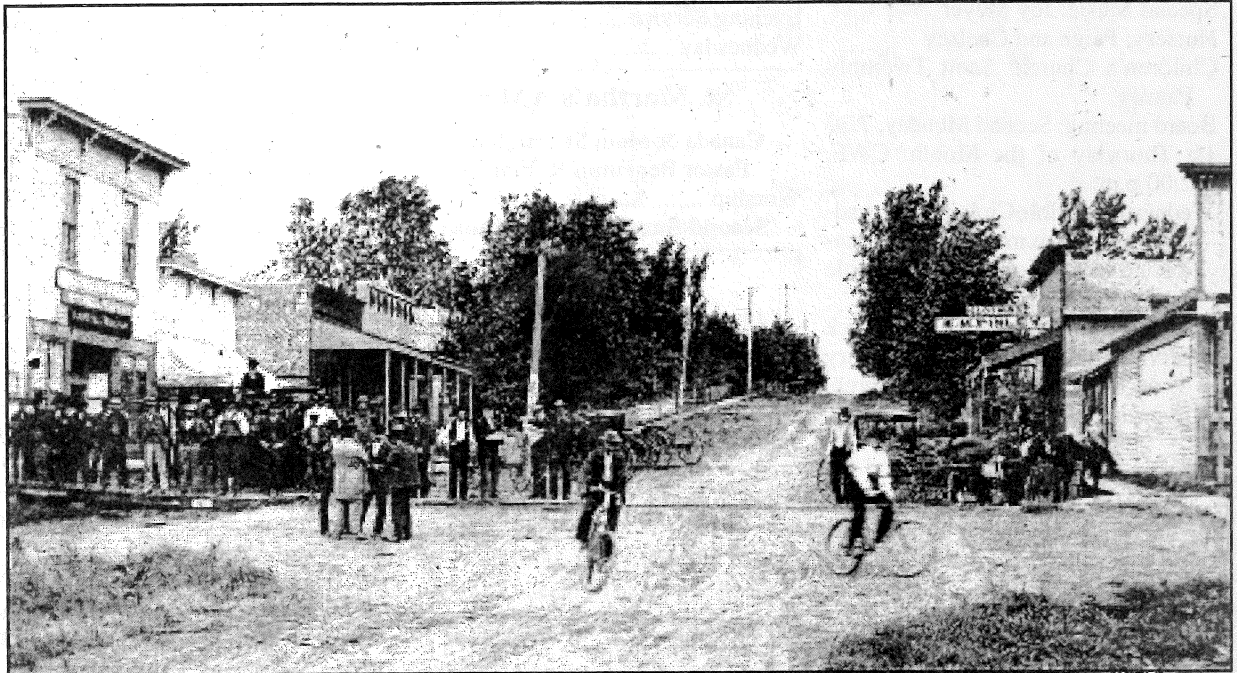


Main Street Leona circa 1890



3-1-9 Leona, KS — Landscapes change constantly. The city of Leona once had a thriving business district and quite a few people to call it home. This photo was taken in the early 1890s and shows the southern end of Main Street with a large number of people gathered in the business district. Note the dirt street and the number of people on bicycles. Leona may not be the city it once was, but it is still a city with a wonderful history and the place where many people proudly call home.

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In the fall of 1868 what is now known as the old school house was built, and in it school was taught up to 1879, when it was sold to John Kaufman to be used as a barn. The building now in use was completed in October 1879 at a cost of \$2,300. Its size is 28 x 48 feet. The first teachers in it were R.L. Teas and Miss Nannie Nesbit, in 1880-81 Chas. Bowers and Miss Emma Plank were the teachers of this district, and in 1881-82 Miss Nannie Nesbit and A. Parsons were engaged. The teachers in 1882-83 were Miss Nannie Nesbit and A. Parsons, 1883-84 Miss F. E. Katner and A. Parsons. 1884-85 there was only one teacher R.W. Norris who has nearly 60 scholars enrolled.

CHURCHES

Leona has as yet no church but church is held in the upper room of the school house every two weeks by Rev. Kloss. Leona needs a church bad. It would be a good recommendation for the people to have a church. Leona has a good Sunday School of about 35 members. L. Rickenbach is the superintendent.

LIBRARY

Leona has a good library of nearly 200 volumes. The library is opened every Tuesday and Sunday evening. Miss Ida Gougler is librarian. The books are free to those living in town, the library being supported by entertainments.

SECRET SOCIETIES

The I.O.O.F. have a lodge of about 20 members. They hold their meetings in the town hall every Saturday night. "Be initiated."

MISCELLANEOUS

Leona has had several literary societies but not enough interest was taken in them, so they soon stopped. But the library was started by a literary society, which stopped when the library was well started.

Leona also had a skating rink in the fall of 1884 but the building association found that it was ruining the floor so they stopped it.

About two years ago a side walk was constructed from the depot to the post office and a few other short pieces were built.

At the present there is a sidewalk being built from the post office to the school house.

FIRES

The first fire in Leona was a small affair, only destroying the residence of Mr. Hartsell in 1879. The second was a serious loss to the town; and at one time threatened the destruction of the entire town. It broke out in the hardware store of P.A. Flodin between 11 and 12 o'clock on the night of May 1, 1882. And before its discovery had made such headway as to render it practically beyond control.

