



was honored by his co-workers at a dinner

The council has set a limit of \$700,000 for the new light plant expansion and improvement project

The local Kiwanis club celebrated its 25th anniversary here

Mrs. Judiatin Tiksnomurti, Indonesian educator, will be a one week visitor in Hoisington

The Cardinals won their third straight grid title in the CPL. They have been unbeaten in the last 22 league tests

Mary Ann Stoskopf has been named president of the county 4-H council

The first Hoisington Policeman's ball will be held Thanksgiving eve

The city has advertised for bids on a new diesel power engine

**December 1959**

Paving for the new K-4 highway from Hoisington to Claffin will be offered at a bidding for the first half of 1959 projects

Police Capt. Geo. Nettleingham suffered a broken leg and other injuries when struck by a car while directing traffic during the Christmas parade here

Herman Hanhardt has been named president of the Chamber of Commerce

Rev. Clarence H. Zimmerman, soon to become pastor of the Christian church here, has been named "Minister of the Year" by the state committee of the brotherhood at Topeka

W.D. William and Raymond Schwartz

have received a soil conservation award for their 1959 program

228 children were inoculated in the first DPT clinic held here

Hoisington Masons have installed F.J. Woodward as master for 1960

A tied vote by the city council postponed the purchase of a new power engine at the light plant.

**Other events of note:**

Construction starts on office building for Dr. Robert F. Shaw

The Dispatch begins 70th year of publication this issue

Dams completed on Blood creek branch will protect Hoisington

Cheyenne Drive In to open Thursday

Town and Country holding a celebration for 3rd anniversary

Anderson's celebrate second anniversary

Drs. Shaw and Unrein open new offices here

Mr. and Mrs. Selden Peugh celebrate their silver wedding anniversary

C.O. Mammal store celebrates second year of business in city

Kraft's Shoe Store has twentieth anniversary

Inaugurate trap shoot as Labor Day feature

Methodist church will dedicate parsonage here next Sunday

Royal Theatre will open here October 8

Winfred Donovan, new K-T Service Station operator on Hiway 281

**Looking Back . . . January 1989**

Phil and Celia Webb opened Webb's Trading Post in South Hoisington. The store carries a variety of items such as books, dishes, knick-knacks, historical items, toys and other items

Mike Ebert opened the Back Forty Lounge in Beaver. The tavern and restaurant had been closed for several months

Geraldine Tempero of rural Hoisington was named president of the Kansas West Conference United Methodist Women. Mrs. Tempero is a member of the First United Methodist Church in Hoisington

Christopher and Heather Thomas of Hoisington had the first baby of 1989 at Hoisington Lutheran Hospital. Savanna Jasmine Thomas was awarded about \$200 worth of prizes by Hoisington merchants

Hoisington Lutheran Hospital's Claffin Clinic had an open house for residents in the area

Alan Charles was named Citizen of the Year by the Dispatch for his work in getting the hot lunch program started in the district

Dennis and Judy Mason celebrated the grand opening of their new store, Sew Special

**February 1989**

St. John's Catholic School celebrated its 60th birthday during a week-long celebration during

Catholic School Week

Hoisington High School senior Brad Seib signed a letter of intent to play football at Kansas State University. He was red-shirted his first year with the Wildcats

Craig Cassidy and Aaron Blazek advanced to the state wrestling after winning their weight classes in the regional. Cassidy took fourth place in the 130 pound division and Blazek finished eighth in the 119 pound class.

Duane Polzin and Doug Schremmer, both of Hoisington, purchased Sunflower Insulation, Termite and Pest Control Inc., formerly of Otis

Dr. David McMillon became the sole owner of the Hoisington Veterinary Clinic, buying out Dr. Ray Ganoung. Dr. Ganoung had owned the business since May of 1961

Leo Schneweis opened Schneweis Bait and Tackle at 170 W. 2nd

**March 1989**

Kari Wahlgren had the lead role in the Barton County Community College musical "Annie"

Betty Steiner won the five-foot-tall bunny during the Easter egg hunt sponsored by the Hoisington Chamber of Commerce

Judy Mason and Sew Special was the winner of the HABIT Business Improvement award for the first quarter of 1989

**April 1989**

Bob Glynn defeated Tom VanBrimmer and Ron Reed defeated Ron Farranti for seats on the Hoisington City Council

Work started on improvements to Bicentennial Park in the spring, thanks to a grant obtained by the city. A mile long walking track along with exercise stations were installed and there were plans for a soccer field.

A total of \$10,000 in scholarships was awarded to 14 students by the Edward D. Kroesch Scholarship Fund board of directors

Katrina Custer was named Miss Manhattan K-State

In the midst of unseasonably warm spell, the Kansas Lottery televised the Bonanza Game to the state from the gymnasium of the Hoisington City Building.

