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Annual Meeting & Reorganization

Plans Developed for 2018

The Nemaha County Historical Society, Inc. closed out the past year and prepared for the year to come at the Annual Meeting on February 13, 2018. Ken Bauman, retired U.P. Depot agent, gave an interesting and entertaining talk about the history of railroads in Nemaha CO. After visitors and new members were treated to a tour coordinated by Marlene Geysler of the updated Annex II exhibits, a short business meeting was held. The membership elected five directors: Alma Ackerman (Position 11), Raymond Thieme (Position 5), Roger Brown (Position 9), Karen Holthaus (Position 3), Cathy Holthaus (Position 2).

The board addressed and approved recommendations to change Article VI of the By-Laws in reference to membership dues as follows: Section 1: Take out the specific amount listed; Section 2: Drop "Life Membership", effective Jan. 1, 2019; Section 3: Correct wording so that dues are paid by Dec. 31 to remain on membership rolls after Jan. 1st of next year; Section 4: Change to read that members can be reinstated by paying dues for the current year; Section 5: Add the option to memorialize or recognize a special person with a \$50 minimum donation to put name on wall plaque.

A museum consortium of representatives from 12 communities within Nemaha CO. is being formed to work together to save historical artifacts, archives & buildings across the county. Two meetings have been held & plans are being developed to meet every other month.

The N.C.H.S. board kicked off the new year at the reorganizational meeting, which was held on Mar. 13, 2018. Debbie & Rick Slater of Wichita, chairs of the 2018 Golf Classic Military Museum fundraiser, were in attendance. Detailed plans for the April 29th event were developed. Teams will register at 9:00 a.m. at the Spring Creek Golf Course in Seneca & the shotgun start will commence at 10 o'clock. The \$200 team registration fee includes green fees, golf cart, entry package and barbecue lunch. Mulligans will be available. Teams may pay on site, or by sending fees un advance to P.O. Box 41, 113 N. Sixth St., Seneca, KS. 66538.

The board elected the following officers for the 2018 year: Anita Heiman, President; Karen Holthaus, Vice-President; Patty Byers, Secretary & Ray Thieme, Treasurer. Staff appointments were made by the president & a yearlong schedule of events developed which included a Museum Open House on June 9th at 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Ice cream floats will be sold from the front porch of the Sheriff's Residence.

A LETTER TO THE MUSEUM By John Vorhes

I read in the Pioneer Press Newsletter about Mary Steinlage's passing. 94 and still doing her research. Wow! She made a wonderful memory of Seneca for me, inviting me to a family party. We brought the model of Kelly and she autographed her book. She was so proud of her heritage and so energetic. I saw her plain speaking and good humor as real pioneering character. A real Kansan, I'm very happy I knew her. My condolences to all at N.C.H.S. & her family. --JV

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Born Oct. 19, 1922 Kelly, KS.
Died Feb. 2, 2018 Seneca, KS.

BANCROFT DEPOT MUSEUM BEGINS 2018

Reported by Roger Brown

Francis Davis was able to acquire a very generous donation from the Carson Trust, which will allow the younger people on the board to try out their carpentering skills this spring & put a new roof on the depot. Francis also put some of the Christmas lights up during the season for all to enjoy,

The museum was also the recipient of a medical bag which belonged to Dr. Elmer E. Hinton, who was a distinguished W.W. II veteran, & Chief of Deaconess Hospital in Boston. Dr. Hinton is the uncle of B.P.A. Member Eileen Porter, who is the granddaughter of life long residents Tom & Helen Reed. We want to thank her so much for her donation, & the background story that ties the bag to the Bancroft community.

