

20 years ago...

A maker of children's sleepwear agreed to locate in the American Fabrics Co.'s cluny and scalloping divisions off High School Drive just west of Tylertown High School.

30 years ago...

A 4 a.m. fire destroyed the furniture division of Ball Hardware & Furniture, but the hardware building, next door, protected by a fire wall and double fire doors received only minor smoke damage. Building owner W.I. McDonald said he believed at least part of the furniture building, the one-time location of McDonald-Waring Grocery, was constructed in 1903. The fire spread rapidly because of the building's heart pine construction.

40 years ago...

Jim Morrow, a 20-year veteran of the automobile business, joined the staff of Rushing Motor Co. as sales manager. He and his wife, Beth, moved to Tylertown from Natchitoches, La.

50 years ago...

Homecoming day attracted about 200 for the Enon Baptist Church homecoming. Pat Gullede was the principal speaker for the occasion. He was introduced by church pastor, Rev. Bendon Ginn. The church was founded in 1874.

60 years ago...

Soil tests on a newly proposed county lake site near Union revived interest in getting a state-maintained lake for the county. The new site was located on Union Creek about three miles north of town and west of Hwy. 27. A preliminary survey indicated a 100-acre lake could be constructed with little trouble.

70 years ago...

The Avenue Theatre was to present its first ever showing of a movie on Sunday in 22 years, "Albuquerque," in color, starring Randolph Scott, Barbara Britton and George "Gabby" Hayes. The box office was to open at 1:15 with two features run and added attractions. The action came after Gov. Fielding L. Wright signed a bill legalizing Sunday moving picture shows, baseball and football games and similar contests, ending the 22-year-old "sky blue law." Tylertown's Star Theatre had not made a decision to show Sunday movies, The Times reported.

80 years ago...

The mayor and board of aldermen published a notice of election on the question of town ownership of a municipal water system, noting that the private water system, Ball Bros., contract with the town for fire equipment service for the protection of the town was to expire

soon. The town's electorate expressed by a big majority their desire for a complete waterworks and plant system to be owned by the town.

90 years ago...

One of the area's most prominent citizens, William Irvin McDonald, 81, died at his home. For a number of years McDonald operated one of the largest and most successful plantations in the area in addition to being involved with the lumber business. He

retired from business activities about 10 years ago, moving from his plantation to make his home in Tylertown.

100 years ago...

Fernwood Lumber Co.'s logging operation at Kokomo was advertising for experienced log sawyers, swampers, teamsters, track, grade and gang men and tie makers. Payday was every two weeks, 10 hours a day, six days a week.

PICTURE FROM THE PAST



County agent Ansel Estess, left, and Earl Boyd discuss plans for the 10th annual dairy field day to be held at the Boyd home. (From the June 26, 1958, Tylertown Times.)