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THE LONESOME COWBOY ENTERTAINS LECOMPTONITES

Who was the lonesome Cowfboy? Well, He was Roy Faulkner, a great old-time country singer from the 1930s and 1940s on WIBW Radio. It was one of our folk's pleasures to get up early in the morning just to hear Roy sing.

Our subject for this article was well-known to the folks of Lecompton. Roy came here to entertain Lecomptonites on many a Saturday night. In the early 1930s, Gene and Violet Bosler lived in Lecompton. Gene was the road master over the section workers for the Sante Fe Railroad, and his

wife Violet operated the Boxler Cafe, located on the south side of the Lecompton-Perry bridge. The cafe served sandwiches, drinks, ice cream and gas. Gene had two pumps where he sold "Regular" and "Ethel" gasoline. For entertainment Gene would show free movies east of his store and those attending would have to sit on the ground. Sometime he would have guest entertainers such as Edmond Denny, Catherine and Louise McCay down, but Roy Faulkner was the headliner.

We were especially interested in Roy not only as a Lecompton entertainer, but because his widow Louise is now married to a Lecomptonite, Ivan Glenn.

Roy was born Nov. 19, 1911, and was adopted from an orphan's home in Kansas City by a family named Faulkner and grew up on a farm near Garnett. While chopping wood a chip flew up and caused the loss of an eye. He was finishing elementary school at the time and the doctor advised no school for three years. He did not go back to school.

He had a natural talent for music and played the guitar and harmonized so well that a friend insisted on taking him to a new radio station in Milford, run by a Dr. John R. Brinkley. He was accepted and given the 4:30 a. m. slot, which meant opening the station. He was just 18.

Roy was a lone young man singing sad songs early in the morning. He was soon called "The Lonesome Cowboy." He sang such songs as "Little Mohee," "Fair Charlotte" and old Western ballads that he had learned from his mother. He traveled with Dr. Brinkley in his 1932 campaign for governor and sang in every county seat in the state. He went with Brinkley when the station was moved to Villa Acuna, Mexico, and became one of the most popular singers on the air. For several weeks his mail ran to 3,550 letters a day, from Hawaii, Africa, Australia and other far away places.

In 1933, he left the station and joined the new WIBW station in Topeka. He was absent from the station several times for trips with groups. Once he joined the Purple Sage Riders and traveled over the West. He was with Harley Saddler's tent show in Sweetwater, Texas, and he sang in tent theaters with the Arizona Wranglers.

In September 1935, he headed for the Mexican border to a new Brinkley station, XEAW, at Reynosa across from McAllen, Texas. And later, even though XEAW was back on the air with more power, Roy found a greater drawing power back in Topeka. That drawing power was a young girl named Louise Michael who he married before the end of the year.

In 1936-37 he was a popular singer at station WHO in Des Moines, Iowa. A young announcer, Ronald Reagan, was a nice young man known as "Dutch". Louise recalls the 25 year-old Reagan. "he'd always have his pipe in his mouth and his feet up on his desk," she said, "I can see him now. He was always real friendly. Of course, that was before he got into politics."

Roy met his wife, Louise Michael, through her

younger brother, who was a great fan of Roy. Every year on Louise's birthday January 11, he would sing "The Waltz You Saved for Me" and dedicated it to her.

Roy was back at WIBW for several years. He always signed off his show with: "So long folks". He then went to a station in Lincoln, Neb., in 1943. His career was put on hold while he served in World War II in the Air Corps, was teletype and telephone operator and also made flights on a bomber from England to the continent. He could have not gone to service since he had only one eye, but he choose to serve his country. He relaxed with his guitar and sang at gatherings. He lugged his guitar to Europe and back, but felt like tossing it into the Atlantic when he had to manage it along with two duffel bags, a rifle and pack.

