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The Kansas Chief

Researched by
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100 Years Ago June 4, 1925

Another Home Makers Club was organized in the community southeast of Severance, last Tuesday, May 26. The Club is to be known as the Happy Hour Club. The purpose of the club is not only to take advantage of the social times but also to receive the benefits of the program prepared for the Home Makers Clubs by the Extension Dept. of the State Agricultural College. This is the seventh Home Makers Club in the county, the list includes the Sunflower Club in Marion township, the Get-Together Club near Doniphan, the Mt. Vernon Community Club south of Denton, the Oakland Community Club south of Bendena, the Golden Rule Club southwest of Bendena, the Ma-Da-Sa Club near Bendena, and the Happy Hour Club between Severance and Bendena.

The German Lutheran Church about seven miles southeast of Troy, was struck by lightning Tuesday night during the storm and burned to the ground, with \$3,500 being the extent of the insurance carried on the building.

From about one o'clock a.m. to about 5:30, six inches of rain fell here at Troy. The heavy fall of water is the greatest in many years. The farmers all over the county are damaged greatly by the fall. Corn on level ground is covered up and damaged more or less whether just planted or already up. Alfalfa has badly fallen except that already cut. Wheat is also damaged some. Every stream, rivulet and creek in the county was out of its banks in placing and depositing part of its silt and mud carried by the hillside wash into the current. Livestock was drowned. The Burlington railroad bridge washed out on Independence Creek. The Grand Island trains were several hours late yesterday owing to washouts of tracks and other damage near Moray.

There were one hundred and nine high school graduates in Doniphan County this year. Last year there were one hundred and twenty.

Ad-Remember Schmid the Repairman for all kinds of shoe service, quality and prompt service is our motto. Have him resolve those work shoes with composition soles. Same price and wear twice as long as leather.

From Baptist Pastor's Weekly letter: Dear Public-Some people reason queerly about religion, when they say there should be only one church in a small town and that all Christians in the community should belong to it. Are people not just as unlike in their ideas of religions as they are about what kind of house they live in? Or what kind of clothes they wear, or what kind of automobile they like best?

Owing to the heavy rain Tuesday night, about one mile of the transmission line from Troy to Atchison, was washed out where the line crosses Independence Creek, leaving Troy in darkness for a couple of nights. The Chief will be late with its issue this week on account of the damage done to the line by the flood.

40 Years Ago June 6, 1985

Dancer, a four-month-old male African lion cub lives on a farm south of Highland with the Walton family, Tory, Tina, and Tia.. The cub was three months old and weighed 15 pounds when the Waltons got him and he now weighs 40 pounds and is the size of a cocker spaniel, Mary Winder wrote. The Walton "family" also includes a ferret, horses, two dogs, and a sheep.

Several Troy runners participated in the Maur Hill Run at Atchison. Coach Bill Foster placed third in his age division in the six-mile run. Seven ran the two-mile course. Placing in their individual age divisions were: Jackie Gardner, fourth; Kelly Jasper, second; Kevin Kelley, second; Jason Whetstine, third; Pete Bond, seventh, and Tom Bond, second.

A memorial scholarship will be dedicated to John F. Halling, Midway superintendent Bob Albers announced. "John was an avid supporter of all the area schools," he said.

Deaths: Kathryn R. Weis, 68, of Wathena. John F. Halling, 57, of Severance. Alma Lee Reder, 52, of Troy. Marie J. Fitzpatrick, 81-year-old Troy native, of St. Joseph.

Mark Rooney is the valedictorian of the Troy 8th grade class. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rooney. Kim Wiedmer is the salutatorian. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Wiedmer, according to Principal Donald Harter.

The cheerleaders for the Troy Grade School are: Lori Benitz, Tiffany Franken, Janel Reder, Karman Roper, and Bridget Schoenfelder.

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The Highland Vidette

By Eileen
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125 Years Ago, June 7, 1900

Walter Broyles, a bright youth of Severance who is studying law at K.U. won his first case. He was counsel for a man who was arrested for disturbing the peace at Severance.

