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President's Message

BY JEAN MCCrackEN

Without our members' continued generous financial support, our society would not have been able to fund operations of the genealogy research library for the past 26 years, as we waited for the building of a new public library.

January is fast approaching and a new membership year begins for our society. This means that it is dues paying time.

Accompanying this newsletter you will find a membership renewal form. Individual dues are \$25 and family dues are \$30. Please renew your membership and if possible make a generous donation to the Society, in support of the Genealogy Library.

More and more we depend upon donations to support the library as membership declines. Donations made to CCGS, above the dues amount, are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Our December society meeting is 2 p.m. Sunday, December 18, 2016, in the south lobby of the Community Services Building. Members and guests will have the opportunity to share their special Christmas memories. Please bring a dessert item to add to the refreshment table. Drink will be provided.

Please note that after this December meeting, the remainder of our meetings this society year will be held in the Norman Central Public Library, 225 North Webster, either in the Lowry Room or Rooms A&B.

Nova Hornback, our program chair, would welcome suggestions for topics to be presented at our monthly meetings. Or perhaps you know of a speaker who could present a program of interest to our group. You can contact Nova at 701-2100 on Tuesday or Thursday afternoons between 1:00 and 5:00 p.m. Or e-mail her at ccgs@csbi.org.



Your 2016 CCGS membership expires December 31, 2016.

**Please support the continuing operations of the
CCGS Library & Archives**

by renewing your membership today.

**Use the 2017 membership form
attached to this newsletter.**

Thank you!

And let us know how we can help you.

**Cleveland County
Genealogical Society**

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(Community Services Building,
South Entrance)
MAIL: P.O. Box 6176, Norman OK 73070
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LIBRARY HOURS: 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday
Thursday
Saturday

MEETINGS: 2:00 p.m. 3rd Sunday of each
month except July and August.
Beginning January 2017, all Society
meetings will be held at Norman Central
Library.

MEMBERSHIP: Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2017
Individual \$25
Family \$30
Institution \$45

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FEATURE

Toys

BY MARY WHELESS

My childhood toys were mainly limited to the one toy that Santa Claus would bring at Christmas. Needless to say, each toy was much appreciated and lovingly cared for, since it would be a year before another Christmas toy.

Birthdays were the only other possible occasion to receive a toy. My birthday is in September and quickly became the occasion to receive new school clothing for the new school year instead of toys.

I grew up under the tutelage of my older brother, True, six years my senior. Daddy taught True how to make several toys, and then True would make toys for me.

The "rubber gun" was cut from plywood. The stock was about 4 inches long and 2 inches wide. The barrel was 12 to 16 inches in length and about 1 inch thick. One handle of a spring type clothes pin was attached to the gun stock by binding it in place with heavy twine. Circles of rubber were cut from used automobile tire inner tubes. These rubber bands were stretched from the end of the gun barrel to the mouth of the clothes pin. Mashing the clothes pin's free handle released the rubber band. The length of the gun barrel and the condition of the rubber band determined the force and distance of the missile.

Small "tractors" were made from empty wooden sewing thread spools. Notches were cut in the ends of the spools to create tractor treads for traction. Halves wooden toothpicks or small nails were used to hold a rubber band in place, which had been inserted through the spool hole. Power to move the tractor was generated by holding one end of the rubber band stationary while twisting the other end of the rubber band. Releasing the twisted rubber band impelled the tractor forward.

Metal bands used to hold nail keg staves in place were prized finds. Next you had to find a length of wooden lath similar to the wood used nowadays to make decorative lattice screens. From this lath a "T" was made, with the handle length determined by your height. A cross piece no more than 12 inches in length was attached crosswise to one end of the handle. The metal band or "hoop" was rolled down the "T" handle, which was a feat in itself to get the hoop rolling without the hoop falling off the handle. The hoop was then guided and pushed along using the "T" handle. Concrete sidewalks and/or paved city streets would have made

this procedure easier to accomplish. But we had neither. We played on dirt streets where each clod of dirt would send the hoop careening on unpredictable paths of travel. Miles of running after hoops strengthened leg and arm muscles and occupied many hours of our waking time.

Developing balance and strength was accomplished by “stilt walking.” Stilts were lengths of 1” x 4” lumber with foot rests attached at specific heights. All lengths were determined according to one’s height. Getting on the stilts was as much an accomplishment as walking was after getting on. Arm and leg coordination and strength determined the length of time one could remain “stilted.”

A used auto tire, a length of rope and a lateral tree limb of adequate size provided all elements needed for a “swing.”

Lightweight wood necessary for kite frames was very difficult to come by. True was friends with a lumber yard employee who would save scrap lumber for him. True would periodically frequent the lumber yard to select woods that he could use for his various projects.

After obtaining the proper wood to form the tee or cross-shaped frame for a kite, True would approach Mama for fabric to make the kite tail and also ask her to make a flour paste with which to glue newspaper to the kite frame. Mama made paste from baking flour and water, which was used to install wallpaper, and it was ideal for making kites. String for the kite harness and lead had to be purchased and was wisely saved at the end of the kite season for next year’s kites.

