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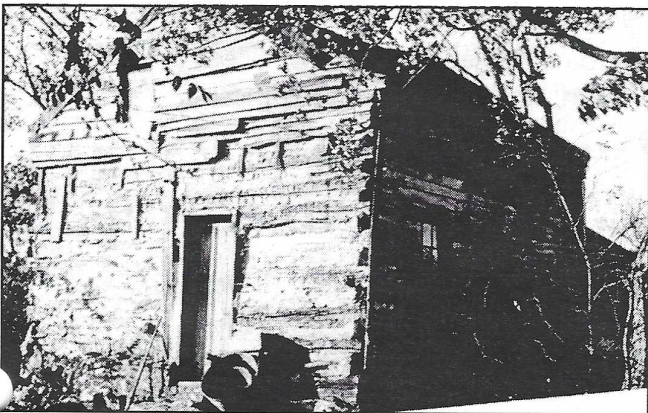
Returning to the Scene of the Crime

Thanks to a member of Weston's Police Department as well as a member of the museum, we have located the ball and chain that we asked about in the last issue of the newsletter. Officer Nancy Honerkamp let us know that the item now resides in the Police Dept. and that they use it when giving tours to some of the school children.

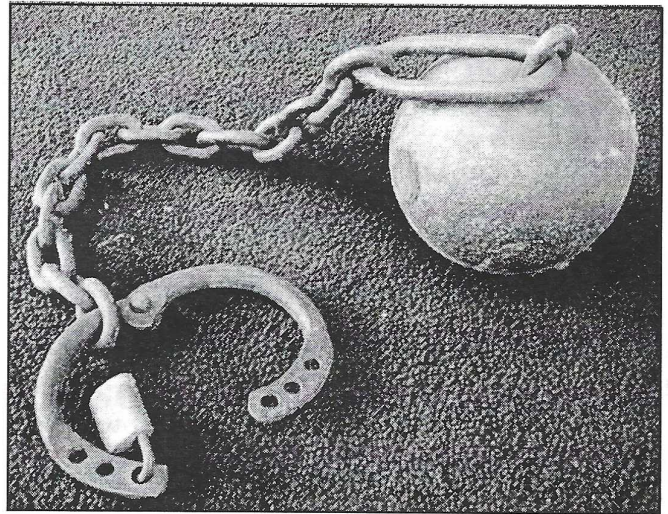
We now have a good picture (left) of the ball and chain to add to the Police Dept. file in your museum and are happy to have the "mystery" leared up for everyone.

It is thanks to the Police Chief, Terry Blanton, that we also have a listing of Police Chiefs since Harlan Carter became Weston's very first Police Chief. Prior to that time, we had night watchmen and town marshals.

Prior to 1970 we are still trying to get the names of those who served the town as night watchmen or town marshals. If anyone has information on any names and dates, we will be most happy to have it from you — photos too.



Weston's original jail was located behind the Methodist Church on Main Street. It was torn down in 1910 and a "new" jail was built at Thomas and Blackhawk Streets.



The ball and chain used in the old jail serves a new purpose these days . . . it's used for school tours given by the Weston Police Department.

PHOTO BY NANCY HONERKAMP

Next Trivia Night Is August 4th; Get Ready

Get your reservations in now for Weston Historical Museum's latest "Trivia Night"! It will be Saturday evening, August 4th, from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. in the Weston Mid-Continent Library.

The price to play is \$15 per person. Bring your own team or join a table that evening. Wine, soda and/or water are provided but you will need to bring your own snacks.

The Fulk family group, our returning two-time champions, are hoping to make it a hat trick with a third victory in a row.

So come join us for fun, frivolity and carnage. Test out your knowledge and learn all sorts of new bits of information.

We'll even let you join in the kibitzing and cater-walling! No judge-baiting allowed.

All proceeds go toward the Museum's General Fund to help with the upkeep and maintenance. Hope to see you there.

Members Are Generous With Needed Information

Our last *Museum Musings* asked a number of questions about businesses, the ball and chain as well as our "Mystery Corner" about Col. Jacob Judy.

We have been delightfully surprised at the generosity of our members/readers with so much information.

Thanks to Jim Burrow, Janet Elsea, Tom DeBerry and Sue Phillips, we now have a great deal of information about Col. Jacob Judy.

Jerry Adams and Lewis Smither brought pictures and information about the Adams Shoe Repair Store in Weston that was owned and operated by Vern Adams and his wife, Davida in 1945 to 1949. They were Jerry's parents, both now deceased.