Shot-in-the-head Andy Dupont has left White Cloud and has gone to Kansas City to live off his wife. As soon as he got home he commenced practicing for his profession - prize fighting - by beating her. She has had him arrested and charges that he is of unsound mind. There must be something in the charge. The bullet which passed through his brains lodging inside the skull is still weighing on his mind.

H. D. Guthrie of near Highland Station is a relative of Dr. Samuel Guthrie, the discoverer of chloroform.

John Bruner left yesterday afternoon for Excelsior Springs. He believes that a 3-weeks' sojourn there will help his rheumatism.

The new bank will be located in J. L. Allen's law office while he moves his office into the room used by Max Lisitzky and the latter moves one door farther west.

Highland's credited population is 780 but within 100 yards of the city's boundaries are over 50 inhabitants which are really a part of the town. This raises the actual population to 830. A railroad and an enlarged college would make it 1000 within one year.

Will Foust, injured in a runaway last week, is very much better and able to walk about.

The farmers are somewhat uneasy over the discovery of wheat lice. They are small green bugs and are found in great number, sometimes twenty or thirty to a stalk, in the wheat fields. They live by extracting sustenance from the growing wheat kernels.

C. G. Phelps drove N. A. Stull's horse to Troy one day last week but failed to drive him back home. When on his way home and driving along the railroad track south of the Station, an approaching train so frightened the horse that he fell to the earth dead. This is the second instance of a train scaring Highland horses to death.

100 Years Ago, June 4, 1925

Recent new owners of Chevrolet cars are the following: touring cars - Lee Harness, Charles Harness, Avery Peek, George Dorrell; coach - B. G. Whittaker. All the cars were bought in Highland.

LaVerne Wolff and Mary Gilmore, two popular students of the College, were married at the Christian parsonage in Highland last Friday, May 29 at 3 o'clock. Friday evening the young couple gave an informal dance in Severance. They went to Atchison for a short wedding trip and from there to Centralia, Kan., for a visit with Mr. Wolff's parents. Their plans for the future have not yet been determined. Mary is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Gilmore of this community.

College activities for the year were brought to an end by the sixty-seventh annual commencement exercise held in the auditorium Tuesday evening, June 2. A goodly crowd of relatives and friends of the graduates came to see the fourteen graduates given final recognition for their two years of faithful work.

Mrs. W. E. Simmons died in St. Joseph Monday morning. She was the mother of Mrs. J. E. Shaiffer of Highland and J. W. Simmons of White Cloud.

Roy Fink, a farmhand employed by Lonnie Droz, a farmer who lives north of Wathena, is in the county jail at Troy charged with assault with intent to kill following the shooting Sunday of William Stanley, a farmer who lives across the street from Droz. Stanley is in a St. Joseph hospital and is reported not to be seriously injured. It is alleged that family troubles prompted the shooting, which was done with a shotgun.

60 Years Ago, June 3, 1965

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Gaul and family moved from Troy to their farm last week. They are on the former Acker farm south of Ray Whittaker's farm.

Deaths - Mrs. Charles M. Mann, 79, a native of Highland, died at her home in Savan-

Genesis Christian Academy will hold the annual awards night and graduation on May 27, at the First Baptist Church in Troy. High school students graduating are: Jackie Bell and Tabitha Saltzman. Eighth grade graduates are: Carl Miller and Felicia Salzman.

The Troy Fast Lane re-opened for business last week, under new owners Paul and Kathleen Whittaker and manager Pam McNemee.

Several students from Doniphan County were among spring graduates at the University of Kansas at Lawrence. They are: Jennifer Eileen Engemann of Troy, Kevin Eugene Page of Bendena, Andrew Blane Parker of Highland, Catherine Ann Coy and Amy Colleen Simpson, both of Wathena, and Amy Leigh Yates of White Cloud.

A rash of thefts and vandalisms were being investigated by the Doniphan County Sheriff's Department. Reports included the loss of the canvas from a trampoline at the home of Bruce Jeschke in Fanning, a field cultivator being driven through the garden of Carl Bauman on 225th Road, and a Pomeranian puppy taken from the Nancy Drake residence on Kennekuk Road, Troy.

