

THE SANDYLAND CHRONICLE

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NOTHING LIKE IT IN THE UNITED STATES OPENING OF ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL IN LITTLE ROCK IN 1912

An article appeared in the April 23, 1912 issue of *The Prescott Daily News* announcing the opening of a new hospital in Little Rock. This hospital was the dream of Dr. J. P. Runyan, a surgeon. He made four trips to Europe, visiting hospitals and making notes of things that he felt would be of benefit to his patients. The result was St. Luke's, the only hospital in Arkansas devoted exclusively to surgery. The following are comments made by a visitor to the hospital.

St. Luke's is in every particular the most complete aseptic, the most beautifully furnished of any hospital in the United States, and is on par with any to be found anywhere in the world today.

St. Luke's is a one-story solid brick structure, eliminating the need for elevators and the noise and possible accidents associated with them. There are times when a patient, being brought to the hospital for an operation, is in such a nervous condition that to be placed in an elevator is enough to throw them into hysterics—the grinding noise of the cogs, the rattle of the chains, and the jarring of the car.

All windows are screened with the finest of bronze wire screen in metal frames with weather stripping so that it is impossible for the windows to rattle no matter how hard the wind blows. The windows have Venetian blinds on the inside.

The furniture in every room is of metal made to look like mahogany furniture and is absolutely sanitary. Several of the rooms have the Wallace bed, a new patent that allows the patient to be raised or lowered.

The hospital is small, consisting of but 15 bed rooms, a reception hall, and kitchen. Every room is fitted with a complete solid silver service and a tray full of the most beautiful china-ware imported from the best pottery houses in Austria.

Every room is furnished with an electric toaster so that the patient may have fresh toast to suit his or her taste at any time day or night. Every room is equipped with an automatic heat regulator or thermostat, which by a simple turn of a knob, secures the exact degree of heat required. There is also an adjustable telephone connection in every room so that the patient need not move a hand to use the telephone.

Every room is a work of art and every effort was taken to get away from the usual "hospital look", and so each room resembles a beautiful room at home. The bath rooms are of solid white tile and marble with solid porcelain tubs, lavatory, sink, water closet, and showers. Everything is absolutely sanitary and the finest to be had.

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The operating rooms are marvels of beauty. The entire north side of the operating room is one solid plate glass, to get the very best light for operating purposes. Wash basins are worked by foot and knee pedals so the surgeon will not have to touch anything after washing his hands.

The kitchen is a marvel of beautiful cleanliness—everything snow white. The Chef is the very best to be had and he will furnish the finest food possible to secure.

Every patient coming to St. Luke's must furnish his or her own private nurse. This nurse must be a graduate nurse, without which no patient will be admitted. This special nurse will have nothing to do but wait upon her special patient. This is an absolute rule at St. Luke's and is made for the special advantage of patients. If general nurses were used, a patient might feel they were not getting the proper attention. For this reason St. Luke's will not furnish nurses, but will require each patient to furnish a special or private nurse. This nurse will be furnished her room and meals by the hospital. For the use of the rooms for patient and nurse and the meals for both patient and nurse, a modest charge of Twenty Five dollars per week will be made.

St. Luke's is located at Twentieth St. and Schiller Avenue in the southwest part of Little Rock on slightly rolling ground surrounded by a beautiful grove of shade trees. It is away from the noise of traffic and the dust and landscaping will soon be completed, making it one of the show places of Little Rock.

A DIFFERENT APPROACH TO MAINTAINING COUNTY ROADS

A new law went into effect January 1, 1916 in Nevada County that required all able-bodied men between the ages of 21 and 45 to work at least four days per year on the county roads. Anyone subject to road duty may, by using his team, do the required work in one day under the supervision of the overseer, or he may be exempted from road duty by paying into the county treasury the sum of \$3.00. (*from The Nevada News*)

Adam N. Eve vanished from the Marine Corps in 1911 and federal authorities have been unable to locate any relatives.

BABY SHIPPED BY PARCEL POST

(from the 2-5-1914 issue of *The Nevada News*)

Wellington, Kansas—Mrs. E. H. Straley of this city received her two year old nephew by parcel post today from his grandmother in Strafford, Oklahoma where he had been left for a visit of three weeks. The boy wore a tag about his neck, showing it had cost 18 cents to send him through the mails. He was transported 25 miles by rural route before reaching the railroad. He rode with the mail clerks, shared his lunch with them, and arrived here in good condition.

