

Kansas first required drivers' licenses 75 years ago

Seventy-five years ago, even though automobiles had been around for several years, a new law took effect on July 1, 1931, making drivers' licenses mandatory.

IT'S LICENSE DAY Hunting, Fishing, Drivers, Dealers and Maybe Even Marriage But Last Not Required

Today is the first of July on the calendar, and it really ought to be a holiday to give time for getting licenses.

There's something new, and different, this year. It's the driver's license. The law requiring it goes into effect today. So really anyone who intends to drive a motor car is supposed to have one of those things.



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Of course, about all a prospective driver can do is make application. It is being done all over the state, and the drivers' licenses will be issued from Topeka.

In order to give the applicant something to show for his fee, County Treasurer C.A. Rhoads has had a little receipt printed that is given to each applicant to show that he has paid his fee.

he doesn't lose it promptly, and the person who hasn't made application won't have the receipt. That ought to separate the sheep from the goats on the license application.

Each application must be attested by a notary, so possessors of notarial commission and seals should have a little harvest of their own without venturing into the fields.

The automobile brought not only requirements for a driver's license but, other problems as well.

Buick Car Stolen

Forrest Horton went to Denver the latter part of the week in the Buick car belonging to Charles G. Dockhorn, and Saturday evening the car was stolen. Police were notified and the car recovered Sunday.

Mr. Horton found himself in quite a predicament, however, when the police refused to give him possession of the car until he could show proof that he was really authorized to have the car. It was necessary for him to produce identification before the car was turned over to him.

Cars Collide

Mr. and Mrs. George Veselik and daughter were badly shaken up this morning when their car collided with another at the intersection of Eighth Street and Center during a storm. The Veselik car was damaged considerably, but the occupants escaped with only a few bruises.

Trial Tomorrow

Mrs. John Harris, arrested Saturday on a complaint of her husband that she stole or destroyed the ignition key to an automobile, is scheduled to have a hearing tomorrow in Justice A.R. Smith's court. She is out on bond.

Finally underway in Goodland was the new telephone building at the corner of 10th and Main, according to *The Goodland News-Republic* in 1931. Construction had been delayed due to lack of equipment.

START ON BUILDING Foremen of Telephone Operations Here Today

J.H. Fargo and son, who will supervise the building on the new United Telephone Company building, arrived this morning, were busy getting their stakes set and arrangements made for starting work on the new building.

Some of the equipment that was being brought from Abilene for use on the building was delayed in arrival, and this held up the work for a short time, but Mr. Fargo expected to get some crews to work moving dirt tomorrow.

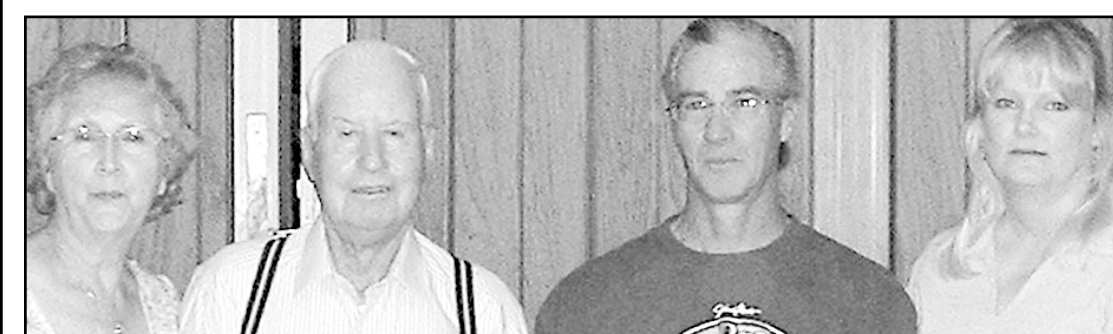
Quite a few men wanting work have been waiting for the building operations to start, but while the telephone company expects to use all the local labor it can, it is not likely that it will employ all the people that apply for jobs. A rather large force will be required on the job during the next few months, however.

The month of June 75 years ago must have been just as hot as June 2006. A cooling after-hours dip in a pool in Goodland proved costly for some young women.

EXPENSIVE HEAT RELIEF Women Paid \$6.50 Each for Taking Swim

Heat relief is coming high. At least that's the opinion of two young women, said to be members of a traveling orchestra that often plays in these parts, after they were arrested and fined for crawling over the fence of the swimming pool at the ice plant Monday night or early Tuesday morning and taking a swim.

Each pleaded guilty to a charge of procuring a 50-cent swim without paying the charge and paid fines and cost aggregating \$6.50 each.



Ruby and Mac Anderson (above, from left) and Eddie and Terri Anderson, Caroline and Lewis Nowak (far left) and Joyce Bohme (immediate left), all of Goodland, were at the Nowak family reunion Saturday, June 10, at the Goodland Senior Center.

Photos by Bonnie Kraisinger

Family gathers in Goodland

Descendants of Mary and Carl Nowak of Goodland held a reunion Saturday, June 10, 2006, at the Goodland Senior Center.

About 35 family members, ages 1 through 85, gathered for the event. The family had not gotten together in years, so they decided it was time for another family reunion. Descendants traveled from Kansas, Arizona, Missouri and Texas.