Many hours were spent searching for materials to make our toys. It never occurred to us that we were “recycling,” using discarded materials for our toy making, nor the fact that we were developing and strengthening muscles, hand and eye coordination and enjoying exercise.

Remembering Cleveland County’s Rural Schools

It has been a joy during the past two or three years for the CCGS Library to host monthly meetings of the Cleveland County Rural School Reunion Committee. In their meetings, the committee envisioned, organized, and produced a project to honor and memorialize the seventy rural schools that dotted Cleveland County, beginning about 1890. These mostly one-room schools, located approximately every three miles, provided education to the children of Cleveland County’s pioneers.

The culmination of the project was the designing of a sign to indicate the location of each rural school, fund-raising to underwrite the cost of the signs, and finally, providing the labor to install the signs in each school location.

Signs have been funded and set at the original locations of these former rural schools: Adair, Alamo, Banner, Blackburn, Buckhead, Canada, Clothier, Clearbrook, Denver, Enterprise, Etowah, Grotts, Highland, Little River, Liberty at SW 60th and Robinson, Liberty at 120th and 104, Lone Star, Meeks, New Hope, Pleasant Valley, Red Springs, Robinson, Rocky Point, Rose Hill, Science Hill, South Gale, Spring Hill, Spring Creek, Stella, Schwartz, Twelve Corners, Union Hill, Valley Grove, and Willow View.

About half of the rural schools in Cleveland County have been marked to this date. If your school is not on this list, and you would like to help fund a sign, please call Joyce Miller Carle at 405-872-5157.

Readers can access maps showing the location of all Cleveland County rural schools at the CCGS website,

<https://ccgsok.com/research/early-schools/>

Cleveland County Genealogical Society Archives hold original school records beginning in 1890.

CCGS News

Discussions Begin for Next Five-Year Plan

The CCGS Board of Directors has begun discussion to determine a five-year Strategic Plan for the years 2017/18 through 2021/22. We are currently in the final year of our first CCGS 5-Year Strategic Plan.

Midway through the next 5-Year Plan, our long-standing goal (since CCGS opened the Genealogy Library in 1990) will be achieved, as our genealogy collection is integrated into the collections of a brand-new Norman Central Library building, sometime in 2019.

Our primary goals in the new plan will relate to cooperative activities to achieve a seamless integration into the Norman Public Library collection. We also must vision into a future in which our major goals will drastically change.

Meetings

Sunday, September 18

Members gathered for our annual back to genealogy meeting, sharing delicious foods and family history stories.

Especially interesting were the stories shared by long-time member Alan Montgomery, who reminisced about the beginnings of the Cleveland County Genealogical Society Library and its growth over the years.

Sunday, October 16

Our annual Library Open House featured two pioneer couples nominated for the CCGS Registry of *Pioneers of Cleveland County, Oklahoma Territory*.

James Pleasant Corbett and Mary Elizabeth Sizemore were nominated by their granddaughter, Celia Joan Morris Phillips. They were native Alabamans who settled in southern Cleveland County's Corbett community in 1893.

John "Jack" Kahoe and Phoebe Mary McKee were nominated by Deborah Lea Thompson Miller, their great-great-granddaughter. The Kahoe family established a home at 105 West Tonhawa Street in the early days. Jack Kahoe was a stone mason who built several of the early stone buildings in Norman, including the original City National Bank building.

In the first three years of our Pioneers registry, twenty Pioneer couples have been honored by their descendants. The records submitted by descendants are held in the Pioneer files in the CCGS Library, and are available to future family researchers.

Applications for the *Pioneers of Cleveland County, O.T.* registry are available on request at the CCGS Library.

Sunday, November 20

Mike Wilson, former educator, university administrator and life-long Civil War buff, presented *Scottish Abolitionists, Confederate Indians and the Civil War in Oklahoma*.

Wilson briefly discussed the history of the Indian populations in relation to the American government, the Indian removals of the 1830s, and the divided loyalties of the Indian tribes in the Indian Territory prior to and during the Civil War. His ancestors and his wife's ancestors were leaders on opposing sides of the question in Indian Territory.

Weaving between the history and the ancestry, he marveled that a descendant of Indian Confederate partisans would, more than a century later, meet and marry a descendant of a rival Indian Union defender.

Current events in CCGS Library

As usual, the CCGS Library is buzzing with activity, whether we have visitors or not.

Jean McCracken is putting the finishing touches on an index to probates from 1950 to 1972, the most recent years in the CCGS collection of original Cleveland County probate court files.

Mary Lewis has begun an inventory of each item in the Tax Room of the CCGS Archives. In addition to the many tax books, which begin in 1890, we also find election records and naturalization records.

Nova Hornback recently installed a display for CCGS in the Norman Central Library.

Jane Harris sends meeting notices to members, stocks the book sale cart, and performs varied other tasks.

Marilyn Henry and Jan Fendley are working on the annual audit.

Kathryn Ramsay, genealogy librarian for Pioneer Library System, continues cataloging portions of the CCGS collection in preparation for the move into the genealogy room in a new Norman Central Library sometime in 2019.

