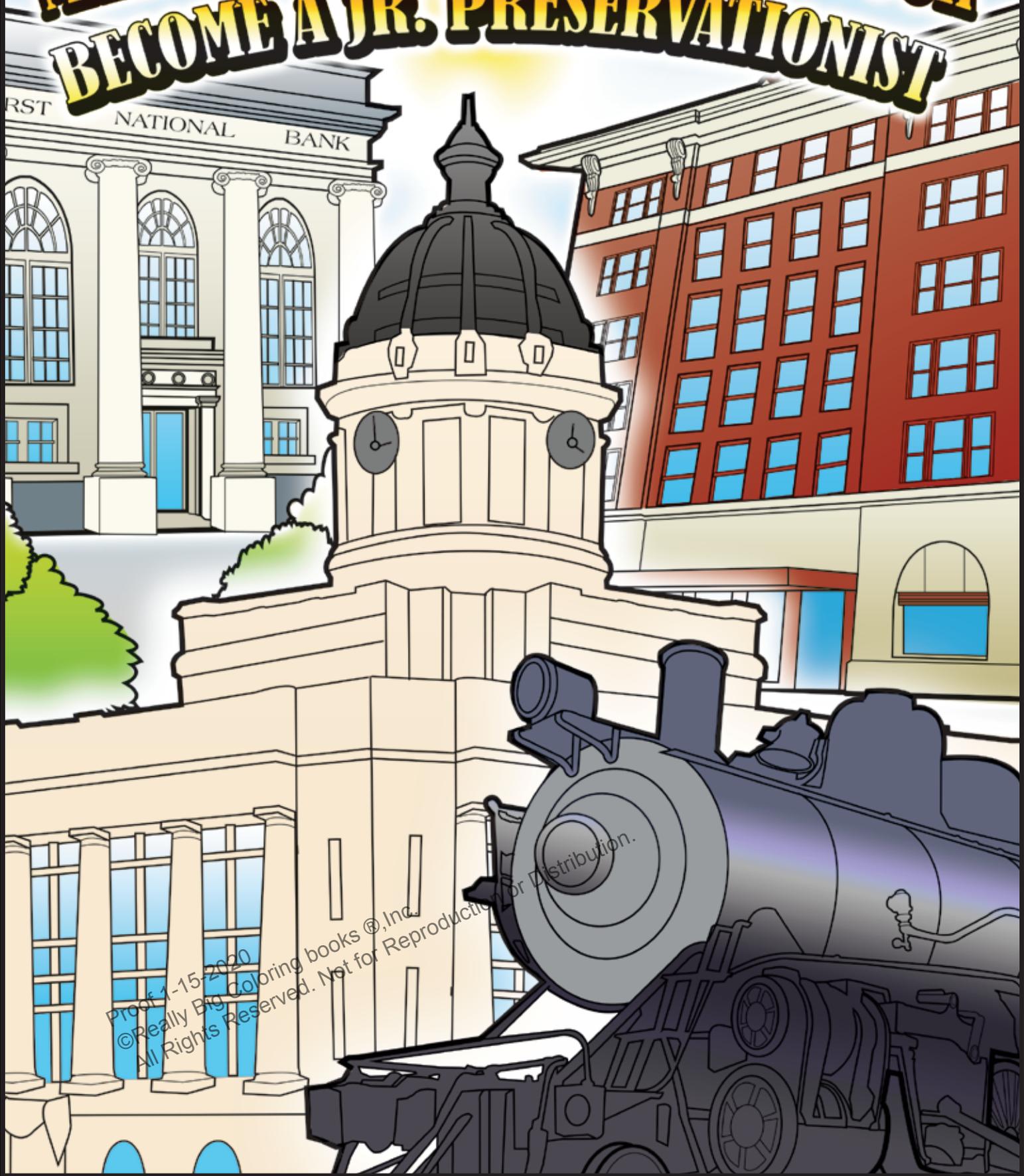


MAIN STREET KIDS ACTIVITY BOOK

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WELCOME ADVENTURERS

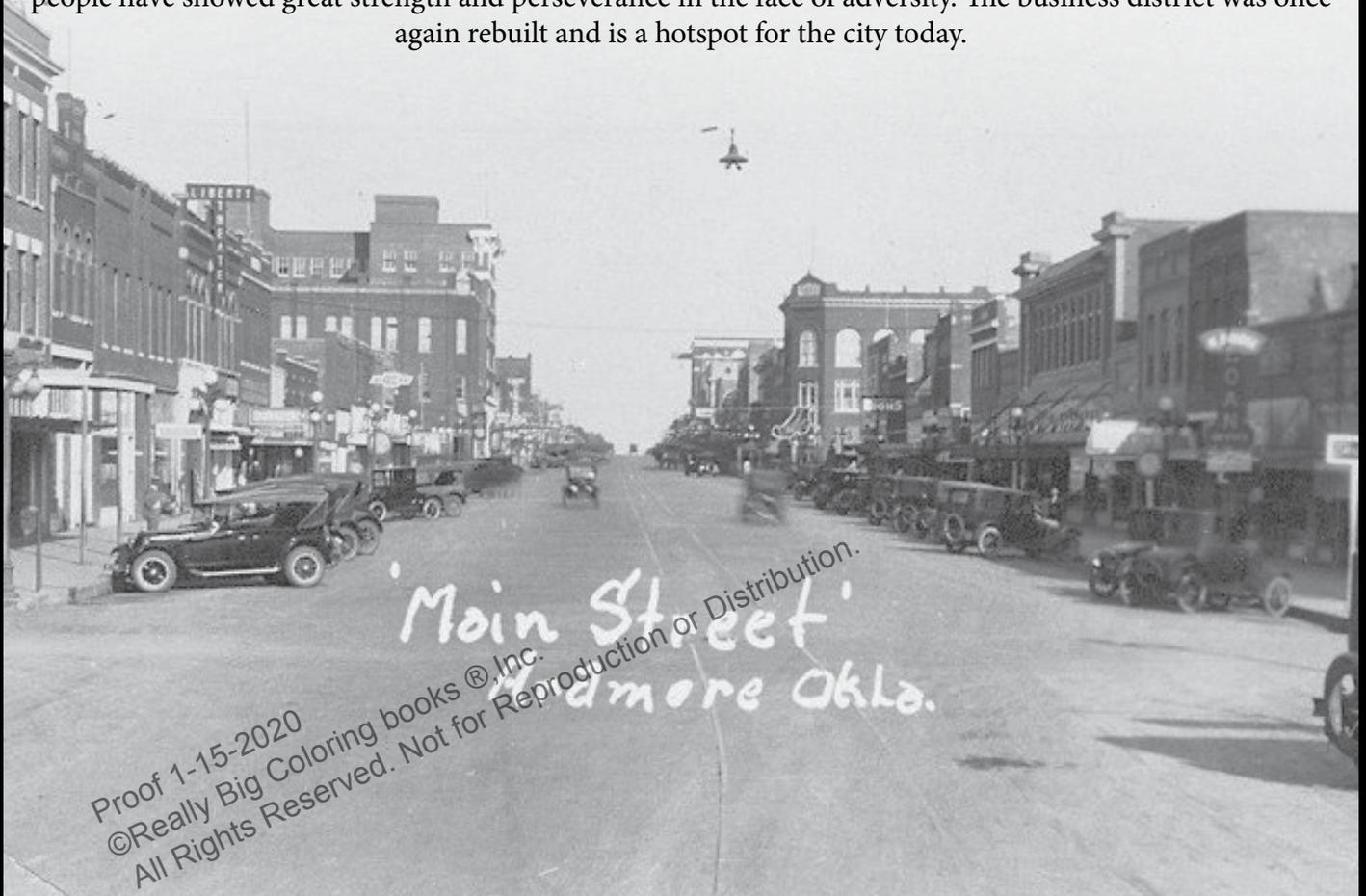
In 1983, the Ardmore Historic Commercial District was placed on the National Register of Historic Places. Ardmore's historic district now encompasses .06 square miles and 110 buildings.

Look down! You are standing in a place that made history!

In July of 1887, Jim Staples used a tongue plow to cut a furrow in the prairie for a quarter of a mile west of the present day Santa Fe Depot. This was the beginning of Ardmore's Main Street.

On April 19, 1895, a fire broke out in Harper's Livery Stable on Caddo Street and the night watchmen implemented the alarm system of the day, firing his revolver several times in succession to notify the public. Lacking a fire department, bucket brigades from the three public wells in the middle of Main Street were inadequate to combat the raging wind-fanned inferno. In a short time, the thriving pioneer town was reduced to rubble. The town was devastated, but plans were made to rebuild. Within a year, a new business district had replaced the original one and Ardmore began to thrive once more.

