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The Wichita Weekly Eagle

Thursday, August 14, 1873, page 3

Column 1

CITY AND COUNTY NEWS.

The hay harvest is progressing in all directions.

W. A. Thomas & Co. received this week fourteen thousand cigars.

M. M. Emanuel has a large stock of hair goods, switches, curls, braids, etc.

Mrs. Dinnie has a very fine stock of hair goods, which she is offering low.

Elmon Pierpoint [sic] has been appointed postmaster at Minneha, in this county.

Maj. E. C. Newton, of Osage county, spent a couple of days in our city this week.

A Mr. Raymond is boring for coal in Grant township with good prospects of success.

Chris Pierce has been adding sheds to his stable, his increase of business demanding it.

The warmest weather we have had this summer, so far, has been since our last issue.

Miss Josie Pittenger has returned from her visit to Kentucky much pleased with the trip.

The prairie and bottom grasses in places in this vicinity measure from six to ten feet high.

Weeks & Watress are building a livery and feed stable on the corner of Douglas avenue and market [sic] street.

Mr. Russell, of Leavenworth, father of W. D. Russell, our fellow townsman, spent a portion of last week in our city.

The suggestive music of the rattling cogs and wheels of the threshing machine is heard abroad in the land of the Arkansas.

In noticing Mr. Lyon's wheat the printer made us say southeast of town, when it should have been southwest of town.

When you want a nice shave or shampoo or a refreshing bath, call on Johnny Thompson, who will give you entire satisfaction.

Dr. Wright, of Oswego, was here two days last week in the interest of our east and west railroad which is now being built. More anon.

Mr. E. P. Kinney, of Cowley county, called. Cowley, like Sedgwick, Sumner and Butler, has been blessed with enormous crops this year.

Capt. Tucker returned home on last Saturday from a visit to Fort Scott, his old home. He had a pleasant sojourn among his many old friends and acquaintances.

A gold mounted riding whip is to be awarded to the handsomest young lady attending the fair. The gentleman giving the whip is good looking, single and in a lucrative business.

Hall's Oyster Bay has again been opened, but in a new place, however, next door to Squire Mitchell's office. It is hardly necessary for us to tell of the nice meal he will "set up" on short notice, at any hour.

Complaints of hard times still reaches us through our exchanges from every quarter. With good markets for their crops our farmers would have plethoric pockets this fall. In any event we may count upon seed and plenty to eat.

We noticed the other day that Arment & Cotton were varnishing and mounting a large map for Gard. H Smith, representing the counties of Sumner and Sedgwick. The map was the work of John Shroufe, and measured four by eight feet.

It is estimated that there will be not less than five thousand bushels of castor beans raised in this valley. Mr. Richmond will try to have a factory ready by fall. The farmers should take great care in harvesting the bean, and keep them clean and dry.

The EAGLE now reaches every town, and nearly every postoffice, in Southwestern Kansas, rendering it an advertising medium in value second to very few papers in the state. Any of our regular advertisers may look at our subscription books if they wish.

We were noticing the other day the painting of some of the Mosier wagons, designed for the Texas trade, and we are free to say that for beauty of design and excellence of finish we have never seen the work equalled [sic]. Mr. Bench, of the Champion shop, is the painter.

Our printers commenced work today on the rules, regulations and premium list of the Sedgwick county Agricultural, Mechanical and Stock association fair. The list is large and the premiums fair. Some special premiums are offered by individuals that will incite much interest.

A. B. Johnson, an old Hoozier, as he styles himself, from Warren county near Marshfield, Indiana, who now lives in Delano township, in this county, has six miles of growing hedge on his farm of four hundred acres. He has been here sixteen months, and so farms are made.

All the gambling houses in the city have been closed. Quite a number had taken their tables and fixings and gone to the other side of the river, where no fines will be imposed on them nor "bolices" arrest them, if they should get hold of a fellow that they wanted to make "come down."

C. L. Knapp, a representative of the crockery house of B. C. Clark & Co., was in the city this week. Mr. Knapp sold to one firm here, Messrs. Caldwell & Tittsworth, seven crates of crockery, china and glassware. The house he represents is a strong one and our merchants are finding it out.

Mr. Taylor, of Leavenworth, of the firm of Cochran, Bittman & Taylor, wholesale grocers, called on us this week. Mr. Taylor is one of the stockholders in the Ramento salt works, and has been down taking a survey of things in Saltburg, with a view to advancing that interest if practible [sic].

The new dining hall at Newton, the Delmonico, is the finest to found [sic] upon the whole line of the road. The dining room is handy to the depot, airy and well finished, and a splendid supper is served up. All parties going east from Wichita need have no hesitancy in going to the Delmonico for a good meal.

The editor of this paper, Mr. M. M. Murdock, who has been ailing, under advice of his physician, started for the Rocky mountains [sic] on Monday evening. We have a short communication from him the day after he left, and will probably receive more. He will be gone but for a few days, or two or three weeks at most.

Garrison has made a bit by opening up a sales-room for saddles, harness, etc., at Todd & Roayl's old stand on Main street [sic]. The new quarters really look more like business than the old one. Geo. E. Neff, foreman, has charge of the new down town shop, which is well filled with evidences of Charley Garrison's thrift and industry.

Robert H. Stafford of Gypsum township, twelve miles southwest of here, brings into our office a few specimen heads of millet. Not one about our prem-

ises, including callers, knew what the stuff was when first brought in. The heads average very well for size with ears of squaw or sweet corn, being about eight inches in length and half as thick as one's wrist. The grass, he says, stands breast high, much of it up to his arm pits. About a dozen heads three times a day, with a little hay, would keep a mule fat. It is said to make excellent cattle feed.

Wichita is said to have a \$25,000 bank. – *Cattle Trail*.

Had not heard of it. Where did you get your news, Mr. *Trail*? Wichita has three banks; the First National, authorized capital \$250,000, paid up capital \$83,000; Wichita Savings bank, capital 100,000, and the First Arkansas Valley Bank of W. C. Woodman & Son, capital \$50,000.

The cool of the evening on last Saturday found us, with wife and babies, enjoying a quiet ride down the valley, on the west side. What a wilderness of corn the farmers over there are going to have. It looks a little as though the west-siders were getting away with the east-siders in practical farming. John McCormack, half a mile below West Wichita, is making a home, and no mistake. Everything around him tells of thrift. His house already is almost embowered in trees and flowers, and great grain stacks tell of a successful season's work. He has sweet potatoes enough to supply a small market for some time. We noticed one thing which we think commendable, i.e., the hauling out of stable manure upon his wheat stubble. Of course the soil of our valley is exceedingly rich, but no farmer can afford to throw away his manure. Mr. McCormack's industry in that line will well repay him. Over next to the timber, we noticed that Mr. Lawrence had fenced in a large pasture with wire. It is a splendid fence for the kind, and his cattle looked contented and secure in a country where fences are the exception instead of the rule.

Column 2

Morris Kohn, who started east last Thursday, informed us that he was bound for New York city [sic] where he intended to lay in the largest tock of general merchandise every bought for this market, and that he will within twenty days open up at his old stand, the New York store, in grand style. Everything will be fresh, new and good, as his adver-

tisement will show by the time he opens up. Success.

Rev. B. Kelley, Methodist minister, located this year at Ottawa, paid us a flying visit on Monday. Mr. Kelley attended the dedication of the Methodist church at Newton on last Sabbath, and says that the sermon was preached, a collection amounting to about eight hundred and ninety-one dollars was raised, and congregation dismissed by 1 o'clock, which speaks well for the liberality of Newton's citizens.

Al. Thomas, A. H. Gossard, Pink Fouts and Mr. Adams, each have bought a piece of ground situated in Gilbert's reserve, on the north side of town. These gentlemen propose to improve, beautify and adorn their respective pieces, with a view of building and making it their home. The location is a good one, and we presume it will not be long before handsome houses will be built by these gens.

