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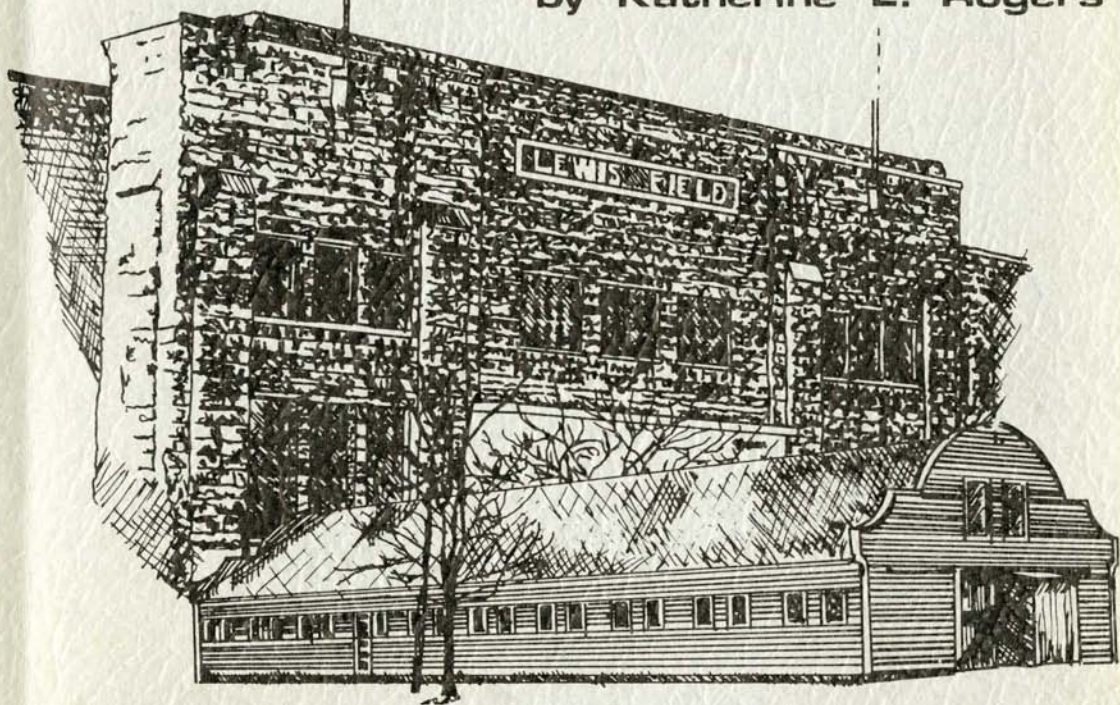
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THE LEWIS FIELD PIONEERS

GRIT, SPIRIT AND CHARACTER

a story of the

LEWIS FIELD HOUSING PROJECT

at Fort Hays Kansas State College

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Much of the text is quoted from letters received and conversations taped. Many of the Pioneers, or first residents of the Field, were contacted by President Gerald Tomanek and were invited to submit their stories for inclusion in a book. There may be some duplication of subject material and in a few instances some irregularity in figures, such as how many men were in each barracks each year, but the accounts were printed with the figures sent by the men with the belief that the exact number was not as important as the stories of how they lived and what they did.

The contributors are not listed here, but their names appear throughout the text with the quoted material and thanks are extended to all who helped make the book possible.

Other information was gathered from files of the *Hays Daily News*, *State College Leader* and the Fort Hays State College yearbook, *Reveille* for the years the Field was in operation. Histories of Fort Hays State College by Dr. L. D. Wooster and Dr. James Forsythe also provided basic historical information.

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When Jean Stouffer, a longtime dean of women at Fort Hays State died in 1976, she left a generous bequest to the university and a special fund to be administered by the president for special projects not otherwise fundable. Had Miss Stouffer been on campus during the early years of Lewis Field, she would have been a dedicated supporter of the program. It seems fitting, therefore, that this book could be financed through her gift to the school she loved and served for more than 20 years.

To Dr. G. W. Tomanek, who proposed this book and found a way to finance it, then asked me to compile it, my thanks.

Katherine Rogers



ABOUT THE AUTHOR

This book was written by Katherine Rogers professor of journalism emeritus. K.R., as she became affectionately known during her tenure at the University, was, of course, the ideal person to write the history of the Lewis Field Pioneers. No one, to my knowledge, knows more about Fort Hays State University, its people, heritage, idiosyncracies, anything, than this lady. She not only does a wonderful job of compiling the information and putting it into enjoyable words, sentences and paragraphs, it's obvious that she had a great time completing her task.

Katherine holds two degrees from FHSU and spent more than 20 years teaching and sharing her knowledge and expertise at FHSU. She won numerous awards including the Gold Key, the highest honor given by the Columbia Scholastic Press Association; was a "National Adviser of the Year" recipient; received a "Distinguished Adviser of the Year" award; and was named by Taylor Publishing Company "Outstanding Yearbook Adviser in the United States.

She is extremely active during retirement and continues to write a Sunday column for the *Hays Daily News*.

—Bob Lowen
Director
University Relations



This picture was probably taken during the school year 1934-35. Headquarters building is on the left. The center buildings are probably the kitchen and mess hall (neither of which were used, at least as such) and on the right is "40" barracks.



The Horse Barn became barracks in 1934 for the first contingent of Lewis Field Pioneers.

GRIT, SPIRIT AND CHARACTER

A Story of the Lewis Field Housing Project

Chapter 1

THE PURPOSE AND ORGANIZATION

Born in a time of great need and designed for short life, the Lewis Field housing project was a child of the depression years and destined to fulfill its duty in less than a decade. "It was a program that worked; the most significant opportunity in my life and for whatever followed, much credit belongs to Lewis Field," said one early resident of the field when asked about his experience of living in Camp Lewis or Lewis Field as it was officially designated.

The time was early summer, 1934. Effects of the Wall Street crash of October 1929, and the Bank Holiday of March, 1933 echoed from coast to coast and in the farm country of western Kansas. High school graduates found themselves unable to scrape together the bare minimum to permit college enrollment.

Dr. Clarence E. Rarick, then acting president of Fort Hays Kansas State College, was close to the heartbeat of the schools of western Kansas and was probably more aware of the plight of high school graduates than any other individual in the state. His devotion to education in the rural areas of Kansas was widely known and respected. Helping deserving and needy young people was one of his top priorities.

"Can't the college do something?" he asked and directed the question to a committee he assembled early in the summer of 1934. In the group were Dr. William D. Moreland, professor of political science and director of housing; Dr. Fred W. Albertson, professor of botany and director of student employment; Miss Elizabeth Agnew, dean of women and director of the cafeteria, Cody Commons; James Rouse, superintendent of the college farm; and Raymond U. Brooks, superintendent of college grounds.

The "something" the committee created was to be known as Lewis Field Housing Project, an unprecedented program which would (1) utilize derelict buildings, making them habitable for men students; (2) provide employment for those students which would enable them to stay in college; and (3) find the most needy and worthy young men possible to participate in the program.

Dr. Rarick's committee was quickly divided into several committees with Dr. Albertson in charge of recruiting and Dr. Moreland in charge of the housing project, assisted by Rouse and Brooks in planning sewers, pipe lines, drainage and a myriad of other necessities.

Letters were sent to principals of western Kansas high schools, asking for their recommendations of high caliber graduates, especially the valedictorians and salutatorians who could not raise sufficient funds to meet minimum needs at college. Men were to send applications for work to the Employment Office where they would be screened on the basis of scholarship, character and dependability.

By July 19, 1934, when Mrs. Nita Landrum began work as executive secretary of the Student Aids program and started the screening, she had a great pile of applications. Some of the young men had been out of school for a year or two, or even longer, and all were desperately in need of financial assistance.

Meanwhile Dr. Moreland and his helpers tackled the housing problem. The college had purchased on June 20, 1932, at a sheriff's sale, nine buildings at a cost of \$2,000. These buildings were formerly the property of the Golden Belt Fair Association and were on land near the campus and owned by the State of Kansas. Included were two long buildings, formerly horse stables, and the administration building, as well as a few small structures. Nearby were also two long barracks which had been constructed and occupied by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) in 1933 and vacated a year later.

An example of the dire need of the young men contacted is the following account written in 1984 for this publication by Arthur "Art" Leas.

"There were few jobs for adults in those years and none for teenagers. Many of both groups were 'bumming around the country, riding the rails and hitch hiking, looking for something.' I was fortunate to have a Saturday job at 30 cents an hour for a 10-hour day, working in a local grocery store.

"Sometime around Aug. 1, 1934, I had a call from a Jack Riley (Fort Hays football coach) encouraging me to complete the application to come to Hays that I might be given an on-campus job if I could get to Hays. So my father gave me a ride of some 17 miles out of Liberal, in an old car we had, from which point I walked 7-8 miles and then caught a ride all the way to Jetmore. After walking another 2-3 miles, I got a ride on a load of wheat into Ness City, from where I walked another mile or so and was given a ride into Hays. This ride was with a

mother and teenage son and a smaller child, none of whose names were recorded or remembered. This wonderful lady brought me to Hays and we arrived about 4:30 or 5 p.m. They let me off at the old City Hall building at 11th and Fort. I left my single suitcase at the Standard Station at that corner and went downtown to Geyer Drug to ask how to find Jack Riley.

"Gordon Farr and others at Geysers sent me back to Bert Lane at the Standard Station and he called, then took me to Jack and Helen Riley, who fed me canned beans and a bologna sandwich that evening. Really tasted good. I had spent 20 cents for two hamburgers in Jetmore, so had arrived in Hays with \$7.80 of my original stake of \$8, which my mother had managed to dig up, somehow. After this repast, Jack Riley took me to a house behind Cody Commons and turned me over to Alex Francis, who was housebreaking a few others—living with Ken Davenport and Ray Morton, who were finishing up that session of summer school.

"The following day Alex took me to Fred Albertson and I was assigned to a work detail at Lewis Field under Bill Moreland who had been assigned as Housing Officer. From Aug. 15 to Sept. 15, or thereabouts, I lived with Alex and ate there, and we charged groceries at Grass Brothers Grocers. My share of the grocery bill was finally paid off in April, 1935. Who can ever measure the impact of merchants who would allow an 18-year-old stranger to come into town and run a charge account for so long! Someone must have been foolish or had a lot of confidence in the younger generation of that time.

"The work we were doing was on the buildings at Lewis Field, which were of two kinds. First—the old horse barns of the fairgrounds, and secondly—the single-sheathed frame buildings which had been built by the CCC. The horse barns were lined with a form of tar paper, while the newer buildings had 3/4-inch celotex fastened between the wall studs. This was all the insulation they were to have—inside ceilings did not exist. Just the roof.

"On or around Sept. 15, we moved into 'Old 40'. It was rather exciting to be there and see the students come in. All had sworn that they had \$50 but we knew that many did not. I for one, had never seen that much money! In theory, all had ranked fairly high in their high school graduating class. Several had been to junior college and many had been out of school for periods of one to three years."

The college established a base price and agreement with the students. The men would live in the two old stables which would be known as "60" and "40" Barracks, indicative of the number of residents who could be housed in each. The administration building would be the supervisor's

headquarters. The CCC barracks would be made habitable a little later. The primary effort was to get the two stables cleaned, new wood floors laid and the place made ready in time for school in mid-September. The third building was rejuvenated a little later and identified as "56." Another was "36".

The first group of occupants numbered 100. They called themselves Lewis Field Pioneers and the name stuck. Although later residents of the field also are often referred to as Pioneers, the term was intended to apply only to the first residents.

Each Lewis Field man would be charged \$12 per month the first year, of which \$8 would pay for 20 meals per week at Cody Commons and the other \$4 would be housing payment. Each man would work 48 hours per month at the going rate of 25 cents per hour to earn his board and room.

The State Student Employment Project granted the college \$1,080 per month for 86 students in the Lewis Field Project. Under the National Youth Administration (NYA) jobs were found on campus which did not reduce the employment of other students at the college. The Lewis Field men worked as janitors, yard men, night watchmen and as helpers in the cafeteria, school laundry, print shop and greenhouse, and they cleaned cesspools and sewers. Some helped with flood control measures, drainage and soil erosion. Others worked in the library and on the college farm and dairy. One Pioneer remembers finding work with an elderly gentleman living near the campus, E. L. Wickizer, who made doormats from old tires.

While Mrs. Landrum and the committee reviewed the applications and placed the men in jobs, Dr. Moreland, assisted by Jim Rouse and Raymond Brooks, with student help worked feverishly to get the buildings read for occupancy.

The fairgrounds buildings were very primitive. Dust storms created real problems by breaking through the tar paper which was the only inside covering. There were many fire hazards, no sidewalks and only one bath house. Each building was arranged with a large lounge at each end, with sleeping quarters in the center. The beds were double-deck with new mattresses.

Burtis Taylor declared that Barracks 40 was more elite in that it was divided into two parts. "Each barracks had a double row of bunks for students and we were fortunate to have a locker which consisted of a small trunk which provided storage for our belongings. I was housed in the unit with Otis Dickey, Gene Moon and Art Leas. We had a recreation hall where we could study, play cards and talk. As I look back, it was a fascinating experience for approximately 120 of us to live together so closely. It seemed that I had a certain bond to Lewis Field, and once or twice in my college career, I debated about going to private housing, but something held me with the group that I started out with."

Occasionally a lad would have a mirror which would hang over an upper bunk. Heat came from a gas stove in each end of the room. Each building had limited toilet facilities, but everyone had to use the one bath house for showers, washing and shaving. It was pretty crowded some of the time, the men remember. Wash tubs were available for personal laundry in the

small room which also accommodated the water heaters. Rather than use the tub and board and the inconveniences involved, most of the men bundled laundry and sent it home to Mom, hoping that when it returned there would be a box of cookies or other goodies nestled among the clean clothes. Probably they were usually not disappointed. Sometimes there was even a dollar bill or two tucked in for good measure.

The administration building of the Fair Association was designated as the headquarters for Lewis Field, and a two-bedroom apartment was prepared for the camp supervisor and his family. The apartment included a kitchen and eating area, two small bedrooms, bath, living room and a four-foot by six-foot room which had once been the ticket office for the fair. This became the supervisor's office. Since it had windows on three sides, there was full view of the whole Lewis Field area.

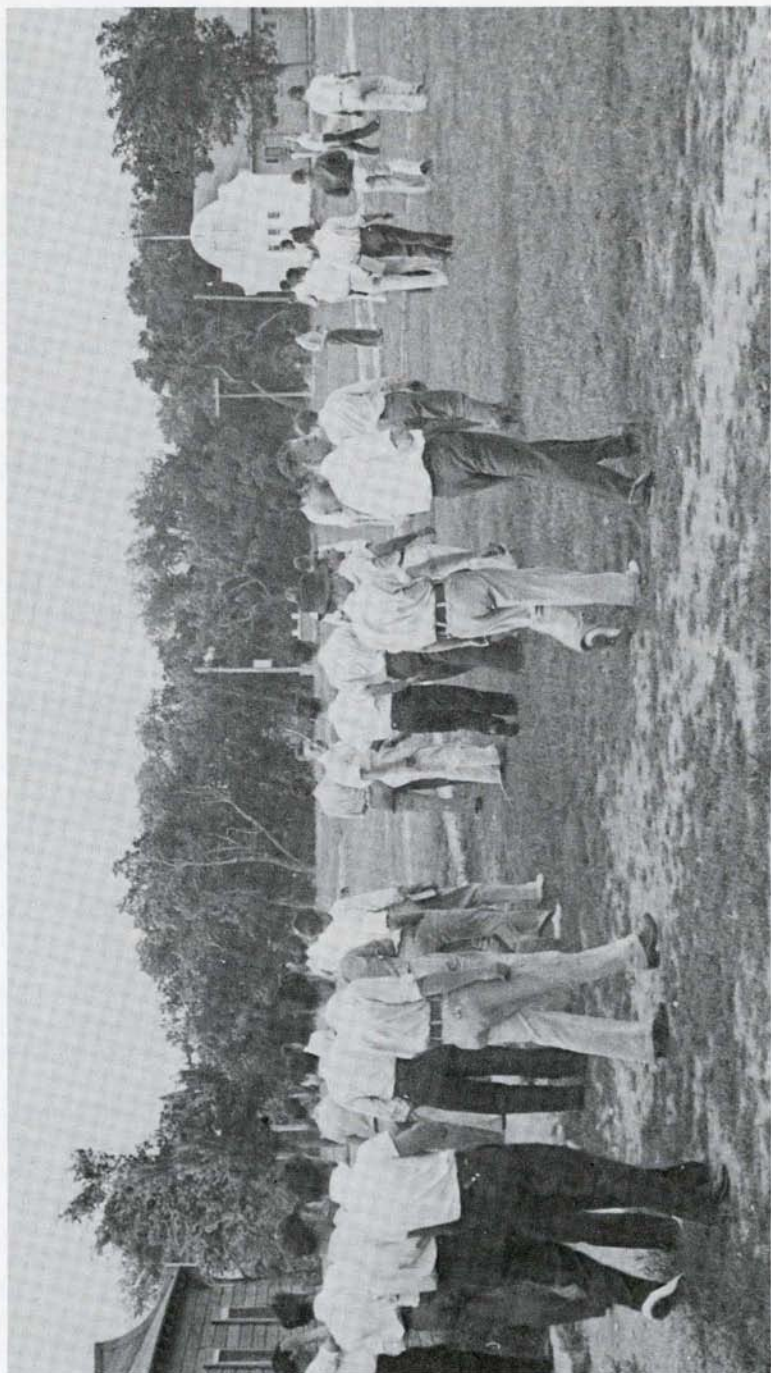
One general supervisor was in charge of Lewis Field, with two assistant student supervisors for each barracks. "We were fortunate in selecting our main leaders," recalls Dr. Moreland. The first general supervisor was Hugh Farquharson, followed in later years by Jesse Vague, Andrew Riegel and Arlyn Drake. "These were men of character, common sense and were interested in young people," Moreland said. The student assistants or monitors were selected on the basis of maturity and high school teachers' recommendations and later recommended by the camp supervisor.