A couple other news items sent to Karen are as follows: The following went on a Mystery Bus Tour June 19-23, 2017, Cletamae Brown of Holton, Joyce Jenkins of Topeka & Lucylle Cannon. They ended up in Peoria, IL. Joyce got to visit her family and Lucylle got to visit two granddaughters & three great grandchildren. Also Lucylle reported that Eldon "Bud" Stoldt, so of the late Galen & Alice Stoldt, has Parkinson's disease & moved closer to his daughter. He would enjoy hearing from others. His address is: Eldon D. Stoldt, 708 Shrewsbury Place, Plano, TX. 75074-0138. Lucylle also reports that Alice (McKee) Johnson (98 years) of Shibley,

IA. died July 5, 2017. Alice graduated from Goff with the class of 1937. Her late husband, Melvin Johnson graduated from Goff in 1938.

The summer picnic I understand is normally planned for the 4th Sunday in June, & as I look ahead to the June calendar it looks like the date will be June 24th with the meeting & meal to start at 5:00 p.m. Hopefully the homemade ice cream will still be in attendance, last summer's treats were sure amazing.

Once again, a huge thank you to all the hard work that has went into the Depot project. I am sure those of you who have put many hours of work into the town project are very proud of your accomplishments for all of us to be able to share in the event.

Our opening day will not be until after the picnic, which is June 24 at 5 p.m. This will be when we will ask for volunteers to man the depot. Appointments can be made by calling 785-866-5288 or Rodney Brown at 785-851-9530. Davis Auto Clinic as this is still a contact source if you need anything that pertains to Bancroft. Francis & Grandson Dustin are still in charge & going strong

Lastly, I would like to put Pres. Rodney Brown's e-mail address out there if anyone needs to get in touch with him it is Brownfarms86@gmail.com

GARAGE SALE FUNDRAISER

N.C.H.S. will participate in the Seneca City Wide Garage sale on Friday, June 1st & Saturday, 2nd from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at 113 North Sixth Street. Coffee & cinnamon rolls will be available on both days. It is a good opportunity to make a donation. NCHS is developing this fundraiser by accepting garage sale items of furniture, glass ware, clothing, home & seasonal decorations, throw pillows & baskets. Call the museum at 785-336-6366 & leave a message, or for a pick-up of any items in the Western part of the county call Anita Heiman at 785-556-4094 & in the eastern part of the county call Greg Newlin at 785-547-6275.

MUSEUM FUNDRAISERS PLANNED

Museum open house—June 9, 2018

What originally began as our own Open House, has been expanded to include all five of the museums in Seneca, so save Saturday, June 9, 2018 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., as a day to explore the history of Nemaha County through free tours at these museums in Seneca.

Pony Express, Fire Department, Military, Historic Jail & Sheriff's Residence, Hand Dug Well

At any of the museums, you'll receive a free passport that will enable you to collect stamps from each museum you tour that will go toward your entry to win prizes donated by the Seneca's Business Community, You need to visit just any two of the five museums to qualify for the drawing. These passports will be available that day only at all of the above locations.

Golf Classic - Sunday, April 29, 2018

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**NEMAHA COUNTY
CHURCH ARCHITECTURE
PART IV**

**BERN APOSTOLIC
CHURCH**

Construction was started in the Spring of 1970 for the new church pictured left which was located directly behind the old wood frame church on the northeast corner of Washington Township's 200th Street & 'R' Road. A building committee of church members had been formed in the late 1960's and consisted of the following members: Chairman Ben Leuthold, Leonard Baumgartner, Joe Rokey, Emil Strahm and Ephraim Strahm. A finance committee was also formed which was composed of Noah Edelman, Pete Essingler and Reuben Moser.

Tri-State Builders of Hudson, Iowa was hired as the General Contractor for this project. Lyman J. Bemus, owner and developer of Tri-State Builders, had constructed a number of churches in Iowa, including the West Bend, Iowa Apostolic Christian Church.

The company assigned one of their project managers to be on site for the initial phase of construction, who coordinated all the local contracts for the various trades. Chairman of the Building Committee Ben Leuthold then scheduled the many local volunteers to spend many hours of labor on this modern style building typical of the late 1960's & early 1970's which was completed in early 1972.

