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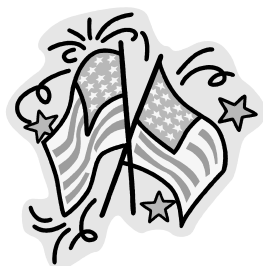
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Certificate of Appreciation for Lourie Johnson

Holdrege Area Genealogy Club wish to nominate Lourie Johnson for the Nebraska State Appreciation award.

When a young girl, Lourie became interested in family history because so many of her friends had relatives nearby and she had none. This started her interest in finding out who her relatives were

In 1986, she had another opportunity to search for family history when visiting a L. D. S. Library, near her home in Oregon.

Lourie moved back to Holdrege, Nebraska two years ago

and joined Holdrege Area Genealogy Club and has assisted in many of our projects.

Lourie volunteers at our library at the Nebraska Prairie Museum one afternoon a week and works on our scrapbooks and helps with our research requests. She is currently collecting information on the sod houses that were located in Phelps County.

She is dedicated to genealogy and preserving the history of Phelps County.

It is a pleasure to work with Lourie because of her cheery disposition and she works well with others.

Thank you Lourie for the many volunteer hours in our Genealogy Library and all you do for Holdrege Area Genealogy Club.

Don O. Lindgren Library

We have a dedicated group of people who come to help at the library. This quarter we recognize **Harry Stuart**. Harry does a great deal of indexing of our books and records housed at Nebraska Prairie Museum. Below is a listing of records he has indexed.

- Obituaries - 15,107
- Special People books - 15,957
- 1903 Phelps County Atlas -2,610
- 1920 Phelps County Atlas 193 names
- Probates - 1,204 names
- Weddings -9,216
- Records Room records - 100,867
- Shelf list -5,013 (includes books and maps housed in our library.)
- Military Records list for Phelps County - 3,672

OLD SETTLERS MEETING

From the Nebraska Nugget - 2 July 1884

As per call, a meeting of the citizens of Phelps County, who made settlement prior to 1879, was held on Saturday evening, June 21st. The following is a report: Meeting was called to order at 8 o'clock by T.M. Hopwood who stated the object of the meeting. Upon motion T. M. Hopwood was chosen as Permanent Chairman; C. N. Sears, Permanent Secretary, and L. Banta, Treasurer, after which the Chairman proceeded with the program as previously published.

The first on the program was Mr. H. Dequine, who was to respond to the following: Old Land-marks in 1874, but was not there.

Next, Buffalo Hunts, responded by Dr. J. S. Hoyt. Dr. Hoyt gave interesting incidents of some of his famous exploits. The gentleman passed through this county in 1868, traveling west into the Deadwood country. The Doctor referred to his race with a buffalo on the Platte in the north part of this county; he had wounded the animal and the critter turned on him; he emptied his little 83 caliber pop and then words, "run the thing down" The Doctor then referred to many other of his numerous buffalo exploits none the less interesting. Referred also to driving and practicing his profession in Harlan and adjoining counties; he drove from December to July without charging a cent; the homesteaders were too poor to pay anything; had nothing to pay with; he told where he had been called upon by a well-known and now prosperous family in Harlan County; The lady of the house was sick and dangerously so. The doctor recommended a change of clothing and a bath. She informed him that the dress she had on was her all. He went and purchased canton flannel, enough to make her two suits of underwear and Mother Wright, of Harlan County made one and the Doctor's wife the other and the suits were delivered by the Doctor. The Doctor remembered when the grass hoppers came down, and in forty minutes ate up a field of corn of forty acres. Bone-Pickers, by S. P. Moser, was not present.

Green backers first in the county, by C. E. Smith. Mr. Smith referred to the times when he arrived in Phelps County, not a green-backer to be found, but now the followers of

the General Weaver can be counted by the dozens. Mr. Smith spoke of the advantages of the Greenbacks.

First Settlers of Phelps County, by James Sweezy. Mr. Sweezy came to Phelps County in 1873; there was not a house on the divide in Phelps County. He was a guest of the grasshopper, hauled bones to Kearney and got \$5 a ton, which bought him 100 pounds of poor flour; he had plenty of buffalo meat and had to fight for a pair of cow-hide shoes and a little flour and refuse that had been sent as aid to the grasshopper suffers on the U. P. R..R. to Plum Creek. Mr. Sweezy's reminiscences were very interesting.

