

1950s

THE FIRST STOP LIGHT, STREET IMPROVEMENTS, BABY BOOM, NEW HOSPITAL, EXPANSION IN THE OIL AND GAS FIELDS, BLIZZARDS, FLOODS AND DIRT STORMS



AERIAL VIEW SOUTH ULYSSES.



FIRST STOPLIGHT AT MAIN AND GRANT.



TIME FOR SOME MUCH NEEDED STREET IMPROVEMENTS.



MAIN STREET ROAD WORK, JUNE 1951.



COMPLETION OF NEW STATE HIGHWAY BUILDING.



LAKIN DRAW, HWY. 160 EAST, 1951.



NORTH FORK OF THE CIMARRON, south of town, 1951.



RAILROAD BRIDGE and the damage from the 1951 flood.



THE SPRING RAINS IN 1954 FILLED THE LAKE AT FRAZIER PARK. Photo shows young boys testing the water.





TUMBLEWEEDS BARRICADE CARS AFTER A 1950'S BLOW.



DIGGING OUT after the February 1954 dust storm at Hugoton Production.



FARMERS FOUND THEIR IMPLEMENTS left in the field, buried under piles of blow dirt.



1954, FURROWS IN GRANT COUNTY were filled with blow dirt after the spring storms.



TUMBLEWEEDS COVER THE HOME of Cal and Ora Moore after a big blow.



TUMBLEWEEDS banked against the south side of the Hickok building, spring 1954.



1957, GREG AND LINDA McHENRY at their farm home after the blizzard.



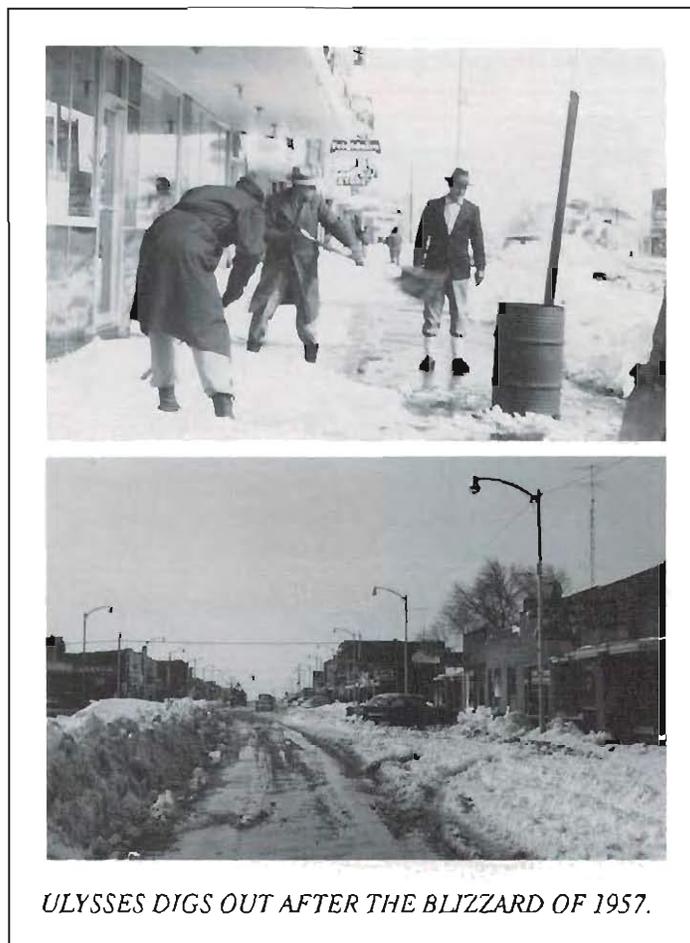
DRIFTS CLOSED ROADS AND STREETS bringing traffic to a stand still.



