim Mayfield,  
and Misses Ruth Pinckley, Gladys  
Petty, Celia A. Hester, Eula Mae  
Parker, Lillian Jowers, Lora Mae  
Jowers, Geneva Robertson, Minnie  
Alice Mayfield, Jenny Etta Mayfield,  
Jeanette Neff and Messrs and Mes-  
dames Nim Teaff, Bill Teaff, J. W.  
Teaff, W. C. White of Baird and the  
hostesses.

STITH CLUB.

The Stith Home Demonstration club  
held its last meeting on April 21 in the  
home of Mrs. Bob Mashburn, with  
eleven members present. A very help-  
ful round table discussion on "color"  
made up the program for the after-  
noon.

The next meeting will be with Mrs.  
Bill Dunagin on Friday, May 5. The  
ladies are asked to bring needle, thim-  
ble, scissors and thread to be used for  
quilting. Some of our members will  
give demonstrations of various kinds.

Auto production by members of the  
National Automobile Chamber of Com-  
merce during March is recorded at  
81,370 units.

Adding machine rolls at Merkel  
Mail office.

COMPERE NEWS

The health of the community is very  
good at the present and everyone is  
enjoying the sandstorms.

Quite a large crowd from Comere  
attended the Fifth Sunday singing at  
Stith.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Justice of  
Noodle spent the week-end with Mr.  
and Mrs. Jordan Clemmer.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Taylor spent the  
week-end with the latter's parents.

Frank Ramsey returned Monday  
from a five weeks visit in Arkansas.

Mrs. Clemmer went shopping in  
Abilene one day last week.

A large crowd attended the singing  
at Zion Chapel Sunday night. We  
have singing at Zion, or Comere ev-  
ery Sunday night and visitors are al-  
ways welcome.

Claude Touchstone and Clyde Chan-  
cey attended the Child's Health day  
parade in Abilene Monday. They re-  
ported a large crowd.

On Thursday night, May 11, the  
Comere local talent will render for  
the public a farce comedy entitled  
"Those Dreadful Twins," presented  
by the following cast of characters:

Josiah Brown (a deacon of our  
church), John Caffey.

Deacon Whitebeck (of the same  
church), Frank Merritt.

Sheriff O'Brien (one of the boys),  
Ross Merritt.

Lynx (the detective who never de-  
tects), Dennis Davis.

Johnnie Brown (one of the twins),  
Ina Mae Childers.

Mrs. Josephine Brown (deserted  
wife and mother of the twins), Mrs.  
H. R. Chancey.

Josephine Brown Clifford (Josiah's  
daughter), Mrs. Jordan Clemmer.

Becky Green (energetic member of  
our church), Mrs. Ray Lucas.

Rastus (the colored boy), Jordan  
Clemmer.

The public is also invited to attend  
the program rendered by the school  
children on the following Friday  
night, May 12.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

A most valuable relic, a copy of the  
New York Herald, dated April 15,  
1865, featuring the assassination of  
President Lincoln, is in the possession  
of Ernest H. Melton, who resides on  
Route 2 and who brought the copy,  
beginning to crackle and crumble with  
age, to The Mail office this week. It  
was handed down to his father by the  
latter's father, Wm. Melton, a native  
of Missouri.

With the president's order barring  
all members of postmasters' house-  
holds from employment in third class  
offices becoming effective on May 1,  
Clark Mundy, a former postoffice  
clerk and therefore not inexperienced  
in the work, assumed the duties in the  
local office previously performed by  
Elmer Adeock, son of Postmaster O.  
J. Adeock.

Announcement is made in this  
week's issue of The Mail that Mon-  
roe and W. W. Wozencraft are now in  
charge of the Magnolia station next  
door to S. M. Hunter's Battery shop  
and the Sublett Repair shop on Front  
street. The new name of this Magnolia  
station will be Woosy's Service  
Station and they will handle all Mag-  
nolia products as well as do tire re-  
pairing.

Mrs. M. S. Cummins, worthy mat-  
ron of the Merkel chapter, O. E. S.,  
was awarded an A certificate at the  
school of instructions held by grand  
officers of the order at Hamlin Tues-  
day, her grade being 100 in all exam-  
inations. Mrs. J. M. Williamson was  
also awarded a certificate from the  
school held at Hamlin.

MATHEWS-DAVIDSON.

The following wedding write-up ap-  
peared recently in the San Augustine  
Tribune:

"Mr. Herbert Mathews of this place  
and Miss Opal Davidson of Milam  
were happily married last Wednesday  
evening at the Methodist parsonage,  
Rev. J. Carroll Cooper officiating.

"The bride has visited here many  
times and is a charming young lady  
in every way. She was one of the ef-  
ficient teachers for several years in  
the Rosevine school.

"The groom is a son of Mrs. Newt  
Mathews and is a popular member of  
the younger set. He holds a position  
with the W. R. Partin Grocery store.

"The Tribune extends congratula-  
tions and best wishes to this young  
couple."

Mr. Mathews is a brother of R. H.  
Mathews, Sr., and formerly lived  
here.

MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS.

We will appreciate the privilege of  
sending in your subscriptions to the  
leading magazines. On a great many  
of them, if you want to include your  
subscription to The Mail, we are in  
position to make special clubbing of-  
fer. See us before you renew.

LOVERS IN BIBLICAL DRAMA



Claudette Colbert and Fredric March, featured players in "The Sign of the Cross," which is the Cecil B. DeMille picture playing at the Queen theatre tonight and Saturday.

PERSONALS

Miss Edith Baker visited last week  
with friends in Abilene.

Oliver Webb of Clyde was a guest  
in the S. L. Grayson home last week-  
end.

Miss Verna Tee Beasley of Ropes-  
ville is the guest of Miss Mary Eli-  
zabeth Grimes.