The *State College Leader* of Sept. 13, 1934, says the first five student leaders were Clarence Leckron, Marvin Huber, Schwartzkopf, Norval Curry and Arden L. Wallace. Other references also name Delbert Newberry and Kenneth Richardson. (Note: no other verification of a Schwartzkopf in the Field has been verified.)

"The end result of all this [organization] was very few major problems," said Moreland. "Hugh Farquharson, the first supervisor of the Field, had enthusiasm which was contagious," Carl Rohwer wrote. "It was Hugh that influenced me to attend school in Hays. It was Hugh who influenced many of the men in the Field."

"Whether the life at Lewis Field was organized and patterned on camp life or the military life is difficult to say," wrote Art Leas. "Bill Moreland had served in the Army, so doubtless this was the source of his methods. He had two or three older men as supervisors so that each barracks had someone to keep a semblance of order and was there to attempt to enforce rules. Attempts were made to have mandatory study hours, so an isolated building was available as a study hall and recreation building. 'Lights out' rules in sleeping quarters were enforced, though the supervisors may have experienced some difficulty in getting to sleep themselves. Clever repartee and remarks about the supervisor or a flying shoe or other handy object, surely added to the stress level for those stalwart individuals. There were also 'getting up' rules, just as in the military, though eventually such details take care of themselves."

"Hugh Farquharson was a hard worker and a great motivator, liked by many, and others he rubbed the wrong way," wrote Marvin Hubert, who with Delbert Newberry, lived with the Farquharsons during the 1933-1934



The Pioneers are heading for the campus.

school year while attending Garden City Junior College. "He let us live in his unfinished basement free, except that we were supposed to help him finish it in lieu of rent. Later that summer he contacted us and told us about the Camp Lewis project. We were supposed to have \$100 each; if we didn't have quite that much (which was true in our case) we should come anyway. Hugh was going to be the camp superintendent."

Farquharson worked toward a master's degree while supervising the Field project. His later life has been recalled by Hubert, who wrote: "After finishing his master's at Fort Hays, Farquharson went to Ness City as superintendent of schools, then to Palco for a year or two, then to Garden City Junior College where he was a great favorite of Ira O. Scott (later of Fort Hays State). During World War II he was in the Navy as an instructor, later was in the motel business in northern California where he died at an early age about 1960. A couple of years ago a former student of his at Garden City Junior College started a campaign for a Hugh Farquharson Memorial Scholarship, and though some 45 years had passed, about \$15,000 has been contributed by friends and former students attesting to the respect and affection held for Hugh."

Meals Were a Dime and Milk Was Free

The task of feeding the men of Lewis Field was directed by Miss Elizabeth Agnew, dean of women and director of the college cafeteria. Supervising the cafeteria itself was Mrs. Adah Fitchie, remembered as "Ma" by hundreds of those who saw her daily and ate the food she and her staff prepared.

The first year the men paid only \$8 per month for food which included 20 meals each week or about 10 cents per meal. Beans, hamburger gravy on toast, chipped beef on toast, chili and such similar fare was basic. Because the college maintained a dairy herd, milk was fairly plentiful and the fellows were permitted to drink their fill, most of the time.

"Ma" Fitchie and a Mrs. Runyon did a great job of looking after a bunch of intellectually bright, energetic, conniving young men who would try most anything to get more food," remembers Art Leas.

Burtis Taylor also attests to "Ma" Fitchie's problems, saying, "We had many fascinating experiences swiping milk and bread to provide extra food and nourishment for our hungry bodies. The individuals who worked there had a chance for extra food goodies."

"We sat in our own section of the cafeteria," Rex Schwein said. "It was separated from the main room by movable screens. I guess the most memorable thing about those meals was the steady breakfast diet of oatmeal, prunes and toast. It was years before I could like oatmeal again, but it was wholesome and there was plenty."

Enrollment at Fort Hays State was fairly stable during the early 1930s, ranging from 628 to 664 each fall. In the fall of 1934, with the opening of Lewis Field, enrollment increased from 640 to 840 and remained at that level or higher until most of the male students left to join the armed forces in 1942.

Chapter 2

THE PIONEERS BECOME A "FAMILY"

Government in the barracks was carried on by the men themselves. The *State College Leader*, Sept. 20, 1934, said "Smoking is allowed only in the 'small room' off the recreation room and nowhere else on the grounds."

Alcoholic beverages, gambling and women were prohibited in Lewis Field barracks, although women sometimes ventured into the area in cars or on foot, but remained outside the buildings. One small building near the center of the field was designated as the Recreation Hall, where card playing, ping pong and "harmless" entertainment were available.

Being barred from entry to the barracks did not deter the interest of women in the men who lived at the field. The girls were very much aware of the occupants and of the primitive conditions under which they lived. By October of the first year, College women, working under a federal assistance program, made curtains and mattress covers. As soon as money became available, the working coeds also provided bedspreads. Many coeds lived in Custer Hall, just across the creek from Lewis Field and a neighborly camaraderie existed.

By the first of November the camp held open house during State Teachers Meeting weekend, inviting alumni, visiting teachers, parents and students.

Camp Lewis was considered on campus as "the largest and finest fraternity, high in spirit, with loyalty to each other and happiness in regimented quarters."

"We were like a huge family, and there must have been disagreements, but nothing serious that I know of," said Rex Schwein. "There were numerous instances of our banding together to help out someone or to enforce a point. We banded together pretty well when the campus elections were held because the Greeks and the Barbs were always pitted against each other. The Barbarians are referred to as Independents now, I suspect. Some of the Pioneers joined fraternities and many, even Barbs, became campus leaders."

"The men of Camp Lewis were a solid block," the 1939 *Reveille* declared. "They swept the freshman class elections and placed two of the three cheerleaders. Richard White of Norton was freshman class president; Colvin Kindschi of Liberal and Ray Thurlow, Hill City, were repre-

sentatives to the Student Council. Donald Bybee and Keith Sebelius were named cheerleaders."

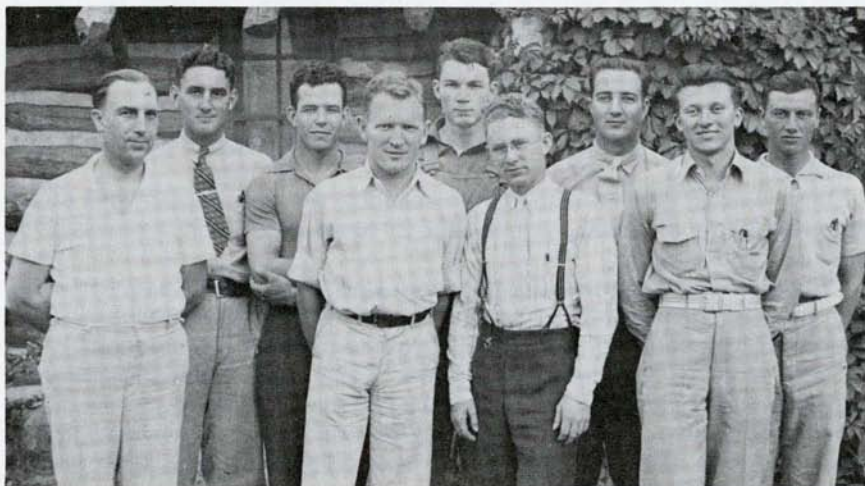
"The Field was so powerful it frequently determined important nominations for offices before elections and again after elections when committees were assigned. Only on rare occasions was an election lost because of overconfidence and failure to get the votes out," Clark Carlile said.

Otis Dickey was the first independent candidate to win the presidency of the student body and a number of men from the Field were elected to the Student Council with the Independents in the majority.

Social life meant walking a girl friend anywhere a fellow went, whether to Custer Island, a dance, to church or elsewhere. Walking did not, however, stop the kissing and hugging and falling in love. There was plenty of that.

Usually on alternate Monday evenings from 7 to 9 o'clock, Lewis Field sponsored a "no date" dance in the Woman's Building for camp residents and their invited guests only. Sometimes there was a live combo; sometimes there was recorded music, and several circle dances mixed things up, the men remember. Girls arrived alone but many were escorted home. If they did arrive with a date, they entered separately, then joined up again, once inside.

One big dance was held annually in the Woman's Building for only Lewis Field men and their dates. Clark Carlile recalls these dances: "Corsages for the girls were in order as was a live orchestra. A regular



Nine buddies pose by the log cabin erected by the CCC campers near the barracks. From left: Hugh Farquharson, Bill Wade, Burnard Clark, Lloyd Willison, Gene Moon, Clark Carlile, Lester Branson, Basil Cole, Delbert Newberry. (Date is either 1937 or 1938, according to Carlile who contributed the picture.)

innovation of these dances, always pre-arranged, was one special dance in the dark with all lights out. The dean of women frowned on this but the fellows loved it, as did their dates. Dance tickets cost 35 cents per couple, and those fellows who couldn't afford the cost, earned a free admission by selling a specific number of tickets and/or helping to decorate the building. Buying a corsage for the girl could cost 75 cents or more and break a fellow's purse. Hence, some had to earn their tickets."

Of the 40 men living in "40" Barracks the first year, only four or five had regular suits. Most had only two or three changes of clothing. When there was a special event, there were frequent lenders to buddies who lacked proper attire for certain occasions. The spirit of camaraderie was high and without it, the whole field project probably would have collapsed.

A "Cody Style" party, with "Buffalo Bill's Hangout" constructed in Cody Commons provided the setting for one Lewis Field party with Brooks Rickard and Bill Lusk in charge of all arrangements. Dance music was furnished by a campus band, "The Aces of Harmony."

Parties usually were simple. One Pioneer wrote of the great fun of a roller skating party in Sheridan Coliseum.

Life in the barracks was generally cheerful and filled with countless bull sessions solving worldly problems. On several occasions fake trials lasting several evenings were held by using volunteer criminals, attorneys, judges and juries. The charges often concerned a subject area not suitable for public announcement, hence all trials were somewhat secret, but well attended by Lewis Field men.

To live in Lewis Field you had to be employed on campus at a job, any job. Obviously you were at poverty level. If you lost your job, you had to leave the Field. If you moved from the Field for any reason, you usually lost your campus job.

No man could use a car while living at Lewis Field. If he owned a car, he could not use it except for driving home on weekends. Everybody walked.

Since the men received no Sunday evening meal, they singly, or in small groups, often settled for a loaf of bread and a quart of milk. Sometimes the pocketbook willing, a few fellows would splurge, walk downtown and enjoy a banquet at a restaurant for a quarter. A superbanquet cost 35 cents, usually not affordable. One or two Hays churches offered light Sunday evening suppers to students for 15 cents and this was a popular solution for a number of the Pioneers.

Dust Storms and Health Problems Affect the Field

Anyone living in western Kansas in the mid-1930s remembers the dust bowl and its consequences. Marvin Hubert describes one night in Hays: "It was in March, 1935, during the Regional High School Basketball Tournament in Sheridan Coliseum when a dust storm came up with dust sifting into the building so badly that it dimmed the lights on the playing floor by perhaps 50 percent. That evening going home to the camp, we crawled along the ditch at the side of the road so that we would not lose our way. Many times the dust sifted into the barracks so that when waking up in the



There were obviously cars at Lewis Field but rules said they were not to be driven.



Finding a place to play baseball posed no problem. There was lots of room and usually plenty of fellows to scrape up a game on short notice.

morning there would be a coat of dust about an eighth of an inch thick over the floors, and of course, over the bedding and our clothing. In addition, the barracks were cold and drafty."

Rex Schwein also remembers the dust storms, but adds one optimistic comment: "Those storms did have one helpful effect, though. We were sometimes hired to help clean up some of the buildings after such a storm, giving us a rare opportunity to earn some extra money. The amount of dirt accumulated by such a cleanup was phenomenal and the intensity of the storms is unbelievable to those who have not experienced them."

Art Leas said "Many mornings when we would waken, the dust on our pillows would show the outline of where the head had lain. It is easy to visualize the amount of dust which had settled on blankets and other exposed items. My mother had sent sheets and one part-wool blanket with me, so along with others it was sometimes necessary to pile other clothing on top of the bed at night, to stay warm."

Sickness occurred frequently at the field, in which case the stricken person lay in his bunk until recovery, or he went home. If he remained, supervisors or friends brought his meals from Cody Commons, often a cardboard ice cream container full of vegetable soup, cold on arrival.

Clark Carlile as a student supervisor described incidents relative to health: "On one occasion a mumps epidemic struck Lewis Field. Those who did not go home were isolated in a separate building. Meals were brought to them, and they visited their buddies (who had not had mumps) through windows.

"A second epidemic, scarlet fever, struck "56" and all men were quarantined for two weeks in "56" unless they went home. Dr. Earl Morris, college physician, checked daily for sore throats, fevers, and other problems. In one instance a fellow named Tow worried incessantly he would get the disease. Encouraged by certain men, Dr. Morris told Tow his throat was strawberry pink and to lie around until he was checked again. Tow spent a miserable day in his bunk until evening when his buddies told him he was okay. During this quarantine, studies suffered terribly, although the victims were told 'to study in camp.' Reality dictated that Lewis Field men help each other when in trouble and they did, generously, willingly."

On Dec. 1, 1934, Dr. Clarence Rarick was named by the Board of Regents President of Fort Hays Kansas State College, a post he had filled on a temporary appointment since October, 1933.

About this time, Dr. Moreland took Dr. Rarick on a tour of Lewis Field, shortly after a rain and snow storm. Water stood about one inch deep, Dr. Moreland remembers. He had put on galoshes, but the president had none. "It wasn't long until there was a sidewalk project," Moreland recalls.

In 1933-34 the Civilian Conservation Corps occupied two long barracks which were abandoned shortly thereafter when the CCC finished its work of cleaning out the park and Big Creek areas. These buildings were later to be repaired and added to the housing for the men at the Field. But other plans were also in the making for development of the Lewis Field area.



The stadium takes shape (1936).

The Stadium Is Built—with a Dormitory

It was not until May 20, 1936, that the Board of Regents issued an order which officially added the Lewis Field area to the established campus and named it.

The order read: "The portion of the campus of the Fort Hays Kansas State College east of the creek and bordering on the Kansas Frontier Historical Park, consisting of an area of approximately 25½ acres, formerly occupied by the Golden Belt Fair Association, is hereafter designated and known as Lewis Field, in honor of the late President William Alexander Lewis."

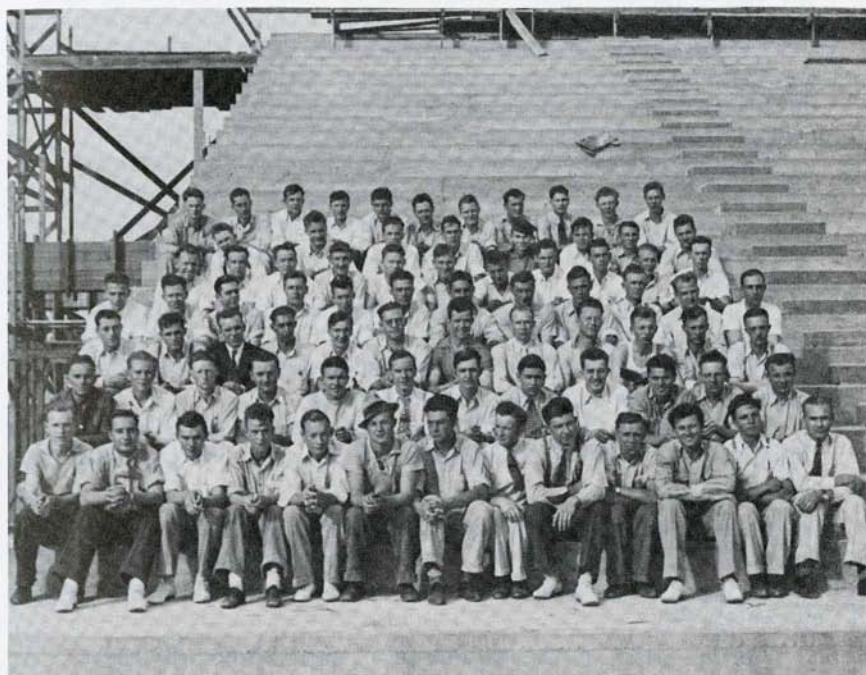
Not waiting for the official pronouncement, the college had moved ahead and in the winter of 1934, the football field was laid out in Lewis Field, replacing the old field located south of the present Forsyth Library. In November, 1935, construction began on Lewis Field Stadium.

