



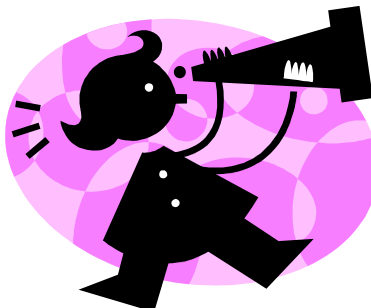
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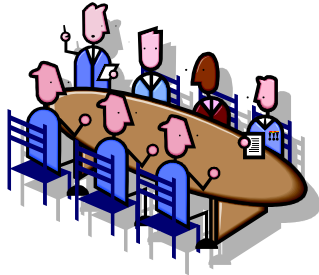
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Muskogee County Genealogical & Historical Society

OUR PURPOSE:

The MCGS was formed in 1983 for the purpose of promoting the general study of genealogy through workshops, seminars, and monthly programs; and to discover and preserve any material that may establish or illustrate the history of Indian Territory and Muskogee County and its families.



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GOETZ HUNTS LOCATION FOR SUMMER CONCERTS

**Approval of Plans for New Band-
shell Is Cheerful News to
Band Director**

SEEK NEW SPONSORSHIP

Tony Goetz, Muskogee's talented band director, is a happy man today because the WPA has allocated funds for erection of a new bandshell at Spaulding park. Tony is also puzzled because he now is wondering where the summer concerts will be held while the WPA workers are completing the new shell.

"We've got to have some place to play," he said. "It wouldn't be summer in Muskogee without our Thursday night concerts, and people already are phoning me to ask where we will play. I don't know."

Needs Concert Sponsor

The first of a series of summer concerts directed by Goetz is scheduled for June 2.

What he needs now, Goetz figured yesterday, is someone to sponsor his concerts.

concerts.

"If I can find someone willing to undertake the job," he said, "it might be possible to build a temporary bandstand on a vacant lot adjacent to Hotel Severs on West Broadway.

"Anyway," he said, "we'll find a place and our concerts will begin on time."

The work is scheduled to be completed by July 1, but an extension of time probably will be granted.

Goetz was enthusiastic about the proposed new bandshell, assured yesterday when the WPA allocated \$20,596 to Muskogee for continued improvements in Spaulding park.

"It's wonderful," he declared. "It's something we have needed for several years, and we are extremely happy that it is about to be realized."

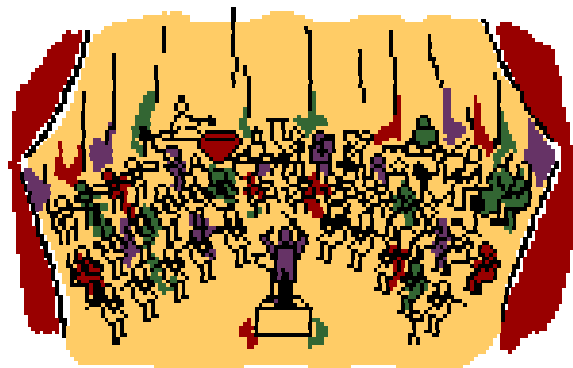
Old Band Shell Razed

Additional allocations announced yesterday by Ron Stephens, state WPA administrator, also will provide for bathhouses at Spaulding park, and supplements \$44,000 already allocated to begin construction of a swimming pool there. Work was begun on the pool March 23.

Original plans called for a swimming pool, bathhouse, bandshell, concession stand, filtering and treating plant, and six double tennis courts. It was necessary, however, to temporarily delay starting work on the bandshell and bathhouse until another appropriation was made.

Tennis courts were built in Spaulding park, Turner hill, Honor Heights and at Twenty-fourth street and Arline avenue.

The original approval also included the \$11,000 Tower hill project.





TO DEDICATE HIGH SCHOOL

Muskogee Times-Democrat, November 11, 1910, page twelve:

Transcribed by Glenn Smith

The Muskogee Board of Education has announced that the formal dedication of the new Central High School building will take place on the evening of Monday, November 28. Dr. Nathaniel Butler, professor of education in the University of Chicago, has consented to make the dedicatory address and there will be other talks and features of the program that will be of great interest. Dr. Butler is one of the best known educators of the United States and his addresses are famous everywhere.

There will be music by the classes of the school on the dedication night and the faculty and board of education will personally have charge of the program. Every patron of the high school and friends of education generally are invited. Besides taking part in the dedication program, Dr. Butler will examine the school and its equipment with the view of placing the Central High School on the list of institutes co-operating with the University of Chicago. If this step is taken, graduates of the local High School will be admitted to the university without examination and will undoubtedly be favored with several one-year scholarships in the institution, forty of which are annually awarded to the most promising graduates of all the co-operating schools.



