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The Kansas Chief

Researched by
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100 Years Ago December 4, 1924

The first steps have been taken to have a federal aid road connecting Troy and Atchison. The commission approved \$48,000 federal aid on the 16 mile highway, Troy to Atchison, and placed the road on the state highway system, it was announced by L. R. Tillotson, state highway engineer. The County Commissioners from Doniphan and Atchison were in Topeka, Tuesday for the securing of federal aid to connect the road. The state highway commission and federal aid commission will send engineers into the two counties as soon as possible to determine the most feasible routing for such a road.

The First Annual Doniphan County Poultry Show started off yesterday, with prospects of a very successful show. The officers of this organization have worked hard to make this first show a success and the people should attend to show their appreciation. There is no admission charged. About 600 birds, including chickens, geese, ducks, turkeys, and guineas from Nebraska, Missouri, and Kansas are on exhibition. One of the features of the show is a laying contest including pens from Shannon, Atchison, Elwood, and Troy. In each pen are five hens. The pen that produces the greatest number of eggs during the show wins the prize.

One of the Kansans who has made good in an emphatic way in Washington official life is Edwin Brown of Troy, appointed in September as an assistant in the attorney general's department. With only two months service to his credit, this Doniphan county lawyer has won the confidence and esteem of his superiors.

Troy Leads with Tax Valuation with Highland Second—The city of Troy leads the other towns of the county with a total valuation of \$1,041,500. Highland is second with a valuation of \$917,361.

George Larson had a close call Tuesday, when a truck he was driving broke through the temporary bridge spanning Wolf River at Sparks. The truck landed in the river about 20 feet below, but fortunately George landed on top. A small bone in his wrist was broken.

Henry Wagenknecht, well known architect of St. Joseph, Mo, has been selected as the architect to draw up the plans for the proposed Masonic building to be erected in Troy. Mr. Wagenknecht is no stranger to the people of Troy and Doniphan County. He is the son of J.H. Wagenknecht, contractor, and spent his boyhood days in Wathena. The father erected the courthouse here at Troy.

From The Trojan Trumpet, the newspaper for Troy Rural High School—

Many of the Normal Training students, being dissatisfied with their grades, were very prompt to complain. Mr. Marble decided to give them a chance to do better by giving them another test, which caused more dissatisfaction than ever. The Normal Training students should remember the verse in the Bible which says, "Do all things without murmurings."

40 Years Ago December 6, 1984

Jack R. Euler was reappointed as a regional director of the Automobile Club of St. Joseph at a regular board meeting. He serves as an active member of the local Board of Directors during the regular monthly business meetings, and will represent the Troy area.

Leota Elder of Severance was named as the new director of the Atchison chapter of the Sweet Adelines, Inc. She is the choir director of the St. John's Lutheran Church of Benden. The Elder family, with her husband and five daughters, also perform throughout the area as the Elder Sisters.

Donna Drake of Troy was selected as a Student of the Month at the NEKA Vo-Tech business occupations facility.

Charges may be filed against two NEKA Vo-Tech School students at Atchison after a counterfeiting operation was uncovered. A sheet of bogus \$20 bills was found caught in the press. The Atchison Police and U.S. Secret Service reportedly recovered \$59,000 worth of the counterfeit bills.

Deaths: Edna Derrick, a 90-year-old native of White Cloud, of Highland.

Mary S. Daily, 80, of Troy. John Matthew McEnulty, 84-year-old former resident of Denton, of Rocky Mountain House, Alberta, Canada.

The Junior Trojans completed the girls basketball season by defeating the host Midway Junior High Eagles. The A-team score was 35-22. The Bteam score was 20-9, according to Principal Donald L. Harter. Cindy Campbell had 21 rebounds and nine points, and Stephanie Smith had 10 points and two rebounds for the A-team.