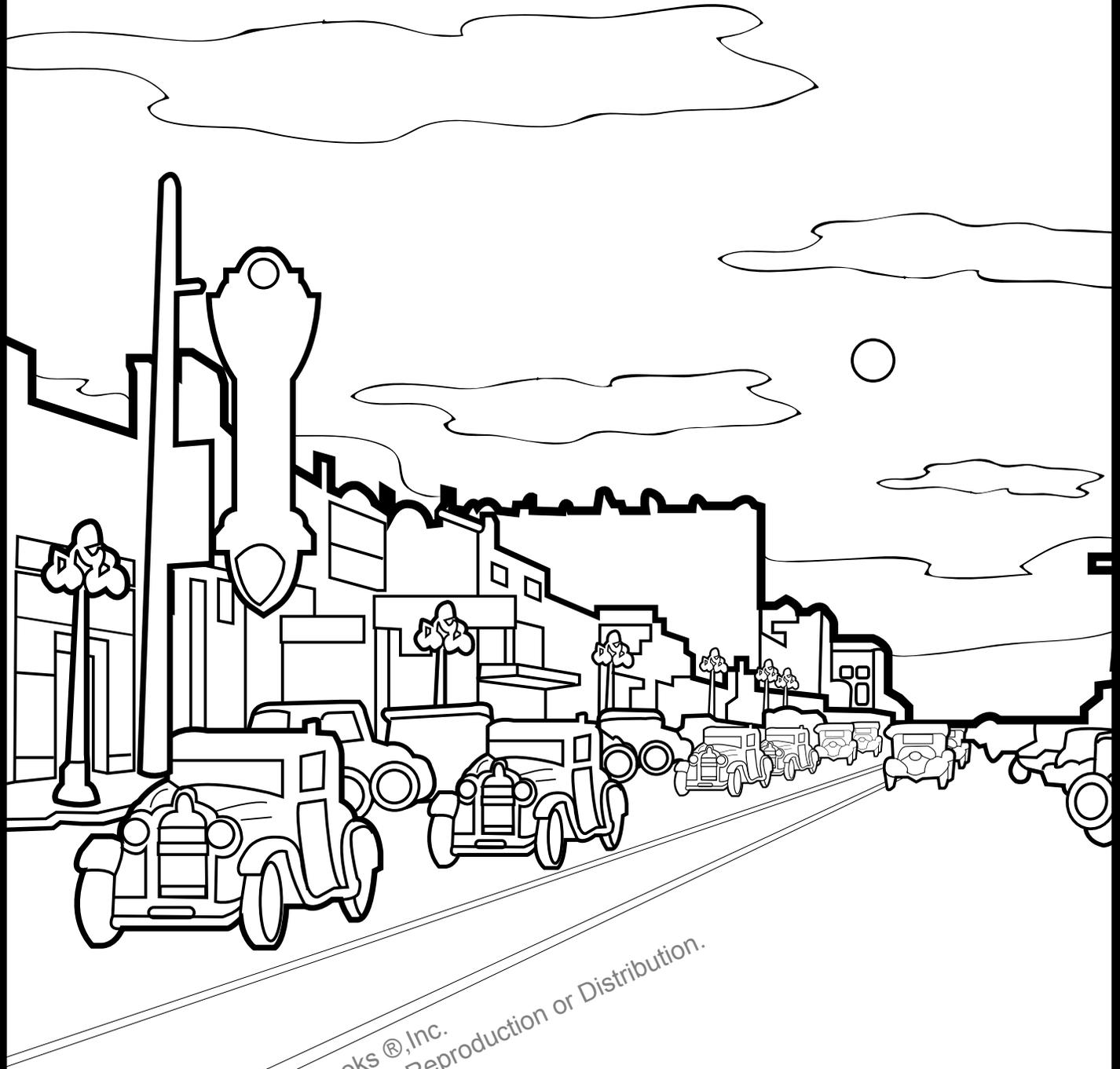
Twenty years later, another tragedy struck. The business district was destroyed yet again. A parked railroad car hauling casing-head gasoline exploded. Forty-nine people were killed. The City of Ardmore and its people have showed great strength and perseverance in the face of adversity. The business district was once again rebuilt and is a hotspot for the city today.



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ARDMORE'S MAIN STREET (1920S)



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SANTA FE DEPOT



Once called, "Union Depot," the Santa Fe Depot was built in 1916 by the Santa Fe Railway and the Rock Island Railroad. This Spanish Revival building, featuring stucco walls and brick accents, was common for Santa Fe depots during the early 1900s.

The first train arrived on July 28, 1887, and that date has since been observed as the City of Ardmore's birthday. The railroad was a popular place for the first settlers of the area, with a few merchants setting up tents early anticipating the first train's arrival. The cost of the first ticket sold for the railroad was \$1.20 and travel was from Ardmore, Oklahoma, to Gainesville, Texas.

Train depot - A terminal, or place, where trains load or unload passengers or goods.
Stucco - A fine plaster used for coating wall surfaces or molding into architectural decorations.

