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ONE YEAR JAIL SENTENCE GIVEN IN DENNY TRIAL

Merkel Ex-City Marshal Convicted of Aggravated Assault: Year in Jail and also fine of \$50 Assessed by Jury.

After deliberating 24 hours, the jury in the case of D. W. Denny, whose trial on a charge of assault to murder in connection with the shooting of P. L. Frederickson in front of the city hall here on March 3 started Monday morning in the 104th district court, Wednesday afternoon brought in a verdict for aggravated assault and assessed his punishment at one year in the county jail and a fine of \$50. After the verdict was read by Miss Belle Wellborn, district clerk, Denny conferred with Dallas Scarborough, member of the firm of Scarborough, Ely and King, his attorneys, and it was announced by the latter that a motion for a new trial would be filed.

The court charge, which was quite lengthy, defined the offenses of assault and murder and the term malice aforethought and gave the penalties for assault to murder, aggravated assault and simple assault.

Maximum sentence for aggravated assault is two years in jail and fine of \$1,000; minimum fine is \$25 and minimum jail sentence is one month.

W. J. Cunningham, prosecuting attorney for the 104th district, based his case on the theory that Denny shot Frederickson because he knew that the latter intended to prefer charges against him at a meeting of the Merkel city council on the afternoon of the shooting and he asked the extreme penalty for assault to murder, 15 years imprisonment, according to Judge Chapman's charge to the jury.

The district attorney was assisted by J. F. Cunningham and T. A. Bledsoe of Abilene as special prosecution. Defense attorneys were Scarborough, Ely and King.

Denny testified at the trial that he shot Frederickson because he believed his own life was in danger and his attorneys, in their arguments, outlined alleged threats made upon the life of Denny and pleaded self-defense.

Elmo Jones of Tuscola was foreman of the jury, other members being R. E. Dudley, A. M. Hinds, M. F. Barker, C. J. Smith, W. W. Gladden, C. F. Foster, H. E. Yoes, J. L. McMillion, T. H. Russell, J. A. Nobles and S. H. Estep.

Former Station Agent Dies.

The death of William Harvey McCord, 69, who was agent here for the Texas & Pacific for four or five years, leaving here about 1906, occurred at Fort Worth last Thursday afternoon in a hospital there. He is survived by his wife; daughter, Mrs. Willie Mae Hogan; niece, Miss Mary Richardson, all of Fort Worth; sister Miss Ella McCord, Palaski, Tenn. Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon and the body was sent to Eastland for interment.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, July 15, 1910.)

James J. Jeffries was defeated in the fifteenth round of the pugilistic encounter, called the greatest battle of the ages, at Reno Monday and John Arthur Johnson, a nigger as black as the ace of spades is the champion heavy weight fighter of the world.

Workmen are this week busy arranging the fixtures and stock of a new drug store to be opened for business tomorrow by R. A. McClain in the corner building of the Crenshaw block.

Last Sunday night the Sunday School class met at the residence of Mrs. J. T. Warren and organized a Barraca class. The object of the class is the training of Christian character by Bible study and social fellowship. The officers are: Mrs. Warren, teacher; Ben T. Merritt, president; Sam Swann, vice-president; Grady Collins, secretary and treasurer.

W. L. Barbee was in the city from Noodle Tuesday. He is an old timer and does not predict rain but guessed that we would get a soaker this week for the prairie dogs are busy building up mounds around their holes to

LIONS STANDING COMMITTEES ARE GROUPED TUESDAY

At the Lions club meeting Tuesday noon, President E. Yates Brown announced the following standing committees for the ensuing six months:

Attendance—W. O. Boney, chairman; A. T. Sheppard, S. A. Johnson. Membership—C. R. Tittle, chairman; Matt Dillingham, Rev. R. A. Walker.

Finance—Booth Warren, chairman; Sam Swann, Dee Grimes.

School affairs—L. B. Scott, chairman; R. A. Burgess, Matt Dillingham.

Fellowship—Dr. H. P. Hulsey, chairman; Rev. J. T. King, Rev. R. A. Walker.

Civic—H. C. West, chairman; Dee Grimes, C. H. Jones.

Cow Purchasing—P. P. Dickenson, chairman; Ted Nichols, Ben Bird.

Public Health—Dr. R. I. Grimes, chairman; S. D. Gamble, Dr. W. T. Sadler.

Reporter—C. J. Glover, Jr.

Mayor and Board of Aldermen to Serve Without Salary

Adopting a policy of retrenchment consistent with the conditions confronting them as to city finances, the city council at its regular monthly meeting Monday night set machinery in motion to meet these conditions. Due to the fact that there are more than \$6,000 due in delinquent taxes, combined with other causes, the general fund has become depleted.

The first step taken was elimination of their own salaries by the volunteer action of Mayor Sharp and the five aldermen in pledging themselves to serve without pay for the remainder of the year; patriotic action that will be generally commended by everyone.

By discontinuing two situations, the grader man and the sewerage disposal attendant, and by reduction in other salaries and wages, all along the line, a cut was made in the monthly pay roll of the city from \$780.00 to \$377.50, more than 50 per cent and with the saving made possible in this way and a general policy of conservatism and retrenchment, it is believed by the city fathers that municipal affairs can be gradually brought back to a state of normalcy.

B. H. Lancaster Wins In Flag Tournament

B. H. Lancaster won first prize in the flag tournament on the Fourth at the Merkel Golf club, the prize being 9 golf balls. Ed Lancaster was winner of second prize, 7 golf balls, and the other best records were made by W. L. Ditz, Jr., Ralph Duke and George West in the order named. The third, fourth and fifth prizes were 5, 3 and one golf ball, respectively. Each player was entitled to 70 strokes, twice par of the 9-hole course, and the one advancing the ball the farthest was declared the winner.

keep the water out and dry land turtles are hiking to the hills—so you might as well look out.