The following names were drawn by Clerk Schattner, Deputy Sheriff Smith, and Justices Mitchell and Jewett as jurymen for the September term of the district court: L. J. Chapman, J. B. Thompson, Chas. Hudson, J. E. Martin, S. Sobldon Matthews, Henry Schweiter, R. E. Pulsifer, Joseph Canton, S. A. Maffett, H. J. Granger, Joseph Bratley, Frederick Dayley; alternates, Peter Getto, L. N. Woodcock, Geo. Tudors and J. Flowers.

We have the honor to acknowledge a call from three ladies, viz: Mrs. Todd, of Wichita; Miss Monroe, of Topeka, and Mrs. Kingman, wife of the chief justice of the supreme court of Kansas, all of whom expressed themselves delighted with the taste and appointments of the EAGLE office, with its three power presses, pictured and other phariphanalia [sic]. Ladies who desire to see our newspaper press at work will come up on Monday or Thursday mornings. All are cordially invited.

We are in receipt of the premium list of the fourth annual fair of the Northern Kansas district agricultural society, to be held at Atchison on the 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th of September. The premiums area liberal and the arrangements excellent. Within a year or two more at most we hope to be able to publish the premium list of the Arkansas Valley district fair, held at Wichita. In making our coming fair a success this fall there will be no obstacle in the future to such a consummation.

Todd & Royal, one of the leading and most substantial wholesale grocery firms in Southern Kansas, took possession of their new brick business house, on the corner of First and Main streets, last week. In their new quarters everything has assumed a metropolitan air. The large, commodious, light room, with its big windows and lofty ceiling, stocked full of goods, all tell of successful business. Retail grocerymen throughout Southwestern Kansas would do well to visit the above firm.

As the republicans have set the day for the county convention, it seems high time that the various candidates were announcing themselves. Let the people know who you are, that your claims, competency, etc., may be fully canvassed before the day of convention. No candidate for public office honors should fear to make his desires known to the people. The EAGLE reaches three-fourths of the republicans in the county, and many democrats. See announcements elsewhere.

We are requested by the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe railroad company to say, that their arrangements are now fully perfected for take charge of all products sent them. The station agents all along the line have been advised to receive and forward to the general office at Topeka, all samples left at the various depots. Mr. S. T. Kelsey, forester of the road, has charge of everything connected with this matter, and all correspondence on the subject should be addressed to him at Hutchinson, Kansas.

No grocery firm in the state is as well and favorably known, probably, as the wholesale grocery firm of Cochran, Bittman & Taylor, of Leavenworth city. They are decidedly the heaviest dealers west of the Missouri. The house is represented by J. L. Webber, who visits Wichita every week or two, and always goes away with his pockets full of orders. Webber has the confidence of our dealers, who, for the most part, would as leave buy of him as at the house. Leavenworth, by judicious advertising, could increase her trade in the Southwest.

A queer putrefaction, pronounced by some a bird's nest, by others the shell of a mud turtle, and by still others, the top and frontal train of some aboriginee [sic], was plowed up by Mr. Estell on his place five miles west of town, last week. He also plowed up at the same time a huge Spanish knife, shaped like an old fashioned broad sword. The

handle was gone and the blade looked as though it had withstood the corroding effects of rust since the days when Coronado marched his plumed men to the Kansas river, from the Southern sea, three hundred years ago.

The banking house of W. C. Woodman & Son we are glad to state is one of our growing institutions. Mr. Will S. Woodman, who has the charge of the business of the above bank, commands the confidence and respect of everybody. As to W. C. Woodman, everybody recognizes him as one of the most enterprising and energetic business men [sic] in the valley, and as a citizen liberal and honored.

Taken all in all the summer has proved most seasonable. Every kind and character of crops throughout Southwestern Kansas must reach far above an average, with corn, oats, hay and ordinary vegetables set down as yielding enormously. Castor beans, cotton, hemp and tobacco, special crops being experimented upon, promise in excess of expectation. This being the third year of systematic farming in this valley we feel to congratulate every farmer upon the guaranty of a successful future. Within the next five or eight years, as one, we confidentially believe that the Arkansas valley and its tributaries will be acknowledged as the agricultural paradise of the west, consequently of the Union.

Are our farmers paying enough attention to their growing hedges? After several years observation of growing hedges in Kansas we are thoroughly convinced that no good substantial stock fence can be grown from osage orange without care and attention. We noticed many hedges hereabouts being neglected in training and culture both. The hedge law will not always last, it behooves every farmer to remember. Hedge fences can be successfully grown in Kansas in the course of from three to five years, owing entirely to the training and culture. Hedge rows should have as much attention as rows of crops cultivated and kept clear of weeds. Besides, to make a solid fence care must be taken not to allow the bottom of the hedge to get away from the ground. Keep your hedges well trimmed down until they are matured. The closer the limbs are to the foot of the stalk or ground, the better hedge you will have. After a hedge has once grown tall and straggling, no labor will ever make it a "pig-tight" fence, while a good matured osage fence is no more trouble to care for than any ordinary rail fence. There

are hundreds of miles of hedges now growing in this and adjoining counties, but we tell the owners they never will have fences unless they care well for the hedge in the first three years. Another thing, a well set and matured osage orange fence may be killed by freezing or fire, but it will stand until the roots have bent up among the old shrubs as good a new fence as the old one was.

Correspondence of the Eagle.

KIOWA AND COMANCHE AGENCY,
FORT SILL, I. T., Aug. 2, 1873.

EDITOR EAGLE: The Apach [sic] Indians brought into the agency on yesterday a mulatto boy about seventeen years old, about five feet seven or eight inches high; bushy head of hair; gave his name as George Stone; says he was in the employ of a Mr. Rector, who had taken from Hamilton county, Texas, a herd of a thousand head of cattle; says his home is in Waco, McClelland county, Texas; that Mr. Rector lives in the same place.

The Indians found him about forty miles from the cattle trail, wandering around on the prairie. He had two Henry rifles, a pistol and a very heavy silver watch and silver chain. Watch No. 8091, Elgin, Ill. The chain has a silver slide upon it. He claims to have left Wichita, Kansas, early in July. He tells two or three stories bout the watch, which causes suspicion to attach to him. Consequently I have concluded to hold him until I can find out t he truth of his story. Respectfully,

J. M. HAWORTH,
U. S. Indian Agent.

(Since the reception of the above, Mr. Rector called up on us and informs us that the articles belong to the boy, that he probably got lost and bewildered. So Capt. Haworth can govern himself accordingly. The boy, Mr. Rector says, is trustworthy, industrious and truthful.)

Column 3

A new school house [sic] has just been finished in district No. 20, much to the satisfaction of settlers up that way. Samuel Bragg, who furnishes us with the above information, settled on his homestead, twelve miles northeast of Wichita, two years ago last November, at which time there was not a neighbor in sight. Now, of a clear evening, he can count from his place over one hundred houses, the homes of settlers. Mr. B says that wheat, corn, oats, in fact all description of crops have yielded abundantly and that many

who were pinched with hunger last winter will grow fat and jolly the coming winter. As evidence of the richness of the soil up that way, Mr. B. left in our office three radishes, none of which have gone to seed, the largest weighing three and one half pounds, and measuring thirteen inches in circumference. The largest one measures exactly two feet in length, and still its roots had not reached subsoil.

Next Tuesday is the day set for the opening of the teachers' institute at Wichita. Prof. [George W.] Hoss, president of the State Normal school, will deliver an address on the evening of the first day. State Superintendent McCarty, or his assistant, Prof. Felter, will be present at the sittings of the institute. Prof. Norton, professor of history and natural science, will take a leading part in the entire exercises of the institute. All friends of education are cordially invited to be present and participate. We hope, for the sake of the good name of our town and the pride of our citizens, that no want of interest will be shown by the ladies and professional portion of our citizens. Many teachers will be here from other parts, and the doors of our homes should be thrown open to them. We don't know what arrangements Judge Emerson has made in all these matters, but he informs us that all things are in readiness. Don't forget the lecture of President Hoss.

