

AGUILAR, FERMIN

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NEWS ITEM:

Juan Garcia, 22, Mexican beet laborer from Lubbock, Texas, who was charged with the fatal stabbing of Fermin Aguilar on July 3, 1938, was acquitted in district court here on Monday of this week on a plea of self defense.

The jury on the case was out from 1 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. Saturday evening, but in the absence of Judge Sam Thompson, the sealed verdict was not opened until 1:30 p.m. Monday.

Prosecutor W.B. Jones used seven witnesses and three depositions in an effort to convict Garcia of the murder charge.

The defense council of Arthur Kline and M.R. Foe called on nine witnesses to prove their plea of self defense. Garcia was called to the stand to testify in his own behalf.

Garcia's case was in the first of the present jury term of court and started Thursday morning with the jury getting the case at 1 p.m.

A very crowded courtroom was in attendance during the entire trial.

The jury for the case was composed of Harry Streck, Jr., Frank Windom, Elmer Lees, Clem McAuley, John Phillippi, C.A. Miller, Edward L. Mick, Martin Wiescholk, J.A. Salmon, Lester Zweig, Paul Lawrence and Earl Harvey.

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