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ELECTRICITY AND THE RAILROAD COME TO ULYSSES, NEW HOMES, EARLY AUTOMATION, HICKOK

ULYSSES STREET SCENE, 1920's, looking north.

LOOKING WEST on Grant St. to the high school built in 1924.

MAIN STREET, 1929. Construction on the Hotel Ralsamore has begun. The Hickok Building on the left is new.
1928. Some of the earliest brick business houses in town, the Hickok building and Harry Goodnight’s first drugstore. Pictured: Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Hickok, Gladys and Allan Hickok.

FORD AGENCY, owned by Harry Joyce, 1927. From left: Mr. Towler, Tobe Brewer, Harry Joyce, Mr. Harper, Mr. Davis, Jim Hinds, and Charles Ryder.

ULYSSES BARBER SHOP, Southwest Trading Post and J. M. Maricle Grocery Store, located on the east side of Main, across the street from the hotel.

KEPLEY BROS. GARAGE. From left: Clarence Hager, Frank Kepley, Ben Oliver, C. D. Kepley, Bill Kiistner, Cecil Workman.
HOTEL SCRANTON, originally Hotel Edwards, at Main and Grant after the trees in front were cut down about 1928.

HOTEL EDWARDS/SCRANTON, with trees in front. 1920's.

CORNER OF GRANT AND MAIN, 1929. Home of the new Grant County State Bank. The hotel and billiard parlor were built in 1928. The new courthouse is in the background.
BARBER SHOP in the old hotel. Roy Manley, barber, and Olie Anderson, customer.

DR. MONTGOMERY'S DENTAL OFFICE in the 1920's. Roy King is the patient.

ROBERTS BROTHERS GROCERY. From left: J. E. Keplinger, Nina Keplinger, Jack Bailey, and Chet Roberts. This building was north of the hotel on Main.

C. D. GALLOWAY Hardware, Main Street, 1922. Sheriff Chas. L. Walker is man in front.

AMSDEN LUMBER YARD, 1929. Managers: Mr. and Mrs. Denis Tinsley, George Gindlesberger, yardman, and Ray Nimrick, bookkeeper.
ELECTRICITY comes to Main St., 1925.

CITY HALL AND FIRE STATION built in 1929.

NEW DODGE FIRE TRUCK, 1925. Chief Frank Kepley and Roy Harrison.

ULYSSES LIGHT AND POWER PLANT, 1927.
OLD COURTHOUSE, ULYSSES. Construction of the new courthouse can be seen in the background.

COUNTY OFFICIALS - 1920, from left: Gladys Hennigh, Superintendent of schools; Augusta Gall, Register of Deeds; Deane Miller, Treasurer; Russell Bechtelheimer, Clerk; Israel Moore, Attorney.

COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE in old courthouse, 1927. Guy F. McGillivray, Clerk; Stella McGillivray, Deputy.

GRANT COUNTY COURTHOUSE just after completion in 1929.
THE C. D. GALLOWAY HOME and the others shown on this page are some of the finer residences built in Ulysses during the 1920's.

SULLIVAN HOME

BOB LYLE HOME

HARRY JOYCE HOME

ROSEBERRY HOME

BETCHTELHEIMER HOME

WALTER WILSON HOME

GUY McGILLIVRAY HOME

CHARLEY MAHAN HOME

ZONKER HOME

STUBBS AND MILLER RESIDENCES
EXCAVATOR for the railroad, with teams of horses working east of town, 1922.

LAYING RAIL at present site of railroad bridge, LAYING TRACK east of Ulysses, 1922.

PILE DRIVER east of town at the site of what is now the Railroad Bridge, 1922.
RAILROAD WORK CREW, crossing Main Street, 1922.

RAILROAD CREW, with the work train in Ulysses.

MRS. JULIA BINNEY, at right, and Kathryn, are shown with Mrs. Crow and her collie. Mrs. Crow cooked for the railroad crew; her husband was crew chief, 1922.
JANUARY 1, 1923, 38 years after the first promises were made. Regular train service began in Ulysses.

RESIDENTS RUN to catch a first glimpse of the train.

FROM THE EARLIEST SETTLEMENT DAYS, ten different lines were expected to build right away, through Ulysses, Old and New, but regular service did not begin until January, 1923 on the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe line.

SANTA FE DEPOT, built in 1922.
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HICKOK, KANSAS - 1920s.

1928, TRUCKS lined up at the Gano Rixon elevator in Hickok. The Jess Rixon residence is at the right.

1929, JOE GARVER, manager of the Sullivan Hardware Store in Hickok. The building was destroyed by a tornado in 1942.
SHOCKEY SCHOOL, District 34, 1919-1920.


DISTRICT 31, LONE TREE SCHOOL, 1922. Families represented include: Leigh, Lozar, Gordon and Jones.

1927. DISTRICT 15 “PRAIRIE VIEW”, Sy Hileman was one of many who attended this little frame school.

SOUTH SCHOOL, Middle School and North School were built from 1910 to 1922.

ULYSSES GRADE SCHOOL, built in 1927, replacing the three frame schools.

SUPERIOR SCHOOL, "1st and 2nd grades," on the steps of the new grade school. 1927.

1924, THIRD GRADE, Ulysses Grade School.

ULYSSES GRADE SCHOOL, 4th, 5th, and 6th grades.

ULYSSES GRADE SCHOOL, 7th and 8th grades, 1926.
GRANT COUNTY RURAL HIGH SCHOOL, 1924.

1921-1922. HIGH SCHOOL CLASSES were held on the second floor of the county courthouse until the new brick high school was completed in 1924.

HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRAI SHOW, late 1920's.


