The leading spirit and mind of the Kick-a-poo was Ken-e-kick, who died near the village in Atchison County which bears his name.

EXPLORERS

Thirty years ago, there was scarcely a vestige of civilization in that part of Kansas now known as Doniphan County. For untold ages it had been covered with a waving sea of wild grasses; vast herds of buffaloes had, for numberless years, wandered almost un molested across it. Its solitude had been broken only by occasional bands of nomadic savages in search of prey or plunder. It was a part of that section of country which old geographers had christened the "Great American Desert," "a barren waste, incapable of agricultural production, and uninhabitable." But it could not always remain a terra incognita. The advancing wave of that great tide of civilization which had crossed the Alleghanies, and transferred a wilderness into an empire, must at length reach this part of the American continent. That part of Kansas now known as Doniphan County was crossed by Maj. Stephen H. Long in 1819 or 1820. We extract the following from a book entitled, 

"Account of an Expedition from Pittsburgh to the Rocky Mountains, performed in the years 1819 and 1820, by order of John C. Calhoun, Secretary of War, under the command of Maj. Stephen H. Long."

"The country southwest of the Missouri, between the Konzas and the Platte, is draining principally by Wolf River and the great Nemahaw. These rivers, like the Nodowly and Nishnebotonna, which enter the Missouri nearly opposite them, from the northeast, rise in prairies at an elevation of probably forty feet above the level of the Missouri. As they descend, their valleys become gradually wider, embosom a few trees, and at length, near their entrance into the Missouri Valley, are forests of considerable extent. The surface of these prairies presents a constant succession of small rounded hills, becoming larger and more abrupt as you approach the beds of these rivers. The soil is deep, composed usually of grayish-brown argillaceous sandstone and secondary limestone. **The soil superimposed upon these strata of limestone is a calcareous loam. Near the rivers it is intermixed with sand; this is also the case with the soil of the high prairies about the Konzas country.** The prairies, for many miles on each side, produce abundance of good pasturage; but as far as our observation has extended, the basin of each river is a margin from seven to twelve miles in breadth along the western bank of the river. In the summer, very little water is to be found in the prairies, all the smaller streams failing. Even though the season be not unusually dry, on account of the want of wood and water, the settlements will be for a long time confined to the immediate valleys of the Missouri, the Konzas and the larger rivers; but it is probable forests will hereafter be cultivated in these vast woodland less regions, which now form so great a proportion of the country; and wells may be made to supply the deficiency of running water."

In 1804-5, Lewis and Clarke proceeded up the Missouri, thence across the Rocky Mountains and down the River Columbia to the Pacific Ocean.

**POLITICAL GEOGRAPHY AND TOPOGRAPHICAL**

Doniphan is in the first tier of counties south of Nebraska, and west of the Missouri River. It is bounded on the north and east by the Missouri River, on the south by Atchison County, and on the west by Brown County, the Missouri River bounding the county on the north and east, gives the county 92 miles of river front. The greatest length of the county north and south is 27 miles, and its greatest width is 25 miles. The county contains 379 square miles, or 242,569 acres of land. About 110,000 acres are under cultivation. The bottom lands are about 25 per cent; the uplands about 75 per cent (census government survey), 16 per cent; prairie, 84 per cent; average width of bottoms, one mile. The general surface of the county is undulating. A writer in the North American Review gives the following admirable description of the matchless topography of Kansas in general, but applicable in every sense to this county:

The most perfect display of the prairies is found in the Eastern parts of Kansas and Nebraska. It is no exaggeration to pronounce this region, as left by the hand of Nature, the most beautiful country in its landscape upon the face of the earth. Here the forest is restricted to narrow fringes along the rivers and streams; the courses of which are thus defined as far as the eye can reach, whilst all between is a broad expanse of meadow lands, carpeted with the richest verdure and wearing the appearance of artistically graded lawns. They are familiarly called the rolling prairies, because the land rises and falls in gentle swells which attain an elevation of thirty feet, more or less, and descends again to within the original level within a distance of one or more miles. The crest lines of these gently undulating land interlace with the fall of the country with a controllable angle, the effect of which is to bring into view the most extended landscape, and to show the dark green foliage of the forest trees skating streams in pleasing contrast with the light green of the prairie grasses. In their spring covering of vegetation, these prairies wear the semblance of all that is luxuriantly cultivated country, from the soil of which every inequality of surface, every stone and every bush has been carefully abandoned, and the surface rolled down to absolute uniformity. The marvel is suggested how Nature could have kept these verdant fields in such luxuriance after man had apparently abandoned them to waste."