TEACHERS PROGRAM

Muskogee Times-Democrat, November 11, 1910, page twelve:

The executive committee of the Northeastern Oklahoma Teachers Association met in Muskogee this afternoon, and formulated a program for the meeting of the organization which will be held at Claremore on the 25th and 26th of the present month.

Present at the meeting were J.N. Wilkinson, of Muskogee, Chairman; E.B. Shotwell, Okmulgee; B.H. Hester, Claremore; J.F. Gambill, Muskogee, and E.S. Monroe, superintendent of city schools.

The program when completed will be one of the best ever rendered at a teacher's meeting in Oklahoma. E.S. Monroe and W.T. Hefley of Muskogee are speakers on the program, and J.F. Gambill of this city, who is President of the association, will of course deliver the President's Address.



TEACHERS SELECTED

Almost Full Corps of Education for Public Schools

Gulick's Weekly Review, Katharyn B. Gulick, Editor
Muskogee, Oklahoma, June 17, 1911, page one:

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The following is a list of the teachers selected, and the remaining few places will be filled at the meeting of the board next Monday night. A number of teachers in the schools last year were not applicants for re-appointment this year.

Superintendent of Schools:	Edwin S. Monroe
Supervisors:	Music; Ellen L. Russell
	Art; Florence Rhine
	Domestic Science; Laurinda DeVilbiss
Director of Manual Training	Ralph W. French
Principals:	High School-L.E. Weatherwax
	Eighth Grade-Myrtle Johnson
	Washington—C.B. Smith
	Jefferson—John T. Hefley
	Sequoyah—Laura H. Hardin
	Irving—Roy F. Hannum
	Franklin—J.F. Anderson

Muskogee County Marriage Records Index 1890-1907 (Cont'd from Vol. 29, Issue 1, January 2012, Pg 9). Currently, this index is complete through Grooms surnames beginning with "S". As each is completed, it is forwarded to be posted on the Muskogee County Genealogical website. The original marriage record can be obtained by submitting a Research Request form.

Bert, Sam	Taylor, Chart	481	R	471	1890-1907
Bertholf, Claud	Watson, Ludie	483	W	432	1890-1907
Bertholf, Thomas	Barton, Ada	472	A	377	1890-1907
Beshears, George	Edwards, Sarah	476	H	292	1890-1907
Beshears, H. S.	Whitekiller, Mary	482	U	136	1890-1907
Besheres, J. H.	Starkie, Florence	475	F	398	1890-1907
Beshers, James	Starkie, Ada	474	E	142	1890-1907
Beshers, John T.	McCaslin, Edna Melvina	477	L	194	1890-1907
Beshers, Moses	Swepston, Martha	478	M	472	1890-1907
Besom, J. B.	Jackson, Maggie	482	U	460	1890-1907
Bess, Will	Horn, Emma	479	O	113	1890-1907

Besser, Howard	Ruck, Madie	473	D	399	1890-1907
Besser, Hue Howard	Myers, Elmira	479	N	431	1890-1907
Bessinger, P. S.	Hinsley, Maggie	480	P	259	1890-1907
Best, E. B.	Trivitt, Martha A.	483	V	510	1890-1907
Best, Forest	McKenzie, Maud	481	S	85	1890-1907
Best, Frank W.	Marler, Emma	481	T	103	1890-1907
Best, Ira	Coe, Bettie	480	Q	293	1890-1907
Best, J. H.	Millsaps, Annie	475	F	394	1890-1907
Best, J. J.	Butler, Annie	477	J	289	1890-1907
Best, Preston	Slaston, Minnie	474	F	46	1890-1907
Best, Thomas	Leaborn, Edieth	473	C	231	1890-1907
Beth, B. Edwin	Nicholson, Mabel	476	H	37	1890-1907
Bethell, C. W.	Watts, Fanny M.	475	G	388	1890-1907
Bethell, Charles	Wyatt, Mattie	472	A	170	1890-1907
Bethell, David F.	Halman, Dora	476	I	120	1890-1907
Bethell, Ed	Perrin, Edith	475	G	215	1890-1907
Bethell, H. H.	Culwell, Jennie L.	473	B	390	1890-1907
Bethell, William	Clark, Cora	482	U	360	1890-1907
Bethell, Wm. F.	Teguer, Nora A.	474	F	300	1890-1907
Bettis, John	Pool, Helen	483	V	540	1890-1907
Bettis, Sam	Adams, Anna	482	V	77	1890-1907
Betts, Chas. L.	West, Sue H.	480	Q	313	1890-1907
Betts, J. L.	Vann, Beulah	482	U	2	1890-1907
Beunight, J. C.	Cox, Lida M.	474	E	121	1890-1907
Bevans, William H.	Williams, Marie	481	R	327	1890-1907
Bevard, Jesse	Matlock, callie	483	W	394	1890-1907
Bevard, Wm. Thomas	Phillip, Mary	482	T	207	1890-1907
Bevenue, William	Surrell, Gertrude	483	W	312	1890-1907
Bever, Sam	Moore, Mollie	481	S	69	1890-1907
Bew, Lee P.	Harrison, Dora	473	D	285	1890-1907
Bewley, L. A.	Hutchinson, Wane	484	X	52	1890-1907
Bewley, L. M.	Yorgee, Elizabeth	479	O	407	1890-1907
Bewley, Lester	Moore, Ella	482	U	85	1890-1907
Bewley, M. N.	Dow, Cora Lee	483	V	256	1890-1907
Beynes, Wm. H.	Britton, Mary	474	F	288	1890-1907
Branan, Thomas	Dyer, Willie	479	O	35	1890-1907

