

School planned to sell lumber, desks, globe, maps

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April 17, 1904: Sale of School Property — At the school house 10 miles northeast of Goodland, on Wednesday, April 20, at 1:30 p.m., the following described property, belonging to school district No. 12 (disorganized): lumber in sod school house, lumber in out buildings, ten double desks, teacher's desk and chair, one stove, one globe, one case of eight maps.
 J.R. Reed, County Superintendent.
April 18, 1904: New Telephone Company — Farmers Effect Orga-

today in history

nization and Will Have a Rural Line — The farmers in the south part of the county have formed an association known as the Sherman County Telephone company, which is chartered and provides for a capital stock of \$5,000.
 A.T. Hartzler is president; M.S. Mitchell, secretary; and June Parker, treasurer. The total length of the line will be about 30 miles, taking in all the stockholders, 30 in number, in the south part of the county.

Two main lines will reach Goodland, one coming from the southwest making for Goodland from the Kimmel place, the other from the southeast, taking in the Bruner home and from thence to Goodland.
 Connecting lines will cover the territory in the south. The stock is divided into shares of \$25 each. The materials for the construction of the line has been ordered, and the work will be pushed. This is a good move, and the farmers should be com-

mended for their enterprise.
April 19, 1904: Fish for Sherman County — D.W. Travis of Pratt, state fish warden, has written a letter to J.J. Knight looking to the stocking of the streams of this county with bass and crappie.
 Mr. Knight has been carrying on correspondence with the state fish warden for some time, and Mr. Travis now thinks he will be able to ship a supply of fish in May, which will be put into the Smoky and the Beaver.
 Mr. Knight was around with a petition getting signers for the appointment of James Bainbridge as

deputy fish warden for this county. Those who are best qualified to judge say that fish will do well in these streams.
April 20, 1904: Pension Day, May 4, will be celebrated in Goodland this year for the first time, and the public is invited to join the Grand Army Republic post and the Women's Relief Corps in festivity for that day.
 Dinner will be served in Union Hall for which a charge of 25 cents will be made. The proceeds will go into the treasury of the Women's Relief Corps.
 In most of the states, the fourth of

May is observed as Pension Day, when veterans of the civil war and their friends assemble and have a time of good cheer, with a program and entertainment.
 While this day has not heretofore been observed in Goodland, a precedent will be inaugurated, and May 4 will be made one of gladness to the old soldiers of Sherman county and their friends.
From weekly issues of The Goodland News, provided by the Sherman County Historical Society. Since the paper was published weekly, some items were arbitrarily assigned a date.

Alcohol affects mind, can damage every organ in body, can kill

In recognition of National Alcohol Awareness Month, the following information is provided to give you facts you may or may not be aware of regarding alcohol:
 Alcohol affects the brain. Drinking alcohol leads to a loss of coordination, poor judgment, slowed reflexes, distorted vision, memory lapses and even blackout.
 Alcohol affects your body. Alcohol can damage every organ in your body. It is absorbed directly into your bloodstream and can increase your risk for a variety of life-threatening diseases.
 Alcohol affects your self-control. Alcohol depresses your central nervous system, lowers your inhibitions and impairs your judgment. Drinking can lead to risky behaviors, including having unprotected sex.



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This may expose you to HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases or cause unwanted pregnancies.
 Alcohol can kill you. Drinking large amounts of alcohol can lead to coma or even death.
 Alcohol can hurt you, even if you're not the one drinking. If you're around people who are drinking, you have an increased risk of being seriously injured, involved in car crashes or affected by violence. At the very

least, you may have to deal with people who are sick, out of control or unable to care for themselves.
 Before you risk it:
 • Know the law. It is illegal to buy or possess alcohol if you are under 21.
 • Get the facts. One drink can make you fail a breath test. In some states, people under the age of 21 who are found to have any amount of alcohol in their system can lose their driver's license, be subject to a heavy fine or have their car permanently taken away.
 • Stay informed. "Binge" drink-

