

Courthouse construction filled homes

Seventy-five years ago, Goodland was a busy place with one special construction project underway. Ground was broken for the new county court house on March 23, 1931.

The following article appeared in *The Goodland News-Republic* the same week:

START BUILDING ON COURT HOUSE

Construction Company Put Force To Work First Week

Work got started Monday morning on the construction of the new Sherman County court house.

The Blaser Vollmer Construction Company of Wichita, who have the contract for the general construction, began receiving their material and machinery the last of the week and Monday put a large force of men to work starting the excavation and getting things in shape for laying the foundation.

The company is hiring a good deal of local labor on the construction, only the foremen and technical men being sent here from other places. Several of these men have brought their families with them and have prepared to spend the summer in Goodland.

Due to the number of additional people brought for that work, the housing situation has been further complicated, and some of the families had difficulty in finding any place to live. They expressed the opinion that Goodland needed some other building along with the new court house.



marcia smith

- from the vault

Building the court house is going to furnish a lot of work for several months. Later, the plumbing and electrical contractors will furnish a good deal of employment in performing their part of the contract. The hauling of material will mean a number of car lot shipments for the railroad and a good deal of work moving the material to the building site.

When completed, this county will have one of the best court houses in the northwest section of the state, and it will be built at a cost considerably below what a similar building would have cost within the last 15 years.

All spring and summer will be required in the work, and it is likely that the building will be ready to move in sometime during the fall months.

In 1931, another county facility, the "hoose-gow," was having its own problems, with hints of a new structure in the future. Prohibition was putting a crimp in the lifestyle of a few locals.

STEAL BOOZE OUT OF JAIL Evidence in Two Pending Liquor Cases Removed

It isn't much news when someone breaks out of a jail but ought to be unusual enough for news when they break IN! However, it is

getting to be rather ordinary here. Sunday night it happened again. Someone broke into the county jail.

Booze is so scarce around here that when the thirsty know where there is some, nothing can keep them from going to it. Sheriff Dan Parker had a still and a considerable quantity of liquor locked up in the jail, and somebody broke in and took the still and most of the booze.

The party or parties were quite particular about the brand, though for that being held as evidence in two cases was taken, that being held for use against another liquor-law violator was left.

In getting into the jail, the booze hounds unlocked three locks, sawed one out and broke another. Since similar cases have happened before, it is certain that some keys to the jail are not in possession of the officials who are supposed to have them. A reward of \$100 for information and conviction is being offered.

While local people are indulging in a good deal of merriment over the repeated sets of jail breaking from the outside, the matter might well be taken seriously. Some of these days the county is going to hand the tax-paying citizens a generous bill for the construction of a new jail, just

because the old hoose-gow won't hold anyone either in or out.

Looking back 100 years ago, the Kanorado news reported building activity in that community as well as social events:

A new land office, a residence and a broom factory are some of the new constructions going up at present.

There will be an entertainment and basket supper given at the Kanorado school house Friday evening, April 6, for the benefit of the Kanorado baseball club. Baskets (to be furnished by the ladies), will be auctioned off to the highest bidders. Everybody is invited to come and have a good time.

The boys were out preparing the new ball diamond Wednesday. Kanorado will have the star baseball team of northwest Kansas this year.

William Hartstine, our implement dealer, has added Arthur Ingram and George Praitis to his force of expert machinists and yet is unable to get his implements put up fast enough to supply the demand.

Charles Douglas and Miss Minnie Seward of Detwiler and Golden's ranch were visitors in Kanorado Sunday.

So many newcomers have come into this vicinity during the last few months that it appears to us old timers as if we have just awoke from a twenty years' sleep to many strangers. And still they come.

sert and tea.

The next meeting is the Junior/Senior Student Recital at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, May 7, at the Sonrise Christian Church. The last meeting of the year is at 7 p.m. Monday, June 5, at the Carnegie Arts Center. The theme is "Gershwin — 'SWonderful.'" Pat Schiefen and Melanie Biel are hostesses.

Birkley A. Barnes, publicity chairman.

public notice

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SHERMAN COUNTY, KANSAS

ON THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARY A. WYANT, deceased

Case No. 04 PR 28
(Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Charles J. Wyant, Executor of the Estate of Mary A. Wyant, deceased, praying for a final settlement of the estate, approval of his acts, proceedings and accounts as Administrator, allowance for attorney's fees and expenses, determination of the heirs entitled to the estate and assignment to them in accordance with the laws of the State of Kansas. You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before Wednesday, April 19th, 2006, 10:00 a.m. of said day, in said Court, in the City of Goodland, Sherman County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Shall you fail judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

CHARLES J. WYANT, Administrator

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SHERMAN COUNTY, KANSAS

ON THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ALINE BECKER, deceased

Case No. 04 PR 29

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Eugene Becker, Executor of the Estate of Aline Becker, deceased, praying for a final settlement of the estate, approval of his acts, proceedings and accounts as Administrator, allowance for attorney's fees and expenses, determination of the heirs entitled to the estate and assignment to them in accordance with the laws of the State of Kansas. You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before Wednesday, April 19th, 2006, 10:00 a.m. of said day, in said Court, in the City of Goodland, Sherman County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Shall you fail judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

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music club news

The Goodland Federated Music Club met at 7 p.m. Monday at the Emmanuel Lutheran Church.

President Birkley Barnes called the meeting to order and opened the meeting with the singing of the local and state theme songs and repeating the Collect. The songs were accompanied by Eva Lou Selby.

Martha Gunderson called the roll with seven members answering: Birkley, Martha, Linda Koons, Linda Lucas, Marlyn Mangus, Joanna Norris Grimshaw, Sharon Palmquist and Eva Lou Selby.

Linda Koons, yearbook chairman, introduced the "April Showers" program: Marlyn read "Love-liest of Trees," a poem by A. E. Housman. Eva Lou, organ, played

"March Jubilant," by Robert W. Thygerson.

Birkley, soprano recorder, and Martha, tenor recorder, played "Rain Dance," by Ross Edwards. Sharon, soprano, sang "Joy Is Like the Rain," by the Medical Missions Sisters. She was accompanied on the guitar by Linda Lucas.

The "rain" theme concluded with group singing, led by Birkley and accompanied by Eva Lou. They sang: "Just Walking in the Rain," by Johnny Bragg and Robert S. Riley; "Tiptoe through the Tulips," words by Al Dubin and music by Joe Burke; and "April Showers," words by B.G. De Sylva and music by Louis Silvers.

Following the program, Linda Lucas, secretary, read the minutes

and Martha gave the treasurer's report. Officers for 2006-2007 were elected: President, Linda Lucas; vice-president, Birkley; secretary, Linda Koons; and treasurer, Pat Schiefen. Plans were discussed for National Music Week and the Student Recital.

The meeting adjourned and Martha and Eva Lou served delicious refreshments of dainty sandwiches, mixed nuts, an icy fruit des-

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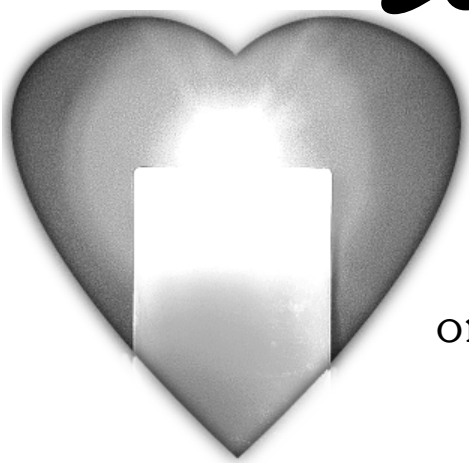
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