

Edson celebrated opening of \$50,000 school

Seventy-five years ago, Edson celebrated the opening of its new school building, constructed at a cost of \$50,000, according to *The Goodland News-Republic*.

The dedication included an operetta performed by the high school students. The old school could no longer accommodate the growing number of students in the area.

OPEN NEW BUILDING
Edson School Entertains
Patrons
Of District in Dedictory Program

The school play given at the new Edson consolidated school building last Thursday night as part of the dedication program was well attended by patrons of the district and others interested.

"Polished Pebbles," a two-act operetta with a cast of nearly 25 boys and girls, was well presented under the guidance of Miss Opal



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Hirt, a member of the Edson school faculty.

Superintendent of Schools Thomas A. Arnold gave a brief talk before the opening of the program. Special musical numbers were given between acts of the operetta.

The Edson district has a building of which the patrons may well be proud. A tour of inspection through the building discloses modern conveniences, large airy classrooms, wide corridors, shower rooms and a gymnasium, the equal of which is not often found in a town the size of Edson. The large, well-lighted stage

is fully equipped with scenery and curtains.

There are eight classrooms in the building, four on each floor.

The gymnasium, showers, stage and dressing rooms are located on the first floor. A modern heating plant and electric lights from the power line from Goodland make it an up-to-date school building.

The building is to be used for the grades, the high school continuing to occupy the old building, which the school has outgrown the past few years.

With the new building now in use, the rooms in the old building formerly used by the grades will be converted into space for the high school.

In December 1931, during the Depression, the opening of a large new school was certainly something to celebrate. Another article in the newspaper gave more details about the operetta and the participants.

DEDICATE NEW EDSON SCHOOL WITH OPERETTA "Polished Pebbles" Presented By High School Glee Clubs

The recently completed \$50,000 high school building at Edson was opened last night with a public program presented by the high school glee club. The operetta "Polished Pebbles" was directed by Miss Opal Hirt.

The program began at eight o'clock. A small admission charge was for adults, and children were admitted free. The new building has a splendid auditorium in which to present programs of this kind.

The play title, "Polished Pebbles," had a theme dealing with the education of young people, which made it particularly appropriate for the opening of the new school.

The following is the cast of characters and the names of the students who played the particular parts:

Cast

Uncle Bob — played by John Stanley.

Mrs. O'Brien, widow sister of Bob — Lucille Carper.

Rosalie, their niece — Bessie Morgan.

Winifred, daughter of Mrs. O'Brien — Gertrude Sponsel.

Millicent, daughter of Mrs. O'Brien — Inez Fletcher.

Mrs. Gabbie, town gossip — Hazel Morey.

Mr. Gabbie — Lowell Connolly.

Martha, country girl — Florence Tuttle.

Nick, country boy — Wayne Elliott.

Sunbonnett Girls — Martha Elliott, Olive Elliott, Nellie Elliott, Freda Gemmer, Edna Mosler, Wilma Peters, Zelma Sponsel, Mary Tuttle, Doris Stanley and Loyd Butler.

Overall Boys — Gail Butler, Loyd Butler, Gerald Barnes, Rudolph Gemmer, John Laughlin and Floyd Owens.

On the sports front, a pre-holiday basketball game made the news as well.

Ruleton Won Game

Ruleton won the basketball game with Brownville at Ruleton Friday night, 10 to 7.

After the Ruleton high school team had gathered a good lead, several grade school boys were put in the line-up for some experience. It was a good game.

Laws require displaying posters; most free from labor department

What state and federal posters are required by law? Have you been receiving poster "requirement" mailers and are unsure of what you need for your business or where to get them?

State and federal law requires Kansas employers to display various posters in the workplace, and most of these posters are *free*. To find a listing of the posters and download them, go to the Department of Labor's web site at www.dol.gov/elaws/posters.

One of the most common forms of financing for small businesses is loans. Here are some key points



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to consider before borrowing money: ability to repay, credit history, equity, collateral and experience.

For more information and a self-assessment checklist, go to www.sba.gov/services/financialassistance/eligibility/borrowmoney/index.

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Goodland Police

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

Dec. 17 — 2:58 a.m., 1301 W. 25, arrested Dwight Scott Weber for transporting open container. Case referred to city attorney.

11:51 a.m., 516 W. Business U.W. 24, Apt 512, Brad Schibbelhut reported a theft.

