

Looking Back — in the files of the Beacon with David Sellers from 1950

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60 Years Ago

JANUARY 10, 1954 Sun 8p
 • **Edward C. Keefe** Texas Oklahoma District Gov. of **Kiwanis International**, speaks at the Capitol Hill club.
 • **Jeff Beatty** goes on the Board of Adjustment to replace **Merle Pearson** who died.
 • Names and location of the **Republican precinct caucus chairmen** are as follows in Capitol Hill and Ward 4:

- 1—Maurine H. Suttle, 1637 Birch;
- 4—E. L. Shreve, 2709 SW 31;
- 5—Mrs. Emma Barris, 1523 SW 34;
- 6—Mrs. Wanda Floyd, 1533 SW 27;
- 7—Mrs. W. V. Boyce, 1209 SW 29;
- 8—Mrs. Mary Barry, 715 SW 34;
- 9—Finis E. Rippee, 526 SW 29;
- 10—Sarah Jane Norman, 1728 SW 6;
- 11—Mrs. Ida Brown, 604 SW 24;
- 12—Mrs. Irene DeHaven, 633 SW 2;
- 13—H. P. Whitten, 3113 S Harvey;
- 14—Mrs. Elmer J. Morava, 2805 SW 27;
- 15—Mrs. Ella Shreve, 514 S. Robinson;
- 16—J.J. Johnson, 230 SW 13;
- 17—Mrs. Ethyl Reynolds, 701 SE 21;
- 18—Blanche Davis, 125 SE 26;
- 19—Mrs. J. L. Lawhon, 2439 SW 28;
- 20—Herbert Krob, 1431 SW 56;
- 21—Jennie Brandt, 227 SW 22;
- 22—Mary Vandervort, 218 SW 27;
- 23—Mrs. Nellie L. Fowler, 524 SW 27;
- 24—Mrs. Cora Sexton, 119 SW 36;
- 25—Mrs. R.D. Booze, 105 SW 41;
- 26—Ruby Collier, 3101 S. Brock;
- 27—Mrs. W. C. Tlaugh, 212 SE 38;
- 28—E. S. Hennings, 1801 SE 44;
- 29—Geo. W. Bratton, 129 SE 31;
- 30—A. P. Gwarney, 319 SE 20;
- 31—M. A. Boteler, 217 SE 27;
- 32—Carolyn Ransom, 1648 SW 15;
- 33—A. G. Odum, 228 SW 46;
- 34—A. M. Platt, 616 SE 32;
- 35—Mrs. Rex Conway, 1024 SW 31;
- 36—Mrs. Nora Dean McClain, 1834 SW 11;
- 37—Bill Justice, 1201 SW 37;
- 38—Mrs. Nila E. English, 1293 SW 35;
- 39—Mrs. Ruth Benson, 945 SW 28;
- 40—Mrs. S. E. Dean, 444 SE 46;
- 41—Mrs. E. E. Glenn, 520 SW 47;
- 44—Mrs. W. T. Misson, Jr., 3829 S. Barnes Place;
- 45—Mrs. Grace Avery, 3544 SW 38;
- 46—Herbert Scott, 2217 SW 61;
- 47—Mrs. Eugenia Eaton, 3209 S. Parkview;
- 48—M. H. Brittenham, 3131 SW 20;
- 50—Mrs. Labitha Lundy, 2730 SW 3;
- 51—Alta L. Harrison, 2718 S. Goff;
- 52—L.W. Patterson, 2640 SW 39;
- 54—Fretta Barnes, 332 SE 54;
- 55—Roy Sharp, 5116 S. Francis;
- 56—Mrs. Harold Allspaw, 4017 Avenida;
- 57—Mrs. G. V. Wright, 616 SW 11.

• **George A. Cheek** is principal at **Crooked Oak High School**.
 • **Bob Green**, one of the beat policemen on Capitol Hill, works days one week and nights the next. His father, a dirt farmer from Frederick, came to visit and wanted to see what his son did on his job, a glamorous and highly paid position in the big city. On the night shift, Bob patrols the dark alleys and rattles all the doors between Broadway and Walker from 24th to 26th, 285 doors all together. The elder Green stayed til daylight and got a different picture of police work. There was no place to get warm or get a cup of coffee. And the pavement was hard.