J. E. Faucett and J. F. Provine of the old reliable celebrated the Fourth in Abilene.

A. R. Booth of Booth Bros. & Warren of Hawley was among the visitors here the Fourth in the home of J. T. Warren and participated in the shoot at the picnic.

Little Miss Wie Leehman of Oklahoma is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Jud Sheppard. She is a favorite with the little folks and was lovingly welcomed.

Mrs. J. T. Dennis, varying the monotony of picnics gave a most delightful dinner to her little sons, Robert and Herbert, on July 4. The invited guests were Misses Amelia Porter, Frances Berry, Roxie Moon and Gibson Berry.

The family of Dr. C. M. McCauley have fled from the city's heat and camped this week at Warrens tank. We hope Mrs. McCauley will return much improved.

PRIZE WINNERS IN YARD AND GARDEN CONTEST ANNOUNCED SAM SWANN YARD WINS CUP

Winners in the Yard and Garden contest, sponsored by the Merkel Lions club, assisted by a committee of ladies, were announced Tuesday at the noon luncheon of the club. Mrs. Sam Swann was the winner of the silver cup, presented by the Merkel Mail for the most beautiful yard, including lawn, front and rear premises and flower garden. This cup will remain with the winner until the next contest, but must be won three times before it can be permanently owned.

Judges in the contest were Mrs. Rupert Harkrider, who is chairman of the Better Garden contest, sponsored by the Abilene chamber of commerce; Mrs. Harry Tom King, chairman of the park board both of the Federated clubs and of the chamber of commerce of Abilene, and L. S. Dwyer of the Dwyer Landscape and Floral company. They spoke most enthusiastically of the splendid showing made by the contestants and congratulated Merkel generally for the spirit of progress and civic pride manifested in the yard beautification campaign. The judging was completed Monday

morning. As chairman of the Lions committee, C. J. Glover, Jr., was assisted by Stan Johnson in showing the judging committee the homes of the contestants.

The winners and the list of prizes are given below. Winners may call at the local business institutions for prizes given in the contest and can inquire of the chairman as to delivery of the prizes offered by the Abilene Nurserymen.

FOR HOME OWNERS.

Most beautiful front yard—First, John West, prize, juniper by Abilene Nursery; second, Mrs. J. T. Dennis, ornamental lawn spray presented by Liberty Hardware company.

Most beautiful back yard—First, Missie Dye, \$5 in cash by the Farmers and Merchants National bank; second, Mrs. T. G. Bragg, Chinese arbor vitae, by Abilene Nursery.

Most beautiful garden—Mrs. Mack Buzbee, 25 pounds Vigoro, by West company and quart of paint by Clay Lumber company; second, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McCormick, \$5.00 in (Continued on Page Six.)

BRAZILIAN TRIO ENTERTAIN LIONS

Toastmaster Scott Presents Talented Group from Simmons For Program Feature.

With E. Yates Brown presiding for the first time as the newly elected president of the club, the weekly meeting of the Lions Tuesday was more than usually enthusiastic.

Featured as the chief entertainment number were the Brazilian Trio from Simmons university, which was the first time these clever and talented young ladies had appeared before the local Lions. It was through the instrumentality of L. B. Scott, toastmaster for the day, that they were secured and their instrumental and vocal numbers were given a generous reception. The trio consists of Misses Jesse Ellen and Virginia Peden and Miss Doris Deter. Following two Brazilian numbers, the trio gave a new arrangement of "Nancy Lee" in most pleasing manner and for encore Miss Jesse Ellen sang "The World is Waiting for the Sunrise," with Miss Deter's violin accompaniment and Miss Virginia Peden at the piano.

The club singing was led by Dr. L. C. Zehnpennig and the invocation was given by Rev. R. A. Walker.

The list of prize winners, as awarded by the judges in the Yard and Garden contest, sponsored by the Lions club, was announced, which is printed elsewhere in this issue. At the suggestion of the president, a Lion roar was given to Lion Sam Swann and for Mrs. Swann also as winners of the cup. Another roar was given for the Lions committee which arranged the contest.

After hearing a report from W. O. Boney as to the decision of the city council in their retrenchment plans to cut the monthly allowance toward the support of the night watchman to \$40, it was suggested that a committee from the club be appointed to canvass the town to make up the difference to the fixed amount of \$100. This committee is to be announced later by the president.

The announcement of the standing committees was next made by President Brown, this list appearing elsewhere in this issue of The Mail.

The secretary gave a financial summary of the Fourth of July celebration, which is generally considered one of the big things in Lion history in Merkel.

Booth Warren is to be toastmaster next week.

Celebrates 80th Birthday.

Our good friend, W. R. Hampton, was made happy on the occasion of his 80th birthday, which occurred on July 2nd, when little friends, June and Sue Richardson and Jannell Black, all of whom live in the neighborhood, brought him ice cream and cake.

Record of Births.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Winters, Friday, July 4.

HAPPY HOLIDAY CROWD GATHERS

More Than Three Thousand Enjoy Big July Fourth Celebration and Fireworks.

With the setting at picturesque Shannon's lake and no detail for the pleasure, comfort and entertainment of the guests lacking, more than 3,000 people from all over this section gathered last Friday evening for Merkel's big Fourth of July celebration sponsored by the Lions club. It was a happy, holiday crowd, filled with the spirit of Americanism and democracy, which have gone hand in hand together since that memorable July fourth 154 years ago when Jefferson and Madison and other founders of our republic penned the famous Declaration of Independence.