LEMOINE WHEELER AND KATHLEEN HICKOK, 1925, lead with "Razzle Dazzle never Fazzle, Not a thread but wool, altogether, altogether, that's the way we pull".

BOY'S BASKETBALL TEAM. 1923-24.
THREE OF A KIND. George, Ralph and Jim McGillivray, about 1920.

MCILLIVRAY RANGE HORSES, Old Ulysses. 1920.

LUM RIDER planting kaffir corn, 1920's.

1928, OWEN STEEN works volunteer with a lug wheel tractor pulling a oneway.

CHOD CECIL shucking corn for George Hampton, 1928.

SEEDING AND BALING broomcorn about 1920 on B.J. Winger's farm.

HAMPTON CORN STACKS, 1929. From left: Combs and Murel Hampton, Hollis Bullock, George Hampton, Oren Goodwin, Hill Ray and Gene Floyd.
WHEAT HARVEST at B. J. Winger place, 1921.

LIMPER WHEAT HARVEST, 1920’s. Jess Limper on combine.

HERMAN REGER, 1923, harvesting the C. M. Cox land with an oil-pull Rumley tractor and Case combine.

P. M. HAMPTON and combine crew, 1928.
HARVEST CREW, 1929, from left: Dallas Hampton, Floyd Southard, Bo Bohannon and Hollis Bullock.

WHEAT HARVEST, 1928. From left: Viola and Stone Oliver, two boys from Tennessee that came to Kansas for harvest, Florence Carter, and Ruth and Bob Oliver in front.

BAILING ON THE CARTER PLACE in SE Grant County.

1926 WHEAT HARVEST on George Johnson's place. Case combine, Hart-Parr tractor.
LIZZIE AND JOHN DIMMITT, with their Model A truck. In the background is their soapweed barn. The barn was made by stuffing soapweeds between two rows of chicken wire.

JOHN DIMMITT ready to market a load of Monte Cristo watermelons, 1921.

P. M. HAMPTON, 1926, with tractor loaded for trip to his Colorado land.
TRAM CARS AT THE FELDSPAR (SILICA) MINE, in the southeast part of the county on the northwest quarter of 24-30-35. A short line from Dodge City and the Cimarron Valley Railway, owned by Fanta Fe was run out to it. The mine was in operation only one year, 1922. Laura, Lester, Lawrence, Agnes and Oliver Hickman are on the train.

Ralph McGillivray and crew begin work on P. M. Hampton's round-top, one of the first in the county.

Sullivan Elevator built in 1923.
1928. MIRROR IMAGE IN NORTH FORK, from left: David Karber, Peter A. Kliwer, Rev. Harms, David Harms and Jake Karber.

GEORGE AND COLUMBUS RIDER crossing Bear Creek during the flood of 1921.

JOHN J. CARTER 'S PLACE on the North Fork of the Cimarron. 1920.
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SULLIVAN'S DAM, the site of many picnics.

NORA CECIL AND MARIE OLIVER were baptized in the North Fork in 1921.

SHELTON MEMORIAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH before completion in 1927. It was the first brick church building in town and was named for Dr. Albert Shelton, murdered while a missionary to Tibet. Mrs. Lucy Lance Newby on steps.

THE METHODIST CONGREGATION under the leadership of the Reverend Roxie Powell, began construction of the Methodist Church, known as "The Cathedral of the Plains" in the late 1920's.
EVA AND ETHEL KEPLEY, and Dodge touring car in the 1920’s.

ANNIE L. HOFFMAN feeding her flock, a daily chore for farm women.

1921, MARY E. HICKOK, earliest woman pilot in Grant County, standing next to the two-story Hickok Building built in 1928.

MAUDE HAMPTON, captioned this photo: “The hawk I shot”.
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1921, NELLIE BURR (KEPLEY) LATTIMORE.

HARRY AND TOM JOYCE, at the Joyce Ranch, 1925.

1921, Gwendolyn "Peggy" Jarvis.

DAN SULLIVAN AND BOBBY HICKOK, 1923.
HAMPTON CHILDREN in front of 1927 Chevy truck. From left: Lloyd, Lavon, J.D., Hubert holding Jim, Kenneth, Martha, Mildred and Murel.

GARVER CHILDREN on horseback on Garver farm near Lawson, Ks. From left: Edith (standing), Roy, Steve, Lloyd and Gertie.

LATE 1920'S, Gladys Carter, Mabel Lahey, Jacqueline Carter, May Jarvis, Neal Lahey and Joe Jarvis leaving the J.J. Carter home. The Carter home was located across from the Union Church.
LUTHER PRIEST, an early colorful figure, is shown Roman riding. Luther was prominently known at the historical Grant County Picnic for his Roman racing in which he rode standing on two horses.

SADDLE BRONC RIDING, Luther Priest gained national attention when he rode at Madison Square Garden and in Chicago during the 1920's.
ANNUAL PICNIC and July 4th Ball Game, New Ulysses.


BOB AND MABEL LYLE'S TENNIS COURT in 1922. This location later became their home at 309 N. Simpson.

JIM GARNER AND JOHN AIRHART, among the earliest pilots in the county. After World War I, in which Garner was a fighter pilot, both men did stunt flying and air shows around the state.

JACK WALLER sledding on Main street.
RESULT OF A 1921 COYOTE HUNT. From left: Edgar Jarvis, unidentified, Charlie Walker, Earl Pope.

U. BELL, BILL LEIGH AND LEVERT ROSS with rabbits they bagged. 1929.

TOBE BREWER AND RALPH McGILLIVRAY with game from a New Mexico hunting trip, 1926.

JOHN AND LUCILLE LEWIS WITH STAG AND WOLF, and four coyotes they downed in one hour and 20 minutes, November, 1924.