These two also brought us pictures and some information on L.A. Smither's Woodworking Shop, located at one time on Thomas Street and later on Main Street. They think the Main Street location was where Dick Hill has his garage in 2012.

Michael Bless gave us some information about Mary's What-Not and Jim Burrow gave us information about the Weston Café & Billiards run by Marvine and Earl Strong as well as Comer's Café.

Burton Hiatt has given us the location for Art's Barber Shop. He was in the small building that now houses 5B & Co., owned by Ms. Marsha Martin.

Art's last name was Ressler.

We truly appreciate all the help and information from everyone. It has been of great help and it makes the work of doing the business histories not only more fun, but also more conclusive to the benefit of everyone.

"The Museum Musings" is published four times a year. Subscription rate is \$12.00 for non-members.

Members receive the newsletter as part of the price of a membership.

Still Looking for a few More Businesses—Help?

So yes, we're needy, greedy and persistent! Marsha West and Carolyn Larsen, who have taken on the building challenge, have found mention of even more businesses with no location. If you know any information, please give us a call at 816-386-2977 or 816-386-0185. And thanks for any and all help you can give us.

Gabbert's Variety Store announced it was closing in November of 1942. Perhaps the war had a lot to do with that decision, but we would like to know where the store was located?

In 1934 Weston had a Dodge and Plymouth salesroom and was called the Waterman Motor Company. Anyone remember where it was at the time? Who ran it?

August 1934 we found a Be-Square Service Station, proprietors John H. Hardesty and Maurice S. Vaughn. By September of that same year it had been renamed the H & V Service Station. Ring any bells with any of our readers?

A man by the name of John Sweet ran a business in town in the late 1980-early 1990's, we think. We believe his shop was on the lower east-side of Main. Does anyone remember what the shop was and where it was located. Mr. Sweet took a stab at running for a position on the Weston City Council but did not win and later, due to ill health, he moved away to be near a sister somewhere.

And lastly (for now anyway) is the Chastain Drug Store. The only information we have was given to us by Lee Ann Griffin.

Again, thanks for the assistance.

Check Us Out Online

**www.westonhistorical
museum.org.**

*For pictures, curator columns, special
events and other bits of information.*

Artifacts & Documents Continue to Come In

In the past several months, your museum has been privileged to receive a number of donations from museum members and citizens of the area.

Among the many items is a beer stein from the Royal Brewery, Weston. It comes from the early 1900's and advertises the "celebrated Royal Pilsener Beer. The stein also has a "jingle" written on its side:

*Here's to the Stein we love to sip,
It dries many a pensive tear,
It's not so sweet as a woman's lips,
But a damn sight more sincere.*

Mr. and Mrs. John Jackson (she is a sister of Kenneth Harpst) are the donors of this and a number of other items.

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Mrs. Jim Burrow (Lola) donated a bowl and a baking dish that belonged to her mother, Mrs. Hazel Marcott. Both ladies belonged to Salem Christian Church for many years and these dishes often went with them to covered dish dinners held in the fellowship hall of the church.

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Among several items donated to the museum by Mr. Shannon Ridge (father of Ann Suarez of Weston) is a deck of playing cards with the TWA logo, showing two L-1011's. The cards are in the original box and it is a complete deck.

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The grandson of Mrs. Maurine Holland, Todd Goehner, donated a 1969 job application from TWA and a pamphlet, "Kansas City International Airport" showing the TWA occupied building, the work done in them and a map of the entire airport.

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We have also received a book, soft-bound in red, entitled Remembering The Barn, 1954-2004. It is a history of the Red Barn Theatre in Parkville and the Jenkins family that started, operated and performed there. It is written by Barbara Jenkins Gatschet and her sisters.

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Thanks to Beth Foulk, a relative or descen-

dant of the Vanderstaay family who lived here many years ago, we now have some interesting information on the Vanderstaays in our family files. She is also kin to the Felling/Foellings and the Gerlings. If anyone has information on any of these family groups, we would be happy to add it to our files and also forward it on to Beth.

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It is impossible to list all of the items we have received over the past few months without taking up four or five more pages. Your museum appreciates all of the donations and is busy working on cataloging them and planning when and how they will be displayed.

Murphy's Law Strikes Museum A/C Unit

As is always the case with Murphy, the air conditioning unit at the Museum decided to give out during the hottest week of the year.