The program which featured a patriotic address by Judge James P. Stinson and concluded with a spectacular fireworks display, opened with a band concert by Merkel's Booster band under direction of G. A. Hartman, with musical numbers interspersed furnished by communities adjacent to Merkel. These included the Men's Glee club of Merkel, with Miss Christine Collins director, with band accompaniment, also in a special number, "That College Gang;" Carl Jackson, Jr., age 6, from Noodle, in costume, giving "Young Yankee Doodle Dandy;" Ford Smith's orchestra from Mt. Pleasant, with piano and stringed instruments, featuring little Miss Smith in a specialty dance, and Otis and Odena Pribble, from the Blair-Nubia community in a vocal duet with guitar and mandolin.

A patriotic address in commemoration of the day, its origin and significance, together with present day problems, was delivered in his usual effective and entertaining style by Judge James P. Stinson of Abilene.

Rev. R. A. Walker was master of ceremonies for the first part of the program, while E. Yates Brown, president of the Lions club announced the aquatic events that followed.

In junior boys' contest, David Gamble won first place, Bud Gambill, second, and L. V. Moore, third. Senior boys' race was won by Milton Shannon, with Fred Castleberry, second, and Jack Patterson, third, trade to be selected by the Granger Floral company, Abilene.

Most beautiful evergreen specimen—First, Mrs. J. T. Warren, Arhona cypress, Abilene Nursery; second Mrs. Charles Jones, window box by Burton-Lingo company.

Most beautiful bed of zinnias—First, L. B. Scott, hanging basket of ferns, Philpott's; second, Mrs. Herbert Patterson, smock by Bragg Dry Goods company and garden hat by Max Mellinger.

Most beautiful bed of roses—First, Mrs. J. E. Richardson, one-half dozen two-year old rose bushes, Abilene Nursery; second, Mrs. Len Sublett, house dress by Jones Dry Goods company and pair Society Maid hose by J. T. Dennis company.

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KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Friday, July 17, is the date announced from headquarters of Mrs. Miriam A. Ferguson, candidate for governor, for her speaking date at Abilene.

As the result of the bite of a rattlesnake, which she stepped on as she was going into the back yard of her home to see about chickens, Mrs. E. C. Head of Breckenridge is confined to a hospital.

After twenty-four hours of continuous diving, parties recovered the body of Criss George, 50, from the Trinity river between Fairfield and Palestine, the victim having fallen from his boat and drowned.

Texas area planted to cotton as of July 1 was placed by the department of agriculture at 17,500,000 acres, which compares with 18,229,000 acres in 1929, being 98 per cent of last year's acreage.

After a fall from a second story sleeping porch, Marian Dancy, 2-year-old daughter of R. B. Dancy, Houston cotton man, suffered a fractured skull and a broken left arm from which she died.

A score of persons, most of them passengers, were injured, none seriously, and shaken when a Texas and Pacific passenger train crashed head-on into a freight train in the railroad yards at Baird at 4 o'clock Sunday morning.

Dressed in his Confederate uniform, J. M. Steward, 84-year old civil war veteran, was run down by an automobile at a street intersection in Fort Worth Monday and died shortly afterward at a hospital from the injuries received.

The body of a man found hanging to a railroad trestle near Rankin has been identified by automobile numbers on his car as J. N. Simmons of Freeport, Texas, who was said to have been a war veteran and to have been in ill health.

Miss Frances Gunn of Lubbock, winner over 14 contestants in the bathing beauty revue staged at Lytle Beach as a part of the West Texas Fair association's Independence Day program at Abilene, was crowned "Miss West Texas."

The seventy-fifth producer in the Var field, the J. A. Brachen No. 2 of the Pure Oil company, brought in Monday, is estimated at 55,000 barrels daily. The oil is at a depth of 2890 feet and the well is about two miles northeast of the discovery well.

Resignation of Homer D. Wade, vice-president and general manager of the Dallas chamber of commerce, effective August 1, and election of J. Ben Critz, mayor of Highland park, Dallas civic worker and cotton merchant, to succeed him, was announced Tuesday.

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"DOCTOR OF TOWNS" SAYS

To Be American Means to Go Places and See Things.

The average American believes that to travel is to live. We come by that belief honestly. It is a part of our make up and dates back to time of the beginning of this good ol' U. S. A.

If Columbus hadn't had the "urge" to go places and see things he would never have been able to "sell" Queen Elizabeth on the idea of rigging up a few sail boats for him to go out to sea, to see what there was to see. Columbus was a salesman. He wanted to go places, and he wanted so badly to go that he got what he wanted.

Everybody that followed Columbus across the briny deep has this same "urge." They heard about this land of red men, wild chickens, buffalo and honey; and, not being stick-in-the-muds, afraid to do something different from what their fathers and grandfathers before them did, they started and kept going until they arrived.

After they had seen about all there was to see where they first made contact with the promised land they still had the "urge"—they wanted to see how much more there was to see.

At first they walked. Then they rode creatures which walked. They next rode behind those creatures which walked until, desiring to see more of that which there was to see more quickly—and desiring this earnestly enough—they invented that means—steam locomotion.

But that fell short of filling the bill, for these people were the kind of people that were never satisfied. They wanted to see all there was to see when they pleased and how they pleased. So came automobiles.

And here we are in the wonderful day of 1930, with all Americans going where they please, when they please, as they please which makes "Going Places" the greatest and largest business in all the world. And this is the average American community's opportunity.

Regardless of your line of business, or what you do to make a living, you are affected by motor travel. Therefore it is good business on your (Continued on Page Two.)

SUDDEN DEATH OF JOHN SEARS COMES AS GREAT SHOCK

Pioneer Ranchman Dies Unexpectedly at His Home Late Monday Afternoon; Funeral Services Held Tuesday.