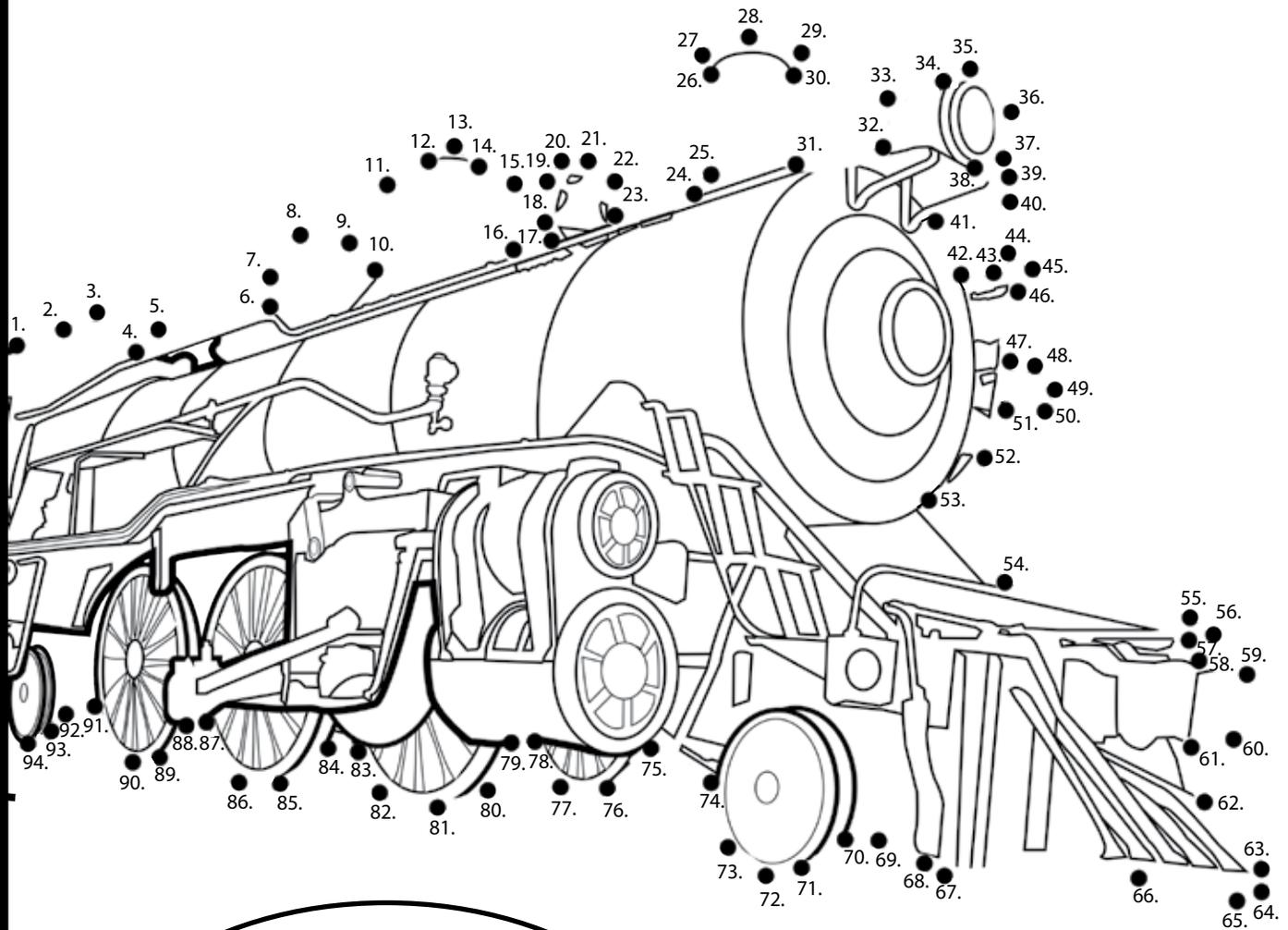
Settler - A person who moves with a group of others to live in a new area.
Merchants - People involved in the trading of goods, like storekeepers.

Create your own color key!
 Write down your choice of colors here and then match them to the numbers!

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- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

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MERCY TRAIN



In September of 1915, the Mercy Train brought supplies and emergency personnel to Ardmore following a tanker car explosion that killed 49 people and destroyed most of downtown. The Mercy Train's arrival was a beacon of hope for the devastated townspeople. After a 50-year stay at a nearby park, the train has been fully restored and returned to the Santa Fe train depot where it first arrived over 100 years ago.

Emergency personnel – Doctors and Nurses.
Townspeople – The people living in a particular town or city.
Beacon of hope - Something that causes people to have hope.

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COLSTON BUILDING

Use your creativity to finish the picture! Draw the rest of the building!



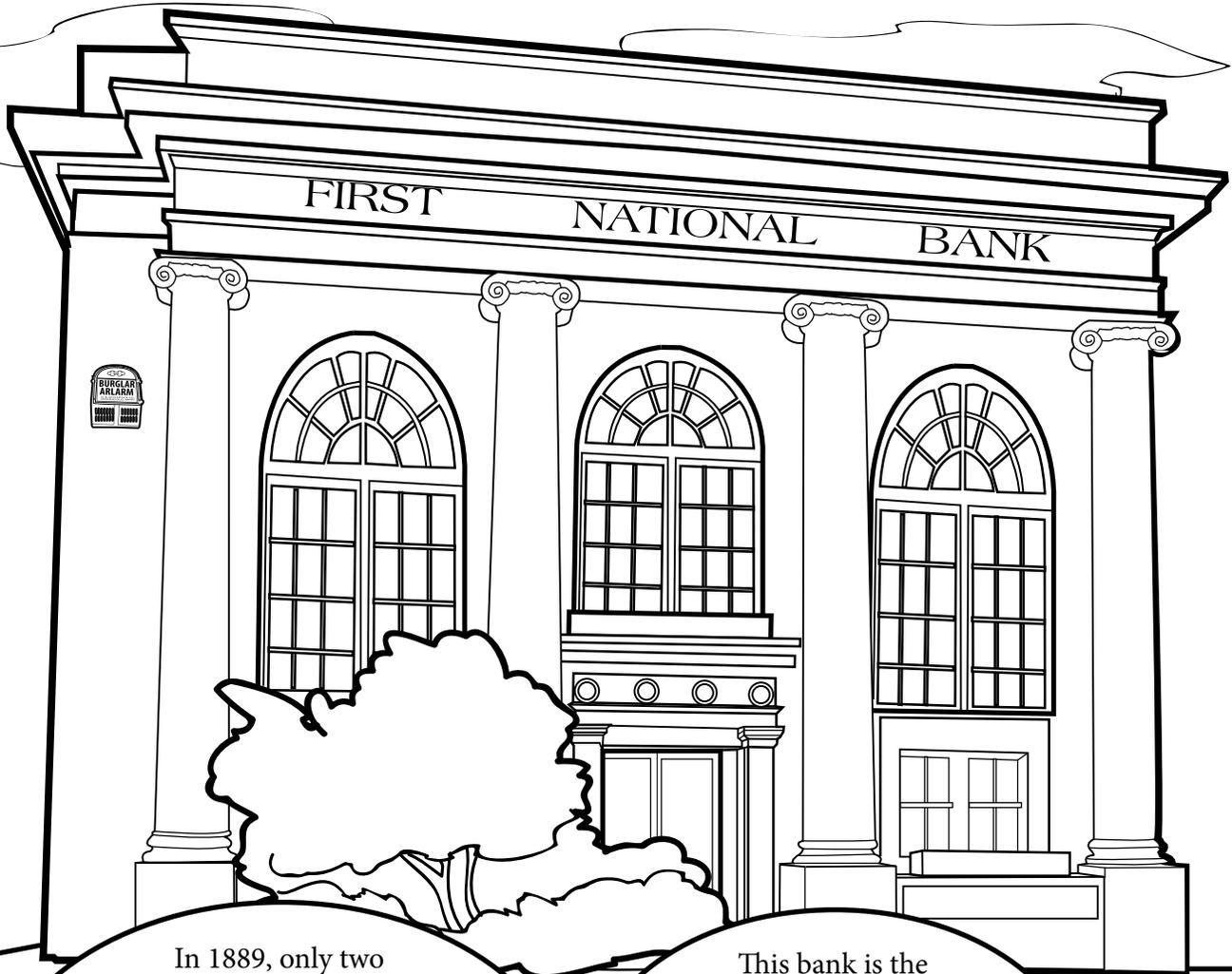
Skyscraper - A very tall building that has many stories or floors.

