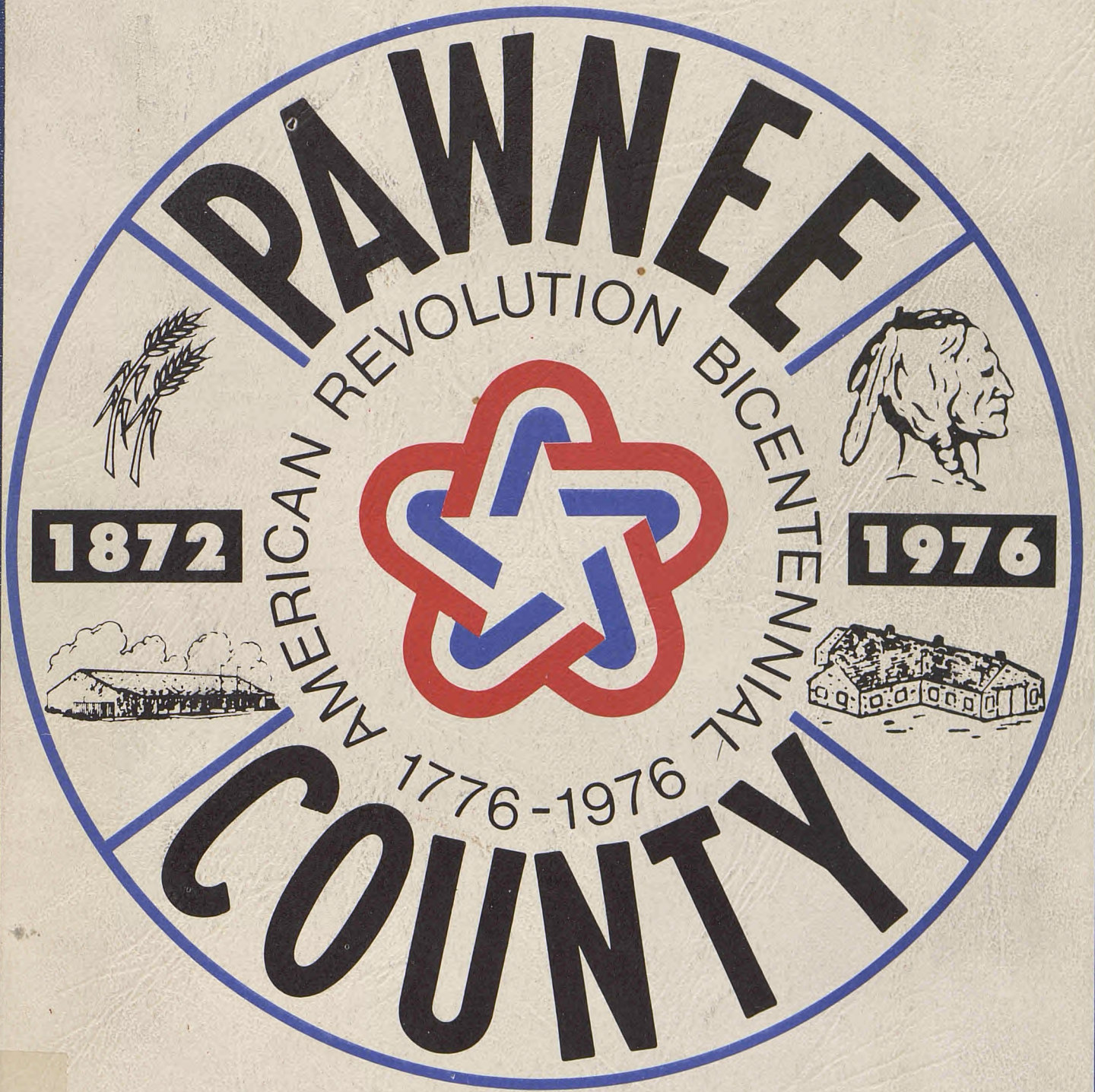


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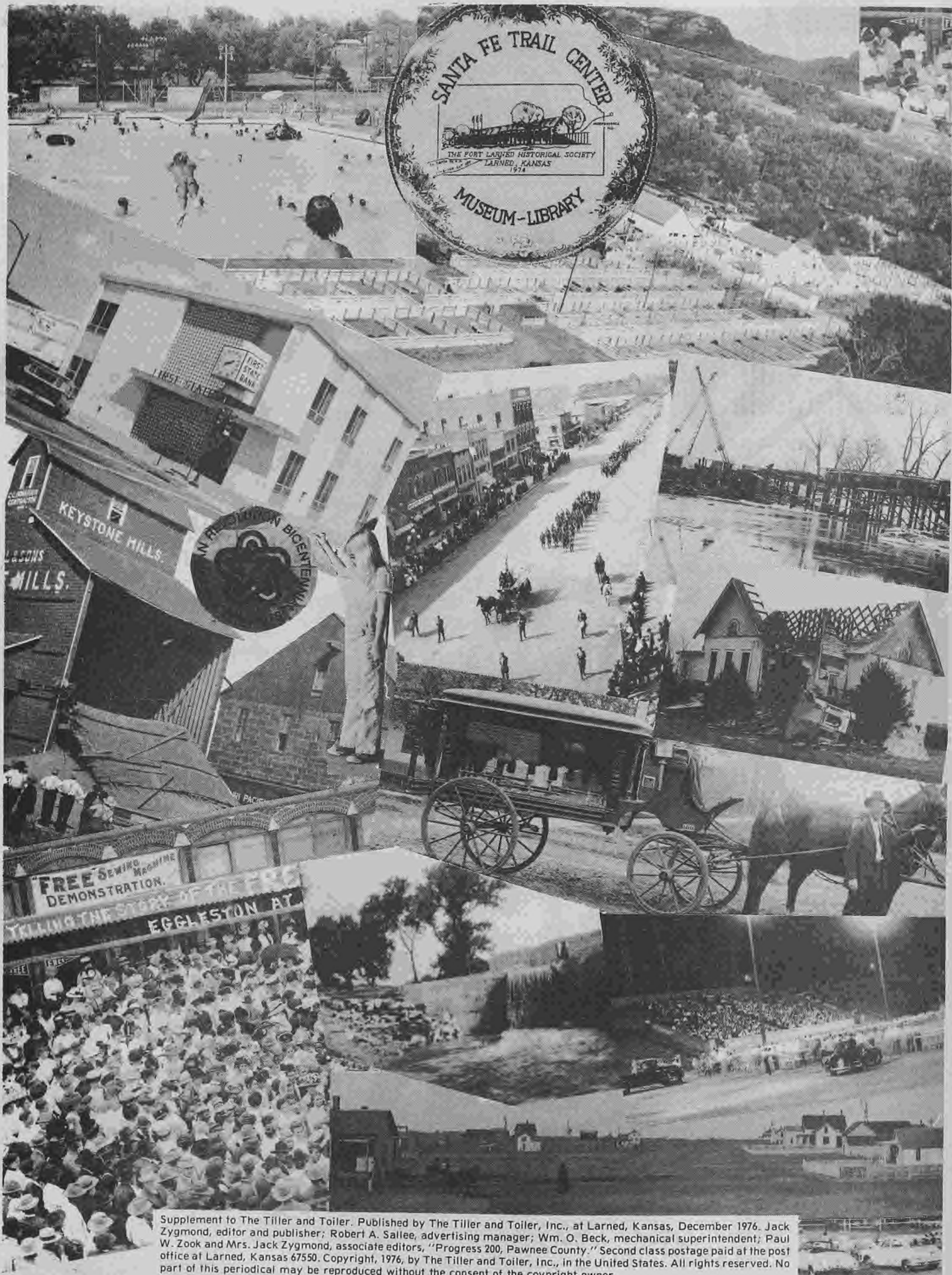
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BOBBIE VICTOR WALLACE

"Progress 200—Pawnee County" is respectfully dedicated to Bobbie Victor Wallace, long-time publisher of The Tiller and Toiler.

Mrs. Wallace was born at Powder Mills, Kentucky, the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Robert McClure Victor. The family moved to Kansas in the 1880s and was engaged in farming and real estate. Her father also served a Probate Judge of Pawnee County. Before her marriage to Mr. Wallace in 1931 she was cashier of The First State Bank.

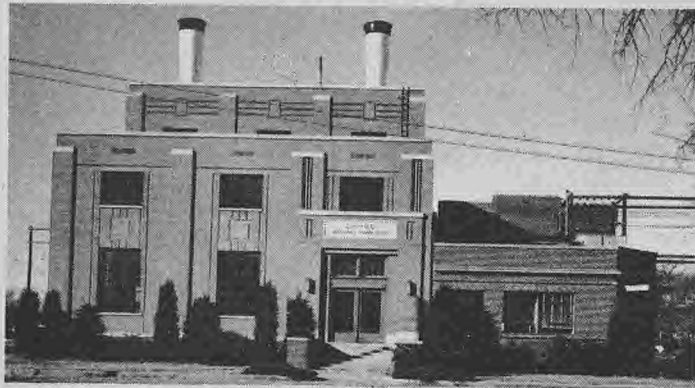
As a near life-long resident of the county, Mrs. Wallace has been an eye-witness to much of the history that is recorded in this book in both text and pictures. Much of the material used in the publication of "Progress 200" was originally saved and preserved by her.

Mrs. Wallace became publisher of The Tiller and Toiler upon Mr. Wallace's death in 1940 and continued in that post until 1969 when the paper was sold to Jack Zygmund, grandson-in-law of Leslie Wallace. As publisher, she was especially interested in the history of the county. She viewed local history as a part of our heritage—a legacy to be recorded and passed on to a new generation. She felt a knowledge of where she had been was a good guide to future progress; and progress is a tradition of Pawnee County and the valley area.



City Of Larned

Pawnee Valley Capital—Center of Commerce and Industry



Original Power Plant

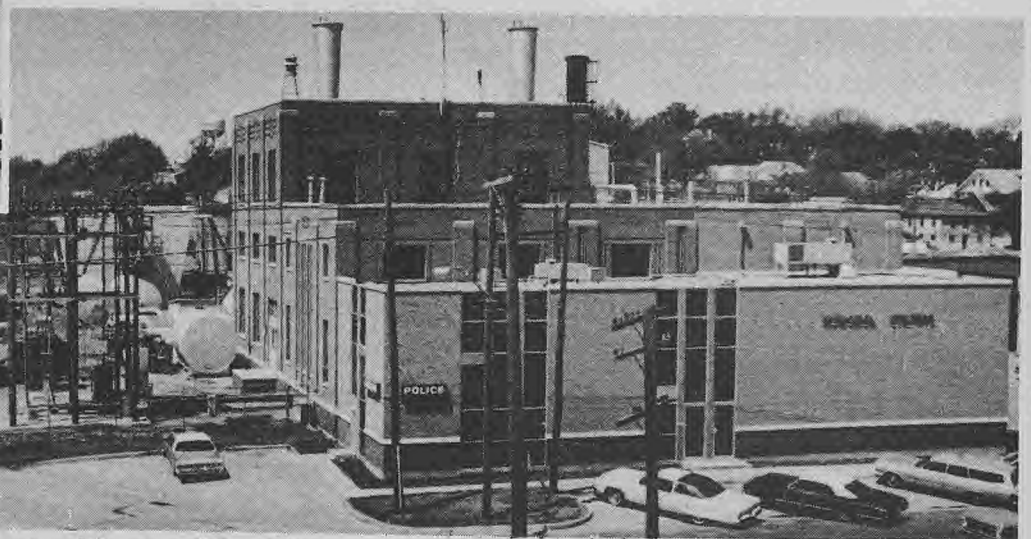
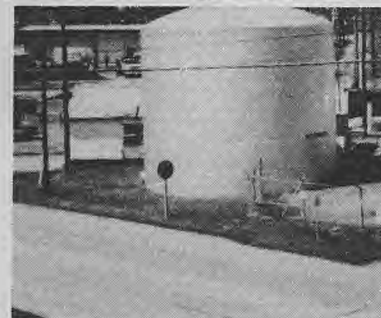
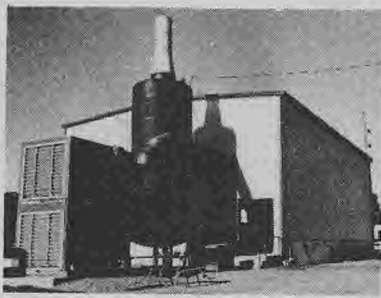
LARNED OFFERS PROMISES OF GROWTH AND PROSPERITY:

- City-owned utilities valued in excess of \$4 million offering rates below those of comparable Kansas cities.
- Fire, police and ambulance radio-equipped vehicles offer 24-hour vigilance.
- Three parks, city swimming pool, cemetery, auditorium, modern library.
- Municipal airport and airplane service.

Larned has an unlimited water supply, lying at the confluence of two major Kansas rivers.

Four interstate and three intrastate carriers satisfy growing commercial and industrial needs; served by the Santa Fe Railway.

Direct link to Interstate 70 and all major Kansas cities.



Present power plant with new \$1 million power generator in construction at left.

The governing body of Larned is proud of its commercial and industrial establishments.

CITY OF LARNED, KANSAS

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Dick Bland, City Manager

City Council

First Ward
Don Peterson
Wendell Graham

Second Ward
Wendell Eakin
Dr. Claud Bray

Third Ward
Dr. W. R. Brenner
Robert Taylor

Fourth Ward
Ken McConnell
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FORT LARNED



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Fort Larned was established by the U.S. Army in 1859, and though abandoned just 18 years later, it played a significant role in opening the trans-Mississippi West.

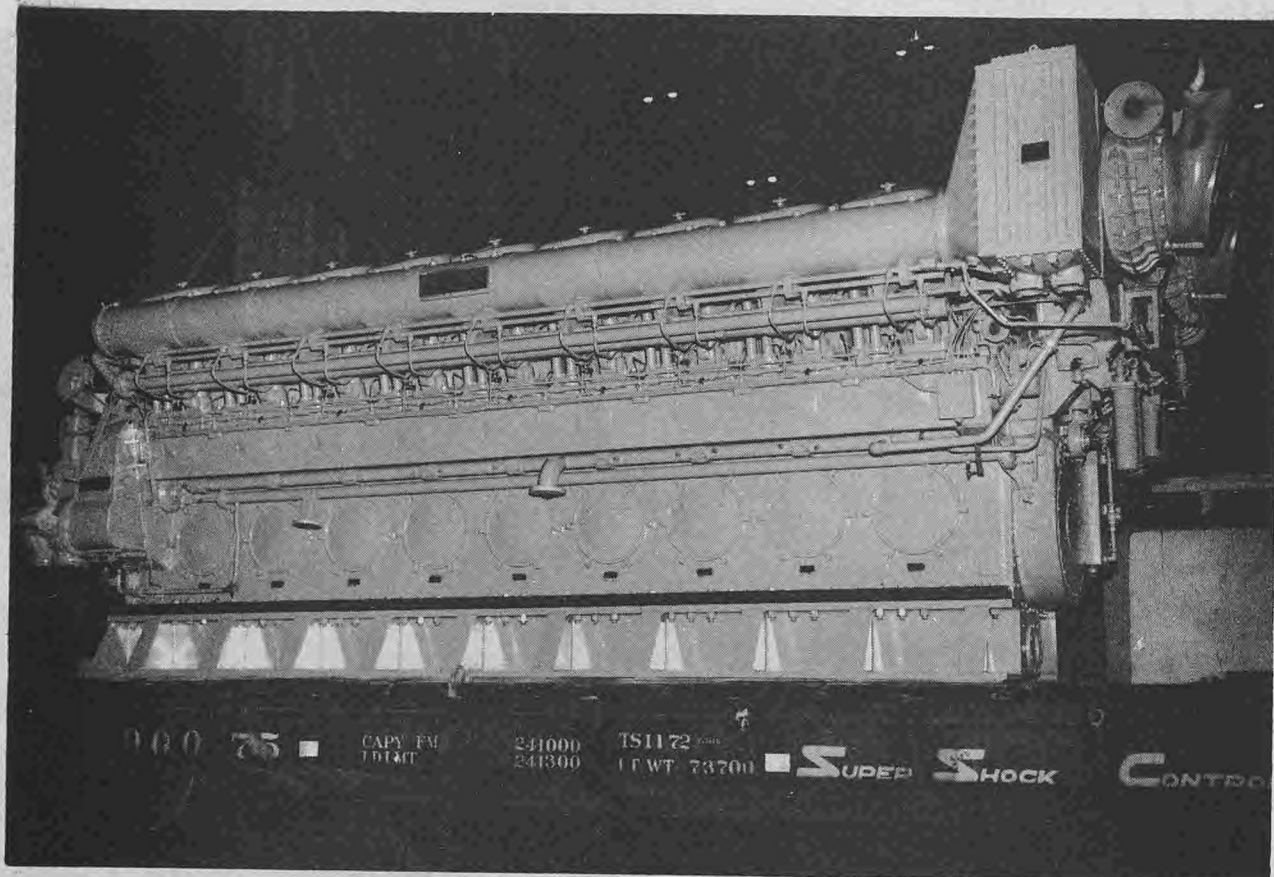
Built near the confluence of the Pawnee and Arkansas Rivers in south-central Kansas, Fort Larned was first charged with protecting the mail and travelers from attacks by the Plains Indians on the eastern leg of the Santa Fe Trail. Later it served as a center for the Indian Bureau's attempted peaceful administration of the Indians, while at the same time, it was also a base for military operations against the Indians. Fort Larned's final task, which actually put an end to its own usefulness, was to guard the construction crews that pushed the Santa Fe Railroad west across the Plains.

The Santa Fe Trail was one of America's most important overland trails from 1821 to 1880, carrying annually several million dollars in commercial traffic between Independence, Mo., and Santa Fe.



Fort Larned National Historic Site, located 9.5 kilometers (6 miles) west of the city of Larned, Kans. on U.S. 156, is open all year. It is administered by the National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior.

Groups who would like guided tours can make advance arrangements with the superintendent, whose address is Route 3, Larned, Ks. 67550.



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EARLY HISTORY OF KANSAS

Kansas entered the Union January 29, 1861, marking the culmination of the periods of exploration, territorial disputes and the bloody days which had erupted over slavery. Ahead were the days of growth and development which contributed significantly to the strength and prosperity of the nation.

The region that is now Kansas had been inhabited by Indians for thousands of years before the first white man appeared. In 1540 the Spanish conquistador, Francisco Vasquez de Coronado, marched north from Mexico in search of the Seven Golden Cities of Cibola. In New Mexico he was told of the Land of Quivira and he turned east and north in search of this fabled place of wealth. By the summer of 1541, he had reached the Arkansas River in Kansas, crossing it near present Dodge City. Coronado found no gold in Quivira but he called the country, which is now part of Kansas, "the best that I have ever seen for producing all the products of Spain." This occurred 80 years before the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock.

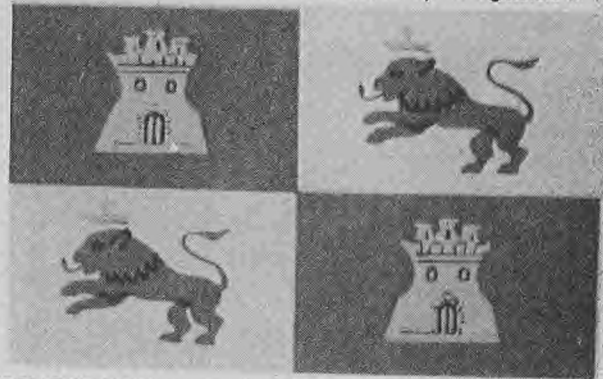
Coronado returned to New Mexico but the following year a priest, who had accompanied him, was back in Kansas. Father Juan de Padilla hoped to bring Christianity to the Indians. He was killed, however, by those he tried to help. The exact place of his death is unknown but it is presumed to have been in present central Kansas. Father Padilla is said to have been the first Christian martyr in the United States.

During the years between 1682 and 1739, France sent several explorers to the Kansas area. Claude du Tisne crossed southeastern Kansas in 1719 and Bourgmenot arrived in 1724. The Mallet brothers, Paul and Pierre, crossed Kansas in 1739 as they sought to establish trade between the French and Spanish traders from Santa Fe.

For a time Spain, France and England all had claims on the Kansas area. The English did nothing to further their claim. French claims were ceded to Spain in 1762 but in 1800 title was returned to France from whom the United States purchased the entire Louisiana territory in 1803. This transaction ended the trading era for Kansas and brought forth the exploration of a new American settlement.



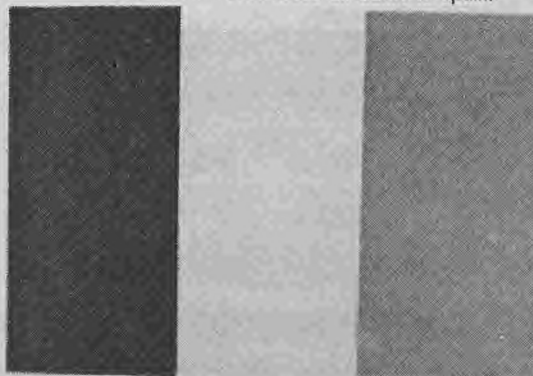
THE KANSAS STATE FLAG originally created by the legislature in 1927, had the word "Kansas" added at the bottom by the legislature in 1961.



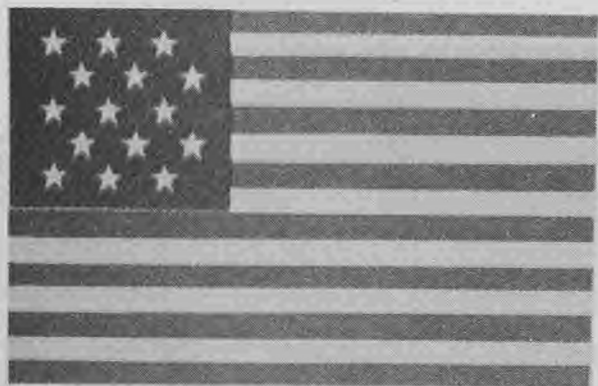
THE FLAG OF SPAIN, carrying the emblems of Castile and Leon, was carried into Kansas by Francisco Vasquez de Coronado in 1541 on his journey north from Mexico in search of gold.



DISPUTING SPANISH CLAIMS, the French Flag also flew over Kansas from 1682, when France sent several exploratory expeditions through Kansas, until 1762 when France ceded all claims to Spain.



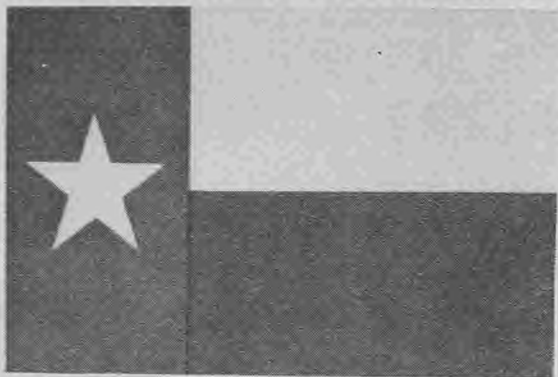
THE FRENCH TRI-COLOR flew over Kansas when it was a part of the Louisiana Territory from 1800, when Spain ceded the area back to France, until 1803, when France sold the area to the United States.



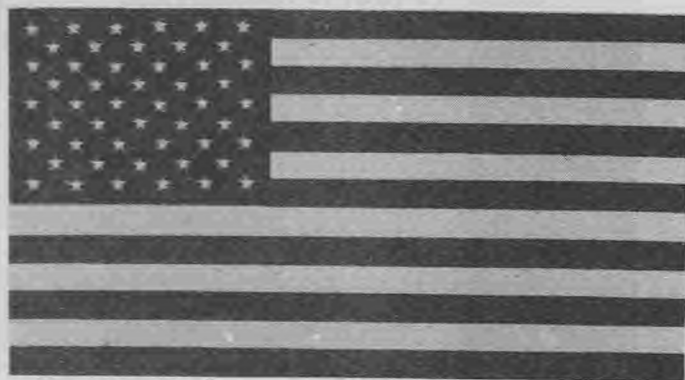
WHEN CAPTAIN ZEBULON PIKE of the U. S. Army crossed Kansas in 1806 and persuaded the Pawnee Indians to trade their Spanish flag for a U. S. flag, he gave them a flag with fifteen stars and stripes, the Star Spangled Banner, which was our national flag from 1795 to 1818.



THE FLAG OF MEXICO flew over southwest Kansas from 1821, when Mexico became independent of Spain, until 1836, when the area became part of the Texas Republic.



THE NATIONAL STANDARD OF TEXAS, and later state flag, flew over southwest Kansas from 1836 to 1845 as part of the Texas Republic and as the state of Texas from 1845 to 1850 when Texas' borders were changed to their present boundaries.



KANSAS WAS ADMITTED to the Union on January 29, 1861, and was represented by the 34th star. Today our national emblem has 50 stars.

Meriwether Lewis and William Clark, while exploring the Louisiana Purchase, made camp at several points on the Kansas side of the Missouri River in late June and early July, 1804. Two years later, Captain Zebulon Pike of the United States army crossed the Kansas area on an exploring expedition during which he met with the Indians and treated with them as the representative of the new "White Father." During this expedition, Pike persuaded the Pawnee Indians to trade their Spanish flag for the United States flag, marking the first time the United States flag was raised over the Kansas Territory. He continued westward on this journey to discover the mountain which is now Pike's Peak.

With the continued exploration of Kansas, trails were established by traders and immigrants. William Becknell, a Missouri trader, opened the Santa Fe Trail to trade with the Spanish in what is now New Mexico. Early in the 1820's, wagon trains were being sent over this route from the Missouri River to Santa Fe. By 1825 the trail had become so important that Congress authorized a survey of the route. This survey, completed in 1826, provided for the Union a 775 mile route with two-thirds of it being in Kansas.

The Oregon Trail, to the northwest, was used during the middle decades of the 1800's. The route crossed the northeastern section of the state and impressed many of those who traveled the trail. Some stopped and made their homes in Kansas while others returned later to settle on the rich farmlands.

The Territorial Period

In May of 1854, Kansas was organized as a territory, with boundaries that included most of the eastern half of present-day Colorado. Conflict over the slavery question led to bloody battles between free-staters and proslavery forces. In May of 1856 Lawrence was sacked by border ruffians led by Sheriff Jones. Many active Free-staters lived there and Lawrence became a mecca for escaped slaves. It was after this sacking that John Brown came into prominence. Brown with his sons and a few other men retaliated with a massacre. They dragged five proslavery neighbors out of their homes and killed them. This led to the battle of Black Jack near Baldwin when Missourians came to avenge the

massacre. At a later raid on Osawatimie in August, John Brown and 40 defenders were beaten back by about 400 Missourians and all but four houses were burned.

Battle for Statehood

From 1855 until 1861, the battle for statehood was as intense as any fought in the state. The first attempt occurred in 1855 when a free-state constitution was framed in Topeka. It did not receive serious consideration in Congress. In 1857 a second constitution was written at Lecompton which provided a vote on the admission of Kansas with slavery. The constitution was adopted at an election in which free-state men refused to vote and later was rejected at a second election in which the proslavery men took no part. This constitution was sent to Washington but while it was being debated by the Congress a third constitutional convention convened. The meeting was at Leavenworth and the constitution drafted there was adopted by the people in 1858 but this too failed final acceptance.