The streams are as follows: Wolf River runs north, entering through the north and west portions of the county. Independence Creek and its tributaries drain the southern portion of the county, and Peter's Creek is the largest in the eastern part. Other small creeks flow into the Missouri River.

The county is well supplied with springs, and good well-water can be reached at from ten to sixty feet.

The timber supply of Doniphan is better, perhaps, than that of any county in the State. All the streams have borders or belts of timber, varying from forty rods to three miles in width. These streams are so well distributed over the county that the distribution of timber could hardly be better equalized. The native varieties are cottonwood, white, black, red, swamp and burr oak; white and water elm, linden, sycamore, willow, maple, black walnut, box-elder, hickory and numerous smaller varieties.

**ORGANIZATION**

Doniphan County was organized on Monday, September 15, 1855. The County Court consisted at that time of J. P. Blair, A. Dunning, E. V. B. Rogers, County Commissioners; C. W. Whitehead, Sheriff; and J. A. Van Arsdale, Clerk pro tem.

The first order made by the board, dated September 15, 1855. was that J. A. Van Arsdale be appointed Clerk pro tem, to serve as such until a Clerk be duly appointed and qualified.

The following is the oath of office of one of the first Sheriffs:

Unwritten States of America, A.D. 1855.

I, C. W. Whitehead, do solemnly swear upon the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, that I will support and maintain the constitution of the United States, and that I will support and maintain the provisions of an act entitled and to organize the Territories of Kansas and Nebraska, and the provisions of the law of the United States, commonly known as the Fugitive Slave Law, and faithfully and impartially, and to the best of my skill, and knowledge, to be in the discharge of my duties in the office of Sheriff in the County of Doniphan, as said Territory. So help me God.

C. W. WHITEHEAD.

Sworn to and subscribed before the undersigned, this 29th day of September, A.D. 1855.

[Signatures]

On Monday, September 17, 1855, the county seat was definitely settled on five municipal townships, called Iowa, Wolf River, Burr Oak, Washington and Wayne.

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The name of the town was afterward changed to Bellmont.

Troy was selected as the county seat by virtue of the law of 1855, but the court house was not built until the summer of 1856. The first meeting of the County Commissioners at Troy was October 20, 1856. They met in the new court house, which still stands where it was built, on the north side of the public square, and is the first story of what is now known as the High House.

The Doniphan County Historical Society wishes to thank all those who donated pictures, volunteered time and the advertisers in making this calendar a success.
CLASS ROLL

1891
* Eva Ryan Swayze

1896

1899

1902

1903

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1907

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1913
Edna Broyles, Barney Heeney, *Samuel Lancaster, Byron Smith, *Vincent Ward

1914
Guy Corbet, Dora Ellis, Francis Gray, *Raymond Hancock, Hada Moyer

1915
Ida Bearg, Nora Corbet, *Catherine Lancaster, James, Lowe, Toll Ware, Donna Moyer, Howard Rifer

AUTOGRAFFS
CHAMPIONSHIP ASSURED.

Jinx Took Usual Toll at Leona.

Nothing but calamity can prevent S. H. S. from winning the County championship. There is only two more games left to play, one with White Cloud at Severson and one with Wathena. These should be easy victories for S. H. S. owing to the fact that S. H. S. defeated White Cloud or their own court 32 to 15 and Wathena at Severson 71 to 6.

S. H. S. was ousted from the thousand-and-one column by their defeat at Leona. This was contrary to dope but due to the fact that Severson ran up 14 points against them at Severson, more than we counted against any other team but owing to the unusual handling of the small court and because of the fast rate at which the Leona boys were traveling Severson met defeat, 49 to 39.