Mrs. S. G. Bright of Tulsa, Okla.,  
was a guest the past week-end of her  
sister, Mrs. T. R. Lassiter.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Pribble of Abi-  
lene were guests of Mrs. Pribble's par-  
ents, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Lassiter, on  
Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Gains of  
Clint were guests the latter part  
of the week of the Twyman and John  
Collins families.

A most interesting guest in the  
home of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Collins  
is Grandmother Flaniken of Lameca,  
a friend of the family of long stand-  
ing.

T. H. Christopher returned Wed-  
nesday from Austin where he had  
been visiting his son, T. S. Christoph-  
er, who is an assistant attorney gen-  
eral.

Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Rhodes and two  
children and Mrs. D. C. Turner and  
son arrived Tuesday from Overton to  
visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs.  
R. C. Reagh.

Misses Fany Bell Boaz, Ida Der-  
stine and Mary Collins were week-end  
guests in Abilene of Misses Margaret  
Canon and Sis Boaz, students at Sim-  
mons university.

Miss Lorena Dry, of San Saba, who  
visited her mother last week, was ac-  
companied by her friend, Bob Smith,  
and on their return Miss Loyce Dry  
went to San Saba for a visit.

Miss Hazel Williams of Fort Worth,  
who formerly taught in the schools  
here, was a passing visitor last week  
with Miss Julia Martin. Miss Wil-  
liams will teach at Pecos next year.

Wesley Rister returned Wednesday  
from Monday where he had been for  
several days visiting with relatives  
and friends. He reports a good rain,  
with good feed crop prospects such as  
corn and maize, but "no luck." the fish  
wouldn't bite.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Fugat, accom-  
panied by Mr. Fugat's mother, Mrs.  
Annie Fugat, left Friday for Dallas,  
Mrs. Fugat returning home after an  
extended visit here with her son. Bill  
and his wife will continue on a two  
weeks' vacation.

Miss Eunice Richards, daughter of

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Richards, left Sun-  
day for Rule where she will reopen  
and operate the Frances Beauty Shop  
of that place. The Mail joins many  
friends in wishing this young lady  
much success in the business world.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Escue had as  
their week-end guests their daughter  
and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Paul  
Twyman, of Del Rio. Other visitors  
Sunday with the Escues were Mrs.  
E. W. Turner and daughter, Miss  
Margaret, of Abilene, and John Grif-  
fin, of Corpus Christi.

Mrs. J. E. Caple and Mrs. E. T.  
Smith and little daughter, Peggy Joy-  
ce, returned to their home in Waco  
after a visit here with their son and  
daughter, Mr. and Mrs. George Caple.  
The latter accompanied them as far as  
Eastland where they met Mr. Smith  
and others from Waco.

To attend the graduation of their  
daughters, Misses Beryl and Odelle  
Hunter, from the West Texas Hospi-  
tal of Nursing Mr. and Mrs. S. M.  
Hunter, accompanied by Mrs. V. B.  
Sublett and Miss Eleanor Mae Ham-  
ilton, drove over to Lubbock Monday.  
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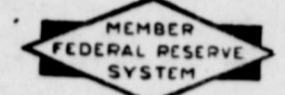
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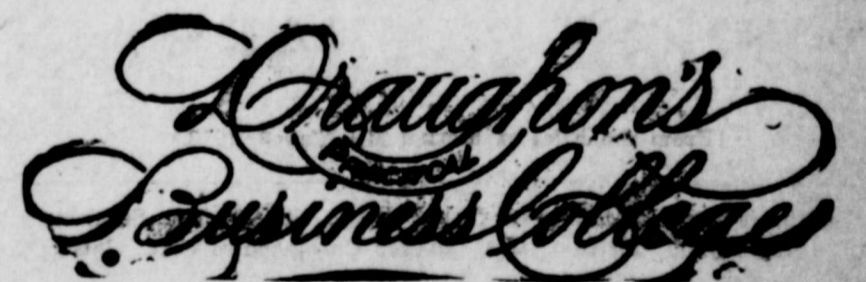
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# AWAKENED WOMAN

ELINORE BARRY



FIFTH INSTALLMENT.  
SYNOPSIS: One bleak November day Joyce Ashton, poor stenographer, was in a skidding taxicab in Chicago. Next thing she remembered was two years later when she woke one morning to find herself in a luxurious house in California, with a wedding ring on her hand, and a pleasant young man, addressing her as Frills, telling her to be careful after her fall from her horse of the day before. Her husband was Neil Packard, rich fruit packer. Confused and troubled, she tried to find out more about herself and from letters in her desk found that she had been a heartless, frivolous young woman and had become involved in a serious affair with a man named Maitland. Later, when he came to see her, he was hurt and surprised when she tried to repulse him, but he finally left her.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY—

"I don't care who comes, I'm going out!" she decided recklessly. "On a glorious day like this it would be a crime to stick indoors. If this isn't a pleasant change from Philadelphia in November! It's all so marvelous!" She went down to the dining room buoyantly, careless of whether or not it had been Frills' custom to appear so early.

After serving breakfast, Roxie lingered. "Will you be home for dinner, Mrs. Packard?" she asked. "Marcia would like to know if there'll be guests, and how many to expect, and what you'd like to order."

"Yes, I'll be here for dinner, but I'll be alone. And tell Marcia to have anything at all, it don't matter what, just so I don't have to decide myself." She went out immediately into the garden and made her way around the dining-room wing of the house in the direction of the garage, sniffing delightedly at the exotic fragrance of the orange blossoms.

She was amused to notice a head dodge back behind the yellow checked curtains as she passed the kitchen. "I just know they're wondering what can have happened to Frills," she thought, smiling. "Well, they'll have to keep on wondering. I hope at least that they won't find the change too unpleasant. Now, let's see—Oh, there's somebody! I wonder if that's the 'Sam' Neil mentioned?"