Hunting the Antelope by William Shilling, but was not present. Grasshoppers by N. C. Christenson, but was not present.

Black-eyed Peas and Batching It, by C. N. Sears, was responded to. The old bachelor, old is experience, first told of how he made biscuit, of how he put in saleratua, of how he put in sorghum and how very nice and polished they looked when the came out of the oven, but with characteristic caution he corralled his dog Keyser, who hungered and emaciated though he was would take nary a bite. Thoughtful Sears, lucky dog; his black-eyed pea story was too good for anything, the constant, over-flowing, upheaving, swelling, distending, expanding, everlasting black-eyed pea is never to-be-forgotten reminiscence of the early days of Phelps County.

Ring Rule of County Government by P. O. Hedlund. Mr. Hedlund was president, but excused himself on the found of now preparation.

The first newspaper by B. O. Wilson. Mr. Wilson gave a graphic account of his trip west and the motives which prompted him hither; he wanted to be an old settler, grow up with the county, kill an "Ingun", marry a squaw and raise children. He walked from Kearney in the spring of 1870, drove his toes through his shoes, thought Phelps County needed a paper, started the Phelps County Pioneer with a handful of type and a piece of brown paper 5x7 inches in size, built a sod house 10x16 feet and lived on greens, parched corn and dried apples for breakfast, drink water for dinner and they swelled up for supper. He stood the postmas-

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Harlan County, Nebraska

From 1879 Gazetteer

Harlan County is on the south line of the state, and is bounded north by Phelps, east by Franklin, south by Phillips, Kansas and west by Furnas. It was organized in 1871 and has an area of 576 square miles, with a population of 2,388. During 1878, the returns show that the crops were as follows: 132,500 bushels of wheat, 280,000 bushels of corn, 35,000 bushels of barley, and 15,000 bushels of rye. The property in livestock is given as consisting of 952 horses, 127 mules, 2,694 cattle, 709 sheep and 1,840 swine. There are at present 35 schools, 3 flouring and 2 saw mills, and 5 churches. In 1870 the county was without an inhabitant; today its assessed value is \$250,000. The above figures constitute an eloquent comment upon its capabilities, and the nerve of its people. The county is situated in the Republican Valley, and includes portions of the valleys of the Republican River, Prairie Dog, Sappa, Turkey Creek and other streams, all skirted with timber. The surface of the county is rolling prairie, easily tilled and so productive as to receive from Prof. Aughey the designation of the Rhine Valley of America. The formation of the county makes it equally favorable for stock raising and agriculture. The people are confident that in the event of a railroad passing up the Republican Valley, it will traverse the county and enhance the value of real estate of at least three-fold.

ALMA

Alma is the county seat of Harlan County and is located on Cook creek, in the southeast portion of the county. It is about 6 miles distant from Republican City, and the same from Orleans. It was laid out in 1873 by M. Jurell, and was resurveyed in 1876, being the property now of R. C. Willits. It was named after Alma Cook, the daughter of M. P. Cook, an early settler in the county. The child has passed away, and the town if

NOTE: The Phelps Helps Newsletter highlights Harlan County in this section. With many of our subscribers interested in and from Harlan County, and since Harlan County is a connecting county to Phelps County, the Phelps Helps will publish history information on Harlan County.

not revived by a railroad, will soon do likewise. The present population is 30. It holds its dignity as the county seat through the jealous rivalry of the other towns, and it is probable that litigation not in progress will soon lead to relocation.

HARLAN COUNTY OFFICERS

Judge- A. C. Robbins
 Clerk - W. Downs
 Treasurer - James Billings
 Sheriff - S. D Main
 Coroner - G. Dean
 Superintendent Public Instruction - J. W. Lohr
 Commissioners - S. M. Bowles, J. H. Olson, V. B. Been
 Alma House - G. C. Borden, Proprietor
 Billings & Dawson - Agricultural Implements
 Dixon, Jacob - hardware
 Guyer, L. E., postmaster and general merchandise

HIGHSCHOOL CLASS OF 1920 WILCOX, NEBRASKA COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Friday Evening, May 7th at 8:00
 Methodist Church

Class Motto: Labor Conquers All Things
Class Colors: Light Blue and White
Class Flower: White Carnation

Class Roll:
 Melvin G. Newton; Glen Paul Bahr;
 Clarence R. Zulauf; Sidney E. Sloan;
 Elizabeth Harms; Anna C. Hopmann;
 J. Everett Meyers; Howard H. Rhoades;
 Grace L. R. West; Jotham C. Blackburn;
 R. Russell Davenport; Viola L. Hawkinson;
 Clara E. Tipping;

Ruth A. Beitel, Principal;
 Lesta B. Escher, Superintendent.