Elwood

Elwood came to Severson expecting to go home with two victories to their credit but they were badly disappointed.

The game was fast throughout and the crowd was kept in wild excitement during the whole game. The score was decided in the last few minutes of play. The Elwood girls won by a score of 24 to 21.

The boys game was a walk-away for Severson. They started a whirlwind offense and continued with it throughout the game. The Severson squad was hitting the basket with regularity while the Elwooders were unable to cage them when they had a chance. The score at the end of the first half was 30 to 19 in favor of Severson.

The Elwood boys came back stronger in the last half and made 16 points but Severson continued with their goal-shooting and secured 33 points, making the final score 63 to 21. The points made for Severson are as follows: Niffer 26, Dye 7, Prawl 5, and Mayo 2. For Elwood, Wilkinson 5, King 5, and Cheyney 9.

Leona

S. H. S. boys met their only defeat of the season at Leona, February 8. The game started with the usual pep of a fast game. The Leona boys went into motion and had several goals before the Severson boys got on to the 12 foot ceiling and the small floor space. The Severson boys were going fine but the Leona boys had too much of a lead on them and the score was 21 to 15 in favor of Leona.

In the last half Leona continued at their fast pace. Sherman and Utigen were scoring them off from the walls and ceiling. The final score was 49 to 30 in favor of Leona. For Leona, Sherman scored 25 points, Utigen 12, and Dock 8. For Severson, Dye 14.

Things About Our Town.

We have—

Two of the most modern cafes in the county.

One well stocked drug store.

Two first-class general merchandise stores.

A crystal white butcher shop, which we claim is the best in the county.

An exclusive shoe store.

Two modern drug stores.

One of the strongest banks in the county.

Three of the finest churches in any town of its size anywhere, each with a resident pastor.

A News Depot with a constant supply of daily papers, magazines, and novels.

A hardware and furniture store.

Three fine barber shops.

A bakery which supplies several towns with bread.

Two elevators.

A blacksmith shop where you can buy the best.

A Post Office which is practical and new.

Two excellent doctors.

A beautiful new hotel.

A commodious I. O. O. F. Hall.

Several beautiful modern homes.

A sufficiency of fire and light insurance agents.

Electric lights.

A street sprinkling wagon.

An electric dry cleaning place.

Four passenger cars and a two car train daily.

A small modern Scalley-Matthews hotel.

A high class hardware and furniture store.

We have everything which a town of four hundred needs with the possible exception of water works and fire protection and proper housing for our school.

CHAPEL SPECIALS.

KANSAS DAY

January 30th the officials of the Student Activity Association gave a fifteen minute program. The history of our state was given and each officer took up one aspect of the life of Kansas. Poetry written by one of our residents, Mrs. Jentle A. Poole, was read. We really do not realize how wonderful our state is, until her birthday comes around and we start to think.

Lincoln's Birthday

The Seniors produced the program. Lincoln's Day. Sketches were given of Lincoln's life which related old but new happenings. His picture was given the honor position on the wall and patriotic songs were sung by all.

St. Valentine's Day

The Juniors came forth with another of their snappy programs on St. Valentine's Day. After a history of St. Valentine was read by Margarette Moore, the Juniors presented each student with a valentine. Yes, we were valentines of all shades and colors. The Freshmen were given the suitable color—green.

HOME MEETS SCHOOL

First Meeting Successful.

The Student Activity Association entertained the fathers and mothers of its members in a meeting of Home and School at the school shops, February 3, 1921. The meeting was called to order by the president of the Association, Albert J. Shye. The secretary called the roll and included the names of the guests. An interesting program was then presented. The Girls' Glee Club sang two selections, "Bead Song" and "Santa Lucia." A vocal solo by Miss Keller was followed by a recitation of poems, which were presented by Miss Dittmer, Wayne Dye, and C. J. Meyers, Jr. on topics concerning the school life as they desire it to be and as it is. Tom Sprunger sang "She Speaks," "To You," A recess was held until the refreshments were prepared, during which we had a great visit.
GRADE NOTES.

Grammar Room.