The Colston building, built in 1918, celebrated its 100th birthday in 2018. Originally known as the Simpson Building, it was the first ever attempt at building a skyscraper office building in Ardmore.

This building originally generated its own electricity with the help of a coil fired boiler. The building has six stories with an elevator that once was manned 24 hours a day. After being sold multiple times, it ended up in the hands of Bob Colston and Thomas C. Jobe, who renamed it the Colston Building.

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FIRST NATIONAL BANK



In 1889, only two years after the City of Ardmore was founded, The First National Bank and Trust Company of Ardmore began as a private bank. In 1918, this architecturally stunning building was built showcasing a stained glass skylight, limestone and granite façade, and four iconic columns resting on granite bases.

This bank is the oldest financial institution in Ardmore. First National Bank and Trust Company of Ardmore used banknotes like this one as currency, and they were capable of printing their own in the building!

Facade - The face or front of a building.

Granite - A very hard, granular, crystalline, igneous rock consisting mainly of quartz, mica, and feldspar and often used as a building stone.

Banknote - A piece of paper money that allows someone to withdraw the stated amount from a bank.

Limestone - A hard sedimentary rock, composed mainly of calcium carbonate or dolomite, used as building material and in the making of cement.

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TIVOLI

Grand Opening Friday Nite, June 14, 6:45

The TIVOLI

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ARDMORE'S NEWEST THEATRE

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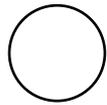
— ON OUR SCREEN —

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SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

1.



Originally opened as the Princess Theatre in 1916, it was renamed Tivoli Theatre June 14, 1935. It is the last remaining theatre building in downtown Ardmore. The V shaped marquee was used to announce upcoming shows. The opening night featured Bette Davis in "The Girl From Tenth Avenue", with tickets costing 35¢.