Deaths: Ramona Raydeen Clark, 66, of rural Troy. Homer D. Courtin, 49-yearold former Troy resident, of Kansas City.

Four students from Troy signed Letters of Intent to attend Highland College. They are: Michael Jenkins, B.J. Christenson, Cole Jarrett, and Tad Blanton.

To wed: Brandy Marie Dawson and Jeffrey Dean Smith, both of Elwood. Lisa Bauman of Wathena, and Christopher Shoots of Waco, Texas.

15 Years Ago June 3, 2010

The process leading to the June 8 consolidation vote of USD 486-Elwood and USD 406-Wathena has involved a "temporary" board of education and suggestions from a strategic planning committee. But, if a majority of eligible voters approve the proposal, the consolidation will not be "temporary." This one fact was stressed last Tuesday evening, May 25, during a public hearing at the Wathena school. It followed a similar hearing the previous evening at the Elwood school.

The City of Troy continues to make good use of available grant funding to improve its infrastructure. Already in progress is a \$433,000 water main project along Locust St. Next on the agenda is a public hearing on June 8 at City Hall to outline plans for proposed sanitary sewer improvements through the small cities Community Development Block Grant funding by the state Department of Commerce.

State Track results: Cody Miller, Brady Hoffman, Elliott Nold, and Connor Schultz of Wathena High School all placed. Hana Speaks, Eli Smith, and Leslie Ostertag of Troy High School all placed. Dylan Poirier of Elwood High School placed.

Mrs. Janet Thompson Wisdom shared excerpts of letters from her husband, Army National Guardsman Clinton Wisdom, during Monday's annual American Legion Post #55 Memorial Day event. Clinton Wisdom of Atchison and fellow Guardsman, Don Allen Clary of Troy, were killed in action on November 8, 2004 near Baghdad, Iraq.

It was a family affair in Wathena on Monday when George Eisiminger got to introduce his cousin, Larry Sinker of Highland, as the Memorial Day guest speaker. Sinker told about his father's military service as a paratrooper in the European Theater in World War II. He also touched on his own service as a Marine Corps combat rifleman in Viet Nam in 1970.

Rex Bollinger, a Navy veteran and superintendent of the Doniphan West USD 111 School District, delivered the Memorial Day address Monday morning at the Highland Cemetery.

Galen and Ruth Weiland, Bendena, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Friday, June 4. The couple was married June 4, 1960 in Fanning, Kansas.

One last treat for those attending Barbie's Birthday Bash this Saturday, June 5, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Troy Community Center, will be the chance to win the 50th anniversary Generation Dreams Barbie. This Barbie doll will be raffled off that day. The afternoon fun begins with a short program on the history of Barbie dolls while birthday cake and ice cream are served in honor of Barbie's birthday. Then a number of 50's-themed activities will be featured, with a photo-op in a 1956 Ford Thunderbird. The event is sponsored by the SLK.

nah, Mo. Mrs. Catherine Armstrong, 83, died on May 29 at the Hiawatha Hospital after a long illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Don L. Nigus are the proud parents of triplet daughters (pictured with their mother, the former Patricia Koelliker). They have been named Lisa, Lori and Lynn. They were born Thursday night, May 27, at the Methodist Hospital in St. Joseph. They weighed in at 5 lbs. 12 oz., 5 lbs. 10 oz., and 4 lbs. 4 oz. The Niguses have a son, Philip, who will be two years old in July.

Mark and Alan Sutherland each have new bicycles purchased from Ukenna Hardware.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hopkins and Roger spent Saturday afternoon and Sunday in Topeka where they attended the stock car races.

Mrs. Ronnie Allerton, Jane and John, spent a week at the George Dorrell home. The Allertons are now vacationing in New Orleans and the little ones are at the George Dorrells.

Births - A son, Michael Gene, to Mr. and Mrs. Gene Koelliker of Kansas City on May 15. A son, Ronald Scott, to Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Davis on June 1. A son, William Todd, to Mr. and Mrs. William Hathhorn of Independence, Mo., on May 13.