• **Marilyn (Hawthorne) Cooley**, a former Beacon editor and sister of correspondent **Carolyn Vaughter**, has taken a job with the Oklahoma Planning and Resources Board where she will edit their publications. After graduation from OU she was owner of the **Westen News**, now **Ye Towne Crier**.
 • **Capitol Hill, Del City and Midwest City** have 23,000 homes. Norman has 12,000.
 • A man bought a Cadillac and on his first drive heard a rattle. Took it back to the dealership and they tightened everything. Again the next day the same rattle. The dealer took the problem seriously, a pop bottle inside the frame with a note, "So, rich man, you found it."

• **Mrs. Roy L. Brazil** is co-chairman of the **March of Dimes** drive.
 • **William A. Berry** is appointed the second judge in **Oklahoma County** and assigned the juvenile cases.

• Twelve new clubs are formed at **U.S. Grant**. **David Ogden** is president of the Music club. **Jimmy Phillips** is vice president of the All Grade club. **DeEida Ainsworth** is president of the All Grade All Girl Self Improvement club (The Powder Puffs). **Ramona Knight** is president of the Book club. The Hi-Y has clubs for 7-8 and 9-10 grades. Y-Teens has clubs for 7-8 and 9-10 grades. Clubs for model airplanes, woodwork and art round out the club roster. Students not in any of these clubs go to study hall.

• **Alvin C. Turner** is a lecturer demonstrator for **Southwestern Bell**. He demonstrates a machine that can play chess, orchestrate a melody or translate literature from one language to another. The machine with high IQ is an electromagnetic switch.
 • **Noland Ivens** is in charge of

the mezzanine at J.C. Penney and **Nobel Hartman** takes his place merchandising the entire basement. **Jim Robberson** has risen thru the ranks to be Asst. Mgr. and is in charge of the ready to wear dept. **Ray Williams** is manger.

• **Rev. L.M. Stevnson** has a church for children at 2134 W. California. One of his charges, **Olympia Cavaletto** writes a story about the church.
 • **Capitol Hill Battery and Ignition**, 3119 S. Robinson, sells to **Automotive, Inc.** which has 19 stores in eastern Okla. Manager is **W.M. Chumley**.

JANUARY 14, 1954 Th 8p
 • **Hillcrest Presbyterian** awaits approval by Presbytery for the ground breaking of the church and day care. Architect for the \$64,000 plant at 65th and S. Penn is **Otha Wolf**. Pstor is **Rev. Willard Osterheldt**. Chairman of the building committee is **Jack Baker**. Other members are **Lawrence E. Heldenbrand** and **Mrs. Leslie Merritt**.

• **Lee Dillow** is named president of **Oklahoma National Bank** and **John C. Campbell** becomes Chairman of the Board. **Lester E. Johnson** and **Tom Utterback** continue as Vice Presidents and **Lloyd Bartlett** remains as Cashier. Four women were promoted to Asst. Cashier, **Jessie Shirley, Francis Huffines, Juanita Totoro** and **Bernice Jones**, Asst. Cashier and Auditor. **Dr. A.R. Jackson** and **George Epperly** are two new directors elected to fill vacancies caused by death. They bring the board back to 17.

• Housing at **Will Rogers field** are losing money and the City may close them, according to **City Manager Ross Taylor**. The VA hospital has recently moved from Will Rogers to their new location. Students at **Will Rogers school** could be placed in other schools if the housing area is closed.

• The Capitol Hill District has a goal of 2,400 boys in **scouting**, according to District Chairman **Dr. W.H. Stotts**.

• **J.C. Wood** retiring president of the **Capitol Hill Kiwanis** did not take all the credit for the new wing on the Kiwanis Youth Center. Gave **Lloyd Bartlett** credit under whose term the idea was started.

• Rehearsals start for the **Chieftan Capers** (all school talent show) which will be held in **Municipal Auditorium** Jan. 22.

• **Dr. O.A. Snodgrass** is putting an addition on his building on SW 29th even tho he has a year to go on his lease at 29th and Agnew. His son, **Jack**, is studying Optometry and they will operate a two man clinic.

• There's a question what **Vibert Drake** will do with the corner of 29th and Robinson. The filling station is gone and the tanks dug up.

• **Rev. M.L. Stevenson** said that **Mulligan Flats** has five new churches and five bars have burned down. No connection, he says.

