

Semi-Weekly New Era

A. C. & R. W. MEITZEN, Props

Hallettsville, Texas

March 1/23

Dear Mrs Hickey:

Just made some collections in probate matters
due sometime by the county so am able
to pay a little on account. Enclosed
find \$100 check please send me one of
the notes marked paid. Will try to take up some
more soon. Am sorry we had to delay so
long but it just was impossible to pay sooner.

With best wishes from us all

Your friend

Rockdale, Tex
Sunday Oct 28 1923,

My dearest: Fire with has blown up x
I suppose you have read about the Cook
trial with Gre Bailey defending Dr Cook x
Seven of the 22 defendants pleaded guilty
and are going like current to Leavenworth x
Most of the brokers are grabbed and I
expect before the government gets
through there will be (100) men in jail for
long terms x

Poor old & crippled is sick with Hay
fever but is able to move to his desk x

(2)

He is not Whining but I know he is
broken hearted over his financial loss x Miss
Kitty tells me it is \$40,000⁰⁰ x She is so
Sick and Sore of all that She wants to take
him back to New York after he loses his job
on Armistice day x I hope not for the New
York Chamber will kill him x

After the Journal Suspended on Sept 15
I worked one week on the Veterans Voice and then they
Could pay no wages x I did some work for Prokers
getting up market letters, etc and then Mayor
Mike O'Reilly, (P. J. Cassidy) Sec Treasurer
of the Coyle Concord Co came to me with a big
air leasing proposition in the Rockdale
field and then he I could come in as equal
partner if I would handle all publicity

(3)
I come down here in his Cole & Car at 60
miles an hour x you would have loved to see
these two Dublin Irishmen making the dust fly x
I am working away here and I am certain of one of
two things: If I put it over I have money for
several bungalows & if I don't I will still fight
on for I am in good health and very happy
about you and the bungalow x

I met Martin Martyn in the Street
yesterday; he threw his arms around me and
we had a great talk x He is back again at
the Gap Depot here x He says E. O. is in fine
health x

I see Ed & Ben and all the old timers x

Joy Seers has started a paper in
Callahan, Conn Co x He wants me with

(4)
him but this job I have is far better at present
Outlook x

If I don't come home for Xmas I expect to send
you a big check that will entice you to come
down here x

Write me care of: P. J. Cassidy
Coyle Cement Co
Rockwall Milam Co
Texas

Tell me in your letter how is the Mullerchen,

Fred, the girls Carl and all the real folks

Remember love, I love you, I am working for you

and thinking of you every hour x There is a ray of
good behind the present financial cloud x

I am sure to win - Then the Bungalow

To the one woman

Tom

P.S. See the Star Telegram for Sunday Nov 11 x I am engaged to write a
letter

big feature story about Cassidy
(Major Miles O'Reilly) with pictures

Your Lunny Hubby
TDm



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Mrs F. A. Hickey.

Stamford
Jones Co.
Tex

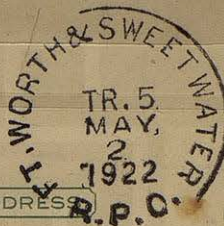
Box 122

Tholier, Texas

June 6 - '22

Dear wife:

I am starting out in my car for a
country trip & will be gone until
Saturday & drop me a line to Tholier
even if a postcard & Am in good health
and spirits & crops look splendid
here particularly wheat & I have that
Caterin Honey lepreau. Lovingly
Tom



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Mrs J. A. Hickey
Box 122
Stamford
Jones Co
Tex

b c:

Tuesday Afternoon
on train Waco to Cisco

every thing fine
must spend day with Barker
Chorter Safe

Home 6 30 pm Wednesday
at Stumbrink Tom

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



Mrs L A Hickey
Stamford
Box 122
Jmes Co
TEXAS

Dear wife: I Holio, Ford Co

June 2 - 1922

Arrived here on schedule time x
Mr Honey in sooooo, back to day x
It rained here all night x
Had your 18 bales while it rains x
Will send you the real information
tomorrow & am in fine health, and in
good spirits - although I think the
truth is every x while the hope you are
in the state with love - T. M.