The Grammar Room was entertained with a Valentine party at the home of their teacher, Monday evening. Games, contests and a Valentine box furnished amusement for the evening. In the contests, prizes were awarded: Thomas Gray, Leonard Lanester, Homer Coulter, and Alice Clark. Refreshments were served and all present had an enjoyable time.

The seventh and eighth grades are having a spelling contest. A prize is to be awarded by the teacher to the best speller at the close of the sixth month.

Second Primary Room.

Seventeen of the twenty-three pupils entered in the second Primary Room were present and those who were absent are on the roll. The second Primary Room was full and the children were busy with their work.

Mollie McNeely has earned failing certificates.

In the winter season, Mollie McNeely and Lila McIntyre are ahead.

Primary.

Everyone is back in school, who was sick with the chicken pox.

For the sixth month, Vivian Fuller and William Dittemore are ahead in spelling.

Mable Bahr has gone out for the past three months with the "grippe."

Miss Holiday, the County Health Nurse, examined the first grade. Wednesday evening, and out of the class of fifteen, five had no defects and all had clean teeth.

The second grade was examined Monday morning, and out of the class of eleven, ten had clean teeth and all three were underweight.

The month of February furnishes plenty of handwork. Lincoln's birthday, Valentine's and Washington's birthday.

The first and second primary and intermediate rooms had their Valentines box together Tuesday afternoon.

The Severance Athletic Club defeated the Leona Athletic Club here, February 15th. The final score was 34 to 32.

Mildred Furley, a former member of the Junior class, has returned home from St. Louis on account of bad health and has received a Christmas present. Mildred has been in the hospital for six weeks and returned home to recuperate before returning to school.

LOCALS.

Monday morning the students of S. H. S. were somewhat surprised when they entered the study hall to find their desks rearranged. An account of lighting conditions, the seats had been changed to a position facing the west, so that the light would come from the left only. The windows on the west being blocked, "posed the test" on the eyes of the students, especially the freshmen, by sending, and teachers, requested that the seats be changed. No one suspected that the change would be made so soon. When we entered the room Monday morning, our eyes and eyes flew open and "Where's my seat?" was the first utterance. After finding a seat, came the joy looking for your old seat to say, "Look, maybe your old seat would be found in the other part of the room way out in the hall. There she is, everyone is quietly settled but many say they do not feel at home.

The Spanish II class is learning a beautiful poem entitled, "On Sonnets."

The Algebra III class was given its first examination Thursday.

The Commercial Arithmetic class has finished work in aliquot parts and has taken up short methods of subtraction, multiplication and division.

The Algebra I class has finished the chapter, "Solution of equations by factoring" and are now doing fine work in "Fractions."

The Spanish I class took a day off last week to remove the stains from the arms of the chairs in Miss Furley's room. Remarks were heard the next day about the brilliant whiteness of the woodwork, due to a vigorous scrubbing with lye, soap and water.

The General Science class has just completed one of the most interesting chapters in the text. Some of the things they studied were: plumbing, ventilation, and light. The next chapter they will study will not be so interesting. It is carbon and its compounds.

The Agriculture class is making a thorough study of dairying. The most interesting part of weighing and testing milk will be taken up soon.

The English II class just finished the chapter on drama, stories and have begun the chapter on reasoning, parliamentary law and debate. If they are as good at debating as they are arguing they will certainly produce several good debaters.

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W. W. WARD
Severance, Kansas
First "All County Five" Offered

Picking an all county team is a hazardous business. Each coach has his own idea as to the ideal players. It is of course easy to pick a combination that would beat the remaining possible, under most conditions. But to pick the best possible combination is a difficult proposition. Probably the man most feared as an opponent and most respected as an ally is Riffer, Captain of the Severance squad. Though usually under a two man opposition Riffer is leading the league in scoring. He plays a steady consistent game, commits few fouls, and keeps his men playing all the time. His work has been an outstanding feature of Severance play and a considerable factor in determining the championship. For these reasons he has been chosen as Captain of the mythical five; his position changed to that of guard.

The League is especially favored with forwards this season. Fittman of Leona and Burke of Denton are the hardest men in the league to stop. Their ability to throw effective passes and their aggressive follow-up shooting give them the edge on any of the rest. They have my unanimous vote for their positions.