The Works Progress Administration (WPA) paid for the labor and some of the materials, and the rest was purchased through a newly formed corporation, the Fort Hays Physical Education Association, which issued bonds in the amount of \$20,000 and leased the housing facilities on Lewis Field. The income from this repaid the bonded indebtedness.

The *Reveille* for 1937 said: "A dream has almost come true. Next fall the eastern half of the new Lewis Field stadium will be completed, replete with living quarters, a wall around the field, track for field events, glass-enclosed press box, and seats for 3,500. Work has begun on the western half, and when completed (both sides) will seat 7,000.



No identification was offered with the submission of this shot of nine Lewis Fielders in the unfinished stadium.



Lewis Field men of 1936-1937 pose on the unfinished bleachers of the new stadium.

The construction was valued at \$175,000.

Plans for the dormitory under the stadium came from ideas of President Rarick and R.U. Brooks, who visited the Huey Long stadium-housing project at Louisiana State University. By the opening of the fall semester of 1937, the stadium housing was nearly enough complete that 75 men moved into the "dormitory." Andy Riegel, who was Camp Superintendent at the time, describes the construction:

"A concrete floor resting on steel beams was laid the length of the building above the dressing rooms and beneath the sloping concrete that supported the seating area. The windowed east wall of the stadium was the outside wall of the dorm. A six or eight-foot-wide corridor ran along the wall the length of the unit. In the center was the lounge-study area, with a long sleeping room on each side. The dorm area roughly formed a right triangle with the wall forming the vertical; the concrete floor the horizontal; and the sloping concrete seating structure, the hypotenuse.

"This meant that the floor and the seating structure bisected some 20 feet from the wall, making it necessary to set the single beds just beyond the corridor with the head of each bed facing the corridor and wall. The foot of each bed was only a few feet below the sloping seating structure, making it necessary to stoop or crawl around the foot of the bed. The dorm had central heat from a hot water furnace that also heated the dressing rooms and showers and toilet facilities in the dressing rooms. These facilities were used by the men in the dorm.

"Only upperclassmen with good grade points and character references were to be assigned to the dorm and then only after careful screening. Students housed in the dorm had no supervisor, and the honor system was used regarding rules and regulations.

"Men had little privacy in the dorm, and each man's few possessions were stored in small lockers or suitcases. His bed was his castle. The beds were spaced about 6 or 8 feet apart, with no walls or screens to separate them.

"The dressing rooms, until they were used by varsity teams, became recreation headquarters for the men living in the stadium."

With the completion of the stadium and the renovation of the CCC buildings, living conditions at the Field improved somewhat each year. Primitive though it might seem, the 1939 *Reveille* gave quite a rosy picture of Lewis Field life:

"At the head of the organization was a man of vision, courage and ability, W.D. Moreland. In place of large barren halls and crowded sleeping quarters, in every apartment one

now finds comfortable chairs, study tables, desk lamps, new gas heaters and a radio. Now only six men sleep where ten or twelve formerly slept. Lockers are there for every man. A paid janitor keeps each apartment clean.

"Lewis Field Stadium is the latest addition. Men have homes in comfort with no convenience lacking. The Recreation Hall is furnished with pool tables and ping pong tables. In the lounge room, chromium plated furniture lends cheerfulness and comfort. There are card tables and a piano.

"Mrs. W. A. Lewis assumed new duties this year as mother for Lewis Field. She cares for the sick and acts as an advisor. Andy Riegel is general supervisor over Lewis Field. This is his second year. A sound health program, greater selectivity of applicants and strong leadership of Moreland have placed the stamp of high quality upon Lewis Field men."

Of Mrs. Lewis, Andy Riegel wrote: "Mrs. Lewis was most gracious, and it was easy to see why she was held in such high esteem by men of the field. In addition to her duties of housemother, she acted as health nurse. From a small storeroom off her apartment near the barracks, she dispensed supplies to the supervisors."

The 1939 *Reveille* says of Mrs Lewis: "She finds joy in her work as general hostess, caring for the sick and advising all 'her boys' in numerous matters. Mother Lewis has filled a vacancy in the heart of many a lonesome boy, and during the few months she has been with them, the men of Lewis Field have learned to love her."

Summing up its observation of the total Field project, the *Reveille* said: "Politically, socially and scholastically, Lewis Field has advanced until today it is prominent in each field."

Chapter 3

THE PIONEERS TELL THEIR STORIES

The impact of life in Lewis Field has endured for a half century for the Pioneers, and it is through their recollections that the story of life in the barracks is best told. In answer to requests from President Tomanek, a number of persons contributed anecdotes and recollections to be shared in this publication.

FROM BURTIS TAYLOR:

"It was a fascinating experience for approximately 120 of us to live together so closely. I lived at Lewis Field until the Lewis Field Stadium was completed, then moved into the dormitory under the stadium.

"In those days, as freshmen, we were required to wear a green beanie cap until Thanksgiving. We also were required to sit as a group at football games in the old stadium south of Sheridan Coliseum and Forsyth Library. I can remember two or three skirmishes with upperclassmen. The group stood together so well that no one really wanted to confront us. We had our confrontation with upperclassmen in the lily pond at Picken Hall. Some of us did hit the water; others were able to get away, but we did pull a number of upperclassmen into the water with us.

"We were a group that was very active in campus activities and as I remember, we controlled affairs of the campus student body government. I can remember my first experience in public speaking. I was speaking before the student body as a freshman candidate for the Student Council in Sheridan Coliseum. I never was so scared in my life. Luckily, my fellow students elected me to the Student Council and I served as a member for three years as well as president of the junior class. I attributed my election to the assistance of my fellow students at the Field.

"I have a vivid memory of a student by the name of (Ora) Vieux, whom we called "Porky," who came from some community south of Hays and who had an old Dodge truck. When it

would run, he would take us back and forth to Cody Commons for our meals.

"I can also remember very vividly our first meeting with Dr. Rarick. We met with him in the auditorium in Picken Hall. He stood very erect and was a pleasant gentleman. He welcomed us and had a personal feeling for each one of us. I can remember visiting with him several times in his office, which was open to students.

"Another gentleman who was very active with Lewis Field was Dr. Bill Moreland. He was more our mentor and had a great interest in the project. He spent many hours at Lewis Field after the work day, just talking with us and helping with any problems we might have. Dr. Freddy Albertson was another guiding light to the group."

FROM ART LEAS:

"The school year of 1934-35 was the one for the Lewis Field Pioneers. Some who had come in the fall failed to return in the spring and a few new ones came on the scene. By the second year, another barn was renovated and fixed up with partitions, showers and its own toilet facilities, so that only four people shared a sleeping compartment. Of course such elite accommodations went first to those who had survived the primitive conditions of the previous year.

"Walking from Lewis Field, sometimes through the apple orchard at Custer, to Cody and classes, with inadequate clothing and shoes should have been unhealthy. However, we recall very few illnesses, no major injuries or traumatic experiences. Could it be that some adversity could become an advantage? Many of the original 100 went on to lives as professionals in various walks of life, probably not because of Lewis Field, but more likely due to their basic character makeup. It was not easy to leave home and head for school when you had no money and only a hope for a job on the NYA payroll at 25 cents per hour. Dear Nita Landrum kept many a fellow in school by helping him find a job. She earned her place in the hearts of all Lewis Fielders.

"The story of barracks life at Lewis Field would not be complete without the name of Eugene Moon. He, like myself, came from Liberal, the capital city of the Southwest, and he had a few eccentricities of his own. He collected small animal skeletons and arranged them on shelves around his corner bunk, which was of the double decker type. He also found a 25-pound rock on which he painted "In God We Trust" and suspended it above his pillow, securing it by heavy wire. It was perfectly safe, except for the time he sat up suddenly and hit the rock with his forehead. Fortunately the rock was hard and

did not break. Obviously the head was also hard! Gene also thrilled some of the younger inmates by fastening a World War I bayonet on the wall with drops of blood coming off the end (red paint). To further astound the observers, Gene used to conduct feats of control, such as showing how long he could hold a lighted end of a cigarette against his palm or the calf of his leg. He also liked to cut holes in the ice on Big Creek and take a swim. Along with another of our home town boys, he liked to stage a 'staring contest' in which they attempted to look each other in the eyes without blinking or looking away. As I recall, about four hours was the record. One time they went to a meal at Cody Commons, with one fellow walking backward all the way from Lewis Field.

"Mention has been made of the study hall. This was an open room of some 30 x 40 feet with a narrow standard-sized door on the north and with a sort of ante-room outside, with its door on the east. This is of interest only because of a particular event which occurred when enterprising student or students managed to push and pull a fullgrown cow into the study hall. Again, it was just a playful stunt to keep the supervisors busy and alert.

"Just think of trying to study with a bit of loud talking going on around you, perhaps a ping pong game in progress and other assorted group sounds tossed in. Ken Davenport was an outstanding student who desired complete quiet, while Marvin Hubert could study through a tornado. The latter traditionally read his textbooks clear through and then discarded them. He was an economics-accounting major and usually did his accounting problems for the entire semester and then handed them in to the instructor as needed.

"The Regional High School Basketball tournament and an epidemic of three-day measles hit at the same time. Since many men wanted to attend the games, and a few wanted to work, it was not a good idea to sit and wait or get too sick. As a result, as soon as the first symptoms appeared, it was off to a hot shower to force the measles to the surface. Did it work? Who knows. But many of us missed only a day and probably spread measles all over western Kansas."

FROM REX SCHWEIN:

"One night, or rather early one morning a cherry bomb was thrown under someone's lower bunk. The explosion had its desired effect of awakening whoever was sleeping just above the blast (which also blew out the end of a suitcase and the unfortunate soul aroused enough to stumble his way to the toilet and back and flop back into bed—only he landed on bare

springs. Some of his 'roomies' had tossed his mattress and bedding over one of the overhead beams.

"Another time someone else had his stiff-brimmed, square-crowned straw hat impaled to the Celotex wall by an arrow.

"There were many cases of 'short sheeting' beds and of loosening the catches which held the springs to the frame so when the occupant would heave himself up to the top bunk or flop down on the lower, down he would go. Every Pioneer has his own stories of such pranks and shenanigans.

"When the first contingent of NRA (National Recovery Act) students (we called them pilgrims) was brought to campus, the boys lived on the top floor of the stadium. One of the boys was so grimy dirty that he actually had scales and in spite of some rather pointed suggestions and blunt remarks, he refused to take a bath. One evening a group of Pioneers gave him a bath—using scouring powder and a scrub brush. He came out of the shower with a glowing pink skin, and maybe he liked it because he stayed clean after that.

"I don't know how many of the other Pioneers have had the distinction of having lived in ALL of the Lewis Field facilities. My 'record' is:

1934-35—"40" Barracks

1935-36—"60" Barracks

1936-37—"36" Barracks

1937-38—Headquarters (12 of us were there)

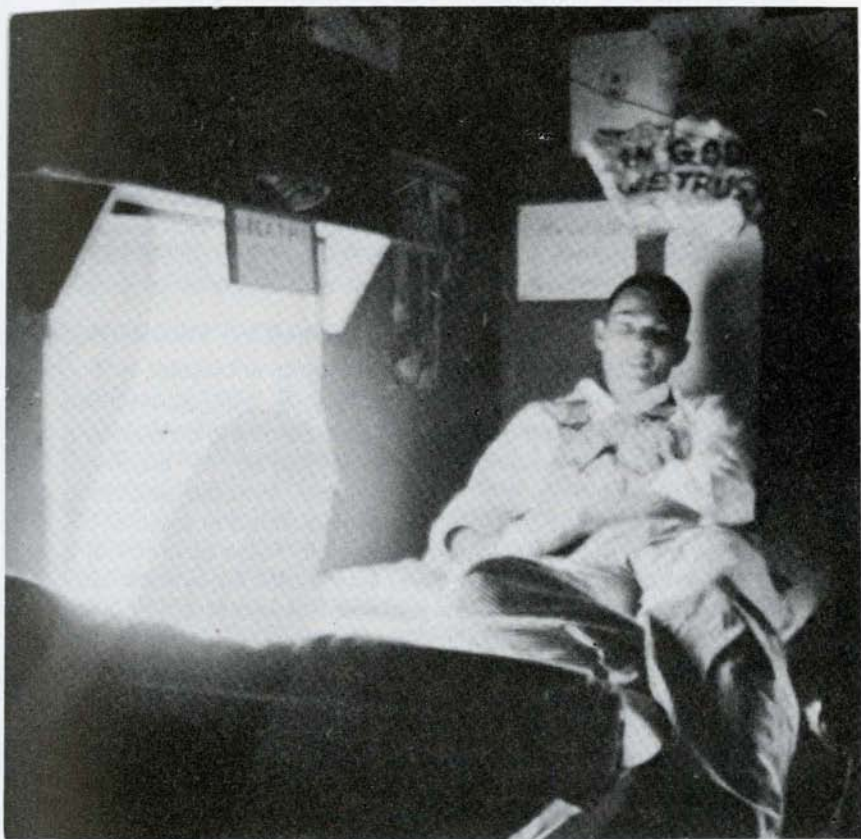
1939-spring—Stadium (the room is now the south ticket booth)"

FROM MARVIN HUBERT:

"Some things took place along Big Creek that might bear mentioning. One day in spring of 1935 or 1936, with the creek running pretty high, some of the boys decided to swim up to the dam near Custer Hall and were sucked under the water and almost drowned. The swimmers were Johnny Lund and Lloyd Willison and perhaps a couple of others.

"In the summer of 1935, some of us living at the barracks, including Omer Voss, decided to play a joke on a rather green freshman from Meade, Herbert Cole. We told him that a 15-foot wall of water was coming down Big Creek and had him packing his bags and ready to flee for dear life.

"One winter, on a very cold day, Eugene Moon made some kind of bet that he could go under the ice on Big Creek and show no sign of being cold. He went outside in his underwear and bare feet. Someone had chopped a round hole through the ice which was about a foot thick. Moon calmly dunked himself into the hole, keeping complete control all the while. He attrib-



School year 1934-35. South section of "40" barracks. Eugene Moon with his "In God We Trust" rock suspended above his head by a wire.

uted his stoicism to American Indian ancestry, which he claimed.

"Boys being boys, there were innumerable tricks pulled. One was on a student supervisor, Clarence Leckron, when they moved his bed on top of the barracks and in addition had put limburger cheese in his bedding.

FROM CARL ROHWER:

"Much is said about the primitive conditions of the project, but that was only incidental. It was the men with character and determination under difficult times that made the field unique. We all had an economic common denominator along with a strong desire for an education and we developed a close association that still exists after 50 years. As a member said to me recently, "We were underprivileged but did not know it."

"No history of Lewis Field would be complete without a number of stories about Eugene Moon. An entire book could be written about that character. I missed the first year with Eugene and therefore some others, like Otis Dickey, could give a better account of him. However, I did room with Eugene for a few years, and he kept me entertained."

FROM MRS. MEARLE HOOVER:

"One aspect of Lewis Field life largely forgotten is the program worked out for graduate students working on master's degrees and the undergraduates, employed as teachers, working on bachelor's degrees during the summer sessions.

"In the spring of 1936 Mearle Hoover decided to resume his work toward a master's. When he went to Hays to enroll and find housing, he went to see Mrs. Nita Landrum, whose husband had been Mearle's major professor. It was Mrs. Landrum who told Mearle about Lewis Field housing.

"Mearle must have been the first to make arrangements because we had the very first apartment in the first building around the bend of Big Creek. Our building had three units; each unit having two large, very bare rooms. One room had a partial bath, two lavatories and one stool. Each room contained a two-burner gas hot plate, a number of metal bunk beds and a few study tables; enough, we were told, for 16 boys during the winter session. The bathing facilities were about half a block south. The summer of 1936 was extremely hot, like 116 °, so we bathed often but could hardly get back inside and still feel fresh.