But the citizens formed a bucket brigade and fought the fire lustily. At the moment when all seemed unavailable their efforts were seconded by a drenching shower; But after more than two hours of hard labor the flames were subdued. The buildings destroyed were, the Flodin Hardware store, the drug store of A. Angstad,

and the carpenter shop of J.W. Schock.

The losses were as follows. P.A. Flodin blacksmith shop and Hardware store \$3,500 insurance \$2900. The insurance on the drugstore-\$1,000- amply covered the loss. J.W.Schock carpenter shop \$800 insurance \$250.

On the North of the drugstore stood the general store of L. Rickenbach, from which the goods were removed causing a damage of \$160. On the other side of the street the stocks of J.A. Dillon and Hoverson & Co. were hurriedly removed causing a loss to each of about \$50.

The third fire occurred in March 1893 and resulted in the entire destruction of the grain elevator of J.R. Price. The elevator was an entire loss, as there was no insurance on it. We hope Leona will see no more.

CITY OFFICERS

Justice of the Peace--R.C. Pierce.

Constable--S.H. Dock.

Notary Public--E.B. Gatchell.

Road Overseer--F. Minig.

STATISTICS

The latest statistics show the following facts:
3 general stores, 1 drug store, 1 hardware store, 1 milliner store, 1 harness shop, 1 lumber yard, 1 butcher shop, 1 barber shop, 1 broom factory, 1 hotel, 1 carpenter shop, 1 grain warehouse, 2 elevators, 2 printing offices.

Leona had a newspaper called "LEONA NEWS." It was edited by Delno E. Kercher. There was 20 numbers issued when it stopped.

IN THE FOLLOWING YOU WILL FIND THE BUSINESS AND BUSINESSMEN REPRESENTED

R.C.Pierce & Son, Dealers in Pure drugs, Chemicals, Patent medicines, Sponges, Stationery, School books, Oils Paints, Perfumery and every thing usually kept in a first class drugstore.

KNOW THYSELF Then get acquainted with Geo. Scofield. He has always on hand a full stock of---Dry goods, Groceries, Boots and shoes. In fact every thing usually kept in a general store. Give him a trial.

FLODIN & MOYER. Dealers in--Hardware, Tinware, Stoves, Cutlery, Guns, agricultural implements, Wagons, etc., etc., Tin roofing and spouting a specialty. They also manufacture and repair all kinds of tinware, copperware, sheet iron ware etc. Corner, Ellis and Maple St.

THE SAINT JOSEPH STORE Is headquarters for: Dry goods, Groceries, Boots and Shoes, Queensware, etc. Latest novelties in Dress goods, Cloaks, and Fancy goods always in stock. Our long experience enable us to furnish any goods not usually found in country stores, on short notice, at bottom prices. Our stock is new neat and of latest styles. We have always on sale rare bargains in staple goods. J. Moeck. No 2 Maple St.

A. ROGERS Always has a supply of---Fresh meat, Cured hams, Beef, Pork, sausage etc. No. 8 South Ellis Street.

A. ANGSTAD, Grain Dealer, Pays the highest possible price for grain.

C.E. MILLER, Dealer in Lumber, Lath, Shingles, Lime Fenceposts, Hard and Soft Coal, etc. E.E. SCHOCK, Manager.

FARMERS ELEVATOR AND SHIPPING CO. Headquarters for high prices for grain. G.W. STRAHAN, Business manager.

GREGG BROS. Buy all kinds of grain and pay the highest market price. Mr. LUCE, Agent.

OFFICE OF DELINO E. KERCHER. I will print your Cards, Letterheads, Tags, Envelope corners, Tags etc. Cheap.

THE OLDEST HOUSE IN LEONA (Established in 1873.) Keep constantly on hand a full assortment of—Dry goods, Groceries, Boots and shoes, Hats and caps, Queensware & Glassware., Which will always be sold at the lowest possible price. DON'T forget the place. L. Rickenbach. No. 3 North Maple Street West side.

I have a full line jobbing materials; and I am prepared to do your printing in the latest styles at prices to suit the times. H. GUIER.

LEONA NOTES

By Mrs. Sam Davis 5-30-57

Mr Mrs Nick Byers became the parents of a son, Nicky Neil Jr., on May 21 at the Hiawatha hospital. Mrs Byers was formerly Miss Mildred Lambert. Mr Byers is serving with the Navy based on Guam.

LEONA BANK MARKS 60th ANNIVERSARY

Tuesday marked the 60th anniversary of the founding of the Farmers Bank of Leona. The late Andrew O Delaney, father of Dick Delaney, president now, was the founder and first cashier. The first president was F D Hastings, grain dealer, and original operating capital was \$2,400. Capital and surplus at present are \$50,000. Andrew O Delaney sr.

was reared on a farm near Bendena and was educated at Christian Brothers College in St Joe.

At the age of 26 he began his banking career at Severance. After a few months he moved to Leona to start his own bank. The first quarters were in the front part of a hardware store.

In 1913 the present building was erected. Altho it was founded to serve the needs of farmers and businessmen in the immediate vicinity, the bank has expanded its interests over several counties. Depositors live at distant points, so much of the banks business is done by correspondence.

Mr Delaney, the founder was one of the most progressive men of his community. The first telephone in town was in the Delaney home, connecting with one at the bank. The Leona Telephone company was organized in 1910 with Mr Delaney as one of its officers. Electricity was brought to Leona in 1918 when he established the Leona Electric Co., receiving service from the K.P. L.