New Members & Their Queries

1. Susan McAdam
6018 Poppleton Ave.
Omaha, NE 68106-1534

Researching the Polhemus family who lived in the Rock Falls Township, Phelps County, Nebraska.

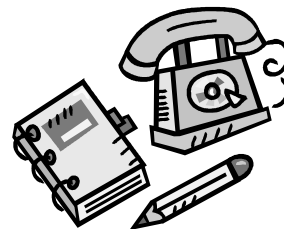
2. Bertrand Herald
P. O. Box 425
Bertrand, NE 68927

3. John and Connie Dahlstet
3505 Golden Circle
Kaysville, UT 84037
dahlstet@msn.com

The Dahlstet family was early pioneers of Phelps County.

4. Arden, Elden
1775 South Lexington Ave., Unit #1
Lilydale, MN 55118

Researching John & Jennie Erickson, who came to Phelps County in 1882. Their children were Hattie; Johan "Albert"; Johanna Christina "Olive"; Lawrence; Carl; Ruth; Simon; Walter, Jennie; Evaline; Harold; Josek "Philip" and Irene.



Atlanta, Nebraska News

Holdrege Citizen, March 9, 1893

The M. E. church held their quarterly meeting March 7th, in the Atlanta Church.

Frank Shelburn returned from Iowa Sunday. He reports snow plenty there.

Miss Pealstick returned from Adams county Sunday.

Messrs. Wolf & McManagile our new grocery firm are busy taking in new goods; also they have a supply of farm implements.

The new lumber man is going to build a new residence near the school house. His family is at Nelson yet. He goes home on Saturday.

Ben McDougall has his house nearly up.

Frank Shelburn has purchased the meat market but will not take possession this year. Fie Zaggers will run the meat market the coming year.

Mrs. A Boss has a son. Dr. Holmes attended her.

Dr. Palmer came down from Holdrege the other night and in the morning there was a 10 pound girl at Dr. Roberts. There is a smile at the Doctor's house. Come again Dr. Palmer.

Van Been and family returned from California March 6th.

George M. Case was at St. Joe, Missouri last week buying goods for the coming season. He stopped at Kansas City visiting his son C. M. Case, who works in the Western Union Telegraph office there.

John Hopkins has moved into his farm near Groft.

We hear that Mr. Hefner of Illinois has come here to buy himself a farm. We welcome all such.

J. B. Pickering has moved to Orleans to live for a short time.

New Books On Our Shelf

- "Class of 1952, 50 years, Holdrege, NE"
- 1873 Centennial Issue, Phelps County - Compiled by Mary Lou Abramson.
- "B. R. Lakin "A Country Preacher"
- "The Amazing Story of the Ridgley's In America" - Given by Brian Ridgley.

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ter off for stamps to send his paper; his subscribers paid for the paper in watermelons and black beans. Moved to Phelps and enlarged the paper. Tried to get elected to office and failed because of the lack of votes; said he was going to stay in Phelps County if the people would let him.

What We Burned, by J. C. Stanley, but was not present.

Prairie Fires by John Lindboom. Mr. Lindboom gave an interesting account of his settlement and a trip to Kearney soon after he settled. There was no road to Kearney at that time and not a well to be found from his place to Kearney; almost died for water. Was caught in a hail storm and thought every hail was a mountain.

Old County Seat by T. M. Hopwood. Mr. Hopwood gave an interesting account of his first settlement here in the county in the spring of 1878, and lived in a sod chicken coop until he was elected County Commissioner in the fall; had a hard time to find real estate owners to go his bond, but at last he succeeded. Rode horse back on a dilapidated mule through the sand hills to Williamsburg, then the County Seat of Phelps County. Life had been burnt out three times. Lived on the wind and is still in the land of the living and has now a better mule quit riding on its sore back and has a couple of dollars in his pocket and a few crackers left at home for him and friends.