With a scoring combination as suggested by the three aforementioned forwards the center position should be given to a man certain of the "tip" and able to defend. Utzam of Leona fits the bill. He plays a good fast game, probably making the biggest improvement than any man in the league during the past season.

The guard situation is different. We have no guards capable of stopping the mighty onslaught on the basket the above combination might make. For the remaining position Severance offers two candidates Prael and Moyer. Leona might possibly advance the Bens, Denton will hold for a place for Cokl. Eskimo might want a place for Foster and White Cloud will hold out for Taylor. Since Riffer has been chosen for the defense corner, Moyer would probably work in better than any of the others. His clean play gives him the edge on C. Denton. Severance has never scored less than thirty-five points in any game (Leona game excepted) and our opponents have never touched thirty-five. This argues well for the Severance defense of which Riffer has played an important part. Moyer then is elected.

Just what this combination would do in a real contest is hard to say, but it would look pretty good on the floor. Riffer, Moyer, Utzam, Sherman and Burke. It would be mighty hard to stop them.

For second team, Name, Jones, C. Denton, and the Bensford would make a nice combination. Lyons and Chambler would probably be as strong a combination as the Bensfords but not as easy to say. Somehow a brother combination always sounds good. Prael would work well in C. Denton's position. The fact that he has twice this season outplayed him being a strong argument.

What's the use of picking; your idea and mine may not at all coincide and the argument follows. We all indulge in idle speculation. — Hickey.

Sickness has claimed many of the students during the past three weeks. Our business managers, C. I. Moyer, was threatened with pneumonia in the first part of this week. Alice Mosier had a bad cold for several days. Albert Shay had an ear ache. Capt. Ronald Riffer had cold last week and Clara Hard has the chicken pox.

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Only Nine Weeks of School Left

It hardly seems possible that we are so near the end of another school year. May we let it be a challenge to those of us who are doing well to keep our good work up to the end, and to those of us who may be lagging to redouble our efforts and not give up just because we are behind.

Scholarship Records

The following students made a grade of one plus in one or more subjects during the last six weeks period. After the name of the student is indicated the subject or subjects in which the work was done.

Marguerite Fullbright - harmony; art.
Marie Anderson - harmony; geometry; art.
Elizabeth Dittemore - English II; history; French I.
Opal Winter - English II; French I; geometry; art.
John Fullbright - history; French I.
Lola Dittemore - English IV; French II; art.
Louise Dittemore - English IV.
Ruth Barnes - English IV.
Mollie McNett - English I.

Attendance Better

Our attendance is gradually showing improvement. There were too many cases of tardiness this last period. These students were neither tardy nor absent for the first six weeks of this semester: Lola Dittemore, Louise Dittemore, Paul Libel, John Fullbright, Marie Anderson, Grace Roland, Elizabeth Dittemore, Opal Winter, Rex Hall, Ursula Kirwan, Murl Higgins, Oscar C., Robert Fuller, Elizabeth Morley.

Honor Accorded Art Student

Lola Dittemore has been asked to make a picture to be placed in the library of Highland College. As yet Lola has not decided what the picture will be nor in what medium it will be done.

Better Citizenship

Some complaint of trespassing by students, especially by grade students on the way to and from school, has come to our attention. In many instances children show little regard for the rights of others, trampling over lawns and breaking and tearing up small shrubs, bushes and plants. This is a matter which rightly belongs in part to the school. It certainly is a part of the function of the school to teach respect for the rights of others and to inculcate in the growing individual the ideals of good citizenship as a theory but as a dynamic force impelling to action so that he will be a good citizen not because he knows what the good citizen should do but because he habitually does what the good citizen should do. We are trying to assume our full share of this burden. But this obligation rests as truly on the home and on the community as on the school and until school, home and community cooperate the greatest good in this direction can never be accomplished.
County Scholarship Contest

Our high school will be well represented in the county scholarship contest the last of next month. The following students have been chosen to compete in the different tests: in English I, Marguerite Fullbright and Mollie McNett; in English II, Marie Anderson and Elizabeth Dittemore; in English III, Lola Dittemore and Paul Libel; in algebra, Marguerite Fullbright and Irene Case; in geometry, Opal Winter and Marie Anderson; in physics, John Fullbright and Paul Libel.