All Merkel was shocked and saddened late Monday afternoon when the news spread that John Sears was dead. He had been up town during the afternoon and returned to his home between 4 and 5 o'clock. He lay down on the bed to rest and a short while afterward was found dead by the Mexican girl employed at the Sears home. Physicians said death resulted from acute dilation of the heart.

John Sears was 58 years old on October 17, last, having been born in Whitewright in 1871. He was married there about 32 years ago to Miss Emma Pratt, who died four years ago. The couple moved to Jones county 30 years ago and established a ranch which Mr. Sears owned and operated until his death. Fifteen years ago the family moved to Merkel.

As one of the pioneers of this section, John Sears was also one of the most prominent ranchmen in this part of the state. He was a man that made friends, democratic and unassuming, the type that made this western country what it is today.

An indulgent and loving father has gone on and no words can lessen the grief that is the experience of those two daughters who mourn his loss. But the loving kindness and tender sympathy of hundreds of friends was theirs during those trying hours and will be theirs throughout their bereavement.

Funeral services were held at 4:30 Tuesday afternoon from the family residence, with Rev. R. C. Pender of Abilene officiating, assisted by Rev. T. C. Willett. Interment was in Rose Hill cemetery, where a profusion of flowers made beautiful his last resting place.

Paul bearers were Edgar Wheeler, Jim Patterson, George Woodrum, F. Y. Gaither, H. H. Toombs and J. T. Warren.

Surviving Mr. Sears are two daughters, Mrs. W. S. J. Brown and Miss Johnnie Sears of Merkel; two brothers, T. E. Sears and Wade Sears of Whitewright, and four sisters, Mrs. H. C. Holland of Fort Worth, Mrs. C. E. Bryant and Mrs. John Hoard of Whitewright and Mrs. E. C. Anderson of Whitesboro.

Among out-of-town relatives and friends who came for the funeral were noted: T. E. Sears and his daughter and son, Madge and Thomas, of Whitewright; Mrs. E. C. Anderson and daughter, Miss Louise, of Whitesboro; Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Holland, Fort Worth; Dr. and Mrs. Amos (Continued on Page Six.)

Blair Items

Little Ira Patterson, who underwent an operation at the Merkel sanitarium, is getting along nicely at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Spears. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chalmers Patterson of Lubbock came down for the week-end, Mr. Patterson having returned home, while Mrs. Patterson remains at the bedside of her daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Moore and sons and Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Wilson and son have returned to Seymour after spending the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eli Brooks and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Moore.

Miss Mae Melton of Abilene is spending her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Melton.

Morris Horton of Merkel, accompanied by his mother, Mrs. Sam Horton of Trent, visited Mr. and Mrs. Carl Doan Sunday.

Mr. Earl Hughes of Abilene visited Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hughes Thursday and were accompanied home by his nephew, J. W. Hughes who will spend the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Osborn motored to Sweetwater the third and visited his sister and family.

A party consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Osborn, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Campbell and sons, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Farmer and sons and Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Doan and family attended a picnic at Sweetwater the Fourth.

Miss Mary Joe Farrier is spending an indefinite time in Fort Worth.

Mary Lou Hughes is spending the week-end with Comora Hughes of Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Baker and family are spending several days vacationing in Brown county.

Mr. Earl Palmer of Nubia and Miss Vernice Owens were married on June 28. Miss Owens is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Owens and her charming manners attracted many friends. Mr. Palmer is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Palmer, a pioneer family of Nubia.

Little Miss Evelyn Maxine, a new arrival, has come to make her home with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Doan. Mother and babe are doing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. L. Stutts and daughters, J. W. Bayless of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. John Hughes and family of Merkel, Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Scott and family of Trent, Mrs. John Ensminger of Nubia and a number of folks from Sweetwater have been attending the Baptist revival conducted by Brother John Reynolds of Dripping Springs, Texas. The song service was led by Mr. Lepard of Merkel.

A number from the surrounding towns have been attending the Church of Christ meeting conducted by Elder Fisher of Memphis, Texas.

Many Tourists Pass Through Laredo Gate

Laredo, July 10.—Approximately 2025 American tourist passed through Laredo en route to points in Mexico during June, according to report by Mrs. J. A. Wilson, in charge of the tourist permit division of the Laredo Chamber of Commerce.

A total of 405 permits for automobiles were issued, and these cars averaged about five persons each.

With the summer rush of tourists to Mexico on, it was expected that a record for the number of tourists to Mexico through Laredo would be established in July and August, as Mexico's improved highways are attracting American tourists to that country, as well as the many attractions that Mexico resorts offer.

The wide variety of Texas' climatic conditions is indicated by a range in 1929 of 127 degrees. Sixteen degrees below in Hartley county and 11 above in Clay county were the minimum and maximum recorded by the weather bureau.

On his hundredth birthday anniversary at Lemington, Ireland, Harry Lister, a former telegrapher, told how in the early days people brought parcels to his office, believing that they could be sent by telegraph.

Oysters cannot live in the Baltic sea, the reason being that it is not salty enough. They can live only in water which contains at least 37 parts of salt to every 1000 of water.

Read Merkel Mail Want Ads.

TELEPHONE THE MAIL

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

WHITE FLAT NEWS

Miss Clarice Duncan has returned home from Sweetwater where she has been visiting her sister, Mrs. T. H. Kent.

Miss Aliene Bickley spent last week-end with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Bickley of Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. Seth Nugent and son, Freeland were Sweetwater visitors Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Causseaux are here for an extended visit with their mother, Mrs. J. P. Causseaux.

Quite a few from here spent the Fourth on clear forks fishing and having a jolly good time. One party to enjoy this occasion was Mr. and Mrs. Luther Statter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Lon McElmurry and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. Duell Johnson and Mrs. J. P. Causseaux.