Keeping a Ranch, by Jonas Peterson, but was

not present.

Closing address by Prof Worden. Mr. Worden Crossed over this county to the west thirty-three years ago. He advised the people to not be deceived, but to stand shoulder to shoulder. The old settlers need to lend to each other, especially their good will and support and deemed it justice that your offices in the county be filled with these sturdy old settlers who have gone through all the hardships of the county, endured privations known only by the pioneer. Prof Worden advised the old settlers to look well to their future welfare and not be bound by hardship of a mortgage.

At the conclusion of Prof. Worden's address, Mr. Magill was called upon and made some very appropriate remarks.

Upon motion the chairman was instructed to appoint a committee on Bylaws and Constitution for the government of the organization. The Chair appointed as such committee, Messrs. B. O. Wilson, A. E. Whitcomb and Mr. Rodstrom. The chairman was also instructed to appoint a committee on Programs to be appointed in time for preparation before next meeting. Upon motion it was decided that there would be another meeting held on the last Saturday in the Month of August, commencing at 10 o'clock a.m.

Everybody cordially invited to attend.

T. M. Hopwood Chairman

Charles A. Sears, Secretary

Nebraska Nugget Newspaper

Phelps Center, Nebraska - February 7, 1883

Mr. R. Seaman, who is with Halgren and Hanson, the successful land agents of Kearney, was in town last week. He stated that the firm had sold over 50,000 acres of land in the past six months and that the greater part of it was in Phelps County. Nearly all this land will be occupied by actual settlers this spring.

Six new buildings will be erected immediately in Phelps Center. Not town or county ever had a bigger boom than is now in the prospect for Phelps Center in the year of 1883. All over eastern Nebraska the story is being circulated that Phelps County is the garden spot of the west, and it has created an anxiety and a curiosity to see which can only be satisfied by an actual survey of our rich beautiful, and cheap lands. The certainty of the rail road which is to be built through the center of

this great rich Divide, between Hasting and Arapahoe, this coming spring, adds a new charm to our country, and already the gain of a long line of immigration has reached us. They are coming not only from eastern Nebraska but from Iowa, Illinois, Minnesota, Michigan, Wisconsin, Indiana, Kansas, Missouri, Ohio and all the far eastern and southern states. Not long since a letter reached us from New Jersey, 2,000 miles away, from a Nugget subscriber, saying buy me a lot. I will be there in the spring. Seventy lots have been sold and occupied in the town of Phelps in the past year. Almost every mail we are called upon for letters of the information or sample copies of the Nugget and our citizens may rest assured that none of these calls are neglected. We cordially invite home seekers to come and see us. Come and get acquainted with our people, examine our

soil, and see our products. Look at our schools, our churches, our market advantages and our natural resources and outlets. Phelps County people are proud of their home and they want you to see it.

The best way to reach Phelps County is by rail to Kearney, from which point a daily state runs to Phelps, our flourishing County Seat.

We already have 3,000 inhabitants, twelve post offices and five different trading posts.

Phelps has two hotels, either of which affords good commendations.

To give the reader some idea of our agricultural resources and productions we might state that \$30,000 worth of implements were sold at Phelps alone in the year 1882.

Come see us and you will stay.

Early Phelps County Had More People

Article from the Holdrege Daily Citizen, March 21, 1977

(This is one of a series of articles written by John E. Erickson of Funk, NE)

This is the beginning article of a short history of the settling of Phelps County, starting with the Surveying of the county in 1870, and relating the experiences that the early settlers had to go through.

In looking back it is almost impossible to realize that the years of this story covers, the population of Phelps County had gone from zero in 1870 to an all time high in 1900 to 11,771 persons according to the 1900 census. This figure has never been topped in the last 75 years.

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My father, Peter Erickson, took up his homestead approximately three miles east of Funk in the southwest quarter of section 24 in Divide Township, on April 5, 1878. He also bought the timber claim Preemption right for Southeast quarter for \$50, which made him the owner of the South one-half of section twenty-four in Divide Township.

I did not go through the experience of the early settlers, but as a young man I enjoyed listening to the early pioneer stories telling of the hardships they went through, so that I almost felt as if I had actually lived at that time.