New Student

Emmett Schriner who attended the Denison High School the first semester of this year is now enrolled with us as a freshman. We are glad to have him with us.

Senior Class Doubled

Everybody is glad to have William Hylton back in school. The doctor believes that William's leg which was wrenched at the knee as well as being broken near the ankle will be as good as ever in a short time. Because William was unable to play any more basketball after he was injured the team was left in a weakened condition to finish the season and go through the tournament.
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Clerk.
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Edward Davis
County Treasurer.

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Frank M. Tracy, County Treasurer.

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Frank M. Tracy, County Treasurer.
**Treasurer's Office, Doniphan County, Kansas,\**

**Received of J. Prime\**

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Signed: Frank M. Tracy

Total: $27.63

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**Treasurer's Office, Doniphan Co., Kan.\**

**Received of Jn. Brown\**

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Signed: Frank M. Tracy

Total: $29.66
Severance Church no longer stands

The history of the Severance Methodist Church dates back to the spring of 1872 when Rev. George W. Wood organized a handful of Methodists in the vicinity. The cornerstone of the first church was laid on April 11, 1874. The new structure was erected and completed, and dedicated on Sept. 24, 1874.

The congregation grew so rapidly in the next forty years that a larger church was needed. Mr. Herman Day, one of the most popular men in Severance, had left $3500 in his will for church purposes and this started the building fund. The church was to cost $10,000, but it ran over to $13,000 and the hat was passed at the dedication service on January 10, 1915 and subscriptions were taken up to finish paying for the church.

It was a big day, the other churches suspended services so all the community for miles around could attend. There was a stained glass in the church in honor of Mr. Day along with Henry Laverence, Watkins, Catherine Plank, Ritenhouse and Mary Denton and others.

When the board decided to demolish the church due to non-use, the bell, dishes and upper balcony railing were given to the Hiawatha Southern Baptist Church. A crew from Perry, Kan., took out the pews and the windows, some were purchased locally, and the bricks were removed by a Kansas City firm. When the cornerstone was removed a metal box was discovered the size of a brick. This was opened on August 18, 1991. It contained a copy of the Severance news of the dedication week in 1914, a Bible, a church discipline, a letter from the Doniphan County Sunday School organization in Waubon soliciting five cents per member, a folding key from the 1874 church and the list in the paper said an 1874 and 1914 coin were included but these were not found. It was made of copper and folded over and soldered shut, very neatly. Where did the coins go, maybe whoever sealed the box decided to pocket them?

This leaves a vacant spot on the hill along with the vacant lot across the road that contained the old wooden school and the brick school built in later years.

The Christian Church was dedicated the same year 1914 it still stands but is in bad shape. The Catholic church burned a few years back.

—Beverly Kentzler
DONIPHAN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

DONIPHAN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING
JULY 17TH AT 6:30 P.M.

The next meeting of the Doniphan County Historical Society will be July 17th at the Lewis and Clark Look-Out in White Cloud. This is our annual potluck and wiener roast hosted by Wolf River Bob Breeze. Our guests will be the members of the Kanza Chapter of the Kansas Anthropological Association of Atchison. Hot dogs, buns and beverage will be furnished. Please bring a covered dish to share in the potluck.

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MEETING OF JUNE 26TH

The June meeting of the Doniphan County Historical Society was held at the City park in Severance with 60 members and guests attending. Everyone enjoyed a potluck and the delicious hot dogs grilled by Don Kentzler. Olga Gronninger, president, conducted a short business meeting. Wolf River Bob invited everyone to participate in an archaeological dig at the back of the White Cloud train depot which he owns. As of this date there are no reports on whether they found any buried treasure.

Beverly Kentzler presented the program for the evening on the history of Severance. She had pictures and maps for everyone to enjoy.

