

# Temperance union put regular columns in paper

The Women's Christian Temperance Union, better known as the WCTU, had active supporters in Goodland and Sherman County in 1906. A regular column appeared in issues of *The Goodland Republic*.

Mrs. Eva M. Murphy and Mrs. Mary C. Kuhlman were the editor and associate editor, respectively, of the column. The following from the Feb. 9, 1906, WCTU column show that the group's causes went beyond bars and booze:

"The WCTU of Goodland will hold their next meeting, Wednesday, Feb. 28, at the home of Mrs. Marshall. The program will be 'Nonalcoholic Medication.' This is a live topic and is creating a great deal of interest all over the country today... Everyone is welcome...."

Non-smoking issues were also in the news a century ago, but carried another step farther — no cigarettes at all! The next item was reprinted from a Columbus, Ohio, newspaper.

"The McFadden anti-cigarette bill prohibiting the purchase, sale or manufacture of cigarettes in Ohio was passed by the house of representatives by a vote of 78 to 33.

"In its original form, the measure



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made the smoking of cigarettes a crime, but this section was stricken out. Rep. Atkin of Logan County offered an amendment to strike out the word 'using' making the prohibition extend only of selling, buying and manufacturing.

"Rep. Paxton of Cincinnati, who smokes cigarettes, moved to lay the bill on the table, but his motion was rejected. By viva voice vote, the amendment was adopted.

"An amendment presented by Rep. Foster to strike out the section giving the informant one-half the fine in any conviction under the law, was adopted.

"Mr. Chamberlain offered an amendment to exclude persons more than 21 years old from the provisions of the act and followed it with a speech on personal liberty, but the amendment was killed, 71 to 38. The bill is practically assured

of becoming a law, as a majority of the senators favor it, and Gov. Patterson is one of its strongest champions."

Yet the fight against alcohol by the WCTU was progressing as shown in this short article.

### Salina Coming to Her Senses

Liquor dealers are being convicted by the jury one after the other. Just as soon as this class of men find that the county attorney and the juries mean business they will fold their tents like the Arab and flee away. Hurrah for Burch.

The new electric light and power plant continued to make news. Just \$250 was needed as evidence of good faith from the contractor. More details were included in this item:

"William H. Frazier of Denver, in whose favor the franchise was recently passed, has formally accepted the offer of Goodland, and as evidence of good faith to begin construction of the plant, Mr. Frazier

has deposited with A.D. Stewart, city treasurer, two hundred and fifty dollars, which is held as forfeit money, contingent upon the beginning of the construction of the plant within 120 days.

"Mr. Frazier is expected here next week and desires to rent a house for the temporary living place for his family.

"The location of the plant, it is expected, will be on block 17, C.K. & N. addition, two blocks east of the new Yarnell hotel and a block north of the Walker grain-buying station. It is understood that a spur will be run from the east end of the Rock Island yards to the site of the plant. Mr. Frazier is now purchasing necessary machinery and material for the plant and will be here soon to personally superintend its construction. According to report, machinery will be put in to furnish both light and power, and boilers large enough to run an artificial ice plant, if the outlook is favorable for such a venture."

A weekly column provided interesting insight to the social/community life a century ago.

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"G.W. Jones, who bought the Al Roth place near Ruleton, coming with his family from Cloud County, has settled on his farm and will make his home in Sherman County.

"J.C. Gontz of Troy, Kan., was here this week. He homesteaded here in 1886 on 13-7-38. He is thinking of selling his land in Doniphan County and returning to Sherman County to live.

"Sylvester Palmer moved from near Burlington, Colo., to Goodland Monday. He purchased the Dr. Gandy house some time ago and is now a resident of this city. He formerly lived on the Smoky.

"The ladies of the Methodist Church are making arrangements to put down new carpet in the church building. They are intending to have one good time on the old worn-out carpet before they put down the new one. They have not yet fixed the day, but perhaps Wednesday or Thursday evening the ladies will have an old-fashioned taffy pull.

"B.L. Stephenson, who recently located in Goodland, as the general agent for a life insurance company, is disabled for the time being by a broken leg. Mr. Stephenson was at work fitting up a chicken house

when he stepped on a loose board and fell to the ground. The small bone of the leg was fractured. An injury of this kind, while extremely painful and a source of inconvenience, probably for several weeks, will heal without permanent bad results."

And finally, testimonials of "miracle" treatments were as much a part of advertising then as today. Makes you wonder what was really in those bottles!

### A Healing Gospel

The Rev. J.C. Warren, pastor of the Sharon Baptist church, Belair, Ga., says of Electric Bitters: "It's a Godsend to mankind. It cured me of lame back, stiff joints and complete physical collapse. I was so weak it took me half an hour to walk a mile. Two bottles of Electric Bitters have made me so strong I have just walked three miles in 50 minutes and feel like a walking three more. It's made a new man of me." Greatest remedy for weakness and all stomach, liver and kidney complaints. Sold under guarantee at T.A. Stevenson's drug store. Price 50 cents.