Mrs. J. C. Bickley and children and Doris Marie and James Earl Stevens have been on the sick list the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rivers and son, Joe of Del Rio, were recent guests of their cousin Mrs. Earl Stevens.

Freeland Nugent and Homer Freeman spent Thursday and Friday fishing on Sweetwater creek. They report a real good time, but few fish.

Miss Lula D. Hannah spent the week-end in Merkel, the guest of Miss Nola Provine.

Mr. and Mrs. Selby Duncan of Sweetwater were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Duncan.

Mrs. Billie Munsell visited friends in Dallas last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Bickley and daughter, Annie, of Merkel were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Bickley Sunday.

Freeland Nugent went to Abilene Sunday afternoon to pitch ball for the Wade Packing company team of Sweetwater in a game with one of the Abilene teams. The game ended 9 to 6 in favor of Sweetwater after playing 13 innings. We feel very proud of Freeland as he is pitcher of our home team.

Among those to celebrate the Fourth on Sweetwater creek was a party consisting of Mr. and Mrs. George Freeman and children, Mr. and Mrs. Slim Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Freeman and children, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Freeman and Mr. and Mrs. Seth Nugent. All report a splendid time and an excellent feast.

Mrs. Lonzo Bickley of Lubbock was a recent visitor in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Bickley.

Wheat Reunion.

The members of the Wheat family enjoyed a happy reunion at Buffalo Gap on the Fourth, including a picnic lunch with cold drinks and lots of fun. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Wheat and family from De Leon; Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Wheat, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Wheat and two children, Sidney and Dortha from Coleman; Mrs. S. S. Woodward and her daughter, Evalene; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. King and sons, J. W., Jr., and Melvin, all from Roscoe; Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Higgins and son, Raymond; Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Allen and two sons, E. H. and J. C., Merkel and Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Thompson and children from Stith.

"Thank You" Days Event now in full swing at Brown's Bargain Store.

Second sheets at Merkel Mail of fee.

COMPERE NEWS

The people around Comper celebrated the Fourth with a fish fry. The ladies had well filled baskets and the men caught the fish. A large crowd was present.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Lucas spent the Fourth with Mrs. Lucas' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Smith, at Nugent.

Mrs. Emery Wilburn, who is in the Merkel sanitarium following an operation, is reported doing nicely at the present time.

Quite a few were out to the singing Sunday evening. The Bennett quartet of near Anson were down to sing and singers from Hodges, Stith and Noodle were also present. Our singing evenings are the first and fourth Sunday evenings of each month.

Just at twilight last Thursday evening, the Baptist Sunday School surprised their superintendent, Mr. D. W. Ashby, with a party. They told him when they arrived that they were going to eat supper with him, but they brought their own ice cream with them. More than 75 people were there. Guest were Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton Chancey and children, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Clemmer and children, Mr. and Mrs. George Good and baby, Dee and Tressie Marshall and Mr. Bill Childress and children. Everyone had a good time, returning to their homes at a late hour, (when all the ice cream was gone.)

Farmers are just about through chopping cotton around here and the people worked out Mrs. Wilburn's crop for her while she was in the sanitarium.

Mrs. Bill Childress and children from Garden City are here visiting her mother, Mrs. Smith.

"Cow Day" Continues To Draw Big Crowds

With a program arranged by the merchants of the city, who are cooperating with the Lions club in the monthly "Cow Day" but who are not members of the Lions, themselves, features somewhat different from the usual were introduced, chief of which was the award of ten \$10 gold coins in lieu of the cow, sow and pen of chickens.

The committee of merchants named for the day's events was W. J. Sheppard, Wm. Elliott, E. O. Carson, Bob Dennis and J. M. Collins, with the first two named as co-chairmen. They were assisted by a committee from the Lions, including E. Yates Brown, president, Booth Warren, A. T. Sheppard and Stan Johnson.

Following the band concert by Merkel's Booster band, E. Yates Brown as master of ceremonies made the awards to the following: E. L. Mielton, Noodle; O. M. Brewer, Warren; G. M. Byron, Trent, Route 2; Edgar Tipton, residing west of town; A. L. Bryant, Merkel; W. P. Derrington, Route 3; J. D. Jaynes, Route 5; Miss Stella Wilson, Merkel; Miss Thelma Matthews, Route 4, and G. N. Leath, Noodle.

The average American family spends \$776 a year on its automobile or automobiles and \$143 on gas, according to a speaker before the N. E. L. A. meeting in Hot Springs, Ark., recently. It spends \$65 on tobacco, \$35 on candy, \$100 on cosmetics and \$33 on electricity.

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part to encourage and do what you can to help Merkel get as much as possible of the business to be had from traffic.

The problem that confronts most communities is not to get traffic, but to induce that traffic to stop. Automobiles on a highway are to a town what pedestrians on the sidewalk are to a store. The store cannot sell the passerby unless the people come into the store; likewise a town cannot sell the motorist unless the car is stopped and the passengers alight therefrom.

This necessitates a place for the motorist to stop or leave his car—and therein is the problem. Not an unsolvable one however, if that which is commonly referred to as "the noodle" is used. The biggest problem is to get the people in the community to use "the noodle."

There has been repeatedly given in this column facts and figures on the value of motor traffic—facts that are proven, showing that with hundreds of communities the possible or potential cash value is equal to and above the total payroll of the communities.

Like everything else worth while, a community cannot sell itself to motor traffic, nor can a community get the thousands and thousands of dollars obtainable from this traffic, if they do not work and do something to get it.

Other towns have taken heed and are getting this business—are selling themselves to the traveler. Merkel can do likewise if the people, business concerns and business organizations will take advantage of the opportunity, "take telling," and get going to go get it.