The fourth and last convention assembled at Wyandotte (now part of Kansas City) in July, 1859. This time free-state advocates were solidly in control and the document they drafted barred slavery and fixed the present boundaries of the state. It was accepted by vote of the people in October and in December a provisional state government was elected. In April, 1860, the U.S. House of Representatives voted to admit Kansas but the Senate, under proslavery domination, refused. Statehood for Kansas thus became a national issue and the Republican platform of 1860 included a plank for immediate admittance. The victory of Abraham Lincoln in November was followed by secession of Southern states. The withdrawal of their senators and representatives gave control of Congress to the Republicans even before the change of administrations. In January, 1861, the Kansas bill was passed by both houses of Congress and was signed by President James Buchanan on January 29. Kansas thus became the 34th state of what at the time was a rapidly disintegrating union.

Kansans had known civil war since the territory was organized in 1854. Now large-scale rebellion faced the entire nation. In answer to President Lincoln's first call for troops in April, 1861, Kansas supplied 650 men. Before the war ended in 1865 the state had furnished more than 20,000 men, a

remarkable record in view of the fact that the population included less than 30,000 men of military age. Kansas also suffered the highest mortality rate of any of the Union states. Of the black troops in the Union army, 2,080 were credited to Kansas though the 1860 census listed fewer than 300 of military age in the state; most of them actually came from Arkansas and Missouri.

Although Kansas soldiers saw action in many of the important engagements of the war, only one major battle was fought within the state. This was the Battle of Mine Creek, which took place October 25, 1864, in Linn county. Some 25,000 men were involved. The Confederate army under Maj. Gen. Sterling Price was defeated and the threat of a Southern invasion of Kansas was ended. Civil War action within the state consisted primarily of guerilla skirmishes and raids. Of these the most notorious was William C. Quantrill's surprise attack on Lawrence August 21, 1863, in which 150 residents were slaughtered and the city was looted and burned with about a million and a half dollars' worth of property being destroyed.

Late 19th Century Development

After the Civil War a series of Indian outbreaks threatened the western frontier. The tribes were alarmed by the steady encroachment of white settlers. Although undermanned military outposts did their best to protect settlers and travelers, and federal commissioners held peace talks with the chiefs, no permanent peace was obtained. Indian attacks reached their height in Kansas in 1867, when nearly 130 settlers were killed. By the end of 1869 most of these troubles had shifted to other areas. However, western Kansas continued to have Indian problems until the last Indian raid in Decatur county in 1878.

Meanwhile rapid settlement was being made. Towns were founded, schools established, businesses and small industries started, and railroads were pushing westward across the state.

In 1872, one railroad — the Kansas Pacific — spanned the State of Kansas from east to west and another, the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe, was slowly pushing westward along an approximately parallel route 60 to 70 miles south of the Kansas Pacific (now Union Pacific) railroad.



Captain Henry Booth

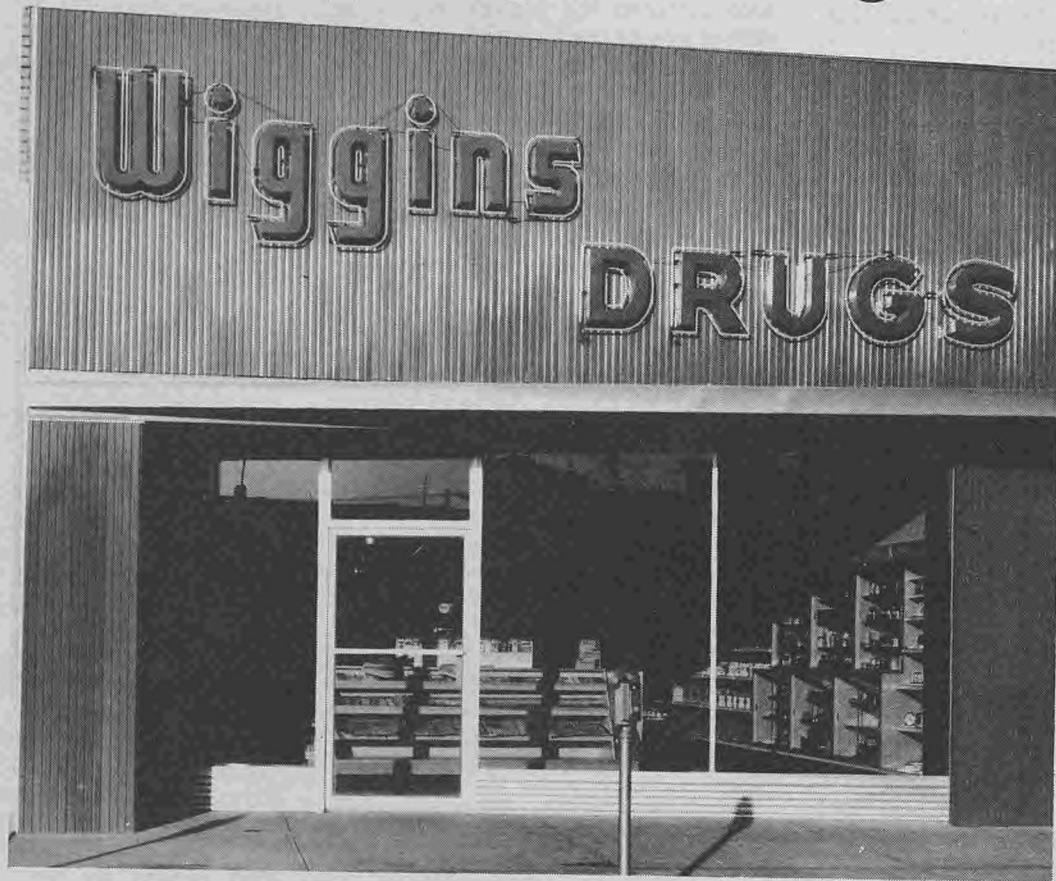
The era of the great cattle drives, which focused national attention on several Kansas towns, came in with the railroads. Newton, Ellsworth, Caldwell, Wichita, and finally Dodge City, were towns which became prominent as tracks were built south and west. The introduction of Turkey Red Wheat by Mennonites from Russia in 1874 was a milestone in Kansas agriculture. This hardy winter wheat was ideally suited to crop-growing conditions in the state and provided the early basis for the prominence of Kansas as a producer of wheat.

Viewing the progress of the Santa Fe with interest and poised to be ready for action when the rails reached Pawnee County, was Capt. Henry Booth, a retired army officer who was the postmaster and sutler at Fort Larned.

When the Santa Fe ran its survey through Pawnee county in 1871, Captain Booth and some Topeka men formed the Larned Town Company, planning to establish a new town — the first in the county — about six miles east of the fort, which they would call Larned. In January, 1872, directors of the company, including ex-Governor Samuel Crawford, president, and E. Wilder, secretary, met at Booth's home at the Fort and agreed on the site of their town.

Booth was well prepared for the role of leader in town promotion. He knew the country well, having served as inspector of the military district in which Fort Larned lay. Once, in 1864, he and another officer had a narrow

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- **Fast, accurate service on all prescriptions**
- **Complete line of toiletries and sundries**
- **Candies, newspapers, magazines.**

We are happy to have served the Pawnee Valley the past 41 years. We thank all of our customers for their past patronage and pledge to continue offering the best in service in the many years ahead. We invite you to make Wiggins your headquarters for efficient and friendly service.

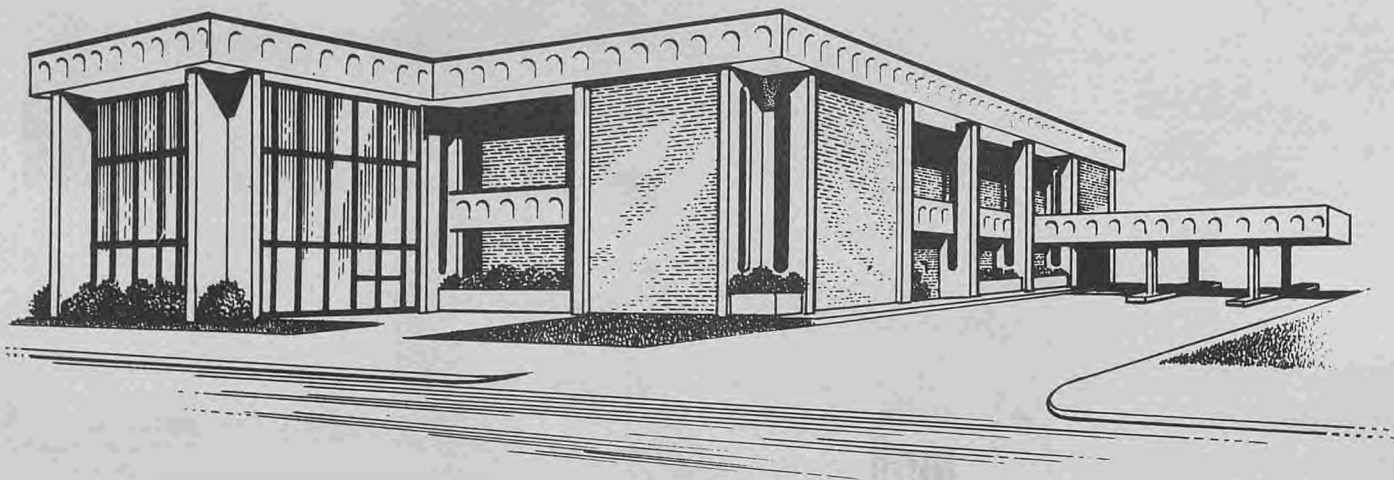
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From our meager beginning 80 years ago in 1896, we have grown

as Larned and the surrounding area have prospered. This growth could not have been possible without the progressive leadership and community spirit which has made Larned the great city that it is. We're proud of the part we've had in Larned's growth and development and we look forward to serving this area's financial needs in the future.



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Director

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Director

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Director

Glee S. Smith, Jr.
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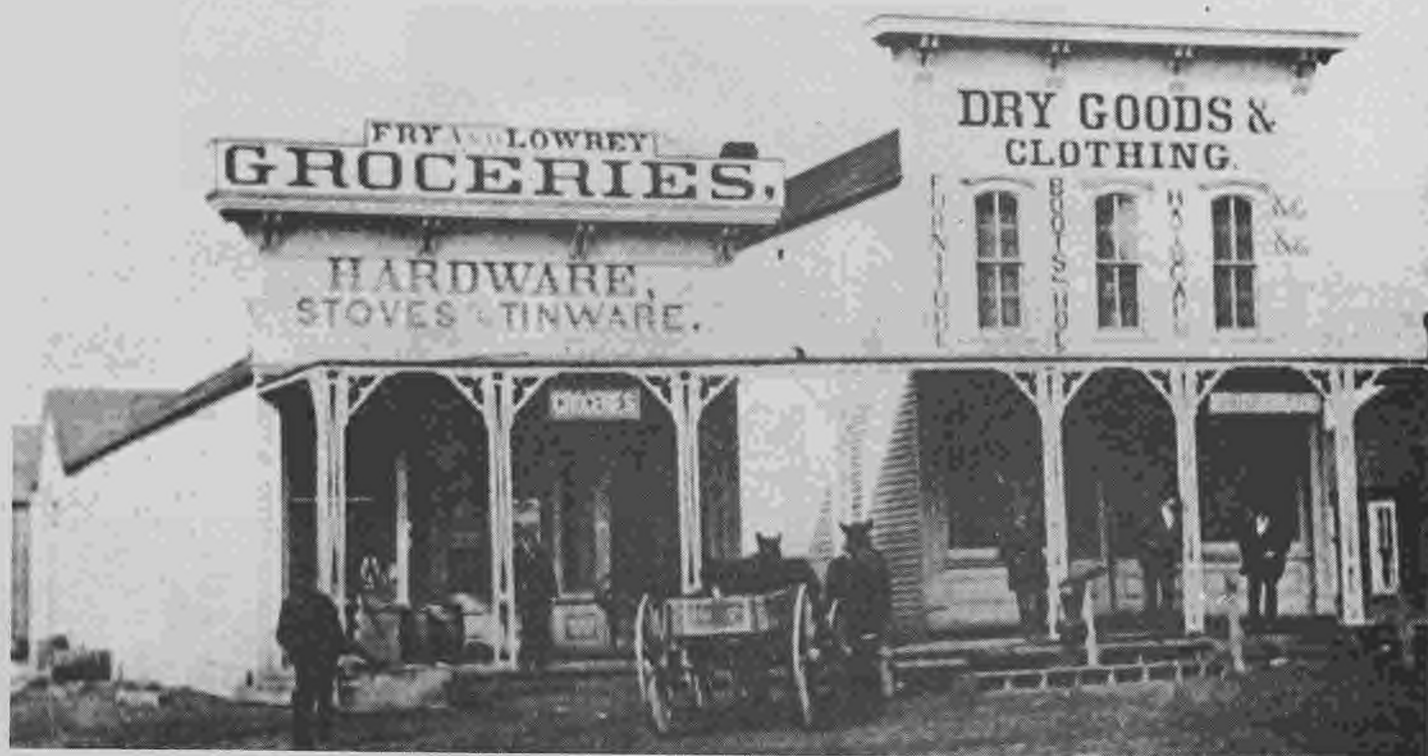
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Charles Eckert
Vice-President, Trust
Officer, Director

Dean W. Bloom
Vice-President,
Cashier, Director

D. Ray Reep
Trust Officer

Virginia Lupfer
Ass't. Cashier



Earliest known view of Larned stores (1873). Buildings stood at corner of Fourth and Main.

escape from hostile Indians after a thrilling chase. Earlier in that same year, he had led an expedition from Fort Riley to the relief of Fort Larned, reportedly besieged by Indians.

But of perhaps paramount importance, he had the political experience and the political contacts, plus considerable skill at organization. Before the Civil War he had been a resident of Riley county and after separation from the armed service he returned to that county and was in 1866 elected to represent its citizens in the state legislature, serving in the session of 1867. In 1869 he received his appointment as postmaster at Fort Larned and moved there with his family, also establishing a sutler's store at the fort.

In April, 1872, Booth brought the first house to the new townsite downstream, floating it part of the way and then putting it on wheels, and placed it on the south line of the proposed townsite near the present site of the swimming pool in Schnack park. A few other houses were built that spring and early summer. The railroad was completed into Larned on July 20, the date of the arrival of the first train.

With the railroad came a construction gang bossed by John D. Criley who set up his construction camp near the present site of Garfield at a place he called Camp Criley.



H. J. LOWREY E. W. LOWREY

Lowreys were partners in the firm of Fry and Lowrey. The firm handled hardware, groceries, provisions, and farm implements. Mrs. Wm. H. Fry, an early partner in the business with E. W. Lowrey, retired in January 1879; and it was at that time that H. J. Lowrey, of Rock Island, Ill., associated with the store as a junior partner. The firm was located at Fourth and Main Streets.

By official proclamation dated Nov. 4, 1872, Governor Harvey gave Pawnee county official status. He appointed a temporary board of county commissioners, who held an election on Nov. 5, after dividing the county into two townships, each with a voting precinct. One precinct was in Larned, the other one at the fort — only six

miles apart in a county 30 miles square. This gerrymander virtually excluded Camp Criley and Petersburg from participation in the election.

Booth was so powerful in his influence that the boundaries of Pawnee county were changed, cutting 12 miles off the south, which left out Petersburg, and adding six miles on the north, taken from Rush county and six miles on the east, taken from Stafford county.

This, Booth observed, "brought Larned nearer the center of the county and strengthened it as the county seat." He might have added that it also cut off Petersburg and practically every other town in the county.

When in 1864, a petition was presented to the legislature asking that the original boundaries of Pawnee county be restored, the legislature again came to the rescue of Booth and his county seat by returning one township to Pawnee — the one containing Garfield — and creating Edwards county out of the "orphan townships."

Dr. Rodgers was through as far as Pawnee county was concerned, completely outmaneuvered by his more influential and politically astute rival. Ironically, history records that the Doctor went to Ness county, where he tried to adopt Booth's tactics, but landed in jail.



Capt. Booth's office—law and coal sold—in 1874.

Booth was eventually elected to the legislature, became speaker of the house and in 1873 was appointed district land agent at Larned.

In Pawnee county, Captain Booth was a highly respected and much admired citizen. He was the man who got the job done.

Larned became the permanent county seat of Pawnee county in election held Oct. 7, 1873, but acquiring a legal title to a townsite was a complex procedure and the occupants of the townsite vested their interests in the probate judge as trustee.

D. A. Bright held that office, one of three to which he had been elected in the first general election in the county. On Nov. 21, 1873, Judge Bright went to Wichita and in trust for the occupants paid \$400 to the receiver of the land office there for the southeast quarter of section 32, Township 21, Range 16, which was the Larned townsite.

On Dec. 2, a legal indenture was executed by the judge in which he named the 21 occupants of the township and transferred title to them. On the same day, the occupants, by deed signed by them and their wives, conveyed the title to the Larned Townsite Company, which in turn gave each occupant a warranty deed for the lot or lots he had selected. The remaining lots were sold to new arrivals. Deed No. 1 was made out to Mrs. Henry Booth.

The 21 families who were the only occupants of Larned on Dec. 2, 1873, were those of W. R. Adams, Henry Booth, R. H. Ballinger, Noah Poorman, A. C. Hester, J. N. Boyd, D. F. Garrison, T. McCarthy, W. F. Caldwell, Jerry Toles, Charles Reese, J. M. Miller, W. Y. Christy, Charles Leicham, James Worrell, A. Bracken, W. S. Patten, S. B. Harnes, William C.

Thompkins, A. H. Boyd and Wesley Wampler.

In 1877, Judge Bright and Capt. Booth built Larned's first substantial office building. It was called the Booth & Bright block and was erected at the northwest corner of Fourth and Broadway. The brick was manufactured in the Schnack plant, a pioneer industry that supplied building material for scores of structures erected in the '80s and '90s. The first tenant in the building was G. Krouch, who had opened a dry goods store in the Stone block, at Ninth and Broadway, during the previous year.

Until January 1876, Larned was an unincorporated town, governed by township officers. In November 1875, 65 taxpayers of the town petitioned the state legislature to organize Larn-



D. A. Bright

ed as a city of the third class. The petition was granted and in January the first city officials were elected, the articles of incorporation providing for the mayor-council form of municipal government.

W. H. Brinkman, the first mayor, served from Jan. 8, 1876, to April 8, 1877.

In 1883, a special election gave approval to a \$10,000 bond issue for a new court house, the county's first. Since organization, county offices had occupied rented quarters. The next move was to choose a location for the county office building. The commissioners made their selection of ground early in January 1884, but their choice did not meet with unanimous approval.

The Larned Optic, a weekly newspaper edited and published by H. H. Doyle, offered the following comment in its Jan. 25, 1884, issue:

"The court house was located by the selection of the northwest corner of Main and Fifth streets, known as the Fry corner, for which the county had to pay over \$300.00. The southeast corner of Broadway and Seventh, known as the "windmill corner," and which in the judgment of many is a better location, was rejected although it was offered for nothing."

Yet, the judgment of the county board, although unpopular, was the only official move toward acquisition of a building site and the two-story brick building erected there served as the county's headquarters for nearly thirty-five years.

By 1885 the boom was in high gear and the Eagle-Optic, a progressive, energetic and resourceful newspaper, presented an eloquent prospectus for its readers. Larned, said the newspaper, had a population of 2,000, was on the main line of the Santa Fe and the projected line of the Denver, Memphis & Atlantic.

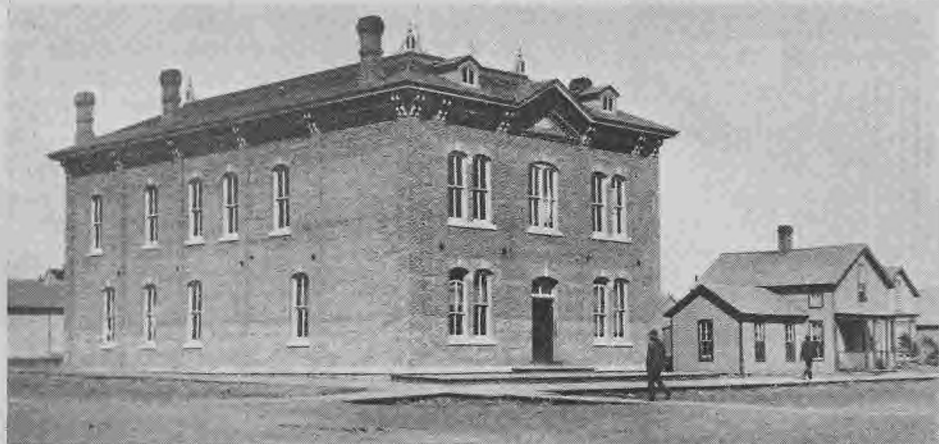
The city was halfway between Bangor, Maine and San Francisco, California, and consequently, was not only the center of the United States but of civilization!

Larned, the Eagle-Optic boasted, had "5 hotels, 2 bakeries, 2 feed mills, 3 coal yards, 3 drug stores, 2 notion stores, 6 music teachers, 3 barber shops, 1 steam laundry, 3 meat markets, 5 blacksmith shops, 3 grain elevators, 2 broom factories (broom corn was an important crop), 1 concrete factory, 1 first class pottery, 1 creamery, 2 weekly newspapers, 3 hardware stores, 2 furniture stores, 3



MAIN ST. LARNED, KANS. 1886

Old courthouse nears completion in this view of Main Street in 1886.



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Above: Courthouse before installation of cupola.

Right: Completed courthouse with cupola which housed large bell. Bell was moved to new courthouse when it was constructed. Old bell was removed from new courthouse in 1976.



VIEW OF LARNED KANS 1886.

1886 view includes old courthouse, jail and sheriff's residence.



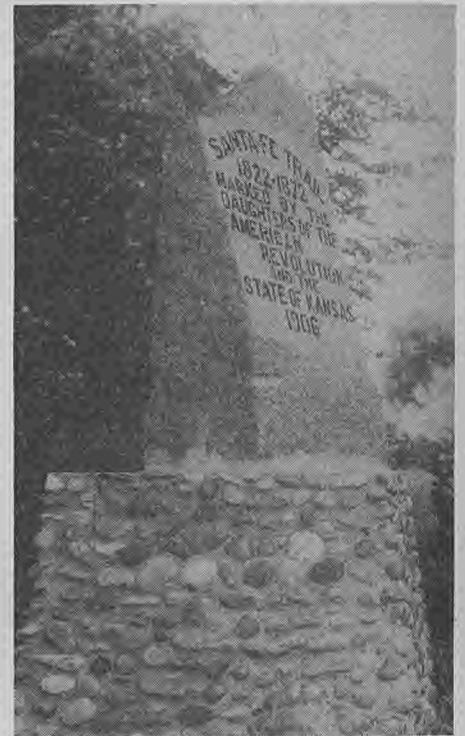
Sheriff's office in old courthouse at Fifth and Main.



Larned's first jail eventually became part of Ed Clark residence near Fourteenth and Mann Streets.

Old courthouse housed commercial firms after it was retired as seat of county government.





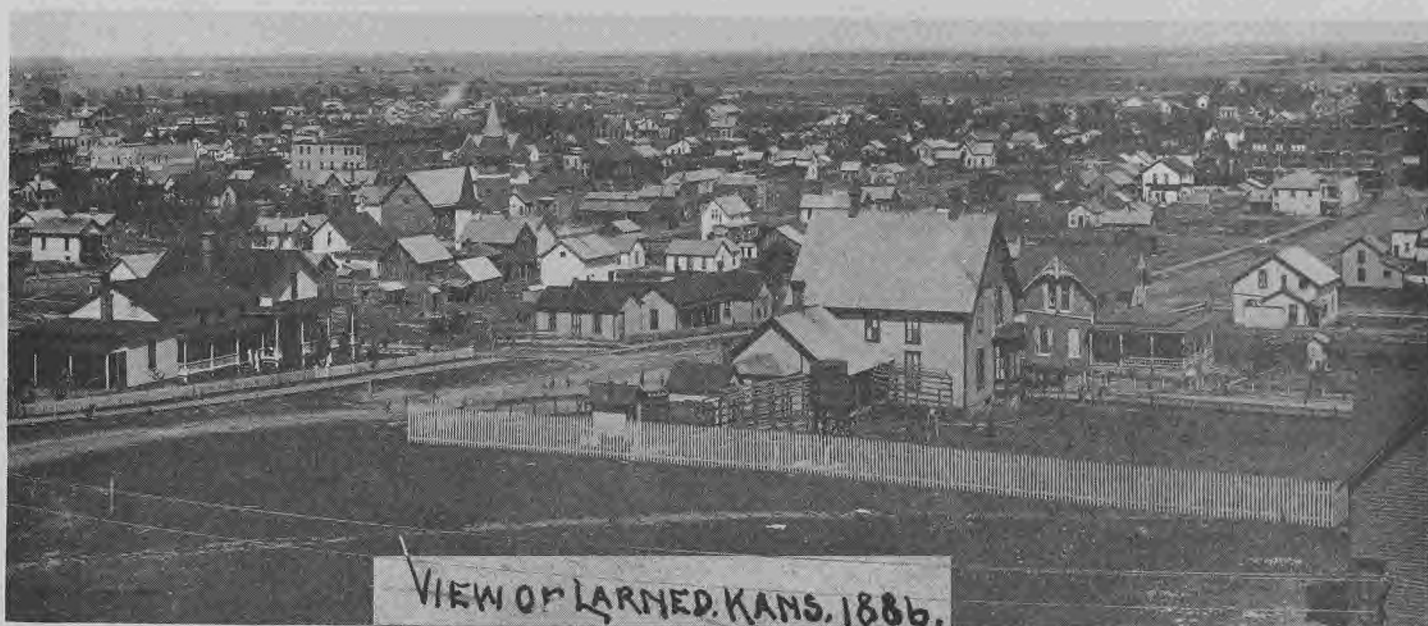
Above: Looking west on Fourth Street from near present site of Santa Fe depot.



Broadway 1886



Looking northeast from near Sixth and State Streets.



Looking northeast from near Fifth and State Streets.



Looking northwest from near Sixth and Main Streets.





Our building today.



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Furniture Dept. 1908.



Furniture Dept. today.



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Hardware Dept. 1908



Hardware Dept. today.



China Dept. 1908



China Dept. today.



Early Larned Broadway scene in front of opera house.



Opera house after completion with crowning cornice work.



1976 Broadway scene showing remaining opera house structure.

lumber yards, U.S. Land Office, 2 brick plants, 2 carriage and wagon factories, 1 large windmill factory and iron foundry, 2 banks, one academy and business college, one Larned classical school, 4 daily passenger trains east and west, stage lines to points north and south, 3 private schools."

Larned's street railway began running on Oct. 1, 1886. It wasn't an electric trolley line. Mules furnished the power. The cars ran north from Fourth and Main to the Missouri Pacific depot, with a branch down Fifth street to the Santa Fe depot. As long as business was thriving, two cars were operated, each with a two-man crew — conductor and driver. But after the boom bubble burst the street car business was one of the first to feel the pinch.

