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FOR “YESTERYEAR” PAGE

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WHAT STOCKTONITES WERE DOING
90 YEARS AGO

There was considerable excitement in town Thursday evening along about eight or nine o’clock caused by a chase participated in by a father and son from Hill City. The father, O. Trexler, had been looking for his son, Kenneth, a 20-year-old youth, for some time. The boy seemed to have been on a grand spree and had written checks totaling over \$1,000.00 on his father’s account, who had refused to honor them. Tuesday, the elder Trexler heard the boy had been seen around Stockton, and he came to look for him. He inquired of Fred Turnbull, who knew the son, if he had seen him. Fred, who is employed at the Standard Oil Service Station, had seen him and had reason to believe he might show up there. Mr. Trexler parked his car at the station and waited. Pretty soon, young Texler drove up from the south and started to head to the station, but upon seeing his father’s car, he veered sharply and headed out in the opposite direction as fast as he could drive. His father took off after him, and the chase led over many of the streets in the northern part of town and finally out of town to the west. The cars were traveling at an excessive speed, and on several occasions, the boy barely missed overturning while turning corners. Several pedestrians had to jump for their lives when he came down from the north and turned west at the Eades Store corner, and he missed cars parked along the street by mere inches. How the chase ended has not been learned. The young man was driving a 1935 Chevrolet Coach with ’33 county tags, but his father thinks he has been using Colorado tags part of the time.

When Tuesday’s Concordia Blade-Empire was received in Stockton last Thursday, it was reported that Ray Buckles of Ames, who had been swept into the floodwaters of the Republican, had been rescued. According to the report, Mr. Buckles, who is well-known here, seized a railway tie and finally found refuge in a tree after he had hand-to-hand combat with a coyote who wanted to share the timber on which he clung. He was somewhat battered

up as a result of his harrowing experience but did not seem to be suffering greatly from exposure. His encounter with the coyote was quite thrilling as the animal first plunged headlong into Mr. Buckles’ chest, which bounced him away from the moorings. After getting back to the railway tie, the coyote, who was sitting on it, refused to give it up, but Mr. Buckles finally managed to kick him off with his bare feet. A badger then came to share the tie, but Mr. Buckles let him remain. Mrs. Buckles states that he is still confined to his bed and unable to stand on his feet, which are badly cut and bruised. He also has numerous other bad scratches and bruises. He was taken to the hospital at Concordia after his rescue and kept there for a day. His condition is said to be satisfactory after his terrible experience.

Acting in response to an appeal for funds to aid the victims of the Republican River Flood in Nebraska, where thousands are homeless, the Rooks County Red Cross sent a check for \$100.00 out of the county fund. Donations are requested, but the Cross officers decided that, as long as this amount, which Rooks County people had already contributed for emergency relief, was available, it might as well be used for this purpose.

Rooks County, along with the majority of the other Kansas counties, shows an increase in the number of farms on this border from 1930 to 1935. Rooks now has 1,402 farms, which in 1930 had 1,391, making an increase of 11. Kansas now has 175,543 farms, whereas, in 1930, it had 166,042. This represents a 6% gain.

The \$100.00 Scholarship to Kansas State College, awarded each year by the Union Pacific Railroad to the 4-H club member who is considered the outstanding club member of the county, was awarded this year to Morris Phillips, who is planning to use the scholarship next year. To be eligible for the scholarship, a club member must be a high school senior or have graduated from high school. The award is presented for outstanding work, a compelling project story, and activities

both within and outside of regular club meetings. Morris, who is the secretary of the Star 4-H Club, won this scholarship on account of the excellence of his corn and baking projects and the fact that he has held a club office, has taken part in a model club meeting, and is a delegate to the roundup at Manhattan. He also won the county cooperative marketing contest last fall.

Mrs. Mildred Brokaw and Miss Mabel Robertson, who attended an institute for KERC leisure time activities in Wichita last week, have returned home and are now ready to take up their duties as soon as the various communities provide suitable places for the playground and other leisure time instruction facilities. Plainville has already made arrangements for this playground. Mrs. Brokaw will act as county supervisor, visiting the playgrounds and providing instructions to the various workers who will be selected from each community where the work is to be carried out. Miss Robertson will be in charge of all art and physical culture classes and will make the rounds of the county each week to give this instruction. These classes will continue until the start of school.

As We Think It: It seems now as if two generations may be thrilled by Babe Ruth’s homers. * Why is it that most people would rather do almost anything to get money except work for it? * We hope the recent action of a particular river in this part of the state and southern Nebraska won’t cause many people to change politics. * And it was only last summer that they were putting ice in the swimming pools!

