

## **HISTORICAL MEMORIES**

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July 1895 – One of the longest freight trains ever seen in this section passed through on the Union Pacific rails. It took 15 hours to travel from Shelton to Gothenburg.

July 1900 – The fact that work is liable to commence on the Farmers' Canal and Lincoln and Dawson County ditches, has given the people of this vicinity new courage to continue to plant their crops and insure a good harvest.

July 1925 – The Farmer's State Bank had two broken plate glass windows after a hobo who had not had any supper heaved two bricks through them, waited for the police and ate on the city that night. The owner of the plate glass is out about \$250 with no chance of getting it back.

July 1925 – Sampson's new drug store was opened to the public last week. Mr. Sampson has provided a very well-appointed store, with new up-to-date fixtures and a complete stock of items. The jewelry stock occupied the north side, and the soda fountain and drug stock were on the south side with the optical rooms at the rear.

July 1930 – By the end of 1930 twenty-five of the thirty-six miles of the Lincoln Highway between North Platte and Gothenburg will be paved.

July 1950 – Western Union, which has always been at the depot at Gothenburg, is now uptown. They now have a teletype at the Hotel Platte and telegrams both coming and going are handled there.

July 1955 – Powdered sugar was selling for 10 cents for a 1 lb. box and ground beef was selling for 29 cents/lb.

July 1960 – The new Country Lanes bowling alley construction was on schedule and the lanes would be opened on August 1<sup>st</sup>.

July 1960 – 1500 people attended the "Faith of our Fathers" service which was the opening event of the Centennial Week. A choir of 100 voices provided the music.

July 1960 – Gov. Ralph Brooks was on hand to crown the Centennial Queen Maxine McVay at the opening performance of the pageant "A Century of Progress". It was called an outstanding achievement by the 8,000 people who attended the performance over six nights.

July 1975 – A Coronary Care Area is being planned for the Gothenburg Memorial Hospital according to administrator Roger Heidebrink. The installation cost of between \$12-14,000 will be a two-bed system with monitoring between the room and the main nurse's station.

July 1980 – The NE Department of Roads has issued more information concerning the viaduct route on Avenue G. Two businesses, Norsworthy Feed Store and Gothenburg Floral, would have to be relocated.

July 1995 – The Korner Department Store closed their doors following a combined years in the retail industry by Kathryn Purintun and Gail Block. Lynne Johnson moved her business into the building and named it the Corner Clothes Hanger.



July 1960 – The Union Pacific coal chutes were torn down. They were built in 1910.

