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Glimpses of the Past

May 27, 1915 110 years ago
The M.E. church was almost filled to its capacity Sunday night to hear the Baccalaureate address.
The rooms over the Swanson Clothing Shop are being made up into office rooms and dwelling flats and when completed will make some of the nicest and most modern rooms in Stratford.
This week has been set aside as “clean-up” week at the Oakwood cemetery. A number have visited the Silent City the first part of the week and done their part toward cleaning it up.
The Norton Bros., proprietors of the Norton Cafe, recently installed and electric player piano in their ice cream parlor. It is equipped with a mandolin attachment and proves a splendid entertainer for their patrons.
Mr. and Mrs. C.E. Anderson, residing south of Stratford, are the happy parents of a baby boy, born to them Tuesday, May 18th.
Given the necessary tools from the outside of the jail, Frank Waltz convicted of bootlegging at the February term of the court, sawed his way out of the jail to liberty Saturday of last week. No attempt is being made to locate him as his going is looked upon as being good riddance to the county.
Will Conklin and Lizzie Richey gave their friends a surprise Wednesday of last week by driving to Ft. Dodge and being married at the M.E. parsonage of that city. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Richey and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Conklin.
May 21, 1925 - 100 years ago
It was a baseball team from Burnside that went down in defeat here Sunday at Southside baseball park at the hands of the local invincibles, the score reading 6 to 5.
The three boulevards in Stratford were very nicely improved the first part of this week by the planting of nearly a thousand flowering plants in the three of them.
Morris Carlson was the lucky winner of a suit of clothes given in a recent contest over the radio from the station in Elgin, Ills. Last week a gentleman here was here and measured him for the suit and it will be delivered in a short time.
A seven and a half pound baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Iles on May 15th. The little one has been named Ruth Elaine.
It is reported that Mr. and Mrs. Frank Farrow and a young man by the name of Wallace were in an auto collision south of town a week ago last Sunday evening. The cars came together while both were moving pretty fast and both were pretty badly damaged by the impact, the small car driven by Wallace, getting the worst of the smash-up. A young lady who was riding with young Wallace was cut by glass from the windshield but aside from her cuts no one was hurt.
The Senior Class play, “A Crazy Idea,” was given for the first time on Friday night of last week and then repeated again on Monday night and on both nights the performance was given to crowded houses.
May 16, 1935 - 90 years ago
The Go-Getters class of the M.E. Sunday school enjoyed a party in the home of one of the members, Eileen Pomery, Monday evening. The young people spent a happy evening in games stunts and afterwards enjoyed tasty refreshments.
A lovely bridal shower was held for Miss Opal Johnson, who will become the bride of Max Gilchrist, June 1st, Thirty-three ladies were present.
The local unit of the American Legion Auxiliary entertained the mothers of world war veterans at a Mother’s Day party in the home of Mrs. A.C. Isaacson on Friday.
Mrs. V.A. Holstrum was very surprised on Sunday afternoon at a party in honor of her birthday anniversary which was on Saturday, when a group of friends came to her home with well filled lunch baskets. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Eleck Swedlund, Misses Hannah and Ruby, Mr. and Mrs. Gordaon Holstrum, Norma and Marlowe, Mr. and Mrs. B.E. Patteson, Irene and Loren, Miss Audrey Holstrum.
April 26, 1945 - 80 years ago
The lumber and other materials to be used in the construction of the new cabin of the Boy Scouts is being hauled to the site where the cabin is to be located near the Bellville river bridge. Actual construction is to start soon.
Mrs. Alvie Bergman has received word that her husband, First Lt. Alvie Bergman had been promoted to captain. Capt. Bergman is stationed with the 14th Air Force in China, He is a maintenance engineer of a troop carrier squadron.
A number of relatives and friends assembled at the home of Arthur Larson Thursday evening to help him celebrate his birthday anniversary, Those enjoying the party were: Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Berglund, Mrs. Minnie Anderson and son, Roy, Paul and Miss Velve Berglund, Harry Magnuson, Mrs. Chas. Anderson and Doris, Mrs. Larson and the guest of honor.
Mrs. J.A. Carlson was pleasantly surprised Thursday afternoon when a group of ladies gathered at her home to help her celebrate her 88th birthday anniversary.
Mrs. Olivia Lindmark was surprised Monday afternoon by a group of ladies who called to help her celebrate her birthday anniversary. The guest brought refreshments, which were enjoyed by the group, and also some gifts for their hostess.
May 10, 1995 - 30 years ago
Lois Osborn of the Stratford Community Development Corporation received a check for \$2,000 from Rhonda Seiser of Communication Data Services. CDS has donated the money which will be used for the Stratford Medical Clinic expansion project underway, SCDC hopes to raise \$30,000.
A Naive Rio, owned by Stratford resident Lyle Seiser won 1st place at Prairie Meadows Racetrack last Saturday, May 6th. The purse was a hefty \$2,500. Ronnie Apodaca rode the horse, Lynn Adams, was the trainer.
Now that spring time weather has come to Stratford, more tourist buses are coming to Stratford. Two tour buses from Waverly, Iowa visited Stratford on Tuesday, May 2nd.
The Stratford School Board put on a breakfast last Wednesday, May 9th which honored teachers and staff members at the Stratford Elementary School. The board expressed their appreciation for the many hours staff and teachers spend educating the children in Stratford.

Stratford Community Calendar

Wednesday, May 14
No PK
2:25pm Pen Pal Party

Friday, May 16
1:00-2:00pm 5/6 Grade Wax Museum

May 18
2:00pm Webster City High School graduation.

Saturday, May 24
121st Stratford Community School Alumni Banquet
5:00pm Social Hour-6:00pm Banquet

If you would like to have an event, meeting or etc. listed on this calendar, please contact The Stratford Courier by 4:00 p.m. on Monday at 515-838-2494 or 515-290-7907; or e-mail stratfordcourier@globalccs.net or shrecnew@globalccs.net or place in the POST box at Erickson farm (1380 360th Street) on porch of brown shed. Any event charging a fee or donation will be asked to purchase a separate ad.

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121st Stratford Community School Alumni Banquet
Saturday, May 24, 2025

Social Hour – 5 pm Dinner – 6 pm, program to follow
Stratford School Gymnasium

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1955 – 70 YEARS, 1965 – 60 YEARS
1975 – 50 YEARS, 1985 – 40 YEARS
1995 – 30 YEARS, 2000 – 25 YEARS

Reservation and payment of \$30 per person is due by May 14, 2025. Please make check payable to Stratford Alumni Banquet and mail to
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