In the later years of my father's life he would live in the past telling especially of the various trails as they were before the arrival of the railroads in Phelps County.

The rapid settlement of Nebraska was due to two historical events. The first was the Homestead Act passed by Congress contracting with the Union Pacific Railroad Company to build a railroad from Omaha to the west coast, with Salt Lake City as the first objective.

This contract was let out in 1863. After the Union Pacific Railroad company had received the contract to build the railroad, they asked Congress to help in finance the project. To help speed up the work Congress donated a strip of land twenty miles wide on either side of the right of way, in which the rail road was to receive every odd number section. The even number sections were reserved for Homesteads, Timber Claims and Soldier Claims.

Work on the project was started immediately and a survey had to be made. The railroad company chose to follow the Platte River Valley staying on the north side of the river.

This proved to be a good plan because of the level terrain of the land. Very few bridges had to be built and no large cuts had to be made in the going through hills. Construction was started in the fall and continued along the surveyed right of way. By 1866 they were well past Kearney. Traffic on the railroad was maintained as fast as the railroad

was built.

Kearney then became an important trading center for the whole area north of the Platte River, There were no wagon bridges across the river in this part of the state and the area south of the river was not yet ready for homesteading as the land had not been surveyed. The survey of the area south of the river started in 1869, starting at the Kansas-Nebraska border and proceeding north from there. Harlan County was surveyed in 1869 and Phelps County in 1870. Settlers started to take up claims in Harlan County in 1870, coming in from the south and taking up claims along the creeks and the Republican River because of the supply of water and wood there. Their first homes were mostly dugouts and in hillsides which were covered with brush and dirt. Some said that they resembled swallow nests on the hillsides.

When Harlan and Phelps Counties were surveyed, the surveyors lived in the fields. They had their own tents and cook wagon, but they had to come to Kearney for their supplies as that was the nearest railroad town in this area. Their difficulty in getting to Kearney was to cross the Platte River. There was no bridge at that time and so to cross they had to drive in the river. This was very dangerous because of quick sand.

To overcome this, the soldiers at Fort Kearny were kept busy hauling hay and brush into the river to make a roadbed that was reasonably safe to drive on. Poles were set in the river to mark the place where to drive.

The early settlers in Harlan County had to come to Kearney for their supplies. Without knowing where to drive, they saw the marks in the prairie grass where the surveyors had driven while surveying the county and found that by following those trails this was the best way to get to Kearney.

So when the early settlers came to Phelps County these trails were pretty well established and easy to follow. The Phelps County settlers also had to use those trails to get to Rock Falls Township to get wood and poles for their sod houses. Along Spring Creek there was a

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Senior Sneak Day is Memorable

(Holdrege Duster School Newspaper—May 27, 1925)

The sun rose the same as usual, round and red, and the wind blew through the trees. It was May 12, 1925, and things were moving about rapidly. Under a closer view, these objects proved to be cars which whizzed up and down the streets at places and picking up passengers.

What was it all about? The Seniors were going to sneak despite the fact that the (brilliant?) Junior Class had their hawk-eyes peeled for big game.

Assembled, at the outside of the race track were about 10 cars. The signal was given and the laughing, joking, bunch started.

Nothing happened on the way to Crystal Lake that was unusual, except accidents, time trouble, cake eating and losing the routes, which are not counted.

Upon arriving at the beautiful wooded slopes boarded by the leaping waters of Crystal Lake, breakfast was started with a will. Eggs, bacon, bread and butter

and who knows perhaps a few grasshoppers were eaten. That is all right, for didn't Will Rogers or someone live in the desert for forty years eating only locusts and honey?

Boat-rides, site seeing, carving of names and exploring followed. Oh yes, Mr. Nicholes, Forest Nyberg, William Dahl, Bert Landquist Ed Abrahamson and Bernie Johnson did a grand stand act and went fishing under a slicker. It was raining, don't-cha-know, and the boys did not want to get wet. See? About eight whales were caught.

Another fast was broken by the disappearance of a stack of pork chops, bread and butter, jam, potatoes, salad, pickles, olives, coffee, cake and ice cream.

An important class meeting followed and it was decided to return to Holdrege because of the moisture in the air.

Arriving in Holdrege, a show was enjoyed followed by lunch at the Business Girl's Room.

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good supply of trees for poles and fuel.

