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Son Killed Father In Self Defense

Phillip Healy, aged 20, shot and killed his father, James Healy a farmer, who lives a quarter mile south of Hope, at 12:30 yesterday. Mr. Healy died a few hours afterward. Phillip gave himself up and was brought to Abilene and placed in the county jail here.

The father and son had never been on friendly terms. Mr. Healy, according to the boys' testimony, had been in the habit of swearing at and beating Phillip and at times seemed to have insane fits of anger. The shooting occurred when Mr. Healy threatened to strike Phillip with a chair.

Phillip Healy's Story.

Phillip Healy told the following story concerning the murder: "The quarrel first started when dad told me to get the mules in the barn. He cursed me when they ran out the door. Then he told me to put the bride on them and quit yelling at them so loudly. "I put the brides on them and started to hitch them up. He told me to get a double-tree out of the wagon instead of the one I had. Well, the one I had was all right so I told him if he wanted it, to get it himself. He swore at me again so I decided to get the double-tree myself. "Instead of keeping quiet about the quarrel he told the hired man and told

me to leave the place and that he would rather see me dead than alive. As a protection, I took a gun along, got in the car and drove to Herington. It was then about 8:30.

"On my way back from Herington I had a puncture so that it was 12 o'clock before I reached home. I went into the house and my father was talking about stuffing something. I told mother that dad had tried to stuff me. He turned on me and said, 'you go.' I didn't go and then he picked up a chair and started for me. My mother stepped between us. "Then I pulled my gun and shot. I don't know how many times but about three. I didn't know I had hit him until he fell. That's the way it all occurred."

Father Was Cruel to All.

Phillip Healy told the attorney that his father had not only been cruel to him but had often struck his mother and called her vile names. The boy makes no excuses on the charge of murder other than he shot in self defense.

He gave himself up to the Hope constable and he was brought to the county jail, where he now is. He will be bound over for trial at district court in September.

Mrs. Healy started a divorce case about a year ago on grounds of cruelty but it was later dismissed.

Clarence Gish Is Suicide By Hanging

[From Wednesday's Daily.]

Clarence A. Gish, blind piano tuner, committed suicide early yesterday morning by snipping himself up in bed and tying a rope about his neck. He was 32 years old. There will be no inquest.

Mr. Gish was seen up town at 11:30 Monday evening and had asked for Edward Crawford. He did not appear at his office at Broughton's music store all day yesterday and in the evening W. H. Broughton and Edward Crawford started to search for him. They went to his room above the Baldwin grocery and finding the door locked.

The three men at 9:30 o'clock found him on his bed, disrobed, and hanging from a small rope used to open the skylight. He half reclined on the bed. It is believed he lived several hours in that condition but had made no struggle.

Planned a Long Time.

His death did not come as a surprise to his friends but persons who frequently met him on the streets were shocked by the news. For a long time he has been despondent

and has been kept going by the cheering words of his friends. Edward Crawford was one of his faithful friends and often spent hours reading to him. Mr. Crawford says that Mr. Gish had always wanted to do something worth while but his condition held him back. Monday evening when Mr. Gish was at Hoon's clothing store, he made the remark that his condition would not be as it was very much longer.

Blind 25 Years.

When Clarence Gish was but a 7-year-old boy, one day while "playing Indian" an arrow struck his left eye. Within a year his right eye went blind sympathetically. He was educated and learned to tune pianos after he became blind. He has lived in Abilene for eight years.

He is survived by a father, who lives near Talmage, several brothers and sisters.

The funeral was held Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Methodist church. Rev. S. A. Chappell will officiate and burial will be in the Abilene cemetery.

