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**Gary City Council is the first Monday of the month @ 7:30 p.m.**

**Gary Historical Association Mtg. Sunday, February 7, 1:30 pm @ Fire Hall**

**Gary Community Club meets the fourth Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Fire Hall meeting room**

**Gate City Economic meets third Thursday, Fire Hall, 7:00p.m.**

## A huge turnout for the Midwest Performance Converter open house Re-Opening



**Lt. Gov. Dennis Daugaard pictured above and Troy Vande Brake is pictured to the right.**

19 jobs and is projecting adding several new jobs in the next few months.

happened on January 5 here at Gary. The business, which has been in Gary for twenty + years manufacturing torque converters will be able to continue doing business here saving



The business has been purchased by Troy Vande Brake of Clear Lake and Tom and John Kenny of Minneapolis.

On hand to speak at the grand re-opening was SD Lt. Gov. Dennis Daugaard. Lt. Gov. Daugaard indicated that he was pleased that South Dakota jobs were being saved and that Midwest Performance Converter would continue to be a corporate citizen of South Dakota.

## Upcoming event at Buffalo Ridge Resort

Bridal Fair, January 24th featuring Jeans Bridal, Vendors that are interested in participating please contact Rachel Vande Brake or Katie Stoks at 605-272-7777

**Isn't it fun to see your home town grow! We are doing very well for the size that we are. What other small town can say the same?**

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**Preserving History is what the Gary Historical Ass'n likes to see,** and once again we can report on an area that is being worked on at the Buffalo Ridge Resort.



The Administration building is the subject. Currently there is the new roof on that building and now contractors are working on the basement section of the building. The rock walls are in very



good shape, however stone masons are redoing the cement therefore preserving the building for many years to come. Below we are showing pictures of some of those walls and the improvements that they are doing. Remember, if you or a group would like a tour of the Buffalo Ridge Resort, call for an appointment on a Sunday afternoon and Roger can help you with that.

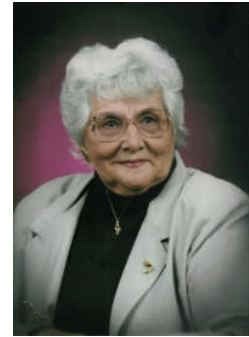


## Down Memory Lane

By Bernice Jensen

On New Year's Eve, I was thinking of all the businesses and activities that were held in the Bartels Building. The Playhouse theater was on the second floor of that building and provided entertainment for many years. I was told in silent films times that Eva Benner provided the background music playing the piano. My parents took me along when I was very young and I was not very happy at all. I remember a lot of actors in dark clothing and people walking around like their legs were stiff. I don't remember who owned it but in later years it was Mr. Mortenson the owner and operator of the Gary Interstate. I never attended another program until "Gone with the Wind" and there was a great improvement in acting. Then the hall provided the area for entertainment such as the town and country farmers market which was a great evening. I remember the shows, the entertainers from WNAX, Ben and Jessie Mae and Jim Dean, western singers and had quite a following among the young people. One year Siamese twins and their husbands were part of the show. In the 40s a restaurant was operated by Grace and Harvey Schulte and it was a nice cozy place in the basement under the bakery. Next to the bakery was a liquor store managed by Art Bartels, a great business man with a good sense of humor. In those days every space was used both upstairs and in the basement. In 1944 I attended a dance with my cousin and her boyfriend. A lot went on in that part of the big old building. A hospital was in the building many years ago and Dr. Fonger had his office there. In later years it was the home of the N. P. Nelson family. Mr. Nelson owned and operated a great bakery with products that were made from scratch. I'll never forget his rolls, bismarcks and the best breads. Everything was top shelf. Later years the upstairs was made into apartments. My uncle was in one of the apartments and in later years my son lived in the same apartment. After a while the Nelsons retired and moved into the house where Craig Stone now lives. Elmer Pederson acquired that business when I was in high school and in the 50's Hinsvarks operated a hardware store. Later Vans Variety was a great store, but they later moved to Dawson. Next the Gate City Senior Citizens made the building their home. They were so proud of all the work that they did to make it a special place for the Senior Citizens to meet and visit.

