

April 1959

Voters defeated the hospital bond issue here
Elected to the school board were Joe Cochran, George Murdy and Dr. C.J. Ward
Newly elected councilmen are Henry Wildgen, M. Keith, W.E. Throckmorton and Lawrence Bates
Art Newcomer of Hays was named as the new football coach for Hoisington high school
Jack Branum has resigned as city manager to accept a similar position at Prescott, Ariz. Harold Tarlton has been named as the new city manager
Edw. Nolan, 38, manager of the Beaver Grain company, was killed in an explosion at the elevator
Jim Rexroat was named on the All-American Sports Afield trap team
The Elmdale Telephone company in operation since 1910 will be dissolved

May 1959

Unofficial census count shows a Hoisington total of 4560
Harley Rife has been named the manager of the Foster Lumber Co.
Wayne Hanzlick is the new Hoisington city clerk
Masonic Chapter

opens fund drive to build new temple in city
359 children received polio inoculations here
Mrs. Patricia Holder was convicted of manslaughter in the Red Capps stabbing death and will be sentenced later
Hoisington Cardinal trackman were second in the state meet after objection to a decision was overruled by officials.
John Goodbye was elected president of the Lions club
Barton County club will open activities on Memorial Day
Jim Sharp, Kent DeHaven and Ronnie Capps will attend the American Legion Boys State at Wichita

June 1959

Barton county wheat is reported badly infested with Mosaic
More than seven inches of rain was received during the month of May
Jaycees will conduct their Operation Mosquito soon in an attempt to rid the city of the insect pests
New parking angles will be painted on side streets in the business district at a 30 degree angle instead of 45
Tom Hardy is the new master councilor of the

DeMolay order here
Albert Reidl, Bill Lisner and Francis Pierano delivered the first 1959 wheat to a local elevator
Walter L. Smith will be the new school superintendent in Hoisington
Chief of Police Bud Toulouse was a big winner at a Kansas City bowling tournament
Wheat in Barton county is estimated at 15 bu. per acre

July 1959

Sharon Poer was a winner in the Shower of Gifts promotion of local merchants. Her prize was \$100 in merchandise
The Rev. Maurice Gordon has been returned as Methodist pastor here
The wildcat No. 1 Haberman Oil well near Barton Co. club is a producer
Wm. J. Laughlin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. R. Laughlin, has been admitted to the Kansas bar as an attorney
Grant Lane has been elected as commander of the American Legion here
Lake Barton golfers are studying a proposal for grass greens
Bob Henre, former local druggist, has pur-

chased the Zarah Prescription shop at Great Bend
Harry H. Smith, longtime widely known resident here, died
Mirza W. Bennett, president of the First National bank, died suddenly at the Hoisington Hospital
Businessmen and their families were entertained at the annual picnic by 4-H clubs of the county at Barton club

August 1959

Mrs. Joan Nuss has been named manager of Anderson's store here
Mrs. Glenn H. Bennett, wife of M.W. Bennett, has been named president of the First National bank to succeed her husband
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Radke have purchased the 33 acre Johnston estate tract in the east part of the city and will sub-divide the area
The Hoisington National bank has transferred its operation to its new home at the corner of Second and Main streets. The building was completed recently
The Rev. C.A. Warkentin has been elected treasurer of the Nazarene church assembly at a Hutchinson meeting
The Hoisington Federal Savings and Loan will

soon take over the quarters formerly occupied by the Hoisington National bank
City councilmen heard a proposal to purchase a new Diesel engine for the municipal power plant.
St. John's school will open with a record enrollment this year is announced by Fr. Pat Leahy

September 1959

The city council has hired the engineering firm of Lutz and May to direct the purchase of a new power engine
The Kwick Kleen laundry, one of the newest business ventures here, will host the regular weekly coffee clatch
The stockholders of Kansas Brick and Tile Co., have named new directors and chosen Ray Smith as president
Sale of Elmdale and Wildcast district buildings closed two of the school district buildings closed

two of the oldest Barton County rural schools. They will be merged with the Susank district
A torrential storm struck the community but the threatened flooding of Southtown failed to materialize

October 1959

Expansion program for the city power plant is estimated at a half-million dollars
Miss Linnea Brown, Hoisington's Labor Day queen, will be a guest during the Kansas City Royal event
The Cardinal marching band won "superior" at the Wichita festival
Hoisington Methodists celebrated their 70th anniversary in Hoisington, Oct. 18

The Bloodmobile collected 112 pints of blood here. Chest x-rays numbered 575
Louie Boger was honored by the city employees at a party for his 25 years of service with the city
The Cardinals have now won five straight league contests

November 1959

Albert Francis, postal worker who will soon
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A. H. Baker in Hoisington history

The name A. H. Baker has been in the Hoisington community for many years. The most recent A. H. Baker passed away in 1998 was also a realtor and sold insurance. There does not seem to be any connection between the two. Both are buried in the Hoisington Cemetery.