The inside temperature started rising the last week of June and a call was put out to board member Zim Hull, who contacted Floyd Liberty Companies. Kirby Weigman came to check it out, and after a clean-up, some cooling gas additive and filter change seemed to work.

Sigi Rowland, our hostess on Tuesday and Saturday, as well as Francie and Bill Stoner, our Sunday hostesses for that weekend, were able to keep the Museum open for visitors, even though the temperature was creeping back up.

Come Monday morning, however, the unit gave up the ghost. Phone calls were again made and it was discovered the condenser had a small hole in it. A patch was put on it, but shortly blew out. After Mr. Hull consulted with other Board officers, it was decided the only thing to do was to replace the condenser.

Thanks to the quick work done by the Liberty Companies, who made a special trip to pick up the piece and worked late to install it, we were able to reopen on July 5th.

Even with the unbearable heat outside, we've been cool inside and have had quite a number of visitors daily.

We can't thank Floyd and Kirby enough for their efforts. They are greatly appreciated by all.

First to Register in 1940 & Only Westonian Sunk by Torpedo



GEORGE OSBORN

His uniform, pins and life jacket were carefully saved by first his wife and then by his eldest daughter and now they reside in the Weston Historical Museum.

George Osborn was the first man in Weston to register for compulsory military training in October 1940. He had married Rena Mae Horseman in

September of 1937 and they announced the birth of their first child, Ruth Ann, in July 1940. The family group was completed when their daughter, Patty Lou, was born in September of 1942.

Osborn joined the Merchant Marines later that year and there is where our tale begins. He served aboard several ships during his service years. Petty Officer Osborn was on his fourth trip across the North Atlantic aboard the ship, the Seakay, an American steam tanker. The Seakay was under the command of Master Alfred Kristian Jorgensen.

The ship was carrying over 110,000 barrels of kerosene in its hold and on its deck were fourteen fighter aircraft. The ship was struck by a torpedo from German U-Boat 311 under the command of Joachim Zander at 1250 hours (10 'til 1 pm), March 19, 1944.

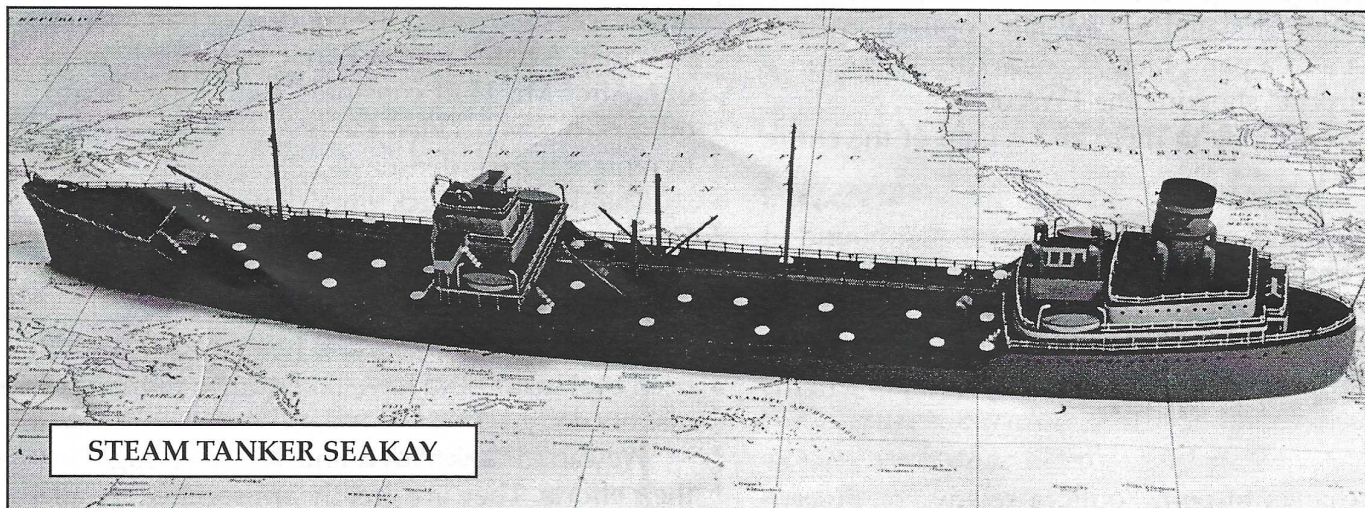
The ship, 375 miles west of

Fastnet was struck on the starboard bow at the after bulkhead of the forward dry cargo hold, setting the kerosene, the deck cargo and the forward pump room on fire. Flames shot 25 feet above the deck and the crew immediately tried to extinguish the fire, but the ship sank rapidly.