Service was curtailed, only one car operating instead of two and Andy Kenslar was both driver and conductor. Sometimes Andy got so lonesome he stopped and asked pedestrians to ride, just for company. Finally the street railway came to the "end of the line." Operations were suspended, equipment sold. E. E. Frizell bought the rails, had them cut up and sold them to farmers for fence posts.

The Larned Opera House, built in 1887 by a group of Larned men, was another source of community pride toward the close of the decade. The following description of the opera house appeared in the October, 1888 issue of *The Kansas Land Guide*, published by the Scott & Adams real estate company, of Larned:

"The auditorium, located upon the second floor, is semi-circular in form and is divided into orchestral, dress circle, parquet and balcony seats. There are four private boxes on either side of the stage. The wood work inside is finished in cherry. The scenery was painted by one of the best scenic artists in the West and is very fine. The stage, with one exception, is the largest in the state. The entire building is lighted with gas . . . Four large store rooms with iron pillars and plate glass front occupy the first floor."

Discovery of a six-inch vein of coal in Capt. C. A. Morris's well and a ten-inch vein in D. H. Scott's well, in 1888, created some excitement in the community. Coal was fuel and fuel was scarce in the treeless plains country. Apparently nothing was ever done toward development of these deposits, which probably were limited in area. The Morris well had coal at 65 feet, the Scott well at 104 feet.

Progress 200



Artesian salt well which stimulated development of a salt lake recreational complex and a mineral water health spa. Well was located on north bank of Pawnee Creek about two blocks west of Main Street bridge. The well was subsequently capped and sealed when salt water pollution of fresh water wells was noted.



Boating and swimming were popular at salt lake development.



Stands were constructed for use by spectators at salt lake events.

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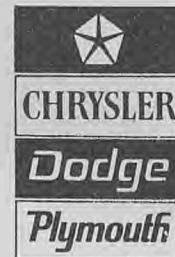


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AN AERIAL VIEW of downtown Larned.

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But, inspired by these discoveries, the city in 1889 voted a \$5,000 bond issue for mineral development. An experimental hole was drilled on the north bank of Pawnee creek, just west of Main street, in the hope of striking oil, coal or some other important mineral. The hole yielded only salt water, but that in considerable quality, a stream that shot into the air like an oil gusher. The project was abandoned, only to be revived a few years later when the salt well became the source of water for the salt lake development which became a popular health and recreational resort in the early 1890's.

The salt water well was utilized by Sen. J. W. Rush, then president of the First National Bank, in launching a project he hoped would make Larned the "Carlsbad of America." A lake about a city block long and almost as wide was dug and filled with salt water from the flowing well.

Bath houses were built, some with salt water plunges and with hot and cold showers and tubs. A carriage drive wound around the embankment, scores of rowboats were for rent. Thompson's Military Band, Larned's celebrated musical organization, played evening concerts on a band stand in the center of the salt lake.

But seepage from the salt lake began to pollute wells in the south part of the city and the well was the principal source of supply in those days before the municipal waterworks was established. Citizens complained and threatened legal action. Also two bank failures had curtailed expensive recreational activities and the salt lake development was too weak to survive. The lake was permitted to dry up, the bath houses were dismantled, the row boats left high and dry.



This building at present site of Larned postoffice served as a hotel and . . .



Mineral water health spa.



Looking west on Fifth Street in 1886. Old courthouse is seen at Fifth and Main; School at crest of hill at Fifth and State. House in background stands at 530 West Fifth Street.



Masonic building at Sixth and Broadway shortly after completion in 1887 with ornate cornice superstructure. Mule-drawn street railway vehicle is in foreground.



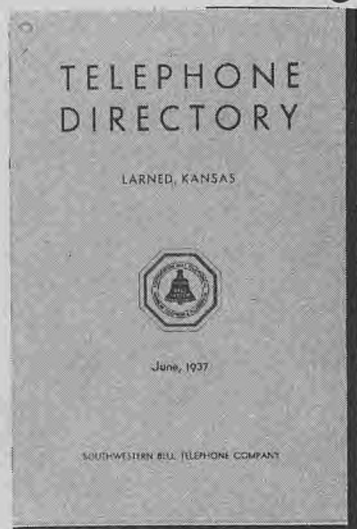
Same building about 1910 with metal cornice removed.



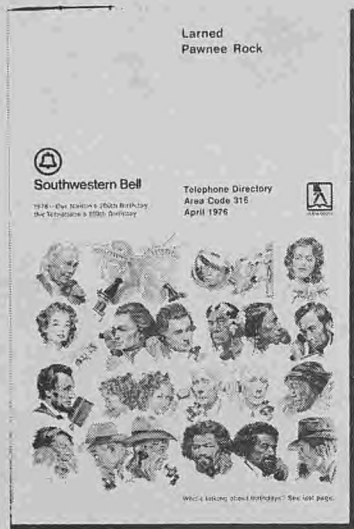
Masonic building, 1976.

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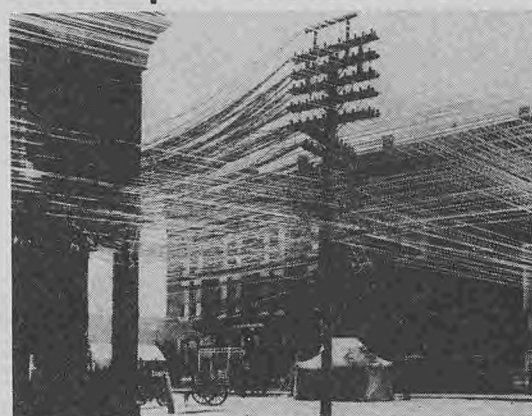
1937 Larned
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1976 Larned
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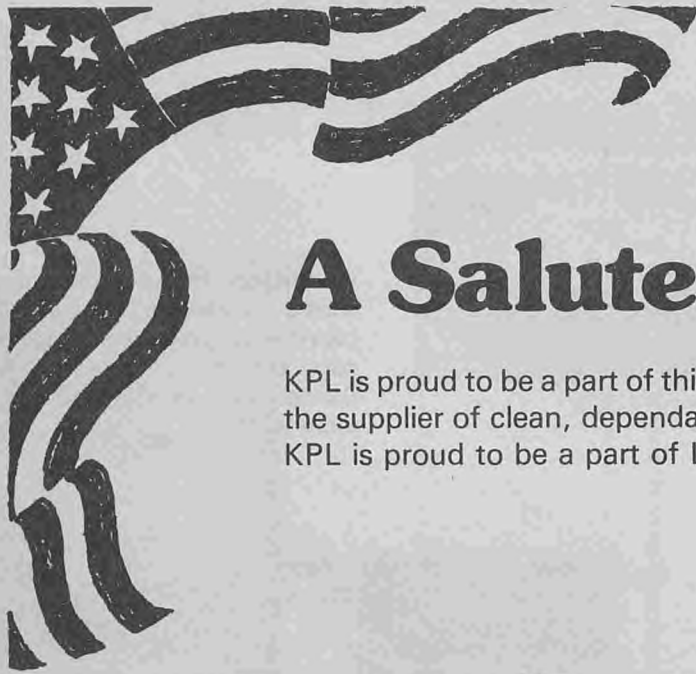
A. Ditson foundry and machine works located at present site of courthouse produced street railway cars for many towns in Kansas. Garden City cars are shown in this picture.



The last ride for Larned street railway came after rails were removed.

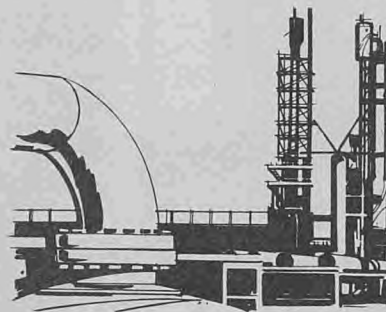


Early blacksmith, Clinton C. Toops had shop near Sixth and Main streets.



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The general surface of the uplands is gently undulating. Of the land, 25 per cent, is bottom, 75 per cent, upland, 1 per cent, forest, and 99 per cent, prairie. The average width of the bottoms is four miles. There is no timber on the Arkansas, and very little on Pawnee fork. Varieties: elm, ash and box elder, principally. The Arkansas river runs northeast through the south half of the county. Pawnee fork runs nearly east, emptying into the Arkansas at Larned. The county is well supplied with springs; well water is obtained at a depth of from 6 to 24 feet. Sandstone is found in abundance on Pawnee fork; has been tested, and reported of good quality. Fire and pottery clay are also said to have been found on the Pawnee fork. There are good water powers on Pawnee fork, not yet utilized.

INDUSTRIES

The number of acres in the county is 483,840, of which 226,757 are taxable, and 7,255.69 are under cultivation. The percentage of cultivated to taxable acres is 3.20. The increase of cultivated acres during the year was 2,726.19. The crop statistics for 1876 are as follows: Winter wheat 34,441 bushels, 3,131 acres, value \$27,552.80; rye 1,470 bushels, 98 acres, value \$808.50; spring wheat 2,015 bushels, 155 acres, value \$1,410.50; corn 79,710 bushels, 2,657 acres, value \$35,869.50; barley 4,624 bushels, 289 acres, value \$2,543.20; oats 11,740 bushels, 587 acres, value \$4,109; buckwheat 237 bushels, 19.75 acres, value \$213.30; Irish potatoes 3,456.60 bushels, 57.30 acres, value \$2,764.80; sweet potatoes 354.25 bushels, 5.45 acres, value

\$407.38; sorghum 4,334 gallons, 39.40 acres, value \$3,250.50; castor beans 4 bushels, 50 acres, value \$4; cotton 200 lbs., 2 acres, value \$20; flax 14 bushels, 2 acres, value \$12.60; hemp 400 lbs., 1 acre, value \$15; tobacco 1,200 lbs., 3 acres, value \$120; broom corn 6,348 lbs., 15.87 acres, value \$190.44; millet and Hungarian 264 tons, 176 acres, value \$2,112; clover meadow 9.18 tons, 6.12 acres, value \$91.80. The increase in winter wheat during the year was 23,221 bushels. The decrease in corn was 13,372 bushels. The number of pounds of butter manufactured in 1875 was 7,095; in 1876, 4,115; decrease, 2,980 lbs. The number of horses in 1875 was 230; in 1876, 359; increase, 129. The number of mules and asses in 1875 was 60; in 1876, 66; increase, 6. The number of cattle in 1875 was 588; in 1876, 847; increase, 259. The number of sheep in 1875 was 1,561; in 1876, 3,415; increase, 1,854. The number of swine in 1875 was 23; in 1876, 111; increase, 88. The number of acres in nurseries in 1875 was 2; in orchards, 23. The total cost of the fences up to January 1, 1876, was \$2,304. The number of pounds of wool produced last year was 16,880. There were 4 stands of bees in the county in 1876. In the manufacturing line, the county has 1 flouring mill and 1 carriage factory. The Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad runs through the county from northeast to southwest, following the course of the Arkansas. Stations, Larned and Garfield.

RELIGIOUS, EDUCATIONAL AND LITERARY.

The Presbyterians have 2 organizations and 25 members. The

Baptists, 1 organization and 87 members. The Methodists, 3 organizations and 120 members. The Catholics, 2 organizations and 400 members. The Congregationalists, 1 organization, 12 members, and 1 church edifice valued at \$1,500. There are 9 school buildings in the county, and the value of the school buildings and grounds, furniture and apparatus, \$10,120. Six private libraries, containing 590 volumes, are reported from this county. The newspapers are published weekly at Larned, and are as follows: **Pawnee County Herald**, S. W. Davis; the **Larned Press**, William C. Tompkins.

MISCELLANEOUS

Pawnee County was organized in 1872, and was named for the Pawnee Indians, the original hunting grounds of which once-powerful tribe embraced that county, as they did almost all of western Kansas. Square miles, 756. Population in 1870, 179; population in 1875, 1,006; increase in five years, 827. Population in 1876, 3,254; increase during the year, 2,248. According to the census of 1875 there were born in the United States 856, in Germany 23, in Ireland 14, in England and Wales 15, in Scotland 3, in Sweden, Norway and Denmark 11, in South of Europe 75, in British America 9. Illinois furnished 349, Iowa 105, Ohio 92, Pennsylvania 39, Louisiana 36, Indiana 32, Missouri 69, Kentucky 21, Michigan 20, New York 27, Wisconsin 13. Larned, the county seat, is 194 miles in an air line from Topeka, in southwesterly direction. The prices of unoccupied lands range from \$3 to \$7 per acre.



Boyd's Ranch was first settlement between Strong, Kansas, and Santa Fe, New Mexico on Trail.



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Alfalfa Lawn Farms at Larned, founded by the late John M. Lewis, has participated for many years in the training of 4-H members and F. F. A.

members in livestock judging. The scene above is at the 1976 livestock judging school and field day held April 17.

Alfalfa Lawn Farm is now operated by Walter Lewis and Joe Lewis, sons of the founder.

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AGRICULTURE IS KEY TO COUNTY ECONOMY

By E. CLIFFORD MANRY

MAY 1976

The Pawnee County Extension Service began in spring of 1916 and the Conservation District was organized in 1939.

Agriculture is the basic economy in Pawnee County. There are 21 townships in the County and the total land area contains 479,360 acres. There are 16,845 acres in urban area; 3,283 acres in water areas larger than 2 acres. There are 459,231 acres in farmland, 2,000 acres of woodland, 70,706 acres of rangeland and 384,067 acres in cropland.

The average annual rainfall in the County 85 yearly average total is 23.01 inches. The average size of farms in the County according to the U.S. Agricultural 1969 census was 730 acres with 694 farms. The average age of farmers was 53.1 years.

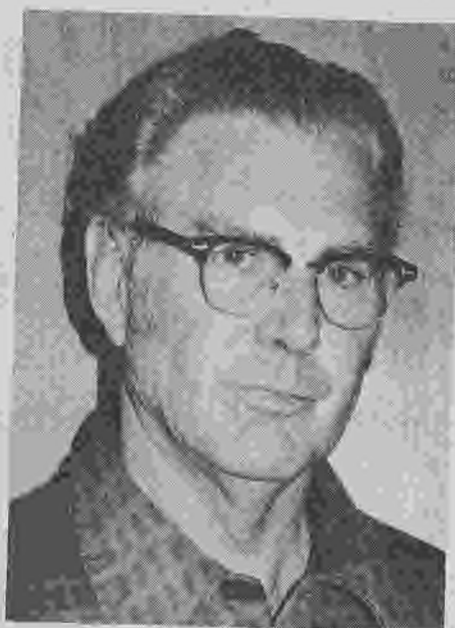
The soils of Pawnee County are deep loess on the upland, loamy alluvium along the Pawnee and Arkansas Rivers and sandy soils south of the Arkansas River. These soils comprise some of the finest Agricultural land in Kansas.

Over 65 percent of the needed land treatment soil and water conservation practices have been applied to the land. There are 121,000 acres farmed on the countour representing 3,663 miles of terraces and 2,389 acres of waterways. Farms are applying residue management practices on approximately 300,000 acres of cropland. There are 71 farm ponds and 7 flood detention dams.

The Pawnee County Joint District Number 81 covering parts of 9 counties with a total land area of 1,567,240 acres with 228,078 acres in Pawnee County became a reality May 21, 1968.

Irrigation in Pawnee County was started in the early 1900's and there were 16,500 acres irrigated in 1965. The first center pivot irrigation system was installed in 1966 and at present there are about 175 systems with 24,394 acres being irrigated by sprinklers and about 36,000 acres are under flood type systems. There are 60,394 acres under irrigation in the County this year. The potential is around 100,000 acres. The interest for expansion is keen. There are 475 irrigation wells in the County.

The Big Bend Groundwater Management District No. 4, covering parts or all of 8 counties with all the land in Pawnee County south of the Arkansas River and along the north side of the River and the Pawnee Valley area became a reality in April 1976.



E. Clifford Manry

Irrigation development has stimulated the expansion of beef cattle feeding operations. The two commercial feedyards southeast of Larned have a total capacity of about 25,000 head. The number of farmer feedyards, with a capacity of 250 head or more is on the increase. The number of grain fed cattle marketed in Pawnee County is on the increase, for instance only 14,000 head in 1966, 23,000 head in 1967, 35,000 head in 1970, 59,000 head in 1972 (an all time high) and 55,700 head in 1973 and 38,000 head in 1974. Swine production is definitely on the increase but sheep production has decreased.

There are several outstanding Registered beef cattle and dairy cattle herds in the County representing some of the finest in the U.S. The number of stocker and feeder cattle wintered by farmers depends on available feed supply.

The average annual value of Agricultural production for the 5 year 1960-1966 was \$13,298,730, with average return from crops of \$8,660,499 and \$5,638,231 from livestock. For the 10 year period 1958-1967 was \$12,-

767,398 with crops at \$9,043,069 and livestock at \$3,724,329. In 1972 the annual crops and livestock sales were \$29,543,266 for crops and \$16,589,730 and for livestock \$12,953,530 a record to date. In 1974 the total value of crops and livestock produced was \$47,782,750 with \$34,437,890 from crops and \$13,344,860 from livestock. This is a record for crops and livestock to date. In 1975 the total value of livestock and crops produced was \$38,696,796 of which from crops harvested were \$30,652,300 and livestock \$8,044,496.

The standard USDA Soil Surveying has been completed on all lands in Pawnee County.

In 1975, there were 176,700 acres of wheat harvested for total production of 5,404,700 bushels an average of 30.6 bushels per acre. Of this 103,400 were from summer-fallowed acres. Sorghums —1975, 25,400 acres were harvested —21,700 for grain with 38.6 average yield and total production of 837,000 bushels. There were 1,400 harvested for silage and 2,300 acres for forage. Corn production in 1975, 2,017,000 bushels with average yield of 117.3 bushels per acre on 17,200 acres. Farmers only harvested 150 acres of oats, 110 acres of barley, and 23 acres of rye in 1975. Soybean production was 77,600 bushels from 2,800 acres. Pawnee County has ranked 2nd in alfalfa production in Kansas for many years but in 1975 dropped to 4th with 25,000 acres harvested with an average yield of 2.9 bushels per acre.

Livestock inventories for Pawnee County, January 1, 1976 are cattle 52,000 head; beef cows that have calved 11,600; milk cows that have calved 600; all sheep and lambs 800. On farms December 1, 1975 10,300 and 4,200 chickens.

The major crops grown on dryland farms are wheat, sorghum and alfalfa.

Weather: U.S. Weather has been kept on an annual basis in Larned 87 years out of the last 91 years and the annual average moisture based on 85 years average is 23.01 inches up to and including 1973.



BICENTENNIAL TEST PLOT compared Larned wheat variety with Turkey Red hard winter wheat first grown in Kansas 100 years ago.



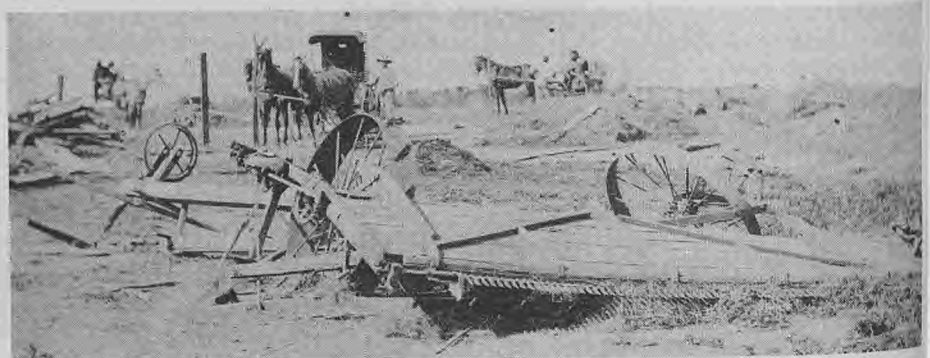
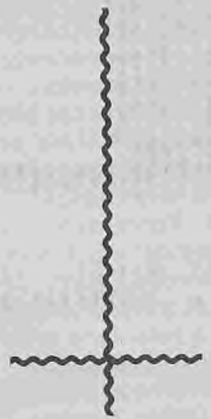
FIRST FARMERS made homes in sod houses or dug-outs. This "soddie" had frame lean-to added at rear.

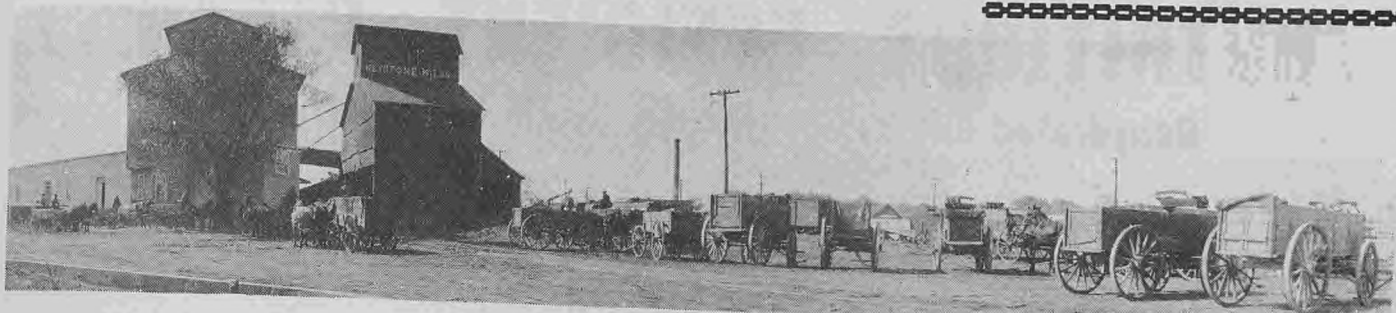


BARNs for animal shelter, grain and implement storage were mostly of frame construction.



LARGE HOUSES of frame construction later replaced many sod homes.

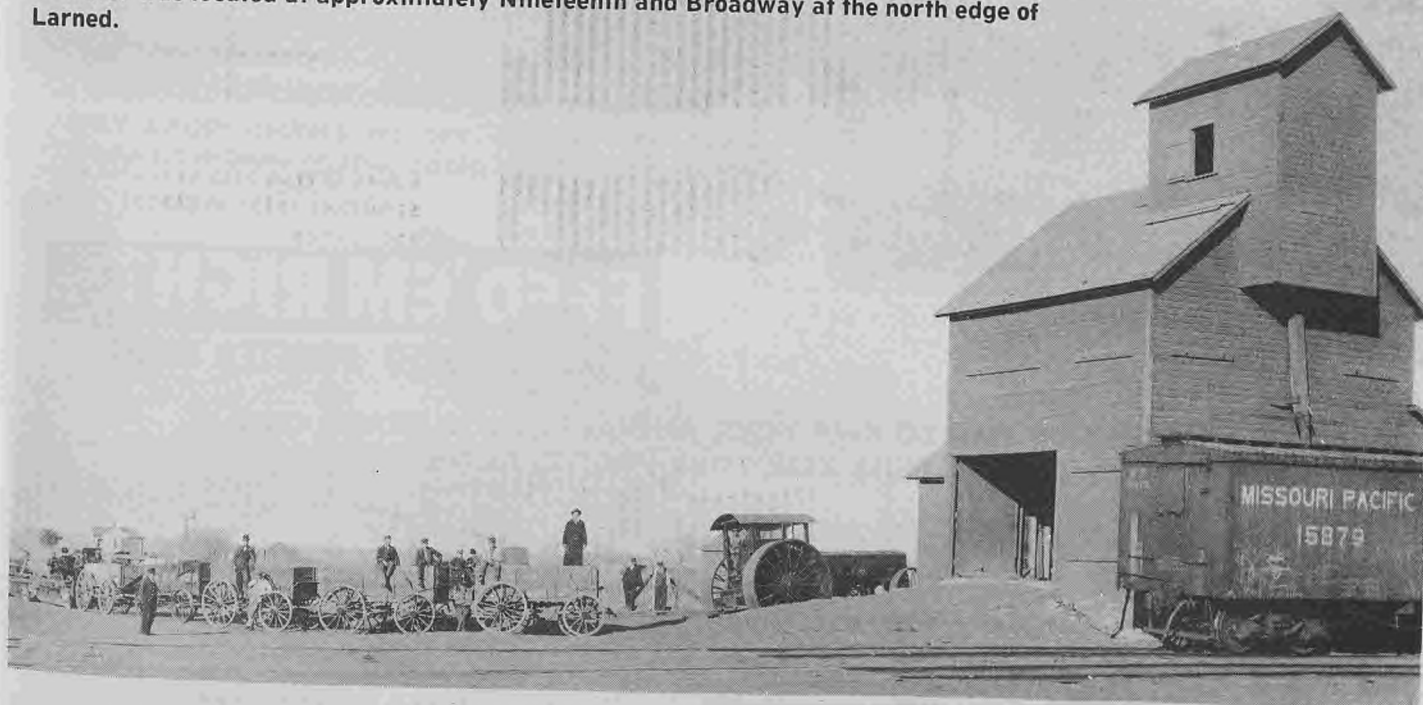




WAGONS line up at Second and Broadway to unload at old Keystone Mill. Stafford County Flour Mills elevator now occupies the site.



HARVEST WAGONS ready to unload at elevator on Missouri-Pacific railroad. Elevator was located at approximately Nineteenth and Broadway at the north edge of Larned.



