

## Sweet Home Boy Winner In Essay Contest

The second time in the past few months a Sweet Home boy has brought honor to his community by winning literary accolades.

St to achieve himself was in Anthony Matussek, Yoakum High School graduate who won a scholarship to A. and M. College. Now word reaches us that Dennis Brenek, eleven-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Brenek of Sweet Home, has been awarded a prize of a \$25 Savings Bond in the KTRH Farm Essay Contest.

Dennis won sixth place with his essay on the subject "How Radio Best Serve the Farm and Ranch Home." In commenting on this essay, George Roesner, KTRH Farm and Ranch Director said: "Your essay contained excellent ideas which would be of use in future farm projects."

Winning contests is nothing new to Dennis, who, in 1946, won a silver pig with an essay entered in the Sears-Roebuck contest. Again, in February 1947, he won a calf in the Hallettsville Club Show, and out of 12 contestants awarded he took fifth place. Brenek is Sweet Home's district mistress.

## Growing Amateurs' Display Excellent Form

Yoakum softball teams showed a lot of good playing in the games held at the Bulldog Stadium last week.

Teams, organized by various merchants and concerns in town, are composed of members of amateur standing who have some previous experience with ball or school ball playing. However, some of the players have shown such expert balling and sportsmanship that it is hard to believe they are not professionals out of place. The merchants who organized these teams are certainly doing their part toward providing recreation facilities for the young people of the community, and are to be complimented on their fine work. Merchants or concerns who wish to organize a team may call all the particulars from Ed. McMaster at the Firestone Store on Loft Street, or from R. C. McClendon at Lack's Associate Store on West Grand. Boys or men wishing to play on one of the teams may make application at the Firestone Store, McKee's, Rohan's Service Station, Hamilton's Jewelry Store, depending on the player's choice of team to play with. There is plenty of room for good players, so anyone interested is invited to contact one of these merchants.

Only one game is definitely scheduled for next week, and that Monday night, when The Firestone Store will tangle with the Sales Dr. Peppers. Tuesday night Lack's Associate Store will play, but their opponent has not been named yet. Also, on Thursday night the Firestone team will play a game, but no team has been stated to oppose them. On Friday night of this week, a game will be played, but the teams who will participate have not been listed yet.

These games will start about 8:00 each night. Everyone is invited to come and cheer for his team. No admission will be charged.

## CURITY MAN BE HERE

H. Davis, field representative of the San Antonio Social Security Office, will be in Yoakum at the City Hall at 8:30 a. m., Wednesday, July 23, 1947, for the

## FIRST ITS FLYING DISKS — NOW ITS "FIRE BALLS" PEOPLE SEE

A lot of Texans are disk-guzzled with the flying saucers, but others are just plain disk-turbed:

Flying balls of fire circled a wide area around Palestine, and some negroes, believing the end of the world was near, began praying. A white man grabbed a rifle and shot at the mysterious objects.

Sheriff Paul Stanford of Anderson County described them as orange basketballs of fire.

## Revealing Flying Disk Data May Bring Prosecution

Anyone willfully communicating information bearing on the defense or security of the nation — even in time of peace — is subject to a fine of \$10,000 and imprisonment of 10 years, according to Assistant United States District Attorney Joseph W. Cash.

If the present mystery of flying disks are connected with radar or guided missile experiments, the law might apply, he said.

The law applies whether the information is released accidentally, "through gross negligence," or "with intent to injure the United States or aid some foreign nation," according to the act.

The Atomic Energy Act of 1946 provides even stricter penalties for revealing information, Mr. Cash said. Public Law 585 of the Seventy-Ninth Congress provides death or life imprisonment, after due process of law, for disclosing atomic information with intent to injure the United States.

For accidental disclosures a fine of up to \$20,000 and imprisonment up to 20 years are provided, Mr. Cash pointed out.

## Gas Truck Hits Local Station

A gasoline trailer truck of the Texas Consolidated Transport Co. ran into a heavy pipe upright in front of Rohan's Service Station Monday, doing some damage to the station and more to the truck.

