

# Students wrote what they liked about Goodland

In 1931, the virtues of northwestern Kansas were being promoted in various circles, including school children and the Chamber of Commerce. The Lions Club of Goodland sponsored a writing contest in the schools on "Why I Like Goodland." *The Goodland News-Republic* printed the winning essay on June 3.

## WHY I LIKE GOODLAND

The Lions Club recently offered a prize of a \$5 gold piece to the student that produced the best composition on the subject above. Several students participated and the judges decided the best was the essay of Helen Thompson, which is printed here. (No age or grade was given of the student.)

## Why I Like Goodland

The main reason that I like Goodland is because it is the best city in Kansas and the largest city northwest of Hays. It is neither too large or too small. The population is about 3,900.

The division and shops of the main line of the Rock Island railway is here. We have an electric plant, ice plant, three grain elevators and



**marcia smith**

• from the vault

a fine fair ground with a \$20,000 agriculture building and grandstand. We have a \$60,000 Methodist Hospital, it being the only hospital between Denver and Hays and Denver and Norton.

We have three first class hotels, 12 filling stations, eight garages, an electric supply house and a wholesale house whose trucks deliver over all northwestern Kansas.

Our stores are just as nice as you will find in larger cities. We have two banks and one building and loan, an artificial gas plant with lines all over the city, three school buildings, one being a \$120,000 building, a fine theater, Carnegie Library and an airport with a regular stop between Denver and Kansas City.

The altitude here is 3,950 feet. In

the summertime our nights are cool.

We have a beautiful city park. People are taking interest in their yards. Our town is be-

coming a beautiful place in which to live.

The telephone company is building a \$20,000 building. We have a new \$125,000 court house being erected.

Goodland has 31 blocks of paved streets and 160 blocks of graveled streets.

We have the best water on the Rock Island Railway. Our water is 98 percent pure.

We westerners are known for our hospitality. You will find our people with a smile, and a handshake that makes you feel welcome.

Who wouldn't want to live in such a town as ours?

Another news item of May 27, 1931, in *The Goodland News-Republic* focused on the state conven-

tion of the Chamber of Commerce and a report by a Goodland businessman who was the organization's vice-president.

Frank Thompson, owner of the Ford Motor business in Goodland, had attended the state meeting. Not too surprising, Mr. Thompson was the father of Helen Thompson, the author of the winning essay.

## TELL OF KANSAS

### State Chamber of Commerce States Need of More National Publicity

Frank Thompson, who is a vice-president of the Kansas Chamber of Commerce, returned from the state convention of the organization, held at Wichita last week, with the report that the Kansas businessmen are aware of the fact that the state has too long let its virtues go unsung, and that the organization is now of waking up the state to the need of advertising.

Kansas has waited to see how other states got along in that respect. California, South Dakota and even Arkansas have tried spending a little money to brag about what they have to offer and have been well

repaid for the expenditure and effort. Kansas has remained in the background, getting most of its national notice as the butt of crude jokes hatched up in other parts of the country.

Mr. Thompson reported that one feature mentioned was that Kansas wheat is purchased, because of its quality, by makers of puffed wheat cereals, at about sixty cents a bushel and is sold back to Kansas consumers with the wind added at the rate of \$36 a bushel.

That is just one instance of the way Kansas furnishes the raw materials that are used in manufacture in other states and then spends its money for the finished products.

Why Kansas can't have some of the manufacturing industries, so this money spent between the raw product and the finished material will stay in Kansas, is a question the state C. of C. is trying to answer, he says....

The state C. of C. is soon to distribute several hundred thousand booklets telling about Kansas. It believes it is going to be something worthwhile in advertising the state.

While searching the newspapers of 75 years ago, I came across an interesting post script to "The Fleagle Gang: Betrayed by a Fingerprint," a book written by *Star-News* editor Tom Betz. Taken from the *Great Bend Tribune*, the event recorded occurred after the hanging deaths of the Fleagle brothers in the Colorado penitentiary.

## Fleagle Ranch Sold

The Fleagle ranch in Western Kansas of 160 acres was sold under the hammer last week for \$70, an average of 44 cents an acre. The Fleagle boys for a time were the "talk of the town," in fact, of the nation.

They wanted money and got it by robbing banks and bumping off those that interfered with their fascinating game. Then each was given a lily in his hand and new music, while others will spend the money.

## public notice

### Abandoned Motor Vehicle

Notice of sale of abandoned motor vehicle in the possession of McB's Motor Company. The herein described vehicle will be sold at public auction on June 21, 2006 at 12:00 p.m., to the highest bidder for cash, if the owner does not claim the same prior to time of sale and pay for removal, storage and publication costs incurred.

### Description of vehicle:

Make Chrysler, Model La-Baron, Serial or identification number 1C3BJ5SE8HG179399 Year 1987, Color, Black. Vehicle is in storage at 421 E. 17th.

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## matters of record

### Accidents

The following accidents were investigated by the Goodland Police Department.

**May 19** — 5:30 p.m., 2160 Commerce, a 1987 Chevrolet driven by Raul A. Vasquez was driving west and had stopped for people in the crosswalk. Robert Walter, driving a 1998 Buick, did not see the Chevrolet and backed up, hitting it..

**May 20** — 7:13 p.m., 200 Broadway, Shane M. Macdonald, driving a 1986 Honda, was making a U-turn and stepped on the gas instead of the brake and spun out into the yard

knocking over the mail box.

### Goodland Police

The following crimes have been reported to the Goodland Police Department:

**May 20** — 9:55 a.m., 1319 College, arrested Michael Musgrave and Tabitha Madden for domestic battery and possession of marijuana. Case referred to county attorney.

**May 21** — 8:46 p.m., 1600 Center, arrested Tony Heinrich for protective custody. Case referred to county attorney.

**May 24** — 5:11 p.m., 515 W. 16th, arrested Carrie L. Parr and Tiffany N. Reeder for theft of services and forgery at Dollar General.

6:58 p.m., 515 W. 16th, arrested Carrie Parr and Tiffany Reeder theft of lost or mislaid property from Shannon Butler. Case referred to county attorney.

7:11 p.m., 402 E. 17th, arrested Tiffany Reeder and Carrie Parr for forgery and theft at Gambino's Pizza. Case referred to county attorney

7:26 p.m., 2218 Commerce, arrested Carrie Parr and Tiffany

Reeder for forgery and theft at Howard Johnson's. Case referred to county attorney.

8:17 p.m., 204 W. 11th, arrested Tiffany Reeder and Carrie Parr for forgery and theft against the City of Goodland.

**May 26** — 9:02 a.m., 402 W. Seventh, arrested Edward Aaron on a warrant. Case referred to county attorney.

**May 27** — 5:07 p.m., 615 W. 16th, Corbin Huffman and Jeffery Aultman reported a case of battery.

**May 28** — 8:10 p.m., 320 E. Eighth, Christopher Wahrman re-

ported phone harassment.

**May 29** — 3:33 p.m., 408 W. 13th, Geraldine Brown reported theft of a bicycle.

**May 30** — 12:56 a.m., 1309 Cherry, Thomas Hellerud reported a theft.

12:32 p.m., 422 E 10th, Jonah McClung reported theft of a bicycle.

5:27 p.m., 1220 Main, Tony Ivey reported theft of a bicycle.

10:37 p.m., 217 W. 11th, arrested Marshall Carson on disorderly conduct and driving while license canceled or suspended.

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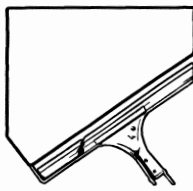
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