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SMOKY VALLEY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



Lindsburg Localist

BY W. E. YOUNGER

Saturday, June 7., 1879.

To the Patrons of the Localist.
 Having purchased the interest of Wm. McClintick in the Localist office, in the future this paper will be conducted by the undersigned. I shall endeavor to publish a paper worthy of your patronage, and will work for the interests of Lindsburg all that is possible, believing that that is the true course to pursue to make money for myself.
 W. E. YOUNGER.



Posing on Lindsburg telegraph poles

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HOT OFF THE PRESS!

There are criteria that make a village grow into a town, and a town a city. Post Office, transportation, and communication are three of those. Lindsburg got a post office in 1870, but the other two didn't come so quickly.

With McPherson County being organized in 1870, and Lindsburg winning county seat, the race was on to hold it. Having the railroad and newspaper, supported with telegraph, was crucial for Lindsburg to grow. Unfortunately, McPherson won the newspaper race.

McPherson was founded 1872, in large part by King City (*Elyria*) transferring businesses to this new town for the purpose of bringing the county seat south of Lindsburg. The Yale Bros. set up McPherson with a newspaper December 1872, and one year later Clark and G.W. McClintick bought it. This newspaper played a huge part in McPherson winning county seat June of 1873.

The McClintick family moved to McPherson that same month and helped shape the town. William, Sr. was a Free Methodist Minister and became McPherson's third Mayor, a position he held until the time of his death. George W., an experienced printer, bought the McPherson Inde-

pendent newspaper, having his brother, William, Jr., or Wm, as a printer. Wm was thirteen years old in 1875 when the census listed his profession as "Printer". G.W. McClintick took an interest in Lindsburg and placed a dedicated section titled "Lindsburg Local News" in the McPherson Independent in 1876.

In 1879, Wm. McClintick set up a printing press in Lindsburg, and the seventeen year old started publishing the "Lindsburg Localist" on April 19th. The first English language newspaper for Lindsburg. One might ask, why the spelling with a "U" in Lindsborg? "Lindsburg" is the Americanized spelling.

Tragedy struck the family that year, their father, Rev. William, Sr. died March 25th, Wm sold the newspaper June 6th, September 29th their mother, Mary E. and sister, Mary J. Hughes both died from Typhoid Fever. Neither George or Wm could attend that double funeral due to also having Typhoid Fever, but both managed to recover. Then the next month, October 10th, two year old Johnnie Hughes, John F. and the recently deceased Mary J.'s eldest child, died from Diphtheria. John F. Hughes was a McPherson Judge during that hard time.

Wm sold the Localist June 1879 to Walter E. Younger, and during this time the telegraph line reached Lindsburg. The telegraph followed the railroad,

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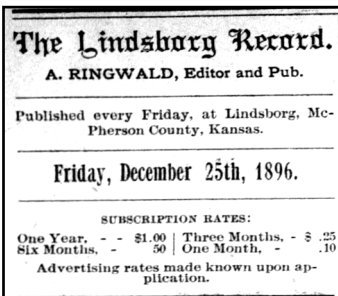
which Lindsborg saw the first engine and passenger car (train) pull up during the fourth of July celebration. Lindsborg was now complete!

Younger sold the Localist to J.H. Hyde September of that same year, and June of 1880 it once again sold to John McPhail, who published it until leasing to an employee named Dursley Sargent Oct. 12th, 1882. McPhail remained Editor but his growing law office, which had opened 1879 in Lindsborg, led him to cease the paper, and the Localist published their last issue March 15th, 1883.



All was not lost for Lindsborg though, in September 1881 August Ringwald had started another newspaper called Smoky Valley News. A Ringwald published and edited that newspaper until January of 1886, it was then sold to a McPherson man named Sherman Hill, who had come highly recommended. Sherman, or S.W. Hill, sold the Smoky Valley News to the newly formed Bethany Publications Company July 15th, 1887. Dr. Carl A. Swenson, President of the company (and college), placed Professor J.A. Udden as Editor. July 29th of that year was the last issue published under the "Smoky Valley News" name, the next week it was replaced with "Lindsborg News".

