

COLES
THEATRES

AVALON

EAGLE LAKE, TEXAS

Friday—Last Day

"Annapolis Farewell"

—with—
Tom Brown, Rosalind Keith, Sir
Guy Standing, Richard Cromwell

Saturday

BUCK JONES

"Outlawed Guns"

Also Chapter 4 mountain mystery
with Ken Maynard
Also Comedy "Grasshopper and
Ant"
Preview 11:00 "Call of the Wild"

Sunday—Monday

JACK LONDON'S

"Call of the Wild"

—with—
Clark Gable, Loretta Young, Jack
Oakie and "Buck" the Wonder Dog
Also Comedy and News Reel

Tuesday—Wednesday

NORL COWARD

"THE SCOUNDREL"

—with—
Julie Haydon, Hope Williams, Mar-
tha Sleeper
Also Comedy

Thursday—Friday

KATHARINE HEPBURN

"ALICE ADAMS"

—with—
Fred MacMurray, Fred Stone, Ev-
elyn Venable
Also Comedy

HALLOWEEN!! HALLOWEEN!!

MIDNIGHT SHOW THURSDAY
NIGHT, OCT. 31

BUDDY ROGERS

"OLD MAN RYTHM"

—with—
BETTY GRABLE

Also Comedy

Coming Soon:

ADMIRAL BYRD

—in—

"LITTLE AMERICA"

—with—

NEGROES CONFESS CRIME

wood.

The body of the girl was found floating in Cummins Creek late Thursday, an account of which was printed in last Friday's Headlight. Convinced that this bright girl, salutatorian of the Columbus High School class of 1934, had been murdered, Sheriff Hoegemeyer at once set to work on a murder theory. State Ranger E. M. Davenport arrived in Columbus Saturday to assist him in solving the murder mystery.

The girl was killed while she was hunting pean thieves who had been thrashing trees on her father's farm, four miles north of Columbus. She rode away from her home at 10 o'clock in the morning. When she failed to return, a thirteen year old brother went in search. He found her horse tied to a fence close to the creek, and dismounted to investigate. He saw the body floating in the creek, took off his clothes and swam out and brought the remains to the bank. Then he rode home for help and Sheriff Hoegemeyer was notified.

Friday, when Victor Landig of Houston started to embalm the body, he found no water in the lungs, and noted bruises on her neck, shoulder and one leg. He called Drs. E. C. Gordon and S. H. Kirkham of Columbus, who confirmed his suspicions that drowning did not cause death.

Physicians said that the girl had been assaulted.

Mitchell's confession given to the officers in a signed statement says, after telling how the two had reached the section where the crime was committed:

"We went across the creek and some colored boys were up there whipping pean trees for Mr. Lee Hasted. We went up where they were and sat down and talked with them, and then pretended like we was going on to our aunt's until we got out of sight and then we doubled back and went into Mr. Kollmann's pasture and sat down under an elm tree. While we were sitting down there, Mr. Kollmann's daughter rode up on a horse and asked what we was doing there and we told her we just crossed over there from out of Mrs. Buescher's pasture. She asked us didn't we whip a pean tree and she also asked us couldn't we have stayed over in Mrs. Buescher's pasture just as good, and Ernest told her 'no'."

"She rode around from under the elm tree and said she would show us where the pean tree was that she thought we had been whipping. We followed her about 200 yards. We walked several feet behind the horse. She was on a dark bay mare with a white stocking on the hind foot. We walked several feet behind the mare. About half way between the elm tree and the pean tree, Ernest said: 'We ought to pull her off that horse'."

"We walked on to the pean tree and it was here that she said: 'Couldn't you have stayed on the other side just as well?' And Ernest said, 'Now,' and he hit her with a piece of dry, hard elm that he had in his hand up at the elm tree. Ernest was facing the horse. He grabbed the horse's bridle with his left hand and hit her across the left shoulder with his elm club. The club was about two feet and a half long—but I'm not sure of the length. It was long enough for him to stand on the ground and hit her with it across the shoulder. When he hit her, she fell to her

left—the side he had hit her. She turned the reins loose and they fell to the ground and he pulled her off the horse. He called me back up there and told me to help her off the horse. He told me to help hold her. He was choking her. I could hear her choking. She was a young girl. She had on riding breeches. (Here a portion of the brute's confession is too horrible to print).

Later in his confession, the negro says: "I was holding both her arms and he was choking her with his left hand... she was unconscious. I was still holding her hands. She had quit struggling because she was unconscious. Ernest was holding her hands expecting her to come to... Ernest caught her around the shoulders under the arms from behind and I caught her across the legs and we carried her down to the water of Cummins Creek which runs through Kollmann's pasture and we just threw her in the creek. The water was pretty deep. 'Then we went back up on the hill and Ernest caught her horse and tied it to the fence. One of her shoes was still on her foot when we threw her in the creek. The other shoe was up there... we picked up the shoe and took it over to the fence where we had tied the horse."

"Then we left there and went on up to my aunt's. Our aunt got me to go up to Mr. Lee Vogel's to get two-bits worth of lard. Ernest stayed at my aunt's while I was gone. I was gone about half an hour. It was about 3 o'clock when we got up to my aunt's. The other was about 1 o'clock in the afternoon."

