

Historical Society Photo

In early days, Thomas County was dotted with sod houses like this one built on the Thomas County Fair Grounds in 1932. It was built as a memorial to the pioneers of

the high plains empire. Time and weather, combined with lack of care, caused the demise of the original prairie home, built by early homesteaders.

Fairground buildings come and go over the years

The racetrack in front of the Thomas County Fairgrounds grandstand was built in 1928 and was originally a half mile track. It had a ball diamond in the center.

A horse shed was built at the west end of the race track with 50 stalls for race horses.

Next to go up was the hog barn, built to house 50 animals, followed by the poultry building, large enough for 200

coops.

The merchants of Colby chipped in and built the Merchants Building at the fairgrounds in 1929.

A Works Progress Administration project in 1935 put up a new grandstand that would hold 2,000 people.

The original hog shed was built to house 50 head of hogs.

A sod house was built on the grounds in 1932 and used as

fair headquarters for many years.

Opening night of the fair in 1932, the first lights at the grandstand were turned on and Colby held its first night baseball game.

A popular event at the first few county fairs was the "healthiest baby" contest.

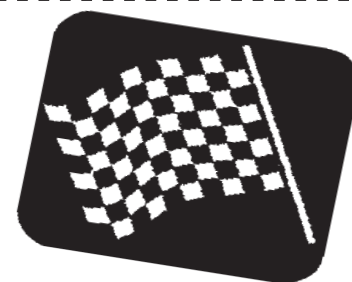
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