"He looks young and somehow not like an ordinary servant," she thought as she approached. "I wish he'd look up. Shall I say 'good-morning' to attract his attention? I don't dare call him Sam till I'm sure he is Sam."

Her impression that he was not an ordinary servant was confirmed when the young man suddenly turned around and seeing her, broke off in his whistling and exclaimed, "Good-morning, Mrs. Packard! Gee, I'm glad to see you out. How are you? Feel all right?"

His attitude, though deferential enough, had nothing servile in it. He spoke in an easy manner, as if questions of varying social levels had never disturbed him.

"Oh, yes, I'm all right," replied Joyce, feeling relieved that this was going to be easier than she had expected. "I did get kind of a bad crack on the head, though it's better today. . . Is Fire Queen in the stable?" (She had one thing to thank Maitland for—he had told her the name of the horse.)

There was just the hint of a grin on the young man's face as he answered, "Mr. Packard gave orders before he left for me to take her over to MacBready's Ranch yesterday."

"Oh?" Joyce frowned, not, as Sam probably thought, in anger at this news, but in baffled annoyance at having to stop and consider every remark before she dared make it.

"Mr. Packard had me bring Rosita over from MacBready's for you in case you want to ride. She's one fine little mare, lively as a kitten, without the mean streak of Fire Queen. Want me to saddle her up?"

Furnished with a plausible excuse for not riding, this would have been an excellent chance for Joyce to have remarked angrily, "no, if I can't have Fire Queen, I won't ride at all!" Instead she answered, "I'm not going to ride today, but I'd like to see her."

"Sure, I'll bring her out," and Sam disappeared into the stable where she heard him speaking in low clucking tones with a soothing note in his voice. Sam was a nice young man, but she fancied he had looked a little

disappointed at the quiet way she received the news of losing Fire Queen.

Sam came out leading a daintily-stepping chestnut mare, with a white star on her mild forehead. She muzzled against Sam's shoulder with her soft nose, while he explained to Joyce, "Rosita's always been a pet at MacBready's and she's used to being made much over, aren't you, baby?" He stroked her fondly, pushing her off when she playfully nipped his sleeve. "Here, get out, girl, pick on some one your own size. Isn't she a beauty? Look at her lines, she hasn't got a fault, anywhere."

"She's is a beauty," agreed Joyce, with enthusiasm, coming closer and patting the horse's neck timidly. "She looks as gentle as can be," went on Joyce, wondering whether Frills wouldn't have been disgusted with this very mildness.

"Sure she does," agreed Sam, "but say, get on her, and she's got all the life you want and don't you forget it. Say, that mare's got one of the fastest trots of any horse around here, and the smoothest canter you ever saw."

Joyce stepped back a little. In spite of Rosita's good character, she seemed disconcertingly big, and Joyce had a foolish fear of being stepped on suddenly. She lingered while Sam led Rosita inside again.

There was a varnished wooden station wagon standing on the gravel drive while inside the garage she could see a long low car, very sporty-looking, with brilliant canary-yellow body and disk wheels. The upholstery was a bright lavender leather, and there was a great deal of shiny nickel about it. "I wouldn't be found dead in a thing like that," thought Joyce.

Sam, returning at the moment, caught sight of her expression. He looked puzzled and asked, "What's the matter, Mrs. Packard? Anything wrong with the car?"

"Nothing—except that it's all wrong," retorted Joyce, continuing to smile. She felt recklessly inclined to go on and tell him what she really thought about it.

"Well, I'd get tired of those jazzy colors myself after a bit," said Sam frankly, "but it's a darn good car. Shall I back her out for you?"

"No, thanks, I'm not going out today," she still lingered, however, as if she were not quite sure of her decision.

Suddenly she remembered something she had wanted, and forgetting everything else, she asked eagerly, "Do you know where I could get a dog?"

This time the astonishment on Sam's tanned face was so unmistakable that Joyce realized that she had at last really surprised him.

"Bue gee, Mrs. Packard, I thought you didn't like dogs," he exclaimed. "Well, I've changed my mind," returned Joyce, embarrassment making her speak so shortly that Sam seemed to take her answer as a rebuke.

"Well, I don't know exactly what I do want," said Joyce uncomfortably, wishing she had given the matter more thought before getting into it this way.

"Why don't you go to Allen Kennels and pick out something you like?" suggested Sam after a moment.

"Oh, I don't want to be bothered," she replied, hoping this would sound enough like the capricious Frills to pass. "Can't you get me one somewhere around here, so I can have it today?"

"Well, I know a dog I think I could get you," exclaimed Sam suddenly. "It's the cutest little white and black Boston bull you ever saw, about two years old and smart as a whip. Belongs to people named March. They're going to China and don't want to take the pup. Like to have me see if I can get him for you?"

"Oh, yes, do," said Joyce. "Do you want . . . had you better have some money? I can write you a check?"

"I don't think they'll take any money. They'll be glad to find a good home for the dog."

"Get him as soon as you can, will you?" asked Joyce, smiling at Sam gratefully. "I'm crazy to see him. Now

that I've decided to have a dog, I want it right away."

"Sure, I'll go right away, Mrs. Packard. I was just going to drive down to get the day's orders."

Joyce wished she might ride with him while he did his errands but realizing the inadvisability of such an outing she turned away reluctantly and went back to the house where she found that the morning mail had arrived. She sorted out the ones addressed to "Mrs. Neil Packard" and carried them down to the far end of the garden to a secluded corner hidden from the house.

The first one was a short note, carelessly scrawled in a handwriting she seemed to have seen before. "Sorry you didn't feel like seeing any of the gang honey. I can't stand this any longer. Thank God, Neil is away for some time. I can't get over your look this morning, Frills. Call me up tomorrow, dearie. C."