The ten officers, 46 crewmen, 28 armed guards and one passenger, a U.S. Army security officer, abandoned ship five minutes after the hit, in four lifeboats and a raft. One boat overturned during the launch and caused the loss of one of the armed guards.

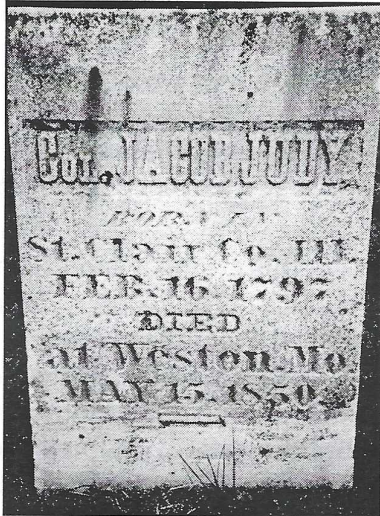
Along with his fellow crewmen, George went into the freezing waters wearing his life jacket but lived to tell his friends and family about it all. The life jackets were filled with kapok, a soft, silky fiber, resembling the common milkweed. They were equipped with small

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Lonely Gravesite Stirs Up Much Research

When our Mystery Corner of the April-May-June issue of the newsletter talked about the gravesite of Col. Jacob Judy, we were unprepared for the number of our members who either knew something or someone or who got on the internet and began researching the unknown Colonel. The response was not only delightful, but very enlightening about our mystery man.



Jacob Judy's paternal grandfather was also named Jacob and was thought to have immigrated from Switzerland to the United States. The Judys became a prominent early pioneer family in Madison County, Illinois, with Samuel building the first permanent residence in Madison County which was the boyhood home of "our" Col. Judy located near Glen Carbon, Ill., east of St. Louis, Ill. and it was earlier known as Goshen Settlement.

Our Jacob was the son of Samuel Judy and Margaret Whiteside and was the Register of the Land Office at Edwardsville, Ill., 1845-1849. He is also credited with having surveyed the famous Edwards Trace. County officials planned and opened a road from Edwardsville to Clear Lake on the Sangamon, a distance of seventy miles. As surveyor he caused mile posts to be erected along the entire length of the said road, which is known locally as the "Springfield Road."

Our Jacob Judy was married in November of 1820 to Anna Whiteside, a second cousin, in Madison County.

Proof has not yet been found, but it is believed that Jacob and Anna had four children: George, Henry, H.H., and J.C. Judy.

According to a death certificate (issued in Illinois, one did not have to die in the state but simply be considered a resident at the time of their death) "our" Jacob Judy died in Weston, in May 1850, on his way to California after an illness of eleven days duration. The cause of death was given as being from Quinsy. The definition of Quinsy is a severe infection of the throat associated with high fever and swelling of the throat.

Thus far, no one has been able to document where Jacob Judy came by the title of "Colonel."

Two years following his death, Mrs. Jacob Judy remarried to one Dr. John Claypoole and they moved to Iowa. However, upon her death she was buried with her father in the Whiteside Cemetery which is now located on the Southern Illinois University campus.

Your museum now possesses quite a file on our Col. Jacob Judy, thanks to the many folks who did various amounts of research. The foregoing article is only a small sketch done from all the research provided us by our readers. The museum thanks all those who helped us on this project.

A Reminder...

Our membership year is half gone, but there are still some of you who have not gotten around to renewing. Notices have been going out in the mail this past month to remind those members.

We all get busy and forget these small things, but we hope you will double check to see if you still owe on your membership. As we have said many times, membership dues are what keep the lights on and the door open, so please make sure yours is up-to-date.