Beverly's great-grandparents settled in the rural area of Severance in 1855 and 1856. This was Indian territory and a person could acquire land by serving in the military or staking a claim and living on the land for a certain period of time. Forty acres was set aside for the town. The railroad came west from Elwood and in 1869 John Severance, for whom the town was named, brought the railroad to Severance. In 1874 a depot was erected for the telegraph office and the passengers of the railroad. Mr. Severance brought a Captain Gunn with him and the main street in Severance is named Gunn St. The railroad was named St. Joe and Denver and also St. Joe and Western.

The town was incorporated in 1877 with a population of 400 citizens. Mr. Severance and Cpt. Gunn built the first hotel in Severance. It was destroyed by fire in 1903. An electric plant was erected on the same site where the hotel had been. This is where the City Hall is today. In 1900 there were 50 businesses. There was a grist mill, ice house, Farmer's
Union Elevator, lumberyard, stockyards, hotel, a combination grocery store and cream station, livery stable, hardware store, bank, barbershop, blacksmith shop, restaurant, general store, millinery shop, post office, telephone office, shoe store, telegraph office, tavern/pool hall, meat market and newspaper. There were also professional people such as Doctors, Dentists, Lawyers and a Veterinary. Silent movies, plays and basketball games were in the IOOF Hall.

The first school was built in Severance in 1870. It was a one room schoolhouse with one teacher. The enrollment kept expanding and in 1890 a second school was built. Later another school was erected and the first graduating class from it was 1928. 1953 was the last graduating class from this newer school. The Severance school system is now part of the Midway school system.

The Christian Church of Severance was in the remodeled school building that was built in 1870. A new Christian Church was built in 1914. St. Vincent Catholic Church was established in 1882 at the cost of $2,000.00. The Methodist Church was built in 1874 and a new brick building was erected in 1914 at a cost of $13,000.00. Both the Catholic and Methodist Churches have been torn down and the Christian Church is in the process of being torn down. The Historical Society was the recipient of some of the bricks from the Christian Church.

The social event of the year was the VFW picnic. It started as a chautauqua NW of Severance. In approximately 1950 it was moved into town and was a carnival type of celebration. Our potluck and meeting was held on the cement that was the dance floor of the VFW picnic.

The current population is approximately 120 and there are no active businesses, churches or schools.

Several members and guests shared personal experiences about the history of Severance. Many thanks to Beverly for her presentation and her extensive research and to Don for the delicious hot dogs.

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Corky Smith reminds us that he and his work crew are working every Saturday on the Baker House project. Currently they are in the process of finishing the roof and working on the siding. The siding needs to be scraped. He is ready for primer and painting on some of the siding. He needs volunteers desperately and the work can now be done on the ground level. (For those of us who do not like heights.) Let's support these hard working men and make a big improvement before our August open house.

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Membership: As of our June meeting, we have 103 members with the newsletter going to 69 households.
PUBLIC SERVICES

Public service also began in the 1880's. The City Council took the first tentative steps toward locating the state reformatory in Hutchinson at about (885) A large waterworks plant was begun on West Sherman by the Holly Manufacturing Company in the fall of the same year. This was to be called the Hutchinson Water, Light and Telephone Company. The first telephones in town were connected at the plant in December 1886. Phone numbers 1 and 2 were inside the plant, and number 3 went to the Hutchinson News.

The Inter-State Gas Company of St. Louis was successful in convincing the city of the need for artificial gas. The gas plant was completed at 2nd and Adams in early 1886. The fuel produced was called Imperial Oil Gas, and was manufactured through a mixture of kerosene, water and air. The product was quite expensive and appealed only to the more elite. Some years later the plant was converted, using cheaper coal to manufacture gas. This fuel was used in Hutchinson in the patented Weisback Burner. The plant stood at the present site of the KP&L offices. A city light company was chartered that same spring.

In March, 1886, Hutchinson became a city of the 2nd class by petition, with a population of 2,300. The 1880's also marked the beginning development of a park, complete with a small zoo, along the Arkansas River on the south end of Main Street.