CCGS Library Holiday Schedule

The CCGS Library will be closed for the Christmas holiday, beginning Thursday, December 22, 2016 and will be open again on Thursday, January 5, 2017.

Happy holidays!

Writing Family History

A small group of CCGS members have been meeting monthly for over a decade, sharing their own writing about aspects of their family history and encouraging the others of the importance of creating a permanent record of their own family stories.

Some Writers Group members write primarily for themselves or for close family members. Others distribute their stories to a wide swath of cousins and in-laws. All have created a large portfolio of writing, well over a hundred stories, after writing monthly for more than ten years.

The group's emphasis is on the act of writing, rather than the art or the craft of writing. We know story-tellers who delight family and friends with the tales they weave about the older members of their family. And yet, unless someone records those stories, on paper or audio or video, they are forever lost when the story-teller is gone.

You are welcome to join the Writers Group at 10:00 a.m. on the second Wednesday each month, in the CCGS Library.

Bring a story related to your family, or just come and hear others' stories and be inspired to write.

History of Moore Website

Moore residents, and others who are interested in the history of Cleveland County, now have digital access to a History of Moore website at www.historyofmoore.com

An ad hoc committee of the city council has been responsible for organizing and launching the website, which is focused on the history of Moore.

Featured on the website are videos produced by community leaders in recent years, including *Moore's Stop: An Historical View of an Oklahoma Community* and *If These Walls Could Talk: A History of Moore's Old School Building*.

Also featured are many photos of people, places, and activities in the Moore area at varying times since 1890. Those who have memories or photographs to share have an opportunity to submit their contribution right there on the website.

Check the History of Moore website yourself to learn about the city's future plans to develop a history museum and possibly a historical walking trail.

Calendar

CCGS Board Meetings: 6:30 p.m. second

Monday, CCGS Library
December 12, 2016
January 9, 2017
February 13, 2017
March 13, 2017

CCGS Society Meetings: 2:00 p.m. third Sunday (except July & August), All 2017 meetings will be held at Norman Central Library.

December 18, 2016: Christmas social, at CCGS Library
January 15, 2017
February 19, 2017
March 19, 2017

Family History Writers Group: 10 a.m.

second Wednesday, CCGS Library
December 14, 2016
January 11, 2017
February 8, 2017
March 8, 2017

Deaths

Dr. M. Glen Pool, husband of CCGS member Sarah Pool, died October 13, 2016 in Norman.

We Get Mail!

We appreciate hearing from our readers and our visitors.

A dad of a sixth-grader writes, *"My daughter is working on a fun project in her history class right now: she's researching our family tree! We've been looking for resources to cite and include, and your web page [www.ccgsook.com] has been a big help!"*

A recent visitor wrote, *"Thank you for your hospitality during my visit. From the moment I called and spoke to your volunteer about planning my trip, to 5:15 p.m. on the day I was there, no one could have been more helpful. I was researching my great-great-grandfather, and your volunteers jumped right in and pulled the file for me, made maps so I could envision where they lived, and all hands were on deck to make the many copies which I wanted for my file. It was so special to hold the actual documents and see the history played out in my hands."*

That is what we are here for.

In the Library

New Books

This list completes the titles in the recent donation of Family Maps books by Vicki and Greg Boyd and Arphax Publishing.

Family Maps of Alabama

Geneva County Jefferson County
Greene County Sumter County

Family Maps of Colorado

Adams County Morgan County
Logan County Ouray County

Family Maps of Florida

Citrus County Santa Rosa County
Holmes County Walton County

Family Maps of Idaho

Benewah County Kootenai County

Family Maps of Illinois

Cumberland County Knox County
Edwards County Marion County
Ford County Shelby County
Grundy County Warren County
Hancock County White County
Jasper County Winnebago County
Kendall County

Family Maps of Indiana

Boone County Marion County
Delaware County Shelby County
Jay County Warren County
Jennings County White County
LaGrange County

Family Maps of Iowa

Black Hawk County Keokuk County
Cedar County Poweshiek County
Decatur County Story County
Henry County Union County
Jasper County Warren County
Jefferson County

Family Maps of Michigan

Allegan County Lenawee County
Cass County Luce County
Eaton County Macomb County
Gogebic County Montmorency Co.
Gratiot County Newaygo County
Ingham County Sanilac County

Family Maps of Minnesota

Carlton County Mille Lacs County
Hubbard County Murray County
McLeod County Norman County

Family Maps of Mississippi

Choctaw County Madison County
Forrest County Marion County
George County Newton County
Grenada County Oktibbeha County
Holmes County Rankin County
Jefferson Davis Co. Smith County
Lee County Winston County

Family Maps of Nebraska

Blaine County McPherson County
Garden County Scotts Bluff County
Grant County Sioux County
Hooker County Thomas County
Logan County

Family Maps of New Mexico

Curry County

Family Maps of North Dakota

Barnes County Kidder County

Family Maps of Ohio

Hancock County

Family Maps of Utah

Sanpete County

Family Maps of Washington

Douglas County Whitman County

Family Maps of Wisconsin

Bayfield County Monroe County
Clark County Rusk County
Dane County Sawyer County
Green County Taylor County
Jackson County Washburn County
Langlade County

In Recent Journals

This simple quiz will help you find your Cherokee ancestors—provided they are indeed Cherokee. *Tree-Searchers Quarterly*. Mayes County Genealogical Society, Fall 2016.

