

weather report

44°

at noon



Today

• Sunset, 7:34 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 5:53 a.m.
• Sunset, 7:35 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 47 degrees
- Humidity 86 percent
- Sky cloudy
- Winds south 17 m.p.h.
- Barometer 29.95 inches and falling
- Record High 89° (1921)
- Record Low 23° (1953)

Last 24 Hours*

High 60°
Low 22° Record
Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: mostly cloudy, 20 percent chance of rain after midnight. Tomorrow: partly sunny, 30 percent chance of scattered showers, high upper 60s, low mid 30s, winds west 5-15.

Extended Forecast

Sunday: mostly sunny, high near 70, low upper 30s. Monday: partly cloudy, high mid 70s, slight chance of rain late. Tuesday: partly cloudy with slight chance of rain.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

- Wheat — \$2.49 bushel
- Posted county price — \$2.40
- Loan deficiency payment — 5¢
- Corn — \$1.80 bushel
- Posted county price — \$1.77
- Loan deficiency payment — 22¢
- Milo — \$1.49 bushel
- Soybeans — \$4.08 bushel
- Posted county price — \$4.13
- Loan deficiency payment — 79¢
- Millet — \$3.25 hundredweight
- Sunflowers
- Oil current crop — \$9.00 cwt.
- NuSun — \$9.15 cwt.
- Loan deficiency pmt. — 54¢
- Confection current — \$16/\$8 cwt.
- Pinto beans — \$28

(Markets provided by Mueller Grain, Sigco Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

afternoon wire

Late news from the Associated Press

1 p.m.

Singer killed in car mishap

ATLANTA — Lisa "Left Eye" Lopes, the effervescent, sometimes volatile member of the top-selling, Grammy-winning trio TLC, has been killed in a car crash while visiting Honduras.

Lopes, who would have turned 31 next month, was traveling in the Central America nation when the accident happened Thursday night, spokesman Jay Marose said Friday. He said she had a condo there and visited frequently.

"No words can possibly express the sorrow and sadness I feel for this most devastating loss," said Arista president L.A. Reid, who helped shape TLC's career.

The crash happened near Jutiapa, 150 miles north of Tegucigalpa, the Honduran capital.

"The car rolled for reasons that we still don't know, and that are being investigated," police spokesman Luis Aguilar said.

Expelled youth kills 17 in Germany

ERFURT, Germany (AP) — An expelled student dressed all in black and carrying two guns opened fire in a school today in eastern Germany, killing 17 people before shooting himself as commandos closed in.

A janitor first reported the rampage, police and witnesses said, and a girl hung a sign out a window calling for help.

The death toll exceeded the April 1999 shooting at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo.,

where 13 people and the two teen-aged gunmen died, and matched that of a 1996 shooting at an elementary school in Dunblane, Scotland, where 16 children, a teacher and the gunman died.

At Johann Gutenberg Gymnasium, the 19-year-old gunman, who was kicked out of the school several weeks ago, fired at random with a handgun and another weapon, apparently a shotgun, police said. The dead were found lying in hallways, some in bathrooms, they said.

"We found a horrible scene when we searched the building," police spokesman Manfred Etzel told N-TV television.

As police closed in, the gunman shot himself in a classroom where he was barricaded. The dead included two girls, as well as 10 men and five women.

Among those killed were at least two teachers and a policeman who was among a group of officers who were the first to charge into the build-

ing after a janitor called for help at about 11 a.m., police said.

After searching the building, police said they could not confirm accounts by students that there was a second gunman.

When the shooting began, hundreds of students from grades five through 12 were in the school in Erfurt, about 150 miles southwest of Berlin in

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Students raise fund for kids

Tech college man was killed in crash

By Doug Stephens

The Goodland Daily News

Classmates of a Northwest Kansas Technical College student killed in a car accident last week are raising a trust fund for his children.

About 18 students in the electronics technology department, their families and friends raised about \$1,100 from donations and a raffle for a 27-inch television set. The money will be put in a trust fund for Jeff Hopper's two sons, Christopher and Michael, said Bryan Smith, a first-year student.

Hopper died last Tuesday, April 16, when a dust cloud swept across Interstate 70 east of Edson and his car ran into a semi-trailer rig which had slowed as visibility dropped to zero. He was a first-year electronics student at the college.

"He was our classmate," Smith said. "These kids lost their father, and we want to make sure they have something later in life."

Smith said Jerrold Hester, another first year student, took charge of the project and led the students in their fund raising.

"Jerrold really put it all together," Smith said. "He stepped up and really did a good job."

Hester said he felt the department needed to do something for the kids.

"If something like this happened to someone in our family, we know that he would help out, and give everything he had," he said.

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Park plan slimmed to budget

A committee working to build a park in southeast Goodland has decided to replace a proposed pond and waterfalls with grass, a brick walkway and a fountain to get the project down to a more realistic budget.