"That's the same 'C' who wrote about the house party," thought Joyce, "and it must be the Mrs. Emery who telephoned yesterday."

The next letter on heavy masculine stationery began: "Star Baby!" Joyce grinned to herself at this poetic opening. "How lovely!" she murmured sarcastically, and read on with interest.

"I'm sitting in my room at the window that faces where you are, and think of you so hard that I can't settle to anything else. I'm bitterly disappointed that I can't be with you now, this minute. I had been living for it all day, and now I'm lonely as the devil. You've got to be better tomorrow, afternoon, sweetheart, I thought I'd seen you in all your different moods, but you had me guessing today. I never felt so puzzled about you before. You seemed to have slipped away from me entirely. I can't quite get it yet. It makes me restless now and I'm tempted to try to get to you tonight in spite of everything. I'll be worried until I find you looking more like yourself."

"Why are you keeping me off like this? I'm pretty rotten at writing, you know, beloved, but when I'm with you again I'm going to tell you all over again—and demonstrate it—how I adore every inch of you. Won't you call me up right away? I want to know how you slept and how you feel now. All my love to my Frills, from her adoring Mait."

"Too much fervor!" murmured Joyce critically. She felt only a detached sort of disgust, as if she were reading a vulgar love letter addressed to another. She shook the letter impatiently. "All your fine passion is wasted on me, Mr. Maitland!" she said aloud.

"Well, let's see what else I have here? After Mait's passionate composition everything else will seem tame."

The next letter made her sit up with a jerk. There was no address, and Joyce hastily turned the envelope over and examined the post mark curiously. "New York, N. Y.," she finally made out.

In an angular, precise handwriting, in pale ink the astonishing letter read: "My dear Florence: Although you seem to lack interest in hearing about the baby, I feel it no less than my duty to keep you informed of her health. She is a most engaging little mite, showing, even at her tender age, a decided personality and charm."

"Although truth compels me to admit that you are probably not the most suitable person to bring up a child, still I cannot understand how you can possibly feel that the sort of pleasures which fill your life are more important, more satisfying, than the care and bringing up of this dear little baby. I will send you a few lines each month. Please extend my faithful greeting to Neil. Sophie."

Spellbound, Joyce read this letter, which flowed along without a single paragraph to break its smooth stilted sentences. The significance of its con-

tents came as such an unexpected blow that she felt weak and shaken. "A baby! It can't be true! . . . I never even heard of that . . . Could Frills have had a baby in that time? Let me see, yes, it could have happened . . . the baby could by now be as much as five or six months old! . . . Oh dear, Oh dear, to think of me having a baby . . ."

She sat and read the letter again and again trying to realize the incredible fact that she, Joyce Ashton, was a mother.

Joyce glanced up and saw a man coming down the path toward her. She took a deep breath to restore her courage and looked him over with surprising calm as she hastily put the letters aside.

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### F. U. N. CLUB ENTERTAINED.

On last Friday evening Maurine White was the delightful hostess of the F. U. N. club at the home of her aunt, Mrs. George White.

After the guests arrived, everyone enjoyed playing games on the lawn. Later in the evening all the guests assembled in the living room and enjoyed radio music. Mrs. White then served the girls a beautiful salad plate which carried out the color scheme of the Senior class, pink and green.

More games were played and at midnight ice cream and cake were served.

The remainder of the night was spent tormenting those who were trying to sleep.

Breakfast, consisting of oranges, toast, bacon, eggs, jelly and coffee, was served to Ouida Mae Hulsey, Duncan Briggs, Mildred Richardson, Nell Hughes, Johnnie Middleton, Margaret Dean, Frances Marie Church, Joyce Wheeler, Eleanor Mae Hogan, Nola Mae Anderson, Opal Huskey, Lucille Campbell, Maurine White, Clara B. White, Mrs. White and Miss White.

The F. U. N. club extends its most sincere appreciation to Mrs. White and Maurine for this party that its members all enjoyed so much.

### FRESHMEN.

We are keeping you posted about how long it will be until school is out. (Not that we are anxious.) There are only four more weeks of which the last week will be used for final exams. Just four more weeks in which to be a Freshman! We no more than learn the way from one class to another until someone will begin showing us the way out. Anyway, we have the consolation of coming back as Sophomores next year.

### THE JUNIORS.

Mr. Riddle has decided to let the tennis players get tennis sweaters. There are six eligible for them: Billie Bernice Gambill, Julia Proctor, Caribel Mansfield, Harold Reece, Meyer Mellinger and Tommy Jones. All these are going to try to get them. Just wait till you get a peep at them!

### ASK:

Lois if "it" has a pretty lining?  
Caribel where she went Friday night.

Julia, David, Bussie and Jack Lowe what happened to their cars Friday night.

Bud whose car he swiped Saturday afternoon.

Sarah if she wouldn't like to have her way sometime.

Jack West what he thinks of persons who play with a "sock-o."

Jack Patterson if he had a good time Friday night. We'll guarantee that he did.

Tommy and Raymond how they felt Friday night.

A few certain Sophomore boys how they liked "the ride."

Mr. Riddle what he's going to do we enjoyed being waitresses.

### SOPHOMORE NEWS.

As this is the last six weeks of school, we want to strive harder to make our grades. Everyone has done very well, but we want to do better. We want to make these last few weeks our best ones.

The Sophs who are in the Choral and Glee clubs are working on the operetta. We hope that it will be a great success.

The Sophomore girls had a good time at the Junior-Senior banquet. We enjoyed being waitresses.

### CHAPEL.

Friday morning we enjoyed a talk by Brother Joyner. He said that there are three requisites to success. The first is to know yourself. Each person has some strong points, weak points, at least one talent, and a personality. One cannot be a jack-of-all trades and be a success. Each should find the thing that he can do best and do that thing. Each should develop his personality also.