The history of Corn, Oklahoma, and the experiences of the migrations of these German-speaking people from Germany to Russia, and then a century later to the United States and Canada, is condensed in this report of the All State meeting of the Society of Germans from Russia. *Die Zeitung*. American Historical Society of Germans from Russia, Central Oklahoma Chapter. Vol. 40, No. 4, September 2016.

Your indentured servant ancestor should be celebrated as a person who made it. *The Tree Tracers*. Southwest Oklahoma Genealogical Society. Vol. 40, No. 4, June-August 2016.

Since You Asked ...

BY JO MUSTOE

Q: We've noticed lately that CCGS handout materials refer to the library *and archives*. What kind of things can researchers expect to find in the archives?

A: You will find original courthouse records from the earliest years of Cleveland County history. As a Society, we are very proud of the part we played in rescuing some early records when they were literally on their way to the dump. In order to create more storage space in the courthouse, efforts were made, beginning in the eighties, to microfilm the earliest records and pass along the originals.

The Oklahoma History Center had the same kind of storage problem and did not encourage donations. The Oklahoma Legislature allowed records to be trashed, seeing this as a cost saving measure. CCGS members disagreed and took on the role as keepers of these records of the history of Cleveland County, just as many other genealogical societies did for their areas.

From the beginning of our Society's history, our members saw the value in not only preserving the early records for researchers, but also in creating indexes to make the records more accessible.

Before personal computers were useful to everyone, indexing was something of a challenge. Entries were copied by hand, checked for errors and typed again. When a group of pages was ready for printing, a number of copies were created and offered for sale. Meanwhile, volunteers were at work on the next set. Progress was slowly made.

Marriage records were the first to be copied, and this remains an ongoing project.

Other Records from the Court Clerk's office which have been indexed and stored in our archives include Civil Court, Divorces, and Probate. Researchers often consider the opportunity to study the original record pertaining to their ancestor to be invaluable.

Call or come by our Library AND Archives to study the indexes and view, in the original records, a piece of your history. We'd be delighted to help you with it on Tuesday, Thursday or Saturday afternoons from 1 to 5 p.m., or call 701-2100 to inquire.

Workshops

Gregath Company

2017 Genealogy Conference

Bill Welge

April 22, 2017

Wyandotte Nation Cultural Ctr., Wyandotte OK
1-800-955-5232

Family History Conference of Northwest Arkansas

April 22, 2017

Church of Jesus Christ of latter Day Saints
Springdale AR

<http://www.familyhistoryconferencenwa.org/>

National Genealogical Society

Family History Lives Here

May 10-13, 2017

Raleigh Convention Ctr., Raleigh NC

<http://www.ngsgenealogy.org>

OHCE Genealogy Group, Oklahoma County

Intermediate to Advanced Genealogy Workshop

May 13, 2017

<http://ohcegenealogy.com/>

Federation of Genealogical Societies

FGS 2017 National Conference

August 30-September 2, 2017

Pittsburgh PA

<http://www.fgs.org/>

Bits & Pieces

Green's Dictionary of Slang, the largest historical dictionary of English slang available anywhere, can help you find the meaning of words and phrases found in old documents. This dictionary is now updated and online.

<https://greensdictofslang.com>

1950 census enumeration district maps are being posted on the NARA website. If you know the address or location of a relative's residence in 1950, these maps can help you identify his census E.D., which can lead you to your ancestor's listing when the records are made public in 2022. www.archives.gov

Unique digital content spans more than 100 years of rich, vibrant history from Oklahoma, the 46th state, including documents, newspapers, photographs, maps and more.

www.digitalprairie.ok.gov

Are You Missing Most of the Available Genealogy Information?

This article was previously published 10/21/2016 in Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter, www.blog.eogn.com/

I received a message a while ago from a newsletter reader that disturbed me a bit. He wrote, "I have been doing genealogy research for 10-15 years but only through the Internet." He then went on to describe some of the frustrations he has encountered trying to find information. In short, he was disappointed at how little information he has found online.

I read the entire message, but my eyes kept jumping back to the words in his first sentence: **"... but only through the Internet."**

Doesn't he realize that perhaps 90% of the information of interest to genealogists is not yet available on the Internet?

To be sure, many of the biggest and most valuable resources are now available online, including national census records, the Social Security Death Index, military pension applications, draft cards, many passenger lists, land patent databases, and more.

The national databases were the "low hanging fruit" a few years ago as the providers of online information rushed to place large genealogy databases online. These huge collections benefited a lot of genealogists; these databases were the first to become indexed, digitized, and placed online. We all should be thankful that these databases are available today and are in common use.

As the national databases became available to all, the online providers moved on to digitize regional and statewide information. State censuses, birth records, marriage records, death records, naturalization records (which originally were recorded in many local and state courts), county histories, and much, much more are still being placed online.