To be continued in future issues.

TOWNSHIPS ARE GIVEN NAMES

Late Wednesday afternoon the county commissioners formally ratified the selection of names for the various townships of Muskogee County , so that hereafter, each one of the fourteen townships will be known by names instead of by numbers.

The county is to be congratulated on the fact that the commissioners have seen fit to honor many of the old settlers by the use of their names in this matter. Practically every township will bear the name of some old pioneer family, Indian or white.

Township No. 1; to be known as “ Moore ,” is named after Judge Moore of Haskell;

Township No. 2; named “Agency,” is so called after Agency Hill, formerly the residence place of the agent to the Five Civilized Tribes;

Township No. 3; named Harris, is so called after one of the oldest Cherokee families, County Commissioner W.H. Harris being of the family;

Township No. 4; will be known as “Porter” in honor and remembrance of Chief Pleasant Porter of the Creek Nation.

Township No. 5; named “Nash” after F.H. Nash of Fort Gibson , one of the pioneers of the Indian Territory .

Township No. 6; named after the noted Brewer family;

Township No. 7; Ogle, is so named in honor of J.H. Ogle of Boynton, the oldest settler there.

Township No. 8; named Sutton, is most appropriately named after County Commissioner T.B. Sutton, the only Republican elected to a county office in Muskogee County .

Township No. 9; to be called “Brown” after G.C. Brown, the oldest settler in the district.

Township No. 10; known as “Darling” after a prominent banker of Oktaha;

Township No. 11; will be known as “McLain,” after one of the oldest families in the Cherokee Nation.

Township No. 12; will be known as “Vann” after a well known Cherokee family which County Commissioner Charles E. Vann is a member.

Township No. 13 is to be known as “Martin,” after J.A. Martin, the oldest man in the township.

Township No. 14, will be known as “Porum,” after the famous Porum Gap, one of the oldest landmarks in the west.

Submitted by Glenn Smith

New Titles in the Grant Foreman Collection July Thru September, 2012

United States: General

Family Tree Magazine, v.3, 2002

Alabama

Butler Co. Historical & Gen. Soc. Quarterly, v. 36, 2000

Arkansas

Pine Log Cemetery, Craighead Co. AR—Greene Co. Hist. & Gen. Soc.

1860 Census, Calhoun Co., AR—Ouachita-Calhoun Gen. Soc.

History of Witter, AR, 1830-2003—Joy A. Russell

AR Union Soldiers Pension Application Index—Desmond W. Allen

Sebastian Co., AR Original Land Grant—Sue Clark

Early AR Residents Tax Lists of Arkansas & Lawrence Co.—Marion S. Craig

Ft. Smith, AR Post Returns, 1820-1846—Karen L. Acker

Cross County Arkansas Marriage Records, 1863-1913—Connie W. Cox

Randolph County Arkansas Tax Records, 1861, 1865-67—Burton R. Knotts

Arkansas Marriage Records, 1808-35—James L. Morgan

Obituaries from the Mena Star, 1988-89—Wanda D. Tilley

History of Hatfield & Some Polk Co. History—Eva Martin

Crawford Co., AR Original Land Grants—Sue Clark

Sevier Co., AR Cemetery Records—Joy W. Raper

Index to Cemeteries of Van Buren Co., AR—Van Buren Historical Soc.