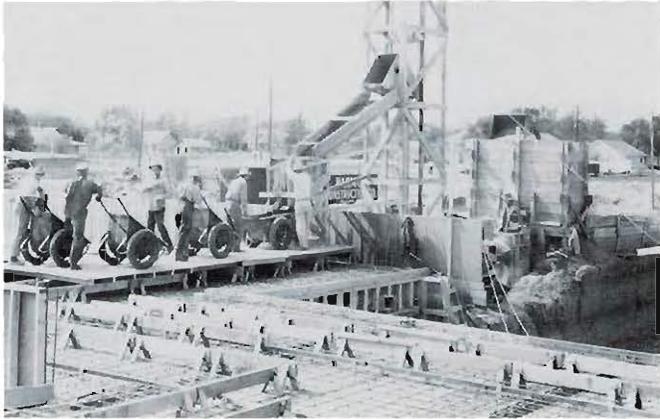
WALT AND MYRTLE ARMSTRONG'S house peaks over the top of a drift.



CARS PARKED ALONG THE STREET at the Ralsamore were buried under huge snow drifts.



ULYSSES DIGS OUT AFTER THE BLIZZARD OF 1957.



FEBRUARY 4, 1946, R. R. WILSON offered \$100,000 to build a hospital. Dr. and Mrs. George Coffey donated a city block on north Main, as a hospital site and in 1948 Columbia Carbon donated \$5,000 to the fund. A fund drive for the hospital was started in December 1948, by the end of the first week, \$36,000 had been raised in pledges. At last, in 1949, construction begins on the new hospital, and on February 6, 1951 it opened its doors to patients.



LOCAL CITIZENS PLAY BINGO at a fund raiser to aid the hospital building fund.



M. A. BREWER M.D. AND W. W. DODSON M.D. practicing physicians at the Ulysses Medical Center.



JUNE, 1950. THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS leased the hospital to the Sisters of St. Joseph, and in 1951, two Sisters arrived in Ulysses to open the hospital.



1953, COMPLETION OF CONVENT NORTH OF THE HOSPITAL.



APRIL, 1956. MEMBERS OF THE LIONS CLUB and the library staff moved the contents of the library from the basement of the courthouse to the new building in one evening. The new facility was formerly opened to the public, April 22, 1956.



LIBRARIANS: Farol Riley, Virginia Leirer, Maude Meyer and Norma Jean Bricker prepare for the summer reading program at the library.



VOLUNTEER FIREMEN, from left: Bill Copeland, Chet Riley and Leonard Hill.



VOLUNTEER FIREMEN answer a fire call at the ice plant.



1952 PHOTO shows a group attending a salesmanship class in the courtroom at the courthouse.



HART DEY'S ULYSSES NEWS OFFICE, JANUARY 1956.



NORTH MAIN.



LEONARD PURCELL'S Mobil filling station, August 1951.



DICK ALLISON'S DAIRY KREAM. A favorite place to go for a burger and fries.



OCTOBER, 1953. Well wishers turn out for Opening Day of Ladner's Siesta Motel.



HELEN LOFLAND bought the Miller greenhouse from Dr. R. H. Miller in June of 1951. The Miller greenhouse was the first flower shop in Ulysses.



TRACTORS LINED UP AND WAITING for cabs at Ansel.



1955, NEW AMSDEN LUMBER YARD located at Main and Santa Fe.



L. & R. FERTILIZER, organized in 1952, by owners and operators, Kenneth Lofland and Jay Rundell.



ANSEL MANUFACTURING COMPANY at a trade show.



THE HILTON TWINS, Barbara and Norma, help Tommy Thompson host the new car show in 1953. Also shown are: Ken McHenry, and Larry Thompson, others are unidentified.



GRAND OPENING OF BILL'S IGA, 1953. The Werries purchased the store, located in the Ralsamore Hotel building, from Frank Hart.



NEWLY REMODELED ELLIOTT LAUNDRY, JULY, 1959.



NEWBY GRILL, LOCATED ON CENTRAL STREET.



APRIL, 1955. Coffee Shop, located in the Ralsamore Hotel. Waitresses take time to pose for the photographer, coffee drinkers at the bar are, from left: Unidentified, Hart Day and Frank Collins.



GRAND OPENING of the new Gray and Rosel building in 1951. From left: Anna Rosel, Alta Ballard, Mildred Marshall and May Rosel.



CHUCK ARNOLD IN ARNOLD'S CAFE, located on Main Street.



MORRIS CHAPEL SCHOOL, FROM LEFT: Jane Bullock, Suzanne Schoonover, Tim Schoonover, Mary Lou Howard, Arlene Young. Teacher, Gary Howard, Bernie Lafever, Tom Bullock and Lloyd Howard.



