

# Governor paid tribute to pioneers in address

On May 9, 1931, Gov. Harry Woodring was in Goodland for the laying of the cornerstone for the present Sherman County Court-house.

The occasion and the popular governor drew a large crowd. The names of nearly 370 people who have lived in the county 40 years or more, as well as those in attendance, were among the items placed in the stone.

## Laid Cornerstone of New Court House Governor Showed Insight Into Problems of Area

In spite of the fact that the day was cold and windy, a big crowd came to Goodland Saturday for the laying of the corner stone of the new Sherman County court house. A chilly north wind made outdoor exercises rather unpleasant, but a canvas windbreak erected along the north of the space where most of the crowd was able to assemble, helped the situation materially.

Gov. Harry Woodring, the main speaker, undoubtedly increased his popularity with northwest Kansas people by his address, which showed that he has a real grasp of the situation affecting his state at the



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present time.

The governor, in opening his speech, paid tribute to the pioneers who opened up this territory for settlement and made a prosperous, civilized community out of it.

It was particularly fitting, for there were many early settlers in the crowd, and the laying of the corner stone had been given a pioneer setting by the securing of the names of all who had lived in the county for 40 years and listing them in the newspaper that was placed in the sealed box in the stone.

Gov. Woodring called attention to the fact that one generation builds for the next to enjoy. The early settlers laid the foundations for the community which the present generation enjoys, and the new court house being built now will serve the coming generations. He spoke of such events as milestones along the

road of progress.

The governor drew applause when he referred to the early enactment by Kansas of the prohibitory law as a definite milestone toward better things and in no uncertain terms gave it as his opinion that Kansas is satisfied with her action along that line and is not ready to modify its stand on the liquor question.

On economic matters, the governor also struck a responsive chord in the minds of the hearers. He called attention to the inequalities this section (of the state) suffers by reason of having to sell its farm products below the cost of production and buy products of the eastern part of the country on a wartime basis.

He declared that the states of the middle west could not hope for any improvement until this injustice is done away with and stated that it would be his chief effort, as head of the people of Kansas, to work for a greater measure of justice in that respect. . . .

The ceremony connected with the actual placing of the stone was performed by the Masonic Lodge, under the personal supervision of Grand Master Ayres of Kansas. The Grand Lodge performed the impressive rites of placing the stone, applying to it the builders' rites and adding the blessings and benedictions contained in the Masonic ceremony.

Fred Hartwell, master of the local lodge, Leo Bower, senior warden, and Clarence Mercer, junior warden, and the Rev. L.E. Cooke, chaplain, performed the service.

As the box was being prepared and sealed, County Clerk C.W. Jupe read the list of the things contained in it. There was a Bible, a copy of *The Goodland News-Republic* (the official county paper), a list of the county officers, a book containing the names of all the school children and teachers in the county, a copy of the diary of William Sylvester written in 1886, a copy of the Advisor, and lists of names of people who attended the stone laying, made up as the crowd assembled.

The corner stone, which was placed at the southwest corner of the

new building, consists of two large granite blocks which were cemented into the building. On the west face are the names of the members of the board of county commissioners, the county clerk, and the architects and engineers. On the south face is the Masonic emblem.

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In addition to the names of the early county settlers, *The Goodland News-Republic* reprinted parts of William Sylvester's diary, which he wrote about his experiences as he came to settle in this area in 1886, 120 years ago. Some of those follow:

"On April 13th 1886, we started from Harvard, Neb., to Sherman County, Kansas. A.B. Mead and team in company. The roads were very heavy and mud deep.

"On April 24th we got into Leonard (Itasca). There were quite a few houses up and one well bored, 139 feet deep.

"On April 27, self and Mead went out to my homestead, (just east of Ruleton). We found it to very handsome land. We broke around a spot for buildings and planted some potatoes.

"On May 5th, self and Mead took

out loads of lumber to my place and put up a shanty, 12x24, covered by shiplap sides and roof, two stalls for horses and balance for ourselves.

"On May 14th, self and Mead have got posts set for an 80-acre pasture. The ground was wet 15 inches down. Hired Mead at \$32 a month. Got everything ready for Mead to cook for the well borers when they come.

"On May 15th, I went back to Oberlin by stage and took the train to Harvard to get my family.

On May 17th, I found all well. (Returning with the Sylvester family was W.N. Row and wife Jessie, a niece of Mrs. Sylvester. Mr. Rowe was a blacksmith.)

On May 22nd, I got two freight cars for \$56 each. I loaded up flour, groceries, machinery, feed and livestock. We arrived at Haigler the next day and put the stock in the stock yards and some hay to them.

On May 26th, our women folk arrived in the night, and we made a bed for them in one of the box cars. Mead arrived about three o'clock with the team, and we started to our new home in Sherman County with four loads of goods." (To be continued.)

