

# Relief programs available to Sherman residents

Late fall of 1932, the Depression was still creating a difficult time for residents of Northwest Kansas. Many government relief programs were available for American citizens in need and Sherman county was no exception.



**marcia smith**

• from the vault

its bearing on placings among the Northwest Kansas teams. Either team can go through a slim season of victories and count it a worthwhile ef-

whether they have left the country, or found other employment and did not want to work on the relief projects.

High school football season was still going on up to and past Thanksgiving, seventy-five years ago. Local rivals were as strong then as they are today, and plans were being made for others.

**READY FOR BATTLE**

High School Football Team Prepared to Put Up Stiff Game Against Colby

The high school football team is set for its most important game of the season tomorrow when it meets Colby on the Colby gridiron in the final contest of the season.

The result of the game will not make a great deal of difference outside the two towns, for nothing much is at stake as far as the league race is concerned, except relative positions in the standing. The team that wins very likely will go to fourth place in the league standing, while the loser will come in last place rating.

But the Goodland-Colby game has a lot of interest aside from

fort if the final game against the rival school is turned in the win column.

The game will begin at 3 o'clock, central time, according to word from Colby. A lot of Goodland people plan to drive down to see it, and they will have time to eat a Thanksgiving dinner at home at the usual dinner hour, and then get to Colby in time to see the first kick-off.

The game of importance to the championship of this section is to be played at Norton between Norton and Oberlin. Neither team has been defeated yet this year, and one is due to fall, barring the possibility of a tie score.

**FORM NEW LEAGUE**

Smaller Schools will Decide

A new high school athletic conference for this part of the state was formed Saturday. Representatives from schools at Bird City, Brewster, Kanorado and Sharon Springs met at the Hotel Neu and made plans for such an organization. Officers for the new league are President Logan Breston, Kanorado; Vice-president Bodmer, Sharon Springs; and Secretary-treasurer Supt. Seaman, Bird City.

**GET A LARGER RELIEF SHARE**  
But Indications It Will Be Last Federal Funds,

Sherman County has been allotted \$4,624.00 from the state allotment of the federal unemployment relief fund, Chairman L.N. Shaw was notified yesterday. This is a little larger share than was given the county in the previous distribution.

The fund is supposed to relieve unemployment from now until the first of the year, but since it has been indicated that it is the last the federal government will put out to the states through the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, the local committee has been advised to make the fund go as far as possible.

The district chairman has suggested that the rate of pay on the relief projects be cut down so the jobs will not appear too attractive.

He states that in a number of places farmers have objected to the relief projects taking the men, and creating a shortage of relief huskers. He advises that the relief projects are intended only to take care of men who cannot find other employment, and should not be made so attractive as to take them from other jobs.

The local committee has not held a meeting since receipt of the notice and it is not known yet just what action they will decide to take, but the committee very likely will try as nearly as possible to follow out the suggestions of the district chairman. He has advised them that there will very likely be a federal inspector over the territory in the near future to check up on the work being done with the relief funds. This county believes it will have a good showing of accomplishment to make to the inspector.

Chairman Shaw said yesterday that there were several men who registered early in September, and when they were called to work could not be found. He does not know

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## Kansas' earliest CSI story Fingerprint ends nationwide '20s manhunt

True crime from the roaring 20s, **The Fleagle Gang, Betrayed by a fingerprint**, begins with a brazen daylight bank robbery of the First National Bank in Lamar, Colo. on May 23, 1928. Four men died, and the robbers escaped — until forensic science caught up with them through a fingerprint.

The bank robbery and national manhunt story was big news more than 75 years ago. We recently found that an old time radio program "Gangbusters" aired a program on Jake and Ralph Fleagle in 1937. There are many old stories about the robbery and the gang, but none cover the events like this book. Book reviewers say this is a great read for true crime history buffs.

The book includes over 100 photos and documents taken from court files plus maps of places where the gang robbed banks and scenes where the murders of the doctor and cashier took place.



Jake Fleagle's arrest photo taken at Stockton, Calif., in the spring of 1929 that lead to the break in the First National Bank of Lamar robbery and murder case. The photo and fingerprints were sent to the FBI in Washington where the connection was made.

A few signed copies are available at  
The Goodland Star-News,  
1205 Main

Search inside the book on Google.com and Amazon.com

Author Tom (N.T.) Betz, editor of The Goodland Star-News, has spent more than 45 years in journalism and living on the Great Plains.

"The Fleagle Gang" details the robbery/murder case which hinged on a single fingerprint found on a murdered Dighton, Kan., doctor's car. The fledgling FBI plays a crucial role in turning the fingerprint into solid forensic evidence used to find, arrest and convict members of the Fleagle Gang. The FBI credits the Fleagle case as the first time a single fingerprint was used to identify and convict criminals. The Fleagle Gang robbed banks in Larned, Kinsley, Marysville, Ottawa and McPherson Kan., Lamar, Colo., Eugene, Ore., and countless others of over \$1 million in the 10 years they operated.

