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FREEMONT MCCOLLUM.

APPEALS COURT REVERSES CASE OF F. MCCOLLUM

Ruling of Court of Appeals Means That Man Convicted on Charge of Robbing Garwood Bank Will Be Given Another Trial.

Attorneys Joe V. Frnka and B. L. Palmer argued the case of Freemont McCollum last week before the Criminal Appeals court in Austin, which court Wednesday reversed and remanded the case.

According to reports, the decision was handed down because the jurors in the case were permitted to converse with clerks in a grocery store at Columbus. The jurors were taken to the store to make some purchases, it is said.

This means that McCollum, who was returned to Colorado county for a new trial.

McCollum was convicted in the district court of Colorado county last September on a charge of having robbed the Garwood State Bank on April 30th. He was charged with having entered the bank in the morning of the day mentioned, robbing it of \$4,226.27, and forcing the cashier, J. L. Chapman, to leave in the car with him. Mr. Chapman was let out of the car by his captor near Matthews, seven miles from Garwood.

A jury in the district court at Columbus found a verdict of guilty in McCollum's case and he was sentenced to thirty-five years in the penitentiary.

Attorneys Frnka of Columbus and Palmer of Houston, who represented the defendant in the trial at Columbus, will ask for a change of venue, the Headlight is informed, and it is likely that six months or more may elapse before the case is again brought before a jury.

LITTLE INTEREST SHOWN IN CITY ELECTION HERE

The regular city election held on Tuesday for naming three aldermen was a very quiet affair. There were no new candidates offering for any of the positions, and the three present aldermen, whose terms expired at this time, O. J. Winterman, J. N. Brower and G. W. Keith, for re-election, were the only candidates on the ticket.

Only 20 votes were polled, as follows: Winterman 20; Brower 20; and Keith 18.

Dr. W. B. Pruitt of Fort Worth, chiropractor, will open an office in Columbus next Monday. The doctor's office will be one block east of the court house. He is a Palmer graduate specializing in electro-massage. Examinations are free. Dr. Pruitt will have a lady assistant with him in the office.

COUPLE MARRIED HERE LAST TUESDAY MORNING

Mr. Julius Clost and Miss Erna Schmitt were married in this city at the home of Rev. E. W. Thompson, pastor of the Christian Church, who officiated, Tuesday morning. The bride is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. J. Schmitt of Altair and the groom is the youngest son of Mrs. Charlie Rawlins. A splendid wedding dinner was served at the home of the groom's parents, guests being Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Clost, Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Schmitt, Mr. and Mrs. David Zahradnick and Mr. and Mrs. Bertha Schmitt and three daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Rawlins, Eddie Byars and the newly married couple.

Mr. and Mrs. Clost will make their home at Mrs. E. W. Pophan's.

ROCK ISLAND YOUNG MAN DIES FROM INJURIES SUSTAINED WHEN HORSE REARS AND FALLS ON HIM

Bill Ziegler, Former Lissie Boy, Died Suddenly During Night When Thought Not To Have Been Seriously Injured When Horse Fell On Him In Morning.

William (Bill) Ziegler, 19, son of Pete Ziegler of Rock Island, died at 11 o'clock Sunday night from injuries sustained Sunday morning when a horse reared and fell on him.

The horse had been broken for riding but had not been ridden for some time. Young Ziegler mounted the horse Sunday morning, and hardly had he gotten on the animal when the horse reared up and fell back on the rider.

The young man was not thought to have been seriously injured, as he was up and walking around in the afternoon. Sunday night, about 11 o'clock, he is said to have gotten up from bed and expired within a few minutes.

The young man's death was a distinct shock to his family and friends.

The Ziegler family formerly lived near Lissie, where the father of the unfortunate youth was engaged in rice farming.

The funeral was held at Rock Island Monday afternoon.

BANK NIGHTS NEXT WEEK \$80.00 EACH

Maudie Ham's name was called at the Avalon Theatre bank night Saturday for the \$70.00, but she was not present, making the amount for next Saturday \$80.00.

Tuesday night the name of W. Swart, who had registered from Pittsburg, Texas, was called when the amount was \$60.00. He was not present, and as \$20 additional is added to the Tuesday night program, the bank offering for next Tuesday night will be \$80.00.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cole and Mr. and Mrs. Charles McClellan were Saturday night visitors to Houston.

LOCAL CITIZENS AT LEGION MEETING SUNDAY

Among those from Eagle Lake who attended the American Legion Convention at Round Top last Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Reiger and family, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Marx, Mr. and Mrs. James Wilson, Misses Gladys Keeg, Beria Mae Porter, Messrs. H. W. and Ben Ahlers, B. P. Wilcox, A. A. Klockman, Johnny Parker and S. D. Porter.