The Delaneys reared two sons and two daughters. The older son, Andrew Delaney, jr., is an attorney at Troy. Mrs B J Heeney, a daughter, is the wife of a bank president at Beattie, Kan. The other daughter is Miss Bernice Delaney of Leona. Mrs Dick Delaney wife of the present bank president is the daughter of the late Daniel Meara who, in 1890, established the bank at Axtell.

Dick Delaney has been associated with the bank since 1924 when, at the age of 19 he became a bookkeeper. Responsibilities were added due to the ill health of his father and at the latter's death in 1944 Dick became president. Others employed in the bank are Neal Janicke, cashier, Mrs Wm Ruch, bookkeeper. Directors are Dick Delaney, Neal Janicke, John Ukena, A O Delaney, jr, and Ann Delaney.

The Dick Delaneys have two daughters and a son.

Leona Alumni Opening The Leona School Cornerstone June 10, 1976

The 7th annual meeting of Leona High School alumni was held on May 30 at Midway School. One hundred fifty-two of the most faithful turned out for the banquet. Prior to the dinner, many of the natives visited with the alumni at the school and many old acquaintances were renewed after a 15-year lapse as the last meeting was held in the schoolhouse in Leona on June 3, 1961.

Following the invocation by Ray Weide, the ex officio president Marvin Kleppe took charge of the proceedings and handled the meeting in a masterful manner. Minutes of the June 3, 1961 meeting were read, to the delight of all present; there were no amendments or corrections.

Dr. William J. Bracken introduced those present by classes. The honor class of 1924, was represented by Henry Dock,



The Leona High School Class of 1924 was granted the honor of opening the metal box placed in the cornerstone of the school building when it was dedicated in 1923. Left to right are: Ida Legler, Alma (Benfer) Kleppe and Chester Parker. Another class member, Henry Dock, was also present. Looking on at right is Marvin Kleppe.

Chester Parker, Alma Benfer Kleppe and Ida Legler. This was the first class to be graduated after the construction of the new high school building in 1923.

Following the closing of the Leona schools in 1957, the buildings were abandoned and were eventually torn down. The cornerstone was presented to the Class of 1924 unopened by the purchaser of the building, Wallace Hoffman and Judy Hoffman. The copper box inside the cornerstone had been well sealed and when it was opened, the contents were in excellent condition. The contents included a bible, pages from several newspapers, pictures of the school board and all of the grade and high school students of the year 1923. The contents of the box will be placed in cases and displayed.

William Acker, William Mailler, Daisy Martinson McKee and Lawrence Benfer of the Class of 1926, were present. Classes for the years 1926, 1931 and 1953 had 100 percent attendance. Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Kleppe were highly praised for their all out effort to revive the alumni meeting.

An effort is now being made to locate all of the former teachers at Leona. Several former students including William Woods and Martin Benson could not be located.

It was then decided that the annual meeting be held every other year. The new officers elected were Dr. Bracken, president; Marvin Kleppe, vice-president; Helen Ruch, secretary. The new officers were authorized to set the date and place of the next meeting.

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FIRE AT LEONA.

Last Monday morning, about three o'clock, fire was discovered in the building owned by P. A. Flodin, and occupied by him as a hardware store. Adjoining this on the west was a blacksmith and wagon shop, all of which were soon swept up by the maddened flames. The next to suffer was Walter & Kefer's drug store. This building was two stories high, the upper rooms being occupied by Mr. J. Allison as a residence. This building was owned by Mr. A. Angstead and was valued at \$1,300, insured for \$900. Mr. Shock's wagon shop and material was valued at \$700, insured for \$250. Mr. Flodin was fully insured,

Central State
May 5, 1882

while Walter & Kefer's loss above insurance is in the neighborhood of \$700. The dry goods store of Mr. Richenbaugh was next to the drug store, and had it not been for the heavy rain that had set in and the change of wind his building would have been swept away. The goods were carried out of this store, and were considerably damaged by the rain. It is not known how the fire originated, but it is believed to have been the work of an incendiary. Mr. Allison lost all of his household goods, and being a poor man his loss is a severe one. We learn that a subscription paper has been circulated for his benefit and liberally subscribed to.

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Severance Enterprise
Feb 23, 1883

Tuesday evening about 7 o'clock, p. m., the building at Leona known as the Price elevator, was entirely destroyed by fire. It was built about two years and a half ago by Close & Moll, and was one of the finest appointed of the kind on the road. J. E. Price, of Sabetha, was the present owner, and the Gregg Bros. Grain Company, of St. Joseph, were the lessees. There was about 6,000 bushels of grain in the building. The loss on the building and grain is somewhere near \$10,000. Mr.

Mailler, who conducted the business, says he supposed the grain to be insured, but cannot state to what amount, but as the Gregg Bros. are careful business men, the chances are that the loss is covered, about the building he don't know of any insurance.

THE ENTERPRISE sympathises with the business men of Leona who have sustained such a great loss to the thriving town by the burning of the elevator. We trust that, Phoenix like it may arise greater and grander out of the ashes of the past.

—Leona has suffered another big loss by fire. On Sunday morning, about one o'clock, the elevator and mill of the Leona Grain Company was discovered to be on fire. The building and machinery are a total loss. Some of the grain was saved, but in a badly damaged condition. There was about 7,000 bushels of grain in the elevator. The elevator and mill building cost \$4,000, on which there is an insurance of \$2,500. On grain there is an insurance of \$1,500. The loss above insurance will be fully \$3,000. The company is incorporated, and will meet all liabilities. Whether they will resume the business, at this writing can not be determined. The fire is thought to be incendiary.