"We took a few orange crates for cupboards and the bottom of an old bureau for our clothes. The hanging things decorated the unused beds. We shared this magnificence the first year with Eric and Margaret Ann Penner for the sum of \$20 per

couple for the 9-week session. In 1937 and 1938 our rent was increased to \$30. Eric was an elementary teacher at Claflin, where Mearle was teaching.

"As far as I can recall, I was the only woman at the field enrolled in classes. I was doing this mostly to occupy my time and to avoid total boredom and because my parents insisted that I go, and went so far as to pay my tuition, the sum of \$17.50.

"We had no refrigeration in our unit, so every meal was started from 'scratch.' I think we ate a lot of sandwiches. We occasionally bought ice and stored it in a box covered with throw rugs, probably for some perishables. Most of the families cooked all their meals. Some families and children brought ice boxes, but every evening we went across the creek to the cow barns to buy milk, all of which was used at breakfast. We did eat out on Sunday.

"Several families were in school all three summers we were there. We didn't seem to mind the lack of facilities or the heat. It was a great experience and it doesn't seem that it was 47 years ago."

FROM BROOKS RICKARD:

The telephone rang at my home in Medicine Lodge in the summer of 1934. The voice at the other end of the line was my superintendent of schools, I. V. Martin. He asked me to come to his office for some good news. I hurried to his office and was informed that Fort Hays Kansas State College was making an opportunity for 100 western Kansas high school graduates to go to college—if they needed jobs to pay for food and lodging. He said W. D. Moreland was in charge and that he (Martin) was nominating Vivian Meckel and Brooks Rickard from Medicine Lodge High School. The resulting drama must have been re-enacted many, many times throughout western Kansas that summer of 1934.

"One evening four of us were playing bridge at headquarters at Lewis Field and a perfect bridge hand was dealt—13 of each suit. We dreamed of other perfect hands, but they never came.

"One really humorous event was the time a Holstein cow was borrowed from the dairy barn, and several men were trying to lead and push her into the barracks. Rex Schwein was heard to say: 'I hope old Moreland doesn't catch us.' At that moment W. D. Moreland walked up and said, 'May I help you boys?'"

FROM CLARK CARLILE:

"As a second-year Lewis Field Pioneer, I entered Fort Hays in 1935, a freshman, 23 years old, having worked and waited five years after high school to go to college.

"During my four years at Fort Hays, I was a student supervisor at Lewis Field Barracks 56 on the east bank of Big Creek, with the responsibility for discipline and lights out (voluntary bedtime) at 9:30 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 11:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

"One of the most enjoyable events in '56' when lights out occurred was for the barracks to become completely quiet while Dick Matheson told his bunkmate, Poppy Thorpe, bedtime stories. He did it quite seriously, was a master storyteller, and amused everyone in the darkness asking for a bedtime story.

"One time only did serious trouble occur. During the fall of 1937 or 1938, I'm not sure which year, at an evening meal, the food was mostly soupy potatoes which the fellows intensely disliked. Spontaneously they refused to eat the soupy stuff by piling their plates on top of each other, and we had what became known as 'The Pile-up Strike.' A few minutes later, Dr. Rarick appeared in response to an anonymous telephone call and soon Dr. Moreland came. President Rarick ordered me to remain for a conference and shortly thereafter he and I, with Dr. Moreland and Ma Fitchie, the popular manager of Cody Commons, met in a small room in the building.

"President Rarick summarily accused me of causing the strike and during the next 30 minutes he dismissed me from Fort Hays three times. After the third dismissal, with nothing to lose and quite angry, I told him bluntly it wasn't true, plus a bit of other information. Somehow I got through to him, and he reinstated me.

"Out of the 'Pile-up Strike' came a series of talks by President Rarick to all Lewis Field men after each evening meal in the dining hall for about a week. But he ordered more dishes for Cody Commons. We got our soupy potatoes and sloppy tomatoes in side dishes, and the meal conditions did improve.

"It was generally believed I was responsible for the 'Pile-up Strike' and despite all denials, to this day my good friend, Dr. Moreland, and perhaps many others, if they remember, still believe I was guilty. I was, I admit, active in campus politics. I was a barracks supervisor. I was and had been social chairman for all Lewis Field activities for three years and I was active in certain campus organizations. Somebody had to start the strike!"

Recollections of a Camp Supervisor

FROM ANDY RIEGEL:

"The apartment across the hall from the supervisor in the administration building housed eight fellows. One night a door slammed; then there was the sound of running feet and giggles. I heard voices outside the building and through the door burst one of the fellows. Close on his heels was one from one of the barracks. When they saw me, they stopped and laughed. The boy from the barracks was in his undershorts and the apartment lad had a pair of trousers wrapped around his arm. 'We were playing cards and I didn't do too well,' laughed one lad. "When I started to leave, they ganged me and took off my pants and have been playing keep away. They didn't tell me it was strip poker." The lad from the apartment laughed and tossed over the pants and apologized for waking me.

"Once three lads from 40 hunted me down to report that some of their clothes had been stolen. I asked if they had talked to their supervisor, and they said he hadn't been around. I promised to contact him and report the loss. Later in the day I found the supervisor. He knew where the missing items were and told me why the clothes had disappeared. The boys had left items scattered around the sleeping quarters and he had told them twice to shape up. When he made morning inspection, the clothes were scattered again, so he stuffed everything in a clothes hamper and took it over to a supervisor in another barracks to be stowed away. I left a note telling the three boys to come see me. When they came, I asked where the garments were when last seen. They admitted they had been on and around the beds. I told them the whole lot would be returned when they apologized to their supervisor for sloppy house-keeping and assured him it wouldn't happen again.

"A policeman came to my door one night. He was hunting for a transient who had been in one of the barracks earlier and had tried to rob one of the boys. We searched the field for about an hour, but found no trace of any transient. The next day the supervisor of one of the barracks let me in on the story.

"The evening before, a transient had come to the barracks lounge and asked if he could come in and get warm. The fellows admitted him. He stayed about an hour and left. One practical joker in that barracks turned in early that night and his friends took advantage of him. They would have a posed transient hold up the prankster. They hunted until they found an old, long overcoat, much like the real transient had worn. One boy put it on and pulled an old cap down over his face. For a weapon they used a short piece of broomstick.

"They waited until they were sure their victim was asleep, then the 'thief' approached the unsuspecting fellow and poked the broomstick in his side. The boy awoke with a start and in the dim light found himself looking at the old transient. His tormentor said "Don't make a sound or I'll blow you apart. Give me your money or I'll take your life." The trembling lad whispered "My money's out in the other room." 'Get it,' ordered the thief and the lad jumped from bed and headed for the lounge. He ran to the door, jerked it open and clad only in his briefs, headed for the police station, where he arrived nearly frozen. He was a long time living down that practical joke.

"One of the few unpleasant memories of the years as supervisor concerns the mail for the barracks. The post office delivered the mail, placing it in a large box just inside the administration building. Someone from each barracks then would pick up the mail for his barracks and distribute it to individuals. The first of the month was always a big day for that was when the government checks arrived.



School year 1937-38. Headquarters Building. Ivan Birrer, Burnard "B.C." Clark, and Sene Carlile relax with some strip-poker.



School Year 1937-38. Headquarters Building. Ivan lost!

"One month checks for two fellows were missing. I called Mrs. Landrum who immediately called the banks to hold all the boys' government checks for signature inspection. The two checks appeared, with forged signatures. We were confident it was someone living at the Field, but the problem was to identify him by handwriting.

"In Mrs. Landrum's files were cards bearing the signature of every man at the Field. Each of the problem checks had been signed with the name of the payee, and it appeared both signatures had been written by the same person. A meticulous comparison of all handwriting was made and we came up with a marked similarity of penmanship. The young man was called in and when confronted with his signature on the card and its close resemblance to the endorsements on the checks, he confessed to the forgery.

"He was dismissed from school. That was the only mail theft while I was supervisor and soon after that a campus mailman was hired to receive all field mail and distribute it personally."

Loyalty Was Evident

From records kept by Dr. Moreland and Mrs. Landrum come scattered accounts of incidents concerning the Field.

Sometime during the year of 1935-36, three residents were accused of drunkenness. The loyalty and camaraderie of the residents is verified by the fact that 82 men signed a petition for clemency for these three, who, according to the petition "were indicted for using intoxicating liquors and faced possible discharge from work programs and Camp Lewis. Such dismissal would send these boys home to parents and community unjustly handicapped. Such implications as would result from such action would be misrepresenting the true character of these boys." The lengthy petition urged that the employment committee "give these boys an opportunity to carry on their present status and thereby prove their worth."

No report of action taken was found in the files, but the fact that at least two of the accused graduated in 1940 and that all three have had successful lives since the incident indicates that the committee probably showed compassion and restraint, permitting the men to "carry on their present status" in the Field.

Four Years In The Barracks

"Listed with the seniors in the spring of 1938 were 24 young men who were known as Camp Lewis Pioneers," reads an article in the *State College Leader* that year. The headline says: "Camp Lewis Pioneers Among Seniors; They Have Developed With Lewis Field." The article declares these 24 men remained in the Field throughout their four years of college life, living in the CCC barracks, now known as Camp Lewis or Lewis Field.

"Hanging in Supervisor Andrew Riegel's office is a framed inscription with the names of those who first lived in Lewis Field.

"The inscription follows:

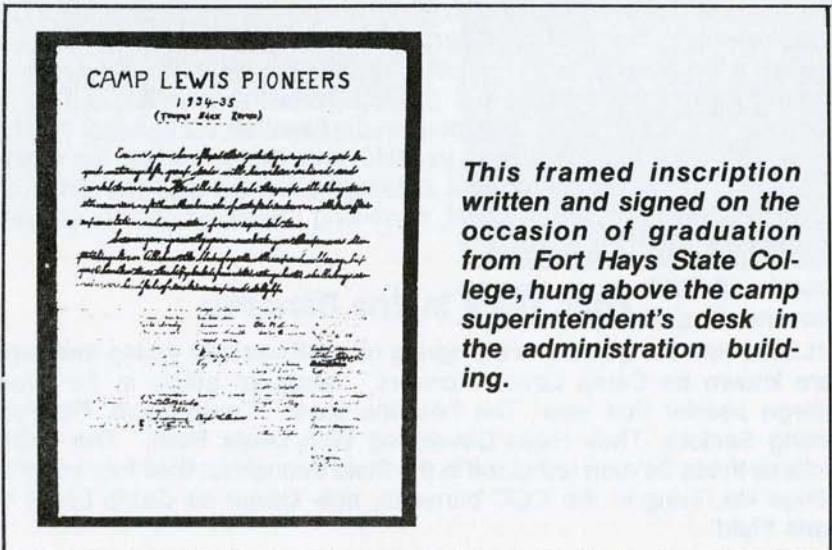
Ere our years have flexed their pulsating wings and sped beyond maturing life, great deeds will have been achieved and recorded to our name. We will have lived, the past will belong to us; its memories unfathomable channels of satisfied endeavors, will be sufficient consolidation and compensation for our expended times.

So scurry on, you costly years—accelerate your thrust on dispatching lives. All know the blades of youth will rust and mold away, but you, O Boundless Time, the hill plucked from deteriorating haste shall long remain our handful of enshrinement and delight.

Names on the inscription are: Lawrence Pfortmiller, Forest Taylor, Burtis Taylor, Herb Seyfrit, Hollis Been, Floyd Motley, Vivian Meckel, Otis Dickey, Philip Lauver, Brooks Rickard, Rex Schwein, Ray Thurlow, Laverne Sprier, Earle Bondy, Hersey Bibb, Floyd Reynolds, Leroy Cross, Ned E. Whitmer, Lester Branson, Wesley Burford, Eugene Moon, Hugo Pfortmiller, Doyle Foster and John Barkley.

"Dr. C. E. Rarick, Dr. W. D. Moreland and Hugh Farquharson, then Lewis Field supervisor, also have their signatures on the document."

Efforts have been made several times in recent years and again this year (1984) to locate this framed inscription, but so far, it has not been found. It was reported to have been taken to McGrath Hall when the old barracks were vacated, since McGrath stands near the site of the original buildings. Efforts will continue to locate this bit of Lewis Field history.



This framed inscription written and signed on the occasion of graduation from Fort Hays State College, hung above the camp superintendent's desk in the administration building.

Chapter 4

World War II Brings Changes to Lewis Field

By 1942 the world picture had changed. Very few young men were enrolled at Fort Hays State. Lewis Field had almost fulfilled its mission. Copy for the 1942 *Reveille*, probably written before Dec. 7, 1941, said "The number of men [in Lewis Field] has dropped from 200 to 150. Arlyn Drake is Field Supervisor this year. Activities include a lively party in the stadium each semester and a formal dinner-dance; openhouse dances alternate weeks to which all campus girls are invited. Mother Lewis is a gracious hostess at functions."

The next year the *Reveille* said "Lewis Field has been a home for many boys who attended Fort Hays State. Now it is fitting that it should be used in the service of our country."

President Rarick died Aug. 1, 1941 and was succeeded by Dr. L. D. Wooster who had been on the Fort Hays faculty since 1909. He was Dean of the College the last two years of the Rarick administration. President Wooster retired in 1949 and was succeeded by Dr. M. C. Cunningham. All three of these men were involved with the Lewis Field housing project as it changed repeatedly in the next 20 years.

Enrollment "bottomed out" at 247 in the fall of 1943, and of this number only 30 were men. In the fall of 1942 the college had a contract with the government to train 440 liaison pilots who were to work with field artillery in combat. Another 60 were trained in secondary flight and about 100 others were trained as instructors.

These were not Fort Hays State students, but young men who had joined the Army Air Corps. They lived in Lewis Field and ate in Cody Commons. The Army did not permit civilian students to use any of the Lewis Field facilities while its students were housed there and the military personnel required all possible housing facilities at the field.

There were half a dozen other War Training Service programs operating on the campus during this period, as well as 327 persons in Civilian Pilot Training programs.

To alleviate the housing situation during the war, the Board of Regents approved use of \$10,000 of oil lease money to close in the unfinished structure of the first unit of the Men's Residence Hall, which had been started in 1939 as a project of National Youth Administration (NYA). The unit was completed and the first occupants were men in military service.



School year 1937-38. The dormitory of Headquarters Building.



School year 1937-38. Headquarters Building study room. Left to right are Leroy Cross, Ralph Larson, Earl Bondy, Ivan Birrer.



Lewis Field men of October, 1944, from records of Mrs. W. A. Lewis. Front row, from left: Bud Hall, Dale Conway, Dean Curry, Walter Payne, Robert Temple, Ralph Meyer, Mrs. Lewis, Dr. W. D. Moreland. Back row: Norbert Bequet, Norman Pettie, Dale Berneking, Willard Brown, James Yoxall, Edwin Pifer, Ben Russell, Francis Gilbert, Eugene Wolverton, Dick Howard, Jack Shaw.

After the war the rush of students returning to college created another housing crisis as building programs in the city and on the campus had not been able to keep up with the demand. Consequently, the Board of Regents authorized in 1946 and 1947 the acquisition of a number of Army barracks, including hospital buildings from the recently abandoned Walker Air Base east of Hays. These were moved to Lewis Field and converted into 123 apartments which were occupied by married students and faculty members for most of the next 20 years.

Several small one-room "hutments" also were moved from Walker Air Field to Lewis Field at this time and provided temporary housing. However, these were not satisfactory and were removed as soon as the need lessened.

Finally, by the latter half of the 1960s, with the construction of Wooster Place for married students, Agnew and McMinded Halls for women, two additions to McGrath Hall and the building of Wiest Hall for men, the housing accommodations on campus had caught up with the demand and the barracks were no longer needed. The entire Lewis Field area was cleared of the old wooden buildings and the space converted to parking area for stadium events.

Only Men's Residence Hall, later named McGrath Hall, remains near where the original fairgrounds buildings once stood. Nearby is a neat, modern structure which houses the Early Childhood Education Center. Very young special children attend this school which serves as a laboratory for students in special education. These youngsters are not Lewis Field residents, but they, too, are a part of the total picture. Someday they, too, may recall the days spent at Lewis Field.

Where Did They Go?

What became of the Lewis Field men? After the war some returned to the campus to finish their interrupted education. A few did not return from military service. The great majority of the men were soon scattered to all parts of the country to pursue peaceful endeavors and begin the serious business of life.

Their grit, spirit and determination which had been evident some years ago now stood them in good stead as they met the challenge of the postwar period and a high percentage of them became eminently successful in business, education, public service, religion, politics, military careers and a full range of professions.

In 1959 Fort Hays State College began recognizing outstanding achievers with Alumni Achievement Awards and since that date 13 Lewis Field men have received this honor. A total of 76 awards have been bestowed through 1983.