From The Feminine Slant By The Office Cat: The old-fashioned boy doesn’t like to see his grandmother smoke cigarettes.

Caught Up In The Roundup: H. C. Sweet is remodeling and redecorating his abstract offices, making them modern by installing a furnace and a state-of-the-art washroom. * Miss Mildred Loeffler has accepted the position as librarian at Emporia and will begin September 3rd.

Up And Down Main Street: Leslie Wells thinks that getting your shoes large enough is one of the most essential things in life. * George Yoxall was in Kansas City with a load of livestock during the 1903 flood, and it took him ten days to get home, he says. * Warren Phelps says since the hard rains, he has found out he was mistaken about the creeks in Rooks County being six miles apart. He claims they are now only four miles apart.

The Farmers Store had two pounds of raisins for 17¢, four cans of White Soap peas for 25¢, and a quart jar of mustard for 13¢.

talked to him. When they found him in the field, it was surmised the Hahn came into contact with a live wire, and was electrocuted, though it had not been confirmed by authorities.

Steve Wilkens 48, of Plainville was broken up pretty badly in a motorcycle accident in Lincoln County when he was riding with other bikes in a Poker Run when the crash occurred several miles north of Sylvan Grove on Highway 181. His injuries included a collapsed lung, five broken ribs, a broken shoulder blade and collar bone, and a knee injury all on his left side with head lacerations. He had no internal injuries.

Heather Murchie, KSU graduate, had returned from a 15-day Food and Animal Science Study Tour of France. The group of 18 KSU students spent time in Toulouse at the

Purpan Institute in southern France, traveled to Bordeaux and made their way to Normandy before ending their tour in Paris.

Bobbi Kerth of WaKeeney was the winner of the Viewers’ Choice award at the Palco Art Club Open House with her work entitled “Picnic In The Park.”

Jessy Maddy and her horse, Jackie, participated at the KS04 Barrel Race in Logan and came away with first place in the 4D.

Looking Back 14 Years Ago (1997)—Close to 300 Biking Across Kansas riders spent the night on the lawn and football field of Stockton High School. The Stockton K-18 baseball team had won their first three games with members Aaron Glendening, Zane Meehan, Grady Foerster, Josh Post, Chance McKinney, Jacob Stice, Tim Kriley, Chad Look, Aaron Bedore, Jesse Stithem, James Lowry, Tyler Bacon,



SHS SENIOR GRACE KRILEY had placed fifth in the Discus at the 1991 MCL Track meet held at Stockton.

56 YEARS AGO

SPOTLIGHTING THE
YEAR...1969

* And So They Say: Aggie Henry: “I took my first plane trip last week and now I can’t see why anyone wants to travel any other way.” Edna Blauer: “My week’s vacation will be over before Floyd and I make up our minds what we are going to do.” Bill Gouldman: “I have tomatoes on my vines as big as gourds—that’s halfway between a golfball and a baseball.” Pat Reed: “I was sure a good looking kid in that old school picture Dennis Reynolds found and I haven’t changed much.” Rita Palmer: “All four of my children started school with Mrs. Yocum and they all learned how to read.”

* Nick Lowe had signed a letter of intent to attend Barton County Community Junior College on a track scholarship.

* Jack Berkley, Bob Wells, and Herb Jones had flown to Kansas City to inspect some equipment related to producing molding for the Schult Mobile Home Company.

* Thirty-three bicycle riders took part in the Lite-A-Bike and Safety Contest, conducted in the parking lot of the city building by the Jayhawker 4-H Club, the Stockton Police Department, and the Monroe-Taylor-Barnes VFW Post 88783 and its Auxiliary. Prizes were presented to Lee Lindsey in the 6-9 age group, Gregory Bennett in the 9-12 age group, and Jan Lindsey

and Wendell Peacock tied in the 12-14 age group.

* The B and B Lumber Company made significant efforts to enhance the appearance of South First, just west of Walnut Street, by planting evergreens and shrubs along the entire north side of the building. Eight cylindrical evergreens, interspersed with low plantings, comprised the beautification project.

* The Stockton mens softball team ran into tough luck, losing all four of its home games, the first two to Natoma with scores of 18-2 and 14-8. Then, the re-vamped Plainville team defeated the locals 15-1 and 8-3.

* From The Feminine Slant By the Office Cat: Scientific-minded kids are fine. However, they should really be discouraged from taking the TV apart to see where the picture is.

