

Governor was to speak at laying of cornerstone

With the construction of the new Sherman County court house in 1931, the community was busy making plans for the laying of the cornerstone in May. Kansas Governor Harry Woodring accepted an invitation to speak at the event in Goodland according to the front page of *The Goodland News-Republic*.

GOV. WOODRING SPEAKER AND DATE IS MAY 9

Gov. Harry H. Woodring, popular chief executive of the state of Kansas, has accepted the invitation of the board of county commissioners and the local committees to be the speaker on the occasion of the laying of the cornerstone of the Sherman County courthouse and the all-county picnic on the same day.

Owing to other engagements, the only possible date the governor could give was Saturday, May 9th. Although May 9 is going to be a little in advance of the time the contractors had figured to be ready, both the contractor and architect told the county commissioners to go ahead with the plan and they would be ready, making the necessary ar-



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rangements in the plans so they would have things ready for placing the stone.

The committee had decided to ask all business houses to close for the day of the big all-county picnic and for that reason would have liked a day other than Saturday but felt it best to secure the governor when he could be had rather than to take a speaker of less prominence. Some closing arrangements will be decided upon, probably asking businesses to close only during the time when the program is going on.

Gov. Woodring, in the short time he has been in office, has so conducted affairs that he has received commendation from all directions. Many people of opposing political alignments have praised his work as governor so far.... He will probably be the biggest drawing card as a speaker for the occasion as the com-

The April 15, 1931, edition gave accounts of two large fires in the city.

OIL PLANT BURNS

Fire here last night did considerable damage to the bulk station of the Kent Oil Company south of 17th Street. The building was so badly damaged that it is being removed preparatory to rebuilding. Some of the merchandise stored in the building was burned and some oil out of the tanks, but the storage tanks were not damaged.

The origin of the fire is unknown. When Paul Joude, the Kent manager, went to the station late in the evening to secure a barrel of gasoline for H. L. Dugan, the fire started, possibly from a short circuit, while they were filling the barrel. Dugan's car was destroyed. Damage to the station was estimated at \$1,000.

Fire Chief L. A. Thompson said this morning that the department

mittee could have secured.

Fires were a constant threat to property in years past and Goodland was no exception.

had a great deal of trouble with the fire due to the fact that water only spreads an oil fire. The city needs a foamite outfit for such emergencies, he said, and with equipment, the fire last night could have been controlled with little difficulty and very little damage.

Stock Burned In Barn

Three horses and three cows burned to death in a fire early Tuesday morning that destroyed the barn of T.C. Duell in the 1300 block on Broadway.

It is not known how the fire started, as the building was all on fire when the blaze was first discovered and it was not possible to get anything out. One cow and calf broke out and survived the fire, but all the rest of the stock and chickens perished. A car stored in the barn was also destroyed.

A basement house occupied by the Burling family, just north of the barn, also caught fire and was considerably damaged before the fire was put out.

Seventy-five years ago, 4-H was becoming an important organization for the young people of

Sherman County. A report of one such meeting told why.

Members of 4-H Demonstrate Model Club Meeting

If the model club demonstration presented at the Grant auditorium Monday evening was a sample of the work learned in the 4-H Club organization, it has proven itself worthwhile from that point alone.

The boys and girls did a mighty fine job of showing the audiences just how a model parliamentary meeting should be handled.

Belle Forney acted as chairman, and Pauline Bartlett acted as secretary. Lois Forney gave a report on the previous meeting. The business discussion was done in a professional manner.

Following the model demonstration, an interesting program was given. Carol Mogge, who won the county championship on his potato project and placed second at the state fair, read a paper on his work. Another interesting talk and demonstration on posture was given by Viola Culbertson and Millard Kohler.

County agent Howard talked about 4-H camp held at Crystal Springs near Atwood.

Awards were also given out to

Gordon Hartzler, the winner of the boys' county health contest, who scored 95.5 points, and Helen Shaver, the winning girl with 100 points. Belle Forney was the winner of a gold health pin for being the state and county canning champion.

Miss Hillyard, a state leader from Manhattan, commended the 4-H members of Sherman County for their work and for the ambitious way that they carry on their projects, remaining in the lead as consistent winners of county and state awards.

The "Local News" columns always gave an interesting look into the social activities of the county in 1931.

J.B. McClure and Carl Hutchinson left Sunday for Charlotte, N.C., for a month's visit.

A.H. Gemmer of Edson has been in the hospital receiving treatment for erysipelas (a contagious strep infection).

Devines was advertising haircuts for 35 cents.

Olive Elliot reported that Henry Bateman was moving on the W.E. Butler farm northeast of Edson, recently vacated by Lee Elliott, and Miss Eunice Butts spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sponsel.

Scammers offer credit cards, ask for bank number to charge fee

Dear Attorney General Kline: Unfortunately, I have a less-than-ideal credit history. When I received a phone call informing me that I had been pre-approved for a credit card, I thought it would be a good way to get a fresh start. The company wanted me to pay a fee before they would issue the card. It was very tempting but I decided against doing that. Was this the right thing to do?

Dear Kansas Consumer:

There are many reputable credit card companies with which to do business. There are also credit card scam artists anxious to take advantage of hard working people like you with some past credit difficulties. It sounds like you made a good decision in this case.

