

That's Old News.....Compiled By L. Arnold

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The Republic County Courthouse after the devastating fire on April 1, 1938.

100 Years Ago

Belleville Telescope
April 1, 1926

Gets Movie 30-Years-Old

Sam Blair, the managing director of the Blair Theatre Enterprises, announces that he has secured the first motion picture ever made. It was made by Thomas Edison in 1896, and the old negative was found recently by Mr. Edison, and from that, the new print was made. This picture lasts 8 seconds on the screen. Another film made by Mr. Edison 27 years ago is intitled "Courtesy," and no actors are employed in the picture. The scene is that of a passenger getting on a street car and the "Courtesies" that were observed 27 years ago by street car passengers. The first picture that ever employed actors was the "The Great Train Robbery" which is 700 feet long, and the three films will be shown at the same time. The one reel that it makes will be given in addition to the regular entertainment at Scandia with "The Fool" on April 21-22, and from Scandia it goes to the Majestic at Belleville for 22-23, from Belleville it goes to Mankato and other associated theatres.

Much Library Sentiment

The movement to establish a public library in Belleville is meeting with general response. Practically every church, club, civic, patriotic, and social organization is enthusiastically behind the movement, especially the ladies' clubs and many books have already been offered as donations from private libraries. A large attendance of men and women is expected to attend the meeting next Friday night at 8 o'clock at the Chamber of Commerce rooms to make further plans for the library.

A Spring Snowstorm

Fully two inches of snow fell in Northern Kansas Monday night and Tuesday morning. The snow followed a period of unusually cool weather for this time of year, and while it delays farming, will be of great value to the entire middle west and was much heavier in the Southern and the Southwestern sections.

75 Years Ago

Belleville Telescope
April 5, 1951

Installing Traffic Lights

Installation of Belleville's new traffic control lights at the two intersections of M Street with the courthouse square was begun Tuesday. All fixtures are here, City Manager W.I. Lane reported yesterday. Wiring is now being done, he said, and approximately a week will be required to complete the installation, if weather permits.

Move City Water Crane

The water crane at the southwest corner of the square in Belleville, a source of water for bulk users, is being moved this week to a new location in front of the old power plant building which now serves as the city shops, according to W.I. Lane, city manager. Shift in location of the water crane was begun Monday and should be completed by the end of the week when bulk water supplies will again be available, Mr. Lane stated.

Hurt in Thursday Fall

Fred Ewens is in Belleville Hospital as the result of injuries received last Thursday when he fell from a boxcar in the Rock Island yards here. According to his report to hospital authorities, Mr. Ewens was repairing the roof on a boxcar when the wind caught the sheeting with which he was working, lifting it in such a manner that he was thrown from the car. Mr. Ewens received a

fracture of the upper third of the left femur and a fracture of the right hip.

50 Years Ago

Belleville Telescope
April 1, 1976

Very Beneficial Moisture

The Belleville area received the most moisture during Monday's rain and snow storm, 3.05 inches. Other areas of Republic County received smaller, but beneficial, amounts of precipitation. County Agent Bob Gilbert said that the moisture came at the right time as the surface of most wheat fields was getting dry prior to Monday's storm.

Peacocks "Flew Coop" Near Cuba

The old saying, "A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush" has proven true for the Vernon Reynolds family at Cuba. Six of their ten peacocks escaped their pen last week when the door on their coop flew open. The Reynolds were rounding them up when the bark of a dog frightened them, and six of the beauties took to the sky. Mrs. Reynolds says their greatest loss is their male who has a beautiful tail spread of many feet. The birds have been seen in a tree near the Ben Krob home in Cuba, who also have a few peacocks, but to capture them is another story. The Reynolds ask that if anyone sees them, they would appreciate hearing from them.

Belleville High Coeds Selected For Girls' State

Two Belleville High School junior coeds have been selected to attend Girls' State this summer on the Kansas University campus in Lawrence. They are Valerie Bowersox, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David C. Bowersox of Belleville, sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary of Belleville, and Kathleen Blackburn, daughter of Mrs. Harry Blackburn of Belleville, sponsored by the Belleville Lions Club. This marks the first time the Lions Club has sponsored a Belleville High coed to attend Girls' state. Jean Larson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Verl Larson of Belleville is an alternate. Girls' State will be held from June 6-13 at KU.

