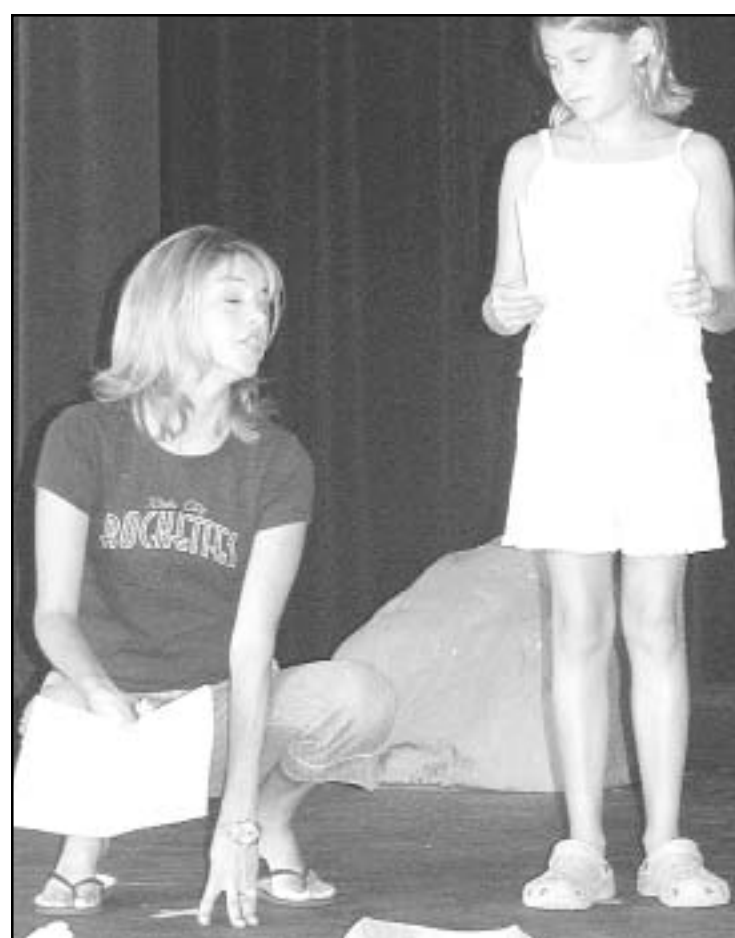
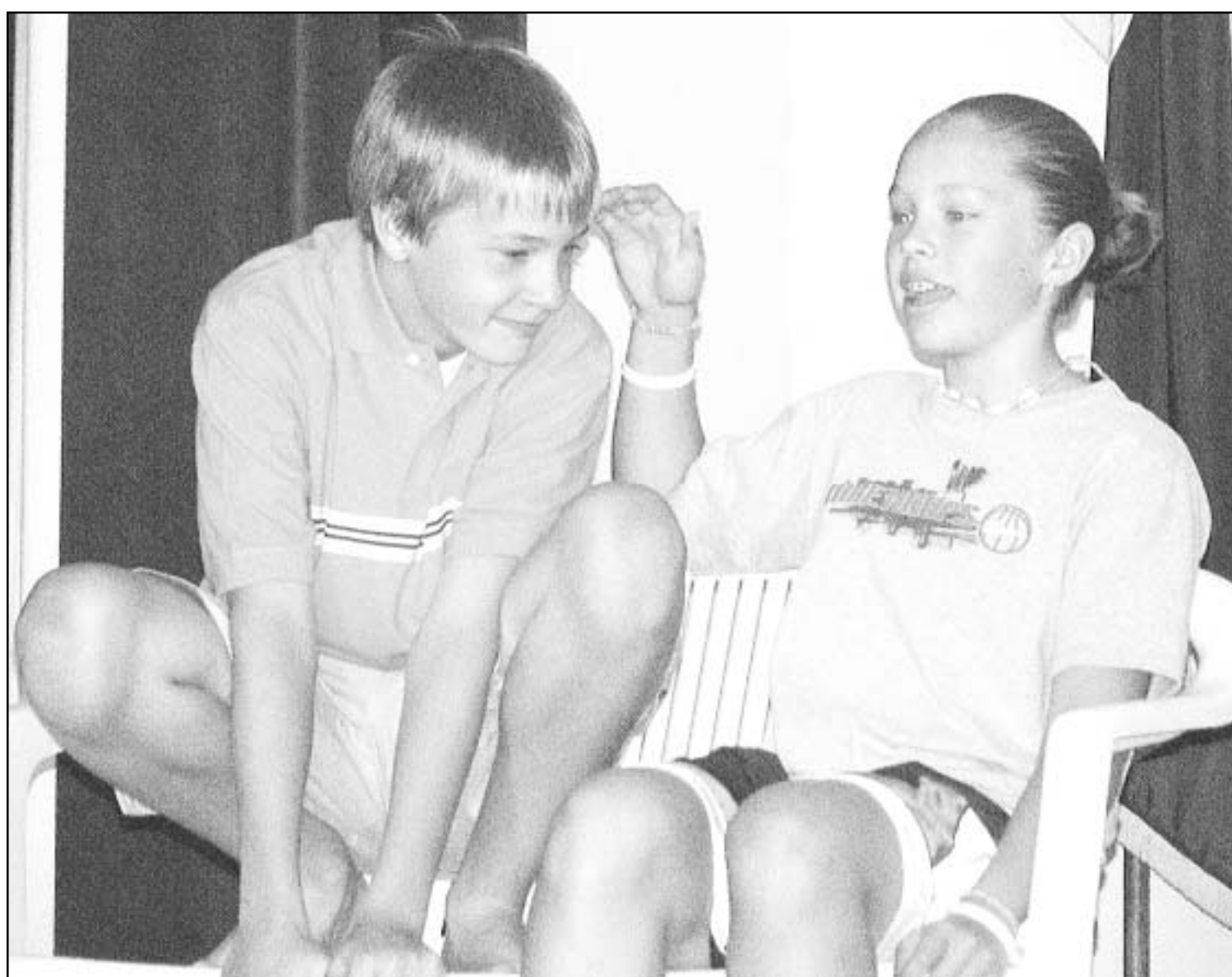