Troy Times
Dec 16, 1887

Signatures in an Autograph Book

This little (4" x 7") autograph book has a picture of eggs in a bird nest with leaves and flowers around it and the word Album in interwoven letters. The album was owned by Ida Janicke, Leona, Doniphan Co., KS. The following names are written in it:

Willie Janicke		Leona, KS
Rosa L. M. Moeck	Jan 7, 1885	Leona, KS
Susan Harper	Jan 8, 1885	Leona, KS
Sarah Cook		Maryvile, MO
R. G. Harper	Mar 10, 1885	Leona, KS
Minnie Harper	Mar 11, 1885	Leona, KS
Bessie Truex	Jan 8, 1885	Leona, KS
Jeremiah Kimmel	Jan 8, 1885	Leona, KS
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Doshia Edwards	Jan 8, 1885	Leona, KS
Johnny Moeck	Mar 12, 1885	Leona, KS
Fred L. Perce	Jan 9, 1885	
R. W. Norris	Jan 12, 1884	Leona, KS
Johnnie Miller	Mar 27, 1885	Leona, KS
T. M. Harper	Jan 14, 1885	Leona, KS
Simon H. Dock	Jan 14, 1885	Leona, KS
W. E. Hull	Jan 12, 1885	
Geo. B. Miller		Leona, KS
Callie Janicke (sister)		Leona, KS
Hannah Janicke		Leona, KS
John W. Harper	Jan 12, 1886	Leona, KS
Amelia Miller	Jan 8, 1885	Leona, KS
Lewis J. Pierce	Jan 11, 1885	Leona, KS
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Leona Schock	Jan 7, 1885	Leona, KS
Anna Gougler	Jan 14, 1885	Leona, KS
Carrie Hershy	Jan 12, 1885	Leona, KS
Minnie Moeck	Jan 7, 1885	Leona, KS
Johnnie Miller	Mar 7, 1886	Leona, KS
Annie Kotz		Highland, KS
Ida Pruss		Severence, KS
Nancy Wagner	Mar 27, 1885	Leona, KS

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BENDENA

The Pleasant Ridge school gave a Xmas program Wednesday evening of last week. The social which was given with it cleared \$22.15. Miss Freda Denton is teacher of the school.

The Oakland Home-Makers Club gave a program and social at the Oakland school house last Wednesday evening.

The Midnight Mass was held at the St. Benedict's Church on Christmas eve.

The Luthern Sunday School gave a sacred pantomime with a Christmas program of songs and readings Christmas eve which was well attended.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Huff and daughter Violet, of Lancaster, were dinner guests at the Otis Loyd home Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Klaus and daughter Nellie, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Klaus and son Kenneth were guests of Miss Leafie Parker in Troy Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Klaus and daughter Anna Mary spent Xmas day at the John Boersting home.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Enerson, Mr. and Mrs. James Anderson and two children, Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Jones Jr. and two children attended a big family dinner at the Peter Anderson home in Severance Christmas day when all of the children and grandchildren were present.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Boersting and two children spent Xmas with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Keimig of near Atchison.

Maurice Pope, a senior at K. U. came home to spend Xmas with his parents. He and Arthur Weber of St. Joe left Friday for Chicago to attend the National Convention of the Alpha Kappa Lambda Fraternities from Dec. 28-30. They were elected to represent the A. K. L. Fraternity of K. U.

Ray and Joseph Howard students of the Business College at Chillicothe, Mo. are spending

they went rabbit hunting. But part of their pleasure of the day was spoiled in the evening after they had returned from the hunt with 21 rabbits and a squirrel when they were trying to frighten the pigeons out of the hay barn to shoot at them, Louis Williamson the second son of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Williamson of Troy in trying to throw a good size rock straight above his head broke his right arm between the elbow and the shoulder, the boys took him to Bendena immediately where Dr. Clutz set the fracture in a cast.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Reipen, Herman Reipen, Mr. and Mrs. H. Johnson and son, and Roy Reipen and family of St. Joe., J. O. Zancker and family spent Xmas day at the Roy Howard home.

The farmers are busy trying to finish the corn shucking that did not get done before the severe weather.

New Year Greetings to every body.

THE HONOR ROLL

The following persons have during the last few days either renewed their subscriptions or had their name placed on the list as new subscribers:

- John Prawl
- Robert Bates
- Wm. Nimz
- R. R. Denton
- J. M. Foley
- G. G. Delzeit
- Ed Heeney
- Mrs. P. M. Minogue
- T. D. Morgan
- D. J. Ward
- W. N. Pry
- E. B. Lowe
- S. O. Harpster
- Mrs. E. Kirwan
- V. J. Kirwan
- Mrs. Emily Huss
- Philip Bauer
- Peter Prawl
- C. E. Lawson
- Mrs. D. C. Hardy
- R. W. Morley
- Birdie Cunningham
- Anna Ward

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Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Libel spent Xmas at the home of her parents near Huron. Her sister Miss Irene Wohletz returned home with them to spend her vacation here.

Henry Huss who has been seriously ill with pneumonia is recovering.

Mrs. E. F. Doran and children of Maryville, Mo., are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Halling.

Mr. and Mrs. John Joyce of Bendena were guests of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Henry Libel for Xmas.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Halling and son spent Xmas with her parents at White Cloud.