S.W. Hill attempted to start a daily paper in May 1887 called the "Lindsborg Daily News", but it was short lived. All other newspapers were weekly at this time.

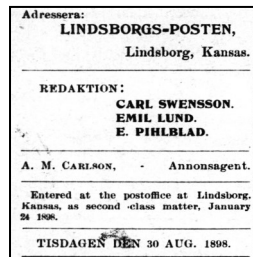


August Ringwald returned to the newspaper business in 1896 by starting the "Lindsborg Record", its first issue was published on Christmas day. Prior to starting this Ringwald had served as Lindsborg Mayor and in

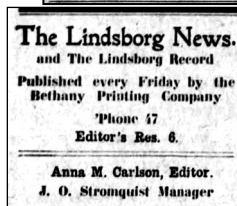
various county elected positions. August, his wife Katie, and kids Addie and Lee would eventually move so he could run the Moundridge Journal and later own a hardware store in Moundridge. December of 1898 he sold the Record, along with the printing of the Kansas Posten, a Lindsborg Swedish newspaper, to the Lindsborg Publishing Company.

Francis H. Potter, who had been Foreman of the Lindsborg News in the 1890s, leased the Moundridge Journal from August 1897 to November 1898, when the newly formed Lindsborg Publishing Co. hired him to move back and manage the Record. The next spring Francis married Ella Daniel from McPherson and they had a son in 1900. Francis not only edited the Lindsborg Record, he also Managed the printing department of Lindsborg, later Bethany Publishing Co./ Book Concern from 1898 to 1903, when he moved to Herington, KS to start a newspaper. His health became quite poor and in 1907 moved the family to San Diego, CA in hopes of a cure. Three weeks later he died.

While the Lindsborg Record grew locally, the Lindsborg News found an editor and publisher in Miss Anna Carlson, who took that newspaper much further. Anna got her start when she was fourteen working at the Salina Journal, and in 1896 she became the advertising agent for the Lindsborgs Posten. 1899 she leased the Lindsborg News from Frank Nelson as he campaigned for State Superintendent of Education. Upon winning, Anna became Editor/Publisher. The next year, 1900, Anna and Martin Blomgren bought out Nelson. Blomgren's role was Business Manager.



Early 1912 Blomgren sold his interest to Bethany Printing Co., who at the time had J.O. Stromquist publishing the Record. A consolidation deal between Stromquist and Anna brought the two newspapers together and March 1st the publication became "Lindsborg News-Record", or did it? Giving the two equal space on the front page didn't come so quickly.



Anna stayed with the Lindsborg paper until September 1915, but her career in newspapers was far from over, and she even wrote a few books. In 1945 she agreed to fill in Editor of the News-Record for three weeks, that lasted until 1951. In 1957 she was honored as being Svenks Hyllningsfest Queen.

It wasn't until June 27th, 1919 before the two newspapers got equal billing as "The Lindsborg News-Record". And that is all the news for this newsletter.

Want to know more about Anna Carlson? There is a past Vår Historia newsletter dedicated to her life.

All past newsletters are now available to download through our NEW website!



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Upcoming SVHA Programs

Jan. 14th, 2025

Swedish Kurbit Painting

Carla Wilson



March 11th, 2025

Kansas Crimes of the 1800s

John Burchill



May 13th, 2025

Civil War in Kansas

Dr. Merle Hodges



Location:

**Messiah Lutheran Church—Fellowship Hall
402 N. 1st Street—Lindsborg, KS.**

All programs
start at:
7:30 pm

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P.O. Box 255
Lindsborg, KS. 67456



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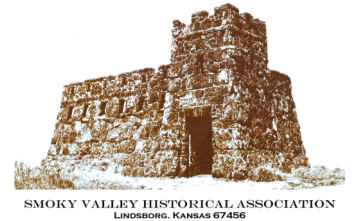
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Come join us!

Funding

Membership contributions are the SVHA's major source of on-going funding. A free-will donation in any amount will secure your membership in the Association for the year.

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