



CELEBRATING THEIR BIRTHDAYS at the center are Millie Glasco, Paul Roesener, Lee Amsberry and Shirley Statley. Paul Roesener celebrated his 95th birthday.

Times photo by Edna Roesener

Representative talks carnival bill

Many people in Cheyenne County including members of the Amusement Authority are concerned about Senate Bill 365 that could affect home-owned carnivals, possibly shutting them down.

Ward Cassidy, 120 District Representative, reported that the senate bill has not had a hearing. What that means, Mr. Cassidy said, is the committee chair has to place it on his calendar for the committee to discuss and then either vote it up or down to go to

the full senate debate. Secretary of Labor, Karen Brownlee, wants the bill heard, Mr. Cassidy said.

"I imagine in the next few weeks it will be discussed," he said. "Her reason is because of an accident in Norton last summer and she wants to insure that our children are safe in the home-owned carnival environment."

She has been assured, Mr. Cassidy said, that home-owned carnival people take every precaution possible and already

follow state inspection guidelines. Greg Walz, Cheyenne County Amusement board member, gave Mr. Cassidy a book of photos of the county's carnival and he said he is taking it to the committee hearing, when and if there is one.

"All the area representatives are watching and lobbying for the bill to just go away," Mr. Cassidy said, noting that he will keep the communities posted as to what is happening concerning the bill.

Development vital, group says

By Karen Krien
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One of the first items of business at the Cheyenne County Commissioners meeting on Jan. 15 was to decide whether or not to pay dues of \$1,887 for the Northwest Kansas Planning and Development.

Helen Dobbs, the new Cheyenne County Development Corporation coordinator, was present and strongly encouraged the payment of the dues as well as participating on the board.

Mrs. Dobbs said the Northwest Kansas Planning and Development organization could be a great benefit as they have certified grant writers and administrators. The organization, she said, is under utilized. It is important that people from the county attend the meetings. Mrs. Dobbs had attended the meeting last month.

The county is paying the dues but if we don't participate, we don't know what they are doing. Yes, she said, I do think that paying the dues is worth the money.

The county, through the organization, had purchased three fire trucks and an ambulance as well as received money for street and road improvements.

A lot of loans through grants go to other counties instead of Cheyenne County, she said.

Mrs. Dobbs was on her way to represent the county at a KREDA meeting in Topeka. She had met Ward Cassidy, representative of the 120 District, and said the county residents were fortunate to have him representing them. She is concerned about what decisions will be made in

the legislature concerning economic development.

She plans to attend meetings throughout Kansas. I want people to know where Cheyenne County, St. Francis and Bird City are, she said.

She talked about some pamphlets which has the St. Francis Chamber's phone number. Since the Chamber had been dissolved, the phone number no longer works. After talking with the commissioners and the assistant county attorney, it was suggested that she call the phone company and Gloria Bracelin, former Chamber secretary, to see if the phone number could be reinstated and automatically rolled over the Cheyenne County development phone.

She had reviewed the county's strategic plan. She may have some suggestions for change in the future.

Mrs. Dobbs said she thinks it is important to have high school students on the board. Their input is important. Jason Padgett, development treasurer, was also present with Mrs. Dobbs. He had talked with Terry Miller, clerk, about purchasing QuickBooks Premier software. Mr. Miller had

looked at the county's discount and could get the software for \$250. It would normally cost \$400. The commissioners agreed to pay for the software.

Appraiser's report
Appraiser, Bruce Webb, presented the work schedule for the month and a service contract of \$5,354 with R&S Digital Mapping.

Mr. Webb suggested that the commissioners approve hiring Amanda Milne as the deputy appraiser. In the future, Ms. Milne will be taking the training to become the county appraiser.

Road supervisor's report
Dave Flemming, road and bridge supervisor, asked for two new wheels for the landfill loader. The purchase was approved.

Bringing the landfill into compliance with the Kansas Department Health and Environment was discussed.

Treasurer report
Dolores Jenik, county treasurer, updated the commissioners about her health and job status. The commissioners told Dolores to take care of her health first as the job should be considered secondary at this point.

McDonald News

Wednesday overnight guests of Eleanor Swihart were her niece and husband, Claire and Dick Baughman of New Jersey.

On Valentine's Day, Tuesday, Kenneth and Phyllis Wilkinson and Agnes Reeh traveled to Oberlin. They called on Vera Kacirek at the Good Samaritan Home and helped her celebrate Valentine's Day and a belated birthday.

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