## North Elementary to get new kids

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one building at West, he said, and third and fourth grade together at Central. These groupings are used in math, reading and writing programs.

He told the board they figured moving the kindergarten would cause the least amount of problems.

About four years ago, Selby said, the kindergarten was at North with the fifth and sixth grades. It was moved to West when room became available to have it there with the other younger kids.

Steve Raymer, who was principal at that time at North, said putting the kindergartners with the older kids worked well. He said the older kids mentored and read with the little kids. Bullying did not seem to be a problem.

The board asked Jim Mull, current principal at North, if his school could handle the numbers.

"The total will be well below

the maximum number," he said. "There will be 70 fifth graders and 64 fourth graders. It would fill all the classrooms and still leave the computer lab."

The older kids would be in one pod of the school and the kindergartners in the other, he added.

"Is the playground big enough and will the library have everything it needs?" asked board member LeAnn Friedrichs.

The older and younger kids would not share the playground, Mull said. The kindergarten classrooms would be close to the library, lunch room and the playground. There is smaller playground equipment there.

When the kindergarten library was moved to West, he added, it was kept intact, so it could be moved again if need be.

Selby said having two bigger classes in a row it is a positive indicator for school enrollment.

"This is a good thing for the district," he said. He hopes this indicates a trend in enrollment for the school.

## Wednesday is last day of school in Brewster



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partment no longer comes to the center for blood pressure checks, but we have a cuff, so I would be happy to do it for you anytime the center is open, so come on in.

A Brewster City Wide Garage Sale planning meeting was scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Thursday at Hunter Hall. If having a sale this year, call Colleen Rall at 694-2791.

Melissa Crumrine represented Brewster High School at the state music festival in Wichita on April 29. She received a 2 rating on her xylophone solo. Patricia Selby accompanied her on the piano.

The Brewster High Track teams participated in the Logan Invitational Track Meet on May 6. Those on the girls team who placed were Megan Allen, first, long jump; Caitlan Rush, fifth, long jump, and

second, triple jump; Amy Carpenter, second, shot put, and fourth, discus; Brit Kammer, third, triple jump.

The 4x800 relay, made up of Megan Allen, Melissa Crumrine, Brit Kammer and Baylee Westover, placed fifth. The 4x100 relay placed second, and the 4x400 relay placed fifth, both of which are made up of Megan Allen, Melissa Crumrine, Brit Kammer and Caitlan Rush.

The boys who placed were Jonathan Collett, first in both the triple jump and long jump, and first in the 3200 meter run; Aaron Horinek, fourth, 1600 meter run; Phil Gralla, sixth, 1600 meter run; Branson Gilley, fourth, 400 meter dash,; Karman Selby, first, 800 meter run, and second, 3200 meter run. Karman Selby, Jonathan Collett, Aaron Horinek and Branson Gilley won first place in the 4800 meter relay. The 4400 relay, made up of Andrew Starns, Phil Gralla,

Karman Selby and Branson Gilley, placed sixth.

The high school track teams also participated in the Quinter track meet on April 28. Jonathan Collett placed first in the 3200 meter run, second in the long jump and fourth in the triple jump. Karman Selby placed first in the 800 meter run, third in the 3200 meter run and fifth in the triple jump.

Megan Allen placed third in the long jump, and Caitlan Rush placed sixth in the 200 meter dash, Placing second in the 4x100 meter relay were Megan Allen, Melissa Crumrine, Brit Kammer and Caitlan Rush.

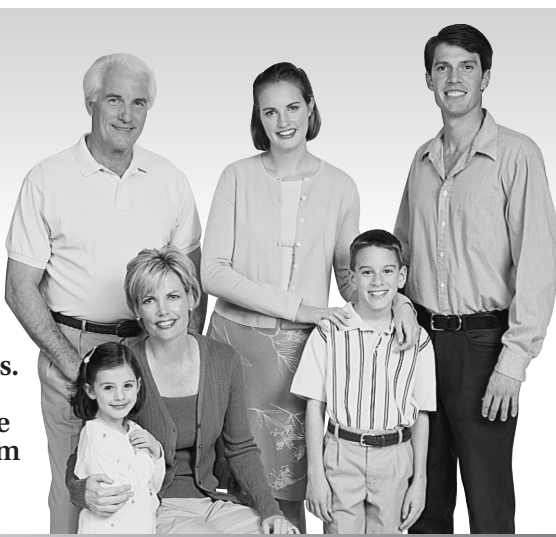
The junior high track teams also participated in the Quinter track meet on April 28. Placing were Seth Ackerman, second, discus; Spencer Holm, third, 100 meter hurdles, and third, high jump; Tad Sheets, fifth, 200 meter dash; Braden McKee, sixth, high jump. The 4200 meter relay placed first, and the 4400 meter relay placed fifth. Both relays are made up of Spencer Holm, Tad Sheets, Braden McKee and Ryan Allen.

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