One of the songs most frequently requested was "The Strawberry Roan". He groaned at each request, for it took 10 minutes to sing it. When they returned to Topeka they lived in a house in North Topeka. In 1951, the big flood washed into their house so suddenly that all they could save were the clothes they were wearing, their car and Roy's scrapbook, which was at Louise's mother's. The house, between the Kaw river and Soldier Creek, was covered with water. Roy's saddest loss was his two guitars and two violins stored in the attic. It didn't seem right not to have a guitar in the house, and before long he bought another. They cleaned their home and moved back in it.

Roy gave up entertainment because in the 1950s live radio was on its way out. In 1951, he went to work for the Santa Fe Railroad, cleaning mud out of the shops from the flood. In 1954 Roy and Louise bought a house in the Potwin district. He was skilled in many ways. He built a room onto their house, made two guns and carved the walnut stocks. One was for Louise, who like to shoot. She made matching decorated shirts for Roy and herself. Roy enjoyed cooking on the grill. He also did some leather tooling and some stone work. "I've got so many beautiful rings and earrings that he made me" Louise said.

Roy Faulkner is included with other great Kansans in the book Kansas in Turmoil 1930-1936 by Francis W. Schruben. Roy was honored with a plaque from the Nashville Country Music Hall of Fame.

In 1986 Roy's musical career was the feature of a

Chanute, Kansas radio station call-in question and answer program called "Famous Kansan." It took two employees just to answer the phones during this one hour program. The station decided to have another session on Roy, and called Louise to borrow Roy's recording from the Nashville Country Hall of Fame.

Roy retired from the Santa Fe railroad in 1973 but he had been having heart trouble since 1962. A series of heart attacks limited his physical activities in his later years. Roy died April 18, 1981.

Now a little about his wife Louise. Louise was born in Perry, Kansas, the daughter of Jesse & Edna Pearl Decker Michael. Her father was born in Perry and lived in the house he was born in. Her mother was born in Nebraska and later lived in Williamstown, Kansas. Louise lived in Perry until she was fourteen. She remembers the family would sit around, taking turns using ear phones and listening to Roy sing in Mexico.

Besides having an interesting and happy life with Roy, she also had an interest in music. Her father played the violin. Roy and her father wanted her to take up an instrument, but she preferred to sew and make crafts. She worked for 22 years at "Frisbys" later known as "The Sewing Nook" on West sixth in Topeka. After Roy's death, she continued to be involved with good old -time country music as a judge at the national "Old-Time Country Music Contest" and "Pioneer Expo" each year in Avoca, Iowa. A retired college professor from Council Bluffs, Iowa, originally got Louise involved in judging. Alex Kennedy contacted Louise as part of his effort to keep old-time entertainers' names alive. He came to Topeka to research "The Lonesome Cowboy" and to make a tape of his music. When Mr. Kennedy came, he thought Louise would make a good judge because she had been around country music for years. She admits she was nervous the first time, but thought she knew enough about music to judge.

In Avoca, Iowa there were about 20 categories of competition in the contest which attracted thousands of people. She judged country western singing, yodeling, instruments, piano, clogging and old-time fiddling in the past. Each event was held in different buildings. It kept the crowd moving and also herself. Louise said "it's fun, but it's really hard to judge because they're all so good." The judges scored each contestant on a

point system. Louise has some personal criteria when she judged. "One thing my husband always did when he sang, each word you could understand," Louise said. "He didn't believe in mumbling like they do today. Each word was loud and clear, I got a lot by that, and rhythm and timing."

Louise finally retired from judging at Avoca, but the "Old-time Country" music still goes on today. They are holding their 22nd National contest August 25 - September 1, 1997. The Vernon Spencer family attended Avoca one year. It's possible that Louise was a judge then.

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Bosler's Cafe information furnished by Opal Goodrick, Maxine Dark, Geraldine Harrell, Lura McAlexander, Bill Leslie and Doris Sindt.

LECOMPTON LETTER

The following letter was written by Mr. Fred O. Bartlett to George L. McCarty during October, 1951. It contains interesting facts related to the early history of Lecompton, Kansas. Mr. McCarty had written to him for more information about what he could remember about Lecompton and the people.

