

Seventy-seven graduated in Sherman County 75 years ago

May 1931 was a busy month in Sherman County, with commencement activities at four high schools. More seniors received diplomas 75 years ago than this year, when 63 graduated from Goodland High School.



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• from the vault

STUDENTS GET DIPLOMAS Seventy-Seven Graduate From Four High Schools

Seventy-seven high school students received diplomas this year from the four high schools in Sherman County. There are 50 in the class from the high school in Goodland, 18 from the Kanorado high school, six from the Edson high school and three from the Ruleton school. Of this number, 46 are girls and 31 are boys.

Commencement exercises were held Wednesday, May 13, at Ruleton at which place Prof. R.H. McWilliams, of the department of sociology, spoke, using as his subject "Highways Ahead."

On Thursday, Mr. McWilliams addressed the class at Kanorado. On May 20, W.A. Lewis, president of the Fort Hays Kansas State College,

will come to Goodland for the commencement exercises in the high school auditorium. Edson will hold its ceremonies May 26.

The seniors in the various schools are enjoying many privileges befitting to students of their standing, with picnics, hikes, parties and other festivities. Baccalaureate exercises for the Ruleton school were held Sunday with Rev. L.S. Dudley delivering the sermon; the Kanorado baccalaureate services were also held Sunday with the Rev. C.M. Nutter in charge. Sunday services for the Goodland class will be held at the Methodist church, and Rev. L.E. Cooke will preach the sermon.

Graduating from the three rural high schools are as follows: From

McElfresh, Olive Nohr, Elizabeth Orange, Maxine Parmer, Leah Pettibone, Howard Sellman, Esther Shepherd, Gladys Weeden, Glen Weeden and Dorothy Williams.

From Edson six are graduating: Mayme Connelly, Edith McDaniel, Doris Elliott, Rex McIntyre, Helen Tuttle and Clarence Yocum. Three in the senior class of Ruleton are Edith Conarty, Howard Cotter and Pearl Gernhart.

Education continued to be a focal point in the news 75 years ago. Citizens in the Edson district voted to construct a new school.

EDSON BONDS WIN

A new \$50,000 school building will be constructed at Edson, the voters in Consolidated District No.

2 voting last Friday 83 to 67 in favor of the bond issue to provide the necessary funds.

It had been predicted that the bonds would be voted as there seemed to be a strong sentiment in the district in favor of a larger building to take care of the increasing enrollment and the demand for improved educational facilities.

Plans will be drawn and bids called for right away, so construction can start and the building be ready for use early in the term of school, if not in time for school opening.

The Goodland News-Republic also reported changes in school control due to new legislation passed in the spring of 1931. The high school would be handled by a separate board.

WILL APPOINT NEW BOARD FOR HIGH SCHOOL Six Members Will Have Charge of Affairs

A new board of education to have charge of the local high school will

be officially appointed by the present board at its next regular meeting to serve until a board can be elected at the next general election.

The present high school was organized by a special act in 1901. Later there were various forms of high schools organized, some by special acts, some as community schools, others are rural, some as county.

In 1923, the laws were revised to do away with all the special act schools and bring them under a modern type of organization, but the law simply stated that the old schools could change, but did not compel them to.

The last session of the legislature still further revised the high school laws and left no loop-holes, so it has become necessary that a separate board be selected to administer the affairs of the high school here.

The board met Monday night and decided on a group of six men, three from Goodland and three from the rural districts, who will be appointed, if they will accept, as the high school board.

They are Geo. Garrison, W.A.

Higdon, Dr. E.J. Beckner, E.A. Rhoads, John Mogge and John Keeran.

The new board will take over the running of the high school until the next general election, when members will be elected on a non-partisan ticket. All the county except the part taken in by the high school districts already organized (Kanorado, Ruleton and Edson) will vote on the members for the board.

Sherman County also had college graduates from Fort Hays in 1931. Five From County To Get Certificates

Clara Bock, Doris Woodring and Dale Perkins will receive teachers certificates at the annual commencement exercises at Fort Hays Kansas State College.

Miss Bock will be granted a primary life certificate, Miss Woodring an intermediate life certificate. Edith and Ethel Pantzer from Kanorado will also receive certificates. Edith Pantzer will receive a junior high life certificate and Ethel Pantzer a three-year state certificate.

Tips might help you avoid a home-improvement nightmare

Dear Attorney General Kline: My wife and I have lived in our home for about 10 years and have made the decision to add a room and make some other improvements. This is a first for us, and we're just starting the process of picking a contractor. What advice can you suggest to help make this a smooth process?