At the suggestions of some of our leading men we are letting the article on the Arkansas valley and its resources stand upon the fourth page, as calculated to prove more serviceable in attracting emigration and in making known the wonderful advantages of this valley, than almost anything else that we could do. The space is valuable to us and to our readers, and as no one will probably remonstrate us for the room occupied, but to give our subscribers a chance to send several numbers each of the article back to friends, we will continue its publication a few weeks longer. We want more people in this great country, and the consequent force and wealth that a strong population brings, but we can only get them as our advantages of soil and climate become known, and in that view it would prove a good investment if the city council would pay for the sending of several hundred copies of the EAGLE every week from now until Christmas as emigration document. But as we can hardly expect the execution of such a suggestion, let every subscriber send his own copy, after being read, back to his old neighborhood or town, and we will feel the effects of such a course in the way of new homeseekers.

A meeting for the election of new officers for the M. E. mite society was held at the Douglas Avenue House, on Saturday evening, Aug. 9th.

Meeting called to order by Mrs. J. E. Caldwell, vice president of the society, the following report was read by the secretary:

The society has held, during the past three months six socials and one festival. Whole amount of money realized from socials, \$36.82; amount from festival and by subscription, \$177.68, making the total amount received during the term \$214.50. Of this amount \$118.50 was paid for an organ for the M. E. church, \$3.00 for a hymn book for the pulpit, \$19.00 for a well and smaller improvements about the parsonage, and \$74.00 for a parsonage kitchen. The whole cost of the kitchen being \$82.50, there is yet due from the society \$8.50. The report having been accepted, the society proceeded to the election of officers, the result of which was the election of the following ladies for the ensuing term:

President, Mrs. W. R. Smith; vice-president, Mrs. S. Page; secretary, Miss Lydia Border; assistant secretary, Miss Adell Baldwin; treasurer, Mrs. J. E. Caldwell.

After the election of the officers the society adjourned.

LIZZIE M. FOOTE,
Ex-secretary.

Shade trees ordinarily do not much more than make a life of it the first summer set out, but we notice that many of the trees among the thousands set out here last spring have made large growths, while nearly all are alive and doing well. One thing, there is no old cranky, raw-boned cows to rub down and break off our young shade trees, thanks to the herd law. No boxing or protection is necessary, and with a little industry, enterprise and pains taking, in a few years our city will delight in shady walks and drives and cool streets. Upon the whole we feel highly gratified over our shade tree hobby last spring.

Column 4

DIED.

In this city, on Friday, August 8th, of typhoid fever, Mrs. Rosalin Donahoe, aged 33 years.

MARRIED.

At the residence of B. F. Parsons, esq., on Tuesday, August 12, by the Rev. J. P. Harsen, Henry W. Vigus, of this city, to Miss Hattie L. Quarles, of Kansas City.

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R-240 051	1967	Garniss, George W.	Profiles of Yarmouth heritage
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R-600 097	1986	Simmons, Marc	Following the Santa Fe trail: a guide for modern travelers
R-600 098	1982	Luchetti, Cathy	Women of the west
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R-150 045			Whitfield County, Georgia Marriages 1854-1894
R-210 BU 025	1985		History of Latham, Kansas
R-210 SG 252	1976		Valley Center Kansas
R-210 WY 03	1994		Times Past ... A Pictorial History of Wyandotte County
R-240 046	1990	Adams, Jay	A House of Hewen Timber: Fort Western on the Kennebec, An Introductory History
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R-240 048	1976	Churchill, Edwin A.	Maine communities and the War for Independence
R-240 049	1886	Goold, William	Portland in the past
R-240 050	1911		The New Mount Kineo House on Moosehead Lake, Kineo, Maine
R-240 051	1967	Garniss, George W.	Profiles of Yarmouth heritage
R-240 052	1941	Bradshaw, Marion J.	The Maine land
R-260 066	1881	Elwell, Edward H.	Portland and Vicinity
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R-340 031	1966	Beck, Nancy R.	Strawberry Banke in Portsmouth, New Hampshire
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R-370 111	1986	Shapiro, Mary J.	Gateway to liberty: the story of the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island
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R-600 098	1982	Luchetti, Cathy	Women of the west
R-600 099	1992	Cordier, Mary Hurlbut	Schoolwomen of the prairies and plains
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R-631 081	1956	Underwood, Thomas Bryan	Cherokee Legends and the Trail of Tears
R-650 031 V 2	1983	Bangerter, Lawrence B.	The Compass
R-670 281	1982	Bowman, John Stewart	The Civil War almanac
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R-670 283	1980	Brophy, Patrick	Bushwhackers of the border: the Civil War period in western Missouri
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	Mercer, Daisy	Waukomis, OK	29	15 Apr	15 Apr 1911
O101	Turner, C.E.	Anness, KS	22		
	Hockett, Gladys	Cheney, KS	18	15 Apr	16 Apr 1911
O102	Anderson, Carl L.	Severy, KS	22		
	Bitler, Ruth L.	Wichita, KS	19	15 Apr	16 Apr 1911
O102	Moon, Fred	Garden City, KS	26		
	Maby(ayby), Edith	Minneapolis, MN	21	15 Apr	15 Apr 1911
O103	Campbell, W.J.	Wichita, KS	21		
	Cook, Irene	Wichita, KS	21	15 Apr	16 Apr 1911
O103	Horner, Harry R.	Wichita, KS	29		
	Thomas, Mary B.	Wichita, KS	23	15 Apr	15 Apr 1911
O104	Dunlap, Harley A.	Wichita, KS	24		
	Stewart, Clara	Towanda, KS	18	17 Apr	17 Apr 1911
O104	Werries, J. Henry	Nickerson, KS	41		
	Green, Katherine (Mrs.)	Newton, KS	46	17 Apr	17 Apr 1911
O105	Roll, Walter E.	Wichita, KS	21		
	Burrus, Bernice A.	Wichita, KS	26	17 Apr	17 Apr 1911
O105	Smith, Harry A.	Wichita, KS	21		
	Wilson, Carrie	Wichita, KS	22	17 Apr	17 Apr 1911
O106	Bell, William Henry	Eldora, CO	43		
	Coughlan, Minnie	Mulhall, OK	25	18 Apr	18 Apr 1911
O106	Dixon, Eli	El Reno, OK	33		
	Smith, Angelina	Wichita, KS	29	18 Apr	18 Apr 1911
O107	Chain, Orin	Haven, KS	23		
	Lanning, Lola	Haven, KS	23	18 Apr	18 Apr 1911
O107	Koeppel, Emil	Thorold, Ont, CD	25		
	Bowman, Marian F.	Wichita, KS	24	18 Apr	20 Apr 1911
O108	Bosse, Milton A.	Ellinwood, KS	21		
	Butts, Birdie Moneta	Wichita, KS	22	18 Apr	19 Apr 1911
O108	Williams, Virgil	Wichita, KS	22		
	Crouch, Moscelyn	Wichita, KS	20	18 Apr	19 Apr 1911
O109	Clark, Royal	Cheney, KS	28		
	Glazier, Hazel Jean	Cheney, KS	18	19 Apr	19 Apr 1911
O109	Neese, Walter	Kansas City, MO	24		
	Naylor, Blanch(he)	Kansas City, MO	22	19 Apr	19 Apr 1911
O110	Chambers, Clyde W.	Wichita, KS	26		
	Mayall, Mattie B.	Wichita, KS	26	19 Apr	20 Apr 1911
O110	Hukle, Louis C.	Peck, KS	28		
	Whitesell, Myrtle M.	Clearwater, KS	25	19 Apr	19 Apr 1911
O111	Kennedy, J.H.	Wichita, KS	23		
	Hill, Fannie Irene	Wichita, KS	19	19 Apr	19 Apr 1911
O111	Noe, C.R.	Leon, KS	68		
	Kelly(ley), Sarah A.	Leon, KS	64	19 Apr	19 Apr 1911
O112	Laird, Ralph Waldo	Wichita, KS	23		
	Bohannon, Blanche Hart	Wichita, KS	19	19 Apr	19 Apr 1911

