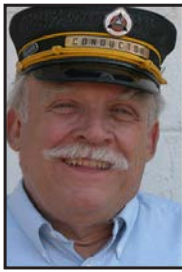


An Important Anniversary



Again, like many of my stories, this one is from a hundred years ago, but the important part of it goes before that time. In the past I talked about Thomas Benton Pyles. He was quite an important Fountain resident; unfortunately a couple years ago we lost one of his reminders.

T.B. Pyles was born in Salem, Illinois in 1845. In 1886 he moved to Kansas where he worked as a land agent. In 1891 he packed up and moved to the gold fields at Cripple Creek. He was no prospector, but his work was digging up newspaper stories for several Kansas newspapers, as well as other connections. He started his own newspaper in Florissant, but eventually moved his operation to the big city of Colorado Springs. After a couple years he relocated to Fountain, buying the Fountain Herald. The paper was formerly owned by Harry Ellington. Pyles retired and sold the paper in 1919. As some of you may remember, their office was in a little white frame building across the street from our office.

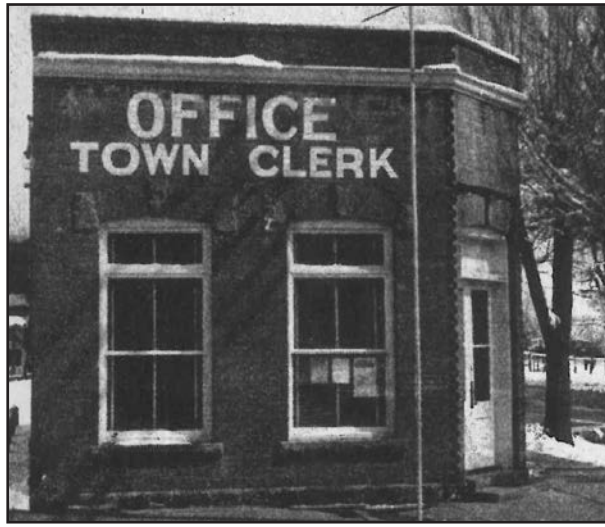
Pyles arrived in Fountain in 1907 and became active in a variety of local activities. The paper was used to help promote Fountain as a farm center.

Several special editions featured prominent buildings and people. We are fortunate to have a few copies of some of these editions at the local museum and in libraries across the state. His life ended in 1921, but the newspaper continued under a series of owners until just after World War II under the Herald banner. It would be almost twenty years until this newspaper took its place.

The days of little weekly papers are quite interesting. I enjoy finding and reading many of these, as they provide me with some interesting material. It is unfortunate that we cannot find more of these old Fountain Herolds.

Pages of the Past

(1958 - Present)



Sixty Years Ago (1962) THE OLD

Fountain's town hall in 1962 was in an ancient building built in the 1890s. It was in dire need of repairs, which would have run the town into many thousands of dollars. (Fountain Valley News file photo)

Fifty Years Ago (1972) AIRPORT CLOSED

The death of a small airport known as the Pikes Peak Airport: The facility held its last flight on March 14, 1972. The airport was located approximately where the Lowe's is now, before any of the commercial development in the area. A newspaper photographer was along for one of the final flights. (Fountain Valley News file photo)



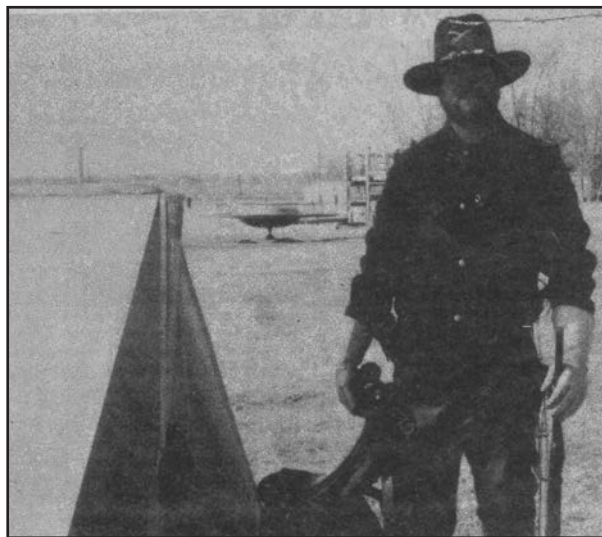
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Forty Years Ago (1982) THIS WEE VALLEY

A leprechaun stopped long enough to have his photo taken and say "Happy St. Patrick's Day!" then went on his merry way. (Photo by Jane Forsberg)

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Thirty Years Ago (1992) A LARGE SHOW & TELL

Richard Rains, a first-grader in 1992 at Lorraine Elementary, brought his father's semi truck to show and tell. His father explained to the class that it's normally attached to a 40-plus foot trailer and taken all across the highways of America. (Photo by Carl Wiese)



Twenty Years Ago (2002) TRUCK SMASH!

A truck accidentally drove through the large front window of Manny's Barber Shop in Security in 2002. (Photo by Jerry Bahner)