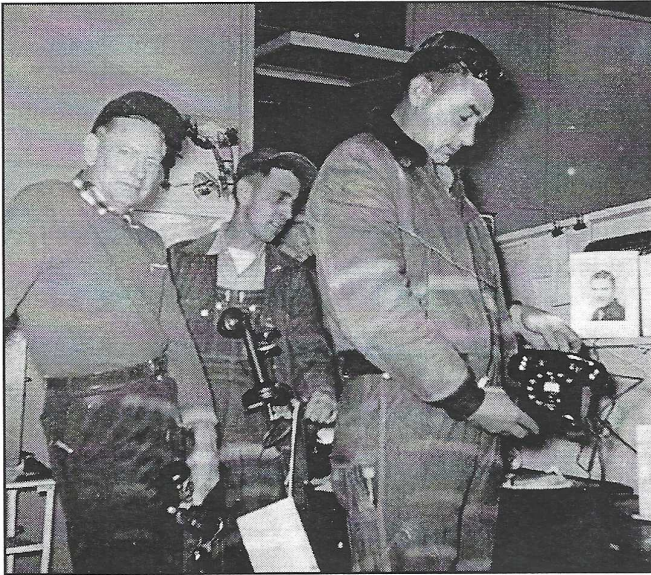
And if you want to get a jump start on next year's membership, feel free to include it with a note.

If you have already renewed and still receive a note, please forgive us our trespasses and give Barbara a call at 816-386-2977 to let her know. Thanks!

A hug is like a boomerang - you get it back right away.

Bil Keane

Weston Switches to Dial Telephones in 1956



The first "modern" day phone was installed at the offices of "The Weston Chronicle" in 1956. Carl Gebhardt, a life-time employee of United Telephone, did the honors. When that phone system was "retired" in 1980, United had the phone plaqued and presented to the editors. It now is on display at the Weston Historical Museum.

At midnight, between Saturday the 23rd of June and Sunday, the 24th, the Weston telephone system was changed from the old style battery ring-it-yourself system, having an operator doing the connection, to a more refined "do-it-yourself" system, known as the dial phone for a two-letter prefix and five-number call system.

From files of *The Weston Chronicle* a fairly accurate chronological sequence of the forerunner of the present and modern system can be found.

In an item dated April 27, 1888: "Manager Luthy of the Mo. & Kansas Telephone Co., was here last Tuesday. He offers to build a telephone line from Leavenworth to Weston, which will connect with about 30 towns, for \$500. The parties subscribing to the same are to receive that amount of tickets which will be good any time. We think our citizens should get up and hustle. A telephone is a necessity to a city like Weston."

Apparently the citizens took heed and did "get up and hustle" for on May 25, 1888 the news

is that "Telephone connections between this place and surrounding cities was completed last Wednesday. We can now talk with friends near and far, if we pay for it, of course. The central station is at O'Dowd & Cox's where you can go with your quarter to talk to your friends."

Many a person worked for 25c a day in those days; 25c then was equivalent to about two bucks in this era; so it came as no surprise when, in Oct. 22, 1897 we read "The telephone station is closed; the Company claims business does not justify the license exacted by the City Dads."

Later another pay station was put into the Parr building now occupied by Wiesinger's Upholstery shop (now Renditions) and later when Parr sold his business to Hillix and Hughes, the pay station moved to the Rexall store, the only one in Weston but again, it did not prove to be of long tenure.

In 1901 the late Julius Rumpel planned and began the first real telephone system serving local patrons through a switchboard. The newspaper, dated April 19, 1901 reported: "The Weston Telephone system was completed last evening and is now in working order. There are 55 instruments in and more have been ordered. Mr. Rumpel deserves great credit for installing this enterprise in our city.

Like many "new-fangled" inventions, demands for the telephone mushroomed and by May 10, Mr. Rumpel was petitioning the County Court for a franchise to build lines over the country roads in the western district. The telephone poles in the business district were painted this week."

The quick growth of the system was more than what could be kept up with and it was November 21, 1902 before Mr. Rumpel began taking subscribers for the various country lines.

The line for Iatan was finished in late 1903 and eight months later a line toward the northwest part of the county, past Dye, was begun.

In 1904 another switchboard was needed to handle the increasing patronage on phone lines.

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Bits and Pieces from Bertha's Morgue

An item found in a June 1910 issue of *The Weston Chronicle*: "Monday afternoon Jesse Brannum, while working on one of Mr. Rumpel's cables, fell a distance of about twenty feet and fractured one of his ribs. Jesse is doing as well as could be expected under the circumstances and will soon be able to resume his duties."

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From the same issue of the newspaper, we read: "R.L. Head, the tobacco buyer here the past season, informs us that he bought 2,200,000 pounds of Platte County tobacco this past season---1,750,000 were handled at the Rumpel-Bless warehouse and the balance at Dearborn and Smithville. These figures are given by a gentleman who is in a position to know and plainly shows Weston to be the tobacco center of the west."