The truck was coming from town, along West Grand, and turned into the station. As the driver cut the cab back to swing the trailer into position, the cab skidded into the steel pipe roof support on the right of the truck, bending it considerably. The truck itself suffered a bent bumper and a smashed fender. A gasoline pump directly behind the upright was not damaged by the crash.

## Lions To Make Farmer Award

The Lions Club has announced that at its regular noon meeting Tuesday, July 15th, it will present to Lee Pargmann of Route 5, the plaque for the Outstanding Farmer for the Middle Guadalupe Basin Soil Conservation District.

The plaque is given each year to the farmer from each conservation district who has contributed most to the soil conservation projects in the particular district. The award is sponsored by a number of organizations, among them the Lions Clubs of the various towns. Since the Lions do play an active part in sponsoring this award, the local club is given the privilege of presenting the plaque to Mr. Pargmann.

Representatives of the Soil Conservation Service will be present to make short congratulatory and explanatory speeches on the giving of the annual award.

purpose of receiving claims and discussing Old Age and Survivors Insurance with all who wish to contact him.

Davis will not be able to furnish information concerning Old Age Assistance pensions.

It was the first time the aerial objects were reported in that area. Residents of the Brushy Creek community, 15 miles northeast of Palestine, called Sheriff Stanford about 8:30 last night, saying 12 balls were flying in a straight line over the community. Then, they reported, the balls formed a circle which began moving toward Palestine.

By 9 p. m. hundreds of Palestine spectators reported seeing as many as three balls in the sky at once, moving in a circle. Sheriff Stanford discounted any suggestion that the balls originated from a spotlight.

Bud Everett, druggist, chased them for a better view. He said they finally disappeared about 11 p. m.

Mrs. Horace Valentine said she saw two perfectly round balls that "nearly scared me to death" when they appeared over her home. She said they seemed to be playing with each other, the way they jumped around.

Her husband and Lee Chavers shot a box of .22 rifle bullets without any effect on the objects.

Mrs. Valentine said neighboring negro families thought the world was coming to an end, and began praying as the balls of fire gamboled overhead.

Mrs. Lorens Shrader, Big Springs reported she saw a fiery red ball streaking overhead last night.

Mrs. Marian Reed, farm wife, found what she believed was part of a flying disk. It landed in her back yard while she was hanging out the clothes yesterday afternoon. She admitted she was frightened. She described it as a round piece of tinfoil eight inches wide, scorched or burned around the edges. Both sides were shiny, but one side was marked with black, stenciled lines a quarter-inch apart. She said the tinfoil dropped straight down from the sky.

She lifted it with a stick, put it in a tin can, and drove five miles to Gunter, 20 miles southwest of Sherman. Scores crowded about to see it.

At Melissa, Collin County, Mrs. Marie Killian and Mrs. Kay Craft reported seeing a strange object at 8:40 p. m. yesterday.

Charles Calhoun, and his father, W. J. Calhoun, prominent Grayson County farmers, said they saw a disk yesterday near Sherman.

## Cuero Residents See Flying Disc

Cuero has finally produced its first flying disc.

It was reported by Mrs. F. W. Haak of 410 Stockdale street, and both she and her husband saw it.

However, Mrs. Haak's flying disc is no particular mystery to her. She thinks she knows just what caused it.

It was simply a reflection from an airplane, she said.

Sitting on the porch with her husband about 4 p. m. Sunday, Mrs. Haak said she heard a strange noise from the sky, and looked up. Soon an airplane came into view, high in the clouds. It was very small, but plainly discernable as a plane, she said. It was coming from the east.

Soon it turned north, and just after that a perfect disc was visible some distance from where the plane disappeared into the clouds.

The disc appeared bright and very silvery. It appeared to be smaller in size than an ordinary steering wheel of a car, Mrs. Haak reported. It seemed to be "floating" across the heavens.

She called her husband's attention to it. They both saw it.

After about five seconds the disc was gone. The plane and the sound disappeared.

Mrs. Haak is convinced the flying saucer was reflected from the airplane. This theory also has been advanced by others.

The flying disc mystery has the nation in a dither with reports coming from all sections on the strange objects. Mrs. Haak's explanation is as reasonable as any yet put forth, and may be the solution to the "phenomenon."