TWO ABILENE BOYS IN BATTALION OF ENGINEERS

Arthur Stacy and Frank Madden are members of Company B, Kansas battalion of engineers at Camp Hoel, Kansas City, Kansas. Each has been promoted several times since the assembling of the battalion a week ago. At the last accounts Frank Madden was first sergeant and Arthur Stacy was master engineer. Of the latter position there are six in the entire battalion, one for each of the six lines of engineering. Each of these has charge of the work in engineering carried on by the battalion in his special line. They are relieved from some of the detailed military duties required of the rank and file and each reports to the major of the battalion at nine each morning for consultation and orders.

WASHOUT AT BROOKVILLE —DELAY IN TRAIN SERVICE

A heavy rain in the northwest section of the state last evening caused the railroad bridge at Brookville, second station beyond Salina, to be washed out. The train from the west, due here at 11:51 did not arrive until 2:30 and the 4:15 was also late. The rainfall in Abilene up to 6:00 o'clock this morning, was .52 inch. This rain will help late crops and gardens.

BOY WAS RELEASED FROM JAIL ON A \$10,000 BAIL

Yesterday afternoon relatives of Phillip Healy, confessed slayer of his father, James Healy, raised a \$10,000 bail and the boy is now at his home in Hope. His mother and brother signed the bond. Phillip Healy, it is understood, will plead self defense. He is rather confused about the murder but is not at all excited as he had told his father previously, according to an interview, that if another quarrel came up between them he would be prepared to defend himself. A man that worked for James Healy when Phillip was but 15 years old, said the father struck the boy across the face with a pitch fork, the boy carried that scar for a long time.

BOARD RESCINDS ALL ACTION ON THE HIGH SCHOOL SITE

The board of education met last night and by resolution rescinded all action taken heretofore regarding the adoption or purchase of the Sixth street site for the high school on the east side of Mud creek. The litigation pending will be dismissed and the whole matter started new. The architect was present with plans for the proposed high school but no action was taken. The board meets again next Monday evening.

ABILENE HAS THE PRIZE COMPANY OF KANSAS STATE

A few statistics compiled by Captain Browne and Lieutenant Lucier show that Company H is the prize quota of the state. When Captain C. B. Parks examined at Herington Co. I, of the Third regiment, he found 12 men physically deficient; at McPherson in Co. D, of the Second regiment, 14 were physically deficient; Co. M at Salina, had 9 men rejected; 6 men were rejected in Co. C at Junction City. Captain Parks examined the soldiers here and only one, Ralph Sherman, was rejected. The Abilene company was the first to be mustered into the federal service and was the third company in the state to complete its quota. This will also be the first company in Kansas to be sent to France.

J. C. DONATED \$2,322.50 TO THE BOYS OF COMPANY C

Last night at a meeting held at the Community House the money, \$2,322.50, donated by the people of Junction City to Company C, was turned over to the company. The company was marched over to the hall by its officers and formed in line down the middle of the hall. A large crowd of people from town and from Ft. Riley was present.—J. C. Union.

Captain Browne says that Company H should have at least \$1,000 for its mess fund but now has only \$200.

SIX ABILENE BOYS GET COM- MISSIONED AT FT. RILEY

The list of men who won commissions at the officers' training camp at Ft. Riley, was made public by the war department. Six Abilene men were given commissions. Dean E. Ackers, Francis H. Little, Joseph Curry, Loy Hege and L. W. Wylder received commissions as second lieutenants. Chauncey Hunter was given a second lieutenancy in the cavalry, these men are now reserve officers of the United States army.

WILL CERTIFY TWENTY-FOUR NAMES FOR THE U. S. ARMY

The exemption board will certify 24 names for the army, this number being secured out of the first 150 men examined and who have submitted their claims for exemption. Some of these will yet apply to the district board for exemption as farmers. A later call probably for 100 will be made to get 17 more men needed from this county.

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MOTOR AND DELCO EXPERT COMES TO H. R. KUGLER'S

Customers of H. R. Kugler's growing motor car and tractor department are certain to be well cared for as the firm has secured a Buick and Delco expert, who will be permanently connected with it.