Most information provided by Sabethan John Lehman

**THE BERN GAZETTE
April 14 – Aug. 4, 1905 By Editor Fred W. Lehman**

April 14, 1905

James P. TAYLOR Dead

Death claimed James P. TAYLOR last Saturday morning. He had struggled with physical ailments for over two years. James P. TAYLOR was born Sept. 23, 1833, in Cole County, Illinois and grew to manhood in that and Pike County. In 1856 he was united in marriage, in McDonald County, Illinois, to Mary L. COX, who survives him. Of this union there survive the following children: Mrs. A.F. CAMPBELL, who resides near Centralia, Mrs. E.M. COLLINS and Mrs. J.E. STILLWELL, both of this city, Miss Dora TAYLOR cashier of the Seneca State Savings Bank and Guy O. TAYLOR, who is employed in the pension office in Topeka. All these were home during the last illness and at the funeral. Mr. TAYLOR and family came to Seneca in 1861. He spent 1862 and 1863 on the Pacific coast, returning and residing here continually since. He studied law in Macomb, Illinois and was admitted to the Kansas bar shortly after coming here, being one of the first lawyers in the county. Two brothers and three sisters, all residents of this county, survive him: J.E. TAYLOR of Seneca, John M. TAYLOR, of Centralia, Mrs. T.M. Sneed, residing north of Seneca, Mrs. W.H. WRIGHT, of Oneida, Miss Ellen TAYLOR of Bern. The funeral was held from the family residence Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. - Seneca Courier

#Nemaha Valley Items

Mr. Bert EATON and children and Mrs. Tom GELLATLY and daughter visited with relatives in Salem, Nebraska.

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John ROE is visiting his sister, Mrs. ROLAND.

Leah SPRINGS spending time with her sister, Mrs. LORTSCHER.

Apr. 21, 1905 A pretty event of mid-day on Wednesday in Slipperyrock township was the marriage of Miss Hannah S. DOEBLER and Leroy FUNKHOUSER, of the same township. The wedding took place at the bride's parents, at 12 o'clock, noon. The Rev. R.F. BOETHELT, pastor of the German Lutheran Church of the city, performed the ceremony and was assisted by Rev. ACHESON, of the Center U.P. Church. Miss Margaret MOORE, of this city, niece of the groom, was maid of honor, Miss Julia CLARK of this city, bridesmaid; Conrad FUNKHOUSER, brother of the groom, best man, and Joseph McCLAREN, of Shenango Township, groomsman.

The above was taken from a Pennsylvania paper. The bride is better known here a Nora DOEBLER.

Mr. F.A. FORD and family spent Sunday with their cousin, Mrs. SCHUTE.

M/M E.B. MOORE visiting their relatives in Oneida.

Fred BEHRNES sold his residence in the west part of Bern to Jacob MEISNER, Jr. this week.

Floren NUSBAUM returned from Horton, where he had been visiting his sister, Mrs. Tom COFFMAN.

Misses Augusta and Matilda BUTTNER returned from Lanham, Nebr., where they have been attending school and staying with their sister.

Mrs. John A. MINGER and Dorothy went to Steinauer, Nebr., Tuesday to attend the funeral of their uncle Mr. STEINER.

#Nemaha Valley Items

Mr. BEHRNES, of Powhattan, is spending the week with his son, Henry.

M/M John HAFFNER parents of baby girl born April 13.

Jake GELLATLY, wife and baby of Salem visiting their parents, M/M Tom GELLATLY.

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**NEMAHA COUNTY
COOPERATIVE CREAMERY PART IV
Compiled by Greg Newlin**



**President
J.S. Anderson
Oneida, KS.**



**P.D. Turner
General Manager**



**Phil Metzger
Territory
Superintendent**



**Weldon Kendall
Butter Plant
Superintendent**

At a time when a controlled economy, alphabetical agencies, parity prices and subsidy payments were offered as the solution to the farmer's problems, it seemed fitting for the Nemaha Cooperative Creamery Association of Sabetha, Kansas after 20 years in business to boast that they had become the largest and most successful cooperative creamery in the world gathering all of its butterfat directly from the member's farms. They had the vision, foresight, courage and will power to establish this organization.

