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THE PAST AT A GLANCE

140 Years Ago

The Atwood Patriot
December 2, 1885

—From the recent developments in the social circles of Oberlin it would seem that a man’s wife is not safe in that burg when he is away from home. We would modestly suggest to the “lords of creation” in our sister city to send their wives, if they are pure, to this town, when they expect to be gone over night. Atwood is proud of her purity. It is the symbol of chastity. —Morgan pays 35 cents a bushel for corn, cash.

—The dance at the Atwood House Thanksgiving evening was not very well attended on account of the rain.

—G. W. Frazier has sold his hardware business in this town to a Mr. Dwelly, of Brown county. Mr. Dwelly will be here with his family sometime this week.

—A new industry has sprung up in town lately. It is one of those indispensable adjuncts which civilization brings to enlighten an innocent people. The incubator is the place to find if you want to play poker.

130 Years Ago

The Atwood Patriot
December 6, 1895

—Sickness prevents us from being able to give our readers much news. We ask our friends to be patient.

120 Years Ago

The Atwood Patriot
December 8, 1905

John Herzog, of Atwood, from the Omaha World Herald

Lying in Immanuel hospital, bound hand and foot by paralysis, John Herzog is one of the few men who have survived with a broken neck. Nearly four months have now passed since the accident which brought him to the hospital and a turn has now come in his condition which promises ultimate recovery. It has settled simply into a matter of waiting for the nervous forces which deserted him at the time of the accident to return.

Herzog is 30 years of age, built for strength and full of vitality. He had a little farm near Atwood, Kansas, where he lived and worked alone. Late one afternoon last July he was working on a haystack when a slip caused him to lose his balance and fall head first fifteen feet to the ground. He struck on his head, with the result of a dislocation and fracture of the spinal column just at the base of the neck. He managed to get to the house with the aid of the man who was helping him. He lay there alone all night while the other man rode to Atwood for the doctor. The doctor arrived early in the morning and took in the man’s serious condition at once.

It is probably due to the service rendered by Dr. McIrvin, the Atwood physician, at that time that Herzog’s life was spared to be slowly coaxed back to health in an Omaha hospital. The dislocation was reduced by Dr. McIrvin and the splintered bones of the spinal column set in place. After three or four days Herzog lost completely the power of motion. A paralysis affecting the motor nerves of the entire body fell upon him. He did not lose the use of the vocal organs.

After lying helpless for a month on his farm Herzog was sent to Omaha August 23, a neighbor of his

having passed through a siege of illness at Immanuel hospital and pictured the advantages of such a place for a man in his condition.

At the hospital Herzog has been under the care of Dr. Mason, the house physician, and Dr. Davis. The principal concern at present is to coax back into his limbs and body the lost power of motion and this power is slowly, but none of the less surely, returning. He began to mend almost imperceptibly from the time he was brought to the hospital. He has regained almost complete use of the left arm and is able to wiggle the fingers of his right hand just the tiniest bit. Cramps in his lower limbs indicate the return of that nerve force which controls the muscles. Occasionally he is able to move a leg or a foot. The surgical explanation of his condition is such that paralysis comes a degeneration of a certain portion of the brain. It is a question now of regeneration of that portion and the outward manifestations indicate that this is taking place.

In spite of a sudden tumble from great strength to absolute powerlessness. Herzog takes his enforced confinement with philosophical cheerfulness and spends his days reading or conversing with friends and other patients in the ward. It will probably be many weeks before strength so far returns as to enable him to leave his bed.

A Departed One

Ella, the daughter of J. T. and Malina Guy and wife of Reed Tannyhill, departed this life at her home at Santa Cruz, Calif., Nov. 29th, 1905, age 26 years, 9 months and 13 days.

She was born at Atlanta, Ill. Feb. 16, 1879. She moved with her parents to Rawlins county in 1886 and spent the most of her young life here.

She was married to Reed Tannyhill Oct. 29, 1899, and moved with him to Santa Cruz, in the spring of 1904 where they have since made their home.

She leaves a loving husband, a baby who will never remember a mother’s voice, never know a mother’s love, three brothers, four sisters and many other relatives.

110 Years Ago

The Citizen-Patriot
December 2, 1915

Gone—But Not Forgotten

Charles Nicholovsky, the Pole who was recently arrested for stealing seventeen head of cattle from John Sramek of Burntwood and lodged in the county jail, during the quiet of the Sabbath evidently became tired of his environments and the companionship of Frank Gibson who is doing a little turn for peddling “booze,” and hiked out for parts unknown. Sheriff Conquest at the usual noon hour served the boys their dinner and unlocked their cells that they might enjoy their meal in the corridor by the fire, after which he went to the postoffice for his mail. After the meal was over Mr. Gibson returned to his cell for a cigarette paper when he was promptly locked in by Mr. “Polesky” who being questioned as to why he did so was informed by Nicholovsky that he was going and he did not want company. After removing his sweater and coat, with the aid of a stove poker he soon made a hole through the sheet metal of which the outside walls of the building is constructed large enough to crawl through. Once out-