Halfway through the decade, John Severance, whose name is memorialized by the naming of Severance Street, persuaded the City Council that street cars were the up-and-coming mode of travel, and that Hutchinson needed "modern" transportation to remain a progressive city. Severance was granted a 21-year franchise for the Rapid Transit Company early in 1886, and by April, small horse and mule drawn cars were carrying passengers up and down Main Street, a street now lit by artificial gas lights.

The new flood control system was tested in June, 1886, and found sorely lacking as Cow Creek overflowed. The raised Main Street held flood waters back in the downtown area, but west Hutchinson was literally swamped. A plan was instigated to reconstruct and straighten the meandering bed of Cow Creek, beginning northwest of town and continuing to the southeast of the city, to allow the water a faster current.
Severance Farmers Telephone Directory.

Office Hours: Summer Months, 5 A. M. to 10 P. M.  
Winter Months, 6 A. M. to 9:30 P. M.

Mutual Service with Bendena, Leona and Highland.

**RULES**

1. Always call by number.
2. Always ring off when through talking.
3. When wishing to send a message to other towns, give central the call and you will be called up as soon as party wished is reached.
4. Do not hold the line longer than is necessary, for others may be waiting to use the line.
5. Avoid loud and harsh talking.  Stand close and speak direct into the transmitter.
6. Party line subscribers should not listen on a busy line as it is detrimental to the service.

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Best Business Town on R.R. in 1870-1886-1890

1968 - Comm. Dryden, 1st in Severance

1876 - Harper (Comm.) Banker in Seney

1879 - J. E. Heaney - Supt. of Schools

1879 - J. B. Waverly, Banker

1879 - J. A. Campbell, druggist

1954 - W. H. Curtis, merchant, gr. dealer

1858 - John Kirwan, Gen'l Business

1947 - Rippey - Farmer - Southorn, Palend, Groll

1972 - J. C. Sol - Carpenter

V. Delaney - Built 1843

Lyon Store torn down - bricks were burned in kiln by R.R. tracks. Carried grocery goods - groceries had women's allowance in Fall - ordered men's suits - on deck (in back) was millinery shop

Lionhead coffee had apparel in each pot with 50 lionheads you could win watching.

In Franklin - Brick Mill - Snow Mill - White Mill Flour sold at Lyon's Store - Upper flour house - Famous dance hall - trains but people from St. Joe for big yearly dance

Torn down in 1953 - 1879 - Seney Central (and old hotel)

Schools

3rd - Syracuse - 1st in Seney

1st grade school - Seney Central - Cost 1,000 - 1871

1st - Rough wooden structure - 1 teacher - 2nd - added onto - cost 1,000.

2nd - School - brick frame-prefabricated - 1871

in 1874 added, 2 yrs. $5. Later 4 yrs. - 1911

- enlarged to rooms for teacher, library, lab.

CP - Hiking club - 2 yrs.

3rd - School Grad. 14th Class in 1928

Greatest thing there are many tournaments closed in 1933

Other Businesses

Red & White store - W. V. Ward - 1000 SF - 2nd store

Butcher shop - Pat Ward - silent movies

Restaurants - (non-alcoholic)

Dr. Blakeley - Apothecary - basketball

Capital of the Bank - 1892

1871 - 10 yrs. - Brinks in 1905

Lawmen office - upstairs

Second School - 1871 - Lyons - dances

Trains - Midway 38 miles

Lester socials

Nellie Reeder - poet from Seney

1920 - 40 thriving businesses

1915 - Pat Gray News.

1955 - News.

1982 - Pat Gray still standing

1955 - Perry News - Perry News -

latter name given to it later - Pat Gray

1893 - house destroyed by fire

1893 - News - Service Enterprise by H. L. broccoli

Other names - Austin paper - Austin News

1893 - News - Farmers Bank destroyed - Leonard Drugs

Vigus Notch - Bilard Hall

Aug. 1884 - Sex Times newspaper until Nov. 1894

Dr. S. H. Blakeley in Seney for period of time - died there - delved - Caudle's

Pawley's Deli

Made house calls in horse buggy

Folklore furniture in 1930 -讳讳 - Dr. Ryan followed him

1880 - Ed. Heaney House - Ten Mile (2) calls - wagon - buggy