

SESQUICENTENNIAL HIGHLIGHTS



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On Wednesday July 22, 1936, the temperature reached 108 degrees. Thursday was cooler with the mercury keeping below the 100 mark.

Registration figures show that over 3,700 visited the W. H. Over Museum in the past year. The severe winter and exceedingly hot weather has decreased the number of visitors to some extent. Nearly 90 percent of the visitors are residents of South Dakota. Residents of many other states are also visitors each year.

Clay County will receive \$6,636 as share of beer receipts for three years. The county share, distributed on a population basis, is to be spent for poor relief, with "so much thereof as is necessary", devoted to hospitalization of indigent persons. Tax on all beer is \$1.25 per 31 gallon barrels.

Nearly twice as many Master of Arts degrees were granted at the 1936 university summer session as were conferred during the 1935 session.

The Clay County Fair Association decided to go ahead and make plans for the fair this year in spite of the drought conditions. The fair will be held a month later than has been the custom for many years. In addition to horse races, ball games and the usual entertainment, a public wedding will be an added attraction. The ceremony will be performed before the grandstand as an evening attraction.

Less tourists have driven through South Dakota this year. This amounts to a 60% loss of tourist business in our state.

With the dry and hot conditions this year and encouragement from his wife, a man at Alcester has improvised an irrigation system by using water from the creek that flows into the Big Sioux. The creek has many fresh springs so he dammed it up and with help of a half inch centrifugal pump operated by the motor on his tractor, he lifted the water eight feet to the corn

field. He states that the irrigation costs him about \$2.00 per day. He is kept so busy that his wife takes his meals to him.

J.C.F. Elmore will have a new funeral home when the large Stinson house on Main Street will be remodeled for that purpose.

Council Oak Stores are your friend at meal time. Beef Roasts 12 1/2 cents per pound. Pork Loin roasts 17 cents per pound for fancy middle cuts. Summer Sausage 23 cents per pound and fancy center cut pork chops 25 cents per pound. Big quart jars of Miracle Whip Salad dressing 35 cents and Kipperd Herring from Norway 1/2 pound can 8 cents.

By the appearance of all the new bicycles on the streets of Meckling in the evenings, it looks as if the recreation hours are devoted to bicycling. Not only do the youngsters enjoy this sport, but as the evening shadows grow dimmer, some of the older ones like to renew youth once again.

Here is a genuine bargain when you get the Vermillion Plain Talk twice every week for 15 months for only \$2.00. The special rate is good until August 17.

New cars at prices that will sell quick include a 1936 Hudson Eight, 4 door sedan with electric shift, 5 wheels, radio and heater and has been used some as a demonstrator. Also a 1936 Terraplane sedan and a 1935 Tudor Terraplane, has electric shift and heater and low mileage, just like new. Check these cars out at Ericson's Service.

July is the driest and hottest month on record here.

An even dozen cars and more than 50 people took part in a successful booster trip Vermillion has staged for a long time. The delegation visited Meckling, Gayville, Volin, Wakonda, Irene, Viborg and Centerville and returned by way of Greenfield, stopping in at an ice cream social at the Andy Lawrenson home. The purpose of the booster trip was to advertise the community picnic to be held on Labor Day. The ice cream social reported the best crowd ever and all were entertained by the Dalesburg Band.

Jacobsen's Bakery is announcing the new V14 Mineralized Bread as the best white bread ever tasted. They say it takes you down the road to vitality.

Captain Howard C. Curtis

has purchased the Green Gable Station and Tourist cottages. The business was started and operate several years by O. P. Huetson. The purchase includes 10 acres of land, about a dozen tourist cabins, a filling station, house and barn.

Why not pay your subscription to the Plain Talk this week, if it is due? It's surprising to what good use we could put the money.

"Poor Little Rich Girl" starring Shirley Temple is showing at the March Theatre. On Thursday "Satan Met a Lady" starring Bette Davis will be on the screen. The movie is billed as "The Screen's Most Dangerous Woman Meets the Screen's Most Amorous Sleuth".

A contract has been signed by the State of South Dakota and the Vermillion Natural Gas Company which provides for the installation of gas burners under the boilers of the heating and electric plant at the University and providing natural gas for fuel.

The retail merchants will close at 11:30 am on Labor Day and remain closed the rest of the day. This will enable the merchants and those they employ to attend the celebration and picnic to be held at Prentiss Park.