The Troy High School boys basketball team had its first practice of the season. According to coaches Kevin Kelley and Lyle Rockey Jr., there were two seniors, George Wykert and Jeff Adkins; juniors: Bobby and Brian Adkins, Bobby Franken, Brian Klaus, and Mike Wiedmer; and sophomores: Steve Smith, Mike Goss, Tom Martinez, and Robert Sigrist. Ten freshmen also reported: Jeff Simpson, Chad Swavey, Kevin Needham, Terry Karn, Brian Franken, Gary Huff, Danny Clary, Bill Masters, Robert Johnson, and Chris Bond.

Marla Peden and her two sons, Shane and Clint, and her father, Lyle Cummings, went to Kansas City to attend the Disney on Ice skating show at Kemper Arena.

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The Highland Vidette

By Eileen
Gronniger

125 Years Ago, December 7, 1899

Troy had another fire last week, the house of Ike Clarey being burned to the ground. Nothing was saved from the house and the loss is about \$1,700 partly covered by insurance. The house of A. R. Graves adjoining was only saved by desperate work on the part of the fire laddies.

Highland has a mule and a horse market which is by no means ignored by traders in this section. Young & Hutt are buying and selling continually and have on hand at the present time about 40 head.

Bessie Williams is able to be in school again after being confined at home for two weeks owing to her accidentally scalding herself with hot water. Even little girls get into hot water sometimes.

A big barn south of Severance burned down last night.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Will Ptoemey on December 3rd, a son.

100 Years Ago, December 4, 1924

The first inter-school basket ball game of the season for the local school was played on the high school court last Friday evening when the Denton girls defeated the Highland girls 34 to 18. On the same evening and at the same place Coach L. W. Stricker's masculine basketballers from Sparks suffered a 10 to 25 defeat at the hands of the Denton boys.

A fire which broke out in the basement furnace room of the main college building at 5 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, November 26, badly damaged the furnace and all basement rooms. Burned the floor out of the chemistry supply room on the first floor, practically destroyed all the chemistry laboratory equipment, and smoked up the entire building.

Frank Potter, living north of the Station, was shot by his son Tuesday night. They were watching for a person they thought had been stealing their hogs when the son shot at the supposed thief and was immediately horrified to find his mistake. Mr. Potter probably will recover.

Bill Peabody bought a Freshman Masterpiece radio set from Hegenderfer & Son last week.

Sparks Items - Mr. Jess Barrow traded his farm over east of Sparks for a farm out southwest of Benden belonging to a Mr. Ritcliffe. We will greatly miss these kind folks but what will be our loss will be some other neighborhood's gain.

Mrs. Henrietta Rau is a little better and is able to sit up. She has been suffering from lumbago and is at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. H. Lewis.

Isaac Hayes, an old soldier who has been a resident of White Cloud since 1888, died at his home there Sunday, November 30.

60 Years Ago, December 3, 1964

Death — Eugene "Spike" Parker, 70, of Highland on November 26, 1964.

Ed Stewart received honorable mention on the All-State Football Team in the Kansas City Star & Times and on the second team in All Area Football in Northeast Kansas in the Topeka and Atchison papers. Danny Woodruff received honorable mention in the Northeast Kansas Team in the Topeka paper.

Lots of building activity in the southwest corner of town: the Chuck Miller's new house, just south of Lewis Shay, is coming right along. At the Murl Higgins home an addition with

Abraham Lincoln visited Troy 140 years ago this Dec. 1. Members of the Doniphan County Historical Society will commemorate his visit with an actor portraying Lincoln, and a light supper, at the Tennent-Baker House in Troy. John Powell of Highland will be in costume as Lincoln.

The Doniphan County Library District No. 1 open house drew a crowd estimated at nearly 300 people. A plaque was unveiled showing the names of those for whom over \$100 in memorials had been donated. These were in honor of: Phillip Drake 1994, Florence Kirby 1994, Blanche French 1995, May Williamson 1996, Jim Nett 1998, Bea Rounds 1999, Gullela Lipe 1999, and Betty Sanderson 1999. Individual plaques also were on display honoring those who had completed serving two terms on the library board. These were: Rosemary Barrand, Grace Jeschke, Greg Johnson and Charles Bramlage.

