

Waukegan Man Invents Parachute Timing Device

Successful final tests of the parachute timing apparatus invented by Harvey LaFayette of Waukegan were made last week at the Curtiss-Reynolds Flying field, near Glenview, before officials of that organization. Moving picture cameramen photographed the test drops made with dummies and standard parachutes. Ground tests and an air trial the previous Sunday had practically assured the outcome of the final test exhibition, says the Waukegan Times.

This timing mechanism, which can be attached to any standard make of parachute, may be set to pull the rip cord at a definite number of seconds after the person has jumped from the plane. In one of the trials the apparatus was set to open the parachute when the dummy had fallen 800 feet. The test turned out perfectly. The parachute opened and floated down gently.

Return Three Soldiers Charged With Car Theft

A week's vacation for three youthful soldiers of Fort Sheridan came to the end rather abruptly last week when they were arrested in Steelton, Pa., for the theft of an automobile 10 days before in Highland Park. They were found in this car, Highland Park police were informed.

The captives identified themselves as Privates Mills and Buck, and confessed taking the machine from Mrs. Alfred Day, wife of a St. Louis physician.

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Interesting Happenings About This Part of North Shore; County Seat

Six thousand three hundred grade and high school students will officially close their summer vacations of 1930 on September 2 and start the school year in Waukegan as far as enrollments are concerned.

Just one week after an attempted holdup was foiled at Ben Peterkort's store at Round Lake, burglars broke into the place again last week and carried away more than \$400 worth of cigars, cigarettes, candies, groceries and a radio.

A daring drug-crazed burglar broke into the North Avenue Pharmacy and sub-postoffice, 612 North avenue, Waukegan, and escaped ten minutes later, dropping loot as he fled, after knocking out a merchant policeman who had followed him into the store.

The first quota of the Hironimus bandit gang, authors of 55 hold-ups in McHenry, Lake and Kenosha counties, started to prison last week with the prospect of long terms.

Despondent for several weeks as a result of her husband's unemployment and domestic troubles, Mrs. L. E. Frazier, 32 years old, of 3 South Utica street, Waukegan, the mother of three children attempted to end her life by poison at 7:45 o'clock last night and was only prevented from accomplishing her purpose by the intervention of her husband.

Starting from an exploding gasoline can in the garage, a \$15,000 fire last week destroyed the garage, barn, corn-crib, tool shed and windmill on the Peter Duba farm, one mile east of Libertyville, leaving only the farmhouse standing.

Thomas Rooney, an old Wauconda resident, died last week of pneumonia at his farm home, three miles west of the village. Surviving him are two daughters living in Elgin, Ill., and a son, residing in Crystal Lake.

Mrs. William J. Stratton and her two sons, William Jr., and Kerwin, left last week for Springfield, where they will visit with Mr. Stratton, secretary of state. The Stratton house at Ingleside was closed for the remainder of the summer and for the winter. From Springfield Mrs. Stratton will accompany her sons to Arizona where William Jr. will register at the university.

Boy Puts Fish Hook in Nose; Doctor Cuts It Out

George Douglas a 4 year old Chicago boy living at 537 North Ridgeway avenue, mistook a fish hook for a fish worm while he was spending a day with his parents at Bangs Lake, near Wauconda, last week, and ran to his mother telling her he had put a worm up his nose and that it bit him. The fish hook had pierced the flesh and had to be cut out by a doctor.

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