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Sweetwater Worker Says, "It Surely Did The Work"

A. G. Myrick Had Suffered 2 Years From Stomach Trouble—Argotane Brings Relief.

"After I had gotten so much relief by taking Argotane I began telling my friends and acquaintances about it and have been surprised at the number of them that tell me they have also been benefited by using it," said A. G. Myrick, who lives on West Second Street, Sweetwater, Texas, and is employed by the Gulf Refining Company.

"I was in a bad fix from stomach trouble and nervous indigestion," continued Mr. Myrick "and this trouble had been with me for about two years, I didn't have any appetite to speak of and what little I did eat just seemed to sour on my stomach and form gas and I would suffer terrible afterwards. Sometimes it looked like everything I would eat would just lodge in my stomach in a hard lump and feel heavy like lead, and I was awfully nervous and didn't seem to have a particle of energy about me. I was troubled a lot with my kidneys too, and would have pains across my back so bad at times. I would just ache all over. This trouble prevented me from getting any rest at nights therefore when I would wake up in the morning I felt as tired and worn-out as when I went to bed at night, and finally I got to where I felt so fagged out and no account that it just seemed like a drag for me to get about."

"I was feeling in just this shape when I got to reading where some of the people here, had gotten relief by taking Argotane, so I decided to try it myself. I didn't have much faith in it to start with, but I certainly changed my mind in no time, because I hadn't taken more than about four doses of the medicine until I could notice a difference. My appetite picked up the first thing, and I commenced to relish what I would eat and didn't suffer so much with gas on my stomach and now my stomach is in fine shape and I can eat just anything and everything I want and am never troubled a bit with my stomach afterwards, and as for my appetite, well, it hasn't been so good in years. I have been relieved of the kidney trouble entirely, my nerves have been straightened out in fine shape and I can sleep like a log at night and don't get up in the morning feeling all worn-out, like I used to; in fact, I'm in better general health right now than I have been in years. Argotane surely did the work for me and I am glad to speak a good word for it."

Genuine Argotane may be bought in Merkel at the City Drug Store.

Statement of Condition The Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Merkel

Close of Business June 30, 1930.

RESOURCES	
Loans, Time and Demand	\$322,206.77
Warrants (City of Merkel)	5,000.00
Bills of Exchange Cotton	1,271.14
Overdrafts	179.56
Real Estate	13,357.79
Furniture and Fixtures	6,750.00
Stock in Fed. Res. Bank	2,250.00
5% Redemption Fund	312.50
CASH AND U. S. BONDS	137,307.41
Total	\$488,635.17

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus	25,000.00
Undivided Profits	16,132.96
Dividend Account	2,000.00
Circulation	6,250.00
Bills Payable	NONE
Rediscounts	NONE
Other Borrowed Money	NONE
DEPOSITS	389,252.21
Total	\$488,635.17

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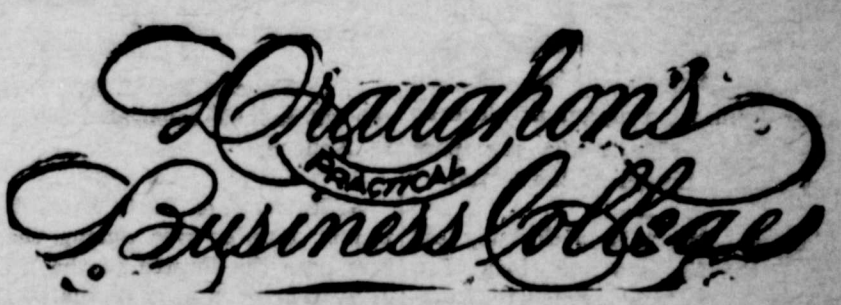
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FLIERS 553 HOURS IN AIR MAKE NEW RECORD

Harbor Airport, Chicago, July ten—thirty-three days from the moon when they roared out at Sky Harbor—just a couple more would-be endurance fliers, unnoticed by anyone but a few mechanics—two Sparta, Ill., farm boys skimmed down into the same dust last Thursday night to hear thousands hail them champions.

John and Kenneth Hunter had been in the air 553 hours and 41 1-2 minutes, and even then they were willing to go on, but a clogged screen filter prevented their plane from getting oil, and they had to make a hurried landing, touching earth at 5:21:30, central standard time—more than 133 hours longer than the "St. Louis Robin's" previous record.

Their second hand monoplane still was serving them well at the end and the motor was still droning out the monotone it had kept up through the long days and nights of flying in darkness and light, in fair weather, in wind and rain. But the frequent pouring of oil into the engine had clogged up the screen and, when the last contact was made five minutes before landing, no oil would enter.

Ten minutes after the landing, police managed to clear a path and drag the two fliers into an office, where they posed for pictures and had their first chance to relax.

Kenneth, oil spattered, unshaven, but smiling, said it was a keen disappointment to have been forced down but added that it would have been too risky to attempt staying up any longer. "We had hoped to keep going at least until tomorrow," he said. "But when the oil screen clogged and the gauge quit, we thought the only thing to do was come down. The oil was spurring back on us pretty bad."

"We sure are tickled to death with our new record, but what we want most right now is a bath and rest."

FUTURE NOT SETTLED.
Neither of the fliers had any definite idea concerning their future. "Just give me a bath," exclaimed Kenneth. He revealed neither he nor John had bathed during the whole time of their flight. They had shaved occasionally.

After a brief rest, the two pilots and their brothers, Walter and Albert Hunter who manned the refueling plane, were escorted to the top of the hangar and introduced to the crowd amid cheers. It was announced

they would be taken to a Chicago loop hotel, for an overnight rest and the crowd was invited to join in an automobile parade to the loop.