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The Weston Chronicle issue of November 10, 1939 gave us this information: "On an international hook-up tomorrow morning at 8:30 the outstanding Aristice Day program will come from New York City. The schedule has peculiar significance for Weston's listeners in that a descendant of former Weston citizens will sing the role of ZuZukii in the American Opera Company's presentation of *Madam Butterfly*. Miss Berniece Schalker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Schalker of Leavenworth, is the granddaughter of "Grandma" Schalker, who lived on Blackhawk street.

On the program will be Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt and Mayor LaGuardia of New York City.

Miss Schalker is a relative of Mrs. Alma Ferrell of this City."

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In July of 1941 Mrs. Birdie Whisman wrote a letter home telling how her husband pastes zig-zag patterns of adhesive tape across the windows of their apartment to prevent injury in case of flying glass during the bombings. She also writes that "England is an armed camp waiting for the Germans; civilians too old for other ser-

vice have organized themselves into fire watchers and fire fighters." Mrs. Whisman told about one night that over 200 incendiary bombs and 95 high explosive type bombs were dropped on London alone.

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June 14, 1923 this item was found in the local newspaper: "John Cooper, son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Cooper of Reno, NV, formerly of Weston, was graduated last week from Culver Military Academy in Culver, Ind. He finished with honors, being one of several appointees to West Point." (Note: Mrs. John A. Cooper was Joyce Sherkner prior to her marriage.)

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August 1, 1963 found Roxanna Lee Loubey, "oldest daughter of Sgt. And Mrs. Arthur Loubey, now residing in Ingrandes, France, spending the summer attending a pre-College program at the American College in Paris. This college has only been open for two years and this is the first time such a program has been offered. The mornings are spent in classes with most professors coming from the U.S.A. to teach. The afternoons and evenings are taken up with tours of museums, art galleries, the Opera, Ballet, etc. Roxanna will be a Senior this fall at the Poitiers American High School, Poitiers, France.

While her sister is in Paris, Radonna Loubey will be attending a Protestant Youth of the Chapel Conference in beautiful Bertchesgaden, Germany,, located in the heart of the Alps. The General Walker Hotel, site of the Conference was once used by Hitler as his headquarters. Radonna will be a freshman at Poitiers American High School this fall, having graduated from the eighth grade at Ingrandes Elementary School June 10.

Roxanna and Radonna are the granddaughters of Mr. and Mrs. L.A. Loubey, Iatan, and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Oliver, Canton, Mo."

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Reporting for duty at Barber's Point, Hawaii in July of 1967 was Airman Apprentice Robert L. Jarrett, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jarrett, Rushville.

"Barber's Point is located about 25 miles from Honolulu near the point named for Henry Bar-

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Telephone . . .

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By 1905 the system had expanded to 19 party lines and 374 phones were in service.

Mrs. Irene Guthrie Loyles and Mrs. William Trudersheim Ohlhausen were the first day operators and Ed and George Butler were the first night duty operators. The two men were later replaced by Leta and Birdie Schumacher (Mrs. Jess Risk and Mrs. Claude Scott).

Mrs. Loyles once remarked that she was paid \$1.00 a week while learning to operate the board and at the end of three years she was receiving \$3.00 a week. In 1939 top pay was \$40.00 a month.

The system was sold in February 1915 to C.C. Layton who, in turn, sold it March 28, 1919 to J. Scott Russell, a returned W.W. I veteran. May 1925 saw Russell taking on a partner, A.J. Roberts of Kansas City, and the two inaugurated a two-year program which was to modernize the old system.

On July 15, 1927 the old books closed and Weston became a part of the great telephone system of this country.

In 1929 the lines were rebuilt and all poles taken off of Main Street. The next year the poles were removed from Washington Street and in 1932 the central building was remodeled.

Some time afterward, the telephone company changed in name to United, the sphere of operations and management widening once more.

Among the managers have been Harry Vail, E.E. Bryant, Norris Rousseau and Ray Sell.