Dear George:

What a subject to me? As you know, my 81 years was so thoroughly tied up in that old town, that a thousand years cannot erase some of the many memory pictures. I first saw the light, the 8th of Dec. 1866 at 4 p.m., Saturday. I did not know it was Saturday, I was so young, can't remember, and, too, my memory is now what I forget with. But George! you know I saw all the silly, foolish, things and these I remember, but the better and more worthy things, don't register as I often wish they would. You ask me "how I am?". Never felt better, no aches, no pain, in fact most folks would think they were dead. But being an odd sort, kind of a lone wolf, and an undertaker for 20 odd years, I find its best not to let folks know I am dead, so they

won't shovel dirt over me. (Bartlett had a mortuary in the Constitution Hall at one time)

Well, as to your questions--some, I can answer, some you know more of the better class of events, that the lady wants to know, then I. At least she was sent to you by some one that knew you and your ability to tell what the party wants.

As to old Jim Lane, history gives most of the essential information, one talk he made in Lecompton that I think of now, was in front of the Constitution Hall there, and his first remarks were "God has done much for your country! (pause) God has done much for your country! (pause) God has done much for your country, man Damned little!"

I've looked at Lane's bust in the Museum at Topeka, many times and surely, he was a Brick, Sharp, sharp, eager, piercing, bitter, acute, if a foe? better letting alone, than stir up his feelings. When he offered Lane University \$2,000 to name the College Lane University, he knew if named, he'd no thought of paying for same. And his strategy was what put Lecompton off the map, as Capitol of Kansas. As he led the 300 men up the KAW, at night, and reached Lecompton at sunrise and marched them around and around on top of the hill east of town, it looked like a big army, then sent his white flag over town to the officer in charge of 500 cavalry, of the "South," and demanded 40 Union men, held in the old Union Hotel, (some say National Hotel) be liberated in 20 minutes, or he'd blow Hell out of the place, his answer was, - 40 men came running up that hill, and the 500 Cavalry hiked out for Big Springs, and all work on the Capitol building stopped. His two big cannons were left on top of the hill and folks thought to see them, and found 2 big black logs on 2 wheeled carts but they looked fierce from over town. So Topeka was selected, and is our Capitol.

All cause Jim Lane, played foolery with "Sesesh" plans. (his free state action against pro-slavery)

So, a town of 3000 folks scattered (Lecompton) and "Sun Rise" (Rising Sun) vanished. So the Lady that told you Jim Lane was a Great Uncle, told the truth, as he certainly was a "Great Uncle".

Lane, (University) was founded by Solomon Weaver of Iowa U. B. School "Western College" at Western Iowa, in 1865 and Weaver was the 1st Pres., but only for 1 year and then Prof. Shuck took over, but hard times fleeced him, and N. B. Bartlett

was the 3rd, and he stayed eleven years as Pres. when, Prof. Tohill was the 4th and he flew his kite in one year.

Then came Pres. Ervin as 5th Pres. 2 or 3 years and he got out and died. N. C. Droke was the last. Then Miller came and he lasted 3 or 4 years. Then Pete Bonebrake. Then Chas. Brooke was 7th Pres. and then Droke finished the school.

Yes I remember all the Cardwells, but can't find any memory of much that would interest folks. I know the old gentleman was the 1st to preach for the U. B. (United Brethren) at Big Springs, but don't remember the whiskey talk, by the old preacher.

The old Rowena Hotel was built by the 2 Migliario Bros. in 54 or 55. They also worked on the Capitol and Catholic Church, opposite the Kettering home and the Baptist Church 1 block west of Rowena Hotel. The Rowena was said to be the largest Hotel west of the Mississippi river at that time, it had 30 rooms.