Helen Libel is spending her vacation with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Corbet and family north of Severance.

Eve'n Hrenchier who has been sick with the Flu is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Halling entertained the following guests for Xmas dinner: Mrs. E. F. Doran and three sons of Maryville, Mo., Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Falk and Mrs. Mary Falk, Purcell, Miss Mary Falk of Platt, Kansas and Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Halling and family of near Denton.

Miss Agnes Shay who is attending College at Highland is vacationing with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Shay.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hrenchier of St. Joe spent the last of the week with relatives here.

Mrs. E. J. Libel gave an alarm one day last week that their house was on fire. The flue burned out but fortunately no damage was done.

Quite a few farmers are doing their butchering this week.

T. P. Pry is expected to return this week from a visit in Oklahoma.

A kin dinner was given at the home of Mrs. Candacy Andrus

MT. VERNON

Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Halling and family spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Halling of Severance.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Fuhrman and daughter Eileen were Christmas dinner guests at Fred Wolfe's.

Miss LaVeta Morgan is spending the weekend with Miss Esther Lauffer of Atchison, who is home from Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Fenton spent Christmas with Mr. Fenton's mother at Atchison.

Mr. and Mrs. Loenard Hilbert and family of Atchison, spent Christmas at Sam Kout's.

Edward Fisher, of Kansas City is spending his vacation at J. C. Fuhrman's.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Thurn spent Christmas day with her folks at Wathena.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Fuhrman spent Christmas day at the August Moranz home north of Severance.

Father Justin Sion, Miss Lena Sion and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hiebsch of Good Intent were Christmas dinner guests at the home of J. C. Fuhrman.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Steele visited with her parents at DeKalb Mo., Friday and Saturday.

Alex Bloir, Jr. and Mr. Lust of Atchison spent Saturday at the home of John Hunter's.

Mrs. Godfrey and sons Pearl and Paul of Bendena, were Christmas guests at Frank Metz.

Charles Shoans and Gilbert Hotel of Kansas City, Kansas, spent Saturday at Joe Thurn's.

Miss Regena Enzbrenner of Eden, visited with Miss Emma Fuhrman last week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Antes Jr., of Nortonville, spent Christmas day with John Antes, Sr.

PURCELL

Miss Mary Hayes of Kansas City, visited with her parents here last week.

CLARENCE HIXON KILLED IN RUNAWAY

Clarence Marion Hixon, 13 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm Hixon, who reside on the C. I. Moyer farm north of town, lost his life Tuesday morning on the river road north of Severance, when he was thrown from a loaded wagon.

Clarence and his father were hauling feed to the Moyer place when the wagon struck a rough place in the road, throwing the boy down between the team of mules he was driving, causing them to run away. The loaded wagon passed completely over his body and it was said that every bone in the upper part of his body was crushed.

His father who was driving ahead of the boy, saw the team coming and succeeded in stopping them but when he reached the boy, he was breathing his last. Mr. Hixon immediately notified people in Severance about the accident and several persons went to the scene immediately. Harold Riffer, manager of the A. J. Elevator was one of the first to arrive on the scene and took the boy home in his car.

The boy's mother who is confined in a hospital at St. Joe, Mo. and who recently underwent an operation, was not told of the accident or death of her son, due to her weakened condition. The Hixon family moved into this district about a year ago and the deceased and his brothers and sisters have been attending the Laverentz school.

Clarence Marion Hixon was born August 1, 1912 and died on December 29, 1925. He was the oldest of five children. He leaves to mourn his passing, in addition to a host of friends, his father and mother, four sisters, Goldie, Mildred, Pearl, Beulah and two brothers Harold and William, Jr.

The funeral was held Wednesday afternoon at the Christiin church in Highland and burial was in the White Cloud ceme-

LEONA

Harry Mailer installed a radio in the home of B. B. Bracken of near Severance last Wednesday.

Mrs. James Acker of north of town, was called to Oregon this week to be at the bedside of her mother Mrs. Conser, who is reported to be very ill.

John G. Ukena, is taking his daughter to St. Joe for medical treatment this week.

Dr. Lomax returned home this week from St. Joe where he has been under the care of special lists for several days. Dr. Lomax is suffering with prostratis, an ailment of the glands. He is compelled to return to St. Joe several days a week for treatment.

The Community Christmas Tree, which was given in the school auditorium last Wednesday night was a big success. The program, which was given by the school children was of the highest class. The teachers who instructed them deserve much credit. Everyone present received a bag of candy.

Wilma George of St. Joe spent a few days with her parents Mr. and Mrs. C. George.

C. J. Ukena, who had one of his ears frost-bitten a couple of weeks ago is having quite a bit of trouble with it, as an infection has set in.

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Mr. and Mrs. Martin Boerstring and two children spent Xmas with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Keimig of near Atchison.

Maurice Pope, a senior at K. U. came home to spend Xmas with his parents. He and Arthur Weber of St. Joe left Friday for Chicago to attend the National Convention of the Alpha Kappa Lambda Fraternities from Dec. 28-30. They were elected to represent the A. K. L. Fraternity of K. U.

Ray and Joseph Howard students of the Business College at Chillicothe, Mo. are spending the vacation with their parents.

Ross Elliot a former student of Midland College is a guest of Miss Christina Albers this week.

Mrs. Gill and son Sammy of Wetmore arrived Saturday to spend several days at the A. F. Albers home.

