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WE are currently working with SmallTownPapers, Inc. of Shelton, WA, to make available digitized newspaper archives to the general public. It is a long and expensive project.

WHEN finished, you will be able to look at every *Leader* issue from April 18, 1903, to the present and latest issues will be uploaded monthly.

MOST of the issues will be researchable by name, excluding some of the early issues which are not of very good quality.

THIS project has been on my "bucket list" for several years. Forty years ago my "bucket list" included having everything microfilmed, the most modern way

at the time, for archiving newspapers. We have a complete file on microfilm here at *The Leader*.

WITH SmallTownPapers, Inc. everyone will have access to the site and will be able to view any-time day or night. We are still ironing out details, but are excited we will be able to offer this program to you. When completed, the site will offer more than 50,000 page images for you to see, and the number will grow weekly.

MEANWHILE, we are offering sponsorships and advertising on the proposed website. This will be an opportunity for you to get your message out worldwide. If you are interested, call us at *The Leader*, 580-994-5410.

JUDGING from the popularity of the Facebook page "Preserving Mooreland, OK History" by our Travis Barnard, the archive site will probably take off and attract thousands. Since Travis launched the Facebook page Friday, Feb. 27, the page has been "liked" by nearly a thousand and has caused more than 200,000 clicks on pictures. For those not familiar with Facebook, you have to create an account by typing in facebook.com on Internet page; create an account, then go to Preserving Mooreland, OK History." You should then be able to view hundreds of pictures

from our collection over the past 60-70 years.

WE are proud of what Travis has been doing with the pictures and he will be working as well on the archives. With a little luck, the process will be completed by fall.

MEANWHILE, *The Leader* pages will be viewable as they are placed on the site. Some test issues from 2014, 2006, 1973, 1943 and 1917 are already on the site. Type "mor.stparchive" on search toolbar on your computer, (do not add www). You will have two choices, (1) browse archives and look at paper as a whole, (2) search archives, which are word searchable when possible. Quality of some older papers will not allow some word searches.

OUR thanks to former Mooreland residents Joann Teter of Perkins and David Coats of Santana, KS, for their archive project sponsorships, and the nice written compliments about what we are doing to "Preserve Mooreland's History."

MY good friend and former Mooreland High School classmate Gary Butler, a semi-retired lawyer from Tulsa, stays in touch these days by Internet, and he often keeps me laughing with what he provides over the net. Had to laugh at the following "things said in court" and found in official court records...

Attorney — What is the first thing your husband said to you that morning?

Witness — He said, 'Where am I, Cathy?'

Attorney — And why did that upset you?

Witness — My name is Susan!

Attorney — What gear were you in at the moment of the impact?

Witness — Gucci sweats and Reeboks.

Attorney — What is your date of birth?

Witness — July 18th.

Attorney — What year?

Witness — Every year.

Attorney — How old is your son, the one living with you?

Witness — Thirty-eight or thirty five, I can't remember which.

Attorney — How long has he lived with you?

Witness — Fourty-five years.

Attorney — Now doctor, isn't it true that when a person dies in his sleep, he doesn't know about it until the next morning?

Witness — Did you actually pass the bar exam?

Attorney — The youngest son, the 20-year-old, how old is he?

Witness — He's 20, very close to your IQ.

Attorney — Were you present when your picture was taken?

Witness — (paraphrase) Are you kidding me?

Attorney — She had three children, right?

Witness — Yes.

Attorney — How many were boys?

Witness — None.

Attorney — Were there any girls?

Witness — Your Honor, I need a different attorney. Can I get a new attorney?

Attorney — How was your first marriage terminated?

Witness — By death.

Attorney — And by whose death was it terminated?

Witness — Take a guess.

Attorney — Can you describe the individual?

Witness — He was about medium height and had a beard.

Attorney — Was this a male or a female?

Witness — Unless the Circus was in town I'm going with male.

Attorney — Is your appearance here this morning pursuant to a deposition notice which I sent to your attorney?

Witness — No, this is how I dress when I go to work.