This is L. D. Scanlon, who has moved here and resides on West Third. He has lived in Kansas City 14 years. He was with the Hudson-Brace Motor Car Co. for three years as Delco expert, one of them being spent on the road for this company changing Delco systems on their cars. He was foreman of the Northwestern Garage company's shop in Kansas City, Kansas, for a year and a half, and has been with the J. I. Case Threshing Machine company for the past three years as one of their experts in the house at Kansas City and on the road.

His work will be that of salesman and expert machinist, especially for Buick automobiles and Case tractors. The hundreds of Buick and tractor owners, constantly being increased by the sales of the Kugler agency, will find him fitted in every way to give them the best of service.

RULING THAT AFFECTS THE RIVER BRETHREN MEMBERS

A ruling of the war department issued last night affects the members of the River Brethren and Dunkard churches in this country, all of whom are exempted by law from active bearing of arms. It was supposed that they would be left on the farms or in their homes. The order says: "Religious objectors are assigned a definite place in the national army in a ruling made public today by Provost Marshal General Crowder. They will be sent to the mobilization camps for duties which the president may designate as non-combatant. The ruling says they 'will be drafted, forwarded to a mobilization camp and will make up a part of the quota from whence they come and will be assigned to duty in a capacity by the president to be non-combatant.'"

OLD SETTLERS TO MEET AT ENTERPRISE ON AUGUST 23

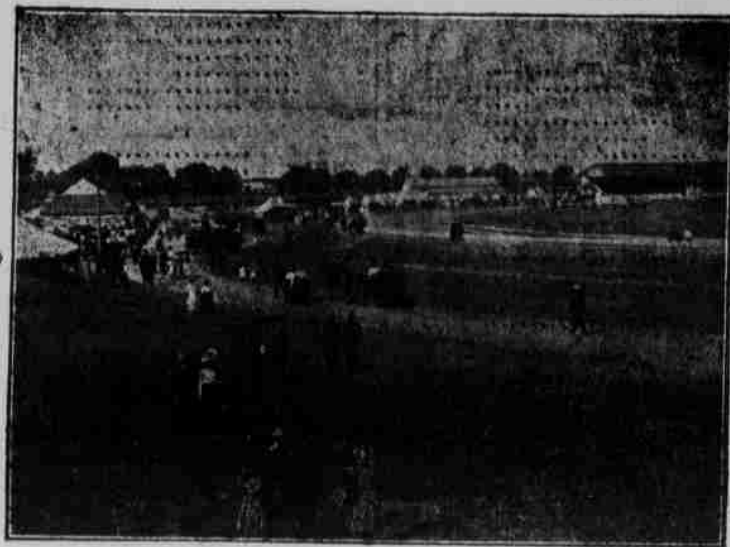
The 18th annual reunion of the Dickinson County Old Settlers' and Historical Society will be held at Enterprise on August 23. The Herington band and the Woodbine Glee club will furnish the music. Mrs. Margaret Hill McCarter will give an address in the afternoon.

Clean old papers for sale at this office; 5c a bundle.

Fair to Hold Over to Saturday

Owing to the rain which has made the grounds very wet, the fair will be held over to Saturday. Today was the opening and Friday and Saturday will be the big days. The automobile day will be Monday when ten entries will race for big prizes at 2 o'clock. All the shows will remain until Saturday night. Today's program, which is a sample of the week's entertainment, is:

Purse.
First race, 2:30 trot \$400
Second Race 2:14 pace 400
Third Race, 2:17 trot 400
Running Race—
No. 2, 7 furlongs 75
No. 3, 6 furlongs 75
\$2:00 p. m.—Takito Japs.
\$2:30 p. m.—Fire works, Goddess of Liberty, Fan and Bird, the American Flag, Wilson, Auto races, acting monkey, big



Thursday's Program.