Of course, this is great news for genealogists who cannot easily travel to the locations where the original records are kept. For many of us, this is even better than having information on microfilm. Most of us don't have microfilm readers at home, but we do have computers.

Yet, I am guessing that perhaps 90% of the information of interest to genealogists has not yet

been digitized. Why would anyone want to look for genealogy information "... only through the Internet?"

State censuses, birth records, marriage records, death records, naturalization records, county histories, and more are all "work in progress" projects. That is, they are not yet complete. In fact, I doubt if all of them will be available online for at least another decade or two! If you only look online, you are missing a lot.

In many cases, church parish records, local tax lists, school records, land records (other than Federal land grants), state census records, and many more records are not yet available online and probably won't be available for years. If you are limiting yourself to "... only through the Internet," you are missing 90% of the available information.

If you have the luxury of living near the places where your ancestors lived, I'd suggest you jump in an automobile and drive to the repositories where those records are kept. There is nothing that matches the feeling of holding original records in your hand. Scan them or make photocopies or take pictures of them or do whatever is possible to collect images of the original records.

If you do not enjoy the luxury of short distances, use microfilm. Luckily, that is easy to do although you will have to leave your home. Many (but not all) of these records have been microfilmed, and those films may be viewed at various libraries, archives, or at a local Family History Center near you. There are more than 4,600 of those local centers, so you probably can find one within a short distance of your home. The Family History Centers are free to use although you do have to pay a modest fee for postage when you rent a microfilm by mail. See <https://goo.gl/7jzbzh> for details. You can also find your nearest Family History Center by starting at: <https://familysearch.org/locations/>.

If you do not know where to start, I would suggest reading "Begin your genealogy quest" at https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Begin_your_genealogy_quest for some great "getting started" information.

Which option would you prefer: accessing 10% of the available records or 100% of the available records?

100 Years Ago

The Norman Transcript
Thursday, December 21, 1916

EDITOR'S NOTE: All newspaper abstracts are typed as originally printed. Occasionally ellipsis (...) is used to indicate omission of content.

Community Christmas Tree

Monday evening, December 25th, the committee having in charge the arrangement for "A Community Christmas Tree," request all the people of Norman and Cleveland [county] to take part in this entertainment.

This will be the first "Community Christmas Tree" ever seen in Norman, and an effort will be made by the committee to make the event of lasting and permanent benefit to all who attend. Every one is cordially invited to come. It will be free to all, and no collections will be asked from any one, and yet an opportunity will be given to all to bring a free will offering of food or clothing for the poor of our city. This collection of goods and merchandise of any and all kinds that may be brought will be distributed by the Provident Association.

The program will be commenced promptly at 7:30 p.m., at which time the tree will be lighted.

The committee requests every church bell in the city to be rung promptly at 7:15 and continue to be rung for fifteen minutes.

It is also requested that every home in the city place a light in the window on the evening.

Let Good Cheer and Happy Thoughts fill the hearts and minds of all the people in looking forward to the coming day, when the shadow of the night will reveal a bright and shining star that will hang right over Norman's first Community Christmas Tree.

At a meeting held by the social services committee of Norman, the following named citizens were appointed to make all arrangements and carry out the program, viz: Prof. Gossard, W.C. Weir and L.J. Edwards.

CIVIC COMMITTEE

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See the Christmas display at Lindsay Drug Store.

Country Tidings

Miss Harris of White Mound school is quite proud of her school board this year. They have put in new desks for the children, recitation benches and also a desk and chair for the teacher. Do ye likewise.

Among those who went to Oklahoma City Saturday to take in the Christmas displays were Mrs. Parr and daughter Etta; Fred and Pleasant, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Grinwood, and Gladys and Miss Anna Harris.

Local and Personal

From Saturday's Daily

Delightful Christmas weather, and the town is full today with Christmas shoppers.

The pie supper given at Independence school house last night was largely attended and the receipts totaled nearly \$35. There were pies and pies; all kinds and conditions of pies.

Marriage Licenses issued on Thursday was: Fritz Auren, 24 and Miss Clara Edith Bawden, 21, both of Norman. Today a license was issued to Mr. Allan Hitchcock, 22, and Miss Anice Ragsdale, 18, both of Lexington. On Wednesday, a license was issued to Walter Menges, 24, and Miss Emma Witt, 19, both of Noble.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. McDaniel of Route 1 are enjoying a visit from their son, W.A., of Cimmaron county. It has been seven years since he's been home and he sees many improvements in and around Norman. He and the other McDaniel boys are all doing well in the Panhandle country.

Society

By Ruth Newell

From Wednesday's Daily.

Miss Loretta Hallum of Oklahoma City, was a guest of her sister, Mrs. Ben F. Williams and family last Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. John Taylor will entertain the members of the Old Regime club on Thursday afternoon, December 31st, at her home on Asp Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Giles and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Meyer will entertain the members of the Linger-Longer club with a Christmas dance at the Varsity Hall on Thursday evening, December 21st.

Cleveland County Enterprise
Thursday, December 28, 1916

EDITOR'S NOTE: All newspaper abstracts are typed as originally printed. Occasionally ellipsis (...) is used to indicate omission of content.

