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Climaxing Four Decades

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With this issue of the Territorial, the staff is saying a fond and heartfelt farewell to its many faithful readers over the years, as the magazine goes into its final printing — a challenging and satisfying undertaking over the past 40 years.

The first issue in this bi-monthly publication was printed at the High Plains Journal, Dodge City. These were the days when written copy was set in metal type by linotype, with galley proofs corrected by pencil, and advertisements composed with type and cast lead, and photos reproduced by zinc or plastic plates.

These days of 'hot lead and cold type' was the method until offset printing came along, and of course, computers.

Originators of the magazine, both of Garden City, were Barbara Oringderff and Greg Harness. Barb was already in the publishing business with her book "True Sod", and Greg's mother, Donnis Harkness and uncle Bill King had been youthful employees in my father's newspaper in Scott City.

And it was while I was publisher there, and Barbara and Greg were in search of a staff, that Greg suggested myself as contributing editor. And I joined Jim Brown, Ted Carlson, Clyde and Betty Blackburn, Bob Greer, Blaine Davis, Jerry Hundley and Rodney Hoffman in preparing copy for the initial issue (with men-

toring by Ed Nicklaus, head of the Graphic Arts department at Garden City Community college).

Through the first year, in the magazine known as Kansas Territorial (since the Kansas Territory originally reached the Rocky Mountains), others submitting stories included Fern Bessire, Virginia Leete, George Pappas, Dave Ernst, Lee Pendergrass, C. Robert Hayward, Aileen Mallory, Leslie Linville, Tim Wetzl and Mary Louise Barnes.

Barbara's daughters were young ladies then, but soon established themselves, with Sharon operating New West Travel, and Carol accompanying her mother in attendance at venues featured in the magazine, and also contacting advertisers.

Of interest is the listing of advertisers in the first issue: Gibson's Discount Center, Fidelity State Bank, New West Travel, Dart Inn Superettes, Silver Spur Lodge and Convention Center, Dodge House/Holiday Inn & Holidome, and Garden City Hilton Inn.

And in the final issue of the initial year, were added: Kalvesta Implement Co., M & M Pump & Supply, Ranchers Supply Co., Regan Jewelers, Merrill Implement Co., Schreiber Auto, Airlinks Machine Shop, Walls IGA, The SandBurr Gallery, First National Bank & Trust (Dodge City), Jetmore Telephone Co., and Air Midwest.

The name 'Kansas' was dropped

from the title of the magazine early on, as Barbara felt that this negated surrounding states, in which activities and historic points were being publicized — as the Territorial intended from the first. In fact, issues were dedicated to topics such as Trucking transportation, Oil & Gas production, Agriculture and the Cattle Industry, etc. Barbara and Carol covered trade conventions over the country (with Barbara accompanied by her granddaughter, Carol's daughter, Sarah in recent years).

A blow came at the close of the second decade of publishing, however, when Greg Harness passed away of a heart attack. He had been responsible for layout and production of the magazine, and his loss prompted a reduction to a quarterly publication — with Jim Brown competently taking over the computer composition chores.

Barbara's specialty of interviews (in addition to her regular column on timely issues), eventually gave way to press releases from leaders in their fields, just as advertisements soon were prepared "in house", meaning that much of the copy arrived over the internet; and editing and proofreading was limited to submitted stories. Among regular authors over recent years (in addition to Get-A-Way articles by Barb, Sharon and Carol) have been Ted Barker, Betty Paxson, Eddie & Cindy Estes, Paul F. Long, L. Robert Pyle, K.





Sharon Smith



Sarah Jane Schuetze Montgomery



Blaine Davis



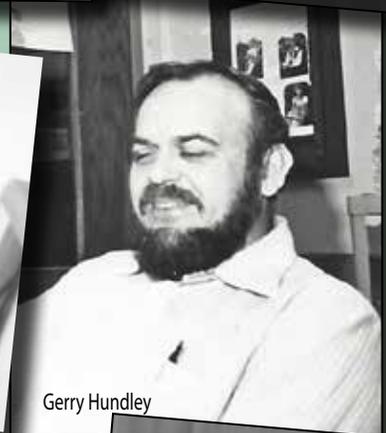
S. Eng, Charlotte Bargdill, Steve Gililand, Dorothy Rieke, Heather Smith Thomas, Pat Veersart, Carol Jenkner, Tom McBeth (and others I apologize for missing, due to my lapse in research note-taking). Pat Veersart also assisted Barbara.

We owe the success of the Territorial entirely to Barbara, whom we lost last Christmas-time. She devoted half of her life to this successful venture, and I am proud to have had a small part in it. (She was my biggest fan over the years, in my Only One Opinion meanderings). Barbara and Greg's dream was a notable pursuit, and I think I can speak for Jim Brown — as well as Carol and Sharon — in saying that the Territorial has been a compelling and interesting period in our lives.

And just as the first issue was introduced in 1980, so is the last touching on 2020. It has been a good run!



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