Present from Goodland were Lewis and Caroline Nowak, Ruby and Mac Anderson, Eddie and Terri Anderson, Joyce Boehme and Charles Kerr, Lewis Nowak's minister from Sunrise Christian Church.

From Colby were: Cheryl, Der-

rick, Chris and Tayten Barnett and Rocky and Andrew Urban.

From Winona: Evelyn Langdon.

From Norton: Carol and Gary Flanigan.

Also present were Rick, Jackie and Allison Nowak of Lenwood and Allison's friend Davis from Kansas City. Steve and Bonnie Kraisinger of Plano, Texas.

Lil and Jim Nowak and Mike Nowak and twin daughters Lacy and Melanie, all of Bonne Terre, Mo.

Aaron and Pam Nowak and children, Andrea, Daniel and Amy of Crystal City, Mo. Gene and Doris Langdon of Leoti and Fred and Sharon Nowak of Phoenix.

Those not present were a sister, Josephine Nowak Kampmann of Idaho and son; a cousin, Kendall Gilbert and family of Idaho; Lynette Owens and daughter Amber of Loveland, Colo.; and a cousin, Thirza Nowak Collins of Arizona and her mother, Winn Nowak of Alaska.

Chad and Debbie Nowak, Fred and Sharon's children; a cousin, Debbie Nowak, Jim and Lil's daughter, and her family; Lisa Barnett and family, Cheryl's family; cousins, Troy and Larry Langdon and their families; Brenda Allen and family; and Casey Kraisinger, and Helen Nowak Owens and John Nowak, deceased.

Harvest tips help you get most out of short, thin wheat

Wheat in our area is shorter and thinner than most farmers would like to see, so when harvesting, it is important to get all of the grain possible.

A thin crop means that gathering will be difficult, and shorter wheat means the header will need to be closer to the ground.

Randy Taylor and Mark Schrock, former Kansas State University agriculture engineers, say there are some things producers should check on when harvesting this year's crop:

1. Tilt the cutter bar up so the skid plates are exposed. This allows the header to be operated closer to the ground without gathering dirt into the header.

2. Check the gas charge of the header accumulator. A properly charged accumulator allows more effective use of the header skip plates when harvesting short crops.

3. Level the header from side to side — after checking the tire pressure.

4. Adjust reel speed to be just slightly faster than ground speed. Make sure reel is level relative to the cutter bar.

5. Tine pitch should be adjusted to hold the crop against the cutter bar and then move it into the cross auger.

6. Make sure all knife sections are sharp and not broken.

7. Finger extension timing should be adjusted so the fingers extend later for thin crops.

8. Drive slower than initial tendency. Driving too fast will result in poor cutter bar performance, dragging the crop under the cutter bar



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before it can be cut and increasing header losses.

9. Pay close attention to fan settings and sieve openings, es-

pecially on low-weight grain. Use only enough fan blast to keep the layer of material on the cleaning shoe suspended. More air will increase grain

loss.

Stripper headers are another option when cutting short wheat, said Brian Olson, K-State's northwest

area agronomist. Since a stripper header strips the wheat kernels from the heads, more residue is left in the field. That way, the little residue farmers have available in the field is left as standing stubble, which will help with snow capture.

Jeanne Falk is an area crop production and economics specialist for Sherman, Cheyenne and Wallace counties with Kansas State University Research and Extension.



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- development notes

In the past month, I have enjoyed getting to know Sherman County and the citizens who live here. In some of my visits with individuals or groups, I have been asked what my plan of action or what my vision is.

To answer this question properly to all the citizens will take more time and space than is available in this article.

Never the less, the question is a good one. So I will be writing some columns for the newspaper so you will be up to date on the happenings of the Economic Development office.

To start these articles off, I want to talk about the above-mentioned question.

My plan of action and my vision as Economic Development Director goes back to what the office is suppose to do. I want to bring in more businesses to Sherman County. In doing this, you stabilize and increase population so the taxes are spread among more citizens.

Some of the steps that need to be taken for this to become reality are to have a plan. Many of you have read in the paper that we are looking into this process right now with a gentleman named Terry Wood-

bury.

Another step is to look into housing issues to see if we are prepared for people to move in.

I met with the city commissioners and a representative from Pioneer Country Development, Inc. to discuss housing programs such as Rehab/Demolition and the Home Program.

Other steps include marketing ourselves in a professional manner. Donna Price, Convention and Visitors Bureau director and I are working on putting together a new Sherman County brochure and Goodland Guide.

You can expect to see the brochure out in racks soon and the

guide to follow thereafter.

Another form of marketing that I am working on is getting our web site updated and more user friendly. DVD's spotlight-

ing Sherman County is also going to be prepared to send out to perspective businesses.

I know several things were mentioned in this article that needs more explanation. If you follow my articles you will get more information that will keep you up to date on what progress is taking place.

As mentioned earlier, I have enjoyed getting to know you. I hope that you will be patient with me, if I have not got around to your business or organization. I am looking forward to meeting and working with all of you.

Tiffani McMinn is Sherman County economic development director.



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