Otto Winkler earned his Eagle Award, the highest award offered by the Boy Scouts

After years of work, Friendship Meals started in Hoisington. The Congregate meals program started in the Masonic Lodge and appears to have been a success

The Hoisington Dispatch purchased the J & R Printing of Hoisington and merged the two businesses at the Dispatch

The Hoisington High School Students Against Drunk Driving sponsored the second annual After Prom Party

**May 1989**

The Claffin Methodist Church celebrated its 100th birthday

Hoisington Lutheran Hospital started a new program, called Volunteers, for young people interested in hospital careers or helping at the hospital. About 21 people were in the program when it started

Alvin Brack completed a project at the Hoisington Cemetery. The project was a map showing the burial sites of people, and also a directory so people can look up the names of deceased relatives

The Hoisington High men's golf team qualified for the state tournament. The team included Brian Ochs, Brooke Barlow, Aaron Dame, Brandon Rice, Rob Peterson and Gary Nolte. Bruce Cooper was the coach

Hoisington High School graduated its 85th class. A total of 48 students were handed diplomas.

**June 1989**

To go along with its Labor Day celebration, Kenny Martin decided to have a Memorial Day party to start the summer off. Several people gathered at Bicentennial Park for a day of horse-shoes, dancing and relaxing

Hoisington High Senior Brad Seib won the state championship in the high jump at the 3A state track meet

Rev. Thomas Sims was named pastor at First

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## HOISINGTON AIRPORT - May 2, 1929



Army plane from Ft. Riley at the dedication of Hoisington Airport, July 28, 1929

Hoisington will be a division point on the Kansas City-Denver United States Airways, Inc. line which is to be started within 30 days, according to officials of the company who have been here a good share of the time during the past week working out details in connection with the establishment of the line. Officials from Kansas City, Milwaukee and Denver arrived here from Kansas City Thursday afternoon in a eight passenger Hamilton monoplane and preliminary work was started at once to provide a landing field and raise some necessary funds for financing. Arrangements are now being made with Karl Sette for a landing field on the southwest quarter of section 31, one-half mile northwest of Hoisington. The entire quarter section will be used. It has been burned off and Mr. Sette is filling in the low places and leveling off the bumps. All of the officials of the airline company are mighty well pleased with the landing field and state that it can be put in No. 1 shape with a minimum amount of work and expense.

The United States Airways, Inc., which is fully described in a journal article from the KC Journal Post, expects to have the airline in operation for the carrying of passengers and express within 30 days and they are now working with the postal department to get the contract for carrying first class mail between the two points, a distance of approximately 550 miles.

The fare by air from Kansas City to Denver will be \$50; from Hoisington to Kansas City, \$22 and from Hoisington to Denver \$28. The flying time from Kansas City to Denver will be approximately five hours;

two hours from Kansas City to Hoisington and three hours from Hoisington to Denver. Four eight passenger monoplanes are scheduled for the service, but as soon as the second plane is received, officials of the company, state that the line will be started.

It will be necessary to construct a hangar on the landing field, also a gas and oil service station as it will be used as a refueling station

**June 1, 1929 K.C.DENVER AIRLINE WILL START MONDAY. REFUEL AT HOISINGTON.**

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Sixty years ago the first scattered settlers made their way to this section of the country in covered wagons drawn by oxen or horses. Forty years ago, they came by the first Missouri Pacific train to arrive at Hoisington. Next Monday they can come in a modern cabin passenger plane, flying two to 3,000 feet above the ground and with a graceful sweep, land on the Hoisington Municipal Airport, one-half mile west of Hoisington.

Announcement was made at Kansas City yesterday by J. Warren Miller, vice-president and general manager of the United States Airways, Inc., that daily passenger service would be started between Kansas city and Denver Monday, June 10, with stops at Salina, Hoisington and Goodland. In addition to being a passenger stop, Hoisington will be a refueling point for

the airline and Karl Sette, manager of Hoisington's Municipal Airport has received instructions to have gas and oil in readiness on the field at all times.

It is a far jump from the method of travel used by the first settlers sixty years ago and gives a vivid impression of the speed the human family is traveling today. Had anyone suggested only a few years ago that Hoisington would soon be on a regularly established air line, he would have been considered a fit subject for a sanity hearing but air travel has come with a rush and department of commerce officials at Washington make statements that are hard to believe as to the increase in air travel, mail and express business that is coming within the next two years.

**June 13, 1929**

Painting Air Signs. Glenn Soderstrom is doing his bit for pilots who fly over Hoisington as he is painting the word "Hoisington" in seven foot letters on the roof of the Moses building. The sign is being painted according to government specifications and includes a 24-foot circle with an arrow pointing to the northwest, the direction of the municipal airport with a huge figure indicating the distance.

Such a sign is one of the requirements that a town has to meet that has a suitable airport. As soon as the department of commerce sends the classification the field is entitled, the classification will be painted with the circle.

**June 27, 1929**

Prospective air passengers who were at the Hoisington Municipal Airport Sunday had their confidence in air travel

more firmly established when Mr. Montague brought the Flamingo cabin passenger plane in from Denver while rain was falling so hard that one could see but a short distance and he could not see the ground from a distance of over 50 feet. He did not land on the airport but in Carl Beetz' wheat field but that was because landing on the airport was out of the question unless he landed there just by chance as he could not tell where he was and did not know he was so near the airport until informed by people who drove out to the place he landed after the heavy rain had ceased.

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