Lewis Field Alumni Achievement Award winners are Omer G. Voss,

Vernon Stutzman, John Barkley, Burtis E. Taylor, Keith Sebelius, Allen P. Mitchem, William E. Lusk, Wilbur DeYoung, Gerald Tomanek, John K. Hemphill, C. Wayne Cook, Robert French and Karl Carson.

Mrs. Nita Landrum also has received this award. Another category of Alumni Association awards bestows the Distinguished Service Award to non-graduates who have been deemed worthy of special consideration for their contributions to Fort Hays State College. In this group are Herman "Red" Rohrs and Dr. W. D. Moreland.

In Retrospect

Several of the Pioneers who volunteered contributions to this volume have written summations of their feelings about the Lewis Field experience. One said: "The physical side of Lewis Field tends to fade a bit in memory and no doubt was not all that important, anyhow. The friendships formed there, the spirit of the group, these are things which lived on and still make many of the men fond of those days. As with any other item which borders on sentiment, not all feel this way, but a sufficient number do, so that a fund of money has been contributed to enable a grant to be made to assist students to attend the university. This is the Lewis Field W. D. Moreland Fund, which hopefully will grow and increase in future years."

Burtis Taylor: "If it had not been for the vision of the people at Fort Hays and my opportunities as part of the Lewis Field Pioneers, I would not be where I am today, and I would have missed many wonderful experiences of my lifetime."

Marvin Hubert: "Though we lived in extreme poverty by today's standards, none of us felt poor, and we faced the future with confidence. Confidence was inspired by such magnificent people as Dr. W. D. Moreland, Hugh Farquharson and Nita M. Landrum; and the support of the many fine men who were there with us."

Clark Carlile: "After almost half a century I can look back a moment and see Lewis Field as a grand experiment. It gave me the chance I needed that the depression denied. It gave hundreds of others the same chance. We were humbled by poverty, but we were not afraid to work. And we did. It is my belief that of all the experiments to help students get a college education, Lewis Field stands foremost. And it is my belief that when compared to all other groups ever to attend Fort Hays, Lewis Field men have proved themselves second to none."

Art Leas: From a distance, Lewis Field was an adventure. Up close, it was just another day, a month, a year in the life of some young men who hoped for an education. For many, there was no going home except maybe at Christmas. You sent laundry home in those days and hoped that when it returned, it might also bring a batch of homemade cookies. If you were an athlete, and many were, you might get out of town a few times

and have a special meal now and then. But otherwise, you were in Hays, Kansas for the duration. No real problems, just a brief phase of life. And to Mrs. Landrum: Whenever the boys from Lewis Field needed help, you were there with an outstretched hand."

Ivan Birrer: "To Mrs. Landrum—I don't know how many Kansas youth owe a debt to you. Certainly the number is legion. I only know I'm one of that large number and I wonder how that debt can be repaid. I've decided that the best payment on the principal would be the effort to be the influence for good in the next generation that you've been on mine. As interest on the debt, I offer sincere thanks for the many services rendered."

Andy Riegel: "The employment office on campus, under Mrs. Landrum's supervision, was a popular place. Through her efforts and the Lewis Field program, many of these boys were able to stay in school and obtain their degrees."

Carl Rohwer: "The success ratio of the men has been very high. From this group have come outstanding doctors, educators, chemists, engineers, ranchers, lawyers, politicians, etc. I look back with pride to having been a part of this group."

Mrs. Landrum: "I will never have, nor have I ever had such a great experience as occurred in the 'thirties' with those boys." At the Lewis Field Pioneer Breakfast, Oct. 1, 1983, Mrs. Landrum spoke briefly: "I had a lot of applications from you folks. I kept going in the student aids office for quite a few years and I saw most of the Lewis Field boys during those years. I appreciate the fact that I knew you and that I can still call you by name—at least, after you tell me what your name is. I can look at your face and I can see that little boy because really you were little boys to me at that time."

A postscript from Clark Carlile: "In the fall of 1938 a young man enrolled in Fort Hays State and lived in Lewis Field, telephone number 1062. Strangely enough, after all these years he did not make it out of Fort Hays. His name is still on the records and he is there. He was from Collyer, Kansas, and today is known as Dr. Gerald Tomanek, President, Fort Hays State University, telephone number 913-628-4231."

Chapter 5
THE SPIRIT IS REKINDLED
and
Lewis Field Club is Organized

More than 30 years after they first came to Lewis Field, a small group of the Pioneers mused over their experiences and dreamed of a reunion with old friends. Art Leas was President of the Endowment Association and with encouragement from Vivian Meckel and others, the ground work was laid for a reunion.

When Burtis Taylor received the Alumni Achievement Award in 1968 he made a generous contribution to establish a new fund which would be called the Lewis Field Pioneer Fund.

Letters were mailed in August, 1968, over the signature of Taylor, to 350 Lewis Field Pioneers, suggesting the creation of this fund which would have these guidelines:

1. This fund will serve as a permanent student loan fund.
2. Monies in this fund shall be used in the National Defense Student Loan Fund as needed.
3. Monies in the fund shall be administered by the Endowment Association officials in the manner determined by them to be the most desirable at a particular time.

(Note: The National Defense Loan fund was a matching program where each dollar of private money was matched with nine dollars of federal funds in a revolving, low-interest program. It has now been discontinued.)

A reunion was planned for Homecoming Oct. 12, 1968, for alumni and former students who were involved with the original Lewis Field housing project. The timing was determined in order to coincide with the approaching retirement of Dr. W. D. "Bill" Moreland—the one individual more closely related to that housing project than any other faculty member, the planners stated in their letter.

This goal was to collect \$25,000 within the next five years, by having a Century Club of members pledged to give \$100 per year for five years.

In the letter to invite the Pioneers, Taylor said of Moreland: "You remember that unique individual, a fiery, red-headed Irishman, whose

enthusiastic presence always seemed to pervade the Lewis Field Housing Project and his dynamic classroom. Dr. W. D. "Bill" Moreland was a person who was always concerned with our welfare and comfort as we progressed through college life. His wise counsel and courage enabled many of us to overcome difficulties and disappointments. This coming June, 1969, wonderful Bill Moreland will retire as a staff member of Fort Hays Kansas State College."

More than 50 Pioneers and wives attended a reception at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Vivian Meckel, which climaxed Homecoming in 1968 and plans were made then for another reunion.

Of this Homecoming and the reception, Dr. Moreland wrote: "It was a most satisfying day. This is my last year of teaching and although I've had many excellent students through the years, my most potent friendships have been with the Lewis Field Pioneers."

Mrs. Landrum wrote: "It was with considerable nostalgia that I anticipated the get-together with the Lewis Field Pioneers during the recent homecoming activities. For several reasons it brought back memories of those years when the Pioneers were not only young and involved in a live or die struggle, but when I too, was young in living and in working and involved in a struggle for the survival of my little family. Come to think of it, Dr. Moreland was young in college teaching and I'm sure felt all of us struggling.

"At no time in recent history has there been an era when it was so necessary for one to fight to exist. At no time has there been so much evidence to show that those who did fight and took advantage of the opportunities could not only survive the pressures, but also succeed in spite of the adversities.

"Regardless of what we thought of those first government subsidies and the abandoned old Ellis County 'fair' barracks, we can thank and be grateful to Dr. Clarence E. Rarick who had the courage and the foresight to use our meager housing facilities and limited subsidies. It did provide the opportunity for that group as well as for many succeeding groups to get a college education.

"We are all familiar with the level of success which has come to the group of Pioneers. The conditioning of those 'dirty thirties' paid off. There is great pride in the accomplishments of this group of men. They have managed to succeed much above the level of the average man . . ."

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When Doctor Moreland retired in June 1969, this was printed in the tribute folder: "Bill Moreland rolled into Hays in 1933 with a brand new doctor's degree in hand and a job as a political science teacher at Fort Hays Kansas State College. During the next 36 years he found himself raising money for scholarships, directing the housing program and serving as dean of men. His 20-year stint in the housing department saw the physical plant grow from a single dormitory for women to a well-rounded

program of residence halls for both men and women. Through reorganization of the academic structure of the college he emerged as chairman of the Division of Social Science, after handling the responsibility under a variety of other titles. Obviously anyone under the age of 35 would think that Bill Moreland 'came with the franchise.' He is the last active member of the William A. Lewis regime. He watched C. E. Rarick and L. D. Wooster retire and is running a dead heat with M. C. Cunningham. However, prior to joining the Fort Hays staff, he had served as a high school principal and coach in Albion, Iowa, and superintendent of the Gray, Iowa, Consolidated Schools. In addition to the Ph.D. he also holds B.A. and M.A. degrees from the University of Iowa. His fondness for fishing is legendary, but it just didn't seem right not to mention it."

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After Homecoming 1968, Kent Collier, then executive Secretary of Endowment, edited a four-page Lewis Field Pioneer edition of *The Leader* which was mailed to about 350 of the total of 600 names of men who comprised the Lewis Field Pioneer group from the fall of 1934 through the spring of 1939.

Collier reported that \$8,720 had been pledged or given for the Pioneer Fund—all within three months after the first call went out that summer.

The fund grew and by 1973 had cash and pledges totaling \$11,552.01 and by 1978, the principal in the fund was \$9,422.51.

In 1975 Vivian Meckel wrote: "It looks like that about every three years we should have a fairly hard push on a breakfast, but in between times have a "whoever's here for Homecoming breakfast." So it looks like we've got something started now that we can continue until we run out of Lewis Field Pioneers. So you just as well tentatively put down for next year's Homecoming a 7:45 Lewis Field breakfast get together.

The formal organization of the Lewis Field Club occurred at Homecoming 1976, with Meckel as President. Bylaws were drawn up with the Endowment Association Executive Officer as a permanent secretary and treasurer and the custodian of the funds of the organization.

Also in 1976 action was instigated to establish funds for some sort of physical memorial to Bill Moreland. At the Early Bird Breakfast in 1977 the Bylaws were adopted and Moreland expressed his objection to any object or physical memorial to him, preferring that any memorial should be in scholarship funds. Consequently all monies contributed to the Memorial Fund were transferred to the loan fund.

Dues were established at \$10 per year and membership was opened to graduates and former students who had been selected for the Lewis Field program; also spouses of persons who qualify for membership and associate membership to selected "persons who have made a generous contribution in time, talent or monetary assistance." Honorary memberships were authorized for the College President and in 1978 were presented also to Leonard Thompson, Ralph Huffman and Andrew Riegel.

In 1979 the funds, totaling nearly \$10,000 were consolidated to provide scholarships in the amount of \$500 each, using only the interest from the fund.

Presidents of Lewis Field Club have been Vivian Meckel, Arthur Leas, John Wallace, Herman "Red" Rohrs, Floyd Reynolds and Carl Rowher. President for 1984 is Tom Small.

The Scholarship fund currently has a principal of \$14,504.70 and four scholarships were awarded for 1983-84. Three recipients have been named for the fall semester of 1984. Each receives \$250 for each semester of the freshman year.

In looking ahead, it has been suggested that the Lewis Field Club really should have a logo—something which would tell the world about the philosophy, purpose or intent of the club. The only suggestion offered has been "In God We Trust"—painted on a rock. Gene Moon would have approved of that!



Spouses and friends of the Pioneers joined in the fun at Meckels in '68. From left: Kent Collier of FHSU Endowment Association, Mrs. Art Leas, Mrs. Clair Anderson, Mrs. Vivian Meckel, Clair Anderson and Vivian Meckel.



A reception in the Vivian Meckel home climaxes the Homecoming gathering of Lewis Field Pioneers in 1968 and led to the organization of the Lewis Field Club. From left: Vernon Meckel, Arthur Leas, Wes Burford, Jim Peters, Mrs. Nita Landrum, Vernon Stuart, Mrs. W. D. Moreland, LaVern Spreier, Doyle Foster, Herman Rohrs, Dr. W. D. Moreland, Standlee V. Dalton, Delbert Newberry, Karl Carson, Brooks Rickard, Bill Lusk.



A dinner party in Topeka in the fall of 1983 brought together Basil Cole, Harold Adams and Dale Weems, all of Topeka, who shared with Mrs. Nita Landrum some early recollections of Lewis Field.

Appendix I-B

MORELAND LEWIS FIELD SCHOLARSHIPS

I

This scholarship is granted in honor of W. D. "Bill" Moreland, director of the Lewis Field Dormitory project and "father in residence" to the young men who lived there from 1934 to 1941. This scholarship shall be known as the W. D. Moreland Lewis Field Scholarship.

II

The purpose of this scholarship is to provide funds for aiding young men to continue their education at Fort Hays State University. The income realized on the investment of the scholarship funds shall be used annually to carry out this purpose.

III

A candidate for the award shall be a young man who is a graduate of a high school or its equivalent. The appointment shall be sponsored by the Lewis Field Club, a division of the Fort Hays State University Endowment Association. Selection of an individual to receive the award shall be made by a committee consisting of the President of the Lewis Field Club, a representative from the Endowment Association and a representative from the Scholarship committee of the University. In the event that a President of the Lewis Field Club is not available, the Chairman of the Department of Political Science at the University will serve in such a position.



"Doc" Moreland joined the faculty in 1933 and retired in 1969. He was an outstanding teacher and was at one time or another Director of Housing, adviser of men, and Chairman of the Division of Social Sciences.

IV

The candidate for this award shall be a young man of excellent character, of high scholastic standing and shall have exhibited leadership ability, as attested by letters of recommendation.

Application for this scholarship shall be made to the regular scholarship committee of the University, in the form then in use for other such grants. In addition to personal information and letters of recommendation, a candidate must provide evidence that he has a minimum fund of cash equal to one-third of the estimated annual cost at Fort Hays State University.

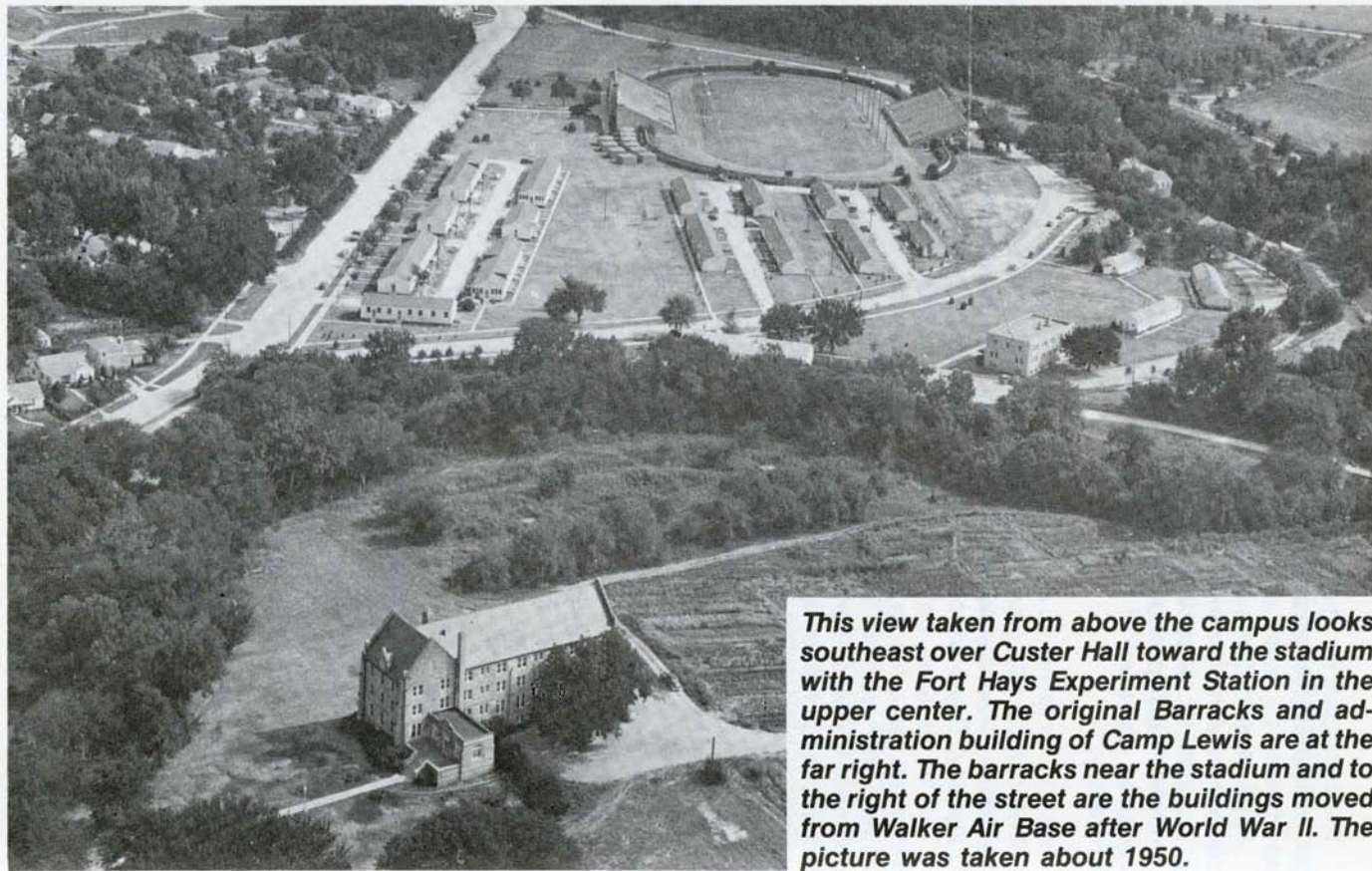
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The scholarship grant shall consist of \$250 for each fall and spring semester in the candidate's first year of attendance at Fort Hays State University. These will be non-renewable grants for any individual student.