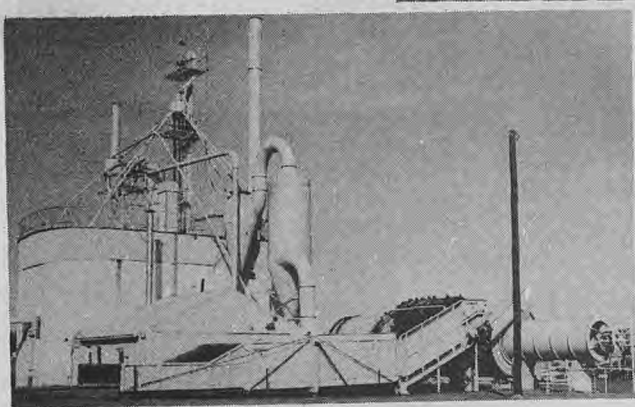
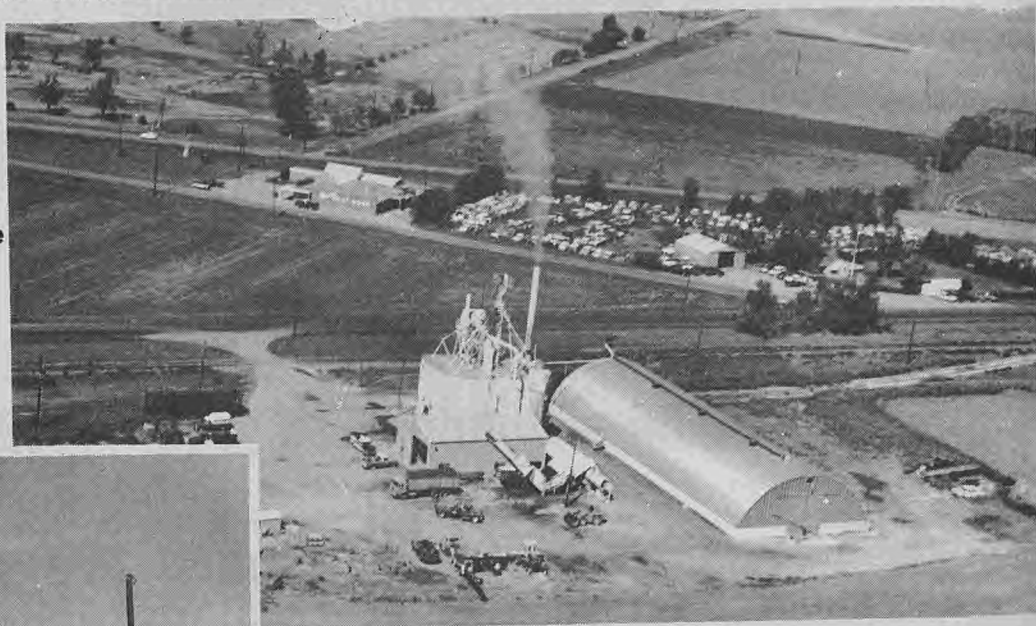
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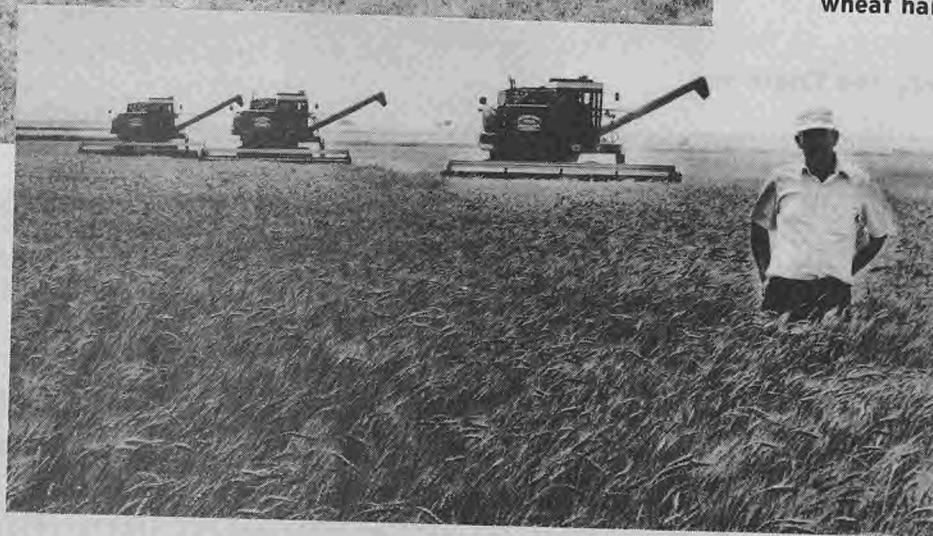
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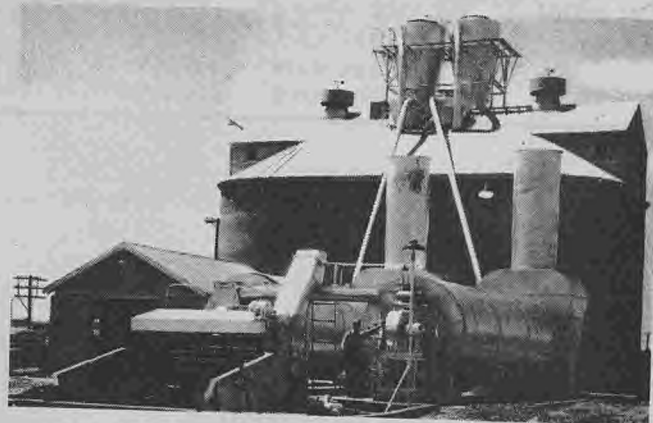
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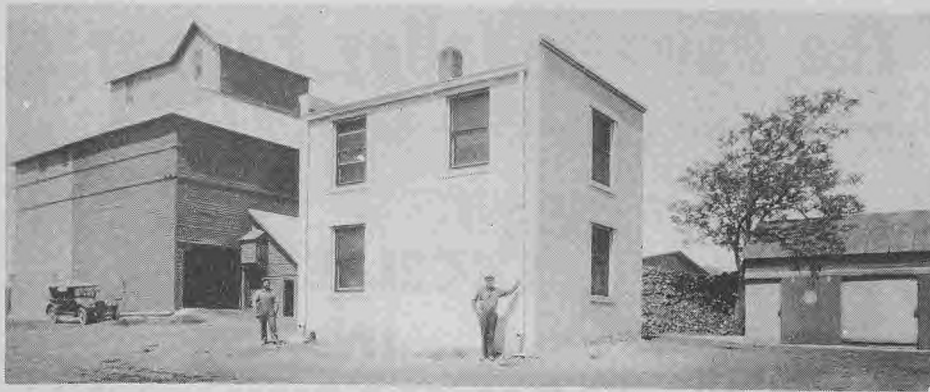
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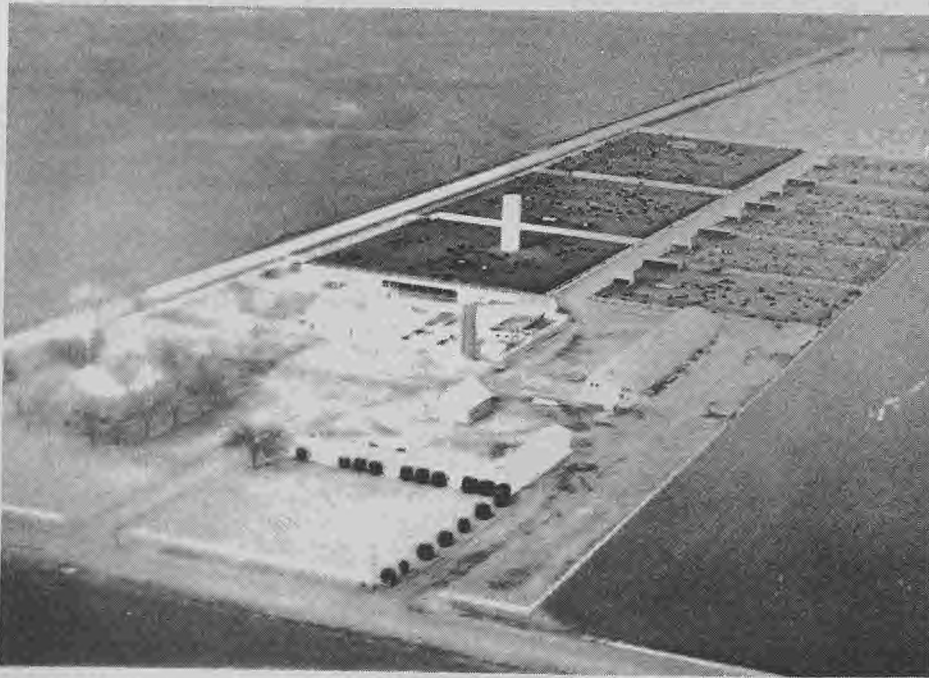
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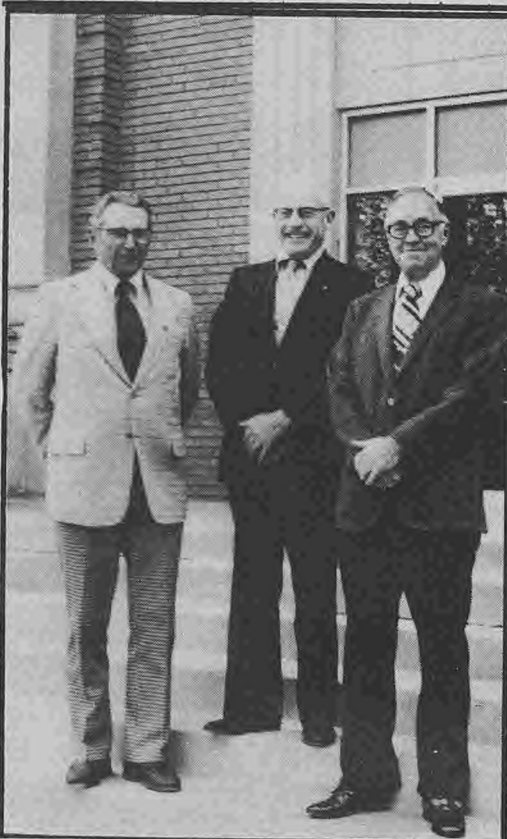
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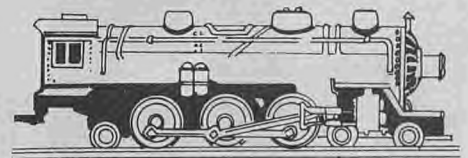
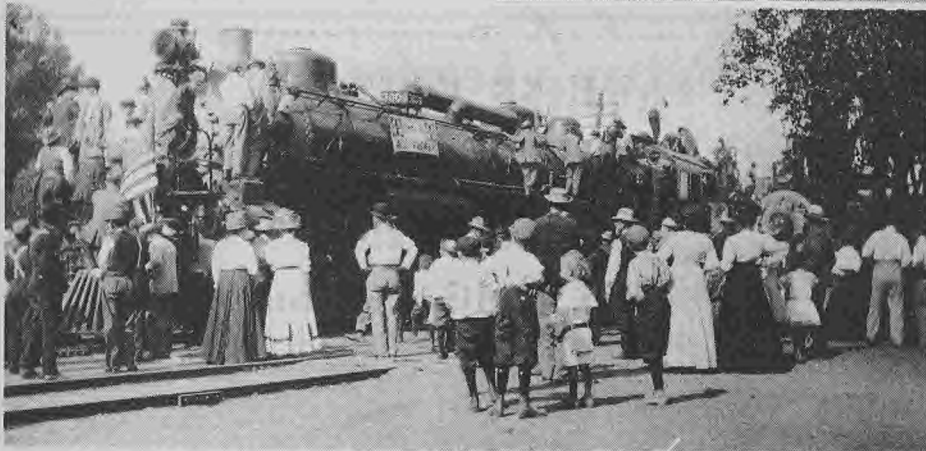
We, the Pawnee County Commissioners, are proud to serve the people of this county and we pledge to continue providing efficient government for the well-being of this great county.



Santa Fe depot at Fourth and Broadway was second structure for the railroad in Larned. The modern brick structure replaced an earlier frame depot which continued to serve as a freight depot until it was razed about six years ago.



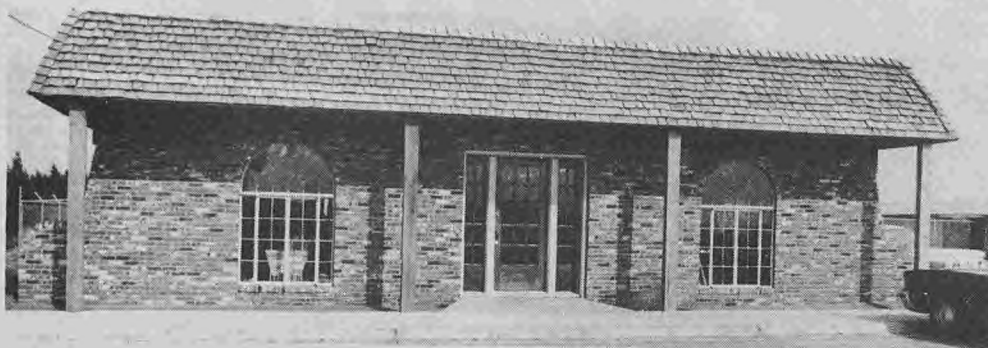
This view of Larned depot and downtown area presents a metropolitan appearance.



Santa Fe demonstration train visited Larned Sept. 25, 1911, and many people were on hand for the inspection.

Missouri-Pacific depot was first located near Nineteenth and Broadway; and later moved to First and Broadway where it served both the Missouri-Pacific Railroad and the Wichita Northwestern Line. Building now houses Skelly Oil Company field office.





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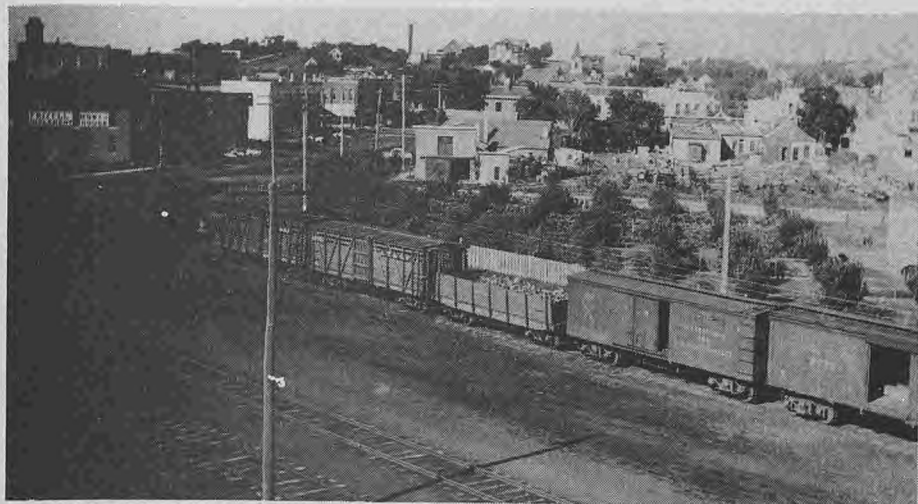
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Early view of downtown area from railroad yards near Fifth and Trail Streets. Note bell tower on I. O. O. F. hall. Bell was used to sound fire alarm.

Looking west from near Toles Street crossing on Santa Fe main line. Depot is first such structure for Larned.



Grain elevators along Santa Fe main line.

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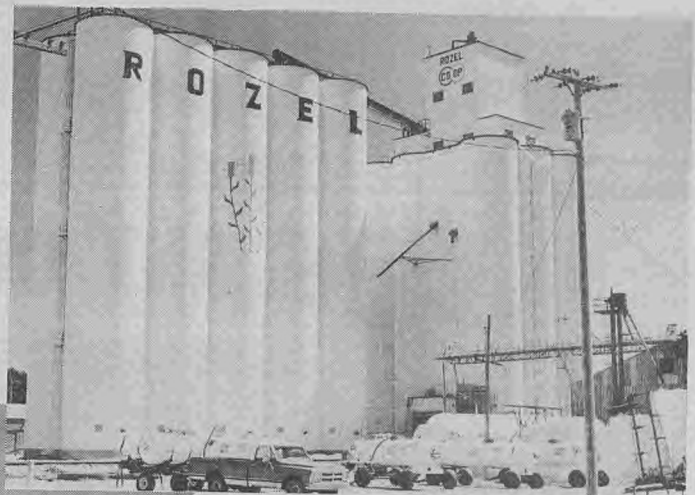
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ROZEL CITY OFFICIALS: Front row, left to right: Ervin Ideker, city marshal; Lester Ideker, mayor; John Franz, city clerk; and F. L. Kitch, treasurer; back row: Lynn Balman, Raymond Ellis, and Hugh Mounday, councilmen. Not included in picture are: Charlie Blattner and Joe Patterson, councilmen.



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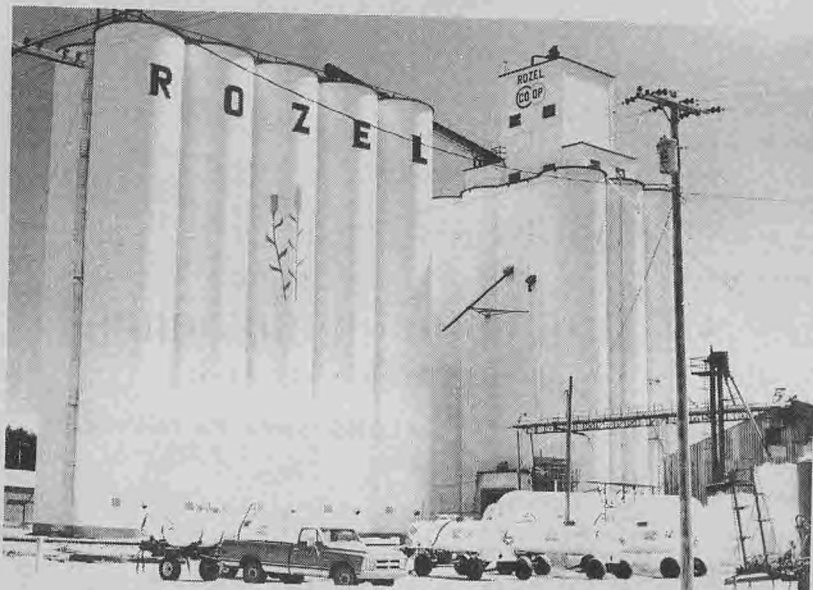
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EARLY PHOTO of Rozel looking northwest from near southeast corner of town.



FIRE-RAVAGED Main Street after disastrous 1929 conflagration.



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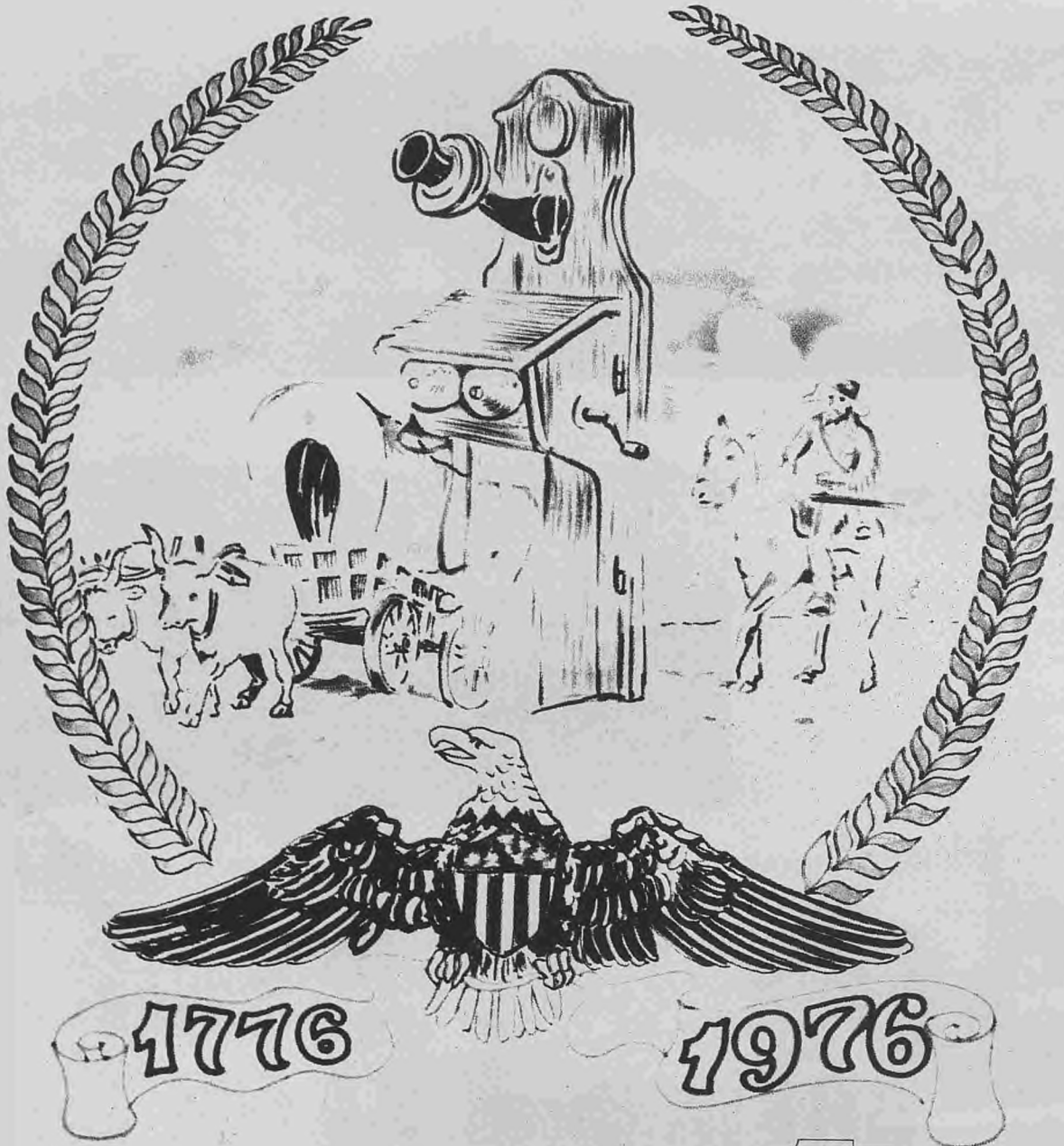
1976 MAIN STREET scenes in Rozel.



First Baptist Church, Rozel.



United Methodist Church, Rozel.



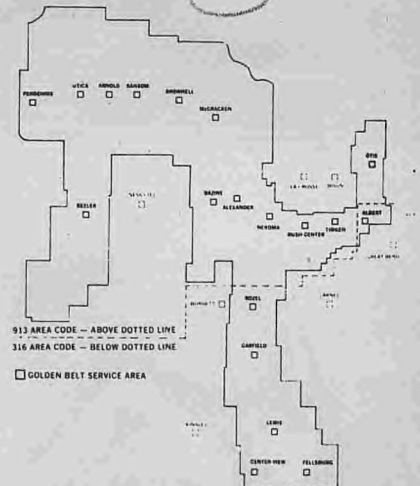
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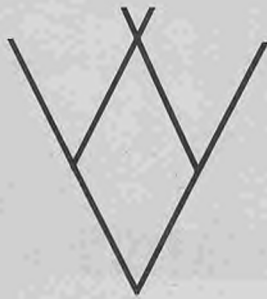
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The morning after the January 13 fire.



Fire Department members wore uniforms for picture of equipment and fire debris.



Officers and employees: Seated, left to right—Rich Mulroy, agency manager; Donna Stejskal, woman chairman; Janice Bradford, Betty Dryden, secretaries; Warren Zook, president. Standing, left to right: Robert Bowman, state board director; county board members: Danny Dipman, Keith Rolo, Paul Neeland, James Rainbolt, Noel Zahn. Not shown—Donald Haun, Dennis Smith, Lorraine Couchman.

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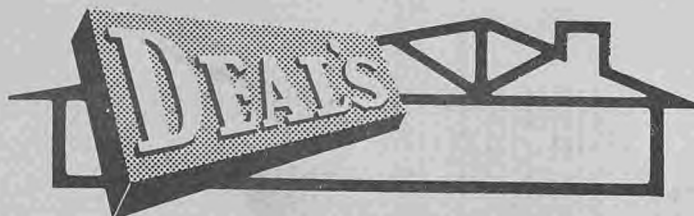


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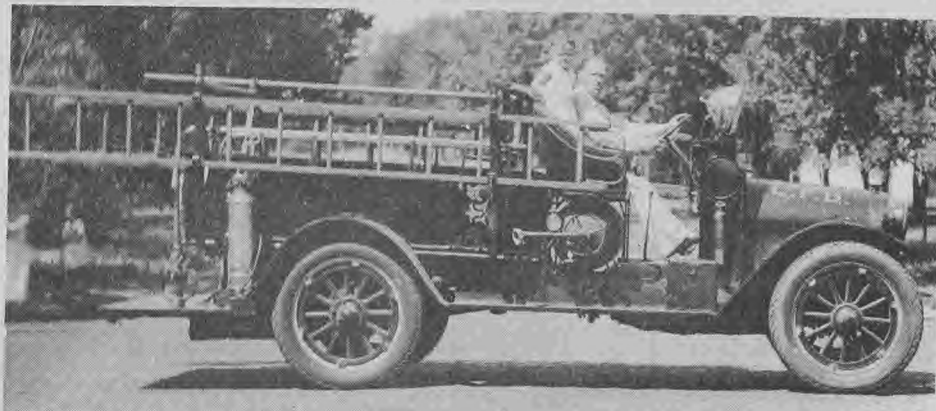
Horse-drawn hose wagon used by Larned Fire Department until about 1917. The wagon with firemen is pictured here in front of first fire station which was housed in combination city building and Independent Order of Odd Fellows lodge hall. The department was often praised in the press for the quick time in which horses could be harnessed and equipment on the scene of a fire. City records show payment of \$40 per month for use of the team.

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Horse-drawn hose wagon and firemen on parade.

Larned's first motorized combination chemical and hose truck used by the department.





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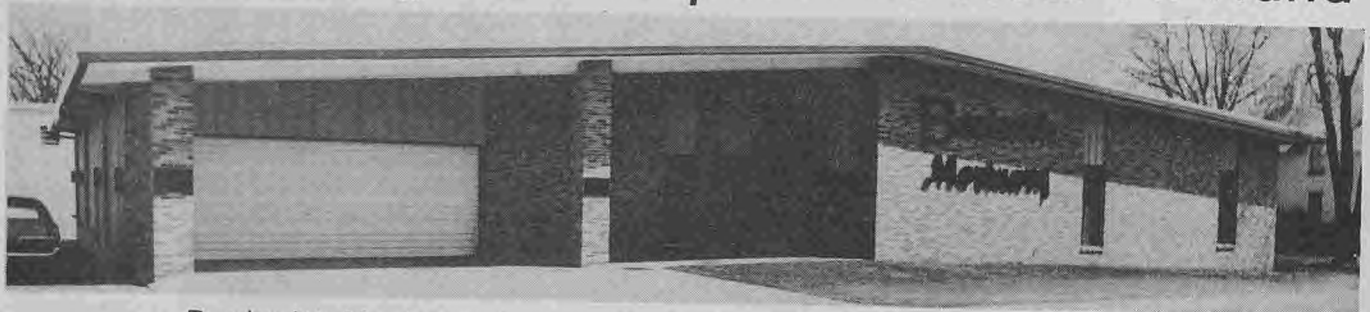
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Modern fire equipment is far-cry from hose cart and horse-drawn hose wagon.



FIREMEN shown here include (front row, left to right): Ray Parker, Wendell Eakin, Harlan Ske Skelton, Gene Constant, chief; Ralph Johnson, assistant chief; Jack Clock, captain; second row: Bob Racette, Ray Reep, the late Owen Edwards, Danny Lewien, auxiliary; Ron Babb; standing, right: Darrell Atteberry, secretary and treasurer; standing on back of truck: Vic Meyer, and Ken McConnell, captain. Regular members not in picture: Don Shelton and Fred Wilson. Auxiliary members not in picture: Leo Vratil, Bill Clapham, Harold Erway, Orous Ebert, Jack Stittsworth, Ronnie Nicholson, Charles D. Rapp, and Don Lode.



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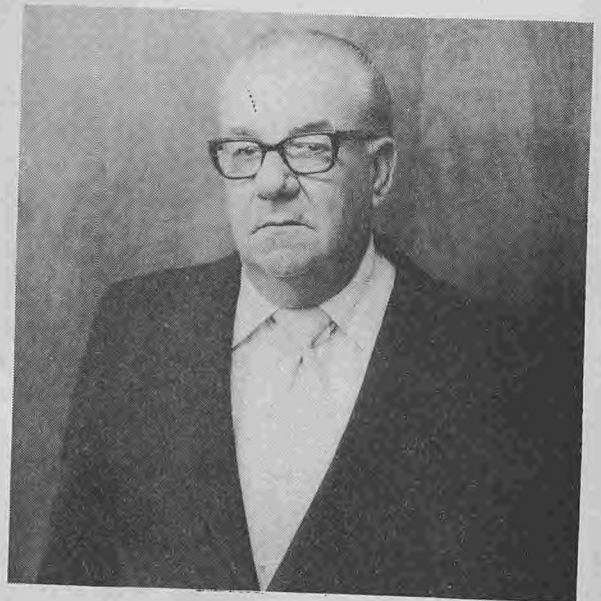


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The technology which permits this accomplishment is a spin-off from the aer-space program. The use of this technology can make it an important tool in more efficient agricultural production and research.