New Officers at the Court House

NEW COUNTY OFFICIALS WILL ASSUME DUTIES OF OFFICE
NEXT TUESDAY

Tuesday morning, January 2nd, the newly elected county officials will take the oath of their respective offices and take charge thereof, with the exception of county treasurer and superintendent, who will not assume the duties of their office until July.

Geo. C. Burke, the newly elected county judge, comes from Lexington, and has been engaged in the practice of law for several years. Mr. Burke will make an efficient and economical official.

Tom Cheatwood will be county attorney for the next term. He needs no introduction, as every one knows Tom, and knows that he will do his duty.

Jim Stonger will take the oath of court clerk for the second time. Jim has always made good, both out of office and in office.

Earnest B. Helms will take charge of the office of county clerk. He has been in the office for a month or more and has acquainted himself with the duties of the office. Chas. Adair and Glenn Morris will be his deputies, both of whom are familiar with the duties of the office.

J.B. Wheelis, for the past four years county clerk, will assume his new duties as sheriff. Ben has made a most efficient county clerk and it is needless to say that he will make a good sheriff, for to know him is to know that he will do his duty in any position that he is placed in. He has only made two appointments, H.C. Cottrell, undersheriff and J.F. Pledger, Jailor, both of whom have been tried and proved worthy of the trust placed in them.

W.E. Barnard will be the new county assessor. Mr. Barnard is thoroughly familiar with the duties of the office, and as he has had much experience in that line of work, he will prove a valuable official.

Jim Klingsmith will assume the duties of county surveyor. He is in every way qualified to give us a splendid administration, and Jim will do his duty.

The board of county commissioners will be composed of three of Cleveland county's most enterprising and progressive farmers, all of whom

have made good in their vocations of life, and will make good as the county's financial board. They are: R.F. McBride, of the 1st district, J.L. Suddreth, of the 2nd district and Z.K. Westervelt of the 3rd district. They have watched the workings of the various boards for years and it is safe to say that they have gained valuable knowledge. All of them are in the prime of life and it will be their earnest desire to give Cleveland county a most efficient and economical administration, and we predict for them a successful administration.

Walter Martin will be the next county weigher and every one knows that Walter will see that every one gets a square deal.

J.L. Corbett, county treasurer-elect and W.R. Clark, county superintendent, will assume the duties of their offices on July 1st.

Hotel Agnes to Be Torn Down

After January 1st will see one of Norman's oldest landmarks disappear and a new modern brick building erected in its place. John Lindsay has sold the old Agnes hotel building to G.W. Massey, who will do the deed. Mr. Massey gave \$1,400 for the building ... and half interest in the wall of the Furray building. The brick building to be put up by Mr. Massey will be occupied for the Massey and Sons feed and coal business, with commission house in connection. It is also understood Mr. Lindsay will erect two fine buildings on the other lots.

The Agnes hotel came into existence in 1889 and was named after the mother of Miss Lizzie Moore, who was the second proprietor of the once popular hotel, when Norman was in her infancy. At that time the Agnes hotel was noted for its good meals and excellent service, but lately has been run as a rooming house, by J.D. Pearson. The passing away of this building will be the passing away of one of Norman's once beautiful buildings, but will be a great benefit to the civic beauty of Norman.

Two Fords Collide on Main Street

An accident occurred on Crawford and Main street Tuesday when a McIntire Jitney collided with W.W. Warren's car, as the car driven by Mr. Warren ascended Main street from Crawford avenue. No one was injured, as luck would have it, but the Warren Ford was considerably damaged, as one of the front wheels was broken and the fenders bent up.

Local and Personal

J.L. Holiday, of near Newcastle, while in the city Tuesday, renewed his subscription to the Enterprise.

Mr. and Mrs. E.D. Anderson have as their guests, Mrs. Anderson's father, Capt. T.J. Hayes of Kansas City, Mo.

J.B. Wheelis and family spent Christmas with Mrs. Wheelis' brother, Robt. Lassiter and family, in Caddo County

Mrs. J.H. Etter. of Butler Mo., came in Saturday evening for an extended visit with her son C.R. Etter and family.

Mrs. J.B. Phillips, accompanied by her daughter and three sons spent Christmas with relatives in Lexington and vicinity.

Mrs. Sam Ambrister and children visited in Davis the latter part of the week, and Sam went down and spent Christmas with them.

The merchants of Norman report a splendid Christmas business.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Harvey spent Christmas with relatives in Cameron, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. S.W. Hutchin spent Christmas with Mrs. Jane Burrage at Denver.

Mrs. Jno. A. Edwards has begun the erection of a fine bungalow on West Symmes street.

Miss Ruth Morgan is spending the holidays with her uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kennedy in Enid.

William Burriss of the Elledge Chili Parlor is visiting his parents in Stratfford, Kansas, during the holidays.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. David Phillips, a 10 pound boy, at their home east of Denver. All parties are doing nicely.

L.B. Griffin and son of Stephens county, Oklahoma are here spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Griffin.

L. Orenbaum will return tomorrow from a visit with his parents at Hillsboro, Texas.

The baby of Mr. and Mrs. Tucker Miller, who has been quite sick with pneumonia, is slowly recovering.

