

The "Roaring Twenties"

This was the decade of prohibition and Al Capone, bobbed hair and the Charleston, the Teapot Dome scandal, the Scopes trial, raccoon coats, talking pictures and radio. Ford Motor Company was moving into mass production on the assembly line as cars became a necessity of life for the average American and there was a strong campaign to develop a nationwide road system.

In Kearney a goat parade was held to promote the downtown businesses. The Ku Klux Klan held a big rally at the Buffalo County fairgrounds in Kearney. The school at Amherst was set on fire to divert attention while the bank was robbed.

The last wood bridge across the Platte River in Buffalo County was replaced by a concrete and steel structure south of Gibbon at a cost of \$55,000. Jack Knight, air mail pilot, had engine trouble and landed at the Shelton air field to make repairs.

The Shelton High School music program in the spring of 1926 included three quartets. The Sober Seniors was made up of Roy Loffer, Leland Cook, Everett Waddington and Francis Kelly. The Hoky Poky quartet consisted of Mark Hackman, Richard Taylor, Fred Hehner and Alex King. The Hayseeds included John Spahr, Fred Schroeder, Gale Allen and Franklin Finck.

The Nebraska Lincoln Highway Association held a state meeting in Kearney in April of 1925. By summer the Lincoln Highway through Buffalo County was all graveled as well as the road from Kearney to Pleasanton. This made Buffalo County "further advanced on gravel surfacing of state aid roads than any other county in Nebraska."