Some of the earliest settlers took up homesteads along the Platte River staying close to the Oregon Trail. The earliest ones settled in 1870 just after the Phelps County survey was completed. Williamsburg was the center of those settling there and became the first post office, and when the county was organized in 1873 it was designated as the first county seat.

There were only four small frame buildings there. One if them was designated to be the official county seat and the others were resident's houses. A small store was located in one of them were a limited supply of necessary articles for the settlers was available.

The wagon bridge across the Platte River was built during the summer of 1875 and this made it more convenient for people to get to and from Kearney.

Civil War Veteran Celebrates Birthday

(Popular Holdrege Physician was eighty-one, talks of early days)

April 15, 1926 Holdrege Newspaper

On Friday April 16th Dr. S. F. Sanders will celebrate his eighty-first birthday. The doctor has been under the weather more or less all winter but is feeling much better at this time.

In conversation with a representative of this paper recently, Dr. Sanders recalled his first visit to Holdrege in 1884. About that time the Prohibition Party was quite active in Good Hope, Illinois, where the doctor practiced medicine for twenty years. The Sanders home was the stopping place of prohibition speakers. Upon his initial visit he came across a man whom he had heard speak and entertained in his home. The renewed acquaintance, the man borrowed a dollar and when they met a few hours later the man had become gloriously drunk on the doctor's dollar.

Dr. Sanders is not a believer in the "good old days." He says moral conditions are much better in this community today than they were forty years ago. At that time he says "more than half the people were bad."

Dr. Sanders received his medical training in Illinois. He spent three years as an apprentice in the doctor's office prior to taking up work in a medical college. In 1868 he began the practice of his profession; coming to Holdrege in 1888.

He has always kept abreast of the times, traveled extensively, attending convention whenever, he felt that by doing so he would be better qualified for his practice. The first convention he ever attended was held in Louisville, Kentucky in 1875.

Dr. Sanders took his first airplane ride some time last summer and is now quite a fan. He has been looking forward to making a flying trip to Lincoln ever since.

The doctor served with company I, 137th Illinois regiment, was captured August 21, 1864, and taken to Cahoba prison in Alabama, where he remained until the close of the war. He subsisted each day during the eight months in prison on a pint of ground corn.

Dr. Sanders is a charter member and one of the organizers of Mt. Elias Commander, Knights Templar. He was elected its first Prelate, which position he has held continuously since. He was among the first members taken into the Presbyterian Church by letter and has always been one of the most faithful members and for many years one of its most efficient officers.

In May of 1924, Dr. Sanders was elected Department Commander of the Nebraska G. A. R. and the Jewel presented him at the end of his term of office is one of his most cherished possessions.

Dr. Sanders enjoys a wide circle of acquaintances who join us in extending congratulations and wishing his many more happy birthdays.

Holdrege Area Genealogy Club Receives Memorials

We wish to thank Harry Dahlstrom and his daughter Jane Dahlstrom Quin for their \$500 memorial to the Library at Nebraska Prairie Museum in Memory of Ev Dahlstrom. Ev and Harry Dahlstrom have been members of Holdrege Area Genealogy Club for many years. Ev was very interested in family history and spent many hours getting the Phelps County History book ready for publication in 1980. It was always a joy to visit with Ev and we will miss her.

Holdrege Area Genealogy Club voted to buy a microfilm of old Holdrege newspapers in memory of Evelyn Dahlstrom. Those who gave memorials were Sally Massey, Elizabeth Schlutz, Agnes Johnson, Robert and Sandra Slater and Ada Hinson.

A donation in memory of Joyce Glandon

was given by Douglas W. McNiell, which will be used to buy microfilm. We appreciate receiving these Memorials and wish to thank everyone who gave them.

We plan to buy a CD Burner and the following Holdrege Newspapers on microfilm for our library.

Newspapers from Holdrege Progress, Holdrege, NE:

Reel 1 October 11, 1895-August 27, 1897
 Reel 3 May 11, 1900-January 31, 1902
 Reel 4 February 7, 1902-October 30, 1903
 Reel 5 November 6, 1903-March 16, 1906
 Reel 6 March 22, 1906-May 16, 1907
 Reel 7 May 23, 1907-January 14, 1909

Newspapers from the Holdrege Citizen:

Reel F September 7, 1900-May 29, 1903

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