The second requisite is to control yourself. Brother Joyner gave us an example of the old general who could not control his desire for strong drink and so ruined his life.

The third requisite is to deny yourself. This is the highest achievement that one can attain. Brother Joyner said that each person who gains success goes through a process of self-denial. So must we if we are successful. David Livingston, one of the greatest men we ever lived, desired

to be useful. He did great work on the "dark continent," but to do that work, he denied himself a life of luxury and ease.

The famous Simmons quartet sang for us in chapel Friday. They favored us with "The Eyes of Texas" and then some old songs. Among them were "Old Black Joe," "Swanee River," "Kentucky Home" and "Jaunita." They sang several other songs also. It was one of the most enjoyable chapel hours that we have had.

### "OVER THERE."

"Over There," a picture of the World War, was presented at the Grammar school auditorium last Tuesday night. The Senior class was sponsor of this picture.

The ones who saw this picture, who had not realized how horrible war really is, came to the conclusion that war is no funny thing.

"Applesauce," the comedy, caused much excitement, and some of the Seniors are wondering if they can really use an electric fan for a banana slicer.

### CHORAL AND GLEE CLUB NEWS.

Are we working? Well, if you don't believe it, just drop in on us sometime and see for yourself.

The annual operetta is to be "Ask the Professor." It is a very clever play which contains many pretty songs. Everyone is working on his part so that when we present it, we can guarantee you high class entertainment.

### SEZ YOU—

—that the Senior Girls didn't have the best party possible last Friday night.

—that M. H. S. doesn't have some real track men.

—that the assistant editor-in-chief didn't have a good Badger Weekly last week

—that Meyer isn't a good dry goods salesman.

—that Tommy hasn't curly hair.

—that Margaret Dean (and a few other girls) tried to drown some poor sleepy Senior girls.

—that Mildred tried to give Duncan a chiropractor treatment last Friday night at the slumber party.

—that all the Seniors are looking forward to Senior day.

—that the Juniors' conduct and the Sophomores' averages are improving.

### SENIOR NEWS.

The pictures are engraved and pretty soon we'll have our class prophecy, class will and class history. In a class meeting held on Monday, May first, we selected Nell Hughes to write the prophecy, Imogene Middleton to write the class will and Mildred Richardson, Van Roberts and Joyce Wheeler to write the history. If you think our Memory Books won't be pretty—Oh man!

Look out for Senior day! And it won't be long, underclassmen, until you'll lose some of us for good.

### OUR SENIORS.

Joyce Wheeler.  
Hurrah for the High School beauty! For three years Joyce has been chosen as class beauty and now she is "Queen of M. H. S." She has many abilities, one of the greatest being that of making friends. By her quiet, sweet manner of doing things, she has won a place in the hearts of all her classmates. Joyce is a member of the Choral club, the Dramatic club and the F. U. N. club. Keep the good work going, Joyce, and success will soon be staring you in the face.

### FOOLISHNESS.

He: "Where shall we eat?"  
She: "Let's eat up the street."  
He: "I don't like asphalt."

Senior: "Yes, I came face to face with a lion once. To crown it all I was alone and weaponless and—"  
Freshman (nervously): "What did you do?"

Senior: "What could I do? I tried looking straight into his eyeballs, but he began to crawl up on me. Then I thought of plunging my arm down his throat, grabbing his tail, and pulling him inside out, but I decided it would be too dangerous. Yet he kept creeping up and I had to think fast."

Freshman: "How did you get away?"

Senior: "I just left him and passed on to the other cages."

## TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

The early part of the week Mr. Walker Steadman had the joy of entertaining three of his brothers in his home here: Henry, from Grayson county, Charles, from McAlester, Okla., and Clarence, from Cedar Hill. On their return home their mother accompanied them to spend the greater part of the summer.

Ramon Allen of Kossie is in the home of Joe Nalley for a few days' visit. Mrs. Boone has returned from Memphis where she has been for the past two weeks in the home of her son, Jack. Her daughter-in-law accompanied her home to spend a few days.

Louise Owens underwent an operation last week at Sweetwater and reports are that she is doing splendidly.

Mrs. John Payne of Abilene was a guest of Mrs. Cecil McRee Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nalley attended singing in Abilene last Thursday night.

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On last Friday night Mrs. Ben Howell entertained the adult B. T. S. with an informal social. Questions from the Bible were asked and answered, also discussed. Then games, consisting of the introduction of the fly family and a potato race, were indulged in, causing much merriment. There were several children present, who also joined in the affair, including the singing of several hymns. Cake, punch and ice cream were served and all who attended reported a most enjoyable evening.

Miss Ida V. Estep was a dinner guest of Miss Helen Bright last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bowers visited in the home of the former's cousin, Mrs. Caze, of Sweetwater Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Winn were visitors also in Sweetwater Sunday, the guests of Mr. Winn's sister, Mrs. Evans, who is recovering from a recent operation.

At this writing L. W. Ross is very sick. His two daughters, the Mesdames Johnson, attended his bedside last Sunday, also his brother, Sid Ross, of Ovalo. Through this column we wish to extend our sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Ross in the loss of the latter's father, Mr. Clark, who succumbed last week.

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There's nothing going to happen  
To frighten peace away.  
We take events too sternly,  
We grow too grave by half,  
The Country's coming on all right—  
Just laugh!

Don't mope around and worry,  
Don't think the end is near,  
There's nothing going to come along  
That's worth a single fear.  
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We make our wheat all chaff;  
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MARLEN E. PEW—NEW YORK

Since 1912 as editor of "Editor and Publisher", the publisher's Bible, Marlen Pew, for forty-five years an active writer, for the first time is coming to Texas. Many men will travel many miles any time to listen to any address delivered by Marlen Pew and no publisher or editorial writer in Texas can afford to allow anything short of disaster to prevent his hearing him at the Houston meeting of the Texas Press Association, June 8th. Marlen Pew is the editorial "big shot" if there is one.