It was in the 1950 corporate report printed for its members and the general public, that Nemaha CO. Cooperative Creamery President J.S. Anderson of Oneida, Kansas stated that within the first 20 years they had become the world's largest because of the personal sacrifices in time and money made by the board of directors, the members and friends of the association. All of this being done in the spirit of cooperation, with the knowledge that a better market for member's dairy products was being established. On behalf of the duly elected board of directors, most of which were still the original group combined with the nearly 4,000 members. Proud of this group, Anderson stated that the organization was owned 100% by its members and in those 20 years had accrued nearly a million dollars in assets debt free, and during these two decades a profit between 5 and 8 cents more for their butterfat had been achieved which justified their loyalty to the association and the feeling of pride in its progress.

The future back then looked bright as the organization was in the best position to serve its members of any time in the previous 20 years. The facilities were as such that they could manufacture a wide variety of finished dairy products going into any one of the several or several at the same time depending on the current market at that time that would bring the best returns for the member's butterfat. The physical equipment had been consistently maintained through repair, replacement and increased.

Their financial position was good primarily because of the method of financing adopted in the past where-

by the members supplied the operating capital on the basis of butterfat marketed through the association had proved to be most equitable and satisfactory.

Initially as you recall back in Pioneer Press Vol. 35, Issue 3, the creamery had begun purely to collect cream toward the manufacturing of butter. They soon realized that there was another product they could market, and it was toward the end of this 20-year span that the facility expanded to also include a milk plant.

The operating personnel of the association were efficient and well trained, with good organization and cooperation prevailing throughout the various departments which were led by well trained and competent department managers and superintendents under the direction of the general manager.

Mr. Turner's years in the dairy industry had paralleled the existence of the Association. His career began with one of the major dairy organizations of the country just three months before the Nemaha County Cooperative Creamery Association opened for business. Mr. Turner brought a wealth of valuable experience, gained by his many years in the industry, to the Association when he was made general manager in July 1948.

Under his direction, the plant experienced its greatest expansion and diversification. From principally butter, with some cheese, to one of the most modern plants in the country. Along with the physical expansion of the plant there has been developed a group of exceptionally good sales outlets for the vast quantities of powdered milk, sweet cream, condensed milk, ice milk, ice cream, ice cream mix, butter, buttermilk, cottage cheese and grade A bottled milk

Territory Superintendent Phil Metzger's service to the Association began in January 1933 when he purchased a cream truck and started hauling cream for ten producers in a new territory. Mr. Metzger continued to haul cream for a period of twelve years. In 1945 Mr. Metzger was selected to fill the position as field man to supervise the procurement of the milk and cream and served in that capacity starting in 1950. *Continued on Page 5*

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Weldon Kendall

**Butter Plant
Superintendent**

Mr. Kendall began his service to the Association in August of 1939 as a can washer in the butter department. During the following years, Mr. Kendall worked in the various jobs in this department and became skilled in the intricate art of butter manufacturing. In 1945 he was appointed superintendent of the butter department.

The favorable prices Sweet Clover butter has always merited in the most discriminating outlets and the national recognition it has attained was a tribute to Mr. Kendall and the people employed in his department.



This photo shows the receiving facilities of the butter plant which is the oldest department of the Association. This shows cream being weighed and sampled then dumped into holding vats where it will later be pasteurized and churned into high quality Sweet Clover brand butter.

Initially for many years the Butter Department employees removed the butter from the 1,600 lb. capacity churns by hand and wrapped and packaged all of the butter manually. Later a machine called a butter printer streamlined this operation by taking the butter directly from the churn which formed and wrapped it in quarter pound bars at the rate of 900 lbs. per hour. Butter Dept. employees in 1950 were Ralph Jackson, Don Hughes, Neal Sawyer, Jack Jones, Ronnie Strader, Charles Harold, John Troxell, Ralph Bell, Leon Frey, Norman Schmitt, Ernest Grimm, Jr., Dale Kyle, Ross Frey and Galdys Leuthold.