The funds shall be disbursed following enrollment of the selected individual, as a full time student at the University. Before receiving the money, the recipient shall agree to return such money if he fails to complete the semester for which the scholarship was awarded. However, return of such money will not be required if failure to complete the term is due to a complete disability or death of the student. As evidence of this agreement, the student shall convey a non-interest bearing note to the donor, for the amount of the grant. Upon completion of the semester of attendance, the note shall be returned to the student.

Granting of the money for the second semester shall be contingent only upon the continuation of the original requirements for eligibility.

If the grant for the second semester of any year is not made or if for any reason the original recipient does not use the grant, that money shall be held over to the following year and used to provide financial assistance to another student.



This view taken from above the campus looks southeast over Custer Hall toward the stadium with the Fort Hays Experiment Station in the upper center. The original Barracks and administration building of Camp Lewis are at the far right. The barracks near the stadium and to the right of the street are the buildings moved from Walker Air Base after World War II. The picture was taken about 1950.

Appendix I-A
LEWIS FIELD CLUB
BYLAWS

Proposed: October 14, 1976

Adopted: Homecoming 1977

Article I—Name

The name of this organization shall be the Lewis Field Club of Fort Hays Kansas State College, Hays, Kansas, or any other future name of this institution.

Article II—Purpose

The purposes of the Lewis Field Club are:

1. To honor graduates and former students of Fort Hays Kansas State College who were selected for Lewis Field Program.
2. To recognize and perpetuate their contributions to the development of the Fort Hays Kansas State College.
3. To provide a means for uniting their efforts in betterment of Fort Hays Kansas State College as an outstanding institution.

Article III—Place of Business and Depository

1. The location of the principal office and place of business of this organization shall be the Fort Hays Kansas State College.
2. The Fort Hays Kansas State College Endowment Association and the office of the President shall assist in promoting activities for the Club.
3. The depository of the Lewis Field Club records shall be the Endowment Association of Fort Hays Kansas State College, and its Executive Officer shall serve as a permanent Secretary and Treasurer of the Club and shall be custodian of the funds for this organization.

Article IV—Membership

Active membership shall be open to (1) all graduates of Fort Hays State College, (2) all former students, and (3) spouses of persons and who qualify for membership under Article II, paragraph one above. Associate membership shall be open to retired faculty members, staff, or any person who may not have attended Fort Hays Kansas State College, and/or who may have made a generous contribution in time, talent or monetary assistance.

Honorary membership shall be extended to the president of Fort Hays Kansas State College and his wife.

To become an active or associate member, a person must be interested in the Club and express a desire to become a member.

Membership in this organization is for the lifetime of the person, and there shall be membership dues in the Club.

All associate and honorary membership must be approved by the members of the Club.

Article V—Membership Dues

The Executive Committee will establish the amount for yearly membership dues and the amount will be stated at the yearly meeting. No member will be deleted and/or dropped from the membership list due to delinquent dues.

Associate and Honorary members shall not be required to pay membership dues. Members in this class may individually elect to make contributions similar to the membership dues to the Club.

Article VI—Officers Committees and Duties

Officers of this organization shall be: President, Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer, to be chosen by the membership at the annual meeting. They shall serve for one year or until their successors are elected.

An Executive Committee shall be composed of the president, vice president, secretary, and two members at large. The president of the Club shall serve as chairman of the Executive Committee.

There shall be a Projects Committee appointed by the president of the Club, to present and promote the projects to be undertaken by the Club.

The Executive Committee of the Club, which shall meet prior to October 1 of each year, shall prepare and present at the annual meeting a closed ballot for officers for the ensuing year.

The president may appoint such other committees from time to time, as are needed to transact the business and carry out the purposes and programs of the Club. Only members in good standing may be appointed to any committee. Associate and honorary members are ineligible to hold any office. They may serve in an advisory position.

Article VII—Vacancies

In the event of a vacancy in the office of the president, the vice president shall become the president for the remainder of the term. Vacancies in the elected positions and Executive Committee shall be filled by appointment by the president.

Article VIII—Meetings

The annual meeting of this organization shall be held at the Fort Hays Kansas State College before November 20 of each year, or at the

time of Homecoming. The business of the annual meeting shall include:

1. Election of officers for the ensuing year.
2. Recognition of outstanding members each year.
3. Annual reports of officers and committees.
4. Other business as necessary.

Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be upon call of the president of the Club, or by a majority of the members of the Club, for the purpose of the transaction of the business of the Club between annual meetings.

Other meetings deemed necessary shall be held on call of the president, or by a majority of the Executive Committee.

Meetings of other committees shall be held at the call of the chairman of the committee.

In case of necessity, as declared by the president, questions may be decided by mail vote, provided specific statements of such questions shall have been submitted to the membership, or to the Executive Committee, as may be appropriate, 30 days prior to the date called for the vote.

Article IX—Quorum

A quorum of the Executive Committee shall consist of one over half of the membership of the committee.

Ten members shall constitute a quorum at any annual or called meeting of the membership.

Article X—Amendments

These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of those present and entitled to vote at any annual or regularly called meeting, provided a quorum is present and provided the proposed amendments have been submitted to the membership, or approved by the Executive Committee, two weeks prior to the date of the meeting.

Signed:

A. _____
President

B. _____
Vice President

C. _____
Secretary-Treasurer

Date: _____

Appendix II—A

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR LEWIS FIELD DORMITORIES

(as prepared by W. D. Moreland for Fall, 1936)

1. General

Lewis Field Boys' Dormitories have been made possible through the efforts of the Fort Hays Kansas State College to aid students through a self-help program. This project furnishes an economical home for boys who could not otherwise attend college. It will be possible for a number of boys to live at the dormitories without additional assistance in the way of part time employment at the same rates as the boys who will find it necessary to work for part of their way while attending college.

It is our sincere wish to further education in the State and assist deserving students through this project. The dormitories can be a success through your willing support and your hearty cooperation. This will be your school, your home, and we want every effort made to have it a successful venture. We want you to have the most enjoyable and profitable year possible and for this reason we have prepared the following instructions:

2. Cost

We believe that a student can attend Fort Hays Kansas State College, living at Lewis Field with approximately \$225.00 in cash for one school term of two semesters. \$200.00 will take care of his board and room, fees and books. The balance of his needs will depend upon his general standard of living. The room rent is one dollar per week, board is two dollars and fifty cents per week. **ROOM AND BOARD IS DUE AND MUST BE PAID ONE MONTH IN ADVANCE.** Upon admittance to Lewis Field at the opening of school, the board and room is to be paid at the Business Office of the College for one month.

3. Opening

The fall semester opens on Monday, September 7th, 1936. The Freshman tests will be given at eight o'clock. All freshmen must be here for the tests. Lewis Field Dormitories will be opened for occupancy on Sunday, but meals will not be served until Monday morning at 7:15 o'clock.

4. Camp Upkeep

There will be janitors, waiters, night watchmen, studyhall keepers, etc., to maintain the dormitories. You will be expected to work three hours each week at such services. Your supervisor will make your schedule for this kind of work.

5. Camp Furnishings

We will furnish the bed and mattress for each boy and are asking that each boy bring from home his own bedding, which will consist of at least three sheets, a pillow and pillow cases, covers, either quilts or blankets. Also each boy is to furnish his own towels and soap as well as all his

personal affixes. Each boy should provide himself with a small steamer trunk or a small chest which may be locked and put under the bunks. The College will take care of the laundry of bedding, but it will be necessary for each boy to care for his personal laundry.

6. Cars

The boys who are staying at Lewis Field will not be allowed to have or operate their cars.

7. Supervision

Dr. Moreland is Faculty Sponsor for the Lewis Field Dormitories. He has general supervision of all activities. There will be competent paid supervisors in charge at all times. Provision is made for quiet study halls and sleeping quarters and wholesome recreational rooms.

Upon your arrival at the Dormitories you will report at the Headquarters Building where you will receive instructions for your entrance.

8. Meals

Twenty meals a week will be served at the College Dining Hall. The meals are balanced and wholesome.

9. Scholastic Standing

Conscientious effort among the boys the last two years has built up a tradition that no Lewis Field boy should have a grade average of less than a 3 point. We hope to always maintain this standard. (Note: An "A" was 5 points.)

Appendix II—C

SAMPLE OF HOUSING ARRANGEMENTS—Fall 1939

36 Building		
8 boys in east and west apartments	16	
6 boys in each two middle apartments	<u>12</u>	
Total		28
60 Building		
6 boys in each (5) apartment		30
40 Building		
8 boys in each (2) end		16
Headquarters		
8 boys in headquarters		8
Stadium		
24 boys in each (2) end	48	
6 boys in two small rooms	6	
16 boys in large room	<u>16</u>	
Total		70
TOTAL		<u>152</u>

Appendix III—A

PERSONAL EXPENSE RECORDS

Although probably not required, Lewis Field men were urged to learn to keep close record of their expenses while at college. Dr. Moreland had estimated that a student could pay for books, tuition, board and room for two semesters for \$200 and recommended that each man expect to spend an additional \$25 for incidentals. Burnard Clark summarized his income and expenses for one year:

"This is an account of my total expenses for the Fall and Spring semesters, beginning September 12, 1935, and ending June 1, 1936. Also, an account of the sources of the money spent and the total cash spent. This report is made out to the best of my knowledge. (signed) Burnard C. Clark

\$50.00	Cash on hand at the first of school
54.00	Work program the first semester
67.50	Work program the second semester
70.00	Borrowed from the National Bank at Colby
5.00	Borrowed from relatives at Colby

\$246.50

TOTAL CASH SPENT

\$ 25.50	Tuition for first semester
23.50	Tuition for second semester
126.00	Board and Room for both semesters
10.00	Books for both semesters
5.00	Notebook paper and other school supplies for both semesters
7.50	Sending laundry home and back for both semesters

\$197.50 Total Expenses for School

\$246.50 Total Cash Available

\$49.00 INCLUDES razor blades, shaving cream and lotion, cleaning and pressing bills, amusements, board and room at Colby over the vacations, hair cuts, clothes, meals on Sunday evenings, all other expenses besides school expenses.

In Moreland's files are records showing that in the fall of 1934 the men spent from \$3.00 to \$16.65 for books. A very few reported "no cost" for books, but none showed expenditure of more than \$16.65, with the majority listing less than \$10.00.

In 1969 Vivian Meckel wrote to Kent Collier of the Endowment Association: "In the depth of the dusty, dirty, depressive '30's, higher education continued in spite of national economic conditions. When cleaning out some dusty files of mine recently, I found the enclosed detailed accounting of my sophomore year at FHKSC. Without saying a word, it tells an unique and interesting story of the economics related to getting a college education in the 1930's.

"The pattern for me was the same as it was for you and this detailed penny-by-penny accounting could be your record as well as mine. I had a copy made for you so you could enjoy some pleasant nostalgic memories of our Lewis Field experience. It is amazing how we all got along so well with so little.

Sincerely, (signed) Viv Meckel

VIVIAN M. MECKEL
 SOPHOMORE YEAR OF COLLEGE AT FORT HAYS STATE
 COLLEGE
 Hays, Kansas 1935-1936
 Record of Income and Expenses

Summer of 1935—worked as life guard all summer at a Springs Lake Resort near home town of Medicine Lodge, Kansas—earned	\$ 90.00
Worked one week on railroad construction crew—earned	10.00
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Total earnings for summer of 1935 . . .	\$100.00
Gave to my church	10.00
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	\$ 90.00
Loaned my father	25.00
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	\$ 65.00
School supplies, clothes, etc.	5.00
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Started school year with cash on hand	\$ 60.00
Hitch-hiked to Hays September 8, 1935 to attend second year of college at Fort Hays State.	
1 Supper	\$.40
1 Tuxedo Shirt . . . . .	.75
Text books for first semester	6.25
College yearbook—Reveille	3.00
Tuition and fees	24.50
Chemistry apron . . . . .	.85
Chemistry notebook . . . . .	.80
German text books	2.97

Food	.30	
1 pair new shoes with heel plates	3.15	
Supper	.20	
New padlock for foot locker	.50	
Postage to mail laundry home	.25	
Miscellaneous paid outs	.15	
Methodist Church Sunday night supper	.15	
Phi Mu Alpha Fraternity dues	.40	
Hair cut, Brown barber shop	.25	
Phi Mu Alpha fraternity paddles	.20	
College dance	.10	
Food	.20	
Postage	.25	
Food	.20	
Postage	.10	
College Varsity Dance	.10	
College Varsity Dance	.35	
Postage on laundry sent home	.35	
Postage on laundry sent home	.35	
Fraternity dues, etc.	1.40	
Hair cut, Browns Barber Shop	.25	
Sunday night supper at Methodist Church	.15	
Money from home		\$ 1.10
Contribution to church	2.00	
Lewis Field dance and party	.55	
—THANKSGIVING—		
My cornet cleaned and repaired	2.00	
Photographs for college yearbook	1.30	
Fraternity expenses	2.00	
Studs for tuxedo shirt	.65	
Postage for laundry mailed home	.25	
Corsage for date (Winnie Adams)	.72	
Chemistry check room	.10	
Sunday night Methodist fellowship supper	.15	
Played in dance band, earned		1.00
Played in dance band, earned		2.00
Money from Grandmother Miller		1.00
Borrowed from Brooks Rickard		1.00
Miscellaneous expenses	.30	
Earned from playing in dance band		1.40
Earned from playing in dance band		.35
Borrowed to pay tuition		5.00
Second semester tuition	24.50	
Text books	5.95	
Second hand hat	.50	
Postage for laundry mailed home	.21	

Movie .....	.25	
Miscellaneous expense .....	.25	
Engineers club annual banquet .....	.40	
Paid back loan for tuition	5.00	
Received from home		10.00
Movie .....	.25	
Postage for laundry mailed home .....	.21	
College band flowers .....	.05	
Postage for laundry mailed home .....	.17	
Lewis Field party .....	.25	
Miscellaneous expense .....	.25	
Hair Cut, Brown's barber shop .....	.25	
Swimming cap .....	.25	
Methodist Church fellowship Sunday supper	.15	
Banquet .....	.25	
Stamps .....	.12	
Sophomore class party April 4, 1936 .....	.30	
Postage .....	.15	
Hair cut, Brown's Barber Shop .....	.25	
Methodist Church fellowship Sunday supper	.15	
Played in dance band at Lewis Field party		1.16
Stamps .....	.30	
College play .....	.15	
Methodist Church student fellowship supper	.15	
Postage for laundry mailed home .....	.30	
Miscellaneous expenses .....	.25	
Post cards and postage on laundry .....	.30	
Sold some razor blades .....		.10
Money from home		1.00
Corsage for fraternity party (Ruth Butler) ..	.85	
Money from home		1.00
Worked for Mrs. Wm. A. Lewis, Hays ....		.50
Passport photograph .....	.65	
Rented a book to another student .....		.35
Paid for breakage in chemistry lab .....	.75	
Phi Mu Alpha fraternity breakfast May 30, 1936 .....	.30	
Sold chemistry book		1.25
Total earnings from campus job for two se- mesters		135.00
Total paid for board and room (Lewis Field) 2 sem.	126.00	
Total money on hand at beginning of school Sept. 1935		60.00
Total expenditures and income for 1935- 1936 college year	\$228.45	\$224.21

Appendix IV—A

THE ORIGINAL 100 PIONEERS

The following was copied from a list on file with the Endowment Association and is believed to be as nearly accurate a list of the original 100 men at Lewis Field, Fall of 1934, as it is possible to obtain. All hometown addresses are in Kansas.