Mrs. Kenneth Ivy of White Cloud was treated Tuesday evening at Dr. Corder's for a badly cut and bruised arm. Mrs. Ivey was helping her husband lift a car with a winch when the handle swung and caught her arm.

Death - Mrs. Nellie Alvina Duehn, 89, on Monday at her home near Leona.

Dick Dittmore, 7-year-old grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Fenn Ward, is still in serious condition after a fall from a ladder. Mr. and Mrs. Ward brought the other children home to stay with them for a while.

50 Years Ago, June 5, 1975

Francis Gordon, 46, of Highland, was elected by the Republican precinct committee chairmen of the 48th representative district to succeed G. T. Van Bebbler in the Kansas Legislature.

Mrs. Iva Hamilton, formerly of Highland, now of Grapeland, Tx., pulled in this (pictured) 54-pound catfish from Houston County Lake. She was fishing from the bank and was pulled in by the fish, but finally won the battle and pulled him ashore. It was the second largest fish ever taken from the lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Todd and family have moved to their new home at the southwest corner of town, across the street from the R. L. Corder home. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Collins and Troy have moved to the house formerly occupied by the Todd family, across the street east from the Presbyterian Church.

Severance Items by Mrs. John Libel - Miss Marilyn Libel recently graduated summa cum laude with highest honors from Benedictine College in Atchison, receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in elementary education. She has accepted a teaching position for the third grade in the Troy school system for next year. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ferdie Libel.

Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Hazen have purchased the Lewis Rainwater home in Denton. The Rainwaters will move to Hiawatha where he is employed by Streib and Son.

Death - Patrick E. McNulty, 85, a member of a prominent pioneer family of the Denton community, died at Papillion, Nebraska, Thursday, May 22, 1975.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Denton observed their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday, May 18, at the Denton United Methodist Church.

On May 14, Miss Kathy Pauly was a guest of honor at a shower given in St. Mary's Hall at Purcell. Kathy Pauly and Danny Albers will be married June 7 at 2:00 p.m. in St. Mary's Church at Purcell.

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The Wathena Times

By Karla Root

75 Years Ago May 25, 1950

Ralph Brazelton's barn in Mt. Airy district was destroyed by fire after it was struck by lightning about 5 o'clock Saturday afternoon. The fire was not discovered until about the time the roof caved in.

A few home-grown strawberries reached the market Wednesday. They were retailed for 39 cents a quart. Except for insects, the prospect for berries is excellent. Almost 3 ½ inches of rain fell the past week.

Geo. Young was arrested at Macon, Mo., last week end. He was placed in jail at Troy to await trial for alleged assault with a deadly weapon and attempting to ravish Mrs. Raymond Ramsel the night of May 13-14.

James Albert, 3 ½, son of MrMrs. R. H. Lehman, died in a St. Joseph hospital Saturday morning. The lad was undergoing surgery for correction of a hernia when he died unexpectedly.

60 Years Ago May 20, 1965

Thomas Ritter has been notified that he has received an expense paid trip to the World's Fair. The trip is sponsored by St. Joseph's News-Press and is won by the sale of magazines and papers. Thomas will leave June 28 for New York, returning July 5.

The following members of Hardy's Cafe bowling team placed "in the money" at the Pony Express appreciation bowling tournament held recently. Barbara Shuster, tie for second (624 with handicap) \$100 cash winner. Ruth Kaelin, 7th, (607 with handicap) \$10 cash winner. Nina Schuman, 52nd (571 with handicap) \$5 cash winner.

Fred Schuman of the Schuman Heating and Plumbing Co., is quitting business when present commitments are fulfilled. Fred plans to take a job with Jim Widner, who is in the coin operated car wash field.

Wathena commencement exercises will start at 8 p.m. Thursday in the school auditorium. Fifty-six students will receive diplomas. Janet Herr is the valedictorian. Sandra Weber is the salutatorian. Prof. Henry A. Shenk, chairman of the physical education department at the University of Kansas, will give the commencement address to Wathena high school seniors.

Deaths - Carl Saltzman, 65, Troy; Minnie Marble, 83, Troy.