side he proceeded quickly pull his sweater and coat through the hole and after carefully brushing the dirt from the same, with a wave of his hand and a cheery good bye, he passed out of the city by the east gate over the High School hill. Sheriff Conquest returned some ten or fifteen minutes later instituted a vigorous search for his prisoner but for the time being at least he seems to have made good his escape. The cattle stealing charge is not the only one against Nicholovsky it would seem. James Sramek and a Mr. Jakl of the north side were in the city Monday attending to a matter of some forced checks that had been passed by the foxy Pole. A year or so ago on request for a good work hand Mr. Jakl sent Nicholovsky to Texas to work for his brother-in-law and when he returned this fall he brought with him what he claimed were checks in payment for his work in the sum of about \$400.00. By reason of his past acquaintance he induced Mr. Jakl to identify him at a Ulysses, Nebraska bank, which leaves him holding the sack for the money. It is very evident that Mr. Nicholovsky is a bad actor and will in all probability land a steady job for some time when he is caught.

100 Years Ago

The Atwood Patriot
December 3, 1925

An Apology

We are obliged to apologize this week for the lack of fifteen or more columns of reading matter that we have in the office to set up our type setting machine went bad Tuesday and while we did all we could and secured an expert mechanic from out of town, the machine still balks. Our good friend, the Square Deal man turned his machine over for our convenience, so this evening we are setting several wedding notices and legals that must run and will make up the forms and get the paper off that we have.

90 Years Ago

The Citizen-Patriot
December 5, 1935

Lenora Pears Injured When Hit By Car

Miss Lenora Pears was badly injured late Thanksgiving afternoon when she was hit and run over by a car belonging to and driven by Ed Morrow. She and her father, John Pears had eaten Thanksgiving dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bethel Beal, and Miss Pears had started down town. She was struck by the car as she crossed the street crossing just north of the T. A. Benjamin property.

The driver stated that he was blinded by the sun and had difficulty in seeing Miss Pears who was knocked down and run over by the car. She was taken to the Henneberger Hospital where it was found that both shoulder blades were broken, as well as two ribs.

She is recovering as fast as possible but suffers greatly from her painful injuries.

80 Years Ago

The Citizen-Patriot
December 6, 1945

News of Our Men and Women in Uniform

—Sgt. Dale Rodenbeck has been discharged from the U. S. air forces on Nov. 1, 1945. Dale served 2 years, 11 months and 1 day of which 1 year, 1

month and 18 days were overseas. For nine months he was a prisoner of war in Sweden. He was on the first day light mission over Berlin. Dale comes home wearing the Presidential citation, air medal, good conduct medal, ETO ribbon with four battle stars, American Defense ribbon, victory medal and purple heart. Dale was formerly a Rawlins county boy of the Ludell community. He is at home with Mr. and Mrs. Rodenbeck at Green Forest, Ark.

—Thomas Monroe Hurst, GM 3-c of Atwood was recently discharged at Norman, Okla. His last duty was aboard the U.S.S. Alaska. He served 24 months overseas in the Asiatic and European Theatres.

—Tech Sgt. Quentin A. Bergling, whose wife, Mrs. Olive Bergling lives in Atwood, is now attending Shrivensham American University in England where the second 2-month term opened with an enrollment of more than 4,000 soldier-students.

T. Sgt. Bergling, a farmer in civilian life, is studying agriculture courses. He formerly attended Atwood Community High School.

—S 1 c J. B. Cox and Cpl. Dave Beamgard were able to spend the Thanksgiving holiday together in Japan. J. B.’s boat happened to be in Yokahama for a few days at that time.

—S. Sgt. J. C. Youngblood landed Friday at Camp Stoneman, Calif. and called his mother Mrs. Frank Hutchinson. J. C. will go to Ft. Logan and then expects to be home in about 10 days with his discharge.

—M. Sgt. George J. Musalek returned home, bringing with him an honorable discharge, which he received in Lincoln, Nebr. on Nov. 10.

—Lt. Grace Cables came November 21 on a 45-day leave. She has been with the 201st General Hospital in France, and this hospital was one of the three hospitals that were nearest the front lines. Lt. Cables will go to Ft. Sheridan, Ill. after her leave. She is visiting her mother, Mrs. Suzie Chessmore and other relatives and friends.

—Marvin Cox received his discharge from the Navy last Thursday at Norman, Okla., where he had come from Portland, Ore. and Japan. Marvin has been in the service for 3 years and 10 months and had the rating of MoM 1-c. He is planning to make his home in Atwood.

Selective Service News

The following registrants will report for active duty on Wednesday, December 12, 1945.

Pianalto, Charles E.
Sramek, Raymond J.
Holub, Richard E.
Steele, Billy B.
Hurst, Francis A.

The following registrants will report for preintroduction physical examination on Wednesday, December 12, 1945.

Moreland, Richard I.
Franklin, Glen N.
Lanning, Starrett E.
Burk, William P.
Reinert, Francis G.
Neuhart, Francis H.
Stringer, Harry L.

Following is a list of servicemen recently discharged with next of kin.

