La Grange, Only Log Post Office Still Standing In Marshall County Is A Link With Territorial Past

E. F. Jones, New York City, First Postmaster Built The Log House In 1857

Now only a visible remnant of standing and preserves its name as a designation of the neighborhood

La Grange, located eight miles south of Frankfort on K99, the star route postoffice which served settlers in Clear Fork township, is probably the only existing log postoffice remaining in Marshall county.

Once, a name as familiar as Barrett. Outtard, Stolzenbach and Hollenberg to the pioneers, La Grange post office was centrally

Today its ghostly memory still

came from New York City to Mar-

C. A. Holmes, who were of Prench Blaine. ancestry, gave the postoffice its the English means The Barn.

rett to Louisville, twice a week, a lold building, distance of approximately 50 miles. lent. With the establishment of the the territory of Kansas. La Grange postoffice at the Jones home, a star route was founded serving Barrett, La Grange and Wyoming postoffice was located east of La Grange in section 21, Cleveland township and Wm. Kellev was the postmaster.

Jones, owner of the farm, was postmaster at La Grange until his death in the 1880's when O. S. Lesslie became postmaster.

building served as a postoffice With the discontinuance of La there. Grange postoffice upon the advent

were conversions to modernity when the fireplace was replaced by

Showing signs of deterioration

"It was in pretty good shape when I moved here eight years ago," observed James Brophy, who a 16-inch log, crumbling with age

The log cabin was used as resisence until 20 years ago when a





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NONE INJURED Still in a fair state of preservation is La Grange, oldest log cabin tised together nearly 100 years ago post office in Marshall county still standing which was constructed by a New Yorker, who came west in 1857. It is located on the James Brophy farm 8 miles south of Frankfort on K99 owned by Mrs. Katherine Lohmuller, Topeka. Clap- west of the Marysville city limits According to Tom McConchie, 86- boards have replaced the logs in the left foreground where a fire- Tuesday afternoon. Both vehicles year old resident of Clear Fork place was a part of the house. The small half-door to the left of the township, La Grange was con- entrance door, has an aperture where the mail was placed, possibly a structed by E. F. Jones in 1857, who substitute arrangement for a post office window.

house was moved to the farm from rest of the land upon Mrs. Jones' Mrs. Jones and her sister, Mrs. the discontinued booster station at death,

Strange to the builder, were he name La Grange, translated into to return, would be the electric wiring which operates the cream Before the establishment of La separator, an incongrous note of putting in a sawmill and hired an Grange, mail was carried from Bar- modernity in the nearly century- engineer to run the mill.

Although the mail was not heavy. Jones came from New York City, engineer. Then he took over and accustomed to luxury of a metropo- they built that large barn and corn township was considered inconven- lis to the raw country known as crib. About 1913 there was an exo-

"When E. P. Jones came from New York City in 1857, the country was pretty new," explained Tom Wyoming three times weekly. The McConchie in an interview Sunday went down to the timber and cut of an eccentric and didn't mix much with his neighbors."

who came here, too. But Mrs. Jones stayed in New York running her. illinery store to keep up expenses ame to make her home.

"The family prospered and when | Jones died in the 1880's, he owned ed out twelve-inch logs provided Jones had reformed and joined considerable space for mail and two | church although he stipulated he small doors opening to the interior didn't want any funeral services. the school and only five pupils He is buried out here in the ceme- the school like the post office and window for distribution of the mail tery and has the biggest monument the dwindling population of the

"Mrs. Jones after his death left changing world. of rural free delivery, the postoffice the farm and retired in Frankfort. Today, the school taught by Mrs. niche was converted into cupboard | On her seventieth birthday she | Romaine McConchie, is proud of married Pat Cudmore. But before the silk flag presented by Henderhabited the log house until approxi- her marriage, her brother-in-law, son Women's Relief Corps, and the C. A. Holmes and his daughter five pupils learn modern arts as feet high made a comfortable warm title was in their mother's name. ing, in comparison to the boys and

Episcopal country minister, and his The Advocate. Adv. daughter lived on the place for several years. Then he got the idea of

The daughter was a nice young, It was 95 years ago that E. P. | innocent girl and she married that dus to New Castle, Wyo., and Holmes, his daughter and family owner." Mrs. Katherine Lohmuller. Topeka, is the present farm owner.

The name La Grange, which Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Holmes chose so long ago for the postoffice, with "His wife ran a millinery store possible visions of a town or city, in New York City, she had a sister was also given to the neighboring structed in the next decade.

One of the oldest schools still out here nearly 10 years before she onen in Marshall county. La Grange school organized in 1869. is located a few blocks north of the

"So Mrs. Jones signed La Grange girls who stopped at the log cabin o Holmes and his daughter, her and brought the mail. The school ece, and Cudmore inherited the building serves as the only voting

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SECTION C -- THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 1952

Happy Harvesters Plant Wild Life Cover and a center for community meet-For Conservation

precinct in Clear Pork township

as lived for 95 years in Marshall

re-negotiate the franchise pay-

The company has been paying

cent announcement of an increase

CITY WILL ASK

FOR RAISE IN

La Grange, a log cabin, a school, Mr. Hurlings from the State Pish and a community is a name that and Game Department spoke to the members and visitors of the Happy Harvester 4-H club at their March meeting which was held at the Dow School. He spoke about "Wildlife Conservation" which the Happy Harvesters are taking as a City councilmen voted recently to give notice to the telephone company that the city wishes to