Now as to the Kaw. (Kansas River)

The Bishop ferry just east of the then mouth, of the Grasshopper, or (Delaware as they call it now) was run by Mr. Bishop several years. Then a Co. was formed to build a Pontoon bridge about 2 hundred yards up the river from the present bridge, and piling was driven and boats made and placed so that wagons and folks could cross and the pontoon was used all that summer and folks thought it mighty fine, but, the ice in the spring destroyed it and carried it down the river. Then Wm. McKinney fixed a cable and ran a ferry boat several years, then sold to Mr. Kunkle and he was owner some 10 to 12 years, when Al Greene bought it, and Owen Baughman worked for Greene till the present bridge was built. I remember of crossing on the pontoon bridge in 1872. I was 5 or 6 years old. Wm. McKinney built a feed mill at one time and ground all kind of grain. The mill stood about 20 feet south of the Santa Fe Depot and Ace Iiff, then a young kid was looking at the grinding and said to Mr. McKinney "I could eat that much ground grain as fast as it is ground," but McKinney said "how long could you stay with it?", Ace said, "till I'd starve to death."

Now George, as to the mill that made history in Lecompton, J. P., Rogers, coming here to go to Lane, and after a year or so, saw what he thought a good chance to saw natural timber and put up a mill

that could cut 3 to 4 thousand feet of lumber per day and did make a fine contribution to the community. He worked many thousand of feet of lumber, to help many folks to build houses, barns, fences, cribs, etc, that was one thing that helped this old town back on its feet again. But after some 10 years of sawing, the mill burned to the ground. Rogers wife died, and he went to India as a missionary and died after 25 years of that work.

Now as to the Eisenhower family. Dave came to Lane, one of the cockiest Kids I ever saw, he was afraid he could not get in the College building door, as his head was so big. He couldn't scratch his head clear up on top, as his arms were to short, but inside of 3 mo. he could get thro any small door and found him self so shrunken, that twas funny, he found such folks as Eddy, Jacobs, Miller Ward(college professors) and a lot of boys and girls that took his measures without stretching necks. He never quit loving him-self, but took water so many times twas pitiful. He thot he could get a lesson while going up the College steps. But after a while he settled down to fine he was common as an old shoe. Got bluffed so many times in trying to shine at the girls that were ahead of him, and made dismal failures, one after another, till finally he came out with Miss Stover. Now Ida Stover was not pretty or specially bright, but a finer character never graced Lane University. And as she advanced in her classes by hard digging and a courage not to be thwarted, she was honored by high grades and was one of the thoro going pupils that draw the better class of students to her. Her friends were not of the flighty kind, she came from "River Brethren" stock, similar to U. B. folks. Her brother or I rather think, her uncle, lived in the 1st house north of Jake Carlsons blacksmith shop. And Ida live with him. He was a U. B. preacher and served the Big Springs and Salem, a church 6 or 7 miles S. W. of Big Springs.

Now, Dave was so smart, one evening at a Social for students and was so rude to Ida, that 5 or 6 students in their crowd, took him to task, and gave him to understand that they would not tolerate his ugly attitude toward Ida, and after a severe talk from Eddy (Professor) to Dave, before we boys, he agreed to beg her pardon, and after that he seemed to try to please her and be some what human. And I want to say "twas" the mother and not the father, that gave character to the family of Dave and Ida Eisenhower". They neither graduated at Lane University.

Now as to D. B. Day's shop, Mr. Day was one of the finest of smiths as he made shoes and nails for his horse-shoeing. He was the best metal temperer in Kansas. He could make knife blades that would stand up under hard usage. He made my dad 2 tuning forks, a (C), and an (A) pitch that were perfect. As you know, we had no instruments in church to pitch the tone for singing with. He made lumber wagons thru-out and made the first spring wagons ever made in Douglas Co. He made his own bolts and nuts. Made post hole diggers, Spring seats, and anything iron was used for. As a casket or coffin was not to be found on market, he made all coffins for Lecompton and vicinity out of walnut wood as this wood don't rot like most timber. He made the first washer that came to this county - that's when wash-boards went out of business. He made ladders of all kinds. You know Kansas was primitive at one time. Mr. Learner too, was a fine man to look after the wants of Lecompton when he went to the East to order goods for his store, he never forgot the Ladies and brot hats, all trimmed ready to wear, and they would last till the next year.