Miss Eva Godfrey spent Xmas with her mother Mrs. Florence Godfrey who returned to St. Joe with her Saturday to spend Sunday with Eva at the hospital, where she is taking a nurse's training.

Miss Nellie Klaus who has been spending Xmas here with relatives, returned to Kansas City Sunday evening.

The young women's missionary society 'King's Daughters' presented the Christmas Tree pageant in memory of Virginia Boyer, a former missionary to India, Sunday evening. Those in the pageant were: Misses Laura Anderson, the Christmas Angel, Ellanora Ricklefs memory, Elva Albers, Amy Holzhey, Gertrude Franklin, Mary Anderson, Grace Jones and Merle Albers daughters of the warrior chiefs and Miss Carrie Schwab missionary mother. Mrs. Peter Enerson president of the society had charge of the pageant and program. Mrs. S. G. Jones, Jr. played a piano solo and was also accompanist for the musical parts of the program. Mrs. H. W. Monesmith sang a solo. Miss Amye Holzhey and Mrs. Asdy Anderson sang a duet for a pontomine by four girls, Elva Albers, Gertrude Franklin, Merle

had their name placed on the list as new subscribers:

- John Prawl
- Robert Bates
- Wm. Nimz
- R. R. Denton
- J. M. Foley
- G. G. Delzeit
- Ed Heeney
- Mrs. P. M. Minogue
- T. D. Morgan
- D. J. Ward
- W. N. Pry
- E. B. Lowe
- S. O. Harpster
- Mrs. E. Kirwan
- V. J. Kirwan
- Mrs. Emily Huss
- Philip Bauer
- Peter Prawl
- C. E. Lawson
- Mrs. D. C. Hardy
- R. W. Morley
- Birdie Cunningham
- Anna Ward
- Ukena Bros.
- Harry Mailler
- R. E. Denton
- Mrs. H. Swetland
- J. C. Clark
- F. H. Cooper
- Lafe Williams
- John Foley
- J. W. Black
- Hancock Bros.
- Perry Caudle
- Hugh Wood
- Lou Foley
- Mrs. Mollie Black
- Frank Libel
- Chas. Broomhall
- John Hale
- George Corbet
- Mrs. Pat McEnulty
- R. G. Harper
- Fred Molt
- Henry Gronniger
- Mrs. Amos Barnes
- Stella Harless
- O. Swanson
- Birdie Swanson
- Geo. Ebeling
- P. S. Robb
- Wm. Dittmore
- P. M. Leonhard
- M. Childs

FAMILY REUNION

A merry crowd gathered at the home of Mrs. Emma Bird at Denton Christmas day. A beautiful dinner was served at noon, after which presents were distributed from a tree, for each one. In the evening refreshments of ice cream and cake were served, after which all departed for their various homes. Those present were: Mr. and

Falk and Mrs. Mary Falk, Purcell, Miss Mary Falk of Platt, Kansas and Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Halling and family of near Denton.

Miss Agnes Shay who is attending College at Highland is vacationing with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Shay.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hrenchier of St. Joe spent the last of the week with relatives here.

Mrs. E. J. Libel gave an alarm one day last week that their house was on fire. The flue burned out but fortunately no damage was done.

Quite a few farmers are doing their butchering this week.

T. P. Pry is expected to return this week from a visit in Oklahoma.

A kin dinner was given at the home of Mrs. Candacy Andrus Xmas. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Woodson Miller and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Andrus and family, Mr. and Mrs. Buzz Simpson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Andrus and family, Mr. and Mrs. Figley, and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Andrus and family.

Those taking dinner at the Peter Prawl home were Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. Webb Prawl and children Norman and Kathryn, Mr. D. C. Sharpe, Elsie Chalfan and Bobbie Ann and Grace Prawl.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Rupert of Osawatomie and their son Horace of K. C. who spent Xmas with their mother Mrs. Mary Campbell, returned home Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. V. J. Kirwan entertained with Xmas dinner in honor of her mother Mrs. Margaret Morley and her two sons John and Aloysius.

Miss Martha Haaser of Buffalo Gap, S. D., who is attending school in Omaha spent the holidays with C. I. Moyer and family.

Mrs. Art Davis is very sick with an attack of appendicitis. Dr. Gross is the attending physician.

Elsie Chalfan was home for Xmas dinner and visited over until Saturday morning with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Steele visited with her parents at DeKalb Mo., Friday and Saturday.

Alex Bloir, Jr. and Mr. Lust of Atchison spent Saturday at the home of John Hunter's.

Mrs. Godfrey and sons Pearl and Paul of Bendena, were Christmas guests at Frank Metz.

Charles Shoans and Gilbert Hotel of Kansas City, Kansas, spent Saturday at Joe Thurn's.

Miss Regena Enzbrenner of Elen, visited with Miss Emma Fuhrman last week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Antes Jr., of Nortonville, spent Christmas day with John Antes, Sr.

PURCELL

Miss Mary Hayes of Kansas City, visited with her parents here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Brooks visited relatives in Kansas City last week.

The Misses Alice and Irene Brazzel who attend school in Atchison were home for the holidays.

Frank Burke of Kansas City and Will Burke of Horton spent Christmas with their sister Mrs. Katherine Normile.

Mrs. Dennis Donohue of Lockport, Ill., is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Joe Pauly.

Miss Mollie Whelan is visiting relatives in Horton this week.

