

**HISTORICAL MEMORIES -
NOVEMBER 1894-1985**

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1894 – The Gothenburg Independent told of the annual Halloween celebration. A.B. Hann's windmills and machinery were all carried out on Winchell Street, including a threshing machine, and small outbuildings in the rear were placed on the proposed streetcar line and for a while business on that street was suspended. Otherwise, the town was quiet, probably due to the extra police force and private watchmen employed.

1894 – H.C. Booker completed an irrigation ditch 1-1/2 miles long at a cost of \$100 and was watering 65 acres on section 22-11-25. This was the first piece of land in western Dawson County to be irrigated.

1900 – The population of Dawson County, according to official count, is 12,214.

1900 – Otto Wideranders put a zonophone (sold by Seaman's Universal Talking Machine Company from 1899 to 1903) in his jewelry store to please his customers and to sell if anyone wishes to buy.

1925 – About one hundred visitors checked out the new clubhouse on the hill northwest of Lake Helen and were quite pleased with the progress. Many took advantage of the nice day for nine holes of golf.

1925 – A big Union Thanksgiving service was arranged by the churches of Gothenburg and was held at the Sun Theatre on the evening of Thanksgiving Day.

1930 – The Golden Rule Store had overcoats for men for \$9.90.

1950 – The Joe Lyons family purchased the Busy Bee Market from Mrs. Loretta Gaudreault. The deal included trading houses too. The market will be operated as a family venture and Joe will retain his position at the Post Office.

1950 – KRVN, the 25,000-watt "Rural Voice of Nebraska" radio station is being built east of Lexington. The towers are up, transmitters installed, and the studio is about complete.

1962 – Halloween came and went with the minimum of disturbances. Lots of moveable objects changed locations, firemen were kept busy dousing small fires and there was on group who thought it was fun to let air out of the tires of parked cars. There were also a number of pranksters armed with soap to mark up windows.

1970 – John Jensen bought the Jobman Furniture building on 10th & Avenue F and planned to move the Jack & Jill Grocery store from the Lake Avenue location there following remodeling.

1975 – Steel started going up on the concrete slab that is the construction site of the new headquarters building of Farmland Service Co-op in west Gothenburg.

1985 – The Gothenburg Fire Department celebrated its recent move into its third official headquarters since being organized in 1909. From the small two-bay garage at City Hall, to the larger four-bay garage at 9th & Avenue G, to the beautiful six-bay facility at 10th & Avenue F. The Gothenburg Volunteer Fire Department was originally known as a Hook & Ladder Company in 1895 starting with just \$200 and beginning with 50 leather buckets and 10 axes.



Gothenburg Fire Department Circa 1920-30's