GOLDENSCHOOL, 1951. Backrow: Garry and Larry Kepley; Teacher, Mamie Howard, Owen Kepley. Front: Rick Lewis, Carl Johnson, Marshall and Jim Kepley.



GOLDEN SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM, 1954 Shari Kepley as Mrs. Claus and Jim Kepley as Santa.



1950 PHOTO SHOWS the condition of the bus route in a few places, Melvin Buller was the bus driver. Norman Young is in the window.



DR. COFFEY, LOCAL DENTIST, examines patient, Lonnie Miller, Jan Minor awaits his turn during dental checks at the grade school.



NOVEMBER 1, 1954 was the opening day for the new Sullivan School. In 1958, an addition of eight rooms was added to house the 7th and 8th grades.



DEDICATION CEREMONIES for the new Grant County Rural High School, were held March 5, 1953.



DONKEY FOOTBALL IN THE LATE 50'S. Herb Bender is the referee.



MABEL HART'S 4TH GRADE CLASS, held at the old high school building while Sullivan School was being built, 1954.



EARLY 1950'S. Joyce school lunch room located across the street in the American Legion Building.



MISS GALE'S 3RD GRADE CLASS, JOYCE SCHOOL.



1956, RAY STEVENSON cut record breaking milo with 125.6 bushels per acre.



WHEAT HARVEST DURING THE 50's always had long lines of trucks waiting in line to unload their grain.



HART DEY, GRANT JONES, AND FLOYD PINNICK measure Ray Stevenson's milo field.



JUNE 1951, NEIGHBORS GATHERED to give the Alvin Lance family a helping hand with field work while Alvin was ill.



1952, INTERNATIONAL TRACTOR and ensilage cutter at Bob Deyoes.



AKAGI BROTHERS fruit stand five miles west of town on U.S. 160.



KEITH AND GENE SCHWEIN ditch irrigating milo in 1956.



JESS LIMPER had what he hoped would be a bumper maize crop, until it was hailed out in 1954.



1956, SUGAR BEETS piled on the ground at Milepost. Sugar Beets were a profitable crop in the 50's and 60's until acreage was tightly restricted by the government due to agreements with Cuba.



UNITED CARBON PLANT and employees at Ryus, Spring, 1954. UNITED CARBON PLANT, RYUS, 1954.



COLUMBIA CARBON CAMP. In the fifties, most of the oil and gas companies provided housing for their employees at the plant site.



JERRY JO DECKERT standing by C.C. "Hap" Meier's Cities Service Pickup, Notice: The company emblem on the pickup door.



GLADYS LAYTON PULLING WEEDS and working at getting a lawn established in the new West Cities Service Camp, 1952.



DEANNA AND KENNETH NASH with Kansas Power and Light Camp houses in the background.



AFTER THE SNOW, KANSAS POWER AND LIGHT PLANT.



AFTERMATH OF THE DIRT STORMS at Hugoton Production and Kansas Power and Light Plant, Feb. 19, 1954.



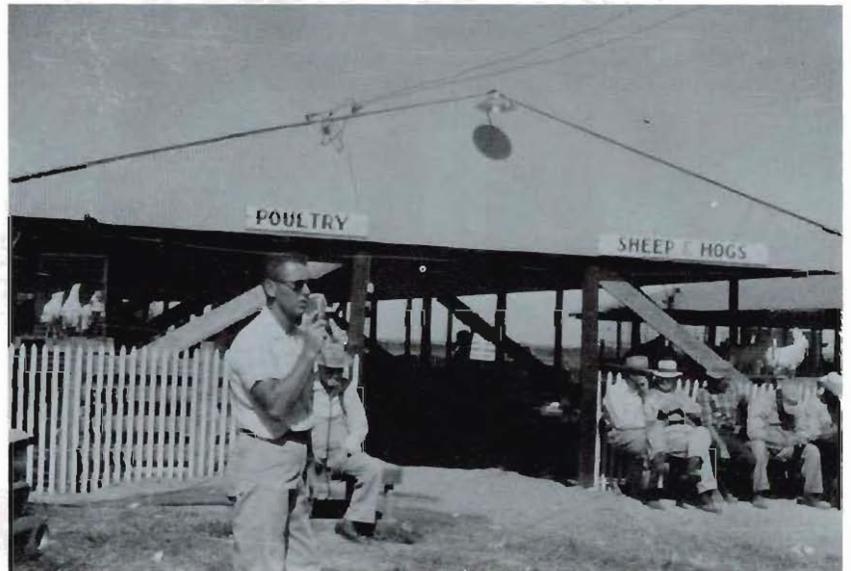
SEPTEMBER, 1953, KP & L PICNIC.