Marion Co., AR Tax Records, 1841-66—Desmond W. Allen

Arkansas School Land Sales, 1853-1997—Desmond W. Allen

Arkansas Spanish American War Soldiers—Desmond W. Allen

Memories of Old Dallas—Margaret H. Bonsell

Index to Tract Books for Fulton Co., AR—Desmond W. Allen

AR Land Patents: Newton Co. Thru Jun 1908—Desmond W. Allen

California

Marin Kin Tracer, vs. 8-9, 1985-86

Florida

Huxford Genealogical Soc. Magazine, 3 vols., 1995-97

Illinois

Jacksonville, IL Gen. Journal, v. 9, 1981

Indiana

Fountain County Centennial, 1826-1926

Perry County A History—Thomas J. DeLaHunt

Kansas

Yesteryears, 1980-83

Kentucky

Kentucky Pioneer Genealogy & Records, v. 3, 1981

Louisiana

Journal: Friends of Genealogy, vs. 4, 5, 1992-93

Missouri

Railroad Grantee Listings in Greene Co., MO—Linda Montgomery

North Carolina

1850 Census Mecklenburg, NC—Olde Meck. Gen. Soc.

Oklahoma

Index to Probate-Oklahoma Co., OK, 1895-1920—Elgin R. Bailey

Camp Gruber, OK, 1881st Service Command Unit, 1945

History of Covington, Garfield Co., OK—Fannie L. Eisele

75th Ann. First United Methodist Church Clinton, OK, 1903-1978

Index to Probate-Oklahoma Co., 1895-1920—OK Gen. Soc.

Chickasaw Court Records Panola & Pickens County

Rosehill Cemetery, Calera, Bryan Co.

Probate Case File Index Latimer Co. OK Pre-Statehood-1928

Garfield Co. Death Records 1918-41—Betty Jo Gibson Scott

Seminole Co. —Probate Records-Indian Territory, 1899-1907—Anita H. Ranells

Chickasaw Court Records-Panola & Pickens Cos.—Marion Downs

Return to Riverside—Edwina C. Jones

Obituaries Old and New-McCurtain Co., OK

Titans of Western Art—J. Frank Dobie

Pickens and Wichita Co. Court Records v. 2 1849-1881—Bryan Co. Heritage Assn., Inc.

Pennsylvania

Abstract York Co., PA, 1865—S. Central PA Gen. Soc.

1783 Tax Lists and the 1790 Fed. Census Washington Co., PA—Katherine K. Zinsser

Texas

History of Jefferson, Marion Co., TX, 1836-1936—Mrs. Arch McKay

Victoria Crossroads of South Texas, v. 7, 1986

First Recorded Minutes of the Dist. Court, Cherokee Co.—Ogreta W. Huttash

Virginia

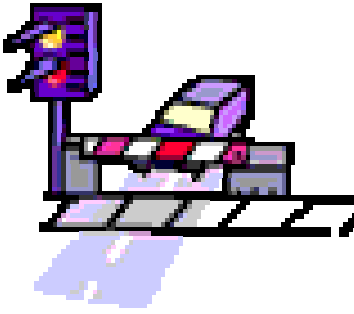
Virginia in the 1600's—Harold Oliver

Along Virginia's Golden Shores—Parke Rouse, Jr.

Wythe Co., VA Marriages 1867-1880—Janie Dillon

West Virginia

Kyowva Gen. Soc., vs. 4 & 6 1981, 1983



Things haven't changed as much as we sometimes think!

WILL ARREST MEN WHO BLOCK STREET

Katy Switchmen Who Tie up Traffic at
Fondulac Crossing to Face Police Judge.

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Switching crews who continue to block the Fondulac Street crossing for an unreasonable length of time will be arrested. City Manager Harrison issued orders Saturday to Chief of Police R.L. McAfee to arrest any switchman who were responsible for long lines of autos and pedestrians held up at the crossing.

With the viaduct over the Katy tracks closed because of the bad condition of the floor, and with Broadway and Okmulgee torn up near the tracks, the use of the Fondulac Street crossing has become more general in the past few months.

Autoists and others have complained to the city manager that they were held up as long as half-an-hour by trains which were not moving. The trains should be split.

"We have warned the Katy officials and switchmen several times," said Mr. Harrison. "Now we will begin to make arrests, if they don't become more reasonable about it. The streets must be kept open at all times except when trains are actually passing."

Muskogee Times-Democrat, June 5, 1920, page 10: Contributor, Glenn Smith

Proofreading is a Dying Art these days!

Miners Refuse to Work after Death;

Red Tape Holds Up New Bridges

You mean there's something stronger than duct tape?

This is a new feature in our E-Quarterly and we hope they make you smile. Submitted by Glenn Smith.

Please visit these Muskogee County Websites:

[Muskogee County-UsGenWeb](#); [Muskogee County History and Genealogy](#); [Three Rivers Museum](#); [Five Civilized Tribes Museum](#); [USS Batfish](#); [Boynton Historical Society](#); Webmaster: Sue Tolbert