1:57 p.m., 422 E. 10, Gary McClung reported theft of Christmas lawn ornaments.

Dec. 18 — 8:42 a.m., 912 Main, Charlotte Morris reported a theft.

11:51 p.m., 402 Grand, arrested Daron J. Hovis for failure to report accident and reckless driving.

Accidents

The following accidents were investigated by the Goodland Police Department.

Dec. 7 — 3 p.m., 1500 Arcade, a 2000 Toyota owned by Marui Courter was legally parked when an unknown vehicle struck the left rear corner. The unknown vehicle left without reporting the accident.

Dec. 15 — 3:34 p.m., 2200 S. K-27, a 1986 Oldsmobile driven by Fred T. Carroll was traveling east

and stopped at a stop sign on 22nd. A 1993 Chevrolet driven by Beverly E. Way was driving south on K-27 and turned right onto 22nd. The Chevrolet hit the Oldsmobile.

Real Estate

The following real estate transactions were reported by the Sherman County Register of Deeds:

Eileen P. Wahl, trustee of Eileen P. Wahl Trust, to Heather B. Hays, Lots 23, 24, 25 and 26, Block 19, Rule's First Addition to the Town of Kanorado.

Ben Haines Barteldes and Regina M. Barteldes mineral deed to Ben Haines Barteldes, trustee of Ben Haines Barteldes Trust, N/2 Sec. 36, T6S R41W, 40 mineral acres.

Kevin Butts, Sheriff of Sherman County, to Federal National Mortgage Association, a tract of land in SE/4 Sec. 21, T8S R40W.

General partners Thomas L.E. Nelson, James L. Nelson and Kay E. Faddis, Nelson Family Limited Partnership, to James W. Baker and Vicki G. Baker, all of Sec. 5, T7S R40W.

General partners Thomas L.E. Nelson, James L. Nelson and Kay E. Faddis, Nelson Family Limited Partnership, to Michael D. Miller

and Jody L. Miller, NW/4 Sec. 13, T8S R39W and SW/4 Sec. 12, T8S R39W.

Roland L. Callies and Melinda Callies to Bankwest of Kansas, Lot 7 and S/2 Lot 8, Block 26, Beahm's Addition to the City of Goodland.

David G. Walker and Laverna E. Walker to Bradly N. Bergsma and Christa Bergsma, S10' Lot 3, all of Lot 4, N40' Lot 5, Block 31, Academy Addition to Goodland.

Bradly N. Bergma and Christa Bergma to Zack Henry, all of Lots 14 and 15 and S20' of Lot 16, Block 4, Ck&N Addition to the City of Goodland.

Robert J. Hayden and Cynthia Hayden of Bernalillo County, N. M., to Hayden Family Revocable Trust, N/2 Sec. 14, T9S R41W and N/2 S/2 Sec. 14, T9S R41W.

Robert J. Hayden, trustee of Rose M. Hayden Revocable Trust, to Robert J. Hayden, Sally Jo Sherman and Mary Lou Teeters the mineral interest on N/2 Sec. 14, T9S R41W and N/2 S/2 Sec. 14, T9S R41W.

Manuel P. Hernandez quit claim to Maria Magdalena Hernandez, S24' Lot 16 and N50' Lot 17, Block 5, Kohler First Addition to the City of Goodland.

Bethel Ione Day, trustee of Bethel Ione day Revocable Trust, to Jack J. Thrasher, a tract of land in SE/4 Sec. 10, T8S R42W containing 6.5 acres more or less.

Robert S. Teeters and Mary Lou Teeters, quit claim to Robert S. Teeters and Mary Lou Teeters, all of NW/4, SW/4 and SE/4 Sec. 13; S/2 S/2 Sec. 14; and Sec. 23, T9S R41W.

District Traffic

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

Feb. 15, 2004 — Donnie R. Dukes, \$120 reinstated for driving without license.

May 3, 2004 — David J. Houghton, \$120 reinstated for speeding.

May 30, 2004 — Rafael O. Olivas-Brisejo, \$360 reinstated for driving without driver's license, \$108 reinstated for speeding and \$300 reinstated for no liability insurance.

Dec. 8, 2005 — Timothy L. Lemons, \$132 reinstated for speeding.

Jan. 21, 2006 — Gregory R. Tennant, \$126 for speeding.