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“Lordy, Lordy, don’t leave that log here!” were the words of W. W. Taylor when Mr. Lloyd Robinson hauled this huge cypress log to his mill at Chidester in 1940. Pictured from left to right in the first photo are Roy Holleman, owner of a service station in Chidester, Horace Henry, who owned the log truck, Thurston Pickett, log scaler for the mill, and an unknown man who worked in the office of the lumber company. In the second photo are the same men—from left to right (Thurston Pickett, office man, Roy Holleman, and Horace Henry). Lloyd Robinson, who drove the truck is not pictured.

Mr. Clinton Robinson of Camden was present when this tree was cut and hauled. The tree was located on the east side of the Ouachita River near Camden. He says they used a nine foot cross-cut saw to fell the tree, using what was known as a “ring cut”. The truck was placed near the downed tree after brush and smaller trees were cleared out of the way. Some good sized trees were used as a ramp and with the aid of a winch mounted on a truck, the log was rolled up on to the truck. Mr. Clinton Robinson hauled the second cut from the tree on his truck, which was also a “one log load”.

The W. W. Taylor sawmill at Chidester was located near the present day location of the water treatment plant in Chidester. A pine sawmill was located across the road from the Taylor sawmill. The mill at Chidester couldn’t handle such a large log, so the log was reloaded and hauled to a mill at Smithton near Gurdon where it was sawed into lumber. (Thanks to Mr. Clinton Robinson for sharing the photos).

Correction: In the February issue, there was a picture of the Bluff City girls basketball team of 1929. One of the girls was identified as Gladys Morgan (Nelson). The correct identification is Nellie Mae Morgan (Kirk). If you are keeping these papers, please make that change on your copy.

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Commencement Program for

Bluff City High School

Sunday, March 31, 1940

BACCALAUREATE SERMON

Processional, (Congregation standing as mark of respect to Seniors)
Hymn—"Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"—No. 108—Congregation standing
Scripture Lesson
Prayer
Hymn—"Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"—No. 100
Announcements
Quartette—Mrs. L. S. Hilderbrand, Mrs. Ashley Dewoody, Miss Mavis Nischols and Miss Pearl Moore.
Sermon—Rev. R. D. Nolan, pastor of Presbyterian church of Prescott
Hymn—"Bless Be the Tie that Binds"—No. 98—Congregation standing.
Benediction
Recessional (Congregation remain standing until Seniors pass out)

Contributed by
Cathy Straley,
daughter of Mary
Hildebrand Cox

Mrs. Aubry Barlow, Pianist
Ushers from Junior Class—
Martha Sue Barlow Herman McKelvey
Eva Dell Starnea Harold Hilderbrand

GRADUATION EXERCISE

Friday Evening, April 5, 1940
Eight O'clock

Members of Senior Class appear on Program according to grade average. (R. L. Cummings Jr. and Lorene Beville tied for third place)

Processional
Invocation—Marie Andrews
Class President's Message—R. L. Cummings Jr.
Salutatorians Address—Mary Hilderbrand
Class Will—R. L. Cummings Jr.
Class Prophecy—Lorene Beville
Piano Solo—Mary Hilderbrand
Class History—Georgia Hillery
Class Poem—Lewis Pruitt
Valedictorian's Address—Frederick White Jr.
Remarks—Mr. Basil Munn, County Examiner
Reports from School Board Members
Awarding of Diplomas
Benediction

MEMBERS OF SENIOR CLASS

R. L. Cummings Jr., President
Mary Hilderbrand, Secretary and Treasurer
Georgia Hillery Lewis Pruitt
Lorene Beville Frederick White Jr.
Marie Andrews

EIGHTH GRADE GRADUATES

Gwendolyn Upton, Valedictorian Harley Cummings
Jerry Chamlee, Salutatorian Tunnell Morrow
Evelyn Kirk Algie Plyler
Arrona Irvin Geneva Trantham
Herman Smith Kathryn McLelland
Thomas Barlow

SCHOOL DIRECTORS

Mr. Ed Harvey, President Mr. Ed Cottingham
Mr. R. L. Cummings, Secretary Mr. Loyce Starnes
Mr. C. C. Henry

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DID YOU KNOW?

