

Goodland looked forward to getting big new hotel

By Evelyn Ward

Sherman County Historical Society
October 1, 1905: Big Hotel Now Assured — The end for which the people of Goodland have long been clamoring was given the form of a solid promise Wednesday when George Hoopes confirmed the report that he was to build a big hotel on the corner lot just south of the Leonard Brick.

He told the reporter of this paper that the contract had already been let for the brick and the brickwork, and so that promise has the same quality as the laws of the Medes and Persians of yore, which altered not. The building planned will have a frontage of 34 feet, covering all of lot 13 and nine feet of lot 14, in block 51; and will be 80 feet deep

today in history

and two stories high. It will contain 30 rooms, and the style of the building from bottom to top will be modern and when completed will be well equipped with all the conveniences of a good hostelry. The estimated cost is \$6,000.

Mr. Hoopes said that the contract for the brick and the building of the brick walls had been let and that the brick materials would be shipped here from Colorado Springs next week. It is expected that this hotel will be put in complete readiness for occupancy by December 1.

Several sites had been offered for the location of a good hotel. Mr.

Hoopes finally settled upon the corner across the street north from the Republic office. He thinks the location is favorable because it is near to the court house and the post office, is in close proximity to the real estate offices, where gather many strangers that are in search of land and investments, and is in as clean a location as may be found in the city limits.

Mr. Hoopes will assume the active management of the hotel as soon as it is completed. He has shown much public spirit in coming to the relief of the great public need in Goodland, but, of course, like any

business man, he didn't take to the idea on account of philanthropy, but because the opening was good here for a hotel and because he thinks he can make it pay.

The business houses in the locality where this building is to be put felt the advantage that would accrue to them by the erection and maintenance of this hotel; and it is understood that the inducements offered Mr. Hoopes was the site and \$500 in cash.

Mr. Hoopes came to Sherman County from Iowa almost 20 years ago and took a homestead four miles northeast of Goodland. He farmed there for 14 years and then removed to Goodland and bought out the proprietor of a meat market and then went into the livery busi-

ness and then into the meat market again, selling out both times, and in almost every business transaction, he has made money.

His latest venture in Goodland is the hotel business, and if he keeps up to his old time record, Mr. Hoopes will be glad at a far distant day that he built a hotel in Goodland.

October 2, 1905: Everett Dimmitt has the record for eating the largest watermelon on the Goodland market this year. Of course, he couldn't eat it all at once or even twice, for the thing weighed 56 1/2 pounds.

It was raised by O.L. Freeman of Logan County on the Smoky Hill river sand bottoms. He brought a load to town this week and sold it

to Red Hodgkinson. Freeman says the melons do fine in the dark sand of the creek, and that some of them have reached a weight of 60 pounds.

October 3, 1905: The Bartholomew & Jayne new feed mill will be covered with iron in conformity with the ordinance as to buildings erected within the fire limits. Their good business sense and loyalty are to be commended and is an example others should follow, as it lessens danger and reduces insurance rates.

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Autumn time to clean up garden

The calendar says it's officially autumn; I think it became official last Thursday.

Anyway, with autumn here, it's time to hit those gardening chores left behind from the summer's heat.

When cleaning up the garden, remember to remove as much plant material to the compost pile as possible. Composting will break down a lot of problems you can leave in the litter. Those things that should not be composted can be hauled off.

Many lawns were hit with insects or disease the last two years, and now is a good time to renovate the lawn. Power raking prior to seeding will help with seed-to-soil contact.



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The mulch will moderate the change in soil temperature, as will the moisture. Cold tem-

Select grass seed that fits the location — sun, shade or a combination. Remember to keep the seed bed moist so the seed can germinate.

Keep the hose handy; recently transplanted trees and shrubs will need to be watered regularly. Consider adding two inches of organic mulch to conserve soil moisture.

peratures will not penetrate moist ground as readily as it will dry ground.

With the cooler nights, you will also want to bring house plants inside for their long winter respite. Check for any creepy-crawling creatures before bringing them indoors.