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colors. The program was based on achievement, honoring Col. Charles A. Lindbergh. Johnnie Terry acted as toastmaster. The invocation was given by Supt. Roy F. Elliott. The program included a welcome address by the Junior president, Jack Perkins, a response by the Senior president, Bob Howell, "Just an Echo In The Valley" by a girls quartette including Sally Freeman, Ruth Coppage, Thelma Nalley and Sarah Julia Johnson, the class will by Jewel Gabbert, a talk by Stanley Coppage, "When It's Lamp Lighting Time In The Valley" by a boys quartette, Johnnie Terry, Charlie Howell, Bob Howell and Roy Elliott, class prophecy by Helen Bright and the closing song, "Auld Lang Syne" by all.

Those registering were: Roy Elliott, Lois Powell and Anna Belle Bailey, teachers; Bob Howell, Charlie Howell, Sally Freeman, Jewel Gabbert, Johnnie Terry, Helen Bright, Ruth Coppage and Sarah Julia Johnson, Seniors; Jack Perkins, Mildred Steadman, Fred McCurdy, Idell Cooper, Thelma Nalley, Fred McMinn and Stanley Coppage, Juniors; Victorine Bishop and Eugene Murdock of Merkel, both visitors.

Mrs. Ruben Reeves was supervisor of the kitchen. Her assistants in serving were Doreen Scott, Henry Bright, Lillian Grace Reeves, Cullen Tittle, Vera Bright and Fay Elliott.

This was the first Junior-Senior banquet at Trent in many years and it was a remarkable one due to the fact that every Junior and Senior was present. The Seniors wish to express their appreciation of this enjoyable evening in their honor.

### "CLOSED LIPS."

The Seniors of Trent High school presented their Senior play last Saturday night at Eskota, and then Wednesday at Trent. The play took place in the Radcliff's home in a small city on the Atlantic coast.

The cast:

Mrs. Radcliff (John Clay's sister), Jewel Gabbert.

Terry Radcliff (Matthew Radcliff's daughter), Sally Freeman.

Manny Jinny (the devoted cook), Ruth Coppage.

Pat Stone (Terry's friend), Sarah Julia Johnson.

Willie Stone (Pat's husband), Johnnie Terry.

Jeff (the colored gardner), Dave

Howell.

Star Bliven (a little waif), Helen Bright.

Bart Clay (John's son), Bob Howell.

Mathew Radcliff (Bart's adopted father), Roy F. Elliott.

John Clay (a convict), Charley Howell.

SAY, DID YOU HEAR?  
That Miss Bailey is wearing glasses?

That Mildred had a date last Friday night for the banquet?

That Idell is seen helping Fay Elliott work algebra?

That some of the boys think Miss Powell and Miss Bailey have good lunches?

That Fanny and Jewel are the two faced girls in school?

That the boys beat White Flat in the ball game yesterday?

That the Senior play, "Closed Lips," was presented by the Senior class Wednesday night here?

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DELTA-HAN-AROUN CLUB.

The members of Delta-Han-Aroun club were most graciously entertained on Thursday afternoon, April 20, in the home of Mrs. Milton Case.

The club game of auction bridge was enjoyed until the tea hour when the hostess passed a delectable salad course to Mrs. Sidney Foy and Miss Dorris Foy of Baird, Mesdames Ed On last Mary, J. E. Boaz, Jr., George Overton, Ernest Higgins, Harold Boney, L. C. Zehnpfennig, Bob Mayfield, George West, Misses Nelle Durham, Lou Largent and Mary Elizabeth Grimes.

RANCH OUTING.

Mrs. J. E. Boaz, Jr., was hostess at a most enjoyable party on Thursday April 28, at the Boaz ranch, complimenting members of the Delta-Han-Aroun club.

The invitation was for an all-day affair and entertainment included bridge, swimming and horseback riding, with a delicious picnic lunch spread on the river. Guests for the delightful outing were Mesdames Bob Mayfield, George Overton, George West, Ernest Higgins, Harold Boney, Johnny Gresham, Charlie Largent, L. C. Zehnpfennig, Misses Nelle Durham, Mary Elizabeth Grimes and Dorris Durham.

SHOWER.

Mrs. M. E. Ferguson was a most surprised and happy honoree on last Thursday afternoon when the members of her Sunday School class complimented her with a shower.

Guests greeted her in her new home, upon her arrival from work at 5 o'clock and a beautiful display of gifts was opened and admired. Dainty sandwiches and iced tea were served to Mesdames M. E. Ferguson, Tom Allday, Wilbur Thomas, John Dunn, Floyd Newberry, Jimmy McNeess, Claud Dye, William Sheppard, Velmar Shelton, Kenneth Sharp, S. A. Welles, Dub Johnson, Bunk Tipton and Sanders, Misses Stella King, Edith Baker and Mabel McRee. Others who joined in the shower were: Mrs. A. A. McGehee, Mrs. J. E. Boaz, Jr., Mrs. P. T. Allday, Mrs. Cyrus Pee and Miss Fannie Bell Boaz.

ALETHEAN CLASS.

The Alethean class met Thursday afternoon, April 27, in their regular business session at the home of Mrs. J. T. Warren. The scripture lesson was read by Mrs. Brown, followed by prayer by Mrs. Meeks. After reports from class officers, new business was discussed. Then a happy hour was spent in putting together quilt blocks. It is hoped to have the quilt finished by next regular meeting.

