

Reflections in time.....

100 YEARS AGO February 21, 1924

LOCALS

Mrs. Louis Garber of Leon, Iowa, mother of Mrs. Clyde Stephens and Mrs. H. A. Peters, of the southwest neighborhood, passed away at her Iowa home last Monday. Death came very suddenly, her daughters here not being aware that she was ill, and the telegram announcing her death being the first message received.

Mrs. Stephens and her two sons left on No. 4 Tuesday for Leon, to attend the funeral.

Mr. and Mrs. John Larson of Hanna, Wyo., were week-end guests of their son, Melvin Larson of the Pine Bluffs High School faculty.

Bert Macy is driving a new Ford touring car, purchased from the Pine Bluffs Motor Company.

C. C. Gross and Frank Thelen were in Cheyenne Wednesday on business connected with collecting damages on the recent hog cholera shipments here.

90 YEARS AGO February 22, 1934

GEORGE W. GARDNER

Geo. W. Gardner, highly respected citizen, passed away at his home 12 miles northwest of Pine Bluffs, last Friday morning after a several months' illness.

Until a few days previous to his death, when influenza developed, Mr. Gardner was improving in health. Because of his weakened condition, he was unable to overcome this illness and passed away very suddenly Friday morning.

During the fourteen years Mr. Gardner lived in this vicinity he made many friends, as was shown by the beautiful floral offerings and the large attendance at the funeral services Sunday.

Geo. W. Gardner was born in the state of Ohio, May 26, 1868, and passed away at his home 12 miles northwest of Pine Bluffs, February 16, 1934.

He was united in marriage to Minnie Land June 15, 1907, at Twin Falls, Idaho. To this union was born one son, Neil, who is now employed at the city light plant.

Mr. and Mrs. Gardner and son came to Pine Bluffs in 1920 and located on a farm 12 miles northwest, where they have since resided.

80 YEARS AGO February 24, 1944

THE LETTER BOX

Aviation engineers in Italy are apparently just good little gremlins, scooting hither and thither, building airports where no airports should ever be

built, and building them just at the time somebody needs them.

The men and equipment responsible for making the Salerno airdrome a decisive factor in the Italian landing were our aviation engineers, one of the least publicized units of the army air forces, yet one of the basic influences in every victory we've won so far in the Mediterranean.

Aviation engineers, riding their bulldozers, go right in amongst the bullets, into the front lines, or ahead of them. Their main jobs are to build new airports in conquered territory, as they did exceedingly well in Tunisia, and to repair captured airports, as they did so nobly in Sicily.

The big boss of the Aviation Engineers is Brig. Gen. Stuart C. Godfrey, a wiry little person who looks, acts and talks just the way you'd like to think all our generals do. General Godfrey describes himself simply as "General Arnold's engineer," but he is likely to end up the most important engineer in modern history. His title is Air Engineer, Army Air Forces.

70 YEARS AGO February 25, 1954

FRONT PAGE NEWS

In a quiet ceremony at the City-County building in Cheyenne Friday, Feb. 19, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, Miss Florence A. Thompson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde D. Thompson of Pine Bluffs, and Charles M. Rempfer of Bridgeton, N. J., were united in marriage.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Paulin, celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary with a family dinner Sunday at the home of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Uri.

Mr. and Mrs. George Jacobsen of Albin have been notified that their son, George Wayne, has been selected to attend the 10th Infantry division leaders' course which is under direction of the 25th field artillery battalion at Ft. Riley, Kan.

Mrs. Minnie Hanson, 79-year-old widow of the late O. R. Hanson, was taken to Memorial hospital in Cheyenne by ambulance Monday afternoon after she had suffered a broken left hip in a fall at her home here.

60 YEARS AGO February 28, 1964

HONORABLE MENTION

Miss Jane Ayars, a resident of the Grover community for 17 years, has been selcted as DAR Good Citizen from Grover high school, where she is a senior. She is active in Pep club as cheerleader, is

secretary of the student body and has participated in class plays. She also is editor of the school annual, has been a class officer and is active in music activities. Miss Ayars was Girls' State alternate, homecoming queen and is FFA sweetheart ball queen candidate.

Jim Wise, 28-year-old Grover cowboy, was one of six Rocky Mountain area cowboys who won king-size cuts of a \$53,231 prize money packet at the recent San Antonio, Tex. rodeo. He pocketed \$1,307 for finishing fourth in the saddle bronc riding.

Bill Behrends, 133-lb. Hornet wrestler, and Coach Howard Eisenhower left Thursday for Cody, where Bill will participate in the state competition Friday and Saturday.

Behrends won fourth place in the regional wrestling tournament held last Friday and Saturday at Lusk. Russ Berry of Cheyenne Central outpointed Behrends in the 133 consolation finals. The top four boys in each class qualified for this week's state tourney.

50 YEARS AGO February 22, 1974

BIG KUDO'S

Gail Leininger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Leininger of Carpenter, has been nominated as this week's student leader. She is a senior at Burns High School.