Adams, George Wood	Claflin
Adams, Lester	Belpre
Austin, Arthur	Wilson
Balman, Nolan Fred	Rozel
Barb, Dale Edward	Alton
Barkley, John	Ransom
Bayne, Forrest August	Hill City
Been, Hollis	Shallow Water
Bibb, Hersey	Coats
Bingham, Lorenze Randal	Hays
Blakely, Donald Clarence	Stockton
Bondy, Earle	Bogue
Bracken, Richard	Long Island
Branson, Lester Rolland	Coats
Brookshire, Beverly	Dellvale
Burdett, George Frank	Coldwater
Burford, W. R.	Fowler
Byber, Donald Leroy	Larned
Carr, Delos	Larned
Carson, Karl	Scott City
Casad, Gordon Keith	Stockton
Clark, John	Colby
Cole, Basil	Lebanon
Cole, Herbert	Fowler
Cross, LeRoy	Sylvan Grove
Cunningham, Louis	Ness City
Curry, Norval	St. Francis
Dack, Ivan Virgil	Logan
Davenport, Kenneth	Hoxie
Dickey, Otis	Liberal
Dunham, William Dale	Natoma
Farquharson, Hugh E.	Garden City
Finch, Arnold	Kinsley
Fowley, Floyd Greer	Norton
Foster, Doyle	Pawnee Rock
Gordon, Paul Hilton	Hill City
Groves, Harold Henry	Lincoln
Hesilius, John Woodie	St. Francis



THE PIONEERS, 1934-1935. Front row, from left: Lester Adams, Bernard Stuart, Richard Parker, Carl Stevens, Hollis Been, John Clark, John Barkley, Arnold Finch, John J. Soneman, Louis Cunningham, Lowell Postma, James Tharp, Lester Branson, Wesley Burford, Hugh Farquharson. Row two: Delbert Newberry, Irvin Koppisch, Ralph Larsen, Ray Thurlow, Morval Mellick, Vivian Meckel, Max Rankin, Harry Montgomery, Arthur B. Mills, Brooks Richard, Arthur Austin, Burtis Taylor, John Lund, Herb Seyfreit, E. Burdette. Row three: Rufus Jamison, LaVern Spreier, Delos Carr, Clarence Leckron, Forrest Taylor, Ken Reddick, Richard White, Floyd Foley, Norval Curry, Ralph Blattner, Milton Mills, Ned Whitmer, Wendell Kellogg, Floyd Reynolds, Marvin Hubert. Row four: Lloyd Sidener, Doyle Foster, Maurice Peters, Harlan Loepke, Beverly Brookshire, Clint Smith, Donald Coddington, Dale Weems, Richard Bracken, Basil Cole, Keith Sebelius, Delbert Wardlow, Noland Balman, Orville Shultz, Ivan Dack, Leroy Cross, Elmer Rudolph. Top row: Art Rose, Hershey Bibb, Phil Lauver, Hugo Pfortmiller, Rex Schwein, Everett Lyda, Otis Dickey, Eugene Moon, Art Leas, Raymond Soukup, Ora Viewx, Joe York, Earl Bondy, Dale Barb, Marion Ward.

Higgins, Samuel Charles	McCracken
Hubert, Marvin	Ingalls
James, Louis Richard	Prairie View
Johnson, Paul L.	Lakin
Kindschi, Edward	Liberal
Koppisch, Irvin J.	Ingalls
Kurth, Mervin Ernest	Offerle
Lake, Alvis	Palco
Larson, Ralph Elmer	Scandia
Lauver, Philip	Macksville
Leas, Arthur	Liberal
Leckron, Clarence	Abilene
Loeppke, Harlan Wesley	Lakin
Lowry, Clarence	Zurich
Lund, John	Ensign
Lyda, Everett Lewis	Alexander
McDonald, Marion	Larned
Meckel, Vivian	Medicine Lodge
Mellick, Norwood Arnold	Atwood
Montgomery, Harry W.	St. John
Moon, Eugene	Liberal
Motley, Floyd	Garnett
Newberry, Delbert	Ingalls
Parker, Richard H.	Long Island
Pekarek, Gordon	Wilson
Peters, Maurice Albert	Pawnee
Pfortmiller, Hugo	Natoma
Pfortmiller, Lawrence	Natoma
Postma, Lowell Arthur	Jennings
Rankin, Max	Kinsley
Reddick, Kenneth	Downs
Reynolds, Floyd	Kirwin
Richardson, Kenneth Rex	Long Island
Rickard, Brooks	Medicine Lodge
Rohrs, Herman	Oakley
Rose, Arthur	Lincoln
Rowlison, Dale Arthur	Ingalls
Rudolph, Elmer Jr.	Scott City
Schultz, Orville	Larned
Schwein, Rex	Ulysses
Sebelius, Keith	Almena
Seyfrit, Herbert L.	Coldwater
Sidener, Lloyd Edward	Ada
Smith, Clinton Raymond	Burdett
Soukup, Raymond F.	Wilson
Spreier, Lavern	Rozel

Stevens, Carlie Andrew
Stuart, Roy Vernon
Taylor, Burtis
Tharp, James
Thurlow, Ray Theodore
Wade, William A.
Wallace, Arden Lyle
Wardlaw, Delbert Clair
Weems, Dale
White, Richard
Whitmer, Ned
Willison, Lloyd Erwin
Ward, Marion F.
York, Joseph

Alton
Ford
Hill City
Ford
Hill City
Hoxie
Hill City
Alexander
Lebanon
Norton
Wilson
Lakin
Kensington
Burdett

Appendix V—A

LEWIS FIELD RESIDENTS AND CLUB MEMBERS

(And Other Persons Closely Associated With The Original Lewis Field Housing Project)

This list was revised in 1980 at which time names of deceased persons and those for whom no address could be obtained were eliminated. Since that date, the list has been updated to give as current and accurate a list with addresses as possible. Anyone knowing the whereabouts of men not listed or having new addresses for those on the list, is asked to contact the Alumni Office of Fort Hays State University.

NAME	ORIGINAL HOMETOWN	LAST KNOWN ADDRESS
Clarence Leaman Abell '36-'37	Oakley	14403—24th Ave. S.W. Seattle, WA 98166
George Wood Adams '37, MA '46	Claflin	416—8th St. Wakeeney, KS 67672
Dr. Harold C. Adams '40	Utica	214 Queen Mary Way, Queens Valley Apache Junction, AZ 85230
Lester B. Adams FS	Belpre	460 West 6th Hoisington, KS 67544
Harold A. Allen '39	Lebanon	3137 Burton St. Topeka, KS 66605
Clair M. Anderson '40	Stockton	924 Leisure World Mesa, AZ 85206
Lloyd Anderson '37-'38	Morland	806 W. Jean Springfield, MO 65802
Ward Andregg '41	Hoxie	1340 Queen Ave., Box 168 Hoxie, KS 67740

Donald James Ashley '38-'39	Selden	Selden, KS 67757
Charles Elwood Augerot '36-'37	Satanta	706 Overhill Dodge City, KS 67801
Arthur A. Austin	Wilson	62 Walnut Drive Hill City, KS 67642
Charles Bacon '40	Hill City	600 Sunset Terrace Amarillo, TX 79106
Alfred Franklin Baker '38	Protection	4400 Whittle St. Oakland, CA 44602
Floyd Balman '40	Rozel	25455 Power Rd Farmington Hills, MI 48124
Herbert Barkley '47, MA '49	Brownell	2137 Edgewater Terrace Topeka, KS 66614
Dr. John E. Barkley '39	Ransom	838 Longwood Loop Mesa AZ 85208
Frank Addison Barlow '38-'39	Holcomb	Chivington, CO 81031
Austin Barragree	Meade	Box 784 Alva, OK 73717
Everett Tex Beale '37	Kismet	41741 55th St. Lancaster, CA 93534
Lawrence August Bechtold '47	Gaylord	1106 Governor Road Wichita, KS 67207
Hollis Been '38	Shallow Water	14 Westmark Ave. Colorado Springs, CO 80906
Dr. W. F. Bennett '42	Webster	deceased 3-20-81

Carleton Berneking '48	Simpson	210 W. 21st Hays, KS 67601
Parlan Betts '48	Smith Center	1215 Illinois Pasco, WA 99301
Dr. Ivan Birrer '39	Atwood	2601 South 14th St. Leavenworth, KS 66048
Dr. Francis Bishop '41	Hazelton	3209 W. 83rd Terr. Shawnee Mission, KS 66205
Lynn Bishop '40	Ford	Box 395 Hugoton, KS 67951
Richard Thomas Bishop '35-'36	Scott City	1202 Church Scott City, KS 67871
Clyde Blackburn	Leoti	Leoti, KS 67861
Ralph Blattner '39	Fowler	523 Osage Humboldt, KS 66748
Max Warner Boal '36-'38, '39	Kansas City, MO	8920 N. Charlotte Kansas City, MO 64100
James Boeve '43	Prairie View	deceased
Earl Bondy '38	Bogue	2160 Wesley Salina, KS 67401
William Leslie Boyd	Waldo	Box 7 Hope, KS 67451
Jay C. Boyer '40	Colby	2900 Walnut Hays, KS 67601
Mrs. Lester (Clara) Latham (Mrs. Tom Boyle)	Hoisington	450 W. 9th Hoisington, KS 67544
Richard Bracken	Long Island	7351 Robinhood Lane Fort Worth, TX 76112

Walter Erskine Branberg	Sharon Springs	1311 Park Ave. Bremerton, WA 98310
David James Branson	Coats	1209 N.E. Meier Dr. Grants Pass, OR 97526
Lester Rolland Branson '38	Coats	431 Thurston Manhattan, KS 66502
Mr. Beverly Brookshire '39	Dellvale	2445 Hicks St. Bellmore, LI NY 11701
Clarence Brown '38	Quinter	Box 155 Quinter, KS 67752
C. Amos Brown '40	Stafford	2131 Applewood Ln. Salina, KS 67401
Duane Joshua Brown '35-'36	Concordia	R.R. 2, Box 187A Leavenworth, KS 66048
Kenneth Bruce '37-'39	Meade	1329 Haskell Wichita, KS 67213
Mrs. Ruth Mendenhall Brumfield		Meade, KS 67864
Harrison Ellis Buehler '38-'40	Hoxie	2607 Litchfield Wichita, KS 67204
Wesley Burford '38	Fowler	1944 Hidden Valley Dr. Santa Rosa, CA 95404
Russell Burnett		1648 W. Maxzim Ave. Fullerton, CA 92633
Dr. John Butler '40	Stockton	3405 F. St. Eureka, CA 95501

Clark Carlile '39	Jetmore	1430 Sunset Road Pocatello, ID 83201
George Eugene Carlile	Scott City	412 N.E. 12th Abilene, KS 67410
Dr. Sene Carlile '40	Jetmore	451 16th Bellingham, WA 98225
Dean Carr '39	Larned	2832 Pasco Great Bend, KS 67530
Delos Carr		Route #1 Larned, KS 67550
Dean Carroll '40	Russell	Cheyenne Wells, CO 80810
Karl E. Carson D.D.S. '38	Scott City	1119 Parkwood Fort Collins, CO 80521
Floyd L. Carter '30	Wilson	Tribune, KS 67879
Leroy Carter	Satanta	322 McKinley Ave. Fort Lupton, CO 89621
Gordon Keith Casad	Stockton	120 Vanderbilt Circle Greenville, SC 29609
Hugh M. Chance	McDonald	10505 N. 65th Longmont, CO 80501
Marion Chipman	Morland	P.O. Box 565, 135 W. Park Olathe, KS 66061
John Claar	Atwood	109 E. 20th Tracy, CA 95376
Burnard Clark '39	Colby	1725 Carmelo Drive Carmichael, CA 95608

John Clark '39	Colby	19 Hammerly Poughkeepsie, NY 12601
Dr. Silas Wayne Clifton '48	Fort Dodge	3826 F Country Club Rd. Winston-Salem, NC 27104
Dr. Alton Monroe Coddington	Alexander	P.O. Box 376 Larned, KS 67550
Basil Cole '38	Lebanon	1624 W. 27th St. Topeka, KS 66611
Herbert M. Cole '39	Fowler	1491 S. Holly Denver, CO 80222
Robert Randall Conard	Studley	609 Lincoln Quinter, KS 67752
Miss Ruth Ann Conard '56	Ransom	Rt. 1 Ransom, KS 67572
Dr. Charles Wayne Cook '40	Gove	4800 Venturi St. Fort Collins, CO 80521
Arthur Cooper '39	Grainfield	Hoxie, KS 67740
Richard Wayne Cooper	Nickerson	deceased 4/81
G. LaMont Cossell	Mullinville	deceased
Marvin Cox '41	Palco	1150 West 24th St. Albany, OR 97321
Harry Creager '40	Concordia	R.R. 1 Afton, OK 74331
Lawrence Cressler '38	Hoxie	914 West Glenrose Phoenix, AZ 85013
Fred Merrill Crippen	Gove	Gove, KS 67736
Leroy Cross '42	Sylvan Grove	Sylvan Grove, KS 67481
Rex Culley '41	Mullinville	8th & Main Russell, KS 67665

Bob Culley '42	Mullinville	73 Walnut Drive Hill City, KS 67642
Norval Curry	St. Francis	227 Campus Ames, IA 50012
Ivan Virgil Dack '56	Logan	Lenora, KS 67645
Gail Elbert Davis	Logan	Long Island, KS 67647
Dr. George Raymond Davis '41	Studley	218 E. 6th Ellsworth, KS 67439
Harry Joseph Desko	Kansas City	3024 N. 47th Kansas City, KS 66104
Carroll Francis Deyoe '42		deceased
Rev. Wilbur DeYoung '39	Prairie View	4119 W. 73rd Terrace Prairie Village, KS 66208
Dr. Otis Melvin Dickey '38	Liberal	6315 Lemonwood Drive Colorado Springs, CO 80907
Lawrence Clyde Dillon '43	Downs	729 Tuttle Street Manhattan, KS 66502
Eugene Leo Dirks '42	Pawnee Rock	201 Oak Forest Trail Euless, TX 76039
George Lafayette Doak	Stockton	8540 Southwest 10th Topeka, KS 66614
Robert William Dorland '40	Greensburg	8311 Rose Lane Wichita, KS 67207
James Carol Duncan '42	Rozel	Box 43 Rozel, KS 67574

Bill H. Dye '41	Mulvane	2102 Twin Ridge Drive Bellevue, NE 68005
Floyd Altamus Edwards '40	Garden City	Box 12 Syracuse, KS 67878
Floyd Kenneth Edwards '40	Garden City	12960 S.W. Scout Beaverton, OR 97005
Norman Ehrlich	Monument	2001 Fairway Drive Dodge City, KS 67801
Ralph Engel '51	Ellis	Box 524 Hays, KS 67601
Arthur Caesar Erb	Timken	Timken, KS 67582
John Roy Evans	Claflin	Box 385 Claflin, KS 67525
Marion E. Everhart '42	Brownell	6300 Huntress Dr. Paradise Valley, AZ 85253
Cecil C. Fabricius	Hill City	Bogue, KS 67625
Floyd James Fahey	Quinter	305 Moline Aurora, CO 80010
Ralph James Fann '51	Americus	414 South Apple Street Farmington, IL 61531
Dr. Arnold Finch	Kinsley	359 Sunrise Drive Arroyo Grande, CA 93420
Robert Finch '47	Lebanon	deceased
James Finley '41	Meade	6761 South Greenwood Littleton, CO 80120

D. Allen Flora '41	Quinter	5671 W. 50th Avenue Denver, CO 80212
Howard Galen Flora '41	Quinter	8801 Reeds Overland Park, KS 66207
Leland Duane Flora	Quinter	deceased
Dean Elden Florea	Luray	RR 2, Box 251 Valley Center, KS 67147
Floyd Greer Foley	Norton	11410 Putnam Sugar Creek, MO 64054
Wesley Eugene Ford	Meade	1538 South Main Wichita, KS 67206
Doyle Foster '38	Pawnee Rock	Pawnee Rock, KS 67567
Paul Dee Frazee	Columbus	R.R. 3 Columbus, KS 67206
Robert O. French '42	Densmore	706 Edmond St. Muskogee, OK 74401
Robert Hershel Fuller '45	Little River	1711 7th Garden City, KS 67846
Robert J. Funston '40	Abilene	3781 Lodge Lane Trenton, MI 48183
Glenn C. Garten '39	Plains	7040 Garvin Court Colorado Springs, CO 80907
David Oliver Gechter	Cimarron	36 LaPlata Place Durango, CO 81301
Clayton Cody Gerboth	Bison	39 Clayton Place Ridgefield, CT 06877
Gordon Alva Ginther	Atwood	