50 Years Ago May 22, 1975

Births - A son, Justin Bradley, May 18, to Mr. and Mrs. Jan Laipple, Wathena.

Marriage licenses - William Ryser II, Wathena, and Karen Paden, Wathena; James Swoyer, Highland, and Susan Cessary, Highland; Charles Teaney Jr., St. Joseph, and Mary Becerra, St. Jo; John Allison, St. Jo, and Janet Koch, St. Jo.

Deaths - Ruby Fleek, 78, Wathena; Edward Sand, 86; Kenneth Brownlee, 82, Troy; Enoch Hurtie, 78, Beattie.

Kansas Bureau of Investigation agents and the state fire marshal are investigating the blaze which struck Hardy's Cafe early Monday morning. The office and rear store rooms of the building were gutted. Other parts of the building suffered smoke and water damage.

Parts of mastodon bones were discovered on a rock quarry site owned by Vernon Laipple. The large white object is reportedly a femur bone. Teeth and tusk of the animal were discovered and previously taken by workmen at the site.

40 Years Ago May 30, 1985

Births - A daughter, Bailey Kathleen, May 23, to Mr. and Mrs. Tom Brewer, Overland Park.

Marriage licenses - Earl Walker, St. Jo, and Kimberly Lucas, St. Jo; Steven Peters, Denton, and Anita Zeit, Denton; Randy Doerksen, St. Jo, and Janet Anschutz, Colby.

Deaths - Charles Grable, 53, Wathena; Louise Nuzum, 76, Troy; Frances Cullum, 64; Michael Turpin, 77, St. Joseph; Robert Hurst, 79, Rushville.

A 2-year-old Iowa boy was found abandoned in an Elwood motel room Thursday morning. Sean Stouffer was discovered about 10 a.m. by a co-manager of the motel after he was unable to connect a telephone call to the occupants of the room. Young Stouffer was turned over to his grandparents, Verna and Albert Stouffer, of Davenport, Ia.

Two hundred and twenty-three alumni and guests are expected to attend the annual Wathena high school alumni reunion Saturday, June 1, at the Moila Temple.

Five eighth grade students at Wathena received special recognition at Thursday evening's promotion exercises. The KSHSAA Citizenship Award was presented to Paige Studer and George Jones. The Legion Medallion winners were Leann Krousa and George Jones. Angie Baskins was the runner-up for the girls and Wally Snodgrass was runner-up for the boys.

25 Years Ago May 25, 2000

An unoccupied 1993 Dodge pickup, hooked to a 16 ft. trailer carrying a 1968 Ford pickup rolled from Third and Sherman streets and came to rest in a ditch at the Bill Paden home May 16 at 12:15 a.m. No one was injured.

Wathena High School will be well represented at the Kansas State Class 2A track meet Friday and Saturday at Wichita with 12 students qualifying to compete. Four Wathena girls will compete in multiple events including Annika Haedt, Adrienne Sigrist, Sarah McMillan and Rachel Higdon with Katie Hrenchir and Hillary Bauman as alternates. Five boys will compete Kaleb Johansen, Joe Chipponeri, Robert Smith, Jeremy Wisler, and J.T. Euler with alternate Chris Hewins.

Over 170 reservations have been received thus far for the annual Wathena High School alumni reunion set for Saturday, June 3, at the Ramada Inn in St. Joseph.

Marriage licenses - Dexter Winters, Highland, and Marla Cummings, Troy; Glendon Jones, Wathena, and Jennifer Blazer, Kansas City, Ks; Sheldon Spurgeon, Elwood, and Amanda Kendall, Elwood.

Deaths - Ramona Clark, 66, rural Troy; Homer Courtin, 49, formerly of Troy.

The engagement and upcoming marriage of Brandy Dawson and Jeffrey Smith, both of Elwood, was announced .The couple will be married June 17 at the Elwood Community Center.

The engagement and upcoming marriage of Lisa Bauman and Christopher Shoots was announced. The couple will be married Saturday, June 17 at the R.L.D.S. Abundant Life Center in St. Joseph, Mo.