Prisoner Escapes Officer After Hearing Sentence

WICHITA FALLS, April 2. — Vernon B. Simpson broke away from a deputy sheriff and escaped here Tuesday morning to make good a boat made before being sentenced to three years in the state penitentiary in 30th District Court by Judge H. W. Fillmore.

Simpson, wanted in five other counties, was arrested three years at Huntsville for receiving property from the county, and was accompanied to jail by Deputy Sheriff George Grant. At the door Simpson alias Vernon B. Thatcher, bolted and escaped.

A car stolen 30 minutes after Simpson escaped was found Tuesday night abandoned south of Falls, with a tire blown out. Officers pressed a search throughout Texas.

Cloudy and Cooler Forecast for Today

The U.S. Weather Bureau failed to mention rain in its forecast for Fort Worth Wednesday after showers and hail fell in cities near here Tuesday.

There were 30 minutes of rain and hail accompanied by a windstorm at Midnight Tuesday. Abi- dene, San Antonio and Waco reported rain. Even downtown Dallas was damaged by the afternoon and some additional rain. Forecast for Fort Worth Wednesday is for partly cloudy and somewhat cooler weather.

Robert Lydick Deen Suffered Broken Bones

X-ray pictures taken Tuesday of Robert Lydick Deen, 3, critically injured 11 days ago when he was struck by an automobile, disclosed four broken bones, his father, Edgar Deen Jr., reported.

The child suffered a broken collar bone, shoulders and wrists, and the x-ray pictures revealed that the boy would not permit tak- ing of pictures before Tuesday, his father explained.

Although slightly improved this week the child's condition remained serious. He has not yet regained consciousness.

Man Suspected of Theft Of $180 Arrested

A 32-year-old man suspected of stealing $180 and a watch from Leslie Morgan, 19, Galveston, was arrested Tuesday night at the downtown cafe where they had met. He is being held in the jail and Monday night Morgan said the money and watch were taken from him in pickpocket fashion. He identified the suspect.

Airline Asks Consolidation Of Two Routes

WASHINGTON, April 9 (AP). — The non-stop service between Chicago and Los Angeles and other western points can be offered by American Airlines if two of its subsidiaries, Western Airway and Southwestern, consolidate, according to F. K. Lipscomb, American's sales director, said Tuesday.

He testified before Civil Aeronautics Board Examination Men in Denver this week in connection with an application to consolidate the Chicago-Dallas and the Dallas-Los Angeles routes.

Instead of a "dog-leg" lines with stops at intermediate points American could provide direct service to Los Angeles and other points such as San Diego, Phoenix, Tucson and El Paso if the application is granted, Lipscomb asserted.

Under present procedure, planes may not bypass terminals of each route even though an airline has its own $20 million hubs.

Lipscomb said similar non-stop service between St. Louis and Arkansas and California points would be possible under route combinations.

The witness stressed that the proposed non-stop flights would be in addition to the present service.

"Improved air service between Colorado points and such cities as Rochester, Syracuse, Albany, Battle Creek, Mich., Joplin, Mo., and Streamline, Mo., and South Bend and Peoria would be an other result of the route combination," Lipscomb said.

Earlier in the day, C. O. C. O. Airline announced a continental & Western Air Inc., seeking approval of its application for consolidation of routes said his firm's service would be able to compete with United Airlines, Chicago to Boston and Chicago to Los Angeles.

Cocks opposed applications by American Airlines and United Airlines for consolidations of their routes on the basis that TWA would lose traffic to those two airlines if approved.

Retired Minister Dies

BROWNWOOD, April 9 (AP). — Rev. Revell W. Browning, 69, passed away at his home Saturday morning after a long illness.