Refreshments of ice cream and cake were served to Mesdames Brown, Joyner, Polley, Hamm, McDonald, Baker, Meeks, Boney, McCandless, Causseaux, Chunn, Crawford, Ashby and the hostess, Mrs. Booth was a visitor.

"Sign of the Cross," Spectacular Biblical Drama at Queen

A picture that should be of interest to all church-goers of Merkel and surrounding territory is Cecil B. DeMille's "The Sign of the Cross," which will have only three showings at the Queen theatre tonight and matinee and night Saturday.

Manager Hodge states that much extra expense was taken to present this marvelous picture to the people of Merkel at popular prices, and the church people are especially invited to see it.

Two and a half hours of glorious entertainment are promised. "The Sign of the Cross" is a spectacle stunning with its storied power, glowing with its majestic romance—for it is a pictured chronicle of Nero's destruction of Rome by fire.

And so an epic of the day when the Word of God was finding its way east to Rome, where even the most inhuman persecutions of mad Nero could not destroy the Faith. One witnesses the pagan revelry and bacchanalian orgies of that glamorous era; Poppaea in her bath of perfumed asses' milk—Poppaea, sensuous goddess of silken flesh, the red-headed woman of 65 A. D. who swayed Nero's unbalanced mind. And Nero himself—with the body of a woman, the heart of a hyena, the soul of a snake! History records no more scarlet a character nor one more interesting.

One witnesses, too, in the great climax of this riotous spectacle Nero's gigantic Circus Maximus where the insatiable blood lust of Pagan Rome is whetted by the merciless combats between Dwarfs and Amazons, men fighting with spiked fists, wretches trampled by maddened elephants, other wretches pitted against leopards,



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women staked to be attacked by anthropoid apes; and lastly, as a climax to this gory spectacle, the martyrdom of the Christians who are led unarmed into the blood-stained arena to be devoured by lions.

The leading roles in "The Sign of the Cross" are played by Fredric March as Marcus Superbus, prefect of Rome; Elissa Landi as Mercia, a Christian maiden whose example leads all Christians to accept death, as had before them their beloved Master; Claudette Colbert as Poppaea, the court-queen; and Charles Laughton as Nero. There are many other well known screen players and 7500 extras in the big scenes.

Mr. Hodge announced that there will only be one show each night. Doors open at 7:45 with the show starting promptly at 8:30. There will also be a special matinee Saturday at 2:30. No advance will be made in prices. They will remain 10c and 25c.

Prominent Operator Buys Trentex Refinery

A deal was consummated Monday morning whereby S. C. Yingling and others acquired the plant of the Trentex Oil & Refining company, located on the Bankhead highway between Merkel and Trent and about one mile east of Trent.

The Trentex Refinery started business the latter part of February and has enjoyed a most satisfactory distribution of their products, which include gasoline, kerosene, distillate and fuel oil.

Organizers of the Trentex Oil and Refinery company were: J. C. Comegys, S. D. Gamble, R. O. Anderson, Jack Anderson, Nat Anderson and Bill Comegys, all of Merkel.

New incorporation papers are being filed at Austin this week.

V. E. Smith, superintendent of the plant both in construction and in operation, will continue in this capacity.

Approximately 29,000 persons were killed in automobile accidents in the United States in 1932, a decrease of 13 per cent from 1931.

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CHURCH SERVICES

WMU District No. 17 To Meet at Haskell

The twenty-fifth annual meeting of district No. 17 of the Texas W. M. U. is to be held at the Baptist church at Haskell on May 9 and 10.

The opening session will occur at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning, with Mrs. C. M. Caldwell, of Abilene, the president, presiding. Mrs. L. M. Dickson is recording secretary.

Election of officers and selection of the place of 1934 meeting is scheduled for the closing session on Wednesday afternoon.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

All regular services Sunday. Brother C. R. Joyner, the pastor, will preach both morning and evening hours.

Sunday School at 10 o'clock. B. T. S. meets at 6:45 p. m. Prayer meeting each Wednesday evening at 7:45.

BAPTIST W. M. S.

The Baptist W. M. S. will not meet next Monday afternoon but instead they will entertain with a get-together social for the whole church at 7:45 Monday evening. All members of the church are urged to be present.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

There were 983 present at the six reporting Sunday Schools in Merkel last Sunday, only 30 short of the record attendance of 1,013 on Easter Sunday. On the intervening Sunday, when the weather was inclement, the number was cut to 821.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Bible study at 9:45, preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. each Lord's Day, young people's program at 6:30 p. m. each Lord's Day, ladies Bible lesson at 6:30 p. m. and preaching at 7:30 p. m. each Wednesday.

A cordial welcome awaits all who come.

FUNDAMENTALIST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Brother Lovell from Abilene is with us in a revival meeting. A great crowd attended the first service and we are having to add more seats every night. Brother Lovell is a young man, with a consecrated life, much zeal and courage, and he knows his Lord and God is with him in a mighty way.

Last Sunday we had a glorious day; the Lord blessed in the salvation of the lost. We buried four beneath the baptismal water to arise to walk in newness of life.

The next Fifth Sunday singing will meet in our tabernacle. We are glad you are coming and shall plan to have a great day.

Our Bible School will begin at 9:45, instead of 10 o'clock, from now on. We expect to begin five more classes next Sunday.

We wish to invite everybody and give you a hearty welcome to our revival.

Ernest C. Dowell, Pastor.

Proclaims Mother's Day.

Washington, May 4.—President Roosevelt by proclamation called for observance of Mother's Day on May 14, urging that everything be done this year for the relief and welfare of mothers and children who may be in need of the necessities of life.

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Abilene Man Named CE Head Third Term

Gordon Weir of Abilene was re-elected president for his third term of the Mid-West Texas Christian Endeavor district at the annual convention held in San Angelo Friday, Saturday and Sunday of last week.