1. That Prescott had a skating rink in the city park in 1907?
 2. That the most popular drink at Prescott's soda fountains in 1907 was "Fru-tola"?
 3. That 30 trains passed through Prescott each day in 1907 and half of them carried passengers?
 4. That Prescott had a meningitis epidemic in 1912 and several people died?
 5. That Fred Powell was quarantined in Prescott for 36 days in 1912 because he had smallpox?
 6. That a popular club for women in Prescott in 1907 was the Chafing Dish Club?
 7. That Prescott's De Ann Cemetery in 1907 was referred to as "our little cemetery"?
 8. That Hesterly Drug Store in Prescott had a live alligator on display in 1912?
 9. That it was unlawful in 1907 for any person in Prescott city limits to play with a base ball or any other type of ball without permission from the Mayor?
 10. That the names of hotel guests at Hotel Miller in Prescott in 1907 were published each day in *The Prescott Daily News*?
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ANOTHER UNUSUAL NEWS STORY

(from the 2-26-1914 issue of *The Nevada News*)

Spokane, Washington—While sewing a garment in 1907, Mrs. Mary Stevens stuck a needle in the base of her thumb. A physician was called and the needle was removed, but the tip of the needle had broken off and continued to cause pain. An X-ray was contemplated, but it was decided that it was not necessary. The pain finally went away.

Seven years later in 1914, Mrs. Stevens had a wisdom tooth extracted and two or three days later, the point of the needle worked its way out where the wisdom tooth had been after traveling in her blood stream for seven years. Cases such as this have been reported, according to physicians, but some of them cause death when the object strikes a vital organ or the brain.

SIGNS SEEN POSTED ON LANDS AROUND BEARDEN

(from *The Bearden Courier*)

NO HUNTING ALOUD
POSTAGE – KEEP OUT
NO PHYSHING OR HUNTING PROMITTED HEREIN

(from the July, 1914 issue of *The Nevada News*)

Several of our citizens contemplate going to Lackland Springs next month to spend a few weeks. The water there is fine and the temperature much cooler than in Prescott. (*Note: Lackland Springs was a well known health resort in Nevada County about 12 miles east of Prescott*)

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A TRIP FROM MORRIS TO EMMET IN 1915 (from the 2-13-1915 issue of The Prescott Daily News)

A trip from Morris in Georgia Township up the old Clark Road to Emmet gave me a very pleasant surprise. I had not been over this road in about eighteen months and I must confess that the many changes that have taken place along that road do not spell hard times.

Perhaps I ought to say just here that this road leads through some of the poorest sections of Nevada County as far as fertility is concerned. For the most part it runs through a hilly, rocky, and sandy country. The farms are so hilly that much of the land is terraced. Much of the land is still un-cleared and some of the finest pine timber to be found anywhere in the South is along this road.

The land is rapidly being put into cultivation where the timber has been taken off and many new and substantial houses have been built where formerly old dilapidated farm houses once stood. Everything along the way indicates progress and prosperity. In addition to the many new residences may be seen some of the best horses and mules, cattle and hogs to be found anywhere. The farms are kept in first class condition. The old run-down appearance that was so common a few years back is a thing of the past.

Chicken Casserole

Submitted by Helen Medlin of Guntersville, Alabama

(from "Calling All Cooks"- Telephone Pioneers of America—Alabama Chapter No. 34-
Dorothy Hayes, Birmingham Central Council)

3 boneless, skinless chicken breasts, cooked and broken in pieces
3 stalks celery, chopped
1 onion, chopped
1 cup minute rice
1 can cream of chicken soup
½ cup water
½ teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon pepper
½ teaspoon lemon juice
¾ cup mayonnaise
½ cup potato chips

Bake chicken breasts in oven, covered until tender. Cool. Mix all other ingredients together. Place in casserole dish and top with potato chips. Bake at 350 degrees for 40 minutes.

"Flowers always make people better, happier, and more helpful; they are sunshine, food, and medicine to the soul." *Luther Burbank*