

TESTIFIES IN 'THRILL' SHOOTING



Sgt. Marion L. Piper, 21, identifies a shotgun for Joseph L. Carr (left), prosecutor in the assault trial in Los Angeles of John Richard Jensen. Piper, a Marine, testified that Jensen offered him a lift in his car and shot him with the gun which was rigged in the back of the car. Left: dead at the side of the road, Piper managed to reach help. Authorities are trying to prove that Jensen is connected with two slayings, charging the motive was to "get a thrill." (International Soundphoto)

Howell Given Prison Term

LAURINBURG (AP)—Harry Howell, 25, of Laurinburg, plead guilty to voluntary manslaughter, and was sentenced to 14-20 years in prison here today at his second trial for the slaying of an off-duty Fayetteville policeman.

Judge Frank Armstrong pronounced sentence after hearing a review of evidence in the shooting of Larry Graham.

Howell, wearing the same blue suit witnesses said he wore on the night of the shooting, spoke with difficulty because of a swollen jaw caused by a tooth extraction yesterday. He said Graham knocked him down and then reached a hand into his pocket.

"I was afraid he'd kill me so I pulled my gun and shot as I got up off the ground," Howell testified.

WISE DECISION

The judge told Solicitor M. G. Boyette he thought the decision to accept a plea of guilty to manslaughter was a wise one, as he had found no evidence of first degree murder in studying the records of the previous trial.

Howell's first trial last May ended in a conviction on a second degree murder charge and Judge William Hatch sentenced him to 22-25 years in prison. On appeal, however, the State Supreme Court ruled that Hatch erred in his charge to the jury, and ordered a new trial.

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(Continued From Page One) that inventories will soon be in balance and a large volume of new orders will result.

Retail Sales: Holding up well (one per cent below last year). Construction: Three per cent higher in January than a year ago; home starts down 8 per cent; new office building construction up 50 per cent.

Plant and Equipment Expenditures: Three per cent above first quarter of 1953.

Electric Power Production: Up 7 per cent over last year and 60 per cent higher than 1947-49.

Machine Tool Orders: Up 15 per cent for January over December.

New Businesses: Highest in 1953 in five years.

Barnes said the South is "living proof of optimism" in business, and noted that Georgia added a new manufacturing operation every working day since 1946—a total of 2,192.

Graham Plans

(Continued From Page One) the newspapers, where it had crowded Prime Minister Winston Churchill off Page One.

Posters proclaiming the crusade decorated the red double-deck buses winding around Floodily Circus. His face can be seen on subway posters, in magazines, and on bill-boards. The Billy Graham Song Book was a best-seller in London this week.

Spreckles Sheds His Sixth Wife

VENTURA, Calif. (AP)—Millionaire sugar heir Adolph B. Spreckles II has filed a divorce suit against his sixth wife after only 34 days of marriage, his attorney disclosed today.

Spreckles, 44, charged his wife, pretty 22-year-old Judith Powell, with cruelty in the suit filed here yesterday, lawyer Daniel Schnabel said. They were married last Jan. 21 in Las Vegas, Nev.

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REP. W. STERLING COLE (right) reveals in Chicago that the explosion of a hydrogen device in 1952 at Eniwetok Atoll in the Pacific, completely destroyed the test island and tore a mile-wide crater, 175 feet deep, in the floor of the ocean. The New York Republican, chairman of the Joint Congressional Committee on Atomic Energy, spoke at a luncheon meeting of the National Sand and Gravel Association and the National Ready Mixed Concrete Association. He described the effect of an H-bomb blast in the center of the Loop in Chicago, with devastation extending two miles beyond the edge of the crater to a diameter of six miles. Severe to moderate damage would be found seven miles from the center with "light damage" ten miles from the blast. (International)



Outbreak Of

(Continued from Page One) the cemetery. He recalled an epidemic of stealing there several months ago.

PLANTS DUG UP A Dunn woman reported that about a half dozen boxwoods had been dug up on her cemetery lot and carried away.

Chief Cobb said he received another report from Mrs. Lillian Adley Hood that bushes and shrubbery had been stolen from a vacant lot that she owns. This lot, however, is not located in the cemetery.

Chief Cobb pointed out that his men patrol the cemetery area nightly but said he just didn't have enough money to keep somebody stationed there at all times.

Benny's

(Continued From Page One) pay for it—and it's not deductible," Benny complained.

Some 300 guests have been invited to the wedding and champagne reception afterwards, including Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Coleman, Bob Hope, Barbara Stanwyck, Marilyn Monroe, Ethel Mur-

man, Eddie Cantor, George Burns and Gracie Allen. Rabbi Edgar F. Maguin will officiate at the wedding in which the bride will wear a \$2,500 brocade white satin gown, with a pearl cap, trailing a three-tiered, full-length veil.

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