Miss Mary Callahan of Atchison, spent Christmas with home folks.

MASONS ELECT AND INSTALL OFFICERS

Severance Lodge, No. 313, A. F. & A. M. held its annual election and installation on December 23, 1925. Following are the newly elected officers:

George Husted, Worshipful Master; A. Denton, Senior Warden; R. Graves, Junior Warden; W. Severin, Secretary and W. S. Hamilton, Treasurer. The appointive officers were: W. Denton, Senior Deacon; John Furling, Junior Deacon; H. N. Swanson and H. W. Ware, Stewards.

H. N. Swanson was the installing officer and H. Corbet acted as Marshal.

Mr. Jim Campbell of Pocatello Idaho who is spending the holi-

the boy home in his car.

The boy's mother who is confined in a hospital at St. Joe, Mo. and who recently underwent an operation, was not told of the accident or death of her son, due to her weakened condition. The Hixon family moved into this district about a year ago and the deceased and his brothers and sisters have been attending the Laverentz school.

Clarence Marion Hixon was born August 1, 1912 and died on December 29, 1925. He was the oldest of five children. He leaves to mourn his passing, in addition to a host of friends, his father and mother, four sisters, Goldie, Mildred, Pearl, Beulah and two brothers Harold and William Jr.

The funeral was held Wednesday afternoon at the Christi church in Highland and burial was in the White Cloud cemetery.

Pallbearers were selected from his schoolmates at the Laverentz school.

The News joins with their many friends in extending sympathy to the bereaved family in their hour of sorrow.

ATCHISON BANKER QUILTS

Atchison, Kan., Dec. 29.—The resignation of Frank M. Woodford as president of the Atchison Savings Bank was announced here today, effective Jan. 6, 1926.

Mr. Woodford will move to Topeka to become president of the newly chartered Metropolitan National Life Insurance Company.

Mr. Woodford has been president of Atchison Savings Bank since 1920, and has been associated with that institution since 1900.

In the last five years the bank's deposits have increased from \$250,000 to \$2,000,000.

It is understood that either W. H. Sawin of Atchison or L. A. Libel of Wathena will succeed Mr. Woodford. —St. Joseph News-Press.

LEAVE FOR TEXAS

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Anderson fo Leona, left Wednesday for San Antonio, Texas for the winter. Mrs. Anderson's health has been very poorly. Her many friends wish her a fast recovery

Wilma George of St. Joe spent a few days with her parents Mr. and Mrs. C. George.

C. J. Ukena, who had one of his ears frost-bitten a couple of weeks ago is having quite a bit of trouble with it, as an infection has set in.

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Mr. and Mrs. Jack George spent Christmas in St. Joseph.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Denton had Christmas dinner with his son R. R. Denton and family.

Miss Maude Mann of York Nebraska is visiting her sister Mrs. R. R. Denton.

Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Heeney and son B. J. Jr. of Beattie, Kansas spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Delaney and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wolf of Kansas City and Mrs. Bonney of Kansas City spent Xmas with Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Lyons.

A. O. Delaney Jr. of Troy spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Delaney and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Fairbanks of the Fairbank Comedy Co. are visiting her mother, Mrs. F. J. Childs.

Mr. Joe Woolsey is moving to his farm near Kansas City.

LEONA MEN HURT IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Harry Heckman and his father, Will Heckman came near being killed on Tuesday afternoon when the steering rod broke on his Ford coupe and turned into a railing on the highway east

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HISTORY OF LEONA

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PREFACE

I publish this volume for pleasure but hope some one may be benefitted by it.
Most of it is from the state history.

LEONA stands on the S. W. quarter Sec.17 township 3 range 19.

It was laid out June 15, 1873, by a stock company of which J.W. Schock was president.

This land was part of the farm of David Kercher, and was selected as a central point from which to ship the products of this fertile neighborhood. To secure railroad facilities the company paid the St. Joe & Denver R.R. the land for a depot and about \$1,000 in cash. The following year the company sold out to H. Gregg he assuming the part of the road in its contract with the town.

The first house in town was the house of D. Kercher which has since been purchased by H. N. Edwards and by him remodeled.

The first store was the combined storeroom, store and railway depot of H. Gregg.

The first postmaster was David Kercher who, prior to the building of the store had the post office in a cracker box in his house. Robert Mailler was the second postmaster, and he was followed by J.B. Brooks, J. Myers and E.B. Gatchell the present official.

The first birth in town was that of William Scofield.

The first death, Ray Carpenter, a child of D.L. Carpenter. The first marriage that of P.A. Flodin to Ida Schock. The first physician Dr. S.H. Blakely. He was followed by C.B. Channel, R.L. Teas, H.W. Lewis, E. Walters and R.C. Pierce who is now the only resident physician.

The second store was built by Redd & Wilson. The first drug store was that of C. B. Chammel. The first hardware store that of P.A. Flodin, who also owned the first blacksmith shop.

The first notary public was D.L. Carpenter. The first Harness Shop was operated by F. Case. The first meat market by Kopietz & Marak. The first lumber yard was opened by J.W. Schock in 1875.

SCHOOLS

The first school house near Leona met with a tragic and unique end. School was taught in it in 1867, and when the fall term of the next year was to begin

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it was discovered that some enterprising spirit had stolen the house bodily. It was tracked to a point near Padonia in Brown Co. But was never recovered.