The Rev. Gene Tromble, chairman of the Pioneer Park Committee, said the changes will reduce the park's price by about \$129,000, from \$601,000 to \$472,000. He said the group has about \$345,000, including \$45,000 from its efforts and \$300,000 from the city and state.

Work has been stalled by the \$250,000 budget gap, though city officials say the improvements could be built in stages. Supporters still will need to raise more than \$125,000.

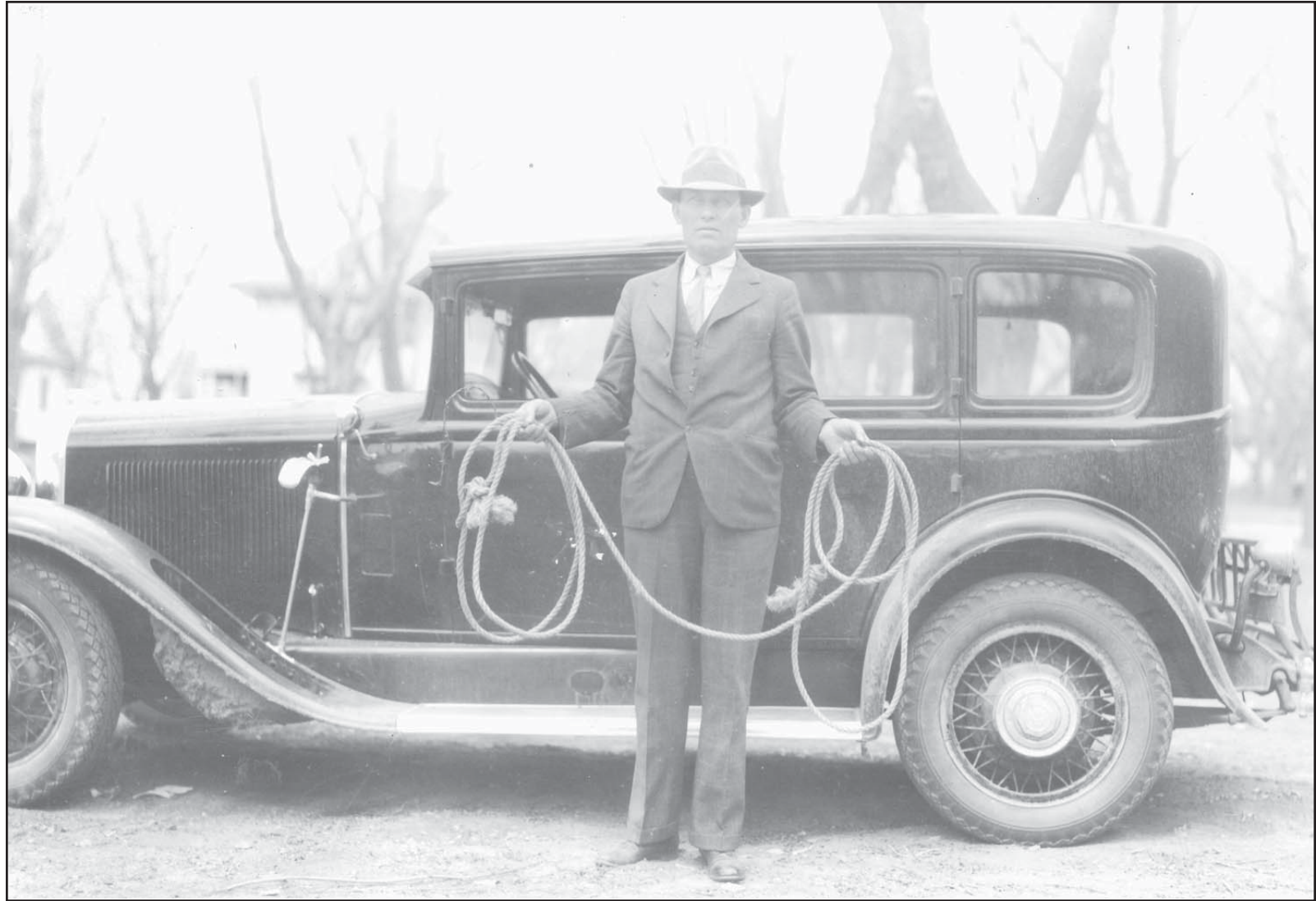
The committee will have a booth at the annual Home and Garden show on Saturday and Sunday at Max Jones Fieldhouse. People can look at the new design there and buy an engraved brick to be used in paving the walkway.

The group has been raising money for about a year for the park, which is planned for the west side of the new section of Cherry Street that went in last summer north of Business U.S. 24.