ing means having five or more drinks on one occasion. About 15 percent of teens are binge drinkers in any given month.
 • Know the risks. Mixing alcohol with medications or illicit drugs is extremely dangerous and can lead to accidental death. For example, alcohol-medication interactions may be a factor in at least 25 percent of emergency room admissions.
 How can you tell if a friend has a drinking problem? Sometimes it's tough to tell. But there are signs you can look for. If your friend has one or more of the following warning signs, he or she may have a problem with alcohol:
 • Getting drunk on a regular basis.
 • Problems remembering things he recently said or did.

• Lying about how much alcohol he is using.
 • Believing alcohol is necessary to have fun.
 • Having frequent hangovers.
 • Feeling run down, depressed or even suicidal.
 • Having "blackouts," forgetting what he did while drinking.
 • Having problems at school or getting in trouble with the law.
 Questions and Answers:
 Q. Aren't beer and wine 'safer' than liquor?
 A. No. One 12-ounce beer has about as much alcohol as a 1.5 ounce shot of liquor, a 5-ounce glass of wine or a wine cooler.
 Q. Why can't teens drink if their parents can?
 A. Teens' bodies are still developing, and alcohol has a greater

impact on their physical and mental well-being. For example, people who begin drinking before age 15 are four times more likely to develop alcoholism than those who begin at age 21.
 The bottom line: If you know someone who has a problem with alcohol, urge him or her to stop or get help. If you drink, stop! The longer you ignore the real facts, the more chances you take with your life.
 It's never too late. Talk to your parents, a doctor, a counselor, a teacher or another adult you trust. Do it today!
 To learn more about alcohol or obtain a referral in northwest Kansas call the Regional Prevention Center in Colby 785-462-8152 or in Goodland 785-899-3848.

Goodland to host Veterans of Foreign Wars convention Saturday and Sunday

The Lowell-Coleman Veterans of Foreign Wars Post and its auxiliary will host the 9th District Spring Convention on Saturday and Sunday at the post home, 824 Main.
 District Commander Bill Selby of the Goodland post will preside over

the group's meeting at 8 a.m. on Sunday. Linda Marshall, district president from Hays, will preside over the auxiliary meeting at 7:30 a.m.
 Department Junior Vice Commander McKinley Smith, Junction City, and auxiliary department

President Barbara Monaghan, Kansas City, will be at the meetings.
 Other district officers include Senior Vice Commander Francis Boyd, Oakley; Junior Vice Commander J.T. Plummer, Stockton; Senior Vice President Barb Whisler, Goodland;

and Junior Vice President Leona Washburn, Oakley. All veterans and auxiliary members are encouraged to attend. A banquet will be at 11:30 a.m. Sunday. The district Voice of Democracy winners will be the featured guests, including Anthony

Johnson of Goodland, who placed second at the district level.
 Patty Thompson, the department elementary teacher of the year, will attend the banquet. A social hour will be held on Saturday evening for visitors and local members.

The 9th District includes posts and auxiliaries from Victoria, Hays, Ellis, WaKeeney, Grinnell, Oakley, Colby, Sharon Springs, St. Francis, Oberlin, Herndon, Phillipsburg, Stockton, Hill City, Plainville, Norton and Goodland.

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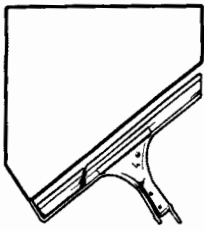
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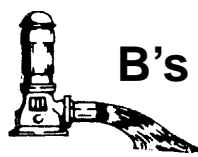
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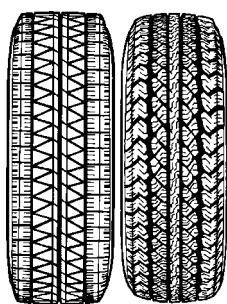
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