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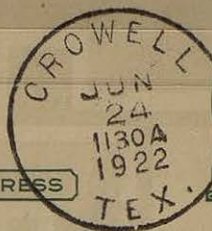
Mrs. Test Hickey
Stamford
Box 122 Jones Co
TEXAS

Dear wife:

Thalia, Foard Co. Tex
June 5 - 1942

Rain all over x Honey back x He says
had cotton for at least 25¢ x will
get a car this morning I hope x
Wackney is not efficient x look
for a good report by Saturday
evening x Hope you did not get
too much rain x I may run home for a day
in the fourth with love Tom

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



WMS J. A. Hickory

Stamford
Texas
Texco

Box 122

see Wps:

Crowville, Tex

June 24, 1900

I have lost 11 pounds and am ^{not} anxious
to get it back x Herz foster 12 days and it
done me a lot of good but am still rather
weak x I heard from the trapper and kept
cool x I don't wonder a certain type of
was so intensely hated recently by ~~most~~
~~many~~ ^{many} ~~men~~ ^{men} x I will work next
week at Raylands ~~in~~ Milbarger co x
Look for a real letter to morrow x some-
thing ^{See your cotton you will get 30 to 35¢}
~~have a see~~ Tom



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Mrs. H. H. Hickey

Stamford

Conn. Co.

Texas

dear wife:

Thalia, Tex

June 9, '22

I have been knocked over by change of
feet, I guess & I have had slow feet and
while weak am better and have a

man for \$2,000 ^{or} this morning & I will be
my old self in a few days & my expect
here tells me he has advances on the base which
Wattless him to believe that the worst
base which damage in years is about
to come off & he says the money gives me
\$1000 if Meddows cotton is not 20¢ in
six weeks or less - Tom

Phoenix Arizona
July 5th 1922.

Dear Clara Hickes

I received your kind letter also
the money order from dear Waterhouse
thank you very much.

I have got in touch
with Mr. Kules he is in Denver and
sent me money to go to Prescott
so I am enclosing money order
to you dear as

I will not need it at this
time this is my fourth summer in
Phoenix and this June is the hottest
I have ever known

Mildred is married and
in Colorado. I hope you are all well and
would sure like to see Mrs. Wolfe babies
how is Fitzpatrick give him my
love.

I wish times would change so
we could all feel better the labor
movement here is all broken up
and times are bad. well dear
Comrades I really have no more to tell
you but will write to you later on

with love to all I remain your
Comrade

Mrs M. B. Kyles

New Del

Phoenix Arizona

This warden will allow
male rubber ponies were
Kail under his is it

Rochester, Texas.

April 15, 1922.

Mr. J. M. McKie,
Sagerton, Tex.

Dear sir:

In the study of the religious views of our Presidents I should like to know if ex President ^{Wilson} has been a Catholic before he became a Presbyterian. If possible please give me the source to which I may be able to refer if necessary. I take great pleasure in thanking you for your information on immigration. It was of special value to me in my rebuttal work and it enabled me to carry out my part in the Rochester-Haskell Debate at Rule of which we won. Thanking you for your help and for future information regarding Wilson I am

Very truly yours
[Redacted Signature]

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October 13, 1922.

My dear Mr. Hickey:

During the very enjoyable visit I had at your office recently, you told me a yarn about how a check for \$1000 had become a couple of millions by the time an inebriated gentlemen and a Sunday newspaper syndicate got through with it.