EARLY TRUCK DRIVERS

<u>Route NO.</u>	<u>Name & Address</u>
3-39-40	Paul Bechtelheimer, Sabetha
5-29-31	Wilbur Kyle, Sabetha
2- 8-24	Dale Gaston, Morrill
1-26-27	Victor Bailey, Sabetha
14-32-34	Herman Zwahl, Jr., Sabetha
35-36-37	Harold D. Parman, Fairview
10-11-13	Melvin Brunner, Sabetha

<u>Route NO.</u>	<u>Name & Address</u>
Bulk A	Jack Stapleton, Sabetha
Bulk B	Merle Mosiman, Sabetha
Bulk C	Raymond Randolph, Sabetha
Bulk D	Clyde Krebs, Sabetha
A	John Leuthold, Oneida

B	Carl Kohake, Sabetha
C	Robert McGuire, Morrill
D	Melvin Brunner, Sabetha
E	William Elliott, Sabetha
F	Gerald Rison, Sabetha
H	Leo Banaka, Fairview
J	Marvin Beightel, Sabetha
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COOPERATIVE CREAMERY PART IV - M
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**Melvin Harold
Superintendent of
Milk Department**



Mr. Harold was
went to work in the
been in the milk
following years Mr.
pan-operator and other

In July of 1953, Mr.
the time Melvin started

milk trucks and received 14,000 pounds of milk daily. Later the dept. had over 30 employees, required the use of 26 trucks to pick up the milk and received more than 300,000 pounds of milk daily.

Some of the early Milk Dept. employees were Vaden Allen, Larry Parli, Jerry Allen, Richard Hittle, Gerald Skoch, Ernie Hoppe, Walter Middendorf, Charles Johnstone, Gary Feldkamp, Ralph Hamilton, Robert Heideman, Max Allen, Glen Bien, George Bien and Jerome Allen. In the milk bottling department were the following employees: H.G. Blough, Jr., Louis Hoppe, Frea Grimm, Harold Kendall, Norman Thomas, Harry Goodman, James Blough, Larry Goens, Albert Goodman, Marion Marmet, Wilfred Christman, Mildred Goens, Velma Showalter and Mary Long.

A few years later, the bottling process went from glass to cartons. That machine coated the exterior of the carton with a hot wax then filled the half gallons, quarts or half pints carton with Grade A milk, skim milk, whipping cream, half & half, buttermilk, chocolate milk, orange drink and egg-nog.

In another part of the Milk Department were two ice cream freezers and each could produce 160 gallons in an hour. For as long as I can remember, they only made Moon Glow Vanilla Ice Cream, which for me, who likes vanilla was very good and much like what French vanilla taste like today.

employed by the Association in October of 1945 when he receiving room as a milk sampler. The Ass'n. had already business only a few months at that time. During the Harold was employed as a pasteurizer, cheese maker, positions in the milk department.

Harold became Superintendent of the Milk Department. At to work, that department had less than ten employees, 3

Maintenance Department

The part played by the maintenance department in the processing of dairy products is often overlooked. It is a tremendous job to keep the buildings and equipment in good repair and supply refrigeration and steam for the processing departments. All five of the gas powered 500 horse power boilers together had a total capacity of 1200 horse power. The boilers furnished a vast amount of the steam used in the processing of Sweet Clover brand dairy products. In a single month, the amount of natural gas used by the Creamery Association would heat the average home in the mid 1940's for 24 years.

Jim Reel, Maintenance Superintendent began his employment with the Association in 1946 when he started to work as a mechanic in the Maintenance Department. In June 1953, he became Maintenance Superintendent. Since his employment Mr. Reel has assisted in the building of the milk plant in 1947 and the addition to it completed in 1956. The maintenance department is responsible for the maintenance and care of the buildings, machinery and equipment, the value of which is well over a million dollars. Maintenance employees were Elmer Hartman, Larry Rokey, Mike Banks, Vincent Dalsing and Kenneth Yoesel.