"After we tied the horse we waded across the creek to the other side and went up that side until we had passed where the colored boys were. We did not want them to see us coming from where we had thrown the girl's body. We walked away from there very fast. We did not run because we did not want to attract attention. That is all I want to tell you except that I ain't going to do it no more."

Both negroes in their statements admit the attacks, but both accuse the other of striking the girl with the club and pulling her from the horse. Collins' statement in part read:

"We went all the way to the pean tree. Bennie was facing the horse and caught hold of the reins with his left hand and hit her with the elm stick he had in his right hand. As he hit her she dodged."

"The stick hit her on the left shoulder. She was struggling and screaming and kicking when he pulled her off the horse. I held the horse and he pulled her off. When he pulled her off the horse he laid her on the ground. He was choking her. She was kicking."

The girl's body was found by Milton Kollmann, her brother. He told

officers that she had ridden out on a high-spirited horse to try to catch persons who had been thrashing pecans from trees on their land.

The two negroes were raised in that community and Miss Kollmann knew them well. For this reason, it is said, she did not fear them.

In their confessions to the of-

ficers, one of the negroes said the other asked him "Where can we find some girls?" He answered that he had some cousins up at a certain house. The confession says they went to this house Wednesday night, the night before the murder, and attempted to raise a window to the room occupied by the negro girls. They heard some one in the

house say, "Get a gun and shoot him," and then they ran away.

Funeral services for Miss Kollmann were held Sunday afternoon, with interment in Odd Fellows Rest at Columbus.

GARWOOD SCHOOL

Plans was drawing to a close, Mr. Marshall knew if anything further could be done, it had to be done quickly. He went to Houston and chartered an airplane. He chased down every senator and congressman in Washington that he knew anything about, and got such a good case before the PWA officials that he got what he went after.

The grant and loan has been approved, and work is slated to start as soon as other formalities are gone through and the money is received by the school board. Harry D. Payne, Houston architect, is handling the plans and specifications for the new Garwood school building.

It will be a one-story brick, tile and concrete structure, housing nine instruction rooms, a library, a home-making department, a science laboratory, an auditorium that will seat 650, a gymnasium, a shower and dressing room and will be of the Mediterranean type of architecture.

In this effort for a new school building, which will put Garwood into the forefront of any community of like size in Texas, Supt. Marshall has had the whole-hearted co-operation of his school board, composed of W. K. Lehrer, president; P. J. Kallins, secretary; V. C. Williams, F. R. Schilling, W. H. Abell, L. V. Crenak and Charles Pavlu.

State Representative Chas. D. Rutts of Columbus is legal counsel for the Garwood school building committee.

GARWOOD FAIR

The exhibits at the fair, both livestock and farm, exceed that shown at any of the previous fairs, and would do credit to any county fair.

Following the barbecue dinner served yesterday, State Superintendent of Education, Dr. L. A. Woods, gave an excellent address. While E. H. Patton, deputy state superintendent, was not on the program at the hour, he was called on and made a fine talk in the interest of Garwood's new school building.

During the afternoon, Dr. T. A. White, of the College of Arts and Industries, spoke to the farmers on "Agriculture in a Changing World." At the same hour, in one of the upstairs rooms of the school building, Miss Blanche Taylor, instructor in home economics in the Garwood school, addressed the women on "Correct Diet for the Family."

Following a delightful band concert by the Columbus Municipal Band last night, C. H. Matthews of Eagle Lake, Secretary of the State Agricultural Council, addressed the farmers on "The 1936 Agricultural Program for Colorado County." Mr. Matthews, who was recently in Washington, and assisted in forming the new cotton contract for the coming year, gave his hearers first-hand and valuable information concerning cotton farming for the coming year.

A fried fish dinner, with salads, cakes, pies and coffee, will be served on the fair grounds at noon today, Friday, at 25 cents a plate.

Dr. E. R. Alexander, professor of

agricultural education of the A. & M. College, will give an address at 1:30 this afternoon, after which the El Campo Municipal Band will render a concert. At 3 p. m., Dr. E. R. Eudaly, of the A. & M. College, extension division, will speak. Miss Lenora Walker, district supervisor of home economics, will give two addresses to the women this afternoon, on "Understanding the Child," and "Beautifying the Home."

The program tonight will open with a band concert from 7 to 8 o'clock. Dr. Eduard Micek, professor of Slavonic languages in the State University at Austin, speaking in the Bohemian language will follow

with an address on "Education in the Modern World."

Mrs. E. C. Schleeter of Houston spent the week-end here. Mrs. Schleeter, as a girl was Miss Bertie Clark, and spent her girlhood here. She enjoyed her week-end visit here, looking over the town of her birth and girlhood.

BARN DANCE—Halloween dance Thursday night, October 31. Music by Uncle John's Khaki Band. At Bunge's barn, north of Eagle Lake.

Mrs. G. W. Barker of Minneapolis, Kansas, is here for an indefinite visit at the home of her brother, Mr. W. S. Campbell.

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