# Events in book of Numbers are examples, a warning for Christians

After mentioning events recorded in the book of Numbers, the apostle Paul said, at 1 Corinthians 10:6: "Now these things became our examples, for us not to be persons desiring injurious things, even as they desired them."

Numbers tells what happened after the Israelites were led miraculously through the Red Sea, escaping slavery in Egypt.

Despite witnessing that divine deliverance, the Israelites soon lost faith in God and failed to appreciate what he had done for them. They set up a golden calf to worship while waiting for Moses at Mount Sinai.

Then, even though God miraculously provided manna for them to



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eat and provided water, they began whining and complaining, saying they should just go back to Egypt.

Numbers 11:4-6 says, "And the mixed crowd that was in the midst of them expressed selfish longing, and the sons of Israel too began to weep again and say: 'Who will give us meat to eat? How we remember the fish that we used to eat in Egypt

for nothing, the cucumbers and the watermelons and the leeks and the onions and the garlic! But now our soul is dried away. Our eyes are on nothing at all except the manna."

Paul told Christians in his day to use the example provided by the Israelites in Numbers as a warning for them about what would happen if they did not appreciate what God provides.

In 1 Corinthians 10:11, Paul said, "Now these things went on befalling them as examples, and they were written for a warning to us

upon whom the ends of the systems of things have arrived."

Numbers chapters 13 and 14 tell us what happened when the Israelites finally reached the Promised Land. They sent out spies to check things out and see if it was safe to go in and take the land. God had told them he would help them defeat the nations occupying the land and give it to them.

Did they believe him? No, for when 10 of the 12 spies said the land was filled with giants, they became afraid.

Numbers 14:1-3 says, "Then all the assembly raised their voice, and the people continued giving vent to their voice and weeping all through

the night. And all the sons of Israel began to murmur against Moses and Aaron, and all the assembly began to say against them: 'If only we had died in the land of Egypt, or if only we had died in this wilderness! And why is God bringing us to this land to fall by the sword? Our wives and our little ones will become plunder. Is it not better for us to return to Egypt?'

Chapter 14 goes on to say that God was so angry he wanted to exterminate the Israelites who lacked faith. Moses pleaded with him not to, and instead, God sentenced them to wander in the wilderness 40 years, until those who had lacked faith died off and only their children

remained to take the Promised Land.

Paul wrote to the Hebrews in Chapter 3, verses 17, 18: "Moreover, with whom did God become disgusted for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose carcasses fell in the wilderness? But to whom did he swear that they should not enter into his rest except to those who acted disobediently? So we see that they could not enter in because of lack of faith."

The lesson is this — lack of faith is a sin. God has provided plenty of evidence of his love, wisdom, justice and power for us not to doubt him. Reading the Bible daily will help us to see that evidence.

## obituaries

### Geraldine Bartlett

Geraldine Bartlett, 74, Sherman County, a homemaker, died Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2006, at Goodland Regional Medical Center.

She was born Nov. 15, 1931, at Goodland, the daughter of Bernard and Mary (Havel) Spiker. She attended Goodland schools.

On January 20, 1949, she married Jack Bartlett.

She was a member of the Good Sam Campers, in which she served as secretary and treasurer, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary.

Preceding her in death were her parents; her husband, who died July 7, 1986; and a brother, Robert Spiker.

Survivors include longtime companion, Delmar Bunker of Goodland; a daughter Shirley (Richard) Lowry of Onaga; a brother, Donnie Spiker of Goodland; nine grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, 2006, at the Goodland First Christian Church with Pastor Ted Amos officiating. Burial will follow in the Goodland Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 3-7 p.m. today at Koons Chapel and at the church before the service.

Memorials may be made to Hospice Services of Sherman County in care of the funeral home, 211 N. Main, Goodland, Kan. 67735-1555.

### Floyd Oscar Duell

Floyd Oscar Duell, 84, Topeka, a Goodland native, died Thursday, Jan. 26, 2006, at home.

He was born May 17, 1921, at Goodland, the son of Bernhard O. and M. Frances (Hogeboom) Duell. He attended the Ruleton Consolidated School from grades 1-12, graduating in 1938.

On July 14, 1943, he married Betty Clayton of Wichita. They had three daughters.

After high school, he went to work for the Boeing Airplane Co. in Wichita, where he worked until January 1943, when he was inducted into the Army. After completing training, he was stationed at Camp Pinedale, Calif., awaiting orders and transportation to the Pacific. He served in the 323 Signal Corps Wing, attached to Headquarters, 73rd Bomb Wing of the 20th Air Force, stationed in Saipan, until the fall of 1945.

