

# FINES HEAVY DURING MAY

Fines exceeding any previous month's record in the history of the department were paid during May by persons arrested by Birmingham Hills police. The total showed \$1,400 collected by Justice Floyd S. Buck in fines and costs.

Of the 42 persons arrested, 35 were charged with drunken and disorderly conduct, fines from these cases alone totaling \$1,300.

Five reckless drivers paid fines amounting to \$90, while one person served a five day jail sentence on a similar charge. One person was arrested for a minor traffic violation.

Speeders topped the list of offenses in Birmingham, according to Justice Buck's records, with 19 persons arrested on speeding charges and paying fines amounting to \$210. Drunken and disorderly cases ran a close second with 12 persons appearing on such complaints. Fines amounting to \$70 were paid by the disorderly, and one person served at 15 day sentence in the Oakland county jail.

A 60 day sentence was handed out to one drunken driver and four persons were found guilty of reckless driving. Fines for the 38 law violators totaled \$621.90, reports show.

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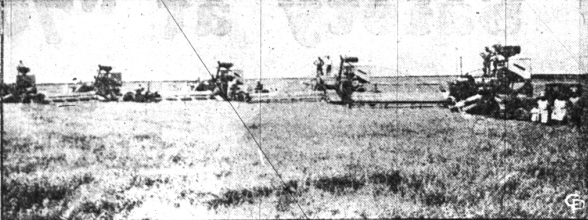


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## BACK TO THE FARM

Marion Talley Anticipates Happiest Moment of Her Life When She Moves Down to Colby, Kas.



By J. C. JOHNSEN  
Central Press Staff Writer.

Colby, Kas.—Marion Talley, retired Metropolitan grand opera singer, whose debut was heralded throughout the world and who on May 4 closed her operatic career in Cleveland, is preparing to move down here on the farm.

She recently purchased a section of Kansas farmland, a mile square, 12 miles west of here, near the county seat of Thomas county, and 300 miles from Kansas City, Mo., her "home town."

She was sick of New York. Too crowded. She wants to be a farmer and now she owns property in the great Kansas wheat belt, where that kind of grain

runs 40 bushels to the acre. "It's exactly a mile square," explained Marion, enthusiastically. "It's a beautiful piece of ground with wheat knee-high and everything to make a really fine home and who on May 4 closed her operatic career in Cleveland, is preparing to move down here on the farm."

"I'm going to stock, of course—cows, chickens, fine horses. I'm especially interested in saddle horses because I love to ride and never could in New York. It wasn't any fun creeping over the rocky bridal paths in Central park, dodging motor cars and pedestrians. Out west I can ride for miles in any direction and believe me I will.

"When we move down here—where father and mother, and Florence and I all can spend the rest of our days together under

the same roof—it will be the happiest moment of my life.

"Greater than the night when you made your Metropolitan debut in New York City?"

"Greater Than Her Debut"

"Much more so," she smiled.

"Father and mother, who has tapped telegraph keys most of his life, will be his own boss; mother will not have to worry about my studies and Florence. Oh, we'll be alone, away from the constant public gaze—in peace among ourselves on a big mile-square farm.

"Father and mother both have sacrificed a lot to help me, you see. I know they have been pressed severely at times to keep me in music's studies. Now with the money I have acquired through my singing I shall attempt to repay them with restful days on the farm.

"And we are going to have a car, too. A big motor car that we all can enjoy. You know we never have had a car before. It seemed silly to me to try to maintain one in New York. We were away so much and it was so difficult to get any place in one there, anyway."

Marion proceeded to describe the kind of home she intends to build. It is to be a farm house that will be comfortable. It will be modern to the last word—electricity, gas and water. Just

like a home in the city only with plenty of fresh air—with fresh milk and butter and eggs right off the farm. The home, Marion said, is to be built so that herself weary in looking after its upkeep.

"And Florence and I will be there to help her, too," she said.

**Colby All Ages**

Colby is equally as thrilled over the event. The county seat has never been so excited about a real estate transaction as when it was learned that Marion Talley had selected her farm site 12 miles from this little town.

Marion Talley's farm knowledge is limited, but she is looking forward for the "happiest day of her life when she makes her debut on a milkmaid's stool and milks her first Holstein cow.

## The WORLD and All

By CHARLES B. DRISCOLL

Clare Ogden Davis was a newspaper reporter in Texas. She covered fires and funerals and murders and politics, just as the average reporter is required to do in good newspaper towns. Yes, indeed, they do have murders in Texas. And politics. Ask Clare.

In due course, Mrs. Davis became secretary of the first woman governor of Texas. She saw politics of a most interesting sort then.

She was close to the front lines in one of the most interesting of

all the very amazing political battles of American states.

She has made use of her experience. She has made a novel out of it. The novel, entitled "The Woman of It," is to be published soon by Sears.

Of course, the novel is not the story of Mrs. Ferguson, who was governor of Texas. Mrs. Davis has been careful to specify that in a note at the front of the book. It is the fictionalized result of this woman reporter's observations and impressions.

Thousands of young Americans, and some who are not so young, want to write. Especially do they want to write fiction. Surprising as it may seem, most of these ambitious individuals seem to be writing to me. They probably write to everybody whose signed writings appear regularly or often in newspapers and magazines. They want to know, generally, why it is that nobody will print their stuff, while Soandso is printed here and there or gets a novel published or a play produced.

Here's one answer. If you want your writings to appeal to publishers and to readers, write out of your own life, your own soul. Make use of your own experience, rather than the experience of some fictitious person whom you have vainly imagined.

Rowena on her high tower was all right in her day. The high towers have gone, and most of the readers are down on the earth. If you want to write for them, stay on earth with them.

A meter has been invented to determine how far a blow would send a golf ball that is attached to the device at the end of a rod.

For watching employees and detecting shoplifters, a multiple periscope has been devised for use in large stores.

The normal whale is said to weigh about a ton to each foot of length.

An Italian inventor has designed a motor balloon which can be made to remain stationary in the air.

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