

## **HISTORICAL MEMORIES**

**February 1909 to 1985**

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**February 1909** – Several cases of a mild form of scarlet fever had developed in the city and it was deemed advisable to close the schools and take steps to stamp out the disease and prevent further spread.

**February 1911** – Platte Valley Milling Co, mill and elevator was one of the largest industrial businesses in the area. It had a capacity of 250 barrels of flour daily and put out a good product. The elevator had a capacity of 110,000 bushels of grain. The mechanism of the mill was driven by a gas engine of 100 horsepower capacity.

**February 1925** – Editor Botkin has reached the conclusion that it is impossible for him to continue publication of the Gothenburg Independent. J.C. Holmes, the editor of the Gothenburg Times, canvassed the professional men of the city to ascertain their preference as to whether the Independent should be consolidated with the Times or sold to other parties. It was the consensus that the papers should be consolidated.

**February 1935** – Troop 1 met at the Pony Express Station in the City Park to organize the committee appointed by the American Legion, which this year is sponsoring the troop, composed of Arthur Johnson, John Pettigrew, C.R. Frasier and Don Holmes.

**February 1935** – C. E. Gyger, manager of The Golden Rule Store, announced that the name of his company has been changed from Brown-Ekberg to Brown McDonald.

**February 1958** – The cost of producing corn on irrigated land averaged \$57 per acre on 16 field demonstration units in Nebraska.

**February 1974** – Lots of dirt has been moved at the site of the housing for the elderly, west of Gothenburg Memorial Hospital. This would become Hillcrest Housing.

**February 1975** – The official “open House” of Goshen Rubber Company (now Parker Tech Seals) was held and offered tours of the new facility.

**February 1975** – The City of Gothenburg has called a special election seeking permission to accept a gift of \$100,000 from Wm. Kittenbrink with which to build a Medical Clinic building to be located by and be operated in connection with the Gothenburg Memorial Hospital.

**February 1983** – A Gothenburg landmark will be renewed as the Sun Theatre will open its doors again to the public as the members of the Gothenburg Community Playhouse will be operating the facility.

**February 1984** – Work began on researching the history of Gothenburg by the Pony Express Gothenburg Historical Society with the intention of publishing a book containing stories of early Gothenburg to the present. They have hopes of having this ready for distribution by 1985, Gothenburg’s centennial year.

**February 1984** – The postal rate will increase beginning March 2<sup>nd</sup> with the new letter rate at 10 cents, airmail will be increased to 13 cents and postcards up to 8 cents.

**February 1985** – Work was being done by 20-25 persons to complete a king-sized “friendship” quilt to be used as a fundraiser for the Senior Center and raffled during the Centennial Celebration.



**February 1984** – Statewide dignitaries were on hand to dedicate the new Gothenburg Senior Center.