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it is extremely important to select an individual or firm that will provide you with quality workmanship at a competitive price and then stand behind that work.

Here are some good tips to consider as you begin your home improvement project:

- Make sure you know the person or firm you decide to do business with. Get names, addresses and telephone numbers and then verify this information on your own.
- It's always a good idea to try to deal with local firms and never deal

with firms with no business address. Companies that do business where they are actually located have more of an incentive to do the job correctly the first time. Firms that do not list an address may very well be part of a "travelers group," which are well-known for their shoddy workmanship. Groups like this may drive unmarked vehicles and many times have out-of-state license plates and may attempt to pressure you into making an immediate de-

cision.

- Thoroughly research the company. Ask for references. Contact the Better Business Bureau, local trade organizations and the Secretary of State's office seeking background information.
- Take your time, shop around and obtain written estimates from several individuals or companies. This will help you make sure that you are not overpaying for the work.
- Reputable contractors will proudly list addresses where they have completed jobs similar to the one being quoted for you. Take the time to drive by and check out the final product. Visit with the home owners and ask if they would recommend the contractor.
- It is vital that you get everything in writing. The agreement should be clear, concise, and complete. Also, make sure that estimated start and completion dates are included, as well as a payment plan.
- Never pay for the entire job before the work begins and shy away from doing business with a home contractor that will not take a check or money order instead of cash. "Cash only" is definitely the hall-

mark of a contractor who does not want to be held responsible for any payments received.

- Remember that warranties are only as good as the company that issues them. If you want a contractor who will stand behind his work, then you must be ready to pay more than you would to a door-to-door, fly-by-night operator.

The addition of a new room or remodeling an existing room can definitely increase the value of your home. You can ensure that happens by doing your homework before you select an individual or company to do your home improvements.

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.

If corn lacks good stand, farmers may have to replant

If corn doesn't have a good stand or if young seedlings start dying, producers will have to decide what, if anything, to do.

The first step is to make a stand count, said Dale Fjell, former Kansas State University crop production specialist.

To determine plant population in 30-inch rows, count the plants in 17.5 feet of row and multiply by 1,000. This equals the number of plants per acre. For example, an average of 15 plants in 17.5 feet of row would equal 15,000 plants per



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acre. Farmers should take counts at several locations within a field to get an average.

Deciding whether the stand is thin enough to replant is not easy. If it's still early in the window of optimal planting dates, it may be a

good idea to replant when the stand gets down to 70 percent of the desired population.

At the end of the optimal planting dates, you may not want to replant unless the stand is only 50 percent, since corn planted late will have reduced yield potential.

Those percentages apply best to irrigated fields. In dryland corn where seeding rates are only 15,000, farmers should not accept stands as low as 50 percent. For dryland corn in western Kansas, consider replanting when stands are less than 10,000 if it's not too late.

Over seeding a stand of corn is not an option since it would result in variable corn development and heights at harvest. Producers who want to replant should destroy poor stands of corn and plant again, us-

ing the same seeding rate.

Thin stands will likely have lower yield potential and can lead to increased weed problems. Post emergence herbicides can be used to control weeds, but that adds extra expense.

One of the dilemmas often occurring is irregular stands. What if parts of a field have adequate stands and parts of the field have bare patches or poor stands? In that case, producers should resist the temptation to re-seed the bare spots only. This would lead to variable development and height at harvest. It would be best to do nothing or replant the entire field, depending on the average stand count over the field.

If corn is being replanted later than normal, use earlier-maturing hybrids. It's best to use a Bt hybrid when planting late because late-planted corn is more susceptible to corn borers.

Lincoln larks news

"Bring Your Lunch and Learn About Osteoporosis" was the program given by Melinda Daily on Tuesday, May 16. It was held at noon in the library.

Colleen Duell and Arbutus Toppliff of the Lincoln Larks and four others attended.

Osteoporosis is a painful, crippling bone disease. It develops slowly over time. Bones become thin, hollow and brittle and can lead to stooped posture and broken bones.

It can be prevented and treated. Proper diet, exercise and treatment medications can help prevent further bone loss and reduce the risk of fractures.

Bone is made up of calcium, protein and other minerals. Getting enough calcium helps protect bones by slowing bone loss.

In summary, treating osteoporosis and protecting your bones is more than just taking calcium supplements and preventing falls. Diet is important, but calcium and vitamin D are particularly critical.

Two other important bone protectors are weight-bearing exercise and proper hormone levels. It was a very good lesson.

The Lincoln Larks talked about the fair booth and adjourned to meet at a later date in June.

Submitted by Arbutus Toppliff.

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