KANSAS POWER AND LIGHT PLANT EMPLOYEES. Back row: Raymond Cott, Kenneth Ragan, Thomas Stallings, Harold Hampton, Alvin Harmes, Paul Underwood, Albert O'Dell, Chuck Reist, Plant Superintendent W. H. Franklin. Front: Raymond Hooper, Doyle Nash, Don Hunter, Dale Anderson, Robert Winters, Glen Grubbs, Gene Samms, and Paul Johnson.



GRANT COUNTY FREE FAIR, Mitch Caldwell on wagon and Guy Brollier with fork. "Threshing Demonstration".



MARSHALL WALKER, COUNTY AGENT, at the Grant County Free Fair, Late 1950's.



GRANT COUNTY FAIR THRESHING DEMONSTRATION.



1953, THE OLD AMERICAN LEGION BUILDING was the site of the Old Settlers Picnic.



JERRY SULLIVAN, the Rhythm Ranch Boys, and Dink Harner, get set for a booster trip.



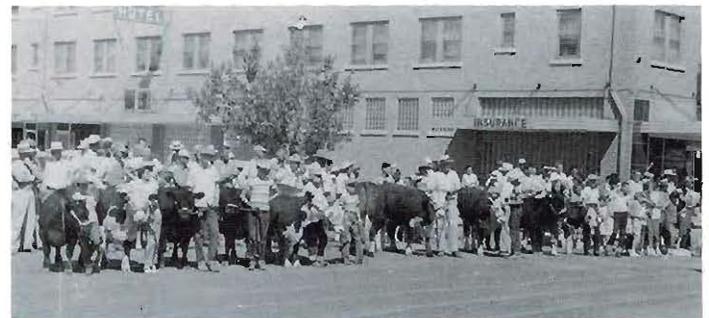
CROWD AT FAIR PARADE.



WESTERN DRIVE-IN FLOAT.



ULYSSES BIT AND SPUR RODEO IN 1956. The clown tries his hand at steer wrestling.



4-H BABY BEEF AUCTION, downtown during the fair.



1952, WITH A MEMBERSHIP OF APPROXIMATELY FIFTY, the Church of Christ congregation moved into their new buff brick building at 103 South Simpson.



1953, CONSTRUCTION BEGINS on addition to the Methodist Church.



METHODIST CHURCH confirmation class, Palm Sunday, 1959.



GROUNDBREAKING FOR THE S. GRANT JONES addition to the Methodist Church, 1953.



SLAVES AND SLAVEMASTERS for Ulysses Golden Jubilee, 1959. From left: Jim Farley, Forrest Pitts, Bill Copeland, Jake Yarbrough, Ken Conaway, Buck Flummerfelt, Bo Crocker, Fred Randle, Don Gaskill and Eldon Ansel.



1959, LOCAL LADIES IN JUBLIEE DRESS, from left: Barbara Jensen, Myrtle Armstrong, Mary Ellen Olson, Lynn Kepley, Betty Floyd, Virginia Flummerfelt and Helen Conaway.



MELODRAMA ON MAIN STREET, part of the entertainment for the Jubilee, 1959.



LOUISE McCALL AND LILAH STUBBS in costume, for the Golden Jubilee in 1959.



ULYSSES GOLDEN JUBILEE, 1959. From left: Doris Dye, Faye Robinson, Winnifred Deyoe, Betty Floyd, Edith Reeves, Barbara Reeves, Anita Hammer, Beulah Black and Marjorie Walters.



RATTLESNAKE KILL on opening day of pheasant season, 1959. Keith and Ivan Schwein, pictured.



JACK MCDANIEL, helping with laundry chores, 1950's.