## Princess meets frog in not-so-classic fairy tale



Princess Bliss (Jade Herl) petted a frog (Dane Frazier), who was Prince Ted before a witch cast a spell on him, during a Goodland Kids Theatre practice for "Incantation: The Frog Prince Fairy Tale." Director Jessica Cole demonstrated Prince Ted's predicament while helping Shayley Miller narrate. The kids will perform the spoof on a fairy tale at 7 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday in the high school auditorium.

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# Goodland expected another railroad through Lenora extension

By Evelyn Ward

*Sherman County Historical Society*  
**August 9, 1905:** Lenora Branch Extension — Goodland Seems Destined to Get Another Railroad — Lenora Branch May Be Extended to Denver, and the Burlington May Come From Northeast — The Denver Post News says that there has been considerable speculation, for George J. Gould, head of the Gould system of railroads, would personally attend the meeting of stock holders.

The most plausible theory to railroad men is that Gould intends to build a new road that will give him a transcontinental line. If the Lenora branch, which ends in Norton County, should be extended west to Denver, Goodland would no doubt get another railroad, as this town is approximately inline with such an extension. The Gould people have had this extension under consideration for some time.

However, if that project should fail to materialize, Goodland has still another hope coming for a second road, that of the Burlington, which is also after Pueblo from the northeast of here. It has been correctly reported that surveyors of the Burlington are now at work on a survey from the branch line of which Oberlin is the terminal.

The survey has been run from there into Rawlins and will extend into Sherman County on the northeast corner, near the Northfield post office. A Sherman County man, living near Northfield, says the surveyors are not far from that point now and that he saw a map of the proposed line on paper, which indicated that the survey would cross this county slightly diagonally, running to the north of Goodland for several miles and touching Kanorado in this county at the state line.

People who can put two and two together will readily see that that is the first play on the chess board for

## today in history

Goodland. In all probability, the railroad company would like to be coaxed to come here, and all they would be waiting for would be perhaps the proffer of a free site, and maybe, a reasonable amount in bonds.

**August 10, 1905:** This is the time of year that school teachers are looking for jobs, and it recalls the experience of a young man of eastern Kansas who came to Sherman County a few years ago to see if he couldn't get a school.

The young man was a likely fellow; he was qualified above the ordinary; made a good appearance; and his manners were those of the well bred. Well, he asked for a school in a certain district in this county, and the members of the board were not slow in seeing his good points.

They were taken with him, but not knowing his past life, the members of the school board were thoughtful to feel for his religious pulse. One of them asked him, "Are you a Christian?"

The young man answered, "No." "That settles it," said one shaking his head regretfully.

There was a painful silence then the applicant spoke up, "That settles it with me, too. I'm not looking for a place to preach!"

**August 11, 1905: GENERAL L. W. COLBY AS A LAWYER AND SOLDIER** — A Veteran of Several Wars — Attorney L. W. Colby of Beatrice, Neb., has a unique and remarkable career, both as an eminent attorney and a military man. He has practiced in the district court here at different times over the past fifteen years, and, being in Goodland last week, some very interesting facts were gleaned regarding some of the events in his life.

He is not at all gray and has all his natural teeth, possessing the full vigor of his physical and intellectual faculties.

