

DAYS OF YORE

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130 Years Ago

Taken from the March 25, 1896 files of *The Barber County Index*

Only three more days, from today to Friday inclusive, to make nominations. So far everything has been rather quiet but it is pretty well understood that the mayoralty candidacy lies between Jack Davis and Wash Shaw, while the Police Judgeship is nearly certain to strike Dad Lawrence. Further than these we have not heard of any probable candidates.

Fred Cromnecker left on Monday for his home in Illinois. Fred was a popular young man among the ladies of the city and his departure will be deplored by the fair sex. He has made many friends during his stay with his uncle in this city, who hopes to see him again. One or two, especially, hope for his return.

A canvass among the druggist of this place reveals the fact that Chamberlain's are the most popular proprietary medicines sold. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, especially, is regarded as in the lead of all throat trouble remedies, and as such, is freely prescribed by physicians. As a croup medicine, it is also unexcelled, and most families with children keep a bottle always handy for instant use. For sale at 25 and 50 cents per bottle.

120 Years Ago

Taken from the March 28, 1906 files of *The Barber County Index*

William A. Myers died at his home on north Walnut Street in this city on Thursday morning, March 22, 1906. His illness covered a period of time of more than two months during which time he suffered untold pain and misery. A combination of misfortunes contributed to his sickness and death. Last August he was badly cut in the side while sharpening a disc and it is claimed by some, but disputed by others, that the wound healed over too quickly on the outside leaving decaying matter on the inside and setting up blood poisoning. Following this accident he was taken severely sick with the mumps. Mr. Myers was 32 years of age. He came with his parents to this city in his boyhood days and learned the blacksmith trade and later bought and operated a shop of his own. In 1893 he was united in marriage to Miss Emma Kennedy. To this union were born four children, two boys and two girls, all of whom survive him.

Col. O.S. Boggs is now comfortably fixed with a house of his own and can move as often and where ever he pleases. B.E. Wadsworth's building force put up a nice little portable house for him last week. The sides are of canvas - just the thing for one afflicted as the Colonel is. For the present he keeps house on L.M. Axline's lot behind the Cresset office. Col. Boggs' new home was presented to him by his friends and it came in the nature of a surprise. A popular subscription fund was raised for the purpose and on Saturday afternoon it was officially presented to him by the Grand Army Post although many citizens outside of the Post are entitled to credit for assisting in raising the funds. The presentation speech was made by Col. John MacGregor and although the Index reporter did not arrive on the scene of action until after Col. Boggs was in possession, we are told that Col. Mac's speech was eloquent and to the point. The house is 8x14 with a window in each side and a door in one end. It is absolutely water

proof. Col. Boggs is feeling justly proud of his new home and he feels even a greater pride in his friends.

110 Years Ago

Taken from the March 22, 1916 files of *The Barber County Index*

Mrs. Lee Thomas and Earl Jamerson who were arrested last Wednesday on a charge of adultery, pleaded guilty before Justice Kenney, Friday and were given a sentence of six months in jail and fined \$500 each. They had been living on one of M. E. Updegraff's farms as man and wife and when first arrested claimed that they had been married in Cherryvale, and that Mrs. Thomas had secured a divorce from her former husband several months prior to their marriage. Mrs. Thomas is a woman of about twenty-three years of age and is the mother of three children living with their father in Independence. Mrs. Thomas is a niece of Mrs. Bert Robert of Isabel.

A man by the name of Elmer King was arrested by Sheriff Crouse Sunday, at his home a short distance south of Hardtner, in Oklahoma. The said liquor law violation was made on Christmas Eve at Hardtner at which time Mr. King is alleged to have "treated" two of his young minor friends too extensively to Christmas cheer, and as an aftermath one of the young gents had, Oh! such a headache, and was confined to his bed for a number of days. Shortly after Christmas and before any complaints were made to the authorities, Mr. King took a long journey to the south and did not return until recently, then his arrest was delayed until the day above mentioned.

Sheriff Crouse of Barber County received a telegram this morning from a state parole officer, which stated that they had succeeded in arresting Earl Bowman, who has been out on parole for several months, and who was wanted for violating his parole and also on a charge of cattle stealing since his release from the penitentiary. Bowman formerly lived about four miles northwest of Sun City where he owned a small ranch and was engaged in farming and stock raising. Three years ago last February he was convicted in the District Court of cattle stealing and sentenced to the penitentiary for from one to seven years. About eight months ago he was paroled.

85 Years Ago

Taken from the March 27, 1941 files of *The Barber County Index*

Mr. and Mrs. Zeal Johnson received a long distance telephone call from their nephew, Kendall Fields from Chicago, Sunday night. Kendall has just returned from Africa where he has been employed for several years. The young man who was raised in Medicine Lodge said to tell his friends here hello and he "would be seeing them." He was en-route to California to join his wife and daughter and they expect to visit Medicine Lodge in the near future.

ML High School News: Hit And Miss - Wanted - A tutor for Ada Lillieqvist to help her distinguish between employers and employees, bombers and destroyers. No references or qualifications necessary! - Wednesday evening at senior play practice, Mr. Carlile's complexion out-did his hair in brilliance. He meant to sit on the bottom row of the bleachers, but the end of the board flew up and not too gently deposited Mr. Carlile on the floor.