White Cloud Tourism and friends are busy with preparations for Pioneer Christmas on Dec. 4. Events this year will begin at 3:00 p.m. with judging of the candy-making contest at the Silver Lake Bank.

Mary Kathryn Carter of Troy was the first place winner in the entrees division of the Holiday Gourmet Cook-off, sponsored by Townsend Communication, a Kansas City area publication. Her entry was original cream cheese enchiladas.

Pearl Stewart recently completed 'boot camp' at the Great Lakes Naval Training Center, north of Chicago. The daughter of Speedy and Gail Stewart of Troy has entered the first phase of training at the nuclear field in Charleston, S.C.

15 Years Ago December 3, 2009

The purchase of interior security cameras for the law enforcement center, at a cost of \$11,864, was approved Monday during the Board of County Commissioners meeting. Sheriff Jerry Dubach explained that the security cameras are needed for the inmate cells located in the upper (main floor) level of the jail.

Unified School District #425 of Highland and USD No. 433 Midway at Denton are now history. In February 2008 voters of the two school districts approved consolidation, creating Doniphan West USD No. 111. Next week, alumni of the two former school districts will have an opportunity to preserve a part of their former school's history, with the purchase of school memorabilia. On Tuesday, December 8, more than 50 items from the two now-defunct school districts—mainly sports banners—will be offered as part of the Kansas Government Surplus Auction. It is being conducted on the Internet. Bids are being accepted prior to that date. The items to be auctioned include decor, sporting goods, and sports collectibles. One of two decor items is a concrete Midway Eagle mascot.

Wathena Garden Club is sponsoring a holiday homes tour Saturday, Dec. 5, 10:00-4:00. Eight homes, decorated for the holidays, will be featured.

The Doniphan County Services and Workskills, Inc., recently held an appreciation dinner at the Wathena Community Building. It also was the 25th anniversary observance of the not-for-profit agency that serves people with mental and/or physical disabilities. State Representative Jerry Henry of Atchison was the guest speaker.

Emu sightings have been reported around the county in recent days. A photo appears in The Chief of an emu in a field at the Freda Lou Bahr farm south of Wathena. Mike Hoye of rural Wathena took the photo. This emu (or possibly others like it) have been seen south of Wathena, in the Blair area, and possibly near Troy. It is believed the emu is a lost pet.

Elwood Police Chief Larry Hunsaker "nabs" 7-foot sailfish in Florida. The fish weighed 62 pounds. Time spent on the fishing boat was a birthday present from his wife, Paula.

For as long as they can remember, Raymond Wagner's kids have heard him talk about his time on the Troy basketball team. Raymond was the valedictorian of his class in 1938 but never quite played enough to earn a letter for the basketball team. Even though he left Troy in the 40's, Raymond remained one of the most loyal fans of the Trojans. On Oct. 3 of 2009, he received that 'T.' After all these years, Raymond finally got his letter along with a certificate, Troy basketball shirt, and blue tie. The letter was presented to Raymond by current Troy Trojans basketball coach Dallas Keller. On hand to witness the presentation in C.W. Oliver Gymnasium at Troy High School were Raymond's sons, Raymond Jr. and John.

a large window has been built on the north side and the house is being covered with coral-colored siding.

Auction — Closing out farm sale Tuesday, December 15. 2 miles east, 1 ½ south, ¼ mile west of Highland. C. R. "Chuck" Miller, Owner.

\$25 Cash Reward from the Highland Cemetery Association for information leading to the arrest and conviction of any person or persons performing acts of vandalism to monuments, grave stones, markers or any other property on the grounds of the Highland Cemetery Association or the theft by burglary or otherwise of any tools, equipment, or materials located to said cemetery association.