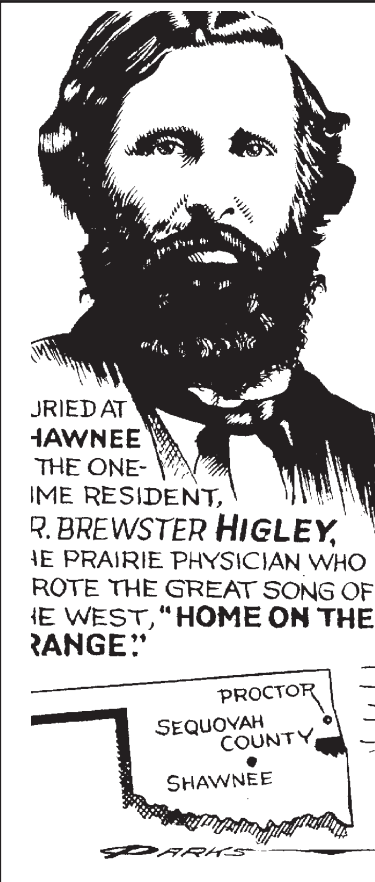
• **Karla Edgar** is Worthy Advisor of **Rainbow Assembly 129**.
 • **Clyde Gwaltney** joins **Price and Co.** public accountants.

55 Years Ago

JANUARY 8, 1959 Th 6p
 • Improvements in **Wiley Post park** came in above **John Rea** engineering estimates, were re-advertised and two new bids have been received from **Doerfler Construction** and **Imperial Paving**. (Doerfler gets the contract 1-15).
 • Present Mayor **Allen Street**, says he will not seek re-election. **R. Lewis Barton** is considering the race. His name is well known having served on the school board. He is a successful theater operator and has extensive real estate holdings. His son **Jerry**, now a full fledged lawyer is taking on much of dad's duties allowing him to consider such a race. The pay for the new Mayor will be raised from \$1,000 per year to 2,000.

• **Record cold weather** has called for record quantities of natural gas. On Sat. Jan. 3, 1959 the thermometer read 8° and 845 million cu ft of gas were used. On Jan. 4 750 million cu ft were used and on Jan. 5, over 800 million cu ft were used. **H.A. Eddins**, ONG president, said no curtailment of service occurred. Since the last time of curtailment in 1951, \$65 millions have been spent on enlarging lines, adding new ones and adding \$14 million in underground storage facilities. The largest previous demand was Feb. 11, 1958 when 726 million cu ft of gas was supplied.

• Two performances of the annual **Jaycee** circus come to the auditorium at **Capitol Hill Junior High** Jan. 17. The **Rex Bros.** Big



TRIED AT LAWNEE THE ONE-TIME RESIDENT. R. BREWSTER HIGLEY, THE PRAIRIE PHYSICIAN WHO WROTE THE GREAT SONG OF THE WEST, "HOME ON THE RANGE."

Top Revue features Hungarian acrobats who have appeared on the **Ed Sullivan** show and the **Hudson jugglers**.
 • **Capitol Hill Kiwanis** install **Tom Stevens** as president. His wife **Marye** automatically becomes President of the **Kiwanis Anns**.
 • **Harry B. Strickland** dies at 63. Born July 4, 1895, he grew up in Capitol Hill. He was a member of **Southminster Presbyterian**, A Past Master **Mason** and a member of the **Lions** club. He operated a grocery store from 1921-1928 and has been the **County Courthouse** building superintendent for the past 12 years. He is survived by his wife, **Ethel** and two sons, **William H.**, **Tulsa**, and **Robert C.** of Oklahoma City, one daughter **Mrs. B.J. Cox**, Bartlesville and three grandchildren.

• **Wade Massenberg** becomes the new manager of the C.R. Anthony on **Commerce**.

• **KEFM** advertises classical music at 94.7 megacycles on the FM dial.

• **Capitol Hill State Bank** advertises their **third anniversary**. A picture of the staff appears next issue including **Ivan Layton, George Renfro, Edna Benson, Monta Whatley, Henry Ford, Dorothy Sims, Lillian Henry, Beverly Oliver, Don Almack, Wanda Hanna, Clyde Jamieson** and **Christine Finnell**.

JANUARY 11, 1959 Sun 6p
 • **R. Lewis Barton**, on the **Salvation Army's** board for the past four years has been named chairman of the 37 member board.

• **Gilmore, Gardner and Kirk Oil Co.** bought the old **Keeton Ice Plant** and will doubtless keep the station open. The ice part belongs to someone else.

• Five grandchildren and 13 great grand children helped **D.H. Pettycord** celebrate his 91st birthday at the home of his daughter, **Mrs. Harvey Mercer**, 2439 SW 31.

• **Dr. Leon Hull** is speaker for the **Chamber** installation banquet.
 • A new **South Penn bus** will be added.