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O112	Turner, Bert A.	Wichita, KS	25		
	Browder, Nina W.	Wichita, KS	25	19 Apr	19 Apr 1911
O113	Saunders, Charles Richard	Wichita, KS	25		
	Ottaway, Alice Ruby	Wichita, KS	25	19 Apr	19 Apr 1911
O113	Williams, William	Wichita, KS	51		
	Gerah, Rose	Wichita, KS	45	20 Apr	20 Apr 1911
O114	Mathes, William	Wichita, KS	21		
	Patton, Ruby	Wichita, KS	20	20 Apr	20 Apr 1911
O114	Pratz, I. Leroy	Hutchinson, KS	22		
	Scoresby, Mary Merrill	Hutchinson, KS	19	20 Apr	20 Apr 1911
O115	Cundiff, Charles Wesley	Clearwater, KS	22		
	Withrow, Edna	Clearwater, KS	24	21 Apr	26 Apr 1911
O115	Selders, William Perle	Wichita, KS	24		
	Henninger, Maggie	Wichita, KS	24	20 Apr	23 Apr 1911
O116	Townsend, Flint	Wichita, KS	21		
	Waller, Mabell	Wichita, KS	23	22 Apr	22 Apr 1911
O116	Walls, V.S.	Eldorado, KS	21		
	Mayo, Eva Isabella	Eldorado, KS	21	22 Apr	22 Apr 1911
O117	Craim, G.E.	Wichita, KS	27		
	Keith, C.A. (Mrs.)	Wichita, KS	25	24 Apr	24 Apr 1911
O117	Nichols, Clark	Belle Plaine, KS	22		
	Bryant, Dessie	Wellington, KS	18	24 Apr	24 Apr 1911
O118	Kilmer, Oscar	Collinsville, OK	23		
	Davison, Marie	Belle Plaine, KS	25	24 Apr	26 Apr 1911
O118	Phillips, D.H.	Mt. Hope, KS	26		
	Strayer, Hazel	Lyons, KS	19	24 Apr	24 Apr 1911
O119	Betty, Claud F.	Hazelton, KS	36		
	Jenkins, Letty	Hazelton, KS	20	24 Apr	24 Apr 1911
O119	Peare, Charles A.	Wichita, KS	31		
	Blubaugh, Gertrude	Wichita, KS	24	25 Apr	26 Apr 1911
O120	Kramer, Charles	Newton, KS	36		
	Siehndel, Minnie	Colwich, KS	27	26 Apr	26 Apr 1911
O120	Moorman, Frank P.	Wichita, KS	26		
	Woods, Lisha L.	Augusta, KS	24	25 Apr	25 Apr 1911
O121	Amsden, Edgar	Wichita, KS	22		
	Throckmorton, Eliza	Wichita, KS	21	26 Apr	27 Apr 1911
O121	Boyle, Wallace	Hutchinson, KS	42		
	West, Betha	Hutchinson, KS	29	26 Apr	26 Apr 1911
O122	Scott, Orville H.	Wichita, KS	21		
	Thornton, Eliza	Wichita, KS	17	27 Apr	27 Apr 1911
O122	Winders, Ira D.	Wichita, KS	22		
	Cooper, Minnie Marie	Wichita, KS	20	26 Apr	26 Apr 1911
O123	Gibson, Archie B.	Wichita, KS	23		
	Guist, Dorothy M.	Wichita, KS	22	27 Apr	29 Apr 1911
O123	Smock, Samuel	Wichita, KS	22		
	Revard, Adella	Wichita, KS	22	27 Apr	27 Apr 1911
O124	Lindsay, Claude	Wichita, KS	25		
	Lindsay, Jewel(II)	Wichita, KS	22	28 Apr	28 Apr 1911
O124	Powers, Archie I.	Wichita, KS	28		
	Sigmon, Parallee	Wichita, KS	18	28 Apr	28 Apr 1911
O125	Foulston, Edmund Leroy	Wichita, KS	20		
	Schnert, Hazel Gertrude	Moline, KS	19	29 Apr	29 Apr 1911