Any new development that aids agriculture

will have a direct bearing on the economy of Pawnee County. It's a long way from tintype to photography by satellite telemetry—but it is a part of the pictorial history in Progress 200.

Larned is near the center of the photograph; Garfield may be seen in the lower right hand corner. Highway U. S.-56 between Larned and Garfield traverses the picture at an angle.

The picture was provided The Tiller and Toiler by the Space Technology Department at the University of Kansas.

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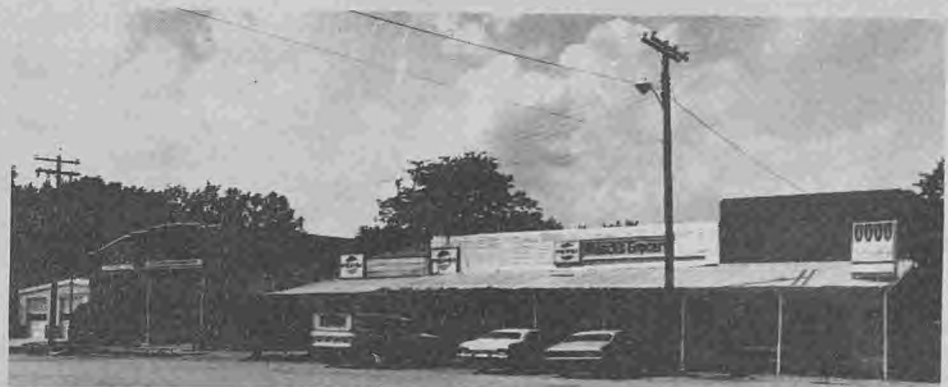
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MEMORIAL PARK in Garfield with Camp Criley historical marker.



GARFIELD CITY OFFICIALS: Front row, left to right: Stanley Aldrich, councilman; Glen Meckfessel, mayor; W. H. Cline, councilman; Gerlad Atteberry, councilman; Herald Carden, fire chief; Clyde Vinson, city clerk and treasurer; Earl Feldman, councilman; Kenneth Appel, councilman; and Robert Mitchell, city marshal (resigned). Not in picture: Mike Tudor, city marshal.



1976 STREET SCENE. City building and fire station are at extreme left in picture.



HARDWARE store in Garfield early in century. Note: display of heating stoves on porch.



MAIN STREET scene in Garfield, early 1920s.



ANOTHER VIEW of retail business in Garfield.



EARLY GARFIELD business establishment interiors.



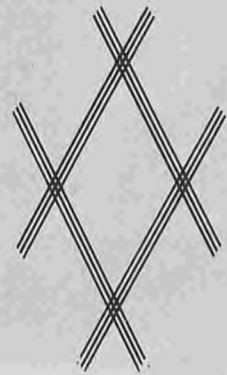
EARLY PLANT of Garfield Co-Op. Milling Co.



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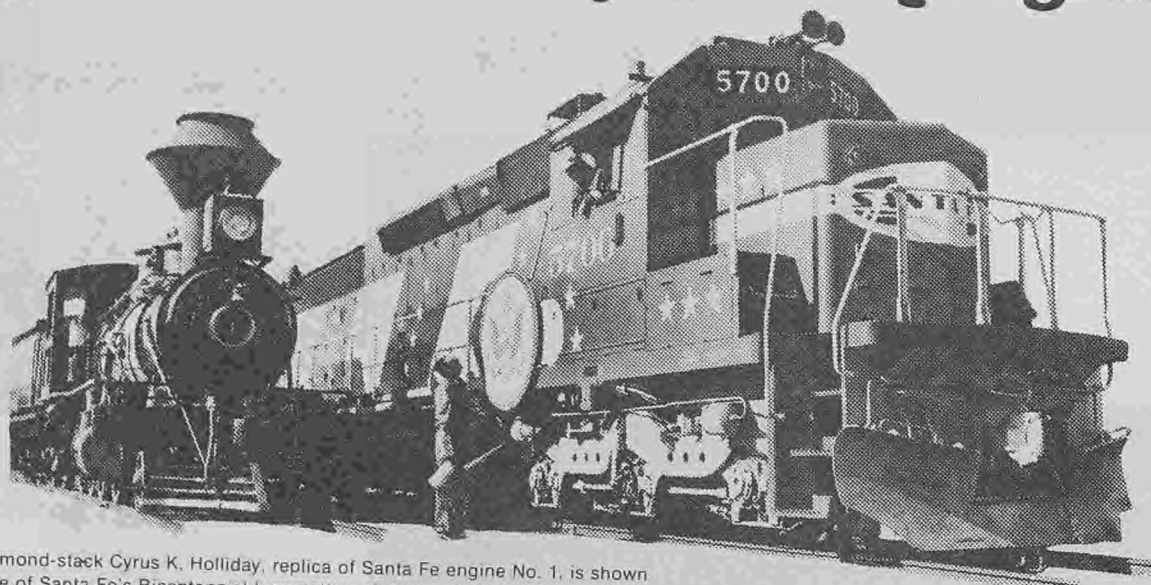
FOOTBALL UNIFORMS have changed since this gridiron contest in Garfield in the 1920s.



WAYMIRE'S POND, Garfield. Note: school building in rear.

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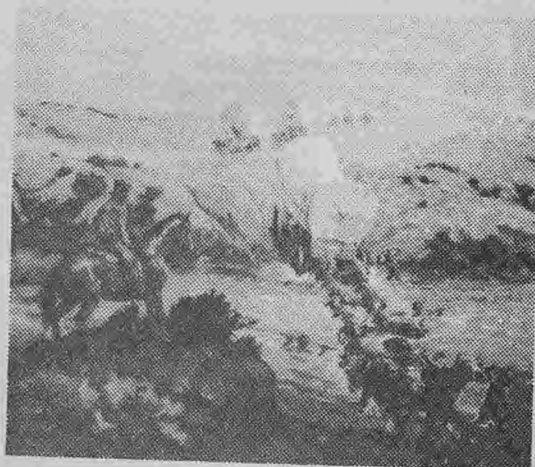
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Larned and Santa Fe

The first train to operate into Larned over the Santa Fe was on July 20, 1872—its whistle heralding the extension of the new railroad.

Below is a reproduction of Santa Fe's 1976 calendar. The scene depicts freight wagons on the Santa Fe Trail crossing Pawnee Creek west of Larned.





LARNED HOTEL building served a long tour of duty in that capacity. The building now houses storage area and various business enterprises.



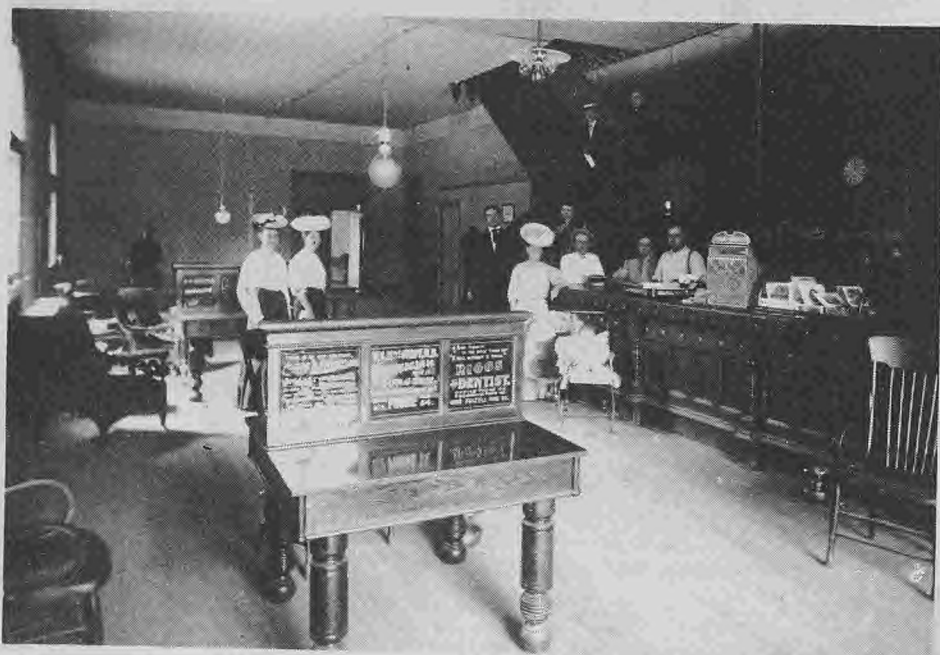
MITCHELL HOTEL and cafe was located at Fourth and Broadway. The hotel lobby and interior shot of cafe is seen in photo at right. The street scene is below. The street was paved but the traffic is a mixture of motor cars and horse and buggy transportation.



IN 1976 the building houses Tabler Furniture. The scene today is at the right.



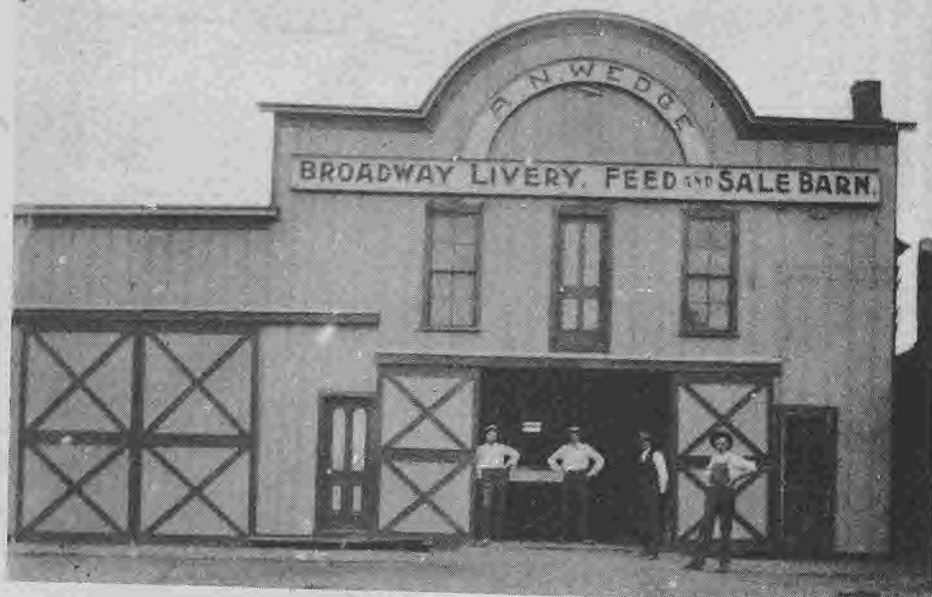
THE FARMERS' HOTEL formerly located at Fourth and Main Streets is shown above. A livery stable stood in the present location of Estes Dairy Products. The concrete block building at the left now houses tire storage for Schmidberger Tire Co.



AT THE LEFT is lobby of L'Grande Hotel which was located at the corner of Eighth and Broadway on the present site of the post office.

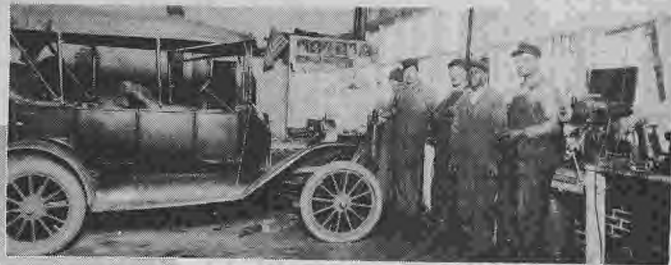


LIVERY STABLE was located on Broadway between Sixth and Seventh Streets. The J. C. Penney store now occupies a portion of the site.





PAWNEE COUNTY at one time had the highest per capita ownership of automobiles in the United States. This scene near Fifth and Broadway is typical of the era.



AUTOMOBILES replaced the horse and buggy and the need arose for a new kind of business. Garages were built for the sales and service of the new contraption.



THE STREET SCENE from Fifth and Broadway in 1976 presents a new face.

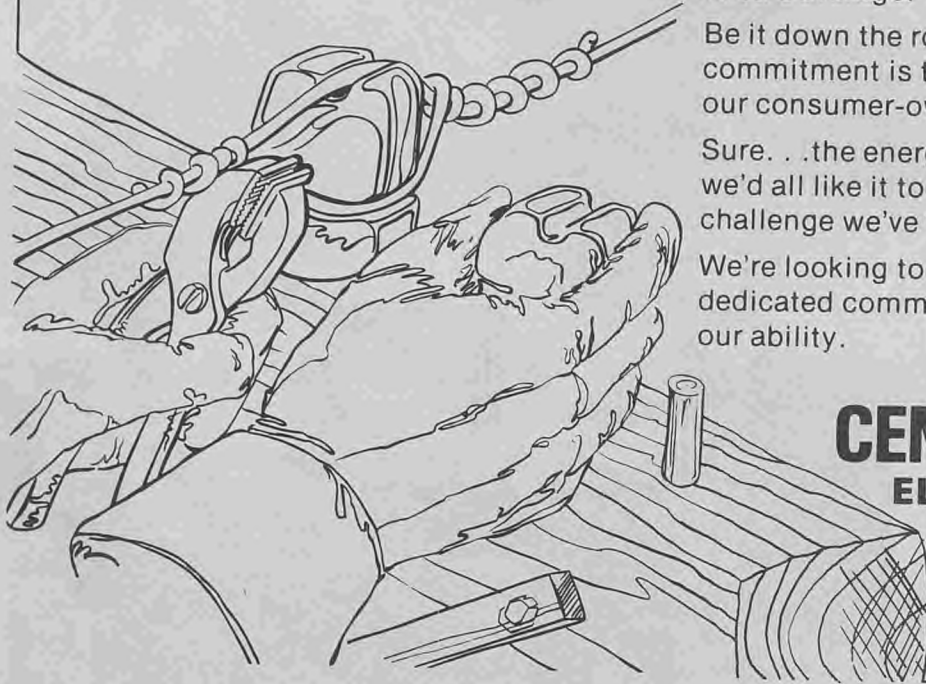


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PAVING Larned streets about 1916 required the removal of many large trees along the route. This timber operation was in front of the present Ritzman Pharmacy at Sixth and Broadway.



DISEASE OF ELM TREES has caused a number of them to be removed. A row of trees that lined Main street in front of Virginia Hotel fell to the axe in 1976.



PAVING IN 1916 required a lot of labor. This scene at Fourth and Broadway illustrates the operation.



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THE STAR GROCERY was located in a building which stood on the north half of the site now occupied by Beenblossom's at Fifth and Broadway.



THIS LATER VIEW of the same structure indicates a harness shop occupied a portion of the building. At the right a new brick building had been added which housed the A. Mojonier and Son Hardware Store.

A SUBSEQUENT view shows that a restaurant was operating in the Star Grocery building and A. A. Doerr had taken over the hardware store. The Doerr store was located then at the present site of Knupp Pharmacy.





A BANK was shown in this view. The bank, with a 12½-Ft. front was located at the present site of Aggson Jewelry.

A LATER VIEW of the corner shows the completed Krouch building (Beenblossom's), a drug store at the present location of Knupp Pharmacy and a jewelry store at the Aggson location.



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MEMORIAL DAY PARADE in Larned before the pavement was installed on Broadway. This is from near Fifth Street looking south.



VIEW at Fifth and Broadway looking southwest.



THE 1976 VIEW of the same street.



THIS BUILDING at Ninth and Broadway was one of first permanent structures in Larned and was built as a mercantile building. The U. S. Land Office was housed in rooms on the second floor.



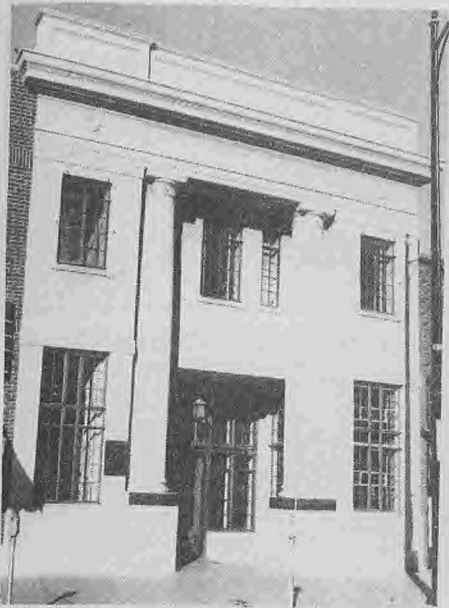
The building was later used as a hotel after an addition was built to the rear. It was known first as The Casey House; and later as the Commercial Hotel.



ROW AND LONG BAKERY was an early Larned business. The Illinois Grocery was located at the present site of Interstate Finance.



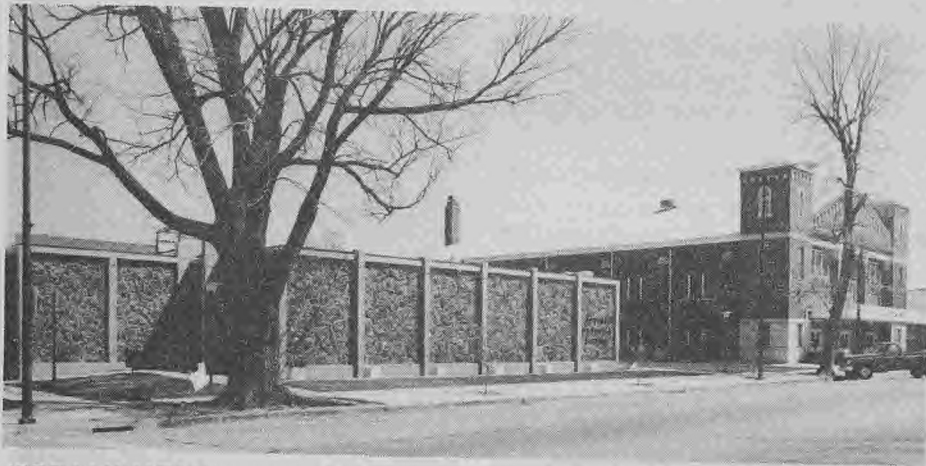
THE BUILDING was used for a time as a hatchery and poultry supply store. The second floor was converted to an apartment complex. The building today houses the Erway Apartments.



LARNED CITY offices are housed in old First National Bank building on Broadway.



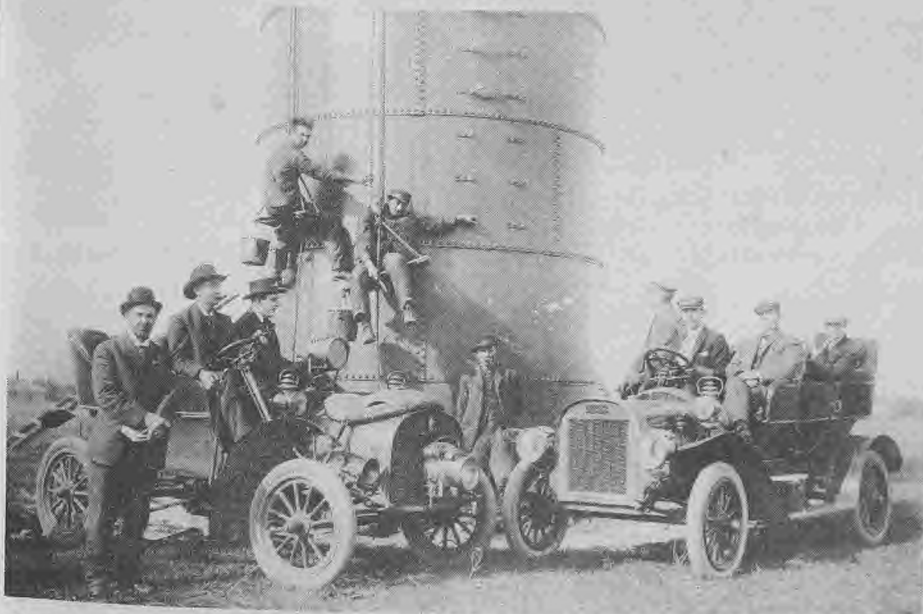
LARNED CITY COUNCIL—(Left to right around table): Ken McConnell, fourth ward; Dr. W. R. Brenner and Robert Taylor, third ward; Don Peterson (not visible), first ward; Gene Vogt, city manager (resigned); Ned M. Brown, mayor; Clay Smith, city clerk; Dr. Claud J. Bray and Wendell Eakin, second ward; Wendell Graham, first ward; and William L. Wysong, fourth ward. Vincent G. Fleming, city attorney (deceased), is in the right rear of the picture.



JORDAAN MEMORIAL LIBRARY and City Auditorium add to a civic center appearance in block east of the courthouse.



DICK BLAND became city manager November 1.



CITY OFFICIALS inspect work on old standpipe. The standpipe was located near present site of 500,000-gallon water tower on stadium hill.



LOUIS JAMES was named city attorney following the death of Mr. Fleming.

CHURCHES MARK A SPIRITUAL HERITAGE



G. A. R. Hall served several congregations as their first meeting place in Larned.



ASSEMBLY OF GOD now meets in this modern structure at Ninth and Topeka Streets.



FIRST BAPTIST Church built and occupied this building at Tenth and Broadway.



THE BAPTIST Church today at the same location.



SECOND BAPTIST Church is located on Park Street between Ninth and Tenth Streets.



NEWLY REMODELLED Southern Baptist Church at Eleventh and Mann Streets.



EARLY DAY First Christian Church was a brick structure located at Tenth and Topeka Streets.



NEXT building for the Christians was located at Sixth and Main Streets. It was destroyed by fire.



FIRST CHRISTIAN Church today at Eighth and Topeka Streets.



CHURCH OF CHRIST at Carroll and Vernon Drive.



FIRST CHURCH of Christ Scientist at Seventh and Main Streets.



BETHANY EPISCOPAL Church at Eighth and Main Streets.



ESCUE CHAPEL C. M. E. Church at Tenth and Johnson.



GRACE LUTHERAN Church at Sixth and Carroll.



JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES at Tenth and Park.



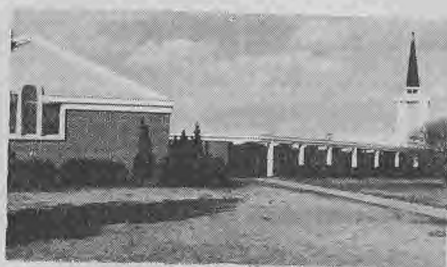
CHURCH of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Sixth and Corse.



LATER additions covered most of original structure.



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN Church was originally at Eighth and Broadway on the present site of Southwestern Bell Telephone Co.



PRESBYTERIAN Church today at Eighth and Martin.



CHURCH of The Nazarene at Eleventh and Broadway.



PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS Church at Thirteenth and Carroll.



CHURCH OF CHRIST at Ninth and Park.



SACRED HEART Catholic Church at Eleventh and State.



METHODIST CHURCH built this structure at Seventh and Main.



FIRST METHODIST Church today at same location.



BICENTENNIAL SUNDAY, July 4, 1976, was observed by many area churches with special services relating to the observance. The Rev. Ralph Jones rings an old bell at the United Methodist Church in Larned.

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FIRST structures at the Larned State Hospital when it was established was a patients' dormitory and the dining hall seen here under construction.



ROD CLELLAND, superintendent, came to the hospital in May 1975.



THREE dormitory buildings are shown here soon after completion.



THE DIX BUILDING, one of the first to be completed, is now being razed. The building had been condemned.



A VISIT to the institution was made by Kansas Governor Robert Bennett in the summer soon after Supt. Clelland took over the post.



A PAWNEE CREEK DAM constructed at the state hospital to impound water for irrigation created this picturesque scene.

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Wilson Bldg. Larned, KS.



A. A. DOERR MERCANTILE Co. occupied this three-story building at Sixth and Broadway. Note: Piano shipping cases along side of store.

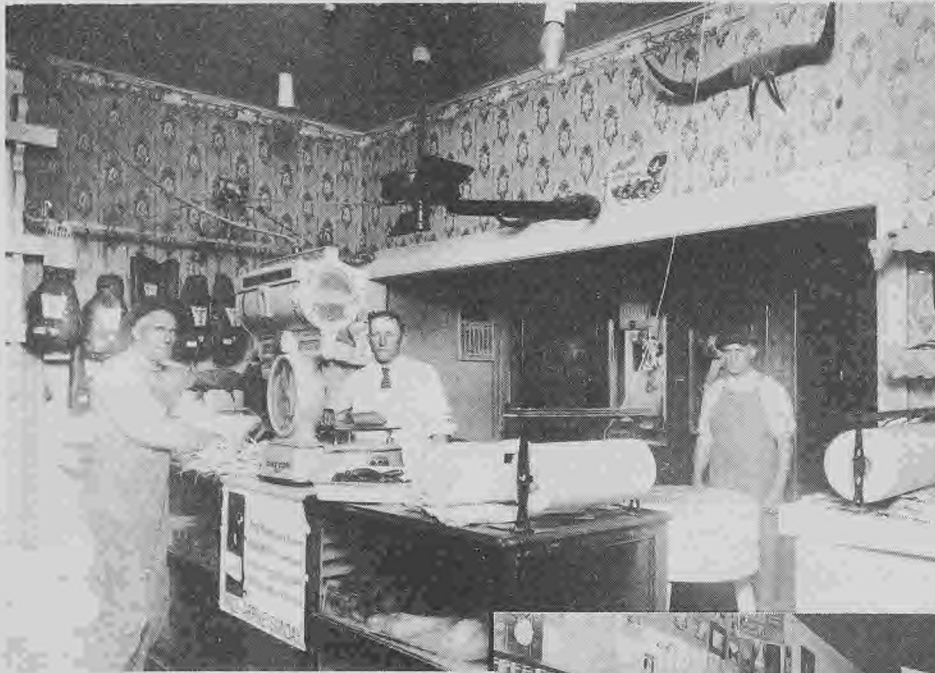


THE DOERR STORE today is housed in this modern building at the same location.



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J. S. DILLON & SONS opened their first food store in Larned at Fourth and Broadway, the present site of Tabler Furniture.



AN EARLY DAY Larned grocery store. Note: overhead sign reads "In God We Trust. All others must pay cash!"



WICKWIRE DRUG Store was located at present site of Bernie's Ladies' Ready-To-Wear.

SCHNACK CLOTHIER WAS LOCATED AT PRESENT SITE OF Double-D Western Store. The Schnack firm later moved to corner of Fifth and Broadway in building now housing The Tumbleweed Shop; and later moved back to its original location.