- The girls' tennis class went down to the tennis court in the park for the first time this semester. Those taking tennis include Hazel Warren, Helen McKinney, Violet Goble, Peggy Hittle, Irene Kinkaid, Patricia Tilton and Barbara Gardner. Miss Gilkeson is their sponsor.

70 Years Ago

Taken from the March 22, 1956 files of *The Barber County Index*

The county commissioners will open sealed bids March 27 for the construction of the 1-million dollar Barber County courthouse. Final plans for the structure to replace the present building in use since 1886 have been drawn up by Brinkman and Hagan, Emporia architects. All the money believed needed for the one-story structure has been raised through a mill levy for more than 10 years and through an additional \$127,000 issued in bonds recently. \$500,000 is available.

"Will it help our TV reception?" is the most usual questions being asked about the American Telephone and Telegraph Co. microwave tower to be erected near Sharon. This tower, to be over 300 feet high, will be primarily for the new, modern method of telephone signal relay, and perhaps a few channels of network television will be relayed by it, but the television would be beamed only to subscriber stations which send out the regular broadcasts. So, we would not receive any direct improvement on our TV screens, as the sets could not pick up the beam from the tower.

Fontelle Slater was installed as the president of district four at the state meeting of the Future Homemakers of America in Topeka, recently. The sixteen members attending the meeting from Medicine Lodge were: Janette Shaw, Emmajo Magnison, Irene Whittecar, Roberta Spurgeon, Jane Howard, Sandy Gordon, Fontelle Slater, Connie Foelgner, Marjorie Joseph, Vena Whittecar, Patsy Vincent, Marilyn Hewitt, Kay Lynn Thomas, Barbara Melkus, Judy Hindman and Gertrude Young. Also attending were Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Gordon, Mrs. C. W. Slater, Miss Corine Miller, Mrs. O. B. Whittecar and Miss Sharkey, as advisors and sponsors. Miss Sue Newsom attended as a special guest.

60 Years Ago

Taken from the March 24, 1966 files of *The Barber County Index*

Kathryn Brown, a 13 year old eighth grader from the Sharon Schools, is the champion Barber County speller determined by the "spell-down" Wednesday, at the Primary School Auditorium in Medicine Lodge. Kathryn spelled down 65 other spellers and won the Bee to correctly spelling the word "initiates" missed to the second place winner, Trudy Weaver of Kiowa, then correctly spelling the word "pyramids." Kirk Ridel, third place speller, went down on the word, "dexterity."

The Lincoln Library Board of Medicine Lodge has announced that final approval has been granted plans for the remodeling of quarters recently, acquired for the re-location of the city's municipal library facility. Plans are for remodeling the building located on the northwest corner of First and Main Streets.

A blazing inferno, whipped by 60 mile an hour winds, turned a large section of downtown Kiowa into a holocaust of destruction in

a pre dawn fire Wednesday which brought damage estimated to run more than half a million dollars. Firemen and fire units from Medicine Lodge, Hardtner, Harper, Anthony, Alva, Okla., Cherokee, Okla., and Woods Fire District, Okla., joined Kiowa volunteers to battle the blaze which took more than three hours to bring under control. The fire completely destroyed seven Kiowa firms and heavily damaged more than three others.

Kansas State University coed, Marilyn Hall, daughter of Mrs. Floyd Hall of Medicine Lodge, has been chosen Kansas Collegiate Young Republican Queen. Miss Hall is a graduate of Medicine Lodge Rural High School and was named the 1964 "Miss Barber County" in an official preliminary in the "Miss America" beauty pageant.

50 Years Ago

Taken from the March 25, 1976 files of *The Barber County Index*

Les Gilmore, retiring from National Gypsum, was honored Monday evening, March 22, with a retirement party attended by one hundred three well-wishers. Gilmore retired as plant manager, after forty years association with National Gypsum.

Mona Rusk was elected as President of the South Central FFA District at the group's annual meeting and banquet, Saturday, March 20, at Moundridge, Ks.

Aisles marked with clusters of green foliage and pink and burgundy satin ribbons were the afternoon setting of the exchange of vows between Miss Rhonda McKenzie and Mike Donovan on Saturday, February 21, at three o'clock in the First United Methodist Church of Eureka.

Grottiest of All: Selected as the Grottiest during Grotty Day at the Intermediate School Tuesday were Joe Gant, Brent Lonker and Carol Lenkner. This is an annual event for the school.

40 Years Ago

Taken from the March 27, 1986 files of *The Barber County Index*

Lois Hensley of Medicine Lodge retired from Medicine Lodge Primary School in 1972 after 27 years of teaching, but has not let her teaching abilities go by the wayside. Children continue to gather around her dining table after school for special tutoring sessions. Her strict, stern and yet loving manner seem to help the children learn what they didn't comprehend during the school day. Hensley described herself as a teacher that pushed. "I pushed. I don't think any child will learn without help." She said what the school system is missing today is prayer and punishment.

30 Years Ago

Taken from the March 25, 1996 files of *The Gyp Hill Premiere*

Chance of a lifetime! Local bus drivers to chauffeur Olympic athletes in Atlanta this summer. Three women from the Medicine Lodge area plan to attend the Olympic Games this summer, and they also plan to get paid for it. Diane Davis, Joyce Bell, and Marilyn Boyter, all three of whom are bus drivers for the USD #254 school system, have been chosen to drive busses for the Olympics this summer in Atlanta. Their three week stint will take them to the Olympic Village, where they will cater to the best athletes on the globe and the coaches who train them.

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