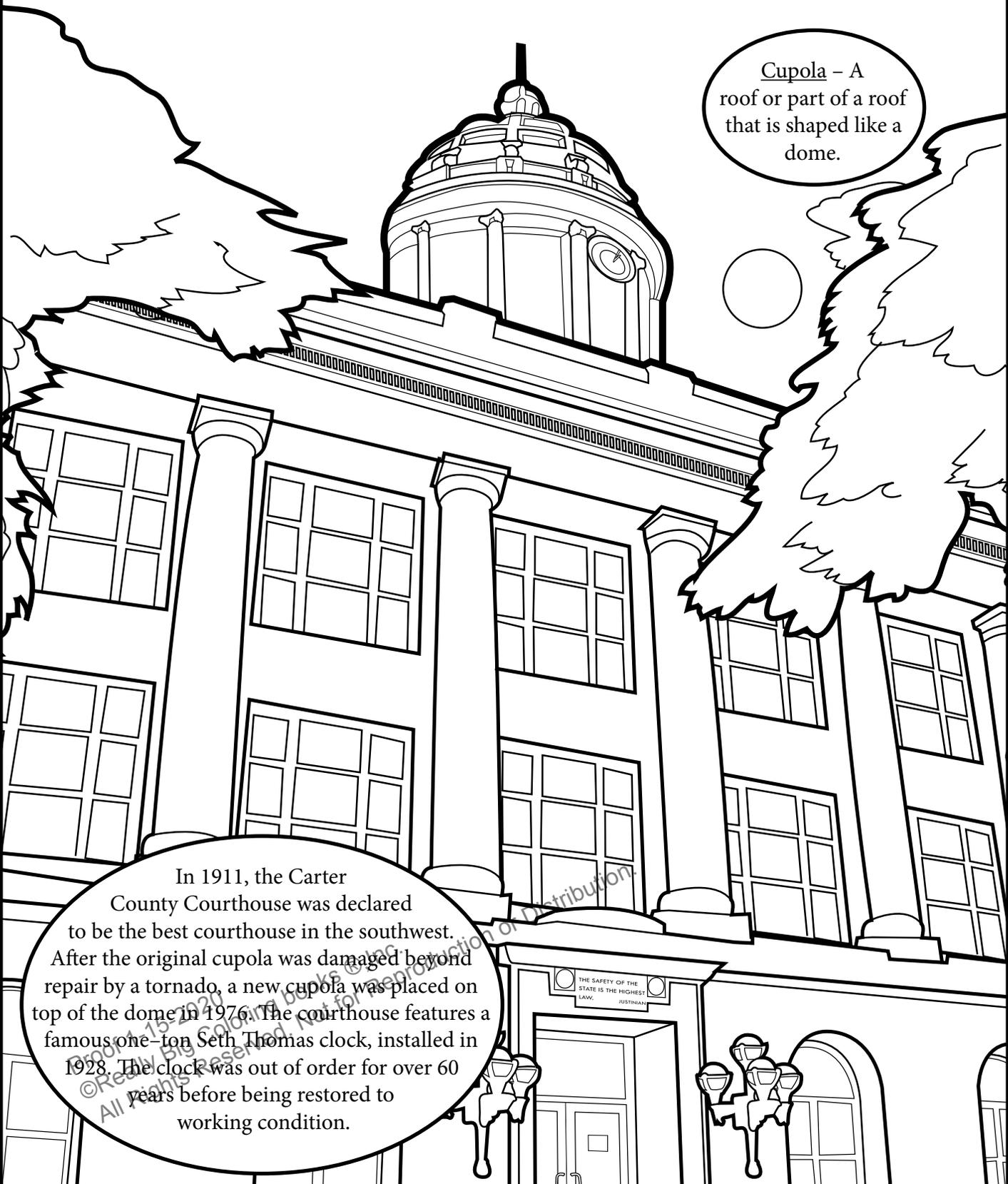
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Marquee- A sign outside or above a theatre that is often lighted.

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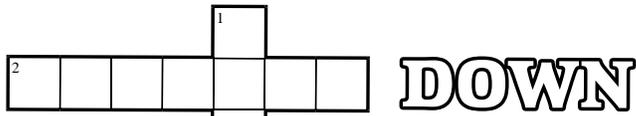
CARTER COUNTY COURTHOUSE



Cupola – A roof or part of a roof that is shaped like a dome.

In 1911, the Carter County Courthouse was declared to be the best courthouse in the southwest. After the original cupola was damaged beyond repair by a tornado, a new cupola was placed on top of the dome in 1976. The courthouse features a famous one-ton Seth Thomas clock, installed in 1928. The clock was out of order for over 60 years before being restored to working condition.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



DOWN

1. A hard sedimentary rock, composed mainly of calcium carbonate or dolomite, used as building material and in the making of cement.
3. Something that causes people to have hope.
5. An enclosure where wagoners can put up their wagons and teams.
7. People involved in the trading of goods, like storekeepers.
11. The face or front of a building.
12. A piece of paper money that allows someone to withdraw the stated amount from a bank.
13. A very tall building that has many stories or floors.