The holiday crowd lost no time in falling in line for the triumphant procession to town.

Kenneth had to borrow a pair of trousers before he could remove his grimy overalls. He explained he had torn the leg from his own pants, to use as a rag.

New High Record for Auto Deaths in 1929

Washington, July 10.—A new high record for automobile fatalities was made last year with the death of 14.7 persons for each 100,000 registered cars, the American Motorists' association has announced.

The ratio of deaths to total population likewise shows an alarming increase, 26.6 persons out of every 100,000 being killed by cars during 12 months period ended June 14. This was an increase of 12 per cent in a single year.

Automobile deaths in 1929 totaled 33,060, bringing the total to 218,373 for the past 13 years.

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THE MERKEL HOME LAUNDRY. Mrs. Jay, Manager.

There were wild mountain sheep in the Rockies and other parts of America before its discovery by Europeans.

30 New Enterprises First Six Months

Abilene, July 10.—Approximately 30 major industrial enterprises have been established during the first six months of this year over the territory served by the West Texas Utilities company, according to a survey recently completed by the industrial department of that company.

In addition to these industries added, there has been a large increase in the electrification of oil fields within the six-months' period. This factor has been increased in and built over a list of ten oil fields. The remainder of the industrial enterprises which cover a varied field, are comprised of, in the main, grain elevators, railroad shops, cotton gins, refrigeration plants, gravel pits, iron works, food products companies, hotels and a theater.

The year 1928 was the first in which the industrial department of the West Texas company covered a 12-months' period of active operations. During the year approximately 40 industries were located in West Texas through the direct efforts of the department. During 1929, the department more than doubled this figure, aiding in the establishment of nearly 90 industries. The 1929 report consisted of major industrial enterprises such as carbon black plants, gins, airports, hotels, produce companies, compresses and other productive concerns which though just beginning business activities during 1929, materially added to West Texas progress.

The industrial department of the West Texas Utilities company, functioning in conjunction with chambers of commerce toward accelerating West Texas progress has, this year to date, been instrumental in the location of an additional 30 enterprises. The quota set this year is much beyond that of 1929 and its attainment is confidently expected. During the late summer and early fall, with business prospects continuing as they are, a perceptible increase will be noticed among the newly established concerns.

Card of Thanks.
We wish to thank our friends and neighbors who were so kind to us during our dear mother's sickness and death. We wish especially to thank Drs. Grimes and Sadler, also the men who furnished cars to take us to Claude, where mother was buried.

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Statement of Condition of

FARMERS STATE BANK IN MERKEL

At Close of Business June 30, 1930

RESOURCES

Loans	\$176,508.37
Overdrafts	49.48
Banking House	15,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures	7,500.00
Other Real Estate	NONE
Available Assets—	
U. S. Bonds	\$25,000.00
Commercial Notes	2,750.00
Cash and Due from	
Banks	47,204.73—74,954.73
Total	\$274,012.58

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 40,000.00
Surplus and Profits	13,411.40
Bills Payable	NONE
Other Borrowed Money	NONE
Deposits	220,601.18
Total	\$274,012.58

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June Greatest Month For WTUC Stock Sales

Abilene, July 10.—The greatest month of stock sales to date is the record that June has brought with it in the sale of more than 1700 shares of \$6 preferred stock of the West Texas Utilities company, all of which has been sold to West Texans.

This record, surpassing that of any month in the history of the organization, has brought the sale of stock for the first six months of 1930 to the grand total of 5,930 shares, a figure which has also never been equaled before during a half year's period. Comparing a few figures, it is found that during June of 1929 exactly 642 shares were sold as compared with 1778 shares for June this year. For the first six months of 1929, there were 3,982 shares of 66 preferred stock sold as compared with 5,930 shares for the corresponding period of this year. The closest approach to this June's record in stock sales came during March of this year when 1206 shares were sold during that month.

UNION RIDGE NEWS

The Fourth of July was quietly observed in this community.

Miss Louise and Robert Newberry of near Abilene spent last week-end with relatives in this community.

The death of Mrs. N. D. S. Miller was a great loss to the people of this community. Several from here attended the funeral services at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Lige Harris. Those who accompanied the relatives with cars to Claude were Messrs. Pence and Ben Douglas.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Newberry spent Friday night with Mr. and Mrs. Newberry of near Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Shelton and family were the Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Dunn of Merkel.

Mrs. A. H. Heath is on the sick list this week.

M. and Mrs. J. L. Douglas and family spent the Fourth with Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Eason of Truby.

The Junior League is progressing nicely with Miss Mabel McRee as superintendent. Other officers are Miss Mary Bell Douglas, president; Miss Hazel Heath, vice-president; Miss Arlene Heath, vice-president; Mrs. J. T. Coats, secretary; Mrs. J. T. Coats, treasurer. The following program will be given next Sunday night:

Subject: "Women of the Bible."
Hymn.
"The Butterfly," Maimie Lee Harris.

"A Swimmin'," Dona Lee Shelton.
"July," Arlene Heath.
Luke 2:36, 37, Levera Fay Douglas.
"The Bird Story," A. B. Harris.
"Right Side Out," Johnnie Heath.
Judges 4:5, Marguarit Dunn.
Hymn No. 87.
Benediction.
Sunday School at the usual hour. Everyone come and be on time. League begins at 8 o'clock. Prayer meeting following, with Miss Mabel McRee leader, next Sunday night.

Doctor's Wife Killed As Two Cars Overturn

Florence, S. C., July 10.—Dr. G. F. Sikes, 50, Salemburg, N. C., physician, drove his automobile into that of his wife while answering a call fatally injuring Mrs. Sikes.