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O125	Fuller, Dewitt	Wichita, KS	21		
	Chambers, Minnie	Bartlesville, OK	18	28 Apr	30 Apr 1911
O126	Blake, Frank N.	Kingman, KS	27		
	Black, Della	Kingman, KS	26	29 Apr	29 Apr 1911
O126	Carton, Djalma A.	San Fernando, CA	26		
	Jones, Claudia A.	Wichita, KS	28	29 Apr	30 Apr 1911
O127	Barker, A.M.	Cherryvale, KS	51		
	Henton, Ollie L.	Alva, OK	44	29 Apr	29 Apr 1911
O127	Wallace, A.G.	Wichita, KS	25		
	Beye, Cara (Clara)	Wichita, KS	20	29 Apr	30 Apr 1911
O128	Lowry, John C.	Englewood, KS	36		
	Hill, Lizzie	Englewood, KS	32	29 Apr	30 Apr 1911
O128	Peat, William	Wichita, KS	38		
	Tice, Tillie (Lillie)	Wichita, KS	18	29 Apr	30 Apr 1911
O129	Stacy, Warren A.	Wichita, KS	19		
	Siever, Verna L.	Wichita, KS	19	29 Apr	04 May 1911
O129	Tyler, E.D.	Wichita, KS	26		
	Waterstradt, Fannie	Wichita, KS	26	29 Apr	03 May 1911
O130	Martin, G.H.	Wichita, KS	48		
	Caraway, Sarah Inez	Wichita, KS	38	01 May	01 May 1911
O130	Miller, Walton J.	Seneca, KS	22		
	Freeman, Ethel S.	Wichita, KS	23	01 May	01 May 1911
O131	Andrew, Ernest	Wichita, KS	27		
	Cox, Huda	Wichita, KS	28	01 May	01 May 1911
O131	Smidth, Fedale	Colwich, KS	24		
	Geris, Mary	Colwich, KS	19	01 May	16 May 1911
O132	Herberts, Curtis	St. Louis, MO	24		
	Melone, Gladys	St. Louis, MO	18	02 May	02 May 1911
O132	Saffold, B.W.	Manchester, OK	44		
	Miller, Jessie M.	Manchester, OK	24	03 May	03 May 1911
O133	Dale, John T.	Wichita, KS	24		
	Runyon, Hazel	Wichita, KS	16	03 May	03 May 1911
O133	Jones, William H.	Mt. Hope, KS	21		
	Toliver, Angeline	Wamego, KS	24	03 May	03 May 1911
O134	Sheridan, M.J.	Blackwell, OK	42		
	Braly, Leona	Blackwell, OK	34	04 May	04 May 1911
O134	Sisk, Thomas	Lake City, KS	30		
	Holmes, Gay	Medicine Ldge, KS	19	04 May	04 May 1911
O135	Nelson, Charley	Wichita, KS	26		
	Nolan, Laney	Wichita, KS	18	04 May	04 May 1911
O135	Wilson, C. Buford	Kaw, OK	27		
	Hickman, Grace M.	Kaw, OK	19	04 May	04 May 1911
O136	Loop, Earl M.	Wichita, KS	25		
	Peddicord(etticord), Elsie	Wichita, KS	25	05 May	06 May 1911
O136	Newton, J. Russell	Mulvane, KS	21		
	Kersey, M. Anna	Mulvane, KS	19	05 May	05 May 1911
O137	Kirby, Thorn	Wichita, KS	29		
	Miller, Gertrude	Burden, KS	24	06 May	06 May 1911
O137	Schroll, William	Whitewater, KS	25		
	Eilert, Lorena	Whitewater, KS	23	05 May	06 May 1911
O138	Sutton, Daniel	Andover, KS	31		
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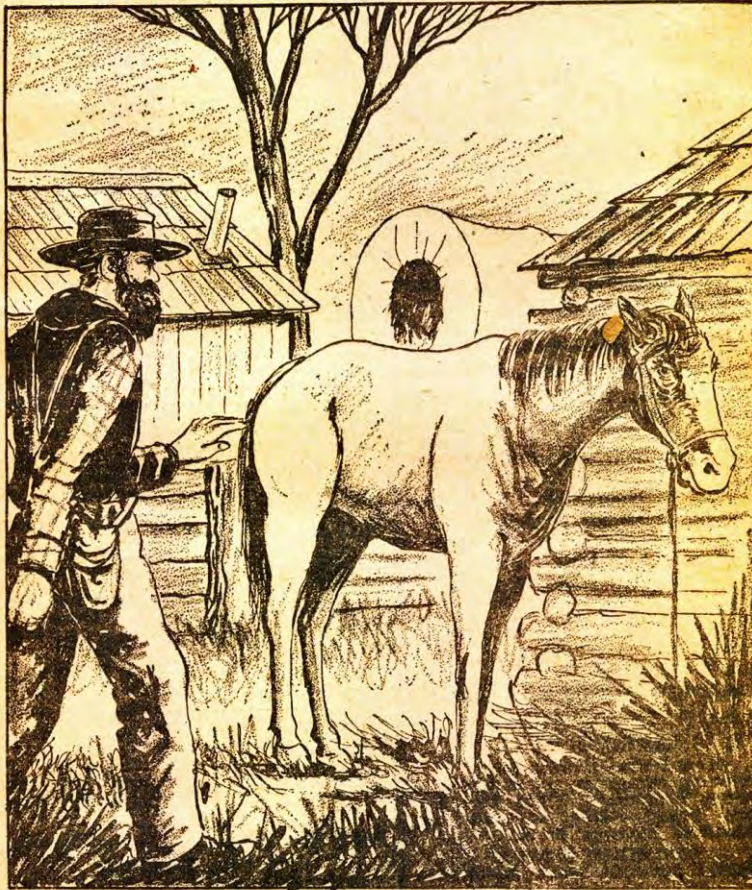
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	Walker, Ethel	Wichita, KS	20	06 May	08 May 1911
O139	Davis, L.C.	Birmingham, AL	24		
	Zeller, Ruth	Brookville, PA	19	08 May	08 May 1911
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	Langschmidt, Emlie	Wichita, KS	29	08 May	08 May 1911
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	Hickson, Mabel	Conway Spgs, KS	20	08 May	08 May 1911
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	Ross, Mattie	Wichita, KS	50	09 May	09 May 1911
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	Shaw, Alice D.	Wichita, KS	19	09 May	09 May 1911
O141	Rodgers, John	Wichita, KS	39		
	Isaac, Cora	Wichita, KS	31	09 May	09 May 1911
O142	Brewer, George A.	Wichita, KS	22		
	Whitaker, Leta	Wichita, KS	19	10 May	10 May 1911
O142	Koblitz, Fred	Goddard, KS	26		
	Petersen, Ethel	Goddard, KS	18	10 May	10 May 1911
O143	Graham, Wallace M.	Peck, KS	49		
	Hammers, Jennie M.	Clearwater, KS	35	10 May	10 May 1911
O143	Love, Fred C.	Wichita, KS	36		
	Allen, Louise	Kansas City, MO	28	10 May	11 May 1911
O144	Jefferies, Stanley	Wichita, KS	21		
	Utt, Fannie	Wichita, KS	20	13 May	14 May 1911
O144	Wood, W.M.	Wichita, KS	34		
	Lyman, Edna	Wichita, KS	21	13 May	13 May 1911
O145	McMillen, Claude A.	Oatville, KS	21		
	Woolworth, Ida M.	Wichita, KS	19	13 May	13 May 1911
O145	Ottaway, Lester	Wichita, KS	37		
	Woolworth, Gladys	Wichita, KS	21	13 May	13 May 1911
O146	Bohannon, Morris(ras)M.	Wellington, KS	22		
	George, Clara E.	Wellington, KS	19	13 May	13 May 1911
O146	Gray, J.J.	Newport, KY	53		
	Brock-Jones, M. (Mrs.)	Hume, IL	45	13 May	13 May 1911
O147	Postnikoff, A.S.	Wichita, KS	37		
	Bassett, Della S.	Milwaukee, WI	22	13 May	27 May 1911
O147	Sommers, Charlie	Wichita, KS	29		
	Huffman, Alma	Wichita, KS	20	13 May	
O148	Lewis, Eugene J.	Wichita, KS	24		
	Konecny, Anna M.	Viola, KS	23	15 May	16 May 1911
O148	Young, Edgar	Wichita, KS	23		
	Spurgeon, Trella	Wichita, KS	20	13 May	14 May 1911
O149	Maurer, Arthur George	Wichita, KS	24		
	Furlong, Evelona	Wichita, KS	22	16 May	16 May 1911
O149	Nance, Charles W.	Newton, KS	20		
	Harrow, Vesper	Bentley, KS	19	17 May	17 May 1911
O150	Miller(Muller),Frank J.	Mulvane, KS	29		
	Gould, Sadie C.	Mulvane, KS	29	17 May	17 May 1911
O150	Ross, Clayton I.	Wichita, KS	24		
	Brown, Jessie E.	Wichita, KS	21	17 May	17 May 1911



WICHITA HISTORICAL PANEL NO. 135

Horse Stealing Regarded as Serious Crime in Early Days

Horse Stolen from One Wichitan Escaped from the
Thieves and Returned Home



(Wichita Historical Panel No. 135)

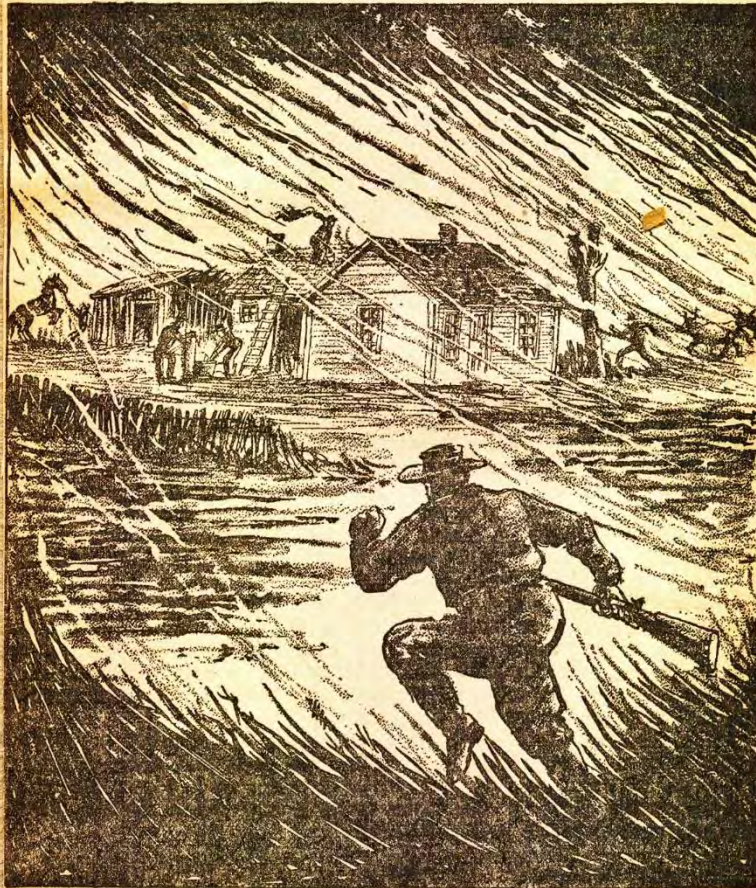
HORSE STEALING was a most serious crime in the plains area during the early day. If one did not own a horse he was forced to walk and that was a serious matter in the prairie country where neighbors were few and far apart. Charles C. Fees, early Wichitan, in his diary for the year 1870 mentions such a theft. He records that a horse owned by a Mr. Rittman, recently arrived from Illinois. He tells how the aroused community searched for the horse during the night but found no trace of animal or thief. Two days later the horse returned, evidently having gotten away from the thief.