R. A. Clark of Breckenridge and Mary Erwin of San Angelo were re-named vice-presidents for second terms. Mary Pence of Abilene was chosen again for secretary for her third term and C. I. Reid of Sweetwater was elected treasurer succeeding Mrs. Frank Dearing of Abilene.

Other new officers include: The Rev. Ben F. Parker of Breckenridge, Rev. Fred Rogers of San Angelo, Mrs. John Waldrop of Abilene, Jim Patterson of Merkel, Mrs. W. B. Gordon of Roscoe, Bernice Davenport of Abilene, Eugene Wood of San Angelo, Irene Slaughter of Sweetwater, Beulah Carter of San Angelo, Frances Bruce of Cisco, Huie Tucker of Abilene, Mrs. Dearing of Abilene.

Five from Merkel attended the sessions. Those going were Jim Patterson, president of the local Christian Endeavor society, Misses Vera and Maimie Walker and Phala Diltz and Cephas Wozencraft.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 o'clock. Offering for Reynolds home.

The pastor will preach the commencement sermon at Noodle Sunday morning; hence, no service at the 11 o'clock hour. Evening service at 8 o'clock.

Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. You are cordially invited to these services.

J. J. Russell, Jr., Supt. R. A. Walker, Pastor.

NAZARENE CHURCH.

May 14 we expect to have our Mothers' day program. We expect the Stamford people to give the morning hour program. Abilene people will put on the program in the afternoon. They will have their band of musicians with them. Then the evening program will be by our Merkel folks.

Prayer meeting Thursday evening at 8 o'clock, led by Mrs. King. Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. You are welcome. Come.

"How does Christ meet the needs of the world?" Read Acts 4:1-12

Mrs. Ola Bolls, Pastor. Mrs. Fannie King, Supt.

METHODIST NEWS NOTES.

Despite the rain and chill, we were greeted with a half hundred at the Wednesday evening service and it proved an enjoyable hour.

Our district conference is to meet at McCauley next Tuesday and Wednesday. The following from our church are members: Tom Coats, R. A. Burgess, Mrs. E. L. Yeats, Herbert Patterson, Roy Patterson, Paul Collins, T. G. Bragg, Lee Cox, D. H. Vaughn, Mrs. H. C. Williams and Rev. E. L. Yeats.

Our people are preparing a real play to be put on at the theatre sometime in the near future. You will like it.

Regular services next Sunday, pastor preaching at both services.

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R&R Palace Presents Daring Drama of a President's Career

Those who look for motion picture entertainment permeated with the tense, authentic melodrama of actual headlines in today's news will find "Gabriel Over the White House," new Cosmopolitan-Metro - Goldwyn-Mayer production opening Sunday at the Palace theatre, Sweetwater, one of the outstanding talkie events of the year.

Headed by Walter Huston as the President who overnight is transformed from an insincere, backslapping politician to a man of iron, the distinguished cast of "Gabriel Over the White House" includes Karen Morely, last seen opposite Wallace Beery in "Flesh;" the Broadway stage star, Franchot Tone; Arthur Byron, Dickie Moore, C. Henry Gordon, David Landau, Samuel Hinds, William Pawley, Jean Parker and Claire Dubrey.

The drama, laid in the historic background of the national capital with authentic scenes of the executive mansion, the two legislative houses and various other Washington locales, starts with the inauguration of the simple, backcountry man, Jud Hammond, who becomes the Hon. Judson Hammond, President of the United States. His first press conference shows him to be a typical politician, jovial, insincere, evasive, unwilling to cope courageously with national problems. He is injured in an accident and on his return to work following a long period of illness which has given him time to think things over, he becomes a new Judson Hammond, hard instead of soft, decisive instead of vacillating.

The story is brought to a stirring and logical conclusion after a sensational peace conference with Judson Hammond leaving his mark on history as one of the greatest Presidents to rule at the White House.

New Congressman Takes Oath.

Washington, May 4.—Representative Milton West of the Brownsville district, who succeeds to the place occupied for thirty years by Vice President John N. Garner, took the oath of office in the House of Representatives Tuesday.

Standard Typewriter Ribbons 75c each at Merkel Mail office.

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Score or More Will Enter Kentucky Derby

Louisville, Ky., May 4.—It's derby week in old Kentucky, and from far and wide the followers of the sport of kings are pointing towards Churchill Downs here, where the \$50,000 added classic will have its 59th renewal somewhere around 5 p. m., central standard time next Saturday.

The "dopesters" figure anywhere from fourteen to more than a score will start, listing as the most probable entrants Head Play, Ladysman, Charley A., Interpreter, Strideaway, Spicson, At Top, Good Advice, Brover's Tip, Captain Red, Trace Call, Mr. Khayyam, Sarada, Kerry Patch, Inlander, Dark Winter, Pomponious, Fair Rochester, Warren, Jr., and the Darb.

Of these, Ladysman, Mr. Khayyam, Pomponious, Sarada, Trace Call and Kerry Patch are regarded as the strongest of the eastern contingent. Head Play, Charley O., Sarada and Mr. Khayyam. The latter's spectacular performance Saturday in winning the Chesapeake Stake at Havre De Grace in record time won him many new followers over the week end.

Mortgage Moratorium Signed by Governor

Austin, May 4.—The governor Monday signed a mortgage foreclosure moratorium bill, empowering district courts to give two extensions of six months each on the payment of debts secured by real property before the property could be sold. A debtor would have to show the court that the property involved probably would sell for less than its real worth and that the property was not being mismanaged.

Both houses passed and the governor signed a bill that would postpone for thirty days all foreclosure sales scheduled for Tuesday.

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Tall Cans Salmon, 2 for 19c

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Sun Maid, 4 Lb. Pkg. Raisins 29c

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