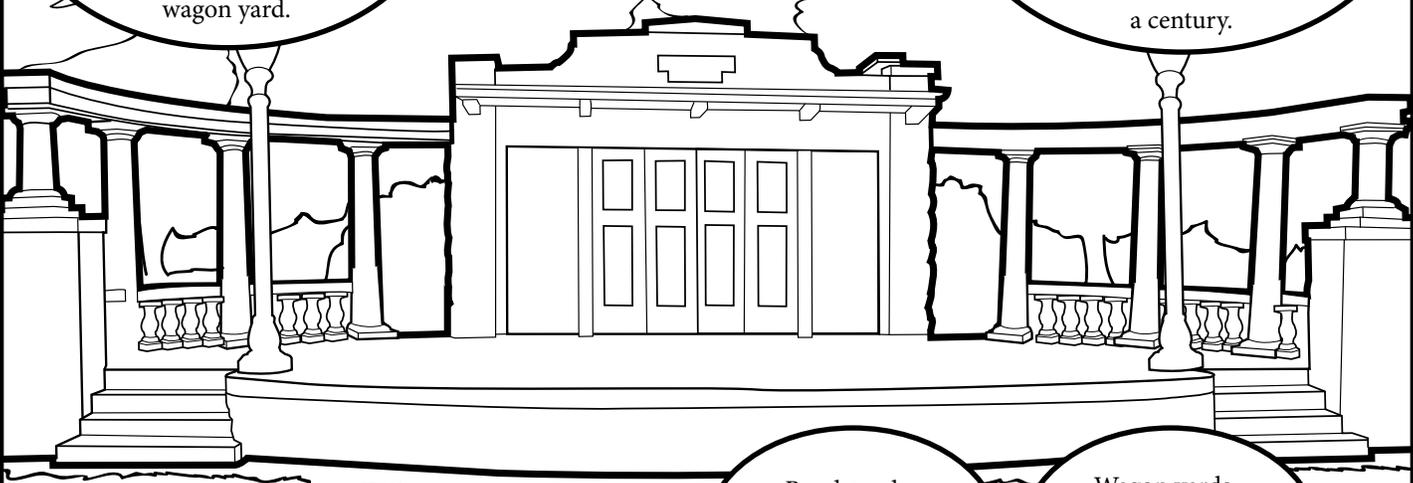
ACROSS

2. A very hard, granular, crystalline, igneous rock consisting mainly of quartz, mica, and feldspar and often used as a building stone.
4. A person who moves with a group of others to live in a new area.
6. A terminal, or place, where trains load or unload passengers or goods.
8. The people living in a particular town or city.
9. A roof or part of a roof that is shaped like a dome.
10. A fine plaster used for coating wall surfaces or molding into architectural decorations.
12. An outdoor platform for a band to play on, typically in a park.
14. Doctors and Nurses
15. A sign outside or above a theatre that is often lighted.

CENTRAL PARK BANDSTAND

Central Park's bandstand is still regularly used by local bands, civic groups, and city events. It has been a notable gathering place since before the city was formed, likely due to its close proximity to the old wagon yard.

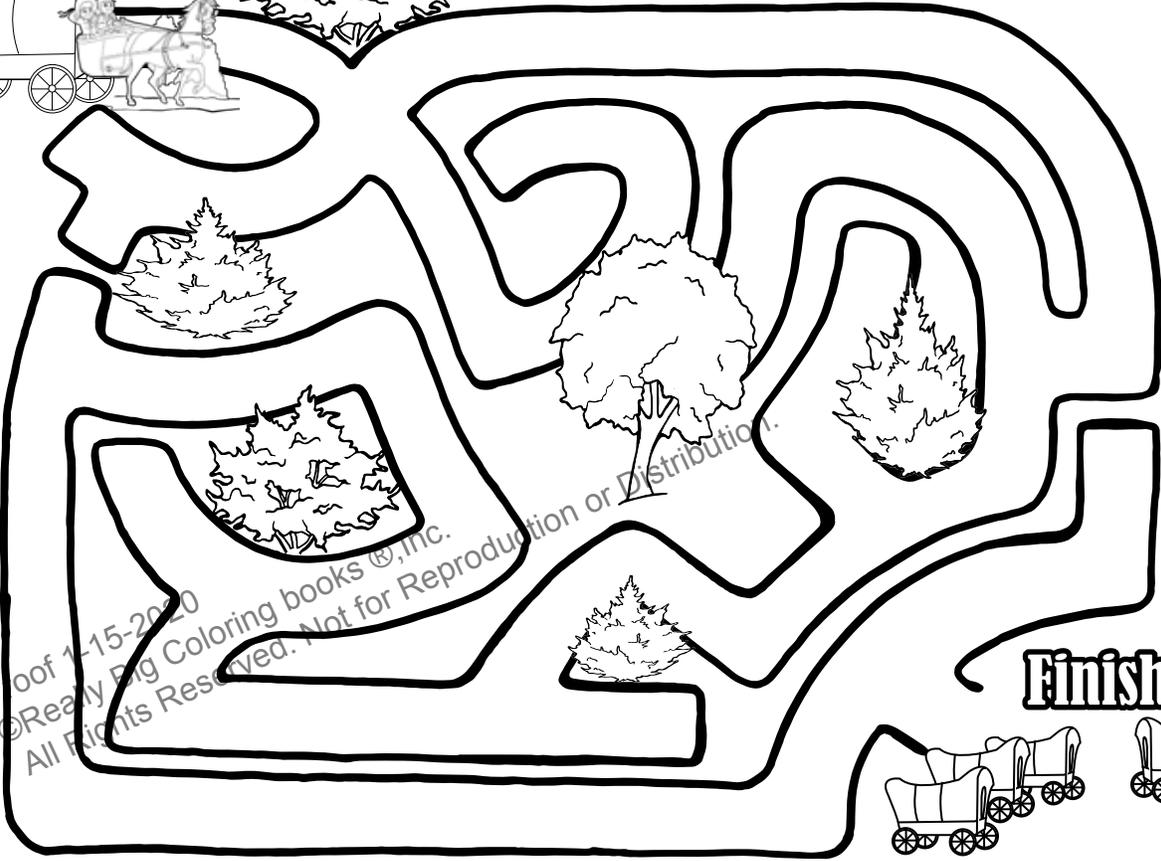
In 1928, the current pavilion of Carthage limestone replaced the old wooden bandstand. Its location has made this historic bandstand a natural gathering place for citizens for over a century.



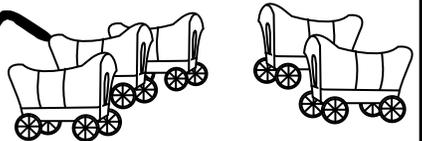
Bandstand - An outdoor platform for a band to play on, typically in a park.

Wagon yards - An enclosure where wagoners can put up their wagons and teams.