9:00 a. m.—Judging in various departments of livestock, agricultural products and women's departments.
10:30 a. m.—Band concert in front of Agricultural hall.
1:00 p. m.—Band concert in front of grand stand.
1:30 p. m.—Races.

wheel, tree pieces, shower and good night.
9:00 p. m.—Wolfe Stock Co., "The Barrier," a dramatization of Rex Beach's famous novel.
9:00 p. m.—Allen Shows. Admission.
Day—Adults 50 cents and Children, 25 cents.
No charge at the gate for the night admissions.

Twenty-Four Listed For National Army

[From Friday's Daily.]

At 2:30 today, examination of the first 150 called for examination for the draft army had been completed and 91 of these passed the physical test. Out of the 150, only 120 appeared, as some belonged to the national guard and others had other sufficient reasons. Today 38 were examined and 7 failed; 12 failed to appear.

The actual call for men will go from the provost marshal general to the state adjutant general. Each local board will be informed of its proportion and the adjutant general will fix the date when men from his state shall entrain for camps.

The local board will make out the list of men to fill the call from the roll of accepted men and will fix the

[From Saturday's Daily.]

The draft board met yesterday and picked out the names of those that

had passed the physical examination and claimed no exemption. There were 24 under this list. The board will start tomorrow afternoon to consider the claims for exemption. Here are the 24 now ready for the call:

- 1436 Folk, F. W., Herington
- 854 Lungstrom, H. L., Enterprise
- 1813 Harrison, W. B., Abilene
- 509 Moot, C. P., Abilene
- 1913 Bird, L. R., Herington
- 548 Joseph A. Haslouer, Abilene
- 616 Heller, Milton, Dillon
- 775 Sherwin, Fred F., Chapman
- 692 Stark, Bob, Elmo
- 810 Engberg, David E., Enterprise
- 309 White, Arthur L., Gypsum
- 427 Kline, Wilson E., Abilene
- 514 Ross, John H., Abilene
- 1765 Tyler, Amos T., Abilene
- 1688 Royer, Paul H., Abilene
- 487 Gary, Benjamin L., Abilene
- 1323 Doiker, Henry W., Pearl
- 1236 Norman, Emory W., Chapman
- 1295 Kiefer, Daniel P., Hope
- 923 Kreiger, Isaac, Herington
- 721 Luthi, Alfred, Detroit
- 1474 Ziebell, Chas., Herington
- 184 Tamsey, Ralph P., Solomon
- 1723 Bussell, Jax L., Abilene

2-YEAR OLD SON OF MR. AND MRS. BOYD DE HAVEN, DEAD

Carl B. DeHaven, aged 1 year and 9 months and son of Mr. and Mrs. Boyd DeHaven, died at 10:30 this morning after a week's illness. Funeral announcement later.

Likes Her New Home

Mrs. Clara Alexander writes from Dunavant, Kansas: We look forward to Saturday when we will get the Reflector and especially so if we have not received a letter from out that way, as it is like a letter from home. As I myself have lived in Dickinson all but 5 years of my life, I am always anxious to hear about the crops and the weather, also the people. We like our new home here real well. We will have pretty fair corn; oats was fine, made from 49 to 75 bushels, wheat not very good, but better than expected, from 11 to 30 bushels.

Miss Shade Resigns.

The board of education will meet in special session tonight. Miss Florence Shade, one of the high school faculty, has resigned to take a position at Salina.

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ROPE TORE FLESH FROM THE HAND OF HOMER DODD

Homer Dodd, aged 15, caught his right hand in a pulley on a hay fork at the James Callahan farm Monday afternoon. The rope, running across the palm of his hand, burned the flesh off to the bone. His hand may be deformed permanently although he will be able to use it.

NORMAL INSTITUTE IS ONE OF LARGEST EVER HELD HERE

The normal institute is now under full sway and everyone is hard at work. Supt. W. D. Ross arrived and made an address this morning. Seven more persons enrolled today.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Boburbina of Waverly, Kan., came up Sunday in their car and have been visiting their aunt, Mrs. P. B. Ross. They could not return home owing to the heavy rains.

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