In the fall of 1868 what is now known as the old school house was built, and in it school was taught up to 1879, when it was sold to John Kaufman to be used as a barn. The building now in use was completed in October 1879 at a cost of \$2,300. Its size is 28 x 48 feet. The first teachers in it were R.L. Teas and Miss Nannie Nesbit, in 1880-81 Chas. Bowers and Miss Emma Plank were the teachers of this district, and in 1881-82 Miss Nannie Nesbit and A. Parsons were engaged. The teachers in 1882-83 were Miss Nannie Nesbit and A. Parsons, 1883-84 Miss F. E. Katner and A. Parsons. 1884-85 there was only one teacher R.W. Norris who has nearly 60 scholars enrolled.

CHURCHES

Leona has as yet no church but church is held in the upper room of the school house every two weeks by Rev. Kloss. Leona needs a church bad. It would be a good recommendation for the people to have a church. Leona has a good Sunday School of about 35 members. L. Rickenbach is the superintendent.

LIBRARY

Leona has a good library of nearly 200 volumes. The library is opened every Tuesday and Sunday evening. Miss Ida Gougler is librarian. The books are free to those living in town, the library being supported by entertainments.

SECRET SOCIETIES

The I.O.O.F. have a lodge of about 20 members. They hold their meetings in the town hall every Saturday night. "Be mishiated."

MISCELLANEOUS

Leona has had several literary societies but not enough interest was taken in them, so they soon stopped. But the library was started by a literary society, which stopped when the library was well started.

Leona also had a skating rink in the fall of 1884 but the building association found that it was ruining the floor so they stopped it.

About two years ago a side walk was constructed from the depot to the post office and a few other short pieces were built.

At the present there is a sidewalk being built from the post office to the school house.

FIRES

The first fire in Leona was a small affair, only destroying the residence of Mr. Hartsell in 1879. The second was a serious loss to the town; and at one time threatened the destruction of the entire town. It broke out in the hardware store of P.A. Flodin between 11 and 12 o'clock on the night of May 1, 1882. And before its discovery had made such headway as to render it practically beyond control.

But the citizens formed a bucket brigade and fought the fire lustily. At the moment when all seemed unavailable their efforts were seconded by a drenching shower; But after more than two hours of hard labor the flames were subdued. The buildings destroyed were, the Flodin Hardware store, the drug store of A. Angstad,

and the carpenter shop of J.W. Schock.

The losses were as follows. P.A. Flodin blacksmith shop and hardware store \$3,500 insurance \$2900. The insurance on the drugstore-\$1,000- amply covered the loss. J.W.Schock carpenter shop \$800 insurance \$250.

On the North of the drugstore stood the general store of L. Rickenbach, from which the goods were removed causing a damage of \$160. On the other side of the street the stocks of J.A. Dillon and Hoverson & Co. were hurriedly removed causing a loss to each of about \$50.

The third fire occurred in March 1883 and resulted in the entire destruction of the grain elevator of J.R. Price. The elevator was an entire loss, as there was no insurance on it. We hope Leona will see no more.

CITY OFFICERS

Justice of the Peace--R.C. Pierce.
Constable--S.H. Dock.
Notary Public--E.B. Gatchell.
Road Overseer--F. Minig.

STATISTICS

The latest statistics show the following facts:
3 general stores, 1 drug store, 1 hardware store, 1 milliner store, 1 harness shop, 1 lumber yard, 1 butcher shop, 1 barber shop, 1 broom factory, 1 hotel, 1 carpenter shop, 1 grain warehouse, 2 elevators, 2 printing offices.

Leona had a newspaper called "LEONA NEWS." It was edited by Delno E. Kercher. There was 20 numbers issued when it stopped.

IN THE FOLLOWING YOU WILL FIND THE BUSINESS AND BUSINESSMEN REPRESENTED

R.C.Pierce & Son, Dealers in Pure drugs, Chemicals, Patent medicines, Sponges, Stationery, School books, Oils Paints, Perfumery and every thing usually kept in a first class drugstore.

KNOW THYSELF Then get acquainted with Geo. Scofield. He has always on hand a full stock of---Dry goods, Groceries, Boots and shoes. In fact every thing usually kept in a general store. Give him a trial.

FLODIN & MOYER. Dealers in--Hardware, Tinware, Stoves, Cutlery, Guns, agricultural implements, Wagons, etc., etc., Tin roofing and spouting a specialty. They also manufacture and repair all kinds of tinware, copperware, sheet iron ware etc. Corner, Ellis and Maple St.

THE SAINT JOSEPH STORE Is headquarters for: Dry goods, Groceries, Boots and Shoes, Queensware, etc. Latest novelties in Dress goods, Cloaks, and Fancy goods always in stock. Our long experience enable us to furnish any goods not usually found in country stores, on short notice, at bottom prices. Our stock is new neat and of latest styles. We have always on sale rare bargains in staple goods. J. Moeck. No 2 Maple St.

A. ROGERS Always has a supply of---Fresh meat, Cured hams, Beef, Pork, sausage etc. No. 8 South Ellis Street.

A. ANGSTAD, Grain Dealer, Pays the highest possible price for grain.

C.E. MILLER, Dealer in Lumber, Lath, Shingles, Line Fenceposts, Hard and Soft Coal, etc. E.E. SCHOCK, Manager.

FARMERS ELEVATOR AND SHIPPING CO. Headquarters for high prices for grain. G.W. STRAHAN, Business manager.

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