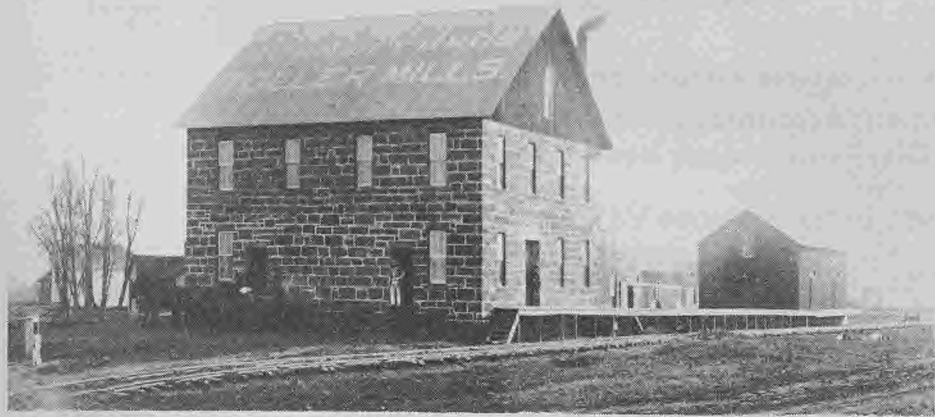


THE CENTRAL MARKET was located on Broadway near the present site of Palace Clothier.



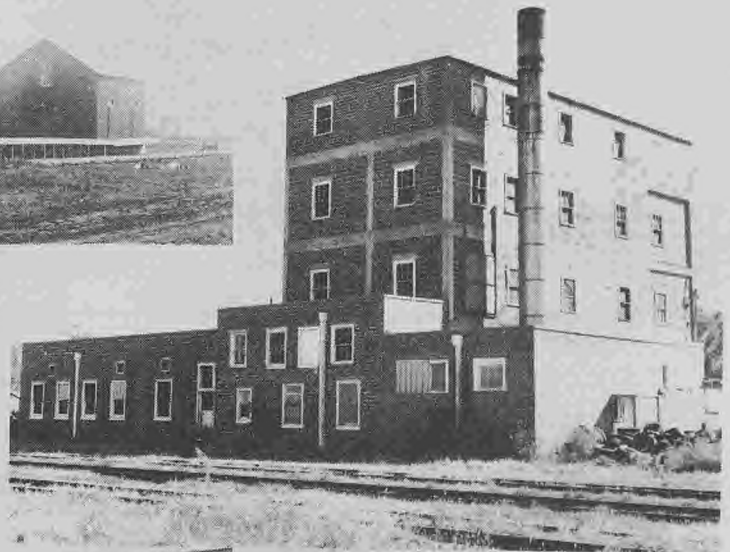


THE C. W. SMITH Electric and Ice Company provided the first electric power for Larned. The ice plant continued to operate for many years after the electric plant was sold to the city.



BURNETT BROS. Roller Mill was located on South Broadway.

OLD CHEESE FACTORY (right) was originally built as a powdered milk plant. Kraft Cheese Company later operated a cheddar cheese plant in the building.



THE POTTERY was an early Larned industry and one of the first sights for many newcomers to the county who arrived by railroad.



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HOUSING in the county developed rather quickly from structures such as this rural sod home to . . .

. . . **THIS** super-structured home of Tim McCarthy which stood at Fourth and State Streets.



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HOME ARRANGEMENT in this mobile home park is reminiscent of pioneer wagon trains "gathered in the round" at night as a protection from attack.



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EARLY PERMANENT homes in Larned were ornate with architectural "ginger gingerbread."



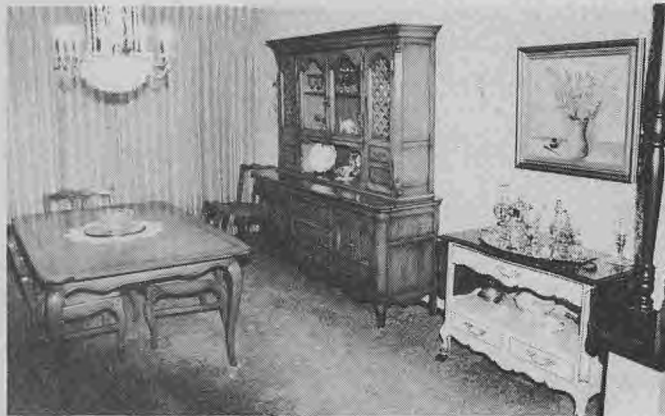
A MODERN street scene presents a less ornate appearance.



KITCHEN and dining room of a nearly new home.



ELECTRIC ranges in a 1976 appliance store.



LIVINGROOM and den in the same home.



AN ABUNDANT CHOICE is in store for the television shopper in this store. First settlers in the county probably never dreamed of such an instant communication device.



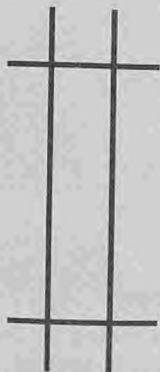


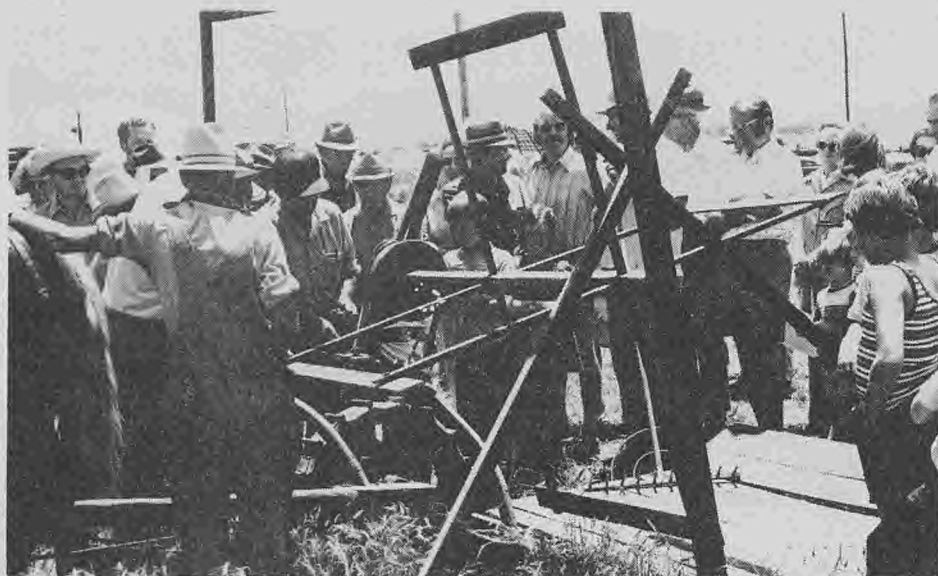
BICENTENNIAL WAGON TRAIN which visited Fort Larned and Trail Center in April 1976.



THE KANSAS prairie schooner which participated in Bicentennial Wagon Train is shown here at Fort Larned on visit by the wagons. The wagon has since been donated to The Santa Fe Trail Center.

ENTERTAINMENT was a feature of the Wagon Train as it made its trek across the continent.





BICENTENNIAL events were kicked off in July 1975 when the Larned Kiwanis Club and the Trail Center joined in sponsoring this reaper demonstration on a small wheat field near the Trail Center.



BICENTENNIAL SUNDAY on the Fourth of July 1976 featured old fashioned fun, a flea market, games, and fireworks.



TOBACCO chewing contest was part of day's activities. Joe Lewis, rural Larned, is shown in photo here.

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MR. and MRS. Elbert Smith are shown here dancing at the Bicentennial Ball. Smith served as general chairman of the Bicentennial activities in the county.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS THROUGH THE YEARS



THE SCHOOL BOARD, U. S. D. 495—Front row, left to right: Jim Hammond, Jim Rainbolt, Glennie Schmidt, and Kent Converse; back row: Alvah Turner, superintendent; Dennis Heinrichs, Edgar Haynie, John Adams and William Dooley, business manager.

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THREE BUILDINGS have been located at Fifth and State Streets. The first is shown at right. The second, shown below served a tour of duty as a high school; and completed its useful years as a grade school. The third is shown at lower right and is an elementary school.



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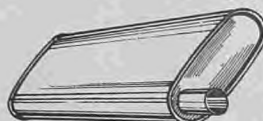
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Present Church
(dedicated in 1964)

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The Lutherans came to Larned early in its history, but the churches were rural. Grace Lutheran Church was established in Larned in 1949. Two pastors have shepherded the congregation. The Rev. Rudolph Gehle organized the first church and in 1960 the Rev. George Bruening came to continue the work of preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The Lutherans are more than happy to share the worship of Jesus Christ with you every Sunday. We preach "A changeless Christ for a changing world."

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Grace Lutheran Church

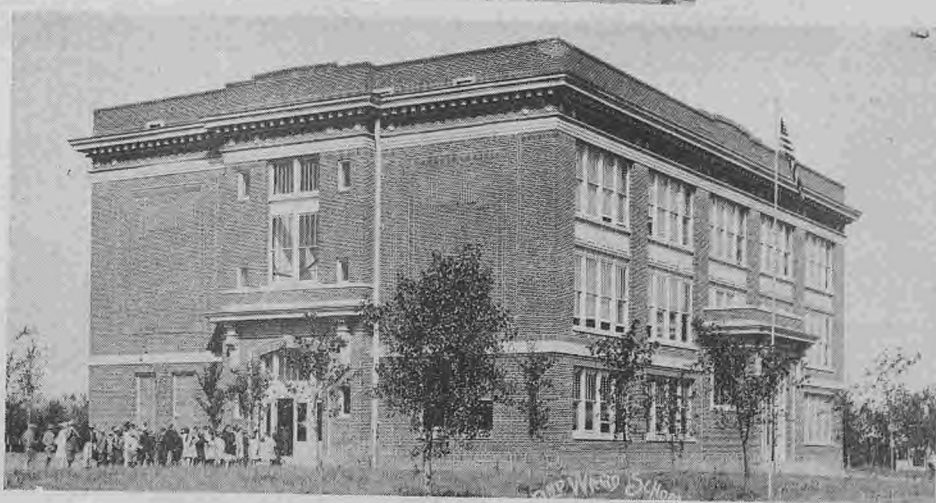
6th and Carroll

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THIS BUILDING was located near Twelfth and Santa Fe Streets.



BUILT as a high school, this building stood on the same location.



LARNED Junior High, 1976, at Eleventh and Santa Fe.



THE R. V. Phinney Elementary School at Twelfth and Fry Streets.

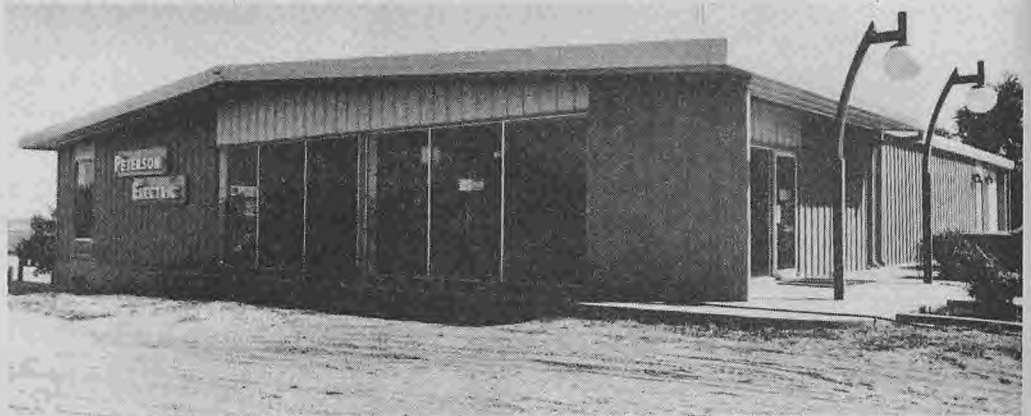


THIS Building at Eighth and Johnson Streets served as First Ward Grade School for a time.

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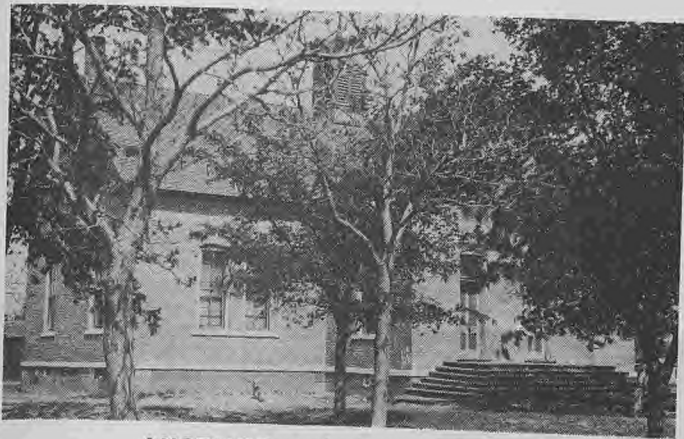
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ANOTHER early Larned School.



LARNED HIGH SCHOOL, 1976



PARK School at Third and Park houses an "open classroom."



SACRED HEART Parochial School is housed in modern building.



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RURAL STUDENTS were educated in one-room country schools such as these shown here. They played an important part in the educational system.

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**FIRST NATIONAL Bank about 1931.
The building now houses City Office.**



INTERIOR VIEW of old bank.



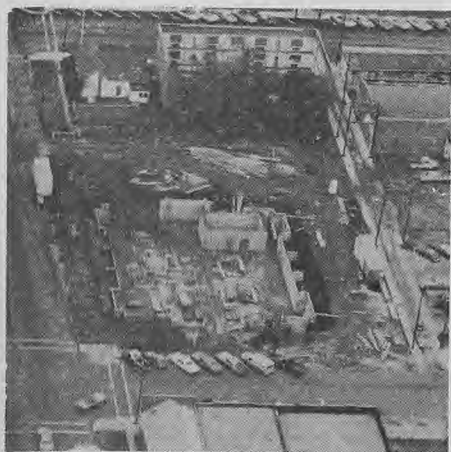
**TELLER ROW in new bank building at Sixth and
Broadway.**



**ANOTHER VIEW inside First National Bank and
Trust Co.**



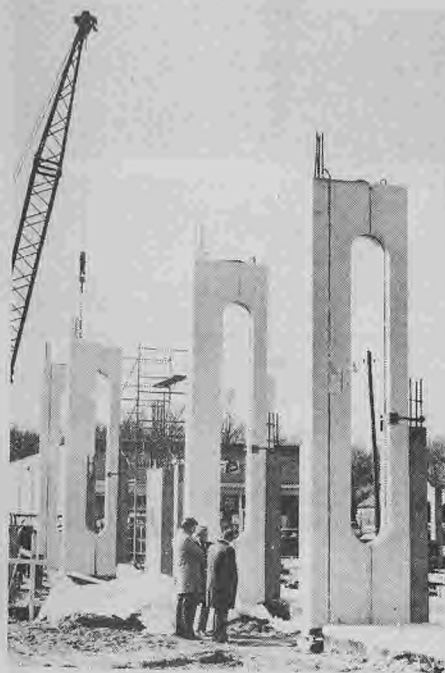
**FIRST NATIONAL Bnk and Trust Co., 1976. NOTE: Handsome covered parking
area at right, completed in Bicentennial year.**



FIRST stage of construction of New First State Bank and Trust Co.



TOP: The First State Bank was housed in this building at Fifth and Broadway for many years. A remodelling program had changed the outside appearance; but the building structure was retained. Below: The new building which houses THEThe First State Bank and Trust Co., at Sixth and Main, was completed in 1976.



PRE-CAST concrete columns are set for new building.



AT OFFICIAL opening of new building: Leon Reed, chairman of the Board, cuts the ribbon.



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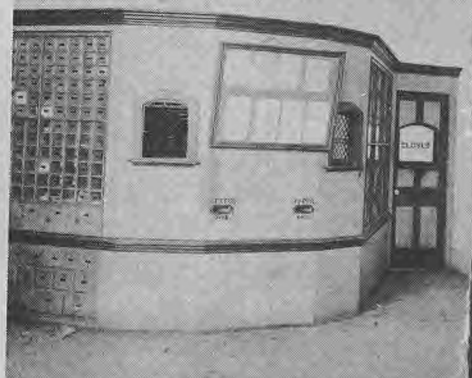
LARNED'S first post office was located in a frame building at Fifth and Broadway. The brick building under construction in rear of photo was to house Wickwire Drug Store.



THE SECOND location for the Post Office was in the brick building at Fourth and Broadway. The building now houses Tabler Furniture.



Interior of Post Office on 4th Street



Post Office Lobby on 4th Street



INTERIOR and lobby scenes at the Fourth Street location are shown at right.



THE NEXT MOVE for the Post Office was to this Broadway location in the building which is now occupied by The Toggery. Unidentified rural carriers pose for this photo.



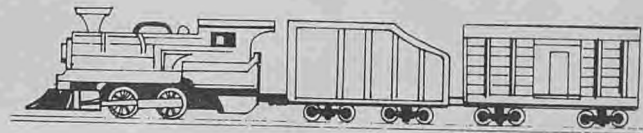
A LATER MOVE put the Post Office across the street into one side of the Edwards building. Standish Men's Wear now is located there.



FINAL MOVE came in the 1930s into this government-built structure which continues to house the Post Office at Eighth and Broadway.



1976 EMPLOYEES at the Post Office include: (left to right)—Bill Kerns, Mick Keenan, Ed Nauert, Arlis Atteberry, Steve Webb, Bob Bixby, John Frazier, Post Master; Leo Fox, John Hallock, Verne Blackwell, Harry Chlumsky, Tony Apel, and Danny Dipman. Not present for the picture were Tom Coulson, Jack Armstrong and Doug Smith.



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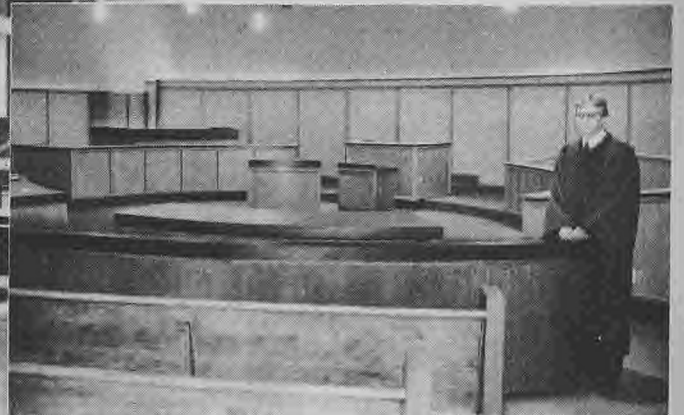
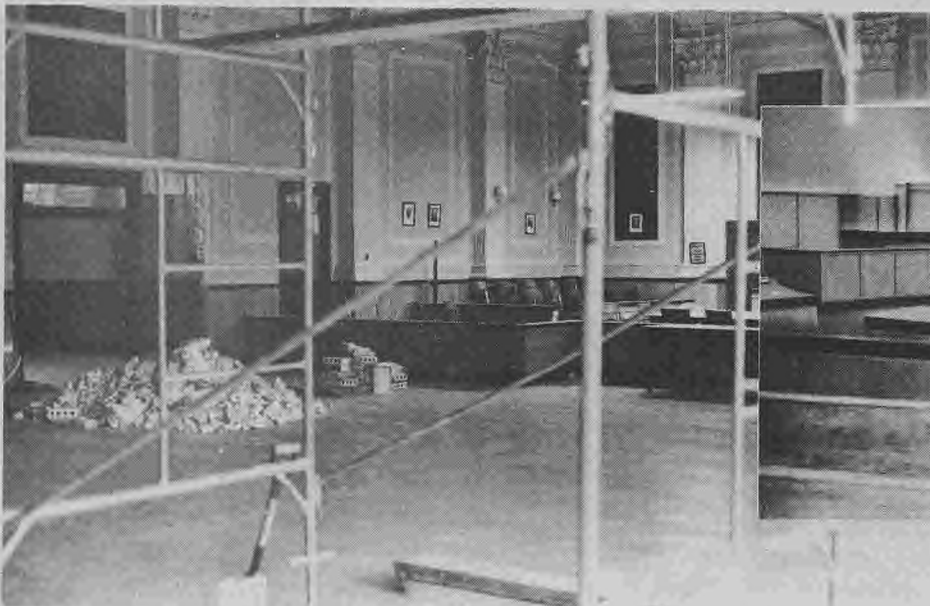
THE COURTHOUSE soon after it was completed about 1918. The late A. H. Moffet, president of The First National Bank, was responsible for the development of the lawn and flower beds so that it had a "park appearance." Note: the clocks in the front of the portico and on the side.



THE PAWNEE COUNTY courthouse in 1976.



DISTRICT courtroom was remodelled in 1976. The room was divided into two courtrooms.



DISTRICT Judge C. Phillip Aldrich is shown in the completed section of the new courtroom.



JERRY G. LARSON
County Attorney



RONALD YOUNG
County Clerk



ELEANOR ZINK
County Treasurer



MARIAN STROMER
Register of Deeds



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County Engineer



KARL SMITH speaking at Rozel Bicentennial celebration.



MR. AND MRS. LEONARD SEBA lead the grand march at the Garfield observance.



UNCLE SAM was in Centennial-Bicentennial parade at Burdett.



MORE FUN AND GAMES—A tug of war and a turtle race.

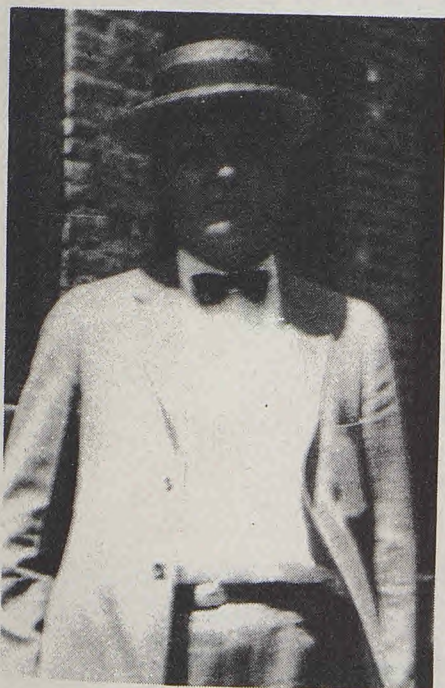


THE BIKECENTENNIAL brought many overnight visitors to Larned on a summer trip across the nation.



MEN'S CHORUS at Larned Music Club's "Pawnee Fork," an official Bicentennial activity.

EDWARDS PARK AND TERA JORDAAN PARK



DR. JOHN JORDAAN

TERA JORDAAN PARK is a gift to the City of Larned through the generosity of the Jordaan family—Dr. John Jordaan, Henry Jordaan, and Tera Jordaan (all deceased). Their father, M. A. W. Jordaan, was a pioneer Larned merchant.

Adjoining the new park on the east is Edwards Park, a gift to the city by the late J. G. Edwards. Edwards Park is the site of the Larned Country Club. Preliminary grading of roads in the new park was started in 1976, the Bicentennial year.

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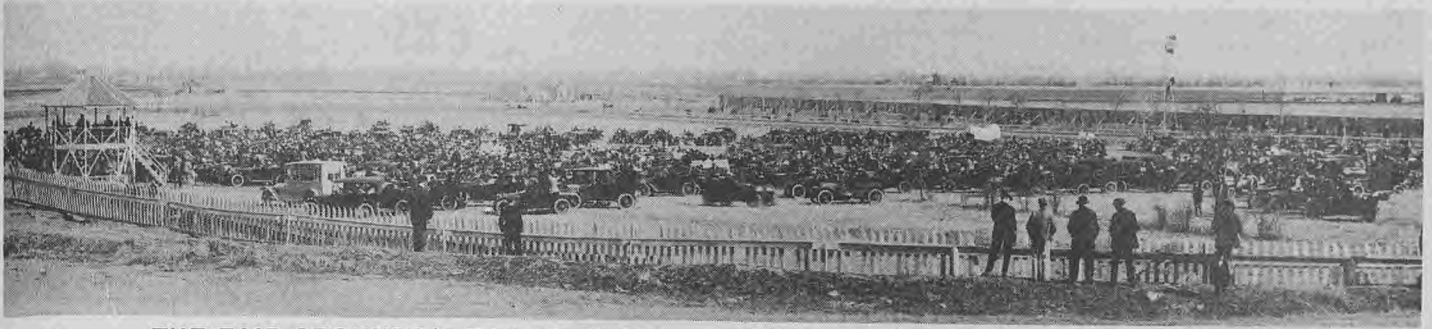
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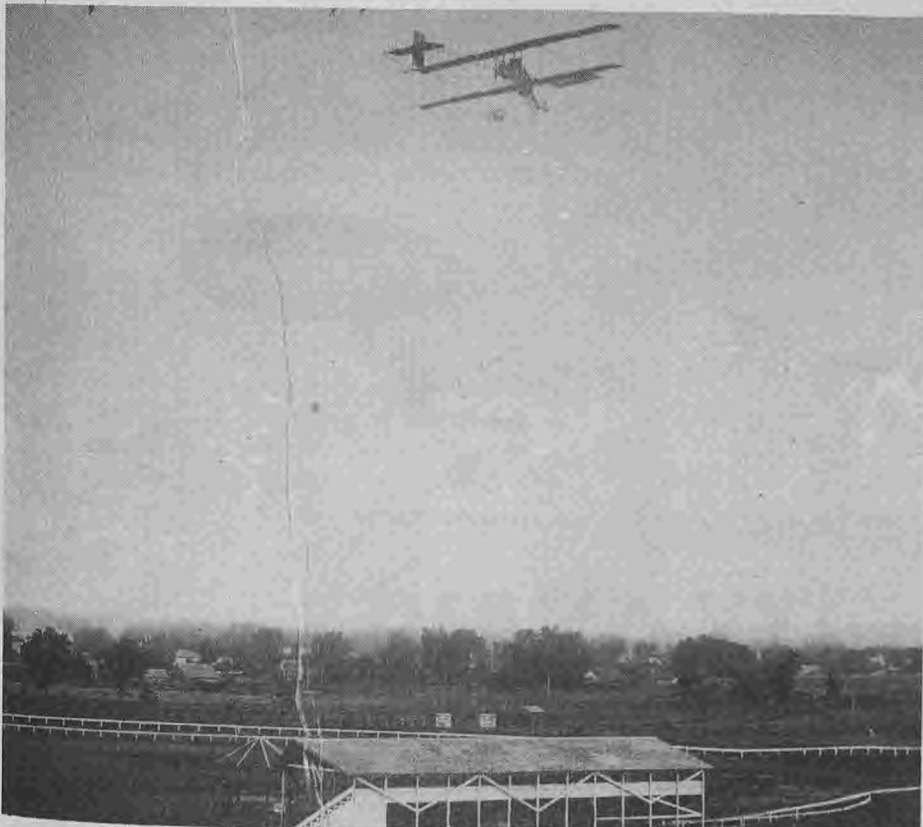
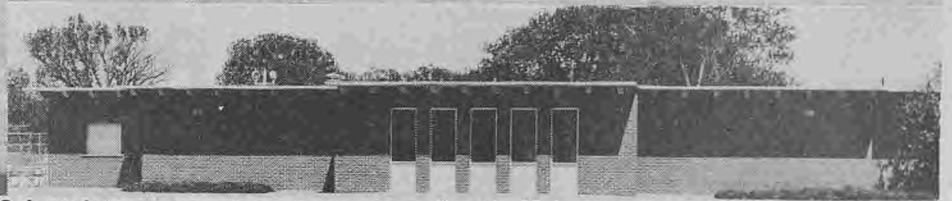
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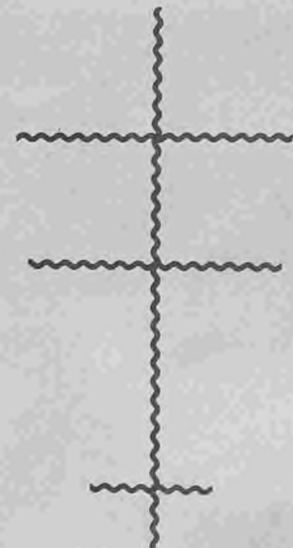
THE FAIR GROUNDS in Edwards Park was a popular place for many activities. Photo is one of an "automobile day" at the park.