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WICHITA HISTORICAL PANEL NO. 136

Prairie Fire Swept College Hill Area in Fall of 1870

Wichita Pioneer Described Event as a "Terrible Fire" and a "Magnificent Sight"



(Wichita Historical Panel No. 136)

PRAIRIE FIRES were not at all unusual in the early days. But, they were as serious as forest fires are today in heavily wooded areas. Quite often fire guards did not give adequate protection and the early settlers had to turn out to fight the leaping grass fire in order to save their homes and livestock. Such a fire swept over the present College Hill area of Wichita. The date of the fire and its serious character has been recorded by an early Wichitan, Charles C. Fees. In his diary he gave the date of the fire as October 27, 1870 and told how the settlers had to fight to save their shacks. In part he wrote: "Never saw before so terrible a fire. A magnificent sight."

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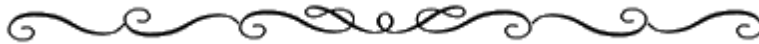
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Vital records of North Yarmouth, Maine to the Year 1850. (R 974.19 VIT)
Zeckendorfs and Steinfelds: Merchant Princes of the American Southwest. (R 381.14 LYO)



ED. NOTE: This is a new rabbit hole for me... dance clubs of Wichita from the 1920s through the 1950s. The building at 126 N St Francis has a longer history than most. According to Sedgwick County tax records it was built in 1926 but the news item to the right was published near the end of 1924. The address is first mentioned in the 1926 city directory as Brotherhood Yeoman Hall at 126½ N St Francis, the second floor, with Young Brothers Wholesale Hat Company on the ground floor at 126 N St Francis. The building is still standing today, it's where you'll find Old Town Architectural Salvage. A selection of news items and advertisements about the clubs that lived at that address can be found in the rest of this issue of the *Register*. If you find this topic interesting and would like to see more, please send me an email.

register @mhgswichita.org

TO INITIATE CLASS OF 30
Wichita Council No. 39 United Commercial Travelers, will initiate a class of about 30 tonight at their hall over 126 N. St. Francis avenue. Visiting knights of the grip from Hutchinson, Winfield and Arkansas City are to be present. An oyster supper will conclude the ceremony. Earl T. Steele, C. L. Henry, H. C. Hensley and Bert Bryan are in direct charge of the affair.

*Wichita Daily Eagle, 13 December 1924, page 9.
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(MHGS, Attention: Divorce File Assistant, PO Box 1121, Wichita, KS, 67201-1121
using the form found here:**

<http://mhgswichita.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/MHGS-Copies-Order-Form5.pdf>

The Little Shop on 13th

By Angela R. Sweet

The year was 1885. Rosie Lough was born in Toruń. She and her sisters came to the United States around 1900, taking a three-week excursion to the "Land of Opportunity". Imagine a 15-year-old girl, and her two older sisters, coming to America. Where were they going to live and what were they going to do to support themselves? Rosie found herself in Wichita, Kansas working as a dressmaker for the George Innes Company.

Fast forward to 1919, 34-year-old Rosie and her husband, Charles Elie, decided to start a business - The Elie Flower Shop & Greenhouses. This location was in a greenhouse at 13th Street North & St. Francis in Wichita, Kansas.

After two years, they relocated to 2214 E. 13th Street North in Wichita. There they had two modern greenhouses, a small flower shop, and several acres.

In the 1928-1929 report of the inspected nurseries, in the southern half of Kansas, Elie Nursery and Greenhouse had four acres of land.

They had forest trees, shrubs, evergreens, strawberries, raspberries, blackberries, perennials, and rhubarb. It also listed Charles Elie as the proprietor.

Within one year, the greenhouse had a reduction in acreage. In the 1929-1930 report of the inspected nurseries, in the southern half of Kan-

sas, Elie Nursery and Greenhouse had three acres of land. They added asparagus, iris, peonies, and dahlias.

Then in 1930, Rosie kept to her plans, in spite of the depression, to build her large European manor style residential flower shop. The grand opening of the new business was on Saturday, March 19, 1932. Many locals that helped build her new building sent well wishes in the Saturday morning paper to Mrs. Elie.

Just picture it in your mind... a beautiful state-of-the-art floral studio and office situated on four acres of land stocked with trees and shrubs as far as the eye could see.

Announcement---



*The Formal Opening
of the*

ELIE

FLORAL SHOP
Elie Greenhouse

2214
East Thirteenth

Phone
3-4612

SATURDAY

Evening, March 19th

—and—

SUNDAY

March 20th. All Day Until 6 p. m.

Carnations for
the Ladies

Souvenirs for
the Men

Plenty of Parking Space

A hearty invitation to all to visit this newest and
handsomest Floral Shop and enjoy the gorgeous
blooms in our modern greenhouses.

Plants

Cut Flowers

Landscape Service
Phone 3-4612

Photo 1: From the 19 March 1932
Wichita Eagle, page 18

**We Wish to
Congratulate**

MRS. ELIE

Upon the Completion of her
**NEW and MODERN FLORAL
SHOP**

The Beautiful Antique Tile
Roofing and all the copper sheet
metal work was installed by the

**UNION SHEET
METAL WORKS**

1211 East Douglas Dial 4-0652

**Congratulations
and Best Wishes**

To Mrs. Elie on the Formal
Opening of the New

Elie Floral Shop

The weather proof window
Frames, Doors and Cabinet
Doors were designed and
installed by

Max Weger

Weather Proof Window Frames
410 North Washington Street
Wichita Dial 4-6211

Congratulations

To Mrs. Elie

And Our Best Wishes for Your Continued Success in Your
New Floral Shop

EVAN EVANS

General Contractor

214 South Grove St. Dial 4-7180

We are proud to have been selected as the contractor for the
New Elie Floral Shop.

Photo 2: From the 19 March 1932
Wichita Eagle, page 18

Stepping into modern greenhouses filled with flowers, fruit and vegetable plants, and house plants where the aroma and sight fills your senses. A sweet Mrs. Rosie Elie greets you to assist you in picking out the proper evergreen tree to plant or a strawberry plant to grow. It really must have been a sight to see! All of this located just west of present-day Grove on 13th Street North. Driving past the location today, you would have never known how large the business was or even that it was there ... but more on that later.

In the next couple of years, they added numerous plants, but reduced the size of the nursery by another acre. In the 1932-1933 report of the inspected nurseries in the southern half of Kansas, Elie Nursery and Greenhouse had two acres of land. Added to the offerings were more spectacular fruit and flowers such as: gooseberries, grape cuttings, and gladiolus.



Mrs. Rosie Elie

Photo 4: From the 16 Oct 1962 Wichita Eagle, page 6A

ELIE GREENHOUSE HAS MODERN STUDIO AND HOME



SHOWN above is the elaborate and modernistic office and studio of the Elie Greenhouse, 2214 East Thirteenth, one of the show places of its type in Wichita. The main office building is surrounded by conveniently located greenhouses and nurseries stocked with beautifully arranged displays of cut flowers and plants, also shrubs, trees and rose bushes. The Elie Greenhouse has been located in Wichita 17 years.

Photo 3: From the 29 March 1936 Wichita Eagle, page 8

The 1934-1935 report shows the nursery was back to three acres, but by the time the 1936-1937 report came out, they increased to five acres! Added to the mix were greenhouse plants. Mrs. Rosie Elie was listed as the sole proprietor.