At one time, before R.R.'s (Rail Roads) were so prevalent, I've seen 500 crates of strawberries shipped to Topeka in one day. And beside strawberries, blackberries, gooseberries, dewberries, raspberries, red and black logan berries, apples, peaches, pears, plums, grapes, apricots, quince, cherries, etc. shipped to Topeka, but in a few years the R. R. brought from the South, car loads, knocked out our market as southern fruit came earlier.

I've mentioned "Sun Rise" (Rising Sun) as a small town of 300. (Rising Sun was a small town across the Kansas River from Lecompton) Well. Sun Rise, was the horse thief Rendezvous of so many thieves, that a man's life was worth nothing. Mo. (Missouri) lost 100's of horses, mules and cattle and lots of them were hid in the Kaw Valley woods in Sun Rise and vicinity. Quite a few men were hung by vigilantes, but when Lane made his raid and the work on Capitol stopped, the town of Sun Rise, lit for tall timber. The old Lecompton jail is still standing that held 12 men at one time, that were members of gangs of out-laws and some went to Leavenworth, some to the County Jail at Lawrence, and some never accounted for as mobs were fierce and life was cheap. Mr. Hartup told me of a fellow that was leading some horses in Sun Rise and a mob strung him to a limb on suspicion.

When I was 5 years old, 300 Indians came thru Lecompton, from reservations close to Holton. Some 25 soldiers were taking them to the Territory. They came down Grasshopper and crossed the river at Louis branch and folks didn't sleep that night as they camped in Leamer's pasture and when the sun was up, they went south past your place (Todhunter & McCarty home south of Lecompton) but that was before you were thought of.

As to the Fort west of your home, on Naces', (Fort Titus) I know nothing. I've heard of things that would not look well in print. As to the Still-house there, I know nothing, or the Still-house on Shucks place on Coon Creek. I've seen the buildings but not in operation. I remember when the 7 stores buildings burned (East side of main street in 1916), nothing funny about that tho.

I remember one night when all the students were on the hill sliding, and some fellows took all the bed clothing from the Dormitory and hid them on the roof and locked the roof door. Twas cold and snowy and all the covers were rolled in the snow on the roof. Boy! if they had known who it was--well the maddest bunch of boys I ever saw finally found them, but no one ever heard a whisper.

Then I remember when the Music teacher and I went up on the Dormitory and "Tick Tacked" a window on the 3rd floor and as we heard her scream, we hiked down and ran over to the college and after a while went home. In the morning we heard Miss _____ ran down the stairs to Pres. Ervin's rooms and she (the girl) was so frightened she jumped in Mr. and Mrs. Ervin's bed right between them. Well they are all dead but me, so this is the story true.

Do you remember when Jim Keezele graduated? Well his subject of Oration, was "Failure" and when 3/4 thru, he stopped and hesitated, and his forgotten worked so beautifully that he did fail, and was so frustrated he had to stop and took his seat and t'was so perfect a failure the crowd cheered to the echo. But poor Jim put on a bold front and smiled blandly and let it go. But afterwards acknowledged it was not on purpose, but a real failure.

Another fellow, V. G. Jacobs started his oration, but forgot - stood a moment then went to the side of the Rostrum, spit down, then back, started in

again but at the same place, forgot and stood a bit, walked over to the other side of the Rostrum - spit down and back to try again, but failed and gave up. The crowd laughed, gave him a good hand and then laughed till some cried.

Well, George, I think I've failed to give you just what you wanted. I've reviewed old college life and events that might be of interest to some, but afraid the true line of incidents told, won't be anything to what you can give. Thanks for the good letter as always you write. Will be here only a short time then back to St. Louis for a while and it may be, will go to Tulsa, as Dale is there just now, can't say for how long. His family are in St. Louis. The "Red Cross" is on wheels most of the time. Dale has moved 5 times in 2 years. But they move him and pay all expenses. He gets \$550 per month, wherever he is. I'm with Merle now, and he is building a house 30' X 65" and I pretend to help.

Kindest regards to you and wife.

Fred C. Bartlett

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Thanks to the following people for the donation and the interest they have in preserving the history of Lecompton.