The chicken thief who took 250 chickens from the Hans Lyso farm is being held in the Sioux City jail. He is also wanted in Minnesota for similar robberies. It is thought he was a member of a regular chicken theft ring which headquarter in Sioux City.

Five arrests for intoxication were made here on Saturday evening. Three of the men were released the following day on \$25.00 bonds and will appear before Justice W.R. Cleland. The other two, both minors, were released to the custody of their parents.

South Dakota had had three more auto accidents the first seven months this year that during a similar period in 1935. There are 62 from January through July this year compared with 59 last year.

Animal rabies cases up in 2009

After five straight years of decline, animal rabies cases in South Dakota jumped to 53 in 2009, up from 24 the year before.

The increase is prompting state officials to remind South Dakotans of the importance of vaccinating their pets for rabies. "The skunk population is the main reservoir of rabies in South Dakota, so the disease is always a possibility," said Dr. Lon Kightlinger, state epidemiologist for the Department of Health. "The increase in cases last year and the number of those cases that were domestic animals are good reminders of just how important it is to make sure pets are vaccinated for rabies."

Of the 53 animals testing positive for rabies in 2009, 35 were wild animals and 18 were domestic. The wild rabid animals included 31 skunks and four bats; the domestic animals included seven dogs, four cats, four cattle, two horses and one goat. South Dakota's last human rabies case was reported in 1970.

The risk of rabies is statewide, with 27 counties reporting cases in 2009.

Infected wild animals can pass rabies to pets or livestock, which can in turn expose humans. Even wild animals that appear docile can be rabid so it's important that people don't attempt to catch or handle wildlife. "In addition to vaccinating pets for rabies, vaccination is also recommended for very valuable livestock and those animals that have frequent contact with people, such as horses that are kept close to dwellings or used by kids," said Dr. Dustin Oedekoven, state veterinarian.

To reduce the risk of rabies, take the following precautions:

- Vaccinate pet dogs and cats for rabies.
- Do not handle, adopt, or attempt to feed wild animals. Teach children to avoid wildlife, strays or animals they don't know and to tell you immediately if they are bitten or scratched by any animal.
- Avoid any animal, wild or domestic, that behaves strangely and immediately report it to your local veterinarian, animal control, conservation, or law enforcement office.

- Skunks and bats, rabies reservoir species, should not be used in school or petting zoo displays where direct contact with the public is possible.

- Do not handle dead, sick or injured animals. If you must, use heavy gloves, sticks, or other tools to avoid direct contact. Farmers and ranchers should wear gloves and protective eyewear when treating sick animals to prevent exposure to saliva.

- Close outdoor trash containers tightly to avoid attracting skunks and raccoons.

- Clear wood or junk piles away from houses to discourage wild animals from moving in.

- Do not handle bats. If bats are found in a room with small children or sleeping people, call the Department of Health, your physician, or your local animal control officer.

- If you suspect rabies in a wild animal, pet or livestock, contact your veterinarian immediately for advice on how to proceed.

If you have a potential exposure to rabies, immediately wash the affected area with soap and water and call your doctor or the Department of Health. Your veterinarian will instruct you as to handling of animals involved. If the animal is dead, save the carcass for laboratory examination, being careful not to damage the head. If the animal is alive, try to capture it for examination or observation but be sure to avoid further exposure. If the animal escapes, note its description for later identification. If people are bitten or scratched by a rabid animal, human disease can be prevented by getting the rabies vaccination.

For more information about human rabies control, call the Department of Health at 1-800-592-1861 or see the Web site at <http://doh.sd.gov/DiseaseFacts/Rabies.aspx>.

The department's complete rabies surveillance report for 2009 can be found at <http://doh.sd.gov/documents/Rabies2009.pdf>. For information on animal rabies control call the Animal Industry Board at 605-773-3321 or see the Web at <http://www.state.sd.us/aib/disease%20control.htm>.

TAX TIPS ABOUT THE FIRST TIME HOME BUYER CREDIT

The IRS has published several specific requirements for taxpayers to claim either the first time home buyer or long-time resident home buyer credits. For purchasers of new homes, taxpayers must attach a copy of a properly executed settlement statement.

For newly constructed homes, taxpayers must attach a certificate of occupancy. In addition, all returns claiming either of these credits are not eligible to be filed electronically. For all of your tax related needs, contact Dave or Alli at Williams & Company for a no obligation consultation.

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