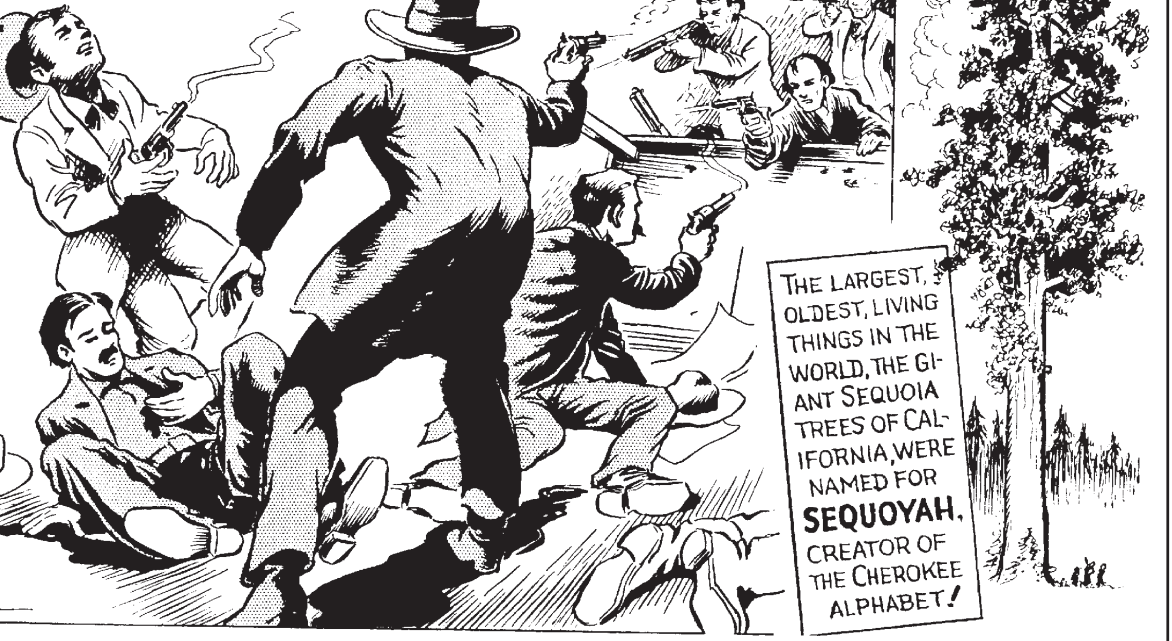
• **U.S. Senate filibuster** records are listed. **Sen. Strom Thurman** spoke for 24 hours and 18 minutes to set a new record in 1957. However he yielded the floor for a while and some consider **Sen Wayne Morse** actually holds the non-stop record with 22 hours 26 minutes without interruption in 1953. In 1908 **Sen. Robert LaFollette, Sr.** held the floor for 18 hours and 23 minutes. Last summer, however, a housewife from Tulsa won a contest for non stop talking with 94 hours, 32 minutes and 5 seconds.
 • **Carl E. Olivebring**, the singing ambassador from Sweden will sing at **Grace Assembly of God**. He comes from the **Filedelfia Church**, the largest protestant congregation in Sweden with 7,000 adult members.

50 Years Ago

JANUARY 9, 1964 Th 8p • **Rev. John Ross Wellwood** resigns as pastor of **St. James Episcopal** after 5.5 years to become pastor at **Crossett, Arkansas**.

• The **southwest turnpike**, stretching from Capitol Hill to the Texas border opens in Feb. The 86.4 mile toll road has two phases. The first 61.4 mile leg ends 8 miles north of Lawton. The second leg will begin five miles south of Lawton and go to Randlett meeting a turnpike in Texas to Wichita Falls. The west lane of the 74th bypass is done and the east bound lane should be finished by the

EZEKIEL PROCTOR, CHEROKEE, WAS ON TRIAL FOR MURDER IN A CHEROKEE TRIBAL COURT WHEN A GROUP OF U.S. MARSHALS TRIED TO TAKE HIM AWAY FOR TRIAL IN FEDERAL COURT AT FORT SMITH RESULTING IN A GUN BATTLE IN WHICH 7 OFFICERS AND THE COURT CLERK WERE KILLED AND THE JUDGE AND PRISONER WOUNDED. CHARGES WERE ALL DISMISSED AND THE PRISONER BECAME SO LAW-ABIDING THAT HE WAS ELECTED SHERIFF AND A VILLAGE NAMED FOR HIM!



opening of the turnpike.
 • **Foster Estes** is elected President of the **Oklahoma City School Board**. He is also president of the **Capitol Hill Chamber of Commerce**.