AND finally, only an attorney could get away with asking... You were there until the time you left, is that true? So you were gone until you returned? The youngest son, the 20-year-old, how old is he? Were you alone or by yourself? How long have you been a French Canadian? Do you have any children or anything of that kind?

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Remember When...From The Leader's Early Files

March 12, 1915

Trades Day a Success

Mooreland's first monthly Trades Day, which was held Wednesday, March 10, was pronounced a success.

A large crowd was in town on that day, and the people took advantage of the special offerings of our merchants in a way that made the sales mount up amazingly.

The farmers public sale was a good feature and is one of the best incidents on the program for Trades Day.

The prize offerings made by the merchants of the town were liberal, and those who drew a prize went home with something worth while.

Trades Day will probably be a monthly occurrence in Mooreland, each day being made more interesting from the farmers viewpoint. Dates will be duly advertised.

Let The Pigs Grunt

Let the pigs do the grunting. There is better work ahead of us. Grunting never lessened the burden of a load, never pulled a community out of a rut, never added a dollar to any man's bank account.

Grunting makes pessimists, and pessimists have bad livers, and poor digestions, and sour countenances, and are general nuisances all around.

And pessimists are always grunting about something.

They grunt if times are bad; the grunt because they are not better when they are good; they grunt over their meals, and over politics, and religion, and anything else that offers a chance to grunt.

And then they grunt because there's nothing left to grunt about.

Grunting is a habit with them — it is their daily past-time — and nothing is to dear to their heart as a real big unadulterated grunt.

Many of us grunt a part of the time, but some folks grunt all of the time.

Now let's quit grunting.

Lets get down to hard tacks and dig a lot of wealth out of this community. It's here, but grunting won't do the digging.

Let's make this the greatest productive year in local history. Let's get out and hustle, let's find the opportunities, or make them where none exist.

The soil is as rich today as it was a year ago, and it will produce as much and the products will sell for more money.

There is nothing produced in this community but that has a market waiting for it. If we don't see the market, let's get out and find it. Time is too short for it to hunt us.

Let's not sit on dry goods boxes and wait for the world to come to our feet. We will be grunting, if we do.

There's a great big place for us in this world — let's fill it, let's do something — let's let the rest of the world know that we are alive, that we are producers, that we are something more than grunters.

Let's be optimistic — for optimists do something, and never grunt.

Let the pigs do the grunting. There are better times and more congenial work ahead of us.

Let's all get busy and whoop it up.

Work brings cash, cash creates happiness, and happiness just makes us feel bully all over. Let's everybody work.

M.P. Detzour has been appointed Justice of the Peace to fill the unexpired term of F.L. Ludden, resigned.

J.L. Woodworth has purchased the E.L. Leighton residence property in the east part of town; consideration \$1300. Possession will be given at the close of school, when Mr. Leighton and family expect to move on their place south of town.

T.C. Peaney was badly hurt Wednesday by being kicked by a horse. He was just getting ready to go home from Mooreland when the accident happened. No one seems to have witnessed the accident, but he was discovered shortly after, lying in an unconscious state under the wagon. He had a severe gash on the forehead but recovered consciousness in a few minutes.

M.A. Burdick & Son had a car load of Ford cars shipped from the factory to Detroit March 6, and invite you to call and inspect them when they arrive, as there have been some changes and they look a little like a real automobile. They have electric lights and many more improvements.

A local calamity howler had the audacity to come into our office yesterday and open up with is customary oration on hard times. We permitted him to execute a masterly retreat.

March 13, 1925

Electric Light Inspection Ordered

Following the fire scare at the Star Hotel Monday night, the Town Board ordered an inspection of every electric light and power fuse box in the city.

In some cases regulation fuses have been replaced with pennies, wires or other metal conductors, which makes the electric wiring dangerous. Few people realize the purpose of the fuses nor the danger in replacing them with other conductors. The fuses are a means of protection from burning out your electrical appliances or even burning up your house, office or place of business, and should never be replaced by anything except a new regulation fuse plug.

This inspection is made purely as a precautionary method, to save you and your property from injury or damage and destruction. The electrician making the inspection is instructed to explain to each patron the purpose of the fuse plug and warn against the use of substitutes.