**Jim Peel
Maintenance Superintendent**



**George Marti
Office Manager**

Office Manager

Mr. George Marti served as office manager for the Association until May 1956. His extensive training in the field of accounting enabled him to supervise the office and keep the records necessary for the organization. In addition to the many producer checks and customer invoices handled by this office, a large number of government statistical and various tax reports were processed under Mr. Marti's competent supervision.

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WESTERN PIONEER WOMEN PART I

Life in the early 1800's was brutally hard, for men and women, both in the settlements and in the wilderness. In those times, on average, the life expectancy of a woman was between 25 & 30 years old and a man could live five years longer, or up to 35.

Women of European descent are almost unknown in the fur trade. A very tiny number of such women, the wives of managers for either the Hudson's Bay Company, or the Northwest Company did accompany their husbands to remote forts and posts. These women couldn't and weren't allowed to fit into society and human culture of these posts. Because of this these women, known as "Tender Exotics," generally didn't last long before developing mental health problems and, or returning to England or the eastern Atlantic sea coast cities. Most of the problems encountered by these women had their roots in the class-conscious nature of British society of the time. The wife of a fur company manager was expected to associate only with other women of her class. In the remote posts, there would be no-one else at that level, and it wasn't proper or allowable for her to associate with Indian or half-breed women, even if by some remote chance she was even able to communicate with them. Also, as a manager's wife, there were probably servants (the same Indian or half-breed women with whom she couldn't associate) to take care of the domestic tasks about the house. Thus, she had very little purpose with the exception of being there for her husband. She would have very few opportunities for usefully occupying her days or for socializing outside her family. And finally, as a manager, her husband would have been required to travel and be gone at times, perhaps as long as several months at a stretch. It is no wonder that under such conditions of isolation, loneliness, and lack of purpose that few women remained at the posts for more than a year, and others developed mental health problems before leaving. Wilderness conditions and societal demands together created an environment in which the "Tender Exotics" simply could not survive.

On the northern plains, and Rocky Mountain regions, the role of the Indian women in the affairs of the tribe was as the authority in domestic matters with primary responsibilities for housekeeping. From the European perspective this role in many ways had a greater resemblance to slave than partner. The women were responsible for child rearing, cooking, butchering, preparing hides, skins and robes, gathering firewood, preserving foods, all aspects of agriculture (if any) making and mending clothing and moccasins, constructing the lodge and most aspects of establishing and raising camp. Tanning and preparing buffalo robes was very labor intensive, and an ambitious man wishing to increase his wealth might have multiple wives to increase robe production.

Women were often treated as property, more or less. A suitor for marriage would have to provide the woman's father (eldest brother in the event that the father was deceased) with a horse, guns, blankets, kettles, etc. in exchange for the woman. The bride's price being determined in part on the value placed by the father of the loss of the woman's productivity and work around the lodge.

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MILITARY MUSEUM RESTORATION UPDATE

The Restoration Project at the Military Museum went into full gear on April 16th as the General Contractor began waterproofing the building's foundation. If warmer weather arrives, the sealed walls, underground drains and sump-pump should be in place by the end of April 2018. Throughout January and into February, the electrical grid in the ceiling of the main exhibit room was installed. The new electrical grid adds lighting and replaces the old knob and wire electrical system. The dry wall work to the ceiling will be completed once temperatures rise above 60 degrees. This current project cost \$160,000.00 and is funded in part by a Kansas State Heritage Trust Fund Grant. This project is expected to meet the closing deadline of May 30, 2018.

The next phase to restore the Temple of Honor Military Museum building is to strengthen the basement wall structure, plaster basement walls, restore accessibility to the front of the building and upgrade the heating and cooling systems. The sidewalks, steps, entry wing walls, column bases, and entry door to the front will be a part of the next restoration phase. NCHS is seeking funds for this estimated \$112,500 project. The board is also seeking volunteers to build a handicap ramp to the southeast of the Military building similar to the one that Chris Holthaus built behind Cornerstone Coffehaus on Main Street, Seneca. This ramp will provide some accessibility while a study is completed for installing a lift or elevator in the north stairway shaft.

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