• **Dr. Ramsey** heads the **Southwest Chamber of Commerce** succeeding **L.D. Hallman**. **Jack Stewart** becomes Chairman of the Board replacing **Larry Sizemore**. **Dr. Sam McDaniel** is re-elected VP and **Bob Towe** is elected Treasurer. Seven new directors elected are **Jerry Blumenthal, Jim Chapman, Therman Clananahan, Don Fox, Blaine Smith, Loren Thompson** and **Ronald Wheeler**. Holdover directors are **Dick Williamson, Casey Jones, Roy Allen, Mac Teague, Jim Bruno, Frank Carpenter, Bob Towe** and **Homer Briscoe**.

• **Colonial Manufacturing** increases production by 40%. **L.J. Wilkes** founded the company 27 years ago. They manufacture jellies, preserves, peanut butter and salad dressing under the **Zestee** brand name. They sell in 24 states, 15 of which were added last year, prompting the expansion.

• **Laura Holder**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Don Holder**, 2627 SW 46th Terr., is the Miss New Year at the **Twelfth Night** bonfire.

• The political leanings of the **ARG** appointed **City Manager Robert Tintzman** showed with the firing of City Auditor (and former City Manager) **Robert Luttrell**. City Planning Commission Chairman **Paul Clowers** seems to be next. Both are southsiders with a strong following.

• The city purchase of the **Haliburton building** is practically an actuality since city crews have been working in the building for a week.

• **Southern Oaks Development** is asking \$10,100 per acre for a school site plus doing all three paving. **Foster Estes** said it would be a cld day before the School Board paid such a price.

Men and Women of Capitol Hill

doing what had to be done in WWII —from the files of the Capitol Hill Beacon

From the relatively small community that was Capitol Hill in 1941, servicemen from here were everywhere in every aspect of WWII. These paragraphs are dated when they appeared in the Beacon. The stories were recorded bit by bit, some coming as late as 2009.

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Troop locations in Europe at the end of WWII

- 1—Strip of Sudetenland and part of Bohemia 8th and 16th Armored, 26th, 94th and 79th Infantry, 103rd Infantry, 3rd Army
- 2—Western Tyrol 42nd Infantry, 3rd Army
- 3—Eastern Tyrol 10th Arm'd, 3rd Army
- 4—Weilheim 80th Infantry, 3rd Army
- 5—Near Kaufbeuren 45th Infantry, 3rd Army
- 6—Near Dachau 14th Arm'd, 3rd Army
- 7—Near Wasserburg 20th Arm'd, 3rd Army
- 8—Near Traunstein 101st Airborne, 3rd Army
- 9—Salzburg 14th Arm'd, 3rd Army
- 10—Near Grafenau 90th Infantry, 3rd Army
- 11—Near Weiden 99th Infantry, 3rd Army
- 12—Munich/Bayreuth 99th Infantry, 3rd Army
- 13—Near Würzburg 1st Infantry, 3rd Army
- 14—Near Ansbach 71st Infantry, 3rd Army
- 15—Dillingen 9th Infantry, 3rd Army
- 16—Near Ingolstadt 12th Arm'd, 7th Army
- 17—Aalen 53rd Infantry, 3rd Army
- 18—Ulm 100th Infantry, 7th Army
- 19—Coppingen 1st Arm'd, 7th Army
- 20—Near Halle and Craihsheim 63rd Infantry, 7th Army
- 21—Heidelberg 22—Langen 70th Infantry, 7th Army
- 23—Bad Embs 78th Infantry, 7th Army
- 24—Near Marburg 102nd Infantry, 7th Army
- 25—Gotha 6th Arm'd, 7th Army
- 26—Near Weimar 30th Infantry, 7th Army
- 27—Soalfeld 78th Infantry, 7th Army
- 28—Gera 5th Arm'd, 7th Army
- 29—Nordhausen 2nd and 7th Arm'd, 7th Army
- 30—Halle 69th Infantry, 7th Army
- 31—Near Leipzig 106th Infantry, 15th Army
- 32—Around Coblenz 33th Infantry, 15th Army
- 33—Mayen 28th Infantry, 15th Army
- 34—Kaiserslautern 29th Infantry, 15th Army
- 35—Bremen 101st Airborne
- 36—Berlin

—in Beacon July 10, 1945

This is from a book compiled from the Beacon —over 500 pages with an index of some 9,600 entries plus 4,900 entries of family and friends

♥ wounded + killed © captured

“...they jump from landing barges to a beach...”

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