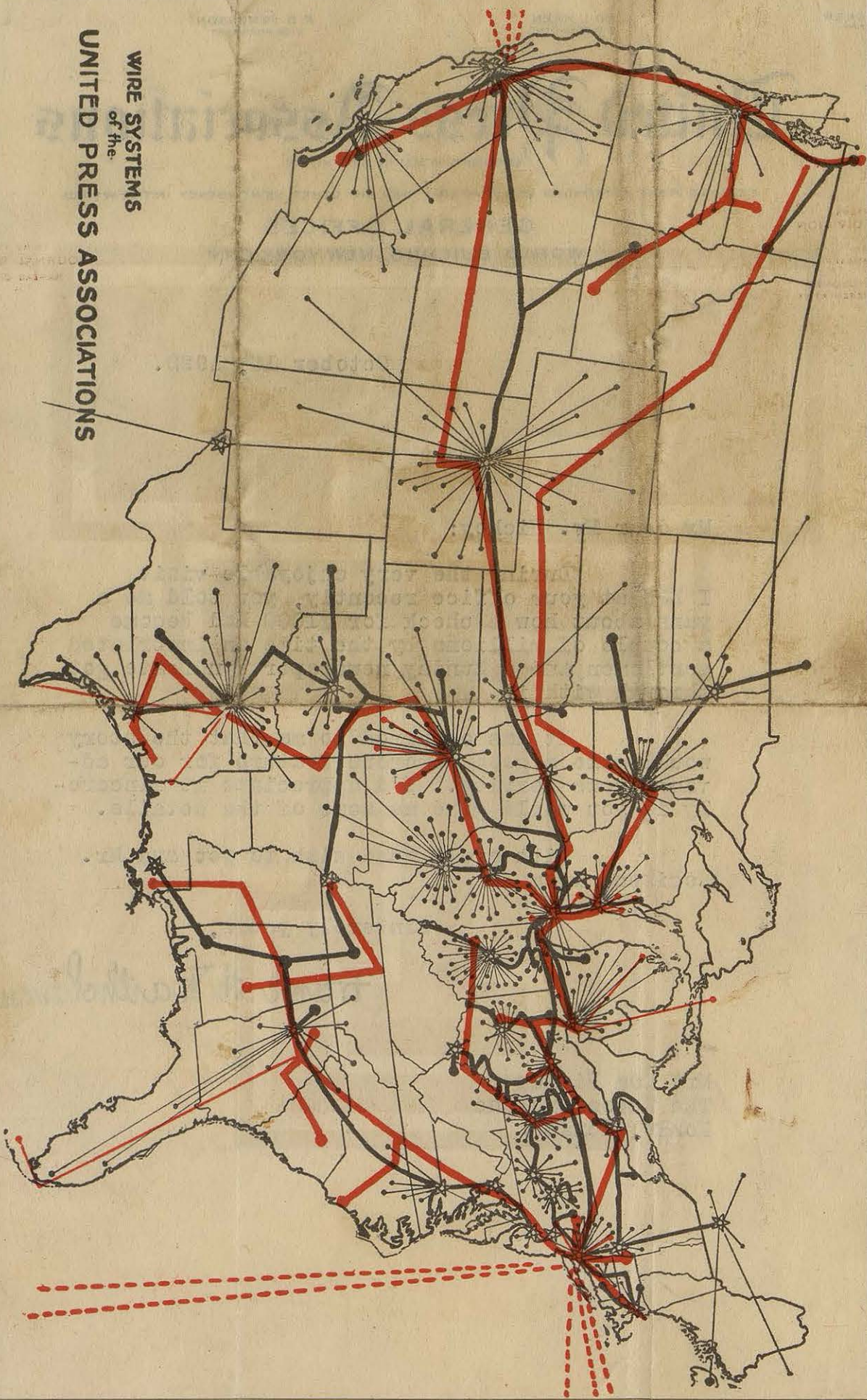
It has occurred to me that the story would make a good humorous feature for our advance news service. I'd appreciate it sincerely if you would give me some of the details.

With every good wish to you and Mr. Robison, I am

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Tom Hickey
The Kosse Cyclone
Kosse, Texas

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of the
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My Lovely Wife:

Kosse, Texas, Oct. 6, 1922.

Here is some real news. When Mr. Bishop was here recently I was given the job of writing ~~him~~ him up, and you probably read the story on the front page of the Cyclone. He was delighted with it and told me it was the best story he had had written about him in years. After some further discussion, he offered me the agency for his LaSalle county land for Jones, Haskell, and Stonewall counties. I told him I was too busy but that you would fill the bill splendidly. I told him you would be ably assisted by Carl. He then proceeded to give me the inside method of handling the sales. He says you should visit the land with Carl and on your first trip don't under any consideration take more than three prospective purchasers; because if you have more, one or two of them may knock and that would upset the sale for all. He pays ten per cent commission on all sales. He will meet the people at San Antonio, convey them to the land. He will supply salesman and they will attend to every single detail. All you have got to do is bring the paper down there, and you will draw your ten per cent.