In 1938, Mr. Charles Elie passed away. Upon her husband passing in 1940, Rosie lived at the nursery location with her daughter and son-in-law, Cleele & Elsie McBee, as well as her two granddaughters, Mary & Jeanne McBee.

Sadly, Rosie passed away May 17, 1968 at Wesley Medical Center. Her final resting place is located in the Mission Chapel Mausoleum in Wichita, Kansas.

What happened to Elie Flower Shop? In 1972, her daughter, Elsie Elie-McBee sold the shop to Dr. Othello Curry. He was a local veterinarian and businessman in the community. Dr. Curry passed away July 25, 1996.

At the time of her death, it was believed that Rosie Lough Elie was the first woman in Kansas to be in the greenhouse business for as long as she was. That's quite an accomplishment! Her motto for success: "Work hard and 'tend to business." Mrs. Elie's memberships included: Kansas State Florists Association, Society of American Florists, Florists Telegraph Delivery Association, and she was a member of the Salem United Church of Christ. Her favorite flower? The rose... and lastly, what did she think about plastic flower "reproductions"? They were the most distasteful and just a passing fad... a comment from a true florist's heart!

On a final note... I have found the state of the large European manor style residential flower shop in a horrible state of disrepair and disarray. If you look closely at the photographs [on the next page], you can see the carefully-placed-



Photo 5: Elie Flowers, taken 4 June 2022



Photo 6: Elie Flowers taken 4 June 2022

together leaded-glass windows, beautiful arches, ornate woodwork, and amazing brickwork. She must have been so excited for her vision to come to life.

Thank you, Ms. Rosie, for your contribution to, not only Wichita, but to Kansas! I would to have loved enjoyed getting to know you! I can only imagine that your Little Shop on 13th was beautiful as well as magnificent!

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Masquerade balls on Halloween seem to have been popular in 1925. Note there are two Yeoman's Halls in existence at the time of this ad, the other one at 414 E Douglas (441 E Douglas is a misprint). The 1925 city directory says there is a Knights of Columbus hall at 414½ E Douglas along with a real estate business. The 1935 Sanborn Fire Map indicates a lodge hall was on the third floor of the building at that address.

The ad for The Lantern says it's located on Central three miles east of Hillside, or near what is Central and Rock Road today, far outside the city limits in 1925.

Wichita Daily Eagle, Saturday, 31 October 1925, page 17. Reprinted by permission.

Amusements & Social Events 8	
BALLROOM DANCING—Reed Studio 1244 N Market. M. 5121	
HARTMAN'S DANCING SCHOOL—125 S. Main. Classes Thursday evenings: private lessons anytime. Hall for rent Mkt 4307	
HALL—Completely equipped new for dances, parties or lodges. Doug 3229-R.	
MASQUERADE BALL—Saturday night. Yeomen hall, 126 N. St. Francis. Heller's six-piece orchestra. Admission 50 cents couple.	
MASQUERADE DANCE—Yeoman's, Saturday night, October 31st, 441 E. Douglas. Prizes for best costumes. Scott's orchestra (formerly Temple's). Geo. A. Leasure, correspondent. Market 2960.	
BIG HALLOWE'EN MASQUERADE—Carnival dance, Saturday October 31, at the Lantern. Three miles east of Hillside on Central Ave. Prizes given for best costume dance. 9 to 12. Admission 50c. Ladies free.	

UPCOMING MHGS EVENTS

The MHGS library is open Tuesdays and Saturdays from 10 AM to 4 PM.
All Special Interest Group meetings are free and open to the public.

Genealogy Roundtable SIG – Second Tuesday, 1:30 PM to 3 PM – Julia Langel

July 12, August 9, September 13

Let's power up our research techniques! This is a casual discussion group on genealogy topics. Please bring a question, suggestion, story, website or book to share.

Photo Mysteries Special Interest Group – Third Tuesday, 1:30 PM to 3 PM – Rex Riley

July 19, August 16, September 20

Bring in your mystery photos (or scans) and the group will work together to help figure out the clues that may let you date the photo and identify the subject.

DAR/SAR Special Interest Group – Fourth Tuesday, 1:30 PM to 3 PM – Twila Ackley Brown

June 28, July 26, August 23, September 27

Want to become a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution or Sons of the American Revolution? Do you have questions about how to submit an application, the cost involved, or do you need help with finding the right documentation to become a member? Twila can help! Bring your questions and documentation and talk to Twila!



Amusements & Social Events 8

CHARLESTON—And latest ballroom dances taught by professional teacher. Charleston taught in from 3 to 6 lessons. Miss Evedell Wheeler. M. 3334-J, or D. 7023.

BALLROOM DANCING—Reed Studio, 1244 N. Market. M. 5121.

DANCING—Every Saturday night at the Lantern; music by the San Antonions seven-piece orchestra; 3 miles east on Central. Admission 50 c.

DANCING—126 N. St. Francis, Monday night Charleston and fancy steps permitted. Tuesday, old fashioned square dance featured. Wednesday prizes given. Thursday specialty night. Saturday everybody's dance. Heller' six piece orchestra.

DANCING—Monday night, 119 S. Lawrence, auspices of Fraternal Aid Union, 4-piece orchestra. Everybody welcome.

*Wichita Daily Eagle, Saturday, 16 January 1926, page 9.
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The Yoeman lodge has redecorated its large lodge room at 126 North St. Francis avenue. The Japanese style of decoration was used, making what is said to be the most attractive dance hall in Kansas. A new cooling system, which makes a complete change of air every 15 minutes, has also been installed. Dances at the hall are open to the public every night except Friday.

*Wichita Daily Eagle, Wednesday, 2 June 1926, page 3.
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Amusements

8

DANCING—Every night except Thursday, at the Merryland, 126 N. St. Francis. Venetian seven-piece orchestra. Yeomen management.

Dance

Two best bands of Southwest in Music Battle

Wednesday 23rd. 9 to 12 p. m.
126 N. St. Francis. Auspices Yeoman Lodge. Gentlemen, 75c, Ladies, 25c.

*The Wichita Eagle, Tuesday, 22 February 1927,
page 14. Reprinted by permission.*

By December 1926, advertisements indicated the dance hall was known as Merryland, but it was still owned by the Brotherhood of Yeomen.

Amusements

8

DANCING—Hartman's, 125 S. Main; classes beginners Tuesday; advanced Thursday; private lessons any time. Market 4307.

PARADISE PARK—Dancing, cool pavilion, hot music; follow crowds; Wednesday, Saturday nights; big time July 4, sunrise and night; 19 miles South Lawrence, two west.

DANCE! DANCE!

Matinee Dance

Don't Miss It and Be Sorry

126 N. St. Francis

JULY 4TH. 2 TO 5 P. M.

MUSIC BY OKLAHOMA FOXTROTTERS

HILL-KREST DANCE PAVILION—4602 East Central, formerly "The Heath." Special Fourth of July dance. Morn. 5:00 o'clock, Matinee 2:30, Eve. 8:00. Music by Al Hendrick's Syncopators. Dance every night. Dime dance.

Dance at
PALA ROYAL
Every Night—Music by
Oklahoma Fox Trotters

MERRY-GO-ROUND — Concessions wanted. Old time Fourth celebration, Paradise park. D. 3851.

*The Wichita Eagle, Monday, 4 July 1927,
page 6. Reprinted by permission.*

Amusements

8

DANCING—Hartman's, 125 S. Main; classes beginners Tuesday; advanced Thursday; private lessons any time. Market 4307.

HILL-CREST DANCE PAVILION—4602 East Central. Formerly "The Heath." Music by Al Hendricks' Syncopators. Dance every night. Dime dance.

OPENING DANCE

WEDNESDAY, JULY 27

126 N. ST. FRANCIS

MUSIC—OKLAHOMA FOXTROTTERS
7-PIECE ORCHESTRA

FREE COCA COLA

ALL YOU CAN DRINK

ADMISSION, 50c COUPLE

SPECIAL DANCE—Tuesday night, 210 So. Topeka. Free ice cream.