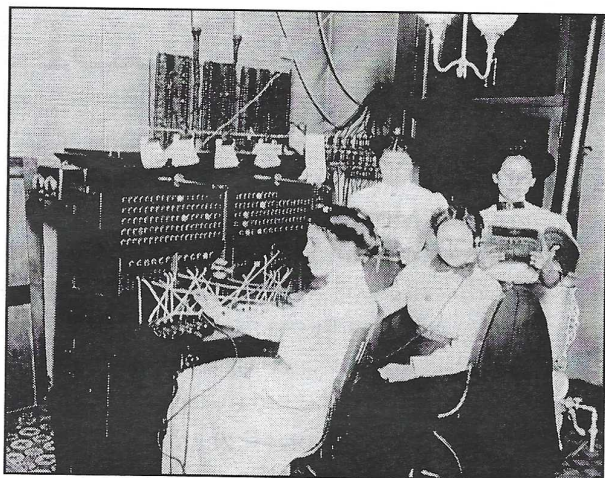
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flashlights, a knife and a whistle and were expected to keep the individual wearing it afloat for 72 hours.

The 84 survivors were picked up by the USS Reeves and landed at Londonderry, Ireland on March 21, 1944. There they were outfitted with plain navy blue civilian suits and given a few personal items.

The crew was then given a 30-day leave in the States. While home on leave, Osborn received a large photograph of the sunken ship along with



The earliest office in Weston was located on the second floor of what is currently RJ's Bar on Thomas Street. Julius Rumpel, a Weston entrepreneur, started groundwork for the phone company in 1900.

a letter of commendation from the Superintendent of the Waterways Company, relating that the Navy and War Shipping Administration had commented on the fine seamanship and courage displayed by the fatal tanker's crew.

On his return from military life, George held on to his life jacket and it, plus his uniform and accompanying pins, have now been donated to the museum by his daughter, Mrs. Ruth Ann (Jack) De Selms.

Mrs. De Selms and others believe that George was the only Weston man to have survived the sinking of his ship during the War.

For many years following World War II George and his wife, Rena Mae, along with their two daughters ran a grocery store/tavern/gasoline station just east of Weston on the corner of then "J", "JJ" and 45 highways.

Osborn's pride and joy was his large gun collection displayed in the store. Many a gun enthusiast, collectors and others came to view the guns and many offered large amounts of cash to buy one or more of them, but George refused to sell. The collection was featured in 1967 in a *Kansas City Star* article and was also featured in several other papers and magazines.

George died in 1980. His uniform and his "trusty" life jacket, along with other uniforms from the various branches of the armed services, will be on display later in the museum.

Did You Know . . .

. . . it is believed that the flu pandemic of 1918-1919 began in Haskell, Kansas? Researchers think it started there when several soldiers, who were stationed at Camp Funston, a few miles distant, visited home. When they went back to the camp, the virus was carried with them and passed on to the other members of the military.

Though the flu strain started out fairly mild, as it was passed further and further, it mutated into a vicious, killing disease. It is believed that between 100 million and 200 million people died during those two years.

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. . . there were two men from Rushville who were riders for the Pony Express? One was Johnny Fry who was actually THE first rider for the Express and the other was Benton Wells.

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. . . in June of 1916 A.O. Fulcher offered 36,000 used pennies, a team of horses and, for good measure, threw in two hickory cured hams in exchange for a new automobile from the firm of Harpst & Nichols?

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. . . that the firm of Jacquemin & Shenkner made the last shipment of hemp out of Weston in 1885? Just before doing so, they bought the business from Theodore Warner.

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. . . that a 'showboat' visited in Weston in July of 1901? The boat was named the Wonderland Theater and it tied up in the Rialto area on the south river bluff for folks to come enjoy the show.

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. . . that according to Iatan legend Bill Wilson moved to Iatan from Cow Island and raised horses? Jesse and Frank James are said to have bought horses from Wilson as well as pasturing their horses with him from time to time.

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. . . that in 1897 Daisy Barbee, a native of Weston, was the only woman lawyer in the state of Missouri? That same year she was the first woman to try a case before a criminal judge in St. Louis.

. . . that it took Will Turner, one of the rural route mail carriers, three hours to make his complete route in July of 1910? His route consisted of twenty-four miles and eighty-six mail boxes and he did it in his new automobile. With his horse and buggy the trip generally takes about six hours.

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. . . that a Church Census was taken by a Rev. Boyd in October of 1927? It included only members living within the City limits. The Christian church had a total membership of 233 individuals; the Baptist church claimed 83 members; the Methodist church had 94; Catholic church 94; the Negro Baptist church claimed 44 and the Negro Methodist church counted 11; a total of 155 individuals were members of no church. All of these numbers included men, women and children.

