

Man wrote article for Topeka journal, won prize

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Sherman County Historical Society
March 29, 1905: Wins a Prize — J.B. Moore, of McPherson township, who recently wrote that excellent corn article for the *Mail and Breeze*, Topeka, reports that out of the corn contest he won a jackknife, receiving the fifth out of six prizes. Many contestants contributed articles from several states. Only the best were printed, and besides the honor which Mr. Moore received, it ought to be mentioned that this article was commented upon favorably by the editor of the *Mail and Breeze*.

March 30, 1905: Brewster Station Burns — The Rock Island station building at Brewster burned to the ground. Little was saved from the building, and this fire is thought to have been started by sparks from an engine, which ignited some rub-

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bish under the station platform. Besides the depot, three freight cars that were standing on the side track were also consumed. The household furniture and personal effects of Station Agent Hopkins, who lived in the upper story of the depot, were a total loss, nothing being saved. No other damage was done, and train service was not interrupted. **March 31, 1905:** 10,000 TREES TO BE SET OUT — RECORD BREAKING MOVEMENT IN TREE CULTURE IN SHERMAN COUNTY — Young Forests Have Already Shown Splendid Growth. Some Farmers Have Done Wonders With Fruit Orchards. — More than 10,000 trees will make glad the rich, tree-barren plains of Sherman

County this year. These will be the 1905 addition to the thousands that already dot the fields and surround the homes of our people. V.W. Goodrich, the local tree man, who has been taking large and numerous orders from the people from over the county, informs this paper that he has ordered 8,800 fruit and forest trees for his customers, to say nothing of grape vines and shrubbery, and is daily making additional sales. This spirit of tree planting, which is ever increasing, promises to add much to the appearance and profit of Sherman County land. Tree culture in western Kansas has passed the experimental stage, and all doubt as to its being practical has passed away.

People now buy trees, not with the fear that it is a mere gamble, but from the standpoint of a gilt-edged investment. They see that such improvements add not only to the value of their farms, but to the beauty and comfort of their homes. That the culture of the tree is to be a factor in the future development of the plains is borne out by the advantages that have already accrued to many Sherman County farmers. For instance, Ichabod Warner, William Sexson, Jacob Trachsel, Lee Conquest and many more have young, bearing orchards on their farms. John Wolfrom has a fine growing forest of ten acres in the Rhine neighborhood. A trip to the southwest part of this county will bring to view another patch of woods; and from Goodland may be found these evidences that

give delight to the eye and a feeling of rest to the traveler. The trees in this country are in the bud now, some in blossom, and as soon as the leaves are out, the town of Goodland will nestle beneath their shade. No more lasting service can be done by the inhabitants of the

plains than to raise up the beautiful and the helpful tree. *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.*

matters of record

Accidents
The following accidents were reported to the Goodland Police Department:
March 20 — Benjamin Coats' 1996 Ford Ranger pickup was damaged in a hit-and-run at 514 Caldwell.
March 21 — John D. Hale was driving a 1997 Ford Ranger pickup eastbound on 12th St. and failed to

stop at the sign and was struck by James Cech in a 2001 Ford van.
Goodland Police
The following crimes have been reported to the Goodland Police Department:
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