Next door was the creamery. Adolph Sanden was the owner and operator and best butter maker ever. It was very clean and smelled so fresh. I have such great memories of that Grand Old building. Then in the 80s on a very windy day, the roof of the building collapsed. Buck Asher told me that he had just walked past the building and he heard a loud crack and the roof collapsed. He said that he looked back and saw that his aunt Ethel's building was falling down. When I think of Gary and how it was and how it is today, the community has been supporting the growth by working together. While many of the small towns are no longer alive, Gary has a butcher shop and catering business, a grocery store/ hardware store, a restaurant, filling station and auto repair, small engine/ auto repair shop, liquor store, 109 club, Legion, Fire Hall, Senior Citizens Center, and of course our new businesses and hotel at Buffalo Ridge.



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## Turning Back the Pages of Time

Every week when the Courier comes, I sure welcome it with joy,  
And read it through from page to page, and much of time it does not employ.

I like to read of yesterdays of those days of long ago,  
Those I knew in childhood days where some are gone I do not know.

When I read in "Fifty-Years" I can recall each name and face  
Of many friends I knew so well which new ones cannot replace.

I remember well the wedding day of many friends of my own age,  
And great grandparents they are now as time has turned back page on page.

So many names that I recall who owned business places then,  
In the town of our county seat, a bunch of fine and honest men.

Some have moved so far away and a few are with us still  
And some have gone to peace and rest of them our hearts with memories fill.

It's nice to think of olden days when I was but a little child,  
With the prairie wide and rolling dotted o'er with flowers wild.

But years go by and make us old but golden memories never die,  
Still I love the old times best, even if youth has passed me by.

.....Marietta Thomas

### **GARY, SOUTH DAKOTA TIME LINE**

Gary, South Dakota, Deuel County Date 1982: Info gathered by Irene Heaton,  
Eldeen Baer and the Go Getters 4-H Club

- 1877 Huffman building
- 1878 Gary Inter State (This building part of Glen Cole home 1982)
- 1878 Original School Site (Outhouse and shed still remain Warner Volk home)
- 1879 Courthouse built
- 1882 Presbyterian church organized. Built in 1883. Shown on 1883 map.
- 1883 M.E. Church built
- 1887 Addition built to Agricultural Hall, new ticket office and fifty feet of new cattle shed.
- 1887 Stone culvert put in under Herrick bridge
- 1887 Church ball installed in M.E. Church, first in Deuel County
- 1897 Presbyterian church bell installed. 700 #



- 1898 Odd Fellows building
- 1899 Blind Asylum began construction
- 1900 Blind Asylum opened
- 1900 Presbyterian church moved to new location. Corner of Main and Coteau St.
- 1900 Greene Block built of Gary brick
- 1900 New laundry being built at rear of Blind School
- 1901 C.M. Youman puts in lumber yard
- 1901 Presbyterians build parsonage
- 1901 Benner and Bassett Meat Market
- 1901 Gary State Bank (west side)
- 1901 Dr. McPeck
- 1901 Doxeys building (west of Greene Block, Gary brick)
- 1902 Bartels building (Gary brick, Peachey's Yard) corner stone laid for new saloon.  
(The pillars and dark red brick came from Youmans Lumber Co.)
- 1902 Benner and Basset enlarge meat market. Old building moved back. Stone and brick being hauled for new front.
- 1903 New public school built on hill, of three rooms
- 1903 Courthouse moved back, brick building constructed between the two buildings
- 1904 I.B. Kerr, head masonry, commenced filling in the railroad bridge
- 1904 Bells rang out in belfry of new school building (Jan.)
- 1904 New M.E. parsonage built.
- 1904 Farmers Elevator is completed
- 1906 Catholics gathered in Town Hall
- 1906 New steel bridge at old school house completed
- 1906 A.A. Herrick tears down old school house and builds house from the material
- 1908 Hospital 70 X 25 (Dr. Fongers) of Springfield brick
- 1908 Bartels building 70 X 47
- 1908 Catholic Church built (presently used for taxidermy shop, 1982)
- 1908 Exchange Bank (East side)
- 1910 Large Fire Bell received by State School
- 1910 Girls Dormitory built at State School
- 1911 Huffman's Hardware moved to new site to East side of Coteau St.
- 1911 New Huffman building completed
- 1912 Addition 25 X 60 feet east of Exchange Bank
- 1912 Town Hall 24 X 40 Blocks made by A.D. Chaon.
- 1913 Wm. Banwarth and sons new blacksmith shop 25 X 50, two stories high making own blocks