Lewis Eugene Gishwiller	Almena	
Albert Hugh Greiner	Hunter	Box 354 Haviland, KS 67059
Warren Griffing '46		1709 Su John Road Raleigh, NC 27607
Charles Clarence Groves		155 Aspen Road Salina, KS 67401
c/o Dean Groves, Alvin Henry Gulick	Densmore	Logan, KS 67646
Raymond Gutzman '41	Kensington	Colorado School of Mines, Math Dept. Golden, CO 80401
Carl Harvey Hanson		Phillipsburg
Irv Hardman	Hill City	702 N. 4th Ave. Hill City, KS 67642
Clyde Deloss Hargadine '49	Bucklin	2557 Montana Lawrence, KS 66044
Dr. Norvan Harris '42	Bird City	612 W. 11th Liberal, KS 67901
Dr. John Knox Hemphill '41	Byers	1098 Via Roble Lafayette, CA 94549
Charles Herbert		Ness City, KS 67560
Ivan Albert Hill '39	Cawker City	12320 N.E. 149 Ct. Kirkland, WA 98033
Vernon Eugene Hisey	Lenora	101 Virginia N.E. Albuquerque, N.M. 87108
Darrell Wayne Hoagland '41	Jetmore	deceased

Harold John Hoersch	Bazine	3270 2nd Ave. San Diego, CA 92103
Ernest Alton Hoopes '42	Lucas	215 N. Ericson Sharon Springs, KS 67758
Mearle Hoover '30	Claflin	2135 Norton Salina, KS 67401
Dr. Harold Hoffman Hopkins '40	Utica	816 9th Ave. South St. Cloud, MN 56301
Neil Franklin Hoppes	Long Island	8431 S.E. 47th Place Mercer Island, WA 98040
Kenneth Eugene Houston	Colby	1390 Munger Way Sacramento, CA 95831
Clarence C. Hubbard '42	Stafford	942 Garnea St. Cincinnati, OH 45231
Marvin Alvin Hubert '36	Ingalls	224 Main Fort Morgan, CO 80701
Vernon Leroy Huck	Coldwater	Protection, KS 67127
Maurice L. Huenergardt '42	Bison	R.R. 1 Otis, KS 67565
Dr. Robert Dean Hughes '42	Oakley	1914 Pembroke Topeka, KS 66604
Robert Baker Hungate '42	Cimarron	P.O. Box 1147 Ocean Shores, WA 98567
Osmund Leroy Hunley		793 Wakefield Court El Cajon, CA 92020
Henry Alton Ingalls	Talmage	21725 Redbeam Ave. Torrance, CA 90503

Delbert Emmert Jamison	Quinter	Box 1 A Portis, KS 67474
Lawrence C. Jansen '40	Ellis	315 W. 6th Hays, KS 67601
Joe James Jellison '48	Lincoln	St. Rt. 2, 951 Buchanan Rd. Burn, OR 97720
Dale Louis Johnson	Oberlin	3036 Thayer St. Evanston, IL 60201
Elmer LeRoy Johnson '40	Levant	702 K St. Davis, CA 95616
Harold Jacob Johnson '37	Belleville	Lamar, CO 81052
Elmerson Elmer Keating	Lincoln	deceased
Walter E. Keating '39	Lincoln	465 Leisure World Mesa, AZ 85206
Dr. Ernest W. Keil '47	Russell	200 Spring Road Bedford, MA 01730
Crawford Quincy Keller	Arlington	Arlington, KS 67514
Russell Virgil Keltner	Meade	105 Oklahoma Blvd Alva, OK 73717
Willis Lowry Keltner	Meade	7235 Broadview Wichita, KS 67218
Harold E. Kimberly	Morland	2317 Bittersweet Lane St. Joseph, MO 64503
John Artie King '63	Cullison	2660 State St. Corona, CA 91720
Dr. Thomas Clair King '40	Oakley	5112 Dorian Ave. Orlando, FL 32809
Orvine Percival Kitchen	Kanorado	Kanorado, KS 67741

Willard Klierer	Pawnee Rock	2818 Stevens Parsons, KS 67357
William Merle Knott		64 Mission Wichita, KS 67200
Ray Henry Knobbe '41	Spearville	2300 Eccleston St. Silver Spring, MD 20902
Everett Earl Koelling '41	Abilene	2006 La Mesa Drive Dodge City, KS 67801
Lloyd Koelling '42	Talmage	444 Anita St. #21 Chula Vista, CA 92011
Irvin Jacob Koppisch	Ingalls	Ingalls, KS 67853
Charles Kump	Jennings	1852 G. Belleville, KS 66935
Charles Wesley Lacey '42	Hoxie	1724 Crest Drive Topeka, KS 66604
Marvin Leroy Lacey '40	Hoxie	PO Box 11095 Cincinnati, OH 45211
Ivan Arland Lahman	Quinter	RFD Quinter, KS 67752
Ira L. Laidig '37 Mrs. Nita Landrum	Oberlin	deceased 4012 W. 6th Presbyterian Manor, Topeka, KS 66606
Ralph Elmer Larson	Scandia	
Philip John Lauver '39	Macksville	deceased
Arthur Leas '38	Liberal	2914 Willow Hays, KS 67601

Clarence C. Leckron '35	Abilene	24294 E. 4th San Bernardino, CA 92410
Dale E. Leichliter	Hudson	10 North Nickerson, KS 67561
Vyrl Eugene Leichliter '40	Clayton	deceased
Clarence Alfred Leonard '41	Hanston	Box 301 Lakin, KS 67860
Ralph Leonard '39	Hanston	Box 111 Copeland, KS 67837
Ralph Wayne Litson	Utica	Gove, KS 67736
Harlan Wesley Loeppke	Lakin	Box 122 Lakin, KS 67860
Elton Lloyd Loomis '40	Montrose	Box 146A Lakeview, AR 72642
Merlin Ward Loomis	Mankato	4542 Bend Drive Los Angeles, CA 90065
Dr. Wayne W. Loomis '41	Montrose	4048 S. Pittsburg Spokane, WA 99203
Clarence Lowry	Zurich	17 E. Willow Court Branson, MO 65616
Ralph Adelbert Loyd '41	Morland	631 Cherry Ottawa, KS 66067
Paul Wesley Lucas '40	Macksville	Box 245 Jetmore, KS 67854
Oscar Lyle Luce '40	Collyer	212 S. 11th WaKeeney, KS 67672
John Rupus Lund '39	Ensign	109 W. Pasadena Lane Oak Ridge, TN 37830

William Edward Lusk '39	Medicine Lodge	#6 W. Parkway North Wichita, KS 67206
Everett Lewis Lyda '63	Alexander	Broodus, MT 59317
James Bernard Malone '37	Leoti	P.O. Box 735 Albuquerque, NM 87103
Roy Bernard Martin '31	Leoti	2410 Howell Dodge City, KS 67801
Leon Earl Marvin	LaCrosse	318 W. 9th, Box 205 LaCrosse, KS 67548
William Guy Matheny '46	Russell	1201 Edgecliff Bedford, TX 76021
Richard Lee Matheson	Kismet	5312 W. 64th Prairie Village, KS 66208
Marion Gregg McDonald '37	Larned	4209 Windsor Court Topeka, KS 66604
Francis Ervin McKenna	Jennings	RR Jennings, KS 67643
Walter Lawrence McPherson '41	Gem	1475 Stanford Ave. Palo Alto, CA 94306
Vernon Meckel '42	Medicine Lodge	1401 W. River Blvd. Wichita, KS 67203
Vivian Miller Meckel '38	Medicine Lodge	deceased
Cecil Allen Miller	Hanston	Box 372 Quinter, KS 67752
Harold Miller '43	Oakley	Mullinville, KS 67109

Virgil Elvern Miller '41	Hanston	Box 372 Quinter, KS 67752
Roy Ivan Mischke '39	Long Island	5442 E. Colorado Ave. Denver, CO 80222
Allen P. Mitchem '40	Oakley	420 S. Marion Parkway Denver, CO 80209
John Paul Mitchem	Oakley	Sedgwick, KS 67135
William Mog '38	Wilson	Box 454, 103 Sea St. Clafliin, KS 67525
Harry Walter Montgomery	St. John	3230 Barnett Kansas City, KS 66102
Dr. W. D. "Bill" Moreland		510 Prospect St. Manchester, IA 52057
Eugene Luther Moon '38	Liberal	deceased 3-8-80
Jack Robert Moon	Liberal	723 N. Sherman Liberal, KS 67901
Dr. Frank Archer Moore '42	Tribune	82 Monterey Alamosa, CO 81101
Vernon R. Moore '34	Kanopolis	Box 36 Fruitland, NM 87416
Orville Ray Morris	Mullinville	Mullinville, KS 67109
Thearon Alven Moser '50	Logan	RR 1 Stockton, MO 65785
Floyd Motley	Garnett	R.R. 4, Box 114 Leavenworth, KS 66048
Wilbur C. Mountford	Selden	Winona, KS 67764

Clarence R. Mullenix '42	Oskaloosa	5260 E. Jewell Ave. Denver, CO 80222
George Allan Neely	Hopewell	RR Macksville, KS 67557
Albert Neufield		417 Locust St. Turlock, CA 95380
Delbert Allen Newberry '39	Ingalls	Box 335, 400 N. Elm Goddard, KS 67052
Frank H. Osborne '40	Hanston	Hanston, KS 67849
Richard Hays Parker	Long Island	R.R. 3 Phillipsburg, KS 67661
Lowell Russel Parsons	Minneapolis	#23 Basildan Circle Bella Vista, AR 72712
Gordon Kenneth Pekarek '39	Wilson	224 North Walnut Stockton, KS 67669
Maurice Albert Peters	Pawnee Rock	408 E. Washington Gardner, KS 66030
Hugo E. Pfortmiller '39	Natoma	806 N. Crestway Wichita, KS 67208
Lawrence J. Pfortmiller '38	Natoma	Natoma, KS 67651
Dr. Lowell Arthur Postma	Jennings	6200 W. 39th Ave. Amarillo, TX 79110
Paul LeRoy Powell	Jennings	202 E. 12th Ellis, KS 67637

LaVon J. Powell (Barney)	Mankato	3302 Country Lane Hays, KS 67601
Leroy Robert Power	Collyer	2715 Ash Hays, KS 67601
Mrs. James Pratt	Trousdale	R.R. 3 Lewis, KS 67552
Robert Gordon Price	Atwood	3717 Misty Meadow Drive Fort Worth, TX 76133
Francis Paul Raffetto	Punxsutawney, PA	814 N. Hartsdale Drive Dallas, TX 75211
George A. Randell	Lewis	Box 724 Nicoma Park, OK 73066
Max Rankin		6 Rolling Hills Drive Wichita, KS 67212
Robert Lewis Rath '40	Morland	Box 156 Morland, KS 67650
Kenneth John Reddick '36	Downs	4028 Mabel Ave. Castro Valley, CA 94546
John A. Renner	Oakley	R R 2, Box 132 Oakley, KS 67748
Floyd E. Reynolds '38	Kirwin	1705 S. 90th Omaha, NE 68124
James T. Reynolds	Winchester	753 Terrace 49 Los Angeles, CA 90042
Brooks C. Rickard '38	Medicine Lodge	8412 W. 85th St. Overland Park, KS 66212
D. Andrew Riegel '27; '39	Hays	407 W. 3rd Hays, KS 67601

Ward Riegel	Hays	242 West Kellogg Holyoke, CO 80734
Verlin M. Rogers '49	Luray	R.R. 3 Larned, KS 67550
Warren Curtis Rogers	Long Island	1108 3rd St. Phillipsburg, KS 67661
Herman "Red" Rohrs '36	Oakley	2423 Clarkson Road Colorado Springs, CO 80909
Carl Rohwer '39	Lincoln	327 N. Old Manor Road Wichita, KS 67208
Arthur Rose '42	Lincoln	801 Alexander Drive Haysville, KS 67060
Elmer Lee Rudolph, Jr.	Scott City	6609 E. 11th Wichita, KS 67206
M. Edward Rutschman '47	Ransom	4580 S. Logan Englewood, CO 80110
Clarence Anthony Schamber '40	Bogue	202 S. 6th Phillipsburg, KS 67661
Garnold H. Schneider '38	Natoma	2405 6th Ave. Dodge City, KS 67801
Warren H. Schoen	Downs	Cawker City, KS 67430
Konrad Jacob Scholl '38	Hays	517 S. Clinton Boone, IA 50036
Vernon V. Schraeder	Rozel	Jetmore, KS 67854
Lt. Col. Bernard Schreiber '39	Oberlin	175 Forest St. Denver, CO 80220

Orville Schultz	Larned	RR 1 Larned, KS 67550
Herbert J. Schulz '53	Vesper	701 S. Section Line Plainville, KS 67663
Earl G. Schwartzkopf '41	Ransom	R R 1, Ransom, KS 67572
Rex Lee Schwein '38	Ulysses	719 Parallel Atchison, KS 66002
Keith G. Sebelius '41	Almena	deceased
Eldon S. Sehnert '41	LaCrosse	3910 Glenwood Drive Brownwood, TX 76801
Victor C. Seibert '28	Bison	Columbus Housing #D-4 R R 4, Columbus, KS 66725
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Lewis Field Pioneer Edition

Pioneers Start Century Club

Responses from a number of Lewis Field Pioneers to an appeal made last August by Burtis Taylor has generated sufficient interest to create a Lewis Field Pioneer Century Club project. This project is the first of its kind to be developed at Fort Hays State.

The purpose behind the Century Club is to organize a loan fund from proceeds received from former Lewis Field residents as a tribute to Dr. W. D. "Bill" Moreland who was their adviser for many years. Century Club members have pledged \$100 per year for the next five years. The goal is to collect \$25,000 within this period.

To date, \$8,729 has been paid and pledged to create the fund. In addition to the Century Club pledges of \$8,100, \$620 in gifts and pledges have been received for the Lewis Field Pioneer Fund. Century Club members are: Burtis Taylor, Otis Dickey, Kenneth Bruce, Keith Sebelius, Carl Rohwer, Clark Carlile, James Finley, Marvin Hubert, Hugh Chance, Bill Lusk, Dr. Scene Carlile, Ralph Loyd, Floyd Reynolds, Tom King, Walter Keating.

Others who have contributed or pledged to the fund are: Clarence Hubbard, Leland Flora, Mearle Hoover, Elmer Johnson, Roy V. Stuart, Dr. Gerald Tomasek, Mrs. C. H. Landrum, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Haxton, and Dr. Anita Isaac.

The idea of the Lewis Field Pioneer Fund is not new. Four years ago Art Leas, at the close of his term as president of the Endowment Association, wrote a personal letter to members of the original Lewis Field Pioneer group suggesting that a Lewis Field Pioneer Fund be organized. Eleven pioneers responded with \$500 in pledges which included \$235 in cash to set the stage for this year's Century Club project. These men were Art Leas, LaVern Spreier, Doyle Foster, John Barkley, Basil Cole, Vivian Meckel, Dale Weems, Marian McDonald, Alton Coddington, Keith Sebelius, and Ralph Blattner. Funds received from the 1984 drive will supplement the Century Club project.

Monies received will be used for loans to Fort Hays students under the following guidelines: (1) Need for financial help, (2) Educational capability, and (3) Attitude toward individual responsibilities. Repayment of loans are scheduled to begin after the recipient is permanently employed. An interest rate will be charged.

At present the fund will be used strictly as a loan fund. If interest income is sufficient at some future

to provide scholarships. The program will be administered by the Endowment Association.

When notified of the creation of

the fund Dr. Moreland expressed amazement and pride in what the Lewis Field Pioneer group was doing.



It appears that a generation later, Mrs. Landrum and the Moreland have just been told of a prank that was pulled on them some thirty years ago. The participants are Jim Finley, Littleton, Colo.; Clair Arderson, Norman, Oklahoma; Brooks Rickard, Leawood; Bill Lusk Wichita; "Red" Rohrs, Colorado Springs, Colo.

Homecoming Pioneer Highlight

Fort Hays State celebrated Homecoming Oct. 12 and from all reports it was a day to be remembered.

Probably the most enthusiastic group of homecomers were the Lewis Field Pioneers who turned out en masse after more than 30 years to reminisce and to pay tribute to Dr. W. D. Moreland. He spearheaded the housing program in the stadium in the "dirty thirties" for the impoverished men who "went to school on nothing but nerve and determination."

The Pioneers came from coast to coast for this special reunion. They swapped stories, told tales, mullied over old yearbooks and pictures and laughed at their earlier hardships. They remembered walking home for weekends, sleeping in strawstacks, working for 20 cents per hour and going hungry. But they also remembered the thoughtful kindness of Mrs. Nita

of Dr. Moreland, and their fin victory when the tides of fortune turned as they faced better days.

More than 50 Pioneers and wives attended a reception which climaxed their Homecoming Day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Vivie Meckel, after the Alumni Dinner. Earlier they lunched together the Union and paid tribute to I and Mrs. Moreland. Again, the crowd was at capacity.

At the reception the group agreed that plans should be made now for another reunion. Kent C. Hier, Executive Secretary of the Endowment Association, promised to send a ballot to all known Lewis Field Pioneers and ask when they wanted to schedule the next Lewis Field Pioneer Reunion. A ballot included with this paper. Those who are interested should return the ballot at their convenience to the Endowment office. When plans are available, plans will be made for the next Lewis Field