Drop him a letter telling him you want literature sent to you and Carl and you want to be listed as Agents as I have explained to you and he will see that you are supplied.

There are fifty five German families that have already purchased land. They are from Lavaca, Dewitt, Taylor and Washington counties. I think this land is a wonderful bargain and you can make on an average Five hundred dollars on each quarter section you sell.

You remember there was a banker at ~~the~~ ^{the} rule who used to drive San Antonio in one day. You and Carl can drive to the land in two days with two hundred German families in Jones, Haskell and Stonewall counties. You ought to be able to get twenty of them to buy land this winter. You might take Bertha along with you if you wish.

As soon as you receive this letter write to Mr. Bishop and drop me a line and let me know what you think of the proposition.

Give my love to the glorious mustache man and all
your own loving Hubby
Tom

P.S.: Read enclosed from my boss & I will send you
some money soon to pay your way to San Antonio and
because I am your all dear husband.
Tom

P.S.S.: I am sending you papers showing you I have made
a big hit. I am sure. TH

The Calliham Caller

And Tri-County Oil News

JAY R. SECREST, EDITOR

Calliham, Texas Dec. 16, 1923.

My dear Clara:

Since I sent you the postal card at Rockdale in reply to the best letter you have written me in years, I have refrained from writing to you until I got settled, and could be able to speak to you in other than generalities. Who do you think is taking this dictation--none other than the indomitable J. R. Secrest, who graduated from under the shade of the old oak tree in Hallettsville. He is now owner and editor of the Calliham Caller and I am his associate editor and also I am manager of the Calliham Chamber of Commerce. This town is twelve miles off a railroad in McMullen county. The railroad is the "Sausage" or San Antonio Uvalde & Gulf, which is 80 miles direct south from San Antonio to Three Rivers in Live Oak County which is a town of 600 population. We have a splendid oil field in Calliham, with eleven flowing wells and the population is 250 and steadily growing. As well as the paper Jay is running a restaurant and small rooming house. The town looks for all the world like Brandenburg if you eliminate the gin and dot the landscape with two dozen derricks. Col. Humphreys moved into the county last week for an active drilling campaign and the chances are that there will be extraordinary oil development in this and adjoining counties during the coming year. I am stopping with Jay and he told me last night that there is a crying need for a drug store here. This does not mean a store that would have a licensed prescription clerk but a store that would sell hair brushes, combs, soap, perfumes, cigars, cigarettes and 15 varieties of patent medicines like Lydia Pinkham's, Wine of Cardui etc. etc.,

Jay says that a small frame building from 20x30 that would cost about \$400 would be sufficient to start out in; the people here follow out the European custom of living in a part of the building in which they have their business located; Jay also thinks it is cheaper to build than to rent and with the rapid growth of the town property will double and treble in value. Lots 25x140 will cost \$250 each; \$300. will stock the store and with \$50 for extras a \$1,000. bill will make a small business man in Calliham. Jay tells me that with the population as it is and without any growth such a business will net \$50 a week, and of course with a boom it will run four or five times as much.

This conversation occurred while Jay was telling me about what businesses were needed in the town and the thought occurred to me that if Fred was not going to farm in 1924 that this would be an excellent opportunity for him to make money in a clean easy business and give him an opportunity to thoroughly recover his health. I submit this idea to you for what it is worth. You might want to chaperone Fred down here and if you want to inquire further into this matter you or Fred write to Jay because he is the business head and I will simply be attending to the newspaper and C. of C. work plus a leasing campaign

The Calliham Caller

And Tri-County Oil News

JAY R. SECREST, EDITOR

Calliham, Texas

so I cannot be bothered with drug stores.

We have had terrific rains here; the roads are in shocking shape but everything is drying and clearing up as I am writing. Give my love to the folks, kiss the mother at lease twenty times for me and consider yourself kissed a thousand times and write me to the address at the top of this page.

Your loving Hubby,

I am

Jay sends you the Caller complimentary.