25 Years Ago

Belleville Telescope
April 5, 2001

Rain, Hail Hit Tuesday

Blurry-eyed Republic County residents just adjusting to Daylight Saving time got an even earlier wake-up call, Tuesday morning. Hail, accompanied by rain and high winds, hit most of the county about 5 a.m. More than 1½" of rain fell in a short time, causing small flash floods across some county roads. Republic County Undersheriff Chris Springer said there had been no reports of serious damage, although a guardrail and road signs south of Cuba were believed damaged in the storm. The National Weather Service issued a severe thunderstorm warning for Republic County between 5:30 and 6:30 a.m. The storm passed through the county by 7 a.m., leaving cool temperatures the rest of the day. Monday was shirt-sleeve weather in the area.

CHB Owners To Attempt To Remove Land From District

Owners of an estimated 55 quarters of land located in the Chester-Hubbell-Byron school district are expected to file petitions to transfer their land to the Deshler district. Some petitions were delivered to the Thayer County Courthouse last week, and more were expected, reports the Superior Express. A meeting to explain the process was held last week in Deshler. More than 25 people attended. Most landowners are interested in moving their property to the Deshler district, although some indicated an interest in moving land to the Superior district. According to a law passed in July 2000, the petitions will be reviewed at a public hearing by a freeholder board. The freeholder board is composed of the county clerk, treasurer, and assessor. Because CHB had less than 60 pupils in grades 9-12 for two consecutive years and has approved a levy override, it appears their transfer requests will meet requirements, reports the Express. If the board denies the requests, the question can be advanced to district court. A unification between Hebron and CHB school districts became effective June 1. At that time, the unified school will have more than 60 students in grades 9-12, and the transfer requests would not meet state requirements.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

<p>Central Christian Church 24th and O Belleville, KS (785) 527-2066 Sunday School 9:30 Worship Service 10:45 Wednesday Night Live 6pm</p>	<p>First United Methodist Church 2013 M St, Belleville, KS 785-527-5608 (w) pastor@bellevillefumc.com Worship 10:45 am Sunday School 9:30am Web: www.bellevillefumc.com Email: adminoffice@bellevillefumc.com</p>	<p>Living Waters Family Church 303 Centennial Courtland, KS Worship 10:15 am 785-374-4337</p>	
<p>First Baptist Church 20th and J Street Belleville, KS 785-527-2511 Sunday Worship 10:30a.m Sunday Bible Study 9:30</p>	<p>Landmark Church 202 North M ST Belleville, KS Sunday School 9:30 Worship Service 10:30 mylandmarkchurch.com 308-991-2797</p>	<p>Courtland Covenant Church 505 Republic Courtland, KS 785-374-4370 Sunday School 9:45am Worship 10:30 am 785-374-4239</p>	
<p>Belleville Wesleyan Church 909 Wesleyan DR Office 785-527-5509 markwesley@nckcn.com Sunday Worship 10:30 Online Worship 10:30 www.bellevillewesleyan.church</p>	<p>First Presbyterian Church 218 Beach ST Cuba, KS Worship: 9 a.m.</p>	<p>Presbyterian 405 Cottonwood/Narka 200 N Maple/Mahaska Joint Worship: 10:30 am</p>	
<p>Main Street Tabernacle 1610 M Street Belleville, KS 785-527-8001 Worship 11 am and 5 pm</p>	<p>American Lutheran Church 2304 M ST Belleville, KS 785-527-5841 Worship 9:30 am</p>	<p>Republic County Catholic Churches www.repcatholic.com 785-527-5559</p> <p>St. Edward 1827 Q St. Belleville, KS Sunday Mass 8:30 a.m.</p> <p>St. George 105 W. Myrza Munden, KS 1st & 3rd Sat. Mass 4 p.m.</p>	

St. Isidore
603 Linden Cuba, KS
2nd & 4th Sat. Mass 4 p.m.