Mr. Duell was stationed on Iwo Jima for a short time and then transferred to Fort Logan, Colo. He was discharged Dec. 22, 1945. He went to work for the Kansas Highway Commission in 1948 and was responsible for installation and operation of all radio equipment for the commission and the Highway Patrol in the southwest corner of the state.

He was a radio operator in Garden City until 1955, when he was transferred to Topeka. He retired in 1986 as the electric systems administrator in the headquarters construction and maintenance department.

Duell was a member of the Radio Club of America, the Topeka Scottish Rite Temple and Arab Shrine and the Association of Public Safety Communications Officials.

Preceding him in death were a daughter, Kathy Ann Ratcliff, and two brothers, Paul and Roy Duell.

Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Cherlyn Montague of Charlotte, N.C., and Heather Anthony of Topeka; two sisters, Virgiline Amos of Goodland and Vera Kittel of Palisade, Colo.; eight grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2006, at the Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home in Topeka. Inurnment was in the West Lawn Memorial Gardens there.

### Antoinette Kashka

Antoinette Marie Kashka, 85, a Goodland homemaker, died Monday, Feb. 6, 2006, at the Sherman County Good Samaritan Center.

She was born March 7, 1920, at Stratton, Neb., the daughter of Frank Musalek Sr. and Teresa (Kratochoil) Musalek.

On Nov. 11, 1946, she married Leonard A. Kashka Sr. in Goodland.

She was a member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church and Our Lady's Guild, formerly the Altar Society.

Preceding her in death were her parents and three brothers.

Survivors include her husband; two daughters, Threse (Joe) Armstrong and Toni (Gordon) Becker, and a son, Leonard (Ramona) Kashka Jr., all of Goodland; a brother, Victor Musalek of Denver; seven grandchildren; and a great-grandson.

A funeral mass will be at 10:30 a.m. today, Friday, Feb. 10, 2006, at the church with Father Norbert Dlabal presiding. Burial will follow in the Goodland Cemetery.

Visitation was scheduled from 3-7 p.m. Thursday at the Koons Chapel and before the service at the church. A vigil and rosary were scheduled at 7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to Our Lady's Guild or the nursing home, in care of the funeral home, 211 N. Main, Goodland, Kan. 67735-1555.

### Sally B. Ketter

Sally B. Ketter, 58, Goodland, a business owner and optometric assistant, died Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2006.

She was born Nov. 20, 1947, in Goodland, the daughter of Deitrich A. and Esther A. (Cotter) Klassen.

She attended school in Goodland,



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graduating in 1965.

On Sept. 3, 1966, she married Ronald R. Ketter at the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Goodland. They own Tri State Commodities Inc., a trucking company, and she was an optometric assistant for Dr. Kay Driver for many years and then for Dr. David Schnee.

Her full time job was being "Nana" to her four grandchildren. She enjoyed her yard, cooking, family events and weekends at the lake.

Preceding her in death were her father; a brother-in-law, Darrel Parsons; and a nephew, Trevor Parsons.

Survivors include her husband; her mother of Goodland; a daughter, Kim (Richard) Bateman of Goodland; a son, Jason (Kerri) Ketter of Goodland; a sister, Pam Parsons of Goodland; and four grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, 2006, at the church. Burial will follow in the Goodland

Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m.-7 p.m. today at Bateman Funeral Home. A prayer vigil will be at 7 p.m.

Memorials may be sent to the funeral home, Box 278, Goodland, Kan. 67735. The family will decide their use later.

### Ricky Pettijohn

Ricky Lynn Pettijohn, 55, St. Francis, a dispatcher for the city, died at 3:50 a.m. Friday, Feb. 3, 2006, at the Cheyenne County Hospital, following a heart attack while he was driving.

He was born Sept. 4, 1950, at Hays, the son of Darrel and Clara Pettijohn. He lived in Palco and attended school there until 1965, when the family moved to Stafford. He attended high school in Stafford and went to vocational school in Beloit for two years, studying heavy equipment.

In 1971, he married Paula Dixon in Stafford. They had two sons.

In 1995, he married Eloyce Ohlstrom at Burlington, and they lived in St. Francis. She died in 2004.

Mr. Pettijohn worked at Jeff's Tractor Service in Great Bend and for dairy farmers in the Larned and Nickerson areas. He worked for Case IH for several years while living in Kimbel, Neb., and Burlington.

Also preceding him in death were his father and a grandchild, Logan. Survivors include his mother; two sons, Darrell (Tammy) Pettijohn of St. Francis and Kirk Pettijohn of Bagram, Afghanistan; two brothers, Greg (Alice) Pettijohn of Stafford and Frank Pettijohn of Mayfield, Ky.; a sister, Darolyn (Clinton) Bullard of Stafford; and three granddaughters.

Services were held Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2006, at the St. Francis United Methodist Church. Burial followed at the St. Francis Cemetery. Knodel Funeral Home in St. Francis handled the arrangements.

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