Many different credit card scams exist. In this particular one, the per-



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son calling offers the pre-approved credit card, usually with an attractive credit limit to start, sometimes as much as \$5,000.

As part of the pitch, the caller touts this as the perfect way to patch your credit and sometimes even offers a free computer in addition to your pre-approved credit card.

But the reality of this situation is that the scammer just wants some key information from you, usually your checking or savings account number, and the routing number for your bank or financial

institution.

The caller may tell you the reason this information is needed is to process your one-time fee, which can range from \$200 to more than \$400.

If you provide the caller with your bank information, the money for the fee is then withdrawn from your account and what can truly be a nightmare begins. Sometimes consumers don't receive anything for the money that's removed from their accounts.

Others do receive a package, usually from United Parcel Service, which contains an application for a pre-paid credit card and a service agreement for a computer at a cost of around \$700 to \$800.

The reality is that the \$5,000 limit

credit card and the free computer do not exist. To make matters worse, consumers victimized by this scam then begin to see unauthorized transactions posted to their account, and some have had identity theft problems, too.

So when you're faced with an offer like this one, never give your personal information, such as bank account numbers and birth dates, over the phone to anyone who calls you asking for it.

Also, never apply for a credit card that you have to pay for in advance. It's not uncommon to have to pay an annual fee for a credit card (especially if your credit history is less than ideal), but that annual fee should actually be charged to the credit card after you receive the card. It should not be paid for up front with funds out of

your bank account.

The next time you receive an offer of credit over the phone, ask that information be sent to you about the offer to help you make a well-informed decision.

Furthermore, realize that if you are registered on the No Call list, such offers may be violations of the No Call Act that should be reported to my Consumer Protection Division. If you are not registered on the No Call list, now is a great time to make the simple call that will get your telephone number on that list. Simply dial

(888) 382-1222.

Attorney General Phill Kline offers this public service to help you avoid becoming a victim of consumer fraud. Although some of the details have been changed, the cases appearing in this column are based on actual complaints or questions.

For information or to file a complaint, write Attorney General Phill Kline, Consumer Protection Division, 120 SW 10th Ave., Second Floor, Topeka, Kan. 66612, or call the toll-free Consumer Hotline, (800) 432-2310.

matters of record

District Traffic

The following fines were paid in the Sherman County District Court:

March 12 — Richard D. Taylor III, \$150 for improper parking.

March 13 — Renee L. Anderson, \$132 for improper parking.

Hunter M. Lee, \$126 for speeding.

Robert G. Myers Jr., \$135 for speeding.

March 14 — Francis W. Chereck, \$114 for speeding.

March 15 — Jonathon C. Fredieu, \$186 for speeding.

Dillon L. Jordan, \$144 for speeding.

Gilbert M. Lovato, \$200 for overweight load.

Beau D. Rotramel, \$126 for speeding.

Susan R. Sheir, \$132 for speeding.

Zully A. Tejada, \$132 for speeding.

Matthew B. Winn, \$108 for improper parking and \$20 for no child restraining system.

March 16 — Trent E. Bowen, \$360 for driving while suspended; first conviction.

Zachary L. Levin, \$360 for driving while suspended; first conviction.

March 17 — Taylor C. Dillehay, \$150 for improper parking.

Shane J. Gerhardt, \$132 for speeding.

Jeremy A. Gourd, \$138 for speeding.

Marcus Mendez, \$138 for speeding.

Adrian Sanchez, \$120 for speeding and \$60 for no drivers license

March 18 — Kyle F. Cook, \$120 for speeding.

Scott A. Maurer, \$138 for speeding.

Max A. Saint, \$222 for improper parking.

March 19 — James W. Clough, \$120 for speeding.

Elizabeth L. Govea, \$126 for speeding.

March 21 — Erik D. Brinker, \$120 for speeding.

March 22 — Adrian Gomez, \$186 for speeding.

Patricia M. Omalley-Weingartner, \$80 for no child restraining system.

March 24 — Sir Christopher C. Brown II, \$150 for speeding.

Antoine M. Hood II, \$168 for improper parking.

Carmen A. Huckleba, \$108 for speeding.

Cameron J. Killeen, \$132 for speeding.

Julia A. Steen, \$126 for speeding.

March 25 — Barry M. Corkern, \$120 for improper parking.

Freddie A. Lea, \$312 for speeding.

Elisha A. Meek, \$114 for speeding.

March 26 — Pamela R. Baker, \$138 for speeding and \$20 for no child seat belts.

Jose D. Bedolla, \$138 for speeding.

Humberto Delgado, \$160 for no Kansas registration.

Susan R. Dewitt, \$138 for speeding.

Cassie L. Haywood, \$138 for speeding.

Lelo Lang, \$159 for speeding.

Sondra J. McCoy, \$240 for not yielding to an emergency vehicle.

Luke J. Olsen, \$132 for speeding.

Mohammedjawad K. Salat, \$240 for not yielding to an emergency vehicle.

Jeremy R. Smith, \$114 for improper parking.

Christopher M. Weidert, \$120 for speeding.

Kenneth D. Woods, \$132 for speeding.

March 27 — Joseph P. Youngman, \$126 for improper parking.

March 28 — William O. Ramirez-Osorio, \$138 for speeding.

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