1956, NEWLYWEDS WERE SUBJECTED to all kinds of noisy pranks at a shivaree, usually in the middle of the night. A common practice was for the groom to push the bride down Main Street in a wheelbarrow. Melvin and Donice Buller are the newlyweds. Other teachers shown are Pat Landis, Mabel Hart, Shirley Swayze, Marian Stoskopf and Enid Hickok.



COURTNEY SIMPSON, H. K. Kennedy, Unidentified, August Kiistner and Curly Higginbotham, take time to visit while waiting to pickup their mail.



FOR YEARS IT WAS A TRADITION for the P. M. Hampton family to decorate the exterior of their home with thousands of blue lights during the Christmas season.





DENNIS DEYOE fishing on the North Fork, 1955.



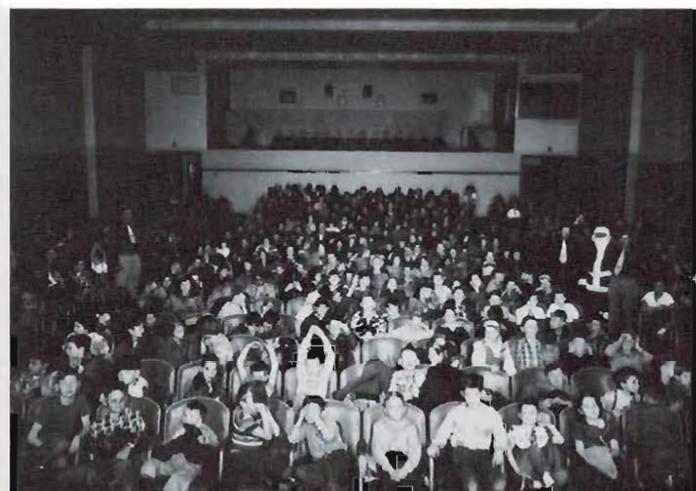
RONNIE LOFLAND, David Schwein, Rodney Drake, Jim Fox and Tom Gray, with baby bobcats found on the Cimarron River, 1957.



STOCK CAR RACES at the Sand Dune Speedway.



RHYTHM RANCH BOYS popular dance band.



CHRISTMAS 1952, Area children eagerly wait for Santa to arrive at the Crocker theater during the Saturday afternoon matinee.



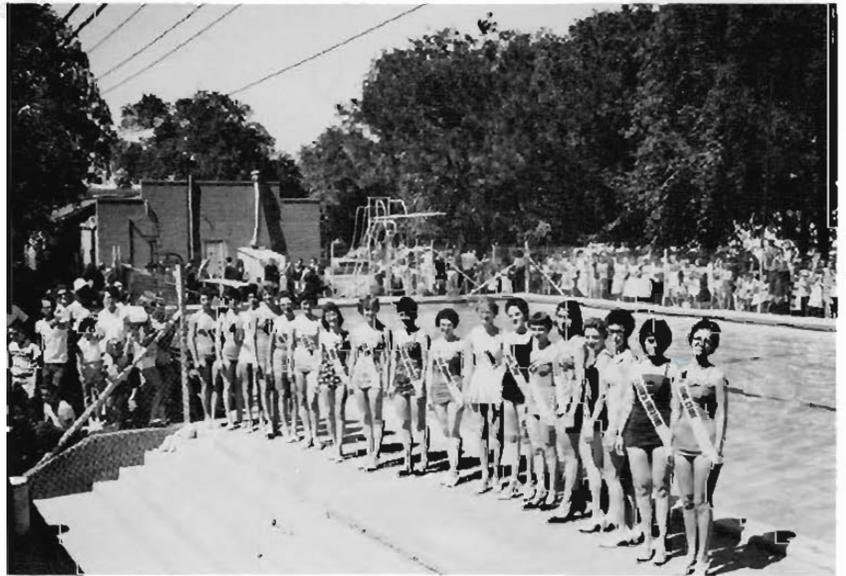
KIDS WAIT IN LINE TO TALK TO SANTA.



SPRING 1953, Ulysses grade school children under the supervision of Robert Gilger aid the Korean War effort and "Save the Children", by packing clothing to be sent to Korea.



BILL AND BONNIE WERRIES with contest winners in front of Bill's IGA. From left: Bill, Jari Wilson, Joyce Reusser, Pat Martin, Sandy Hicks and Bonnie Weries.



BATHING BEAUTIES at the first swimming pool in Ulysses.