THE SWIMMING POOL in Schnack Park was also a popular place after its completion. The view is look north toward what is now Stadium Hill.



THE BATH HOUSE at the pool has since been replaced with this modern one shown in inset.



AVIATION first came to the county in demonstrations at the Fair Grounds. Here an early bi-plane is seen aloft.



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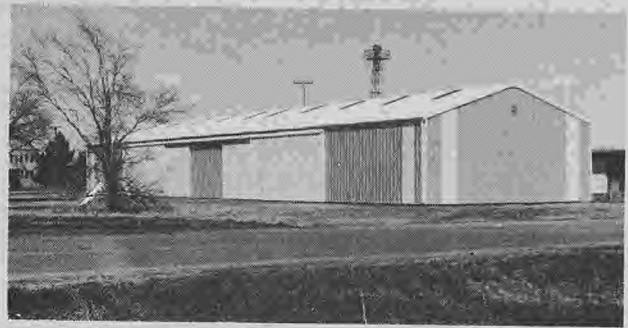
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AVIATION continued to advance and there were always interested by-standers.



A NEW HANGAR at the Larned Municipal Airport.



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PARKS have always been important to Larned citizens



THE LESLIE Wallace Lodge at the Country Club in Edwards Park.



AT THE 4-H club chicken dinner on Stadium Hill. This is a popular annual event.



PARKS were used this summer by many people who came through Larned on the Bikecentennial '76 route.

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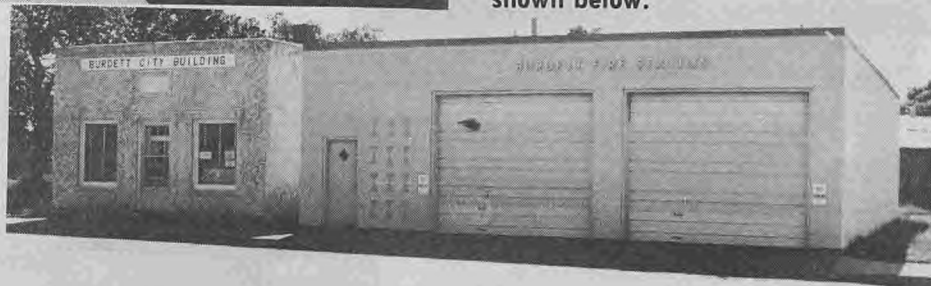
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- Raymond Bauer
- Clarence Huffman
- Dick Kollhoff
- Lynn Nelson



BURDETT CITY OFFICIALS—(Front row, left to right): Roy Delp, Jr., councilman; Glen Warner, mayor; Mary E. Catlin, city clerk; back row: Lawrence Bauer, Merrill Hoagland, Lester Shuck, and Dwight Shank, councilmen. Not in picture: C. R. Huffman, treasurer.

CITY HALL and fire station are shown below.



BURDETT State Bank occupies this handsome building.



BURDETT Main Street about 1902.

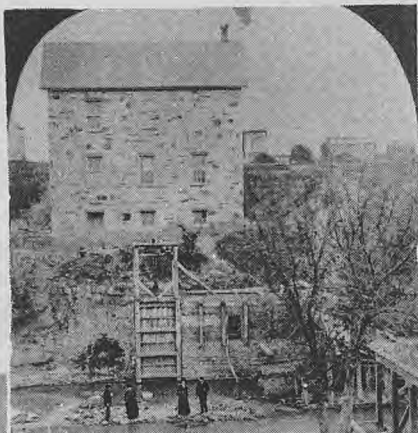


THE MAIN STREET, 1976.

The Old Mill

... built in 1879 and operated until 1890 on the banks of the Pawnee north of Burdett.

Rock from the old mill was used in the construction of this unoccupied house on the M. O. Chaffee farm.



SANTA FE Railroad has served Burdett since 1886.



CATHOLIC Church in Burdett.



The Methodist parsonage.



MARCY C. Norris Memorial United Methodist Church in Burdett.



SHELTER HOUSE in new city park completed in 1976.



AMERICAN LEGION is housed in this new building.



THE CO-OOP Grain and Supply facilities emphasize importance of agriculture in area economy.



CLYDE TOMBAUGH, a Burdett native, discovered Planet Pluto.

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LARNED POLICE DEPARTMENT—Front row, left to right: Leon Shearrer, Rosa Newhouse, Peggy Foust, Norma Clark, Doyle Mayse; second row: Emerson Hayden, chief; Terry Foust, Dale Scheideman, John Slack, and Les Shawver, resigned. Not in picture: Jeff Fertig.



LARNED AMBULANCE SERVICE operates these two modern emergency vehicles and provides service for all of the county.



LARNED AMBULANCE SERVICE emergency medical personnel include (left to right): Bill Ferland, Burdett; Ken Walker, Dan Harsch, Jim Sterling, Franklin Nelson, Burdett; Maurice Hall, Francis Starr, Burdett; Ron Babb, ambulance service director; Vicki Shuler, Nancy Vogt, Louise Colglazier, Rozel; and Jim Manning. Not in picture: Ann Cook, Greg Smith, Kathie Damm, and Derek Slack. The ambulance service serves all of Pawnee County.



SHERIFF'S OFFICE STAFF includes Cliff Atteberry, sheriff, Jack Atteberry, under-sheriff; and R. D. Rapp, deputy.



HIGHWAY PATROLMEN assigned to the Pawnee County area include Ron L. Woods, Gary Harkness, and Lloyd Mucklow.



GOLDEN AGE MINI-BUS put into service by Pawnee County in 1976. The vehicle is shown here with G. R. "Pete" Potwin, chairman of the County Committee on Aging; and commissioners Edgar Clark and Don Foster



SHERIFF'S OFFICE and jail at Eighth and Main. The jail houses both county and city prisoners.



COUNTY Probation Officer, Betty Coleman.

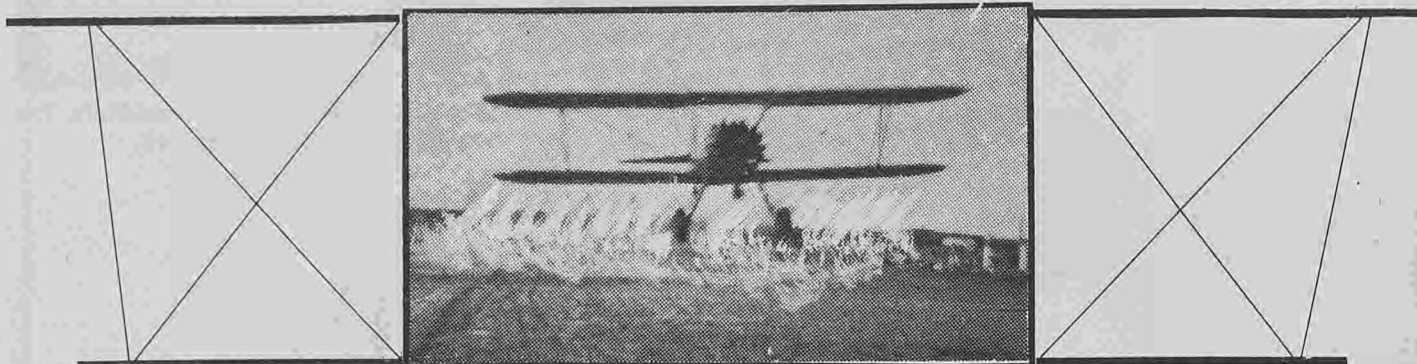


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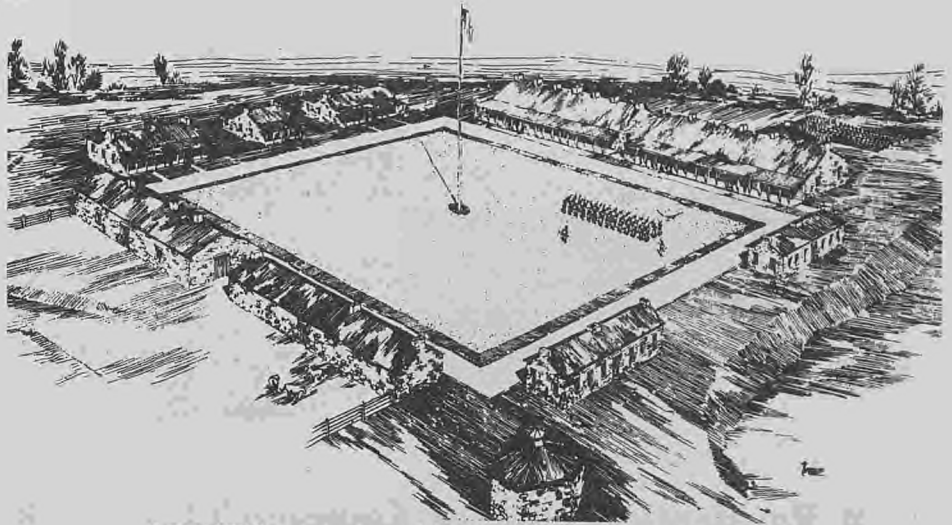


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ARTIST'S rendering of Fort Larned as a military post.



AT DEDICATION of Fort Larned National Historic Landmark.



PART of reconstruction and stabilization was a jig saw puzzle.



ENLISTED MEN'S barracks at Fort Larned in 1976.



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PROGRAM at ground-breaking ceremony for Santa Fe Trail Center on U. S.-156.



AT THE GROUND-BREAKING for the new Santa Fe Trail Center these ladies who were vitally interested in the construction of the new center took a turn with a shovel to symbolically start the building. They are (left to right): Mrs. Bobbie Victor Wallace, Mrs. Alice McNamara (deceased), Mrs. Irma Smith, and Mrs. Isabel Campbell.



WALTER HICKEL, a Kansas native, and former Secretary of the Interior, was the featured speaker at the official dedication of The Trail Center.



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The Second Century

Kansans began their second century of statehood in 1961, and as they now join the rest of the Union in celebrating the advent of the third

American century, they can take pride in their fine schools, their primary position in agriculture and their rapidly growing industry.

The first hundred years of statehood brought the problems and challenges of settlement, all of which were successfully faced. With solid achievement in the past, a forward-looking citizenry continues to fulfill the promises of a good life which first beckoned the pioneers to the place they named Kansas.



PAWNEE ROCK — The Indians were gone but the memory lingered.



MARIE MADISON has seen much of the history pictured here. Known for her culinary artistry, she is a favorite of everyone.



LARNED HIGH SCHOOL track team in 1913 included (left to right) Lester Kimmel, Ledru Umberger, Ben Baldwin, Harry Colglazier, and Ned Brown. Coach Hollister is in the foreground.

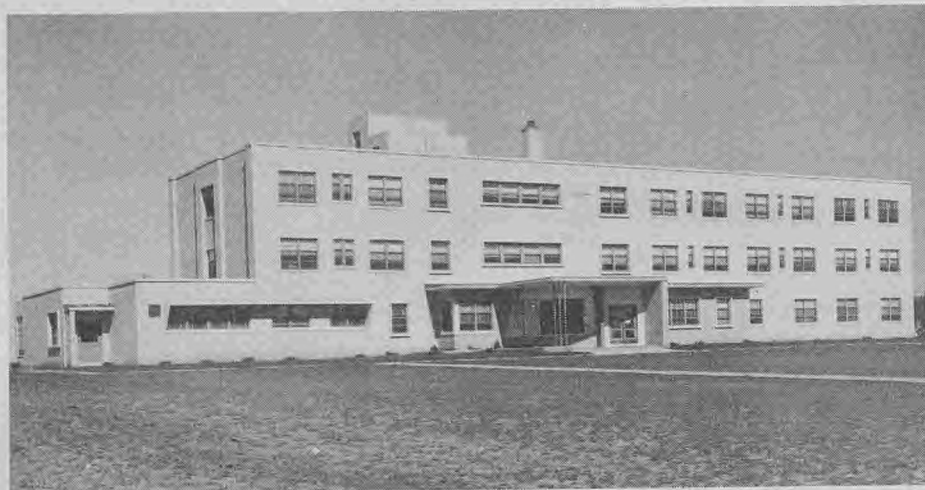


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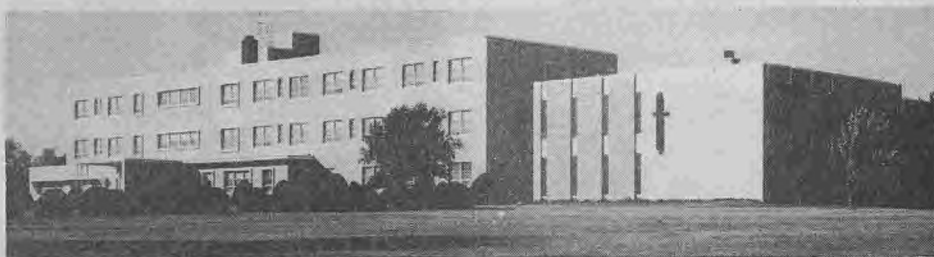


PROGRESS IN HEALTH CARE

THE LARNED HOSPITAL was located at Tenth and Toles Streets. It was enlarged and modernized after this photo. When it was closed as a hospital, it became Hammond Holiday Home. It was later razed and the present Holiday Home occupies the site.



ST. HOSEPH Memorial Hospital soon after its completion in 1951.



(Right): St. Joseph Memorial Hospital today.



FOUNDED by the late Dr. B. L. Gleason, a Larned osteopath, here is a picture of Gleason Hospital about 1930. It was closed as a hospital in 1975 and operates today as a skilled care nursing home, Larned Manor, shown below.





AT SILVER ANNIVERSARY for St. Joseph Memorial Hospital in 1976.



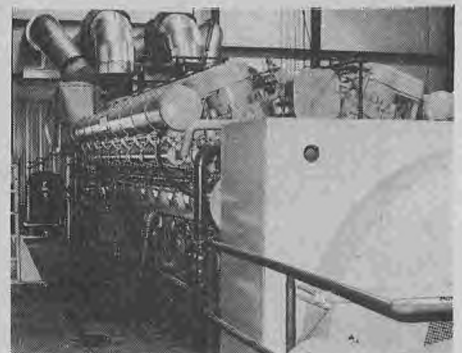
A NEW SERVICE became available in 1976 with the use of a mobile intensive care unit for new-born infants with emergency medical problems.



SUNRISE HOUSE, the former Pawnee County Home, is now operated as a resident treatment center for men suffering from alcoholism.

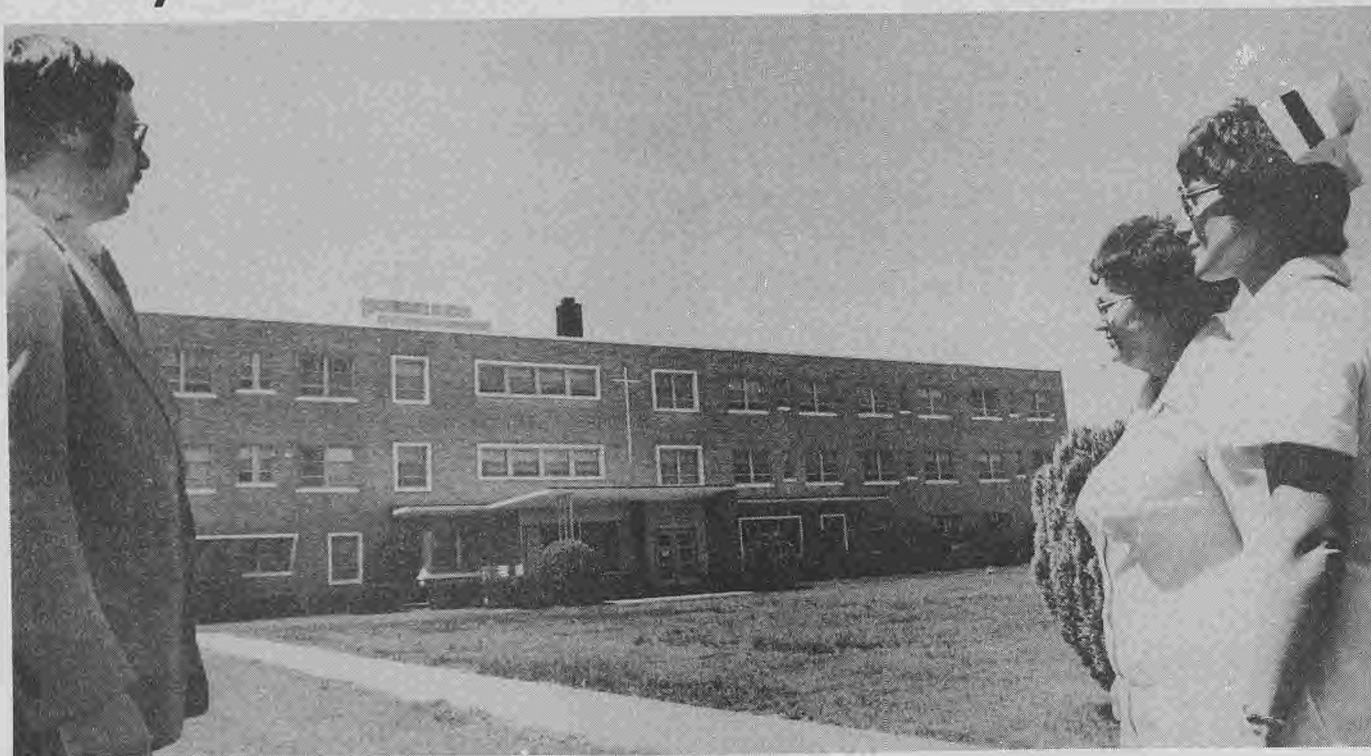


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Gene Juno, Hospital Administrator

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Vince Fleming, late secretary (since hospital's founding).

Subcommittee chairmen: Bob Roth, procurement; Stan Moffet, long-range planning; Reed Peters, trusts; Albert Campbell, finance; Rev. George Bruening, administrative liaison.

Committee members: Elbert Smith, Terry Smith, Harold Broadie, Emmett Bauer, Orville Bryant, Marvin Ruehlen, Walter Crawford, Leon Rankin, Jack Clock, T. D. Ewing, W. R. Brenner, O. R. Cram, Justin Blount, Harold Erway, Wayne Ward, Robert McFadden, Melvin Bryant, Jack Zygmund, J. N. Gutschenritter, Bill Wiggins, Walt Ritzman, Ray Reep, Dave Hammond, C. E. Clutter, E. H. Roth, Charles Eckert, Howard Harbert, V. R. Cade, Vonley Bucklin, Keith Mull, Rev. Andrew McGovern, J. D. Smith, Leon Smith, Bill Barger, Hillis Bell.

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Sister Mary Urban
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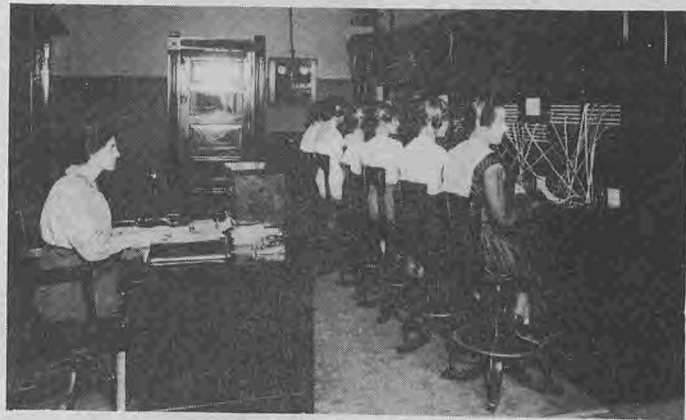
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The pictures have in them, too, their assorted tears of happiness and even sadness where memories rekindle emotions that never will we pass this way again.

Two hundred years into the life of America and 100 years into our incorporated life as Kansans,

new generations will carry the baton to new pursuits in the new century. The landscape, the props will change, but the fundamental lesson of living remains: Give this land your love, your sweat and skills; your daring adventurism born of necessity. We tamed a hostile land and multiplied its fruits into all segments of our lives and yours, the pictures tell us. Keep alive this heritage of love, labor and spirit of liberty. This is our own, our native land.

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FUDIGER'S ice house was a picturesque scene about 1901.