Jan. 23 — Jason M. Fusco, \$132 reinstated for speeding.

March 6 — Jacob M. Swarthout, \$144 reinstated for speeding and \$10 for no seat belt.

May 7 — William P. Mansfield, \$175 reinstated for speeding and reinstated for no liability insurance.

July 16 — Michael P. Sanchez, \$138 reinstated for speeding.

July 27 — Jesse L. Harper, \$138 for speeding.

Jerry D. Reedy 2nd, \$219 reinstated for speeding.

July 29 — Eugenia J. Charleson, \$60 for unlawful acts with vehicle and \$266 for no liability insurance.

Clifford T. Owens, \$196 for speeding.

Aug. 18 — Joel Barnedo Jr., \$210 for speeding.

Sept. 8 — David G. Kujawski, \$156 for speeding.

Sept. 14 — Rory L. Pendarvis, \$192 for speeding, \$20 for no child safety belts and \$100 for no driver's license.

Ryan M. Pendarvis, dismissed for speeding and dismissed for no child safety belts.

Sept. 15 — Kayla M. Reynolds, \$135 for speeding and \$10 for no seat belt.

Sept. 16 — Jonathan S. Wanko, \$135 for unlawful acts with vehicle.

Sept. 18 — Leslie L. Menges, \$156 for speeding.

Sept. 25 — Christopher S. Hard-saw, \$132 for speeding.

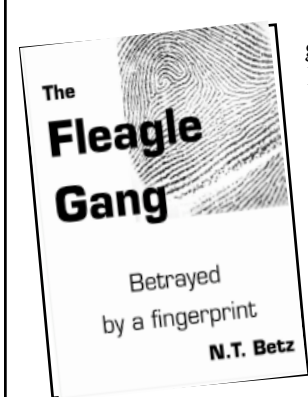
Sept. 26 — Fedpr F. Shalygin, \$166 reinstated for motor carrier safety rules and regulations.

Brandi R. Sosa, \$183 for speeding.

Sept. 27 — Anthony M. Ramirez, \$146 for speeding and \$10 for no seat belt.

Kansas' earliest CSI story

Fingerprint ends nationwide '20s manhunt



True crime from the roaring 20s, "The Fleagle Gang, Betrayed by a fingerprint," begins with a brazen daylight bank robbery of the First National Bank in Lamar, Colo. on May 23, 1928. Four men are dead, and the robbers escaped.

The bank robbery and national manhunt story was big news over 75 years ago. We found recently that the old time radio program "Gangbusters" aired a program on Jake and Ralph Fleagle in 1937. There are many old stories about the crime, but none cover the events like this book. Great for who like true crime history buffs.

The book includes over 100 photos and maps taken from court files and places where the gang robbed banks and scenes where the murders took place of the doctor and cashier.

Five-star reviews can be found on Barnes & Nobel and Amazon.com

Search inside the book on Google. com and Amazon.com

Author Tom (N.T.) Betz, editor of *The Goodland Star-News*, has spent a lifetime in journalism and on the Great Plains.

"The Fleagle Gang" details the robbery/murder case which hinged on a single fingerprint found on a murdered Dighton, Kan., doctor's car. The fledgling FBI plays a crucial role in turning the fingerprint into solid forensic evidence used to find, arrest and convict members of the Fleagle Gang. The FBI credits the Fleagle case as the first time a single fingerprint was used to identify and convict criminals. The Fleagle Gang robbed banks in Larned, Kinsley, Marysville, Ottawa and McPherson Kan., Lamar, Colo., Eugene, Ore., and countless others of over \$1 million in the 10 years they operated.

"The Fleagle Gang" is available at the **Big Timbers Museum** in Lamar, Colo., the **Holly Library**, Holly, Colo.; the **Lane County Museum** in Dighton, Kan., the **Fick Fossil and History Museum** in Oakley, Kan., the **Finney County Museum** and **Hastings** in Garden City, Kan., the **High Plains Museum** in Goodland, Kan., the **El Quarteleyo Museum** in Scott City, and the **Colorado Prison Museum** in Canon City, Colo. It is available on-line from the publisher **Authorhouse.com**, Linda Knott's web bookstore knottjustbooks@spreadtheword.com, **Amazon.com**, **Barnes and Noble** and other major book stores.

Check out "The Fleagle Gang" web site at: nwkansas.com/home/fleaglegang.

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