A lovely shower for Miss Linda Lackey was given at the Presbyterian Church on November 21. Miss Lackey and Bobby Dean Miller were married on November 28.

Mr. and Mrs. William Loroff of Severance celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary on Thanksgiving Day with a dinner at the Don Gaither home.

50 Years Ago, December 5, 1974

Allen Seifert, Wathena, has been named women's basketball coach at Highland Community College for the 1974-75 season. The school is fielding a women's team for the first time. The new Highland coach is also sports editor of the St. Joseph News-Press, a position he's held for 10 years.

Deaths — Paul E. Veach, 82, of Hiawatha on November 29, 1974; Mrs. Geraldine Corbet, of St. Joseph and a former resident of Highland, on November 26, 1974.

Mr. and Mrs. Abe Simpson, Mr. and Mrs. William Jenkins, Bob Jenkins, Wanda Hooper, and Sam Caudle were among the 22 guests at the party for employees of Feeney Construction, Co., at Heinie's Steak House in St. Joseph on November 23. Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Smith of St. Joseph were the hosts.

Vanetta Blevins was the winner of the Junior Division of the "Make it with Wool" competition for this district held November 16 at the White Lake Shopping Center in Topeka. This qualifies Vanetta to enter the State competition to be held at Salina December 7 and 8.

Birth — A son, Mark Alan, to Mr. and Mrs. James Mueller of Cherry Point, N.C. on December 3, a974. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Tom Miller of Highland. Maternal great-grandparents and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Utz of Highland.

Boys and girls basketball are in full swing at Midway High School under the direction of coach Jim Leatherman. The boys have 27 out for practice with only two returning lettermen from last years' team that finished with a 15-6 record. The girls have 25 out for practice with 7 returning lettermen from last years' team that finished with a 8-6 record.

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The Wathena Times
By Karla Root

75 Years Ago November 24, 1949

City officials have vacated Harding avenue which diagonally cuts the block of land east of the high school. It is reported that the owners of the ground plan to fill in the street which extends from the southeast corner of Mrs. Louise Howard's place to the northeast corner of the high school.

John Anderson has installed emergency oxygen equipment and a first aid cabinet in his ambulance. E. L. Karr of Troy recently installed oxygen equipment in his ambulance. Oxygen is frequently needed by persons being taken to hospitals.

Several public carrier trucks hauling army poison gas went thru Wathena Nov. 9 afternoon. One of the trucks almost missed DMC No. 1 and went into the Ryan building. When the convoy went thru St. Joseph one of the drivers ran a stop sign and hit another truck. Fortunately, none of the gas containers were broken or no telling how many would have been gassed. Destination of the cargo was reported to have been Denver.

E. E. Shields is featured in the December issue of Capper's Farmer for the new methods he is using in making an apple orchard profitable.

60 Years Ago November 26, 1964

Births - A son, Nov. 24, to Mr. and Mrs. Linden Nold; a son, Robert Michael, Nov. 19, to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Daly, Charleston Heights, SC; a son, Brian Alan, Nov. 7, to Mr. and Mrs. Louis Young, St. Louis; a daughter, Nov. 22, to Mr. and Mrs. John Kent, Elwood; a son, Nov. 23, to Mr. and Mrs. Melvin McCallon, Elwood.

Deaths - Emmett Foley, 70, Wathena; Carl Purcell, Grand Junction, Colo.; Ida Low, 86, Highland; Mary Scarbrough, 69, Doniphan county resident; Lucille Cluck, 48, St. Jo.

The Wathena Wildcats will open their 1964-65 basketball season Friday evening when they host the Elwood Panthers on the Wathena hardwoods. Basketball coach Gary Tucker reports 9 returning lettermen and 38 non-lettermen are reporting out for the team.

Mrs. Gwendoline Etherton, who was just re-elected to the office of Clerk of District Court Nov. 3, has resigned her office and District Judge Chester C. Ingles has appointed Mrs. Alice Crane, Wathena, as the new clerk effective Dec. 1.