The following article was written in the Hoisington Dispatch on May 18, 1899.
"A high place in the history of Hoisington must be awarded to this gentleman, the well known real estate dealer. Integrity, liberality and enterprise have been his mottoes; his career shows what can be accomplished by brains, energy

and keen judgment. Mr. Baker has always observed the highest standards in commercial life. No man knows more about land values; his opinion on real estate carries great weight. Our county owes much to him, no single individual, perhaps, having done more to make known the advantages of this section. He has loaned vast sums of money for investment concerns and has some splendid bargains in almost any kind of property. He has been here 13 years and has faith in our section and its resources."
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Andrew H. Baker breathed his last at 3:30 a.m. Tuesday morning February 22, 1916 and thus

the final chapter closed on the pioneer business man of Hoisington.
Mr. Baker has suffered for several years from a complication of troubles which was probably all due to the weak heart action, yet he bore his suffering bravely and without complaint. His vitality and strong mind was wonderful and a number of times when his life was despaired of he would rally and soon regain his jovial disposition but all the time his strength was being sapped and he gradually grew weaker.
Mr. Baker was of German descent and a native of Missouri, born on a farm in St. Francis county, March 21, 1841. His father, Moses W. Baker, a native of the

same county, was born in 1808, his parents being natives of Germany.
After receiving an education in the public schools of Libertyville, Mo., Mr. Baker taught school two years. Following the two years of teaching he was employed as a salesman and then entered the mercantile business at Knob Lick, Missouri. The panic of 1873 wrought disaster to his business and a few years later he went to Ell's county, Texas, where he farmed five years.

In 1886 he came to Kansas and for a short time was engaged in the real estate business at Ellsworth but soon located at Hoisington where he opened the first real estate office in town and this business was given his personal care and attention until sickness prevented.
He was sales agent for the Hoisington Town Company, represented many land owners who lived in the east and we dare say made many more real estate transactions than any other man in Barton county. In addition to real estate he carried on a successful insurance business, all of which has been conducted under the firm name of Baker & Piper for the past few years.
Mr. Baker was a staunch

Democrat but never sought political honors. He was the first police judge of Hoisington, served on the school board and as justice of the peace.
He was a long and faithful member of the Masonic Lodge, his membership dating back to 1861 and he was the first Master of Hoisington Lodge No. 331, a position he held four terms.
Mr. Baker was twice married. He first wedded Miss Mary McGlasson of Missouri, December 14, 1874. She died January 13, 1889, leaving three children: Mandelbert, born October 1, 1875, James, born November 1, 1877 and Regina B. Porter, born October 1879. His second marriage occurred June 24, 1891, and united him to Miss Fannie B. Hall, of Mexico, Missouri. To this union one son, Andrew Harris was born June 15, 1892. The devoted wife, three sons and one daughter survive the father and all were at his bedside during the last days.
Mr. Baker was a man of strong character, and his life has been a power for good in the city of Hoisington. He had the distinction of organizing the first Sunday

school in Hoisington of which he acted as superintendent, organist, chorister and teacher. The school was held in a lumber yard office. To his family he was a kind and considerate father and affectionate husband.
Funeral services were held at the Church of Christ yesterday at 2:00 pm. Conducted by Rev. Z. Moore, and interment was made in the Hoisington cemetery
Mr. Baker was a lifelong and faithful member of this church and was the principal factor in having the first Christian church building erected here. Funeral services were held under the auspices of the Masonic Lodge.
Besides a devoted wife, three sons and one daughter, Mr. Baker leaves to mourn his loss one brother, O. W. Baker, and one sister, Mrs. Mary E. Phillips, both of Farmington, Missouri. All the members of the family except the brother and sister were present at the funeral.
The Dispatch joins with the many friends of the family in extending sympathy and we realize that in this loss the community has also lost one of its staunchest citizens.



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Obituary - Harry H. Smith

Harry Howard Smith died Tuesday morning at his home, 362 West 4th, Hoisington, Kansas, at the age of 88 years and 4 months.
Mr. Smith was born in Becon, Iowa, the only child of William C. And Lena Ruby Smith, on March 21, 1871.
At the age of seven years he and his parents came to Kansas, arriving in Barton county April 1, 1878, where they took a homestead one mile north of what is now the city of Hoisington. His mother was appointed the first post mistress of Monon, Kansas, the post office being located in their home. Later, when the Missouri Pacific railroad was built through

Barton county, the post office was moved from their home to one mile south and remained Monon, until Colonel Hoisington platted the town site, and changed the name to Hoisington.
As a boy, Mr. Smith herded cattle over the area that is Hoisington, Great Bend being their trading post.
On March 31, 1891, he was united in marriage to Mary Ann Knight, to which union nine children were born. They moved from the farm to Hoisington in 1901, where he was engaged in various occupations, grocery business, railroad, and his main trade, a carpenter.
Mr. and Mrs. Smith were with the original

group who organized the First Christian church of Hoisington, of which he has been a member from then on.
Surviving him are his widow of the home, and the following children: Leo L. Smith, Louisburg, Kansas; Clarence L. Smith, Hoisington, Kansas; Ray Smith, Hoisington, Kansas; Alta Mae (Smith) Sette, Hoisington, Kansas; Doris Juanita (Smith) Winslow, Hutchinson; Liela Beatrice (Smith) Johnson, Wichita, Kansas; Chester H. Smith, Hoisington, Kansas; and 16 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren. Goldie Smith died at the age of 2 years in 1910 and an infant girl died at birth.

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