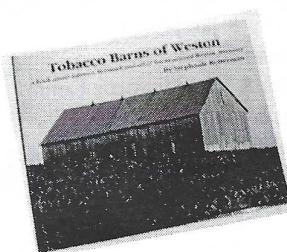
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Come Visit Your Museum; See the New Displays

The museum is clean, interesting, air-conditioned and a great place to spend an hour or two in this wave of heat we are experiencing of late.

Come see the many items connected with TWA that on display. Weston had many individuals who worked there at one time or another and those generous people have contributed many items of interest for your viewing.

Little girls, moms and grandmothers will enjoy seeing the many Madame Alexander First Lady dolls dressed in gowns of the era in which they lived or in gowns they wore at the inauguration of their husbands. These are on display on the first floor and there are other dolls displayed on the lower floor. C'mon in and enjoy.

Susan Grinlinton has done an outstanding job, once again, on a display depicting the lives and time of the Shouse family and the farm that has been in their family for over a century.

Stop, too, and see the display of campaign buttons starting with one of Ulysses S. Grant's down to the present day. There are also campaign posters, bumper stickers and even a bid to vote for "Mickey Mouse" for President.

Perhaps you would like to take the time to check out what is in the museum having to do with your family. There are over four hundred family files as well as others on downtown buildings and businesses, the Fire Department, the Police Department, floods, parks, cemeteries, and many other categories.

Don't be shy, come in and enjoy learning about the history and founding fathers and mothers of your town.

Bertha's Bits . . .

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ber, a British sea captain. Henry Barber was the master of the brig Arthur, which ran aground and was wrecked during a tropical storm in 1796.

The mission of the air station is to maintain and operate facilities and provide services and materials to support operations of aviation units."

P.T.A. Library Moves and Takes New Name

(The following article appeared in "The Weston Chronicle" in the summer of 1929. The court house was located where Weston Chamber of Commerce sits now.)

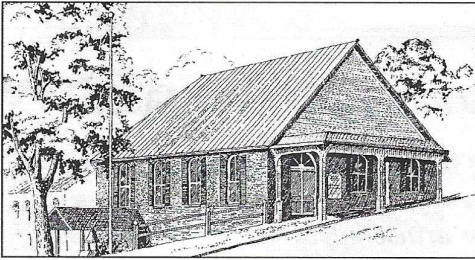
The library, which was started some three years ago by the P.T.A. has grown to such an extent that it will now be known as the Weston Library. The first home of the P.T.A. Library was located in the Reilly Bank building, but owing to its growth, it was moved about the first of the year to the court house.

At a recent meeting of former P.T.A. members, Mrs. Philip Doppler, who has so faithfully served as librarian since its organization, was again appointed to the office, with Miss Mildred Fellows as assistant. An executive committee was also appointed to assist with the work when necessary. There are now 562 volumes in the library and Weston should take advantage of the opportunity of reading these good books.

The Library is open each Tuesday and Saturday from two until five o'clock and on Friday from 3:15 to 4:30. Books must be returned on these days. A charge of ten cents for two weeks is made on each book with two cents a day additional if they are returned late.

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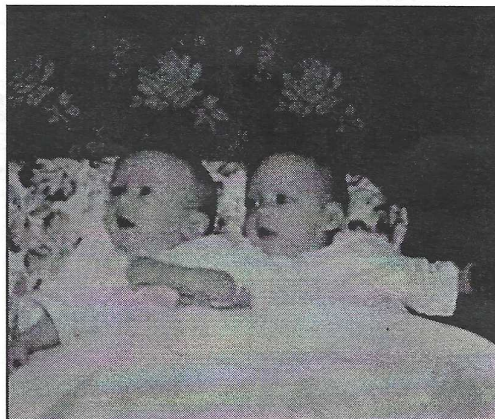
Today's Mystery Corner:

Who Is the Baby on the Left?

The photo in question for this issue of the newsletter appears to be one of twins. There is no date on it and on the back it reads "For Beno, Phil is on the right."

Would this be our "Beno" Hillix who ran the drug store on the corner of Main and Thomas?

His wife, Creola, also worked in the store, usually behind the counter making ice cold coke drinks or mixing the ice cream sodas. The couple



was childless, but enjoyed children and Creola was known to love to baby-sit.

So who was "Phil" and did he have a twin brother? Just looking at the photo several of us say it likely was taken in the 1940's or 1950's.

If anyone has information they would care to share with us about this

photo please drop by the museum, call 816-386-2977, drop us a line or call 816-386-0185. Thank you.