General Colby is a veteran of the Civil War, having enlisted at the age of 15 in company B, Eighth Illinois Infantry, in which he served two years. When the war ended, he was in New Orleans, having arisen from private to lieutenant.

After receiving his discharge, he was induced to enlist in a recruiting scheme for Maximilian's army in Mexico. He raised a company and was elected captain.

After the surrender of Lee at Appomattox, 50,000 veteran troops were dispatched to the Mexican frontier, and young Captain Colby found out that he was in the "wrong pew" and might have to fight his old companions in arms. So, he "deserted," taking 40 of his company with him to St. Louis where they disbanded.

Going back to civil life, he studied law, located ultimately in Nebraska. He has a reputation as an attorney far wider than his state and is widely known as an eminent criminal lawyer.

He drafted the bill organizing the National Guards of the state of Nebraska. He was commissioned as colonel of one of the new regiments, in which capacity he served six years, and for nine years was brigadier general.

He took part in two Indian wars, one as colonel in 1876-77, at the time of the Custer massacre; and in 1890-91, at the time of the Wounded Knee, he commanded a brigade of Nebraska troops with the rank of brigadier general.

In the latter affair, a blizzard prevailed, and the thermometer dropped below zero. Four days later, among the Indian dead, nearly

covered with snow, a dead squaw was found, and strapped to her back was a live papoose, about five months old.

General Colby took and legally adopted the little dark-eyed waif. She was named Zinka Lennui, meaning "lost bird." She is now a young lady in her 16th year, bright and well educated. General Colby and wife have no children, save the adopted little Indian girl. Miss Zinka retains her Indian name and tribal rights.

In 1897, General Colby resigned his position in the Nebraska National Guard. He became deeply interested in Cuban affairs and came in touch with the Cuban junta in New York City. He was commis-

sioned to raise a "Cuban Legion."

He had to watch out for the federal authorities, and he therefore established his headquarters at Matamoros, Mexico, but traveled extensively in Cuba and the United States.

He raised \$1,200,000 and enrolled in the "Legion," 23,000 men, and was about ready to land the advance guard of this force on Cuban soil when the blowing up of the Maine precipitated the war with Spain.

He tried to interest the Secretary of War to accept the "Cuban Legion" as a whole, as a corps of volunteers. Congressional action thwarted the scheme, but in recognition of General Colby's services,

he was commissioned by President McKinley as brigadier general of volunteers and was in command in the active campaigning in Cuba.

This Cuban Legion episode is "unwritten history," but Mr. Colby has all the documents, muster rolls and descriptive lists of the men of the companies and regiments still in his possession. All the men and officers recruited had "seen service" and were well drilled. \$75,000 had been expended, and the balance was returned to the contributors pro rata.

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## Agriculture is Northwest Kansas Gold

We welcome all Ag participants. Have a Safe Weekend.



## matters of record

### District Traffic

District Court reports no longer contain the person's age or hometown or how fast those with speeding tickets were going because of the court's change of computer program. The following fines were paid in the Sherman County District Court:

**May 26** — Teresa F. Goddard \$108 for speeding.  
 Terry J. McGovern \$120 for speeding.  
 Ignacio Cabral \$150 for improper parking.

**May 27** — Calvin G. Taylor \$111 for over weight limit on wheels and axles.  
 Sidney P. Maxey \$120 for speeding.  
 Rebecca A. Manville \$108 for speeding.

**May 28** — Justin D. White \$360 for driving under suspension, \$126 for speeding and \$60 for unlawful acts with a vehicle.  
 Matthew C. Novotny \$186 for speeding.  
**May 29** — Troy D. Story \$144 for improper parking and \$20 for no child restraint.  
 Daniel R. Smith \$120 for speeding.  
 Matthew E. Moppins \$144 for improper parking.  
 Robyn C. Hawkins \$126 for speeding.  
 Honor K. Nebiker \$120 for speeding.  
 Linda R. Light \$159 for speeding.  
 Ernest H. Johnson II \$159 for speeding.  
 Thomas T. Dunlap \$90 for speeding.

Michael M. Feliz \$120 for speeding.  
 Carroll E. Graham \$80 for no child restraint.  
 Mark A. Bennett \$120 for speeding.

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 Peter L. Bethray \$114 for speeding.  
**May 30** — James A. Stepler \$120 for speeding.  
 Mason C. Ripley \$144 for improper parking.  
 Joel O. Ramos \$120 for speeding.  
 Megan M. McCullough \$270 for speeding.  
 Desree R. McMillian \$132 for speeding.  
 Nghinh P. Nguyen \$126 for improper parking.  
 Olga A. Novak \$204 for speeding.  
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