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11. WIBW radio 50 year book 1927-1977, picture and news clipping of Roy Faulkner by Louise Faulkner Glenn.
12. A painting by a former University student in an unique-ornate frame given by Melva Edmonds.

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OBITUARIES

HUMPHREY, Helen J. 79, Carbondale, died Monday, June 2, 1997. She was born June 11, 1917, in Big Springs in Douglas County, the daughter of Gilbert P. and Gladys Glenn Henry, and lived in Carbondale since 1973.

She was married to H. L. "Tony" Humphrey Dec. 27, 1933, in Oskaloosa. He died Aug. 21, 1996. A grandson Eugene Hoffman preceded him in death.

Survivors include a daughter, Donna Sumner, Carbondale; four brothers, Glenn K. Henry, Topeka,

Max Henry, in Michigan, Bert Henry, Phoenix and Raymond Henry, Lincoln, Neb. five grandchildren, two step grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren and a great-great-granddaughter.

Burial in Pleasant Hill Cemetery near old Richland, Ks.

ANDERSON, Wm. A. "BIII", 83, Lecompton, died Saturday, June 14, 1997, at Lawrence.

He was born March 24, 1914, south of Lecompton, the son of Michael Alexander and Helen O'Brien Anderson, and was graduated from Lecompton High School in 1933.

He was a member of St. John's Catholic Church in Lawrence and served many years on the board of St. Peter's Catholic Cemetery in Big Springs. He was involved in various farm organizations and received Farm Bureau Leadership Plaque in 1976. He also was instrumental in securing many signatures on the petitions to save the Lecompton High School Building.

He was married to Helen Wulfkuhle in 1941. She died in 1961. He was married to Marcella Kreipe in Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 27, 1965. She survives.

Other survivors include a daughter, Barbara Anderson, Holly, Colo.; a brother, Leon J. Anderson, Olathe; a sister, Teresa Griffin, Manhattan; and two granddaughters.

Burial in St. Peters Catholic Cemetery in Big Springs.

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HILDENBRAND, RALPH F. 80, Beaverton, Mich. died Wednesday June 25, 1997, at his home.

He was born Aug. 13, 1916, in Lecompton and graduated from Lecompton High School.

He was married to Ola M. Cottrell on Aug. 13, 1946, in Beaverton. She died Feb. 2, 1991.

Survivors include a daughter, Marlene A. Williams, Beaverton; a son, Ralph A. Hildenbrand, Elko, Nev., five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Burial with military grave side services conducted by Post. No. 7303 of the VFW in Tobacco Township Cemetery in Beaverton.

HOHBERG, E. MARLIN, 84, Topeka, died Saturday, June 21, 1997.

He was born July 20, 1912, in Topeka, the son of Henry P. and Olive Hazel Palmer.

He was a member of Northland Christian Church. Earlier he was a member of North Topeka Baptist Church more than 50 years.

He was married to Opal L. Rosebaugh Aug. 17, 1935, in Topeka. She survives.

Other survivors include a son, Kenneth M. Hohberg, Topeka; a daughter, Hazel L. Henderson, Topeka; a brother, Henry P. Hohberg, Desert Hot Springs, Calif.; four grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Burial in Half Day Cemetery in Elmont, Ks.

NOTICE

We are asking you to please notify us of your change of address. We mail out our newsletter the first of March, June, September and December, so we need the change of addresses before these dates.

If we are notified by the post office of your change of address, it cost the society .50 cents and if they can not deliver, the whole newsletter is returned, then it costs the society .80 cents. Your help in this matter would be very much appreciated.

Iona Spencer -Membership Chairperson

LECOMPTON OWL

The Lecompton High School put out a school paper called "Lecompton Owl". We have been given several of these newsletters and they are a real source of history information. If any one has any of these school papers, we would appreciate you giving them to the society.

Lecompton Owl-February, 1941

A new scoreboard for the basketball games has been constructed by Coach Vernon Hays and his shop boys. They have received many fine compliments on the improvement. It is white with black figures.

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