- 1913 Electric light plant, east of Banwarth garage
- 1913 Brick building 60 X 60, north of McPeek building
- 1913 New bell, 1200# for Town Hall
- 1913 Standard Oil Building erected (across from Banwarths)
- 1913 Warehouse west of crossing coming down to erect new coal building.
- 1913 Mason Hall
- 1914 New bridge built across Gary Creek, 16 feet long, 20 feet wide, widest in county.
- 1914 Otto Banwarth house built. First cement residence in Gary. Making blocks
- 1915 New laundry at State School
- 1916 Frank Banwarth builds home. Making cement blocks
- 1916 Wm. Banwarth and sons to erect new garage, 50 X 65, cement blocks
- 1917 New First National Bank erected. Old one torn down.
- 1919 B.H. Jensen opens garage in old power plant building.
- 1919 Barn erected for school wagon
- 1919 Large artificial pond made at State School
- 1920 Dam constructed at State School
- 1920 8 X 15 oil painting of Lake Elsie by Rev. W.J. Hoare of Presb. Church
- 1921 New Band Stand completed
- 1923 Standard Oil Station moved farther north of old location, nearer street
- 1923 Catholic Cemetery consecrated, 6 X 13 cross placed in center
- 1924 L.A. Humbert moves Studio Building to his farm west of town, tenant house
- 1925 Boys Dormitory built
- 1926 Lutherans purchased Presbyterian Church
- 1926 Dist #61 completed, moved into Gary to the museum park
- 1926 M.E. Church remodeled, moved back on lot, an addition built
- 1928 Telephone people purchase Humbert Cottage on Coteau St. for Central
- 1929 New fire siren placed on top of Fire Hall
- 1929 Aquarium built by Mr. Woodbury, east side of State School
- 1938 Improvements made in park. Lake Elsie shores rip rapped, two rustic bridges constructed
- 1945 July 1 State School placed under supervision of Board of Regents in Education
- 1948 Built addition to east of Lutheran Church, also choir loft to north
- 1952 Sexauer Co. Elevator
- 1953 M.E. parsonage and Sanctuary redecorated
- 1954 Unused dairy barn at State School renovated into gym for wrestling
- 1956 Municipal Liquor Store built

1957 Auditorium built on east side of public school  
1958 Farmers Co-op built  
1959 Blind School removed from Gary  
1963 New Catholic Church dedicated. Taxidermist occupies old church building  
1963 Railroad tracks removed west of Gary  
1964 Began cleanup of Pioneer Park  
1965 Depot torn down  
1966 Shady Rest Lodge Inc. opened on former Blind School buildings  
1967 Gary Historical Ass'n Inc. Feb 12 Museum in Huffman Bldg.  
1967 Added west entrance to Lutheran Church  
1968 M.E. Church Chancel remodeled  
1969 American Legion Hall new addition and basement  
1972 Laundromat moved to Shady Rest (Blind School) from Banwarth building  
1972 Apartment house built  
More to come

Have you checked out the Gary website recently? There are a lot of new entries there, especially under the local arts tab. Just go to [www.experiencegarysd.com](http://www.experiencegarysd.com)

### **In Retrospect**

**by Buck Asher (taken from a past issue)**

I don't believe that anyone doesn't love a good hamburger. This is by far the most popular sandwich consumed not only in the United States but the entire world. No matter where food is served to the public whether it is an elegant supper club or an unpretentious greasy spoon the hamburger reigns as a favorite and is served in countless styles.