Doniphan County Fire District No. 1 has purchased a new fire truck. The truck cost the district \$4,294.70.

Harold Decker, a familiar face at Farmers Grain and Lumber Co. in years past will assume the duties of manager at the company according to Roy Carter, president of the board of Directors. The death of Emmett Foley created the vacancy.

50 Years Ago November 21, 1974

Births - A son, Nov. 5, to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McIlvain. Marriage licenses - Gary Davis, St. Jo, and Eva House, St. Jo.

The body of Maynard Lee Smith, 28, Troy, who was lost at sea in 1968, has been discovered and identified. The sailor was washed overboard while serving in the Mekong Delta area. He was reported missing in action Feb. 7, 1968.

Deaths - John Farnan, 67, Clyde, Mo.; Auerlia Miller, 84, Wathena.

Kevin Vertin, Wathena sophomore quarterback, and Bryan Paden, senior end, received the distinction of being "Players of the Week" for their performance against Holton, Nov. 8. In spite of losing 56-21, the Wathena duo clicked for 15 passes for 195 yards and two touchdowns. Vertin completed 29 out of 44 passes for 330 yards and three touchdowns. The Topeka Capital-Journal makes the player of the week selections.

Eighteen members of the 1964 Undeafated WHS Football team and Principal Lee Corder and Mrs. Corder were pictured. They returned for the 1974 homecoming festivities Oct. 4.

The engagement of Sandra Kelley to Bill Nold was announced. The wedding will be Dec. 21 at the United Methodist church in Clearmont, Mo.

40 Years Ago November 29, 1984

Births - A son, Mitchell Louis, Nov. 22, to Ed and Toni Meyer, Denver, Colo.; a daughter, Nov. 24, to James and Rhonda Malloy, Elwood; a son, Michael Anthony, Nov. 25, to Mr. and Mrs. James Warriax, Oswego; a son, Cody O'Neill, Nov. 26, to Mr. and Mrs. David Dwyer, St. Joseph.

Marriage licenses - Ronald Thompson, Jr., Englewood, Colo., and Vickie Jagodzinski, St. Jo.

Deaths - Howard Woods, 78, Elwood; Cora Briggs, 80, Troy; Will Ogdin, 16, White Cloud; Zackary Prawl, 4, died when he fell from a tractor on the family farm north of Denver, Mo.

Midway won its third eight-man state football title in the last four years with a 54-34 victory over Quivira Heights Saturday at Russell.

The Wathena Jr. High girls basketball team defeated Everest Monday, Nov. 19 to extend their overall record to 6-0 and completed conference play in first place with a 3-0 record.

Airman Matthew A. Cross has graduated from the U.S. Air Force fuels specialist course at Chanute Air Force Base, Ill.

25 Years Ago November 25, 1999

Kari Taylor of Wathena was the winner of the 8th grade free throw competition and the 8th grade 3-point contest held Saturday at the Troy invitational tournament. Mallory Haedt of Wathena won the 7th grade 3-point contest. Abby Winder of Troy won the 7th grade free throw contest.

Deaths - Audrey White, 85, Elwood; Esther Caton, 75, Wathena; Thomas Henderson, 78, Elwood; Lonnie Mitchell, 40, Savannah; Louis Buessing, 91, Hiawatha.

Two Wathena girls and two Highland girls received Delaware Valley League All-League recognition for volleyball this year. Ashley Michaels and Kriston Manthe both of Wathena, and Cate Batchelder and Jana Collins, both of Highland, received unanimous choice selection.

Two boat trailers were recently reported stolen from the boat dock located north of Troy.

After Monday night's rain, which totalled about two inches, the countywide burning ban has been lifted.

Marriage licenses - Brycen Wiedmer, Troy, and Leola Miller, Wathena; Jason Liechti, Troy, and Rebecca Moore, Rushville, Mo.