*Wichita Evening Eagle, Tuesday, 26 July 1927,
page 8. Reprinted by permission.*

Free Coca-Cola, all you can drink, and an admission charge... sounds very similar to the way private clubs worked in Wichita until liquor by the drink was permitted starting in the late 1980s. Buy a membership, the club supplies the setups, and the member brings the alcohol. Prohibition was in effect at this time, of course, which made any alcohol at all a risk.

Besides the Yeomen Hall and the Pala Royal, the Oklahoma Foxtrotters also played frequently at the Dreamland dance hall at 5th and Main in Hutchinson.

Auspices of Yeomen Lodge DANCE

Music Furnished by
**The Rainbow Garden
Orchestra**

126 N. St. Francis St.

Dancing Every Night Except
Friday

*Wichita This Week, Sunday, 13 November 1927,
page 15.*

The Rainbow Garden Orchestra was based in Colorado Springs but played often in Wichita in 1927.

ORCHESTRA TO OPEN NEW HALL

HOWARD FORDHAM and his 10 harmony boys were caught rehearsing their lively tunes atop The Eagle building the other day. An inquiry as to their reason for playing so high up, was that they wanted to get up in the musical world. Fordham and his band open the new Arkota ballroom Tuesday night. It is located in

the first block on North St. Francis avenue. Every night is a special feature night according to the management. Reading from left to right; Charles McConnel, Chet Willey, Al Sefton, Harold Zerkle, Howard Fordham, Vic Harris, Hugh Doyle, Don Long (Ted Lewis, Jr.), Floyd (Junior) LePorin and Earl Coburn. (Scottiefoto.)



The Wichita Evening Eagle, Monday, 8 October 1928, page 2. Reprinted by permission.

RULES GIRL, 14, MAY NOT DANCE WITHOUT PERMIT

**Helen Brought to Court for
Fleeing Down Fire Es-
cape from Hall.**

Because Helen listened to mama when mama did not want her to listen to papa, and because a judge whose business it was to listen to Helen perceived that her 14-year-old intelligence confused fire-escapes in a dance hall with escapades, Helen today was made a ward of Juvenile court, and Helen henceforth can not slide down fire-escapes except in case of fire.

Because Helen lacked a permit to attend dances at "126" she was haled into court, where she appeared as a trim little figure in black, wearing a black satin dress and a black coat with a white fur collar, with her round, pretty face, not over rouged, accentuated by the blackness of her straight bob, appearing as pretty as Colleen Moore of the movies, whom she resembles.

Mrs. Ozola Koontz, the girls' probation officer, had investigated her case, and presented her evidence to Judge J. D. Dickerson, sitting in juvenile court.

From Small Town

"Helen came from a small town," said Mrs. Koontz, "and her mother told her that she never had to listen to her father, because she was a good girl and could do no wrong.

"After coming to Wichita, she got away from parental care, and got to going to dances without obtaining a permit."

Then Mrs. Koontz revealed a condition that she declared existed at dance-halls in Wichita.

"Young girls will go there," she said, "and ask older women to be 'aunts' in case Miss Downing comes up. These 'aunts' act as sort of chaperones to unescorted girls."

Miss Sally Marie Downing is the dance-hall inspector for the police department.

Flee Down Fire Escapes

"When the girls see Miss Downing come up the front steps at the dance-halls," said Mrs. Koontz, "they will crowd to the back, and even will go down the fire-escapes to flee if they haven't permits or 'aunts.'"

"Where do you go to dance?" Judge Dickerson asked Helen.

"126," the girl replied.

"126 what?"

"Oh, 126 North St. Francis avenue," explained the small-town Helen who may have come from Troy (Kansas).

Helen denied that she ever had fled down a fire-escape in fleeing from the police-woman at a dance hall.

Upon recommendation of Mrs. Koontz, the girl was made a ward of the court, by which action she is prevented from going to dances unless she has a permit or a real honest-to-goodness aunt.

*Wichita Evening Eagle, Monday,
21 January 1929, page 16.*

It's interesting that 14-year-olds were allowed into dance halls as long as they had an escort.



*The Sunflower, Friday, 18 October 1929,
page 4.*

Michel Hamaty was the manager of the first version of the locally famous Shadowland dance hall when it was on south Lawrence (now Broadway) around 31st Street, or "one mile south of the city limits", from April 1929 until he began managing the Arkota in October. While at Shadowland, he managed to get a permit to have an all-night dance on July 3 with fireworks. On Labor Day he held a Sunrise Dance, which started at 12:01 AM on Monday and lasted until sunrise. While managing the Arkota, he also tried to get a license for a dance hall in Hutchinson to rival the Dreamland, but was denied.

No further mention of the Seven Caballeros has been found so far.

The 1929 and 1930 Wichita city directories show that 126½ N St Francis was known as the Arkota Dance Hall. From 1931 to 1937 it was the Crystal Dance Hall, and from 1938 to 1941 the Royal Dance Hall. The 1942 city directory says that both floors of the building were vacant.



*Wichita Evening Eagle, Wednesday, 5 February
1930, page 14. Reprinted by permission.*

What is a Doggy Dance? A trend that started about 1929, it meant that the theme of the night was dogs. Small stuffed dogs (sometimes they would bark) would be given away as souvenirs, and the dance hall would be decorated with more doggy items. At some dances, a live dog might be given away as a door prize.

The "10 Blackhawks" mentioned might be the orchestra that the jazz drummer Homer Harper Osborne put together in the late 1920s.

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MEET TONIGHT IN LARGER QUARTERS

New Home of American Legion Post Here Is Located at 126 North St. Francis

Thomas Hopkins post No. 5, Wichita organization of the American Legion, has purchased a new home at 126 North St. Francis and will hold an opening meeting there Tuesday at 8 p. m.

Harry Keener, post commander, said the old home at 335 North

Topeka would be sold in the near future.

The consideration was not disclosed. The Legion, it was announced, will occupy the upper floor, and the ground floor is to remain under lease to an aircraft parts manufacturing concern.

Volunteer workers from the Legion have partitioned and decorated the interior of the second floor which now contains offices for the Sons of the Legion, the auxiliary, Sunflower Boys state, clubrooms, check and storage rooms and kitchen, in addition to a large hall which was described as twice as commodious as the old hall in the North Topeka building.

The purchase was made from the Wheeler Kelly Hagny company. The

hall originally was built by the United Commercial Travelers organization, it was said.

Refreshments and dancing will follow the business meeting Tuesday night. The Legion now has 800 members.

*Wichita Eagle, Tuesday,
17 March 1942, page 6.
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On St Patrick's Day 1942, 126 N St Francis became the home of the American Legion. In the early 1960s the American Legion moved to 2835 George Washington Boulevard and 126 N St Francis was listed as vacant in the 1962 city directory. After Urban Renewal tried but failed to claim the building in 1979, it became Old Town Architectural Salvage around 2005. Today the American Legion ghost sign is still visible across the front of the second floor.

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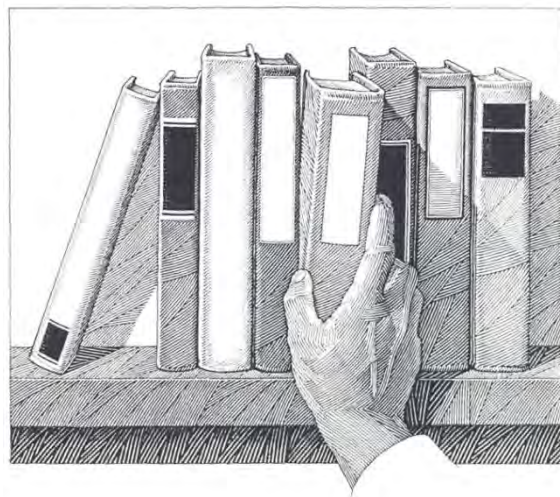
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