* Looking Backward Fourteen Years Ago: The lack of steel was causing a temporary halt to the construction of the new Health Center building. Mr. and Mrs. Charles McPeck had closed the Coffee Shop they had been operating in the Beck Hotel.

* The new Conoco Super Station, a block south of Main Street, had been opened for business with Kenneth Wente as manager.

Mr. and Mrs. Orland Miller announced the engagement of their daughter, Diana, to Mr. Blaine Baxter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Reid Baxter.

* Mr. and Mrs. August W. Trarbach were the parents of a daughter, Trudy

Tabeth, born on May 30th.

* On sale at Glenn’s Mr. AG Store were a two-pound package of ground beef for 98¢, a pound of seedless grapes for 39¢, a ten-pound bag of potatoes for 69¢, and Hot Shot bug killer for 89¢ a can.

* Butch Marshall was somewhat disappointed not to be able to start baseball practice with the other PeeWees due to an injury he sustained the day after he went to school to pick up his grade card. He was leaning against the Merry-Go-Round when another boy started it going. It caught Butch’s leg, and eight stitches were required to close the gash.

* The St. Thomas Altar Society elections had been held with Mrs. Ralph Schmitz elected as president, Mrs. Neil Kriley as vice president, Mrs. Marthine Considine as secretary, and Mrs. Lloyd Hollern as treasurer.

* The ladies in charge of the Girl Scout Day Camp were Mrs. Joanne Santilli (Juniors), Mrs. Mike Heenan (Director), Mrs. Keith Dryden (Nurse), Mrs. Francis Mahoney (Crafts), and Mrs. Harold Miller (Brownies).

* Making their First Communion at St. Thomas Church were Becky Lytle, Tammy Newell, Gwen Mahoney, Brenda Westhusing, Connie Emery, and Guido Santilli. The flower girls were Karen Brummer, Monique Santilli, Janet Axelsson, and Diane Creevan, with teacher Mrs. A. J. Kreller.

* Showing at the Park Drive-In was “The Wrecking Crew,” starring Dean Martin.

Sheriff’s Office activity report

The call log for the Rooks County Sheriff’s Office for the week of June 2nd through June 8th reads as follows: Admin-

istrative Calls 354, 9-1-1 Calls 23, Non-Injury Accidents 3, Criminal Cases 2, Miscellaneous Cases 8, Traffic Stops 27, Motor

Assists 4, Animal Calls 12, Papers Served 18, and Average Number Of Inmates Housed For The Week 4.

Tyler Hahn, Blake Maddy, Austin Thayer, John Schreiner, Brook Dix, Brian Morgan, Stephen Bigge, James Post, and Eric Mies.

56 Years Ago, Spot-lighting The Year 1955—Stan Krsyl won the TV set awarded at the Plainville Rodeo. Stan had also won the Shetland pony awarded at the Rodeo the

year before. Each time he only purchased one ticket.

What Stocktonites were doing 98 Years Ago in 1913—Frank Silvers got his right hand terribly lacerated in a corn sheller. Doctors Oeschali and Colby were called and dressed the wound. Some of the flesh was torn from his hand and two bones

were broken. Prince Lesperance has traded his auto to Jim Cross, and he closed the deal with Mr. Downing of Woodston in which he gets his residence property back.

The Nova Theatre was showing “Kung Fu Panda 2” in 3D.

Loran “Kay” Miller (1938) passed away.

LOOKING BACK

What Was Going
On 14 Years Ago

The community was shocked and saddened at the news of the tragic death of longtime Stockton resident Alva Beck. He had been on his four-wheeler working some of his pasture ground spraying musk thistle when the accident claimed his life.

Larry Hahn, 52, of Stockton was fatally injured in an accident over the weekend in a field at North Terrace and 26 Road, just east of the Survey Cemetery south of Woodston. Hahn, who performed seasonal work for several farmers in the area, and was preparing to plant milo for Darren Rubottom in the field on Friday afternoon, which was the last time Darren

WE'RE
HIRING!

The City of Stockton is
currently accepting
resumes for the position
of EMS Director



- Health insurance
- Retirement benefits
- Paid time off

QUALIFICATIONS

- Current Kansas-certified EMT, AEMT, or Paramedic (or eligible to obtain)
- Strong communication, organizational, and leadership skills
- Valid driver’s license
- Ability to work flexible hours and respond to emergencies after hours
- Three to five years of medical services preferred

To apply, submit a resume and cover letter to:
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