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Glimpses of the Past

June 10, 1915 - 110 years ago

Last Friday evening at the M.E. church was witnessed the graduating exercises of the class of 1915. Although the weather was far from being favorable a fair-sized audience was present.

Mr. and Mrs. John Erickson were very much surprised Monday evening when a number of relatives and friends stopped in to help them celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

Decoration day was very appropriately observed in Stratford Monday afternoon, the exercises being held at the M.E. church. The church was filled to overflowing and flowers, flags and bunting furnished the decorations.

Tuesday afternoon of last week Albert Anderson's little daughter Ansel climbed up on the wire fence to look at the chickens and her foot slipped off the wire, causing her to fall in such a manner that a barb of the wire caught her left forefinger close to the palm and tore the flesh from the bone almost to the end of her finger.

The excessive and continued rainfall the past two weeks has been the means of flooding the majority of the basements with water at depths varying from two inches to eighteen inches. Large ponds, which have been dry for years, are overflowing and are now small lakes. Many gardens are completely submerged and fields are in such condition that it may be many days before they can be gotten ready for planting. The tile which in all ordinary cases easily takes away all the surplus water, are now running full and cannot remove the water fast enough to keep it from backing up into the residence basements.

The Northwestern railroad track leading to the Des Moines river west of Stratford was the scene of and unusual amount of traffic Sunday afternoon, the object being to see the high water caused by the overflow of the river. A couple of bridges on Skillet creek, west of the river, have been reported by those residing near the river that it reached the highest mark known.

On Monday evening of last week a number of the friends and neighbors of Miss Lorena Peterson gathered at her home and gave her a complete surprise in honor of her birthday.

May 28, 1925 - 100 years ago

A petition has been in circulation the past week for the improvement of the county road north from Stratford to join the graveled road at Homer which leads into Webster City. This is a very much used road for the farmers north of Stratford and all of these farmers are very anxious that the road should be included in the county road system and be graveled so that it can be used all season of the year for heavy hauling.

Rev. Carl J. Ackerman has accepted the call extended to him last week by the local Swedish Baptist church and it is expected that he will be here to take up his work with the local church about June 14th.

The arrest last Saturday night of a Stratford man who was caught red-handed with a quantity of booze and the subsequent trial and fine of \$100 and costs, should prove to the venders of these unlawful wares that the authorities here mean business. This was a case in which the mayor was tipped by someone that hooch was

being brought here. Every citizen should "go thou and do likewise" if they know of anyone who is selling booze in Stratford.

May 23, 1935 - 90 years ago

A mother and daughter tea was held by the Stratford Women's Club in the Lutheran church parlors Wednesday afternoon.

Wendell Carlson, east of town, who won first place in the state 4-H farm accounting contest some time ago, was an honored guest at a banquet Monday noon in the Wahkonsa hotel in Fort Dodge which was sponsored by the Fort Dodge rotary club. Wendell was awarded a \$100 certificate for his splendid achievement in farm accounting by the International Harvester Co.

Tuesday evening the annual commencement exercises were held in the Stratford schools auditorium for the senior class of 1935. This class of eighteen, is one of the largest ever graduated from Stratford school.

May 17, 1995 - 30 years ago

Dale Nelson and his crew are working on the expansion of the Clinic building in spite of of the weather. If you drive through the alley west of Shakespeare Ave. you will be able to see the outer block wall in place. Next the roof will be built and the concrete floor poured. From there all the work will be done on the interior. Business will try to go on as usual.

Molly Hoveland, a Webster City High School senior and member of the track and field team has qualified for state. The Stratford area senior qualified in the shot put. Molly threw the shot put 33-6 3/4, edging out the 33-5 1/4 thrown by her nearest competition.

Doris Runge received the Hall of Fame award of 1995 from the Bowling Association of Webster City. Doris bowls for the Pioneer Lounge team from Stratford.

April Schwering and Rick Carlson announce their engagement and upcoming wedding. The wedding is set for September 2, 1995 a the Lutheran Church in Stratford.

Kindergarten students from Stratford Elementary School and Stratford Care Center residents went on a field trip to the Ben Robinson farm near Stratford last Tuesday. For the past 15 months the Robinsons' have been raising Ostriches. The Ostriches names are Bonnie, Clyde, Archie, Meathead and Gloria.

June 15, 2005 - 20 years ago

Four individuals applied for the appointment of Karen Harrill's city council seat left vacant as a result of her recent move outside of the City's corporate limits. The city council voted at Monday night's regular meeting to fill the vacancy with the appointment of Julie Ehresman.

Rose Osterquist presented Nurse Peg Lowary from Stratford Medical Center with a beautiful hand-applied quilt in appreciation for her service to the community.

Bob Landreth of Stratford has received the "Iowa Lions foundation's," Warren Coleman award in recognition of his commitment to serving Lionism.

The 76th Annual Bergman Family Reunion was held on Sunday, June 12, 2005, at the Stratford Park. It was a beautiful, sunny day and fifty-eight family members and guests enjoyed a potluck dinner.

Stratford Community Calendar

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

Sunday, May 18
2:00pm Webster City High School graduation.
3:00pm The Brethen quartet @ South Marion UMC

Tuesday, May 20
8:45am 5/6 Grade Toy Fair in WC
10:00am Kendall Young Library Tour
11:15pm Spring Olympics

Wednesday, May 21
No PK
3-6 Grade: Living History Farms Field Trip

Saturday, May 24
12:1st Stratford Community School Alumni Banquet
5:00pm Social Hour-6:00pm Banquet

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