Gail is active in school organizations serving as vice president of pep club, senior class treasurer, member of the annual staff and co-editor of the school newspaper. She is serving as FFA chapter sweetheart this year.

Sports make up an active role in Gail's school life. She plays on the "A" team of both the girls volleyball and basketball teams. She also is a member of the track team. Gail is a varsity football and basketball cheerleader.

Gail's many achievements led to her nomination to the Society of Outstanding Teenagers of America and to Who's Who in American High Schools.

Her future plans are to attend the University of Wyoming next fall.

The Albin Pine Bluffs FFA chapter once again took the over-all sweepstakes at the Western Plains Fair in Cheyenne this summer. To achieve this award, the chapter placed first in the livestock and classroom divisions and received second place in agronomy and farm mechanics.

Some of the highlights of the fair were the individual awards won by members of the chapter including showmanship contests. In the sheep showmanship, Barry Eklund placed first, and Val Eklund took sec-

ond. Dave Lemaster was chosen as the champion dairy showman.

The chapter also received the sheep herdsman-ship award.

Mike Peterson, who exhibited a gooseneck trailer, won a trophy for the best farm mechanics exhibit.

More than 500 grapplers from all over the state will meet on the mats at the Events Center to decide team and individual champions in 13 weight divisions.

Pine Bluffs 10 man squad repeated as the second place team in the Southeast Regional meet at Burns last Saturday. The Hornets scored 105 to finish the day behind Lingle/Ft. Laramie, the winner with 177 points.

Burns, the host for the one day event, finished in fourth place, a step up from last season's fifth place spot.

The team standings were: Lingle, Pine Bluffs, Lusk, Burns and Southeast.

"We're gaining," said PBHS coach Gary Roadifer, commenting on his squad's finish. "We picked up more points than last year. And Lingle didn't score as many."

Individually Pine Bluffs and Burns each had a pair of Champions. Hornet Tom Romig repeated his first place fete of last year in the 140 pound division and teammate Eric Roadifer at 160 was the other titlist. Romig, a senior, placed fourth at last year's state tournament.

For the Broncos the two "Chads", 112 pounder Merrell and 119 Martinez finished at the top of the bracket in their divisions.

20 YEARS AGO
February 26, 2004

HOOPSTERS

With an undefeated record of 19-0 for the regular season, the Pawnee Coyotes will be playing in the District Tournament this week.

The last game for the Pawnee Lady Coyotes was played on Feb. 17 when they hosted Haxtun. Pawnee won the game 64-46. Haxtun is a 1A school but they play in a different district so it was a non-league game.

Pine Bluffs has long been known for their outstanding girls sports programs and this year is no exception. With wins on Friday and Saturday, the Lady Hornets clinched the SEWAC conference basketball championship for the second time in three years. Not only was it yet another conference championship, Pine Bluffs ended the regular season undefeated with an 18-0 record. But that isn't all the team accomplished. The junior varsity also went undefeated in conference play, and only lost one game this season for a 16-1 overall record. What most might not realize is that during the volleyball season both the varsity and junior varsity teams also went undefeated in the conference as well. With talent running so deep, one only can wonder what is in store for the track

30 YEARS AGO February 24, 1994

GRAPPLERS

season.

The Pine Bluffs Hornets hosted the Southeast Cyclones Friday night for their last home game of the season. The Hornets let their emotion get in the way that resulted in their loss, 44-49.

Saturday night the Pine Bluffs Hornets competed against the Burns Broncos in Burns for the last game of the season. The Hornets were able to come away with a win, 61-20.

Even though this was the last game of the season, both teams struggled with turnovers, violations, and bad passes.

"(This Was) an ugly game that you would expect at the beginning of the year, and not a week before regional tournament," said Thompson. Possibly, the reason both teams were not playing up to full potential was due to the fact that Burns Coach Marv Mirich was no where to be seen, as his baby daughter was in the hospital with RSV.

"The boys and coaches all hope they (Marv and family) get home soon, so we can watch him (Marv) scream and yell on the sidelines," said Thompson, whose own children are also recovering from bouts of RSV.

10 YEARS AGO February 27, 2014

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Burns senior Wyatt Berg, son of Kyle and Loretta Berg of Cheyenne, is no stranger to success or the spotlight. Through high school, he successfully maintained his status on honor roll, competed and helped excel the football, basketball and track team to many successes, all the while keeping an easy smile as he strides through the halls of Burns high.

"We really have a good time in school," Wyatt says as a sly grin comes across his face. "We make learning fun." He enjoys all his classes and is taking concurrent English and Advanced Chemistry classes that will help with the transition from Burns to college.

Wyatt seems to focus on his psychology and future as his most notable accomplishment came when he was named as one of the 1,200 "PLEBE's" or prospective midshipmen at the U. S. Naval Academy. Only 6 percent of more than 20,000 applicants are accepted.

Shortly after graduating from Burns, Wyatt will attend "I Day" which is Induction Day for the "PLEBE's."

Wyatt says he used General George S. Patton quote for his senior profile and he likes it for everyday applications. "Better to fight for something than live for nothing."



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