All from here who were in attendance at the convention meeting report a most pleasant day.

WORK IS BEING RUSHED ON CANALS FOR EAST SIDE RICE IRRIGATION

Excavation Work Has Been Completed Under Both Southern Pacific Railroad and Highway, But Another Month Will Be Required In Completing Underpasses.

Contractor R. H. Koser is rushing work on the "east side" project for the Lakeside Irrigation Company, where irrigation water will be carried under the Southern Pacific railroad and Highway No. 3, for rice irrigation east of the railroad.

Forces are working both night and day, that the work may not be delayed.

Excavations have been completed under both the highway and the railroad, at a point near the R. W. Heffley home, three miles west of Eagle Lake. A temporary wooden bridge is taking care of traffic over the highway and cribbing is serving the railroad until permanent structures are completed. A solid concrete culvert will span the canal on the highway and a concrete siphon will be constructed under the railroad, through which water from the prairie relief will furnish irrigation for the new rice growing territory on the "east side."

D. Wallace is operating the drag line used in the work of building the new canal, and the canal is practically completed from the relief plant to the railroad underpass, and from there east a mile and a half to the new rice farming section.

Most of the levees are up in the new "east side" territory, the land all plowed and ready for planting as soon as the ground dries sufficiently since the hard rains of the past week. Approximately 2,000 acres of land will be planted in the new territory this season in connection to the rice acreage in what is known as the "prairie" section, the area irrigated the past two years from the re-plant plant.

It will be promptly there before the permanent structures under the railroad and highway are completed and water is turned through the new canals out to the new rice farming territory.

LIGHTNING STRIKES CAN MEXICAN BOY WAS SITTING UPON

Youth At Matthews Is Painfully Burned In Narrow Call From Death During Electrical Storm And Rain Friday Night.

Sidencio Adalos, ten year old Mexican boy, son of Domingo Adalos, living on Mrs. D. M. Anderson's farm near Matthews, was considerably burned from lightning's strike, as he sat in the kitchen of their home early Friday night, during a heavy rain and electrical storm.

The boy was sitting on a loud can near the kitchen stove, with several other Mexicans in the kitchen at the time.

He was painfully burned from the thigh down the back part of both legs to the middle of the leg. The fingers of both hands were also painfully burned.

The boy is said to have been sitting far back on the can with his hands resting on the can's edge. The lightning struck the can in the narrow space between the boy's hands and where he was sitting, tearing numerous small holes not larger than tooth picks in the can.

It is thought that had the boy been sitting nearer the can's edge, where the holes were made, that the result likely would have proved fatal.

Where the lightning came into the kitchen or where it got out could not be determined, since no damage whatever was visible in the room, other than the holes made through the can and the burns received by the boy.

Dr. E. W. Jones of Eagle Lake gave medical attention and the youth is recovering from the effects of the burns. Dr. Jones is of the opinion that the boy surely had a narrow call from death.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Chambers and baby of El Campo have moved to Eagle Lake to make their home. Mr. Chambers is the assistant in the A-B Store meat market. The people of Eagle Lake join with the Headlight in extending a hearty welcome to this family.

Harvey Jacobson of Waco and Miss Florence Cooper, a member of the Sheridan school faculty, were week-end visitors in the J. M. Jacobson home.

Baby Girl Lost In Woods Tells Headlight Editor Some Experiences Of That Night

Nelda Pauline, twenty-six months old baby girl of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Hatcher, living three miles west of Rock Island, last week lost for twenty hours in the thick woods of the Sandies bottom, is an interesting, sweet and attractive child.

Wednesday, the Headlight editor spent an hour in the Hatcher home talking to little Nelda. She wasn't inclined to be "interviewed" at first, and Mrs. Hatcher says it is only in her most talkative moods that she will speak of that night at all.

Members of her family and their close friends know the little girl as "Sugar," and she calls herself "Sugar."

"What did you do, Sugar, during the rain when you were lost out in the woods that night?" she was asked. "Goin' rain, Sugar went in man's house," she answered, pulling her little legs and arms under her body and turning on her side, as if to show that she was cold.

There is an old vacant house in the woods about midway between the Hatcher home and that of Jackie Williams, four miles distant, the home where the child appeared shortly before 7 o'clock in the morning after a night of wandering in the woods.