The park will be across the street from the giant replica of a Vincent van Gogh sunflower painting and will include a hike/bike trail, a storm water

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'Judge Rope'



WITH THE ROPE IN HIS HANDS, Rawlins County Sheriff C.G. Jennings stood at the scene after finding Richard Read in 1932 hanging from a tree at the Ed Lyman ranch west of Atwood. The original picture is on file at the Rawlins County Museum.

State's last lynching brought spotlight to area

By Kimberly Brandt

The Oberlin Herald

Men rode hard on horseback to the Decatur and Rawlins county jails, searching for a man who had committed the "most heinous crime in northwest Kansas," but they came up empty-handed.

Some say by the time they found the man, there were 200 in the angry mob, but an Oberlin man who remembers vividly what happened 70 years ago last week says there were only 60 to 80 men who finally caught up with Richard Read, 53, at the Cheyenne County Jail. Newspaper accounts say twice that many more were waiting near McDon-

ald. The mob comprised men from Hoxie, Selden, Rexford and some from Oberlin, said Elmer Zodrow, who grew up on a farm near Selden. Some were on horseback, he said, while others were in cars with the license plates removed. Mr. Zodrow says he still probably could remember some of the names of men who were involved — but like most everyone else who knew, he won't say.

The mob took Mr. Read out of the jail in St. Francis and committed the last lynching in Kansas on April 18, 1932. Before that, there had been no lynchings in the state since 1920.

Last Thursday was the 70th anniversary of the event, which before it was done swept across five counties in the area. The case was national news, featured on the front page of papers from coast to coast. *The Denver Post*, always ready for a scandal, ran columns of stories and photos. *The Post* said "Judge Rope" had done a good job. *The Chicago Tribune*, "The World's Greatest Newspaper," featured a banner headline in three-inch type across the top of page 1.

Mr. Zodrow recalls that Dorothy Hunter, an 8-year-old girl, was lured into a Model A Ford driven by Mr. Read one day after school in Selden. Dorothy had left the building after classes to walk to her home in Selden with some friends, according to newspaper articles from the time, and had gone back because she forgot her lunch pail. When she got back outside, the other kids were gone.

She started home, but never made it.

Mr. Read's signed confession, printed in *The Denver Post*, said he went "back thru Selden and a small girl about 8 years old was in the middle of the road in front of me and waved at me and asked if I was going to take her riding. I told her I would



THE DENVER POST NAMED Richard Read (right) "apeman" because his arms were longer than most men's, including Cheyenne County Sheriff A.A. Bacon.

and she got in the car in the front seat with me and I cannot remember where we went that night, as I had been drinking."

Mr. Zodrow, who now lives in Oberlin, was 7 at the time. He said his family lived seven miles west and a mile north of Selden at the time and he had been friends with Dorothy. Mr. Zodrow said they attended church together, school for a time and they were playmates.

Mr. Zodrow said he attended the Sunny Slope country school in Sheridan County, which Dorothy

also attended for a while, before she went to the grade school in Selden.

After Dorothy's disappearance, her father, Floyd Hunter, notified the Thomas County sheriff, but the young girl wasn't found that day.

Mr. Zodrow said until Dorothy was found and the person who took her arrested, things were a little tense. People made sure that their kids got to school and home each day.

While people were out looking for Dorothy in Thomas County and the surrounding areas, she apparently was still alive. Mr. Read said he took her to lunch at the Owl Cafe in Atwood the morning after he kidnapped her, according to a program given to the Atwood Rotary Club a few years ago.

After breakfast, Mr. Read said he drove Dorothy east on U.S. 36 and then left the highway at the Walker farm, seven miles southeast of Atwood. He said he drove a little further and that is where it is said he attacked the little girl. Mr. Read said later he hit her over the head, but she wasn't dead and he strangled her, burying her body in a haystack.

Some articles say Mr. Read turned himself in. Others say officers arrested him at the home just outside of Rexford where he lived with his parents. A narrative by William McGinley, the son of Thomas County Sheriff Ed McGinley, who arrested Mr. Read, said he turned himself in. At first, Mr. Read told officers he and Dorothy had been kidnapped by men dressed in nice suits and taken throughout the area all that night in a car.

Sheriff McGinley, noticing blood on the man's clothes and his "weird" expression, asked him what he had been doing. Mr. Read said he had been skinning rabbits. Undersheriff Don McGinley, William's brother, called Sheridan County to see if a young girl was missing and found out there was.

After some "intensive" questioning, Mr. Read confessed to killing Dorothy, although at first he wouldn't say what he had done with her body.

People in Selden and the surrounding area heard that Mr. Read had been arrested and went to the sheriff's office in Colby. The angry mob wanted Sheriff McGinley to hand over the man, but the sheriff said that Mr. Read was the only one who knew where the body was. He asked them to return home so he could find Dorothy.

Men formed search parties looking for the body

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