The physician was passing Mrs. Sikes' car and waved a greeting. As he did so, his automobile swerved into hers and both cars overturned. Dr. Sikes suffered a fractured shoulder blade.

One person in seven in the United States can be reached by telephone, as compared with one in twenty-seven in Great Britain.

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Sunday-Monday
Buddy Rogers
"Safety In Numbers"

Tuesday-Wednesday
Lawrence Tibbett
"The Rogue Song"

Thursday-Friday
"Dangerous Nan McGrew"
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Saturday
"Loving The Ladies"
Richard Dix

Full Two Days for West Texas Editors At Neighbor City

Abilene, July 10.—What is prohibition doing in your county? How late should a weekly newspaper accept copy as news? Why not raise your own machine operators? Should a newspaper retrench when hard times start with other industries? These and other questions will be up for round-table discussion here Friday and Saturday during the fifth annual convention of the West Texas Press association.

Convention headquarters will be at the Hotel Wooten. Registration will start Friday morning at 10 o'clock on the hotel's mezzanine floor, with Miss Trena Miller of Rotan in charge.

Luther M. Watson, Sweetwater, will preside over the opening session. Music will be led by Ed Shumway of Abilene, and Mayor Thos. E. Hayden, Jr., will welcome the visitors. W. S. Cooper of Colorado will respond. Eddie Warren, Post, president of the association, will address the pressmen.

Friday's luncheon, a courtesy of the West Texas Utilities company, will be at the Wooten Hotel.

With W. S. Cooper presiding, the Friday afternoon bill will open with musical numbers by the Brazilian Trio. "Aviation in West Texas" will be discussed by A. Weston Kimball, district passenger agent of Western Air Express. George Hill, Winters, will tell how to "Build a Trades Day as a Profit," and J. H. Wimberly of Fort Worth, president of the Wimberly-Hubbard Agency, is slated for a talk on "Contacts between Advertising Agency and Newspaper." A round-table discussion will end the afternoon's schedule.

A banquet Friday night will be given at the Hotel Wooten as a courtesy of the Abilene Reporter-News and the Abilene Chamber of Commerce. The banquet program will be broadcast.

Ray A. Nichols of Vernon, president of the Texas Press association, will be toastmaster for the evening's festivities. On the program line-up will be Homer D. Wade, manager of the Dallas Chamber of Commerce; D. A. Bannan, manager of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce; Paul T. Vickers, secretary of the Midland Chamber of Commerce; William T. Edwards, Dallas, director of the Texas Public Service Information bureau; Amon G. Carter, publisher Fort Worth Star-Telegram; Harry Schwenker, Brady, past president of the Texas Press association; Gene Howe Amarillo News-Globe; Joe Taylor, Dallas News, and Hon. Dick McCarty of Albany.

Dancing will follow the banquet. An automobile ride to points of interest in the city will open the Saturday schedule of events.

Prof. Frank Burkhalter of Baylor

University and C. A. Price of the Associated Press will appear on the morning business program with Frank Dyer of the American Type Founders company.

Election of officers and selection between Cisco, Carlsbad, El Paso, Lubbock, Mineral Wells and Stamford for next convention will come during the Saturday morning bill.

In the afternoon the visitors will have a chance to test their skill on the links in a golf tournament at the Abilene Country club.

Some surprise features also will appear on the program, Max Bentley, host editor, has said.

HEBRON NEWS

There were services Saturday night and Sunday at 11 o'clock by Rev. O. B. Tatum.

The Salt Branch quartet sang at Hebron Sunday night and everyone enjoyed the singing very much.

Mr. Bill Bayless and sister, Miss Winnie Bayless, of Dallas were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sharp.

Mrs. Miller, mother of Mrs. Lige Harris, died Wednesday evening at 6 o'clock. All the children were present except one daughter living at Amarillo. She was buried beside her husband, who died three years ago, at a point near Amarillo.

Mr. James Harris of Fort Worth spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lige Harris.

Mr. and Mrs. Garlan, who reside east of Merkel, were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. Garlan's sister, Mrs. Elbert Dean.

Several from here attended the July Fourth celebration at Shannon's pool at Merkel last Friday.

Meeting at White Church Closes
The White Church meeting closed Sunday night with 20 conversions and reclamations. The pastor, Marvin Williams, did the preaching, with home talent singing. The Nubia meeting is under way. Come and bring your saved and lost friends is the invitation extended to all.

One Lot of Wash Dresses half price at Brown's Bargain Store.

A study made in California showed that only one son in ten follows his father's career.

Three Day Holiday Takes Toll 404 Lives

Chicago, July 10.—This year's celebration of the Fourth was a triple-joined affair—Friday, Saturday and Sunday; and the nation paid with 226 additional lives for the extra fun she had.

The three day holiday altogether cost 404 lives.

Fireworks and toy pistols killed 29, a small percentage of the total yet regarded as large in view of the restrictions against fireworks in most parts of America. The automobile took 178 lives, and 121 persons were drowned. Airplane accidents, heat, heart attacks induced by holiday excitement, lightning and other causes connected directly with the holiday resulted in 76 deaths.

There were nine deaths from air plane accidents Sunday, and several injuries. The list of injured through the nation from all causes was impossible to estimate accurately, but most certainly ran into the thousands. In the larger cities many hundreds were treated for burns resulting from fireworks.

There were several unusual deaths. A woman parachute jumper was killed in Wisconsin when her parachute failed to open; a Wisconsin man dropped dead of excitement when a member of a "kid" baseball team hit a home run; a brother and sister were

burned to death in Duluth in a fire they had started while playing with matches and an 8-year-old boy was killed at Madison, Ill., when his body came in contact with a wire on a pole from which he was watching a ball game.

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