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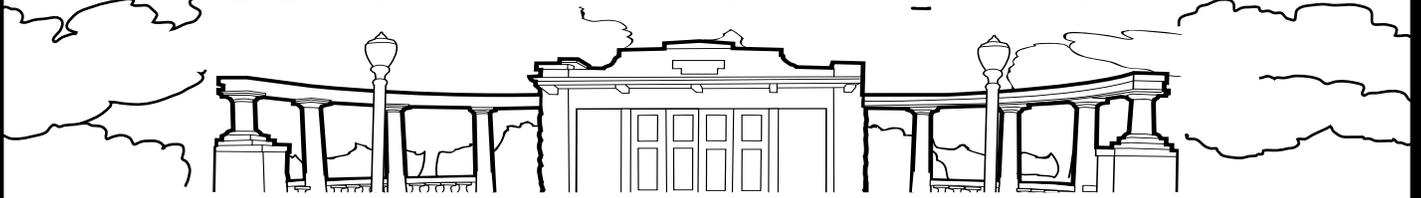


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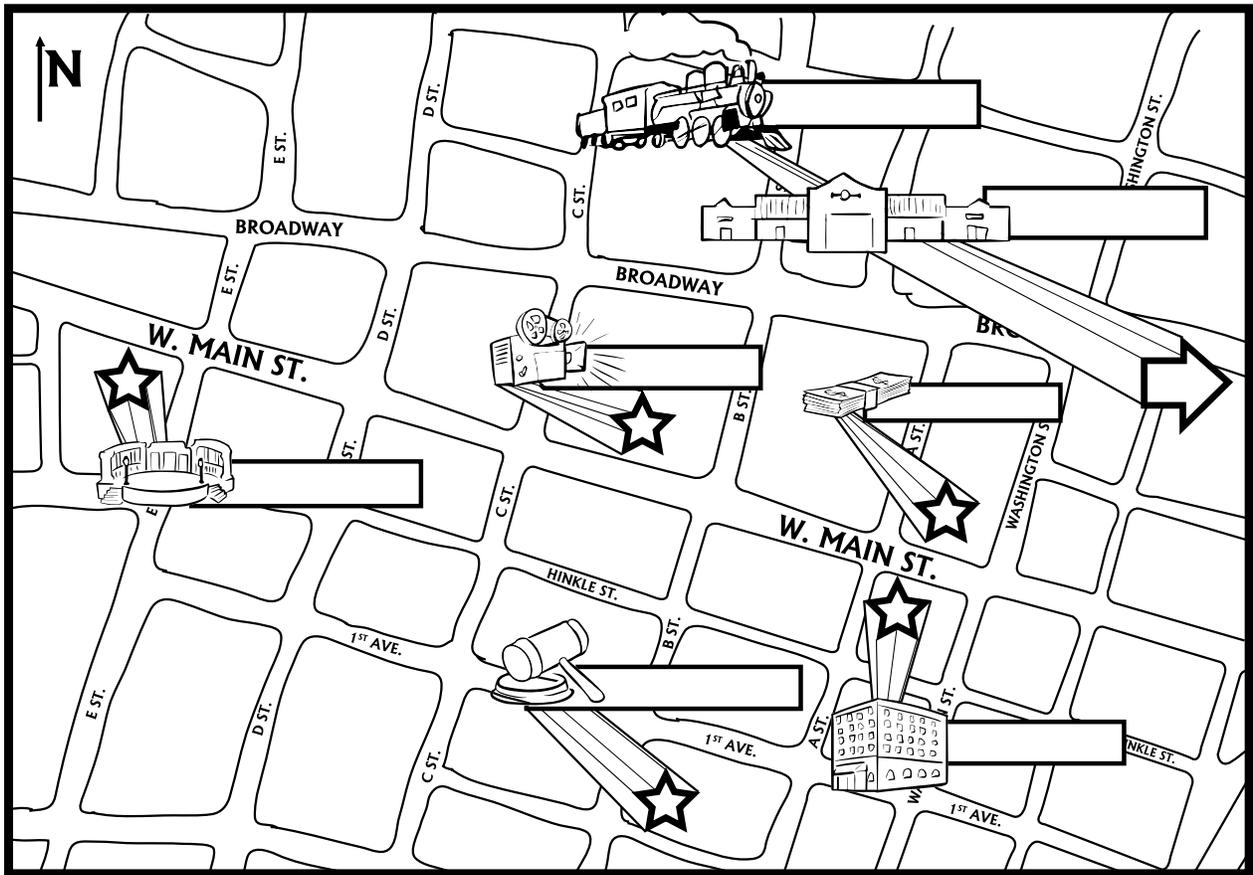
Ardmore
Bandstand
Train
Townpeople

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NAME THE PLACES

Use the clues and the list of landmarks to fill in the blanks on the map below.

City of Ardmore



List of Landmarks



First National Bank

Bandstand

Courthouse

Mercy Train

Colston Building

Train Depot

Tivoli

SCAVENGER HUNT TRIVIA!

Q. How much did a ticket cost at the Tivoli Theatre in 1916? What was the name of the theatre at that time?

A. _____

Q. What building was the first ever attempt at a skyscraper office building in Ardmore, Oklahoma?

A. _____

Q. What two materials were used to build the façade of the First National Bank and Trust Company of Ardmore?

A. _____

Q. When did the first train arrive in Ardmore, Oklahoma?