There will be preaching at the Independence school house Sunday afternoon at 3:30. Everybody is cordially invited.

Death of A.A. Berry

Mr. A.A. Berry, one of the early settlers of Norman, died at his home on North Porter avenue Wednesday evening. ...

Mr. Berry was one of the best known and best liked men in Cleveland county and has rendered valuable aid in the development of the city and county. He was a progressive citizen in every respect, a kind and loving father and a very dedicated husband.

He was a faithful member of the W.O.W. and the A.O.U.W. lodges and carried \$4000.00 insurance in those orders.

The funeral services will be conducted ... at the Presbyterian church, Friday afternoon at 3:00. Interment will be made in the I.O.O.F. cemetery.

The deceased is survived by a wife and six children, four girls and two boys. ...

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1338	WELTE, Lee	27 Aug 1935	--	23 Dec 1934	near Waco, McLennan County, TX
1443	WENNER, Mary M.	21 Jan 1937	w	06 Mar 1936	Cleveland County, OK
1440	WENNER, Fred	19 Jan 1937	w	22 Jan 1920	Resident of Cleveland County, OK
2293	WEST, J. H.	09 Aug 1948	--	03 Aug 1948	Long Beach, CA
2382	WEST, Sherman	02 Dec 1949	w	17 Nov 1949	Norman, OK
1979	WESTERVELT, Floyd Earl	23 Jan 1945	--	03 Dec 1930	
1068	WESTERVELT, Mary I.	05 May 1930	--	26 Mar 1930	Cleveland County, OK
990	WESTERVELT, Nona V.	18 Apr 1929	--	12 Apr 1929	Jefferson County, OK

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1980	WESTERVELT, William Wood	23 Jan 1945	--	20 Jun 1943	
1356	WHITE, Adda M. male	13 Nov 1935	w	1935	Norman, OK
2195	WHITE, Bertha	11 Sep 1947	--	10 Sep 1947	Norman, OK
989	WHITE, Charles W.	11 Apr 1929	w	02 Apr 1929	near Moore, OK
1172	WHITE, Mattie	02 Jun 1932	--	?? Dec 1929	Detroit, Wayne County, MI
2226	WHITE, William Lee	15 Dec 1947	w	07 Oct 1946	Cleveland County, OK
2311	WHITLEY, Heze	24 Nov 1948	--	28 Aug 1948	Cleveland County, OK
2144	WHITTON, John F.	13 Dec 1946	--	02 Oct 1946	
1817	WHITWELL, John W.	02 Jan 1943	--	21 Aug 1932	
1818	WHITWELL, Virginia A.	02 Jan 1943	--	23 Aug 1942	Norman, OK
1079	WHORTON, Walter Scott	16 Jun 1930	--	07 Jun 1930	Cleveland Co., OK
1216	WIGGINS, C. E.	03 Jun 1933	--	04 Aug 1932	Ft. Smith, , Arkansas
2400	WILEY, Alma R.	17 Mar 1950	w	14 Mar 1950	Norman, OK
1510	WILEY, George W.	04 Jan 1938	--	31 Dec 1937	Norman, OK
2323	WILGUS, Mary	18 Feb 1949	w	09 Nov 1948	Greene Co., OH
1545	WILHITE, T. L.	23 Sep 1938	--	18 Sep 1938	Cleveland Co., OK
1455	WILKERSON, J. W.	11 Mar 1937	w	07 Mar 1937	Cleveland Co., OK
1755	WILKINSON, Ray	06 Feb 1942	--	16 Jan 1942	
1442	WILLIAMS, Monroe High	19 Jan 1937	--	29 Sep 1936	Cleveland Co., OK
2123	WILLIAMS, Ben F.	07 Oct 1946	w	24 Sep 1946	Norman, OK
1675	WILLIAMS, C. J. Charles J.	23 Oct 1940	w	10 Oct 1940	Cleveland Co., OK
1589	WILLIAMS, James B.	23 Jun 1939	--	17 Jun 1939	Oklahoma Co., OK
1704	WILLIAMS, John	18 Feb 1941	w	26 Mar 1939	Tribbey, Cleveland Co., OK
1781	WILLIAMS, Lucy K.	30 Jun 1942	--	08 Sep 1941	Garvin Co., OK
1048	WILLIAMS, Thomas D.	15 Jan 1930	--	07 Jan 1930	Cleveland Co., OK
2371	WILLIAMSON, Earl R	04 Nov 1949	w	02 Nov 1949	Cleveland Co., OK
986	WILLIAMSON, Phillip N.	12 Mar 1929	w	12 Mar 1929	near Noble, OK
1497	WILLIBRAND, Thelma	22 Sep 1937	--	02 Sep 1937	
2370	WILLOUGHBY, Vester E.	04 Nov 1949	--	24 Sep 1949	Norman, OK
2384	WILLOUGHBY, Vester E.	10 Dec 1949	--	24 Sep 1949	
1948	WILMOTH, Clara B.	05 Oct 1944	--	12 Mar 1944	Oklahoma City, OK
1923	WILSON, Cleve	16 May 1944	--	03 Jul 1943	Moore, OK
2401	WILSON, Ervin L.	20 Mar 1950	w	24 Feb 1950	Norman, OK
1853	WILSON, H. H.	15 Jun 1943	--	04 Jun 1943	Cleveland Co., OK
2378	WILSON, J. H.	26 Nov 1949	--	15 Nov 1949	Cleveland Co., OK