Full Circle Aging Expo planned in Colby

The fall Full Circle Aging Expo will be Thursday, Oct. 27, at the Colby United Methodist Church.

Registrations, due by Friday, Oct. 14, can be picked up at the Sherman County Extension Office, 813 Broadway. Call 899-4880.

With the aging population on the rise, organizers says, more of us are in caretaker roles or requiring care. With this progression come retirement and estate planning issues. Stacy Seibel will present a session exploring important estate planning

issues, such as "How much will you owe in death tax?," "What is probate?," How can you make sure your farm stays in the family?" and "What recent changes in Kansas law dramatically affect revocable living trusts."

If you are interested in these topics or others, including the new prescription drug program, protecting your nest egg, choosing a care facility, ethical and legal end-of-life issues, nutrition or dealing with the holidays, plan to attend.

If you want to earn continuing education units, call Becky at the Northwest Area Extension Office, 785-462-6281.

K-State Research and Extension in northwest Kansas, along with the Area Agency on Aging and county Farm Bureau Associations, sponsored the first Full Circle Aging Expo with programs in Oberlin and Hays. That program will be continued with the fall expos in Colby and the next day in Phillipsburg.

quilt guild news

The Prairie PieceMakers Quilt Guild of Goodland met at 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 8, at "The Rock House."

The program for the evening was a "Time for Sharing and Show and Tell" by the members.

Members were reminded that in November they will trade their "Friendship Blocks." Each member will need 14 blocks to trade.

The October meeting will be Guest Night. There will be a Trunk show by Paula Rumback of Colby and a Trunk show by Edith Schick of Densmore.

The club will have a presentation of its "Comfort Quilts" to the Kansas State Troopers. These quilts will be carried in the back of the Troopers' cars to give to children involved in accidents or other serious situations.

The club's next meeting will be at 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 13, at The Rock House. Visitors are welcome.

matters of record

Accidents

The following accidents were reported to the Goodland Police Department:

Sept. 15 — Jack W. Fay was traveling east on 16th St. in a 2005 GMC Sierra pickup when he hit a 1982 Ford F150 pickup owned by Gary Meyer that was parked facing east on the south side of 16th near the intersection of Clark.

Sept. 20 — Jillian L. Parker was turning a 1998 Pontiac east onto 12th St. from Main when her vision became obstructed by bright sunlight and she hit a parked 2004 Chevrolet pickup owned by Haynes Publishing at 12th and Main.

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Woman earns spot at Oklahoma Opry

A Goodland couple's granddaughter is a regular and performer at the Oklahoma Opry in Oklahoma City, Roy Vaala of North Platte, Neb. The Elliotts were able to go to Oklahoma and hear her perform Saturday, Sept. 24.



Stasser

A 2004 Kingfisher High School graduate, Stasser has been singing most of her life. She has performed at the Oklahoma State Fair, state and national Future Farmers of America conventions; sang the National Anthem at an Oklahoma Redhawks game; and performs at many local and church events.

She attends Redland Community College in El Reno, Okla., where she is a cheerleader.

lincoln larks news

National Family, Community and Education Week will be Oct. 9-15. The Lincoln Larks club was organized in 1939 and has one living charter member, Pearl Parish.

The club is now 65 years old with four members. Some of the club's projects have included helping with fair and promoting a sign in Memory Park which has all the names of those who donated trees in memory of loved ones.

A sign was erected at Ruleton for

the year it became a town in 1888. A sign with all the grand marshals is in the Agriculture Building at the fairgrounds. Also, the club put in place the Ruleton School flag pole and a plaque.

The club has had several champion fair booths and donated several books to the library and helped at the health fair. Its members have toured several museums and other points of interest, which has been rewarding.

The club has lessons given by agents from local and other counties' extension offices. Each year holds memories dear to each member; they enjoy the friendships, laughter, chatter and lessons.

The lessons keep pace with changing methods, products, best buys, etc. The Lincoln Larks have a golden length of friendships through the years.

The club will have a display on West Nile Virus at the library.

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