\$900 a year to the city of Marys- the County Council meeting. Jeanie Nehrig led the group

contract singing. Robert Sextro gave a music there is a appreciation number on "The Star he rates to Spangled Banner." A project talk was given by Richard Cohorst on

All the members and leaders were present and also the following guests: Mr. Hurlings, Mr. and The council voted to ask that Mrs. John Gorton, Mrs. Nelda Pollpayment to the city be increased to man and children, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cohorst and Delores, Armin Bitterli, Mr. John Mentgen, Dominic Schmitz, Jr., and Harold, Misses Alma and Marie Seematter, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Holle and children, Mr. Joe Bornhorst and Mr. and Mrs. Edw. Schroeder and chil-

were going east. Driver of the Following the meeting Mr. Gortruck was Patrick McMahon and driver of the car was Mrs. Da ton showed films of the 4-H tours lunch of cookies and hot chocolate -Victim of a theft? Locate your was served following the entertain-"Holmes, who was an English property with a classified Adv. in ment. The next meeting will be held April 7.

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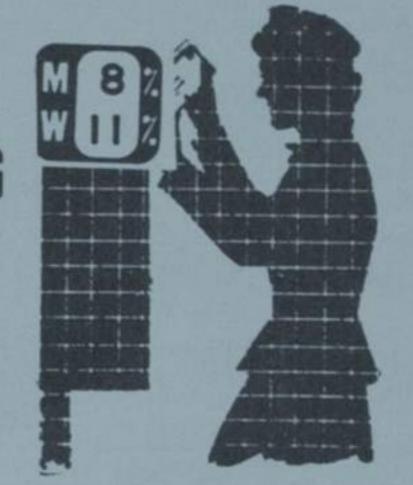
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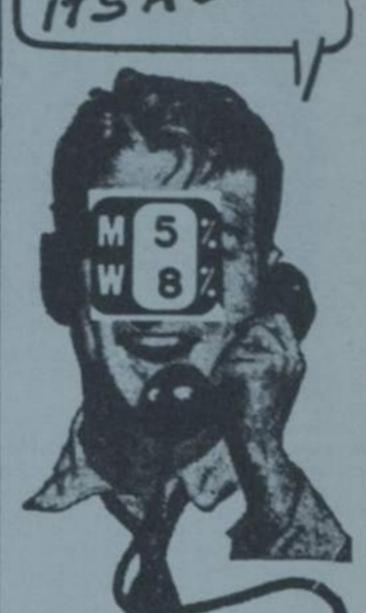


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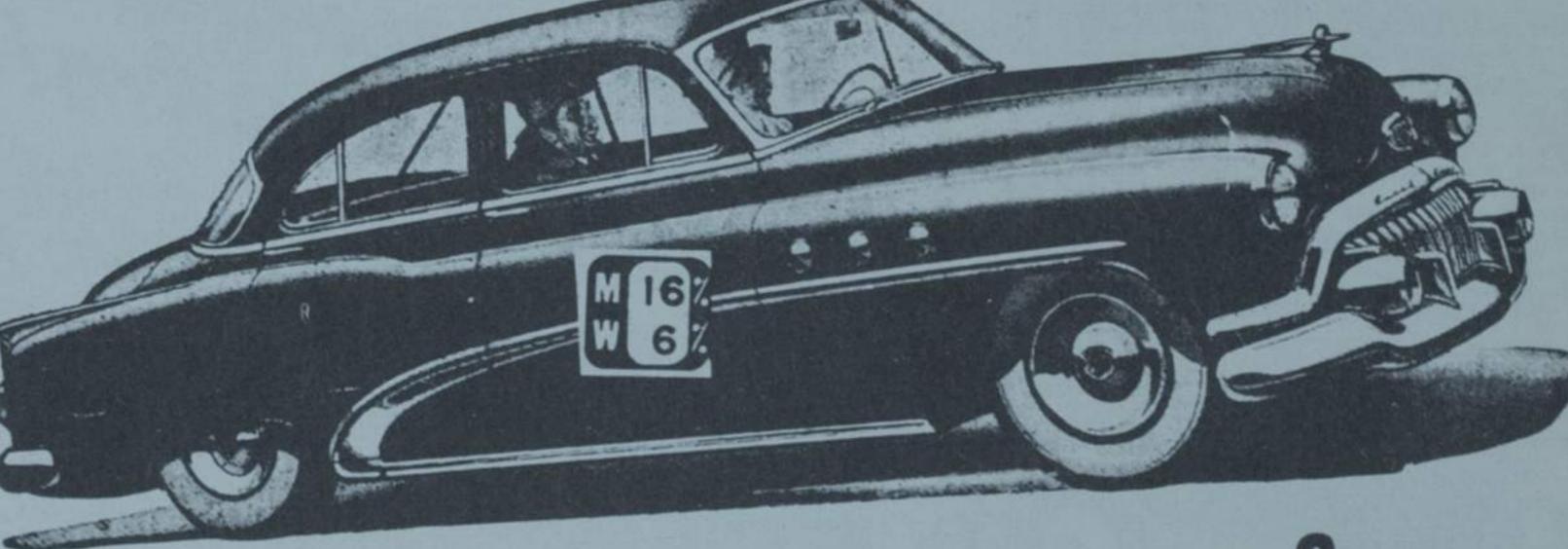
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