She is believed to have been in this old house during the rain and electrical storm of that night. Many of her tiny barefoot tracks made after the rain on the damp ground were discovered by various members of the searching party. Nearly two hundred people were in the woods looking for the child during the night.

"Were you afraid after it got dark and you were 'way out there in the woods, Sugar?" she was asked. "Called 'Dad-dee' loud," she childishly answered.

Mrs. Williams, who took the child back home, Nelda Pauline knows well. "How did Sugar know where Mrs. Williams lived and how came you to go to her home?" the little

DEATH CALLS CAPT. SKELTON AT HOME HERE

Funeral Services For Long-Time Business Man And Esteemed Citizen of Eagle Lake Held At Family Home Monday.

Capt. G. B. Skelton, 73, long-time business man, prominent and esteemed citizen of Eagle Lake, died at his home in this city late Sunday.

For many years Mr. Skelton was connected with the business life of this city, having engaged in business here in 1910, retiring only a few months ago owing to ill health. He was a member of the Baptist church and a Mason.

He was married to Mrs. Sarah Virginia Reid on November 1, 1883. March 9, 1914. To this union six children were born, both how surviving. He was twice married on July 1, 1918, to Mrs. Maude Williams.

Funeral services were held at the home at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon, conducted by Rev. B. S. Lee, Baptist, and Rev. W. B. Wheeler, Methodist pastor. The Masonic fraternity conducted the services at the grave.

Capt. Skelton is survived by his wife, two sons, G. L. Skelton of Hallettsville and Glen B. Skelton of Houston; and three daughters, Miss Margaret Skelton, and Mrs. Minnie Peebles, Houston, and Mrs. O. J. Flowers, of Menard thirteen grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

The active pallbearers were Geo. H. Sathaway, A. H. Seasholtz, G. W. Keith, Noel Parker, Charles McLellan and Max Conner.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Roy Wright, former citizens of Rock Island, now operating a picture theatre at Hempstead, spent Wednesday afternoon visiting at Rock Island.

There isn't much to be seen in a little town but what you hear makes up for it.

Mrs. Sallie Westmoreland is up and about after a week's siege of the "flu."

Mr. and Mrs. Ben H. Schramm and children of Glen Flora were over-night guests Wednesday here at the home of her sister, Mrs. Ben F. Rieger.

MEXICAN GIRL DIED SUNDAY AFTER FATAL INJURY IN AUTO CRASH ON HIGHWAY SATURDAY NIGHT

Pretty 18 Year Old Girl, Daughter Of Frank Garcia, Only Mexican Family Living At Rock Island, Victim Of Accident While Returning Home From Houston.

Bessie Garcia, 18, daughter of Frank Garcia, well known Mexican citizen of Rock Island, died in a hospital at Wharton Sunday following injuries received in an automobile crash on the highway near

The girl, with her father, other members of the family and a friend, was returning to Rock Island from a visit to Houston, when the driver of the car is said to have gone to sleep at the wheel, the car crashing into a bridge on the highway. The girl was removed to the Wharton hospital where she died the following day.

Bessie Garcia is said to have been a beautiful Mexican girl, a member of the only Mexican family living at Rock Island, the family being well thought of by all of the citizens of that community.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon, with interment in the cemetery at that place.

CHANGING NAME OF NADA NOT INTENDED, FRNKA SAYS

Mr. John F. Frnka telephoned the Headlight Friday that it was not his intention to in any way bring about a change in the name of the city town of Nada.

Considerable opposition seems to have developed over the naming of Colorado County's new town that of "Frnkaville," through a misunderstanding, Mr. Frnka said. Many people living in the Nada community want the town's name to remain that of "Nada."

Mr. Frnka says in naming the new town on the highway "Frnkaville," he intended in no way to change the name of the postoffice or to change the name of Nada.

"Frnkaville" is an entirely new town, and the naming of same in his honor, Mr. Frnka says, has no connection with the old town of Nada whatever.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Westmoreland of Houston spent Sunday here visiting with their father, W. Y. Westmoreland, and other relatives and friends.

COTTON STATISTICS SHOW 12,413 BALES FOR COUNTY

There were 12,413 bales of cotton ginned in Colorado county from the crop of 1934 as compared with 20,079 bales from the crop of 1933, according to a report from H. V. Cherry, county cotton statistics enumerator.

OVER EIGHT INCHES RAIN FALLS OVER THIS AREA DURING THE PAST WEEK

Rain Is Beneficial To All Growing Crops, Putting Land In Fine Shape For Cotton And Rice Planting And Furnishing Ample Water For Ranges And Stock.

This section of the country is water-soaked, following over eight inches of rain which fell during the past week.