Solko, Clarence L., Mr. and Mrs. Joe Solko, Herndon.

Ryba, Gladys L., Mr. E. A. Ryba, Atwood.

Makings, Roy W., Mr. and Mrs. Frank Makings, Atwood.

Dyer, Denzel C., Mrs. C.

C. Dyer, Blakeman.

Moline, Arnold A., A. D. Moline, McDonald.

Schippert, Lloyd W., Mr. and Mrs. John Schippert, Atwood.

Greason, John Frank, Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Greason, Atwood.

Cox, Marvin L., Mrs. M. L. Cox, Atwood.

Heble, Clarence R., Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Heble, Atwood.

Kleidosty, Carl F., Mrs. Rose Kleidosty, Herndon.

Janousek, Edward, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Janousek, Herndon.

Atwood Again Has a Dentist

After being away from Atwood for five years, Dr. and Mrs. K. I. Cochran have returned to Atwood, and Dr. Cochran has re-opened his dental office here.

Dr. Cochran has been with the Army for the past five years, serving first at Ft. Leavenworth for about two years; six months at the Station Hospital, at Jefferson Barracks, Mo., and for the past two and one-half years in the General Dispensary with headquarters in St. Louis, Mo. While in service, he held the rank of captain. Mrs. Cochran has been with her husband during his military duty, and they have returned to Atwood and re-established their home and office.

Dr. Cochran started his practice in Atwood in 1933, following his graduation from the University of Nebraska, and enjoyed a fine patronage at the time he entered the service. Their many friends are happy to welcome them back.

70 Years Ago

The Citizen-Patriot
December 8, 1955

Received Phone Call from Seoul, Korea

Billy Pack Beamgard celebrated his 22nd birthday by calling home Sunday morning at 10:00. There is 15 ½ hours difference in time from Atwood and Seoul. Billy Pack talked to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Beamgard, his sister, Mrs. Dale Makings, and his brothers, Don and Rod Beamgard.

To Show New Hudson and Rambler Dec. 15

Vern Focke this week is announcing that the showing of the 1955 Hudson and the 1956 Rambler will take place Thursday, December 15th.

60 Years Ago

The Citizen-Patriot
December 2, 1965

Don Swanson to be Stationed at Hiawatha

Donald Swanson, Atwood, who has just completed his training as a new member of the Kansas Highway Patrol, will be stationed at Hiawatha, Kansas.

Swanson is one of 40 new patrolmen who are completing a 10-week training course at the Patrol’s new training center at Schilling Air Force Base, Salina.

They will be graduated Friday, December 3, then assume their new patrol duties.

Odd Fellows Help Fellow Member With Farm Work

Last Sunday a group of Odd Fellow Lodge members gathered at the Finn Penn home to help Finn put up some feed and stack baled alfalfa. Finn has been slightly under the weather for the past several weeks, and this help was greatly appreciated by him. Following are those who par-

ticipated in the work party:

Harry Haynes and son, George Beims, Keith Barnett, Delbert Hawkins, Wayne Latimer, Warren Howland and son, Don Phelps, Billy Steele and son, Earl Brown and son, Jim Williams, and Darrell Fikan.

At-Kans Observing 20th Anniversary

Francis R. Jensen, owner of At-Kans Supply in Atwood, is this week beginning the observance of business in Atwood. In conjunction with the observance, a big anniversary sale starts Dec. 2 and is being held with discounts throughout the store.

50 Years Ago

The Citizen-Patriot
December 4, 1975



The Citizen-Patriot Earns Blue Ribbon From National Editorial Foundation

The Citizen-Patriot is one of only 255 U. S. newspapers named a Blue Ribbon winner in the 1976 National Blue Ribbon Newspaper Editorial Foundation, according to Paul D. Coffman, president of the Foundation.

Twenty-five criteria, measuring The Citizen’s service to the community against a national standard were employed in the evaluation. The Citizen received top rating for its coverage of agriculture, local business and manufacturing, sports, civic and cultural events, youth activities, social events and all school activities. Locally written commentaries and local news feature coverage received particular commendation with top rating given to news and feature photographs that have appeared in its pages during the past year. While The Citizen-Patriot’s coverage of local law enforcement received 13 of a possible 13 points and court coverage received 9 of a possible 9 points, we received only 11 out of 23 points for local government coverage and 7 of 9 for school district government coverage. The judges also indicated that the paper could improve in church, lodge and fraternal news and locally written editorials.

The National Editorial Foundation commended the paper for its professional organization of news, its professional organization support, and awarded it 14 of 17 points for community service over and above its newspaper columns. The publishers participation in Retail Trade Committee activities, Rawlins County Area Promotional Council projects, PRIDE, and the Fair were mentioned. Advertising in its pages also rated a strong 14 on a scale of 18 points when compared with other communities.

Of a total of 260 possible points, The Citizen-Patriot was awarded 214 points, and is entitled to display the Blue Ribbon emblem appearing in the front page flag today.

The National Editorial Foundation, established in 1957, is dedicated to the improvement of journalism and journalism education. It has conducted the annual Blue Ribbon evaluation since 1969.