A few weeks ago after the concert in Watertown we stopped for lunch at a popular dining place. I was amazed at the number of hamburgers and fries served and became interested in the history and origin of the food. After much searching and reading I discovered a few facts about the sandwich.

At the time of Americas Centennial in 1875 hot food was served at all of the sporting events, fairs, carnivals and circuses.

Barrels of chowder were eaten by hungry visitors. The most popular was the gourmet treat made with Maine lobster. In the Midwest corn or potato chowder was in great demand. Stacks of waffles and pancakes drenched with maple syrup or jelly disappeared like magic and gave us the saying "sold like hotcakes." Operating a food concession was an excellent money maker at any public gathering; it seems as though Americans are always hungry and blessed with a ravenous appetite.

The popular hamburger is completely American and originated in New York state at the Erie County Fair held in the village of Hamburg. Not in Germany. Another favorite food served at the fair was hot buttered sweet corn.

Twenty two year old Francis (Frank Menches) and his brother were operating a food concession at this fair in September 1885. The number one sandwich up until this time was made from pork sausage generously covered with freshly ground horseradish. All sandwiches were open faced;

the buyer could see what he was getting for his dime. Frank was flabbergasted when his sausage dealer was unable to furnish him with any pork. Unhappily Menches agreed to buy five pounds of ground beef as a substitute. It was easy to shape the patty but it did take much experimenting to come up with the correct seasoning. Menches added a large amount of brown sugar, some salt and pepper to the beef. He sold out his entire stock before dark. Never had business been better. People loved the sandwich especially after he added chopped green pepper and onion to the meat. Soon the hot pork sandwich was forgotten and the hamburger reigned as king. Within a few years a string of Menches stands were doing business at many locations. Later improvements were the hamburger bun and the covered sandwich making in much more convenient to consume and handle. It is believed that the cheeseburger originated in Wisconsin during the early 1920's. The best hamburgers can be made at home. Use the wide variety of sauces, condiments and vegetables found in your refrigerator. Use your imagination and make yourself a s tasty treat. Whenever it is made or eaten the hamburger is the most popular sandwich in the USA .Frank Menches always called it a hamburger, never a hamburg.

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### **Jan. 1891 Gary Interstate**

**Donated by Eldeen Baer**

W.H. Donaldson, Gary Inter State, makes a farewell bow. The new proprietor is John C. Eakins.

To those who want money: I have some money on hand to loan on good security, real estate and otherwise. I purchase notes of do any financial business required. Call on me, or write and you may depend on a fair, square deal. John G. Lund, Canby, Minn.

We understand that efforts are being made to have a woolen mill established here. We have the wool right here, and the supply is rapidly increasing, and the quality grown here is excellent. We have the water necessary for washing purposes for such a mill.

The chapter for "The Farmer's Cooperative Butter Factory" has been granted and subscriptions for stock are now in order.

A very pleasant dancing party was held at the residence of B.J. Cochrane last Friday evening. The young people tripped to the music until 5 o'clock.

The executive committee of the board of trade is doing some good work for the town, and we will have substantial evidence of their labors in the early spring.

The Gary Inter State, one of the oldest newspapers in the northwestern tier, has been sold by W.H. Donaldson, to John C. Eakins, who will continue it. Deuel County is among the oldest counties in the state, receiving its name and organization about twenty-five years ago, when Hon. Jacob Deuel represented Clay County in the old territorial house.

Feb. 13, 1891 – Dr. W.H. Stanley, former resident of Gary, and one of the pioneers of this county, coming here in 1878, with his family, died at age 75 years, at Hot Springs on Feb. 9, 1891. He was a charter member of Gate City Lodge, No. 14. A.F. and A.M. organized Dec. 22, 1880.

Since Oct. last, Gary grain buyers have taken in about 50,000 bu. of wheat.

May 8, 1891—G.C. Darling arrived Tuesday to take charge of the Gary Creamery. The Creamery has been bought and will be run this summer by J.V. Wells, James Pettijohn, Fred Bartels, James Ganger and C.H. Sanborn.