Mr. W. Y. Westmoreland, local authority on rain-fall, states that his gauge showed three-quarters of an inch early Wednesday night of last week. Friday night, during a vivid electric storm, four and a half inches of rain fell slowly during the night, and Tuesday night of this week another rain fall of 1 1/2 inches.

Another rain of approximately an inch and a quarter fell on Saturday night, making a total precipitation for the week more than eight inches.

While more rain came than was needed, everything was so dry from the severe winds that have blown for weeks, farmers and stockmen are thankful for all that fell.

The rain will prove of untold benefit to all farming interests. Rice and cotton planting were at a standstill owing to the drought, and planting work will now be rushed to completion. The rain, too, was great on the growing potato crop. That crop is up to a good start, and since the rain and warm weather that has followed, is growing splendidly.

Ranges are in good condition and the rains will afford plenty of water and fine grass for stock.

With much of the corn up, and farmers generally reporting good stands of that crop, the copious rains will assure fast growth of that crop. As a whole, in the early state, crop conditions of all kinds are very promising at this time.

COFFEY'S TEAM COPS ITS SIXTH STRAIGHT WIN

Eagles Pile Up 65 Points In Track Meet Here Friday Afternoon To Again Win County Championship In Track And Field.

Eagle Lake's cinder artists had a perfect track and field day last Friday when they won all three divisions of the Colorado county class A track meet.

Eagle Lake's senior team, led by Captain Rudy Balas, placed in all but one of the fourteen events, winning eight first places, five second places, two third places, and six fourth places to amass a total of 65 points and their sixth successive county track meet. This is the seventh straight year for Coach Coffey's team to win the county championship, his team at Columbus in 1928 winning the meet.

Two of Eagle Lake's first places were shared with opposing teams, Columbus and Eagle Lake tied for first honors in the pole vault and Weimar and Eagle Lake tied for first honors in the 440-yard dash.

Weimar's senior team won second place with four first places, five second, seven third and one fourth place to make a total of 45 points. Eagle Lake won third place with four first places, two second, five third and three fourth places, to make a total of 37 points.

Schiller, Columbus' smooth running sprinter, was high point man of the meet with 15 points. Henry Kretschmar, Eagle Lake's versatile track and field performer, was runner-up for high point honors with 13 1/2 points. Henry won first place in the high jump, tied with Culpeper of Columbus in the pole vault, was second in the 880-yard run and was a member of the relay team that won first honors.

Captain John Westmoreland led his fine little junior high school team to a one-sided 26-point victory. John took everything but the start-offers in his division. This versatile athlete won five first places and proved to Eagle Lake fans that he has the qualifications of a real cinder artist. Westmoreland jumped 19 feet and 4 inches, a distance of one foot farther than Eagle Lake's best senior performer. Besides this extraordinary feat, John won the high jump, the 120-yard dash, the 50-yard dash, and was anchor on the winning relay team. John made as many points as all of the other schools in his division. He made 21 1/2 points of his team's 26 points. Weimar won second honors with 12 points, and Columbus was third with 6 points.

Bernie Blair's crack little ward school juniors swept the field in their division, winning every first place, all but one second and enough third and fourths to pile up a total of 31 1/2 points, more than three times as many points as that of the Columbus team, which placed second.

ONE-ACT TOURNAMENT IN WEIMAR NEXT WEEK

The one-act play tournament of the 24th District of the Inter-scholastic League will be held in the Weimar High School auditorium on Thursday and Friday evenings, April 11 and 12, at 7:30.

Luling, Weimar, Platonis, and a representative of Gonzales county will present their plays April 11th, and Moulton, Bellville, Bastrop and Yoakum April 12th.

The presentations will include "The Toy Heart," by Luling; "Inspiration," by Bastrop; "Trifles," by Moulton; "Show-Up," by Yoakum and "Who Told the Truth," by Platonis.

ROTARIANS MOVE TO NEW CLUB ROOMS NEXT WEEK

Work was started this week by the Rotary Club on their new club room in the building formerly occupied by the Skelton and Tate Market. The interior is to be painted and redecorated and suitable tables installed.

For some time the local club has felt the need of a permanent club room where their regular weekly meetings and quarterly banquets could be held. The building will be used for Rotary meetings almost exclusively and the local group plan an attractive place of a permanent nature.

The club room is located next door to the City Grill, which will prepare the weekly luncheons for the coming year. This makes an ideal arrangement, according to members.

The group has a membership campaign under way and the first meeting in the new hall will be Wednesday for their regular weekly meeting.