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1074	WILSON, J. R.	24 May 1930	--	23 May 1930	Cleveland Co., OK
1030	WILSON, John	19 Nov 1929	--	11 Nov 1929	Norman, OK
2243	WILSON, Laura	17 Feb 1948	--	?? Jan 1947	
1436	WILSON, O. H.	11 Jan 1937	--	15 Dec 1936	Cleveland Co., OK
1709	WILSON, Polly	08 Mar 1941	--	00 Feb 1941	Cleveland Co., OK
1088	WINCHESTER, Sarah L. (Summers)	01 Sep 1930	--	31 Jul 1930	Cleveland Co., OK See #1087
1626	WINEGARNER, Laura E.	04 Jan 1940	--	29 Dec 1939	Pottawatomie, OK
1391	WINFREY, John W.	29 Apr 1936	--	25 Apr 1936	Cleveland Co., OK
1654	WINGO, Mary Malindy	05 Aug 1940	w	29 Jan 1940	Asp, OK
1811	WODKINS, Emily A.	10 Dec 1942	--	12 Jan 1938	State of Oregon
1542	WOLF, R. J.	30 Aug 1938	--	22 Aug 1938	Norman, OK
1489	WOLFE, F. A.	26 Aug 1937	--	20 Jul 1937	Oklahoma City, OK
1387	WOLFE, Julia L.	18 Apr 1936	--	08 Jun 1934	Cleveland Co., OK
2285	WOMACK, Annie	21 Jul 1948	w	18 Jul 1948	Norman, OK
1425	WOOD, R. G.	16 Nov 1936	--	13 Nov 1936	Oklahoma Co., OK
1515	WOODS, Ruby L.	24 Feb 1938	--	01 Jun 1932	Cleveland Co., OK
1378	WORTHINGTON, Nannie Massie	16 Mar 1936	w	11 Mar 1936	Norman, OK
1456	WRIGHT, Juletta (Sturgis)	18 Mar 1937	--	13 Mar 1937	Norman, OK
2078	WRIGHT, Major	26 Feb 1946	w	16 Feb 1946	Norman, OK
1751	WYATT, Henry H.	20 Jan 1942	--	04 Jan 1936	Cleveland Co., OK
2008	WYNN(E), Lular	21 Apr 1945	--	?? Feb 1945	Cleveland Co., OK
1597	WYNNE, Ida	23 Aug 1939	--	13 Aug 1939	Lexington, OK
2388	WYNNE, Mary E.	11 Jan 1950	--	04 Jan 1950	Norman, OK
1867	YAEGER, H. C.	08 Sep 1943	--	26 Aug 1943	El Paso, TX
2292	YARBROUGH, Pauline	07 Aug 1948	--	07 Dec 1943	Norman, OK
2173	YOHO, Rocetha V.	16 Jun 1947	--	18 May 1944	St. Augustine, IL
1788	YORK, Frederick Alexander	03 Aug 1942	--	23 Aug 1939	Grimes Co., OK
2255	YORK, L. E. widow of T. J.	21 Apr 1948	--	07 Nov 1946	Oklahoma City, OK
1314	YORK, Laura	13 Mar 1935	--	09 Jan 1935	Cleveland County, OK
2254	YORK, Robert	21 Apr 1948	--	27 Mar 1940	Lexington, OK
2254	YORK, T. J.	21 Apr 1948	--	19 Jun 1920	Lexington, OK
2254	YORK, Thomas	21 Apr 1948	--	1943	Los Angeles, Los Angeles Co., CA
1287	YOUNG, Arch	06 Sep 1934		23 Oct 1931	Cleveland County, OK
1060	YOUNG, Deborah	1930	w	19 Dec 1929	Norman, OK
1881	YOUNG, Ira H.	1943	--	18 Dec 1942	Cleveland County, OK
1281	YOUNG, J. D.	1934	--	14 Jun 1931	Cleveland County, OK
1812	YOUNG, Kate C.	1942	--	22 Nov 1942	Norman, OK
1316	YOUNG, Sarah J.	1935	--	11 Mar 1935	Norman, OK
1756	ZIEBRIECH, August	1942	--	07 Feb 1942	Cleveland County, OK
2324	ZINK, Myrtle Lee	1942	--	31 Jul 1948	
1905	ZOOK, Florence E.	1944	w	22 Apr 1939	Peoria County, IL
2288	ZVONEK, Charles	1948	--	27 May 1948	Cleveland County, OK
971	ZVONEK, Joseph	1929	w	25 Dec 1928	Cleveland County, OK
1891	ZVONEK, Joseph M.	1943	w	12 Jul 1932	Placer County, CA
2261	ZVONEK, Rozina	1948	--	06 Apr 1948	Cleveland County, OK

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