"The Fleagle Gang" is available at the **Big Timbers Museum** in Lamar, Colo., the **Holly Library**, Holly, Colo.; the **Fick Fossil and History Museum** in Oakley, Kan., the **Finney County Museum and Hastings** in Garden City, Kan., the **High Plains Museum** in Goodland, Kan., the **El Quartejo Museum** in Scott City, and the **Colorado Prison Museum** in Canon City, Colo. It is available on-line from the publisher **Authorhouse.com**, Linda Knott's web bookstore **knottjustbooks@spreadtheword.com**; **Amazon.com**; **Barnes and Noble**; **The Tattered Cover** and other major book stores.

Check out "The Fleagle Gang" web site at: [nwkansas.com/home/fleaglegang](http://nwkansas.com/home/fleaglegang).

## SHERMAN COUNTY KANSAS TREASURER'S QUARTERLY REPORT

October 31, 2007

Total Cash in the Treasury as at the above date \$10,815,858.55

FUND	FUND BALANCE
APPRAISER'S COST	\$21,676.46
MOTOR VEHICLE OPERATING FUND	\$49,564.71
BOND & INTEREST	\$51,958.00
NO FUND WARRANTS	\$132.66
CITY-CO RECREATION	\$307.37
COUNTY HEALTH	\$9,081.12
DIRECT ELECTION	\$17,253.83
TRASH HAULING	\$335,421.19
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$107,310.73
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS HEALTH RESERVE	\$223,002.44
EXTENSION	\$4,022.51
FREE FAIR	\$241.97
GENERAL FUND	\$710,380.08
HOME MAINTENANCE	\$20,339.29
POST CLOSURE ACCT-LANDFILL	\$150,000.00
LANDFILL EXCAVATION	\$175,434.00
NOXIOUS WEED	\$8,294.12
REGISTER OF DEEDS TECHNOL	\$5,024.44
OUT-DISTRICT TUITION	\$21,504.95
OVER & UNDER	\$34.94
PROGRAM FOR ELDERLY	\$593.33
PROS ATTY (TRAINING FUND)	\$528.30
PROS ATTY (DIVERSION)	\$5,690.32
ROAD AND BRIDGE	\$618,537.07
SALES TAX	\$39,597.44
SC RURAL FIRE DIST #1	\$86,172.06
SOLDIERS MEMORIAL PARK	\$23,470.33
SOLID WASTE FUND	\$595,399.82
CAPITOL IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$177,950.00
SPECIAL PARKS & REC	\$2,486.54
SPECIAL MACHINERY FUND	\$300,471.00
TORT LIABILITY	\$2,676.95
CONCEALED WEAPONS	\$794.81
JAIL COMMISSARY	\$13,237.89
DRIVER'S LICENSE	\$179.50
SECRETARY OF STATE	\$2,368.80
NOXIOUS WEED CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$437.47
SPECIAL PRAIRIE DOG	\$13,628.73
SC RFD #1 EQUIP RESERVE	\$99,383.66
HERITAGE TRUST FUND	\$162.46
SHERIFF DRUG SEIZURE FUND	\$8,608.74
COUNTY HEALTH CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$25,830.15
AUTO MOTOR STATE	\$3,591.42
HEALTH CARE SERVICES	\$153,810.06
COUNTY REDEMPTION	\$6,541.63
CURRENT TAX	\$450.77
DELINQUENT PERSONAL TAX	\$351.62
RECREATIONAL VEHICLE TAX	\$1,228.10
MOTOR VEHICLE TAX	\$84,270.91
MICRO LOANS	\$4,447.80
SHERIFF REWARD DONATION FUND	\$238.63
SOIL CONSERVATION	\$389.54
911 WIRELESS	\$18,739.59
CEMETERY FUND	\$394.21
LIBRARY FUND	\$210.45
SCRFD #1 SPECIAL FUND	\$4,143.50
911 TELEPHONE SERVICE	\$74,114.32
SUSPENSE FUND	\$30,755.14
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	\$102,146.78

TOWNSHIPS

KANORADO/GENERAL

GRANT/GENERAL	\$0.00
IOWA/GENERAL	\$2.79
LLANOS/GENERAL	\$0.00
LOGAN/GENERAL	\$0.00
MCPHERSON/GENERAL	\$0.00
SHERMANVILLE/GENERAL	\$90.48
STATELINE/GENERAL	\$0.00
WASHINGTON/GENERAL	\$0.00
CDBG GRANT	\$100.36
USD #352/GENERAL	\$0.00
USD #314/GENERAL	\$0.00

RURAL FIRE FIGHTER GRANT	\$478.97
PROJECT FUND-GO ROAD PROJECT	\$5,478,851.21
LOCAL 1% SALES TAX FOR ROAD PROJECT	\$921,320.09

TOTAL ALL FUNDS \$10,815,858.55

STATE OF KANSAS  
SHERMAN COUNTY ss.

I do solemnly swear that the above statement is complete, true, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, so help me God.

*Kris Scheyman*  
County Treasurer, Sherman County, Kansas

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of November.



*Robert R. Rumpel*  
County Clerk - Notary Public

My commission expires Jan. 10, 2008

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