As an additional precautionary measure, the Town Board has drafted and passed an ordinance making the use of any substitute for a regulation fuse plug, a misdemeanor, and making any violation of this ordinance punishable by a fine.

The Mooreland High School band directed a band stand on the lots between Dr. Triplett & Dixon's office and the Mooreland Oil & Gas station. The town has furnished it with lights and concerts will be given each Saturday evening until the close of school. The public has a cordial invitation to attend these concerts.

Fire Narrowly Averted

Monday night a short in the electric wiring in the Star Hotel caused the insulation on the wires to catch fire and develop into quite a blaze before the house switch could be reached to be pulled.

Ed Childers, proprietor, immediately called on J.M. Gire, the electrician, and investigation showed that the regulation fuses in the switch box had been plugged with pennies.

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of the stolen property from Node's accomplice, Al Andrews. Lon is smiling again and has a clear eye.

March 21, 1935

Desert Storms Frequent

The dust storm that visited the middle western and south-western states last Friday night and Saturday struck this part of the country worse than any similar storm in the history of the settlement of the Cherokee Strip. While the wind was not of the type that moves soil in this locality, the air was laden with dust from far off regions that penetrated into every crevice and crack, covering everything with a film of fine dust. By the time the air, which was so dirt-filled that the sun was obscured, had cleared, the film was not such a flimsy covering as to be referred to as a film, but was a good heavy coat, of absolutely foreign dust.

The trees, houses, grass, wheat and everything was covered with the coating, and every subsequent puff of breeze will stir up dust in clouds until the country is washed clean by a good rain.

May the rain come soon and rid this country of this "unusual" weather.

At a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce held in the high school auditorium Monday night, officers for the coming year were elected. W.M. Enlow was elected chairman, succeeding Roy Hill, and Roy Craig was re-elected secretary.

A couple of Mooreland ladies took the advice of the telephone man Wednesday and securely wrapped up their 'phones so that when the dust of the storm was blown out of the lines, it wouldn't settle all over the room. The ladies have since found out that the advice did not come from the telephone man, and the practical joking businessman who is guilty, is advised to watch his step.

Local Boys Exhibitors

At Fats Stock Show

Local agricultural students, members of the FFA and 4-H Club are to exhibit their fat steers, and lambs, and compete in stock judging in the county show in Woodward Wednesday, in Enid Friday and in Oklahoma City next week. They expect to go to Enid Thursday, and on to Oklahoma City Sunday.

Local boys to go are, Verlon Chance, Charles, Fields, Francis Harper, Marion Hilbig, Seldon Knittel, Jay Syms, Donald Terrill, Veldon Swigart, Ralph Triplett, Paul Clifford, Leon Fields, Opie Hartman, Hugh Matrow, Orval Smith, Kenneth Swigart and Francis Terrill.

March 22, 1945

Pfs. Wayne Ruttman, paratrooper in the Philippines, sent his parents Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ruttman, a copy of the camp newspaper. It is called the "pair-O'-dice News", on the advances being made by the U.S. Army, Navy and Marines in the war against the Japs. It also gives the news about our advance into Germany.

J.H. Kane has returned to Mooreland and has again opened the blacksmith shop where he intends serving the patronage of Mooreland community for the spring and summer season. Mr. Kane is an accomplished workman in his line, and will give prompt attention to all work brought to his shop. He is well equipped to do all kinds of welding, and his experiences on farm blacksmithing will be a big help to the farmers in keeping their varied and complicated machinery operating properly.

It looks as though fire is still one of the elements that foolish humans will never learn to not fool with. Spring burning of trash by careless folk is said to have been the cause of more than 300 fires in the Missouri Ozarks.

Miss Lura Triplett, who is teaching at Enterprise school northeast of town, spent the weekend at her home in Mooreland. Miss Lura is a teacher of the "old school" who stresses the three R's, not neglecting the writing. She challenges The Leader Editor's contention that penmanship is being grossly neglected in our schools, by claiming her pupils can show worthy specimens of penmanship, of which no one need be ashamed.

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