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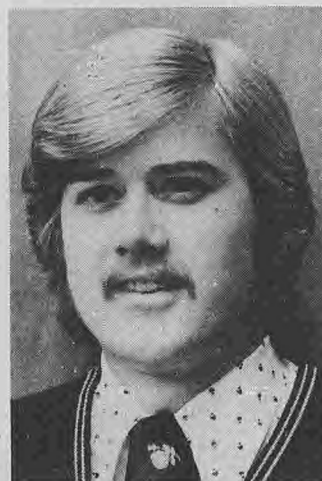
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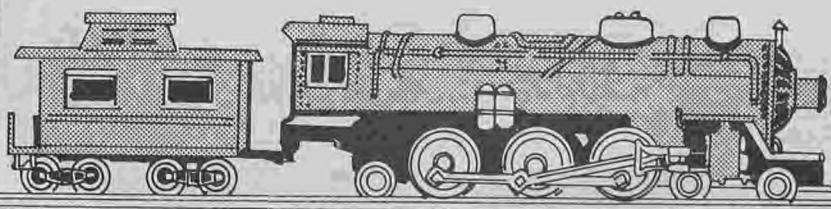
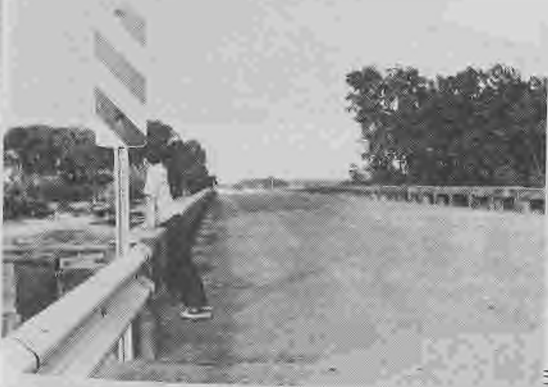
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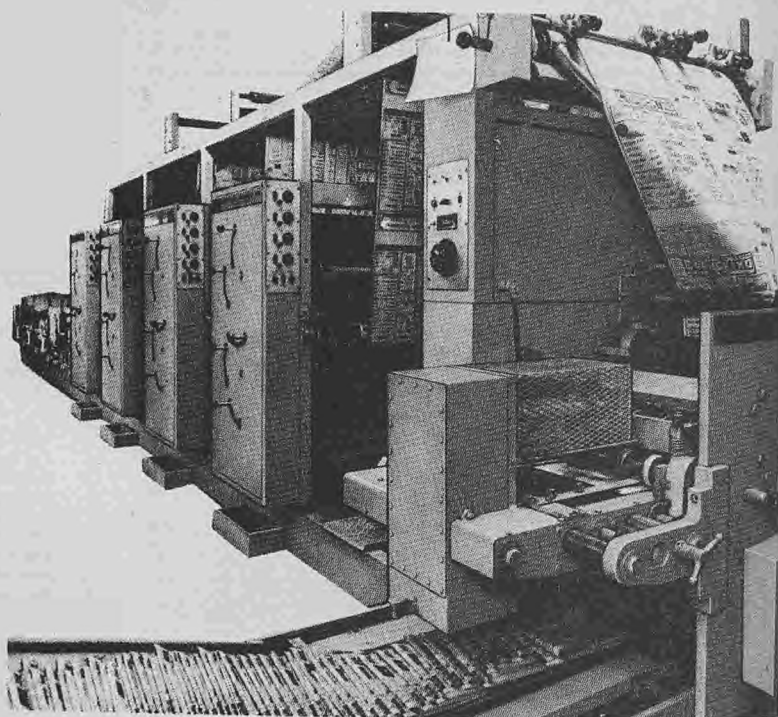
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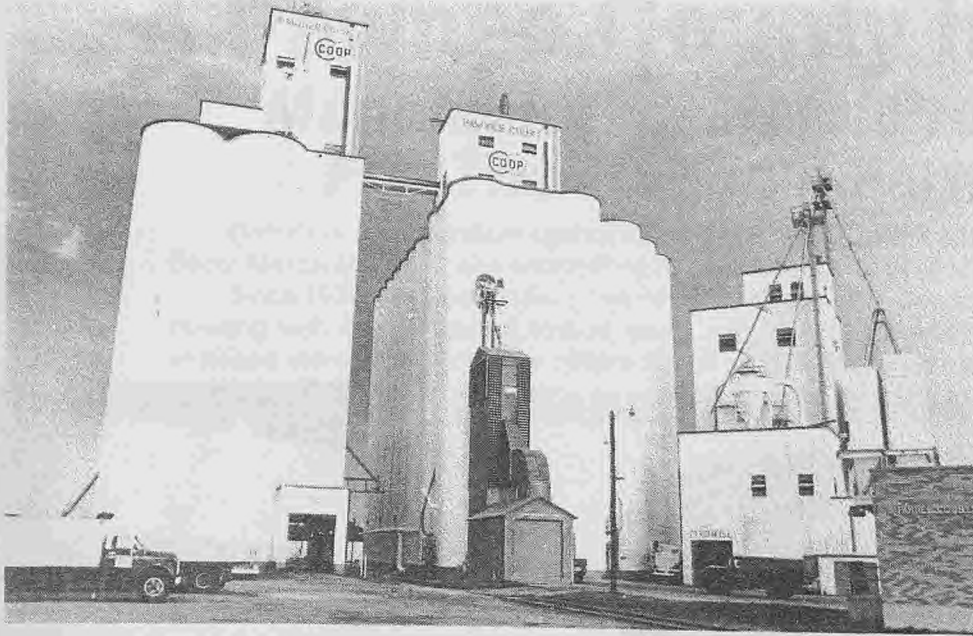
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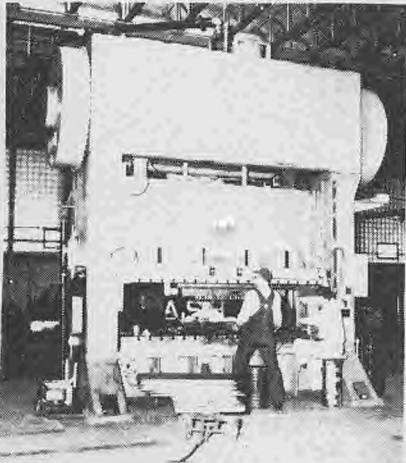
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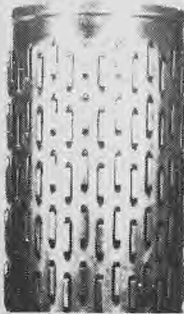
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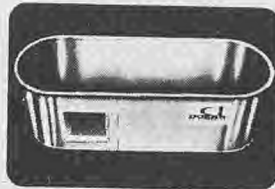
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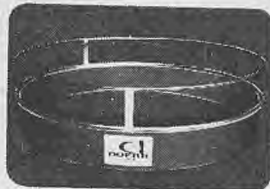
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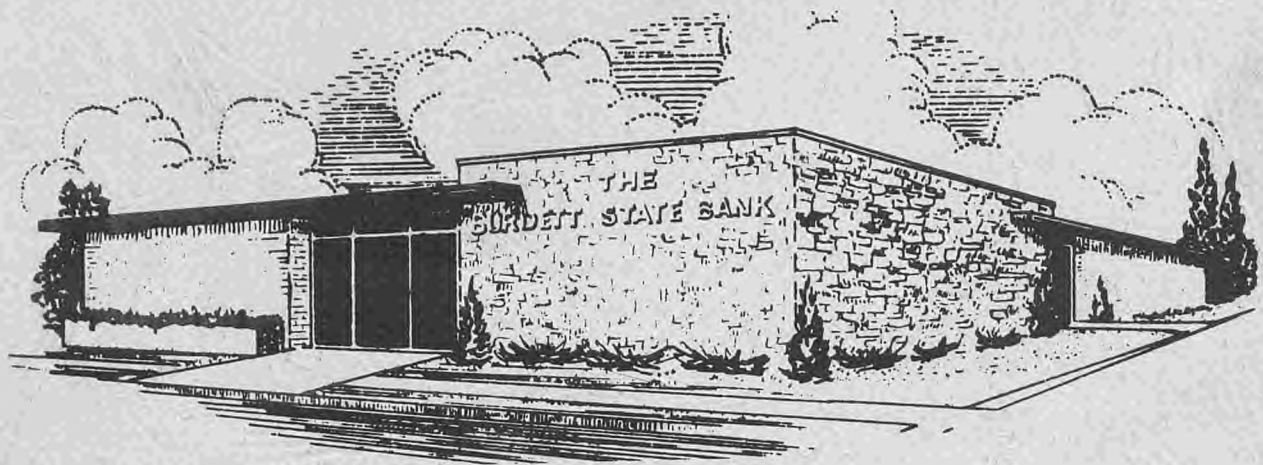
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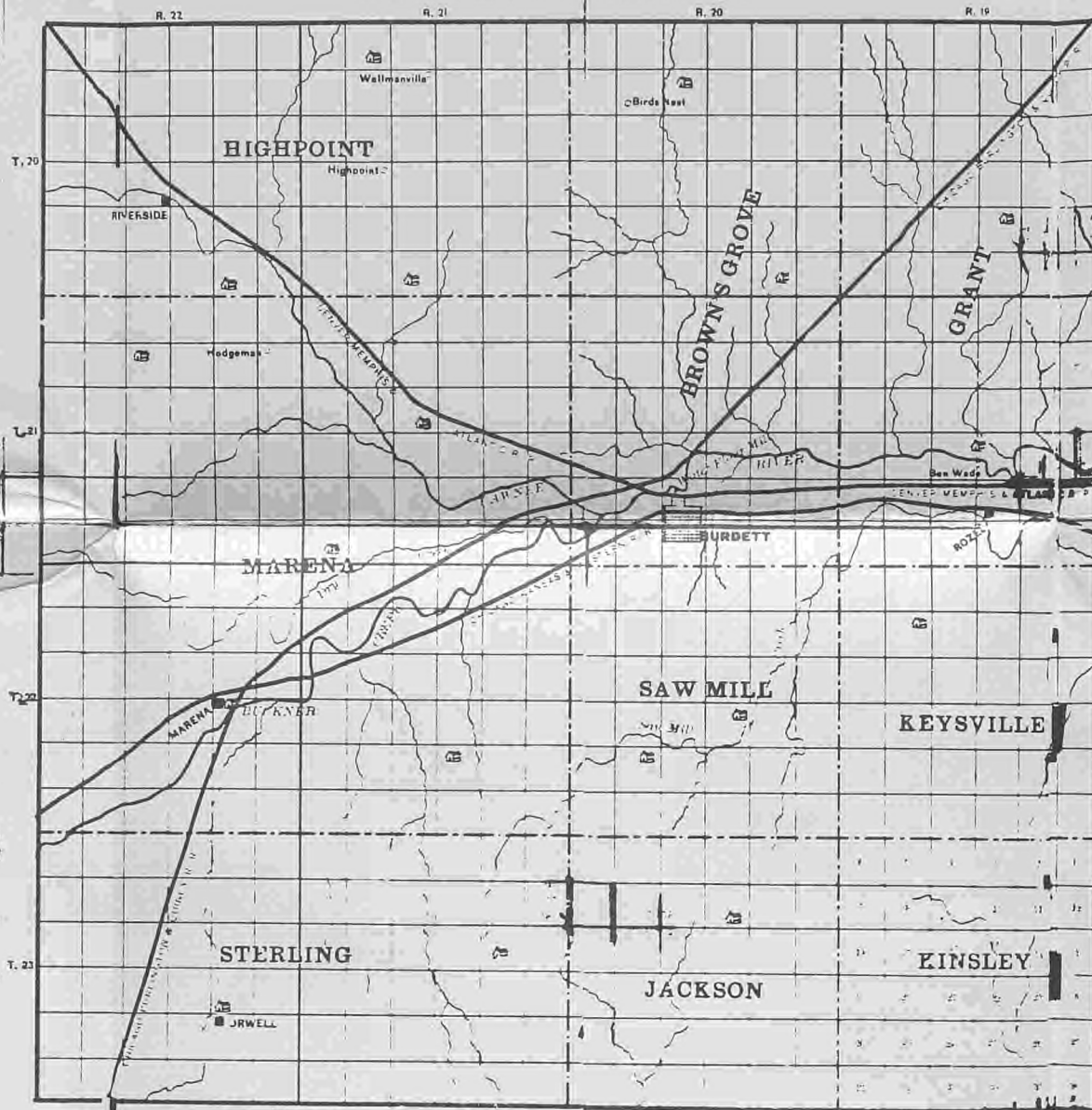
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BURDETT.

The new town of Burdett, whose foundation was laid during the month of May, 1886, has an area of 680 acres, beautifully laid out in square blocks, with broad streets running east and west, and north and south, varying in width from eighty to one hundred feet. The present railroad divides it near the center, and notwithstanding the fact that its first building was placed upon the ground during the month of July, and without the advantages of railroad transportation until late in the fall following, it has now, in a space of less than ten months' time, over two hundred inhabitants, and the following business places completed and business men actively at work:

One water-power three-story stone grist mill, three lumber yards, one coal yard, one flour and feed store, one printing office, from which the *Burdett Bugle* is issued every week; one barber shop, one boot and shoe store, one harness shop, three livery and feed stables, three general dry goods stores, two large and commodious hotels, one meat market, two real estate and loan offices, one hardware store, three drug stores, one furniture store, one restaurant, three blacksmith shops, one large school house, used for church and school purposes; and two physicians; also a number of fine residences. The foundation for a fine block on the corner of Elm and Broadway, with a public hall on the second floor, is at this writing being laid; and the building committee for a fine Catholic church is actively at work gathering materials, and propose to break the ground in a few days.

So the work goes on, and why should it not? Burdett is the principal town in the Pawnee Valley, west of Larned, from which it is twenty-five miles distant. Kinsley is seven twenty-five miles. Jetmore is southwest twenty seven miles. Ness City is northwest thirty-five miles. LaCrosse is northeast thirty-five miles. So that this beautifully located town, surrounded by its millions of acres of rich farming lands, with its railroads, its pure water, its lovely little river, its healthy climate, can not help but boom the coming season. It is the very place for farmers and business men to locate, and we shall not be surprised to see every quarter section of land occupied within the next two years.

LANDS.

Below is given a partial list of lands for sale by the Burdett Land and Loan Co. Besides these, they have for sale thousands of acres of wild lands and the lands of the loan companies. This list is made especially for the accompanying map, and contains but a small portion of what they have for sale:

No. 101.—160 acres, 13 miles from Burdett; upland; 14 acres under cultivation. Price, \$1,000; good terms.

No. 102.—320 acres, $\frac{3}{4}$ miles from town; all fine level bottom land; 160 acres under cultivation, good well. Price, \$2,800; \$1,600 cash, balance in 5 years. This is a bargain.

No. 103.—A Ranch.—1,120 acres, 2 miles from town; all river bottom land; 100 acres are cultivated, all fenced; the Pawnee River flows across the ranch, along which are 50 acres of timber; a frame house 14x22, frame barn 16x60, corrals, sheds, etc. Only \$10 per acre. Good terms given. A bargain.

No. 104.—160 acres, 6 miles from town; second bottom land; 20 acres cultivated; well 40 feet deep. Price \$1,200. Easy terms.

No. 106.—160 acres, 7 miles from town; all bottom land; 80 acres under cultivation; 2 acres of orchard, apple and peach; 750 rods of fence; frame house 16x24, addition 10x24, 4 rooms; good well; sod barn; frame granary 10x16. Price, \$1,800, one-half cash.

No. 109.—160 acres, 2 miles from town, all bottom land; 12 acres broke; 2 acres of timber; 2 sod houses, barn, well; Buckner Creek flows through the farm. Price, \$1,568—\$1,100 cash, balance due in 16 years at 6 per cent interest.

No. 121.—160 acres of bottom land, 5 miles from town; 40 acres cultivated; 10 acres timber; frame house 16x24; good well; Saw-mill Creek; barn. Price, \$2,400—\$1,000 cash, balance on time.

No. 122.—A good claim—160 acres, 8 miles from town; \$250 cash.

No. 125.—A timber claim, 2 miles from Burdett, all bottom land; \$800 cash.

No. 126.—160 acres, 4 miles from Burdett, all level bottom land; 25 acres cultivated; frame house 12x20, addition 10x12; sod stable and barn; well 27 feet deep. Price, \$1,600—\$800 cash, balance in 5 years.

No. 127.—Timber claim, 5 miles from town; second bottom land; \$700 cash.

No. 128.—A good claim; house and barn; well 16 feet deep; 9 miles from town; \$250 cash.

No. 131.—160 acres of fine bottom land, 4 miles from town, 60 acres cultivated; house 18x36, barn 35x47; well 30 feet deep. Cheap at \$1,500. Good terms.

No. 138.—A homestead; 160 acres of second bottom land, 5 miles from town; 12 acres cultivated; house 18x20, addition 14x20; good well; sod barn 14x18. Price, \$600 cash.

No. 139.—320 acres of fine bottom land, 2 miles from town. Price, \$10 per acre—\$504 due in 19 years at 6% balance, part cash and part on time.

No. 140.—320 acres second bottom land; 5 miles from Burdett; 40 acres cultivated, frame house 18x24; frame barn 14x16; two wells. Price \$2,300; good terms.

No. 143.—160 acres, level upland; 10 miles from town; 10 acres cultivated; sod house 18x24; good well. A claim, \$600 cash.

No. 146.—320 acres, level upland; 16 miles from town; 100 acres cultivated; 12 acres of orchard, 60 acres fenced; two houses, barn, granary and other buildings; 2 wells; 640 rods of live hedge fence. Price \$4,800—\$2,400 cash, balance to suit purchaser.

No. 147.—320 acres, one mile from town; all bottom land; 160 acres cultivated; orchard and all kinds of small fruits, strawberries, etc.; several hundred forest trees; $\frac{3}{4}$ mile of fence; two wells and two windmills; stone house 20x24, addition and basement; frame barn 16x50; stone and frame granary 16x26. Price \$5,000; \$1,500 due in 5 years, terms on balance. This is a bargain.

No. 148.—320 acres, 3 miles from town; bottom land; 125 acres cultivated. Price \$3,200; part cash.

No. 149.—160 acres of level upland; 5 miles from town. Price, name it yourself; 1% cash, balance to suit purchaser at 8 per cent. Also 160 acres of level upland 14 miles from town. Same terms.

No. 154.—640 acres, unimproved upland; \$8 per acre; \$2,400 on time, balance cash.

No. 155.—640 acres, unimproved upland; \$7 per acre; \$1,600 on time, balance cash.

No. 156.—160 acres, bottom land; 13 miles from town; 70 acres cultivated; 50 acres fenced; frame house 14x24; well and wind mill. Price \$1,700, good terms.

No. 157.—160 acres adjoining town; 40 acres cultivated; frame house 16x24. Price \$2,500; \$1,000 cash.

No. 158.—320 acres second bottom land, 8 miles from town; 45 acres cultivated. Price \$2,400, good terms.

No. 167.—160 acres upland; 11 miles from town; 60 acres cultivated; good well. Price \$1,100, \$500 cash, balance on time.

No. 169.—A ranch; 1,920 acres, all bottom land; 100 acres cultivated; 20 acres timber; 1 mile of Pawnee river, frame house 20x40; cattle sheds 16x100; wells and wind mill; 90 head of cattle; farming implements, feed, etc. Price \$20,000, good terms.

No. 170.—160 acres of second bottom land; 6 miles from town; house 18x30, addition 12x14; barn 10x48; well. Price \$700, cash.

No. 175.—160 acres of second bottom; 8 miles from town. Price \$700, cash. See No. 176 in connection with this adjoint.

No. 176.—160 acres, second bottom; 8 miles from town; 40 acres cultivated; fine stone house, 2 stories, 8 rooms, worth \$1,200; barn 28x32, well and wind-mill. A bargain at \$1,900. Good terms.

No. 178.—80 acres, 4 miles from town. Price, \$600, \$240 cash.

No. 180.—160 acres, ten miles from town; a large house, barn and well; 150 acres fenced. \$600 cash.

No. 183.—160 acres upland, 10 miles from town; frame house 12x14; well. Price, \$500 cash.

No. 184.—80 acres upland, 10 miles from town; 10 acres cultivated. \$125 cash.

No. 189.—80 acres 14 miles from town. \$100 cash.

No. 190.—160 acres, $\frac{1}{2}$ mile from town; bottom land, 30 acres cultivated; frame house 18x22, addition 8x10; barn 20x22; $\frac{3}{4}$ mile of fence; 1,000 feet of Pawnee river front and several acres of timber. Price \$2,400. Good terms.

No. 191.—320 acres bottom land, 1 mile from town; all fenced; $\frac{3}{4}$ mile of Pawnee river; several acres timber; new frame house 16x24, addition 12x20; fine frame barn 26x36. Cheap at \$1,800. Good terms.

No. 192.—640 acres unimproved bottom land, 2 miles from town; \$10.50 per acre.

No. 193.—640 acres unimproved bottom land, 4 miles from town, \$10 per acre.

No. 194.—320 acres unimproved bottom land, 3 miles from town; \$10 per acre.

No. 195.—680 acres of well improved bottom land, 2 miles from town; \$15 per acre.

No. 196.—160 acres of unimproved bottom land, $\frac{1}{2}$ mile from town, \$15 per acre.

No. 197.—320 acres of unimproved bottom land, $\frac{3}{4}$ mile from town, \$20 per acre.

No. 198.—160 acres of level upland, 6 miles from town; 40 acres cultivated; house 14x18; barn 20x24; well; cheap at \$1,450. \$982 cash; balance at 6 per cent.

No. 199.—160 acres of upland, 3 miles from town; Price \$1,200. \$620 cash; balance for 18 years at 6 per cent.

COME TO KANSAS.

If you are old, with the fire of life dying out of your veins, and the buoyancy leaving your limbs, if you are looking at the gray clouds and longing for a land where your faded life may pass away in peace, come to Kansas. Here the sky is as blue as the sky of Italy; the air is as full of fragrance, and the land echoes with the voices of thousands who work beneath the pale, glimmering of the stars. If you are a young man, toiling on as your father toiled, in worn out and barren deserts of the East, if you would like to live where the soil rewards the tiller, where the grain waves and sparkles in the morning dew, and smells the granaries in the fall; where the banners of prosperity wave, and the gaunt specter of starvation crosses into another state, come to Kansas.

The country is filling up fast; they come by the rattling train, they come on foot and on horseback. Before many years every quarter will have a house upon it, and the hills that now only show the spangled cow and the untamed broncho, will echo to the heavy tread of the boot agent, as civilization sweeps onward. Our cities are growing; the railroads change time tables every week to accommodate new ones that were not on the last one issued. There isn't a man idle who wants work. Farmers pump water for their cattle with mills and do their own plowing using upland springs, with a box of cigars on one side. In the East they carry their water from the nearest creek, and walk behind a plow until they have no distinct idea whether they are shoving the machine or the horses pulling it. The man who can't thrive, prosper and grow rich in Kansas, would starve in a bakery. If you want to see how this will assay to the live, come to Kansas—*Go!*

HOW TO REACH BURDETT, KAS.

Upon arriving in Kansas City, Mo., take the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad to Larned, and from thence the Chicago, Kansas & Western Railroad to Burdett.

PRICE OF LANDS.

Claims or relinquishments sell at from \$100 to \$500; unimproved lands sell at from \$4.50 to \$8.00 per acre; improved lands sell at from \$6.00 to \$12.00 per acre.



How to Reach Burdett.

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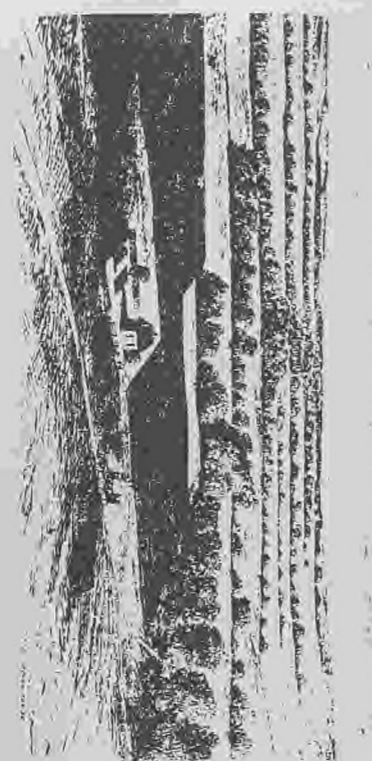
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SECTIONAL MAP
OF THE
PAWNEE VALLEY



VICINITY OF BURDETT,
KANSAS.

With full description of the Valley,
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Schools and Business Prospects,
all of which should be read care-
fully by all looking Westward for
a New Location.

A NEW MAP



BURDETT AND VICINITY,
KANSAS.

The Pawnee Valley,

KANSAS.

Its Climate, Soil, Crops, Society and
Schools—The Town of Burdett
—Railroads, Etc.

The purpose of this article is more particularly to describe that portion of the Pawnee Valley lying from fifteen to thirty-five miles west of Larned, Kansas, and to set forth in order, for the information of those whom it may concern, its special advantages, as to its climate, soil, crops and farming facilities. This beautiful valley, beginning at the junction of the Pawnee River with the Arkansas at Larned, and spreading out miles upon miles on either side of the Pawnee River to its source among the high lands, near the base of the Rocky Mountains, in Colorado, is without doubt one of the richest and most beautiful valleys in the world. Nature has bountifully done her part, and has only left for man to put on the finishing touches to complete the picture.

CLIMATE.

Some one has said that "Kansas has more climate to the square inch than any other country that ever lay out doors," and a residence of ten years in the Pawnee Valley satisfies us of the truth of this statement. The average temperature is about fifty-three degrees Fahrenheit. The winters are mild and open as a rule, stock feeding out upon the prairie most of the time. There are, however, some severe cold winds for a few days at a time, requiring heavy wraps, but most of the time the weather is warm and very pleasant, and but little wind. The summer has more wind but less violent, and its cool, fresh breeze fills the atmosphere with a delicious fragrance that makes one feel as though he might be with Tom Moore's "Lalla Rookh" in the lovely valley of Cashmere.

HISTORY OF PAWNEE VALLEY.

The name "Pawnee" comes from the historic tribe of Ishmael's wandering children, whose war trails, now grass-grown, wind across almost every section, and whose camp fires once gleamed from every hill-top. The land in Kansas is so universally good that it is difficult for one to say what locality is entitled to sovereignty, but the statistics of counties will show that Pawnee county stands at the head of the

eighty-six organized counties of the State in increase of substantial population, the size, variety and quality of crops raised, the starting of new towns and the phenomenal growth of the older ones, the building of beautiful homes, commodious school houses, elegant churches and new lines of railroads. The evidence of beautiful prosperity it is that makes this locality in Kansas better than any other for those seeking homes in the great West. Settlements in the Pawnee valley, outside of within a few miles from the Santa Fe railroad, only began about eight or nine years ago, but the time of its most settlers has already passed. They are a positive detriment to the prosperity of any country. This valley, with its new railroad already completed from the city of Larned, on the main line of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway, to the new town of Burdett, is in the midst of a great boom. Settlers are already flocking in in large numbers, and still there is room for more, as we believe there is not one quarter section in ten that is permanently occupied for agricultural purposes at the present time. The whole valley is one vast body of farming land, and the great need is, more practical farming and more intelligent farmers.

The attention heretofore by the settlers has been largely devoted to the raising of cattle and other stock for the eastern market, and hence the breaking up of the soil and opening and pulverizing the soil for the retention of moisture and the raising of crops has been sadly neglected, but the time has come for positive farming, and we are glad to see the attention of many of the old settlers and most of the new ones tending in that direction.

THE SOIL.

The soil is a rich loam the accumulated mold of the vegetation of ages, mixed with fine, silicious grains of sand. That will average from three to five feet deep. Underneath is a porous subsoil of marl clay, which catches and holds the moisture, thus sustaining vegetation for a much longer time. Because of this peculiarity of the soil, less moisture is wasted and less required for the sustenance of crops. There is no "hard pan," no gumbo, no alkali lands. "More rain, more rest" will not answer in this part of Kansas. After a night's hard rain the farmer can plow or cultivate his fields without fear of packed or baked ground. The rain is stored away in the roots of the growing crops during the cloudless, sunny weather. This is the secret of successful crops in Kansas soil, and the intelligent farmers, assist nature by plowing a little deeper each year. The soil is easily worked and planted.

STREAMS AND WATER.

The Pawnee river and its tributaries, the Buckner and Sawlog, are the principal streams of water that pass through the entire valley from west to east. Their waters are clear and sweet and full of fish and never go dry. Ordinarily, water can be obtained by boring or digging to a depth of from fifteen to forty feet, the water coming up as from a hidden spring to a depth of from four to five feet—pure, sweet in quality, and differing but little from rain water. These wells never go dry or decrease in the flow of water, even in the driest season.

CROPS.

While the growing of crops has not been carried on in the Pawnee Valley to any great extent owing to the want of transportation up to within the last year, still there has been sufficient raised to fully warrant the assertion that there is no better farming land in the state of Kansas or any so well adapted for diversified farming as the Pawnee Valley. Rye, wheat, millet, oats, potatoes, corn, sorghum, barley, rice corn, flax and broom corn are all raised with success; wheat is an average yield of thirty bushels to the acre, and in good years has reached forty-seven. Both winter and spring wheat are raised here. Sorghum is growing to be one of the largest staple products, the seed and stalks being valuable as feed for all kinds of stock, and is also manufactured into a fine article of sugar. Corn is the great staple crop of these western valleys, and can be raised at a trifling expense of labor, the land being so clean and mellow the work is entirely done by the horse. The average crop of corn is from forty to sixty bushels per acre. Rye is also one of the staple crops. It is sown for late green feeding in the fall, and early spring grazing. In the summer while waiting for wheat to ripen, rye is put out of the way giving a phenomenal yield. One of the most valuable crops to both farmer and stockman is millet, which is a never-failing and abundant yield, averaging three tons to the acre. German millet will average five tons and is excellent feed for cattle.

GRAZING.

Next to farming comes the grazing resources of this wonderful country. Botanists say there are upwards of one hundred varieties of grasses in the state of Kansas, any or all of them valuable for hay or grazing. The Pawnee Valley is not an exception, but has any amount of fine pasture lands, too much we think for the good of the valley, as the stockmen, and farmers generally, are quite slow to give up their old ways of stock growing. There should be more plowing, frequent plowing and deeper plowing, that the soil may drink in the pure waters of heaven and be able to hold them for the coming crops of the season. The stock business, however, is a money making business and will continue for many years to come, we have no doubt; and we see no reason why it may not after the old buffalo sod has all been broken up, the soil thoroughly pulverized and new and better grasses introduced for grazing purposes. That stock breeding is a very lucrative business may be seen by the report of the Pawnee Valley Stock Breeders' Association.

FLOWERS.

Flowers grow wild in this beautiful valley which in the far off East are numbered among the choice plants of the garden. The stately Yucca lily, with its creamy white cups, the shrinking Sensitive plant, the Zinnia, dainty wild roses, Golden-rod, Snow-on-the-Mountain, Wild-pet, Convolvulus, the white and red Poppy, and every shade of color is represented in the delicate flower of the cactus.

The Star-eyed Daisy, white and blue, greets you in the early spring. Last, but not least, of all our floral beauties is the regal Sunflower growing in great luxuriance along the streams, road sides, hedge rows and neglected fields.

SCHOOLS AND CHURCHES.

Good schools buildings may be found constructed of native stone, brick or lumber, good teachers receiving good wages in every instance. Among the churches may be found the Methodist Episcopal, Presbyterian, Baptist, Universalist and Catholic. Those looking for homes in the West and at the same time desirous of school and church facilities will find them in advanced stages in this section of sunny Kansas; most of the people are Eastern people, and so far as society is concerned one hardly recognizes any difference in the ways and customs of Western people from their old associates in the East, unless it be that the great breadth of country and genial climate make them broader in their ideas and views, and more sociable and hospitable in their intercourse, one with the other.

THE FORESTS.

The natural forests of the Pawnee are limited. Native trees are only found along the banks of the water courses, owing no doubt to the frequent prairie fires that have spread their ravages over the plains of the West for many ages past, said to have been the work of the red man as he wandered hither and thither in search of game. The red man has gone from the Pawnee Valley, and to a large extent the prairie fires, giving place to advancing civilization, to the apple tree and nursery man, and to the young orchards and shrubbery that add so much to the comforts of our homes and to the resources of the husbandman. Other trees such as the walnut, cottonwood, locust and many other varieties are being planted and successfully grown.

BRICK AND STONE.

Beautiful stone in great variety of colors is found in great abundance in the valley, which is easily cut into blocks for building purposes, and fine bricks are made from the clay, so that the valley has no lack of the solid building material. We predict but a brief space of time when the dug-out and sod houses will be things of the past, and beautiful brick and stone residences will have taken their places.

RAILROADS.

The railroads completed, and in course of completion in the near future that will pass through the Pawnee Valley and Burdett are as follows: The great Santa Fe Railroad Company are building a branch road from the main line at Larned to Denver, Colorado, and have it already completed to Burdett in running order with daily trains. The Denver, Memphis & Atlantic railroad is completed to the county line on the east and will be built through the valley to Burdett the present summer on its way to