

## Palisade: February 1922

The weather report is based on the groundhog beating a hasty retreat and predicting 6 more weeks of winter. The locals expressed doubt as no real winter weather had yet been seen. January 21 had been the coldest night at 4 degrees, but the four inches of snow on February 1 were gone in the sunshine that produced the groundhog's shadow.

A family of 4 making \$4,000.00 a year would be paying \$12.00 in federal income tax. Down from \$56.00 the year before. Due by March 15.

Colorado earmarked \$50,000 of U.S. Forest service funds to complete the road from Mesa to Mesa Lakes. With three feet of snow currently in place, work would not begin until spring.

The Masonic lodge voted unanimously (membership nearly 100) to build a new lodge at Main and 3rd. This would replace the remains of the Jordan Hotel destroyed in a fire a few years earlier. One reason given for the decision was to remove a community eyesore. A two story building with a basement available for social events, a main story available for lease to businesses and the top floor reserved for lodge functions. By coincidence the Masonic lodge in Mesa was destroyed by fire that same month.

The Palisade High School Bull Dogs boys team beat Fruita 29 to 16, Rifle 23 to 16 and Aspen 72 to 22. The girls team lost each of their match ups. A heated challenge in checkers between Palisade and Grand Junction found Palisade a head after 2 of three matches.

The Parent-Teachers Associations began tryouts for a comedy "The Village Post Office" to raise money for purchase of a moving picture machine for use by the school. As many as 40 people were involved with Mrs. C.B. Canfield directing and a then 26 y.o. Wayne Aspinall cast in the role of the oldest citizen. Adult tickets were 50 cents and children 35. The first night brought \$160 with 250 tickets sold for the Saturday performance.

Tragically Keith Eyer age 13 and youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. George Eyer was killed at 4:30 pm on Thursday Feb 23 just across the vineland bridge. He and other children were returning from school and he attempted to board a Ford J truck driven by Art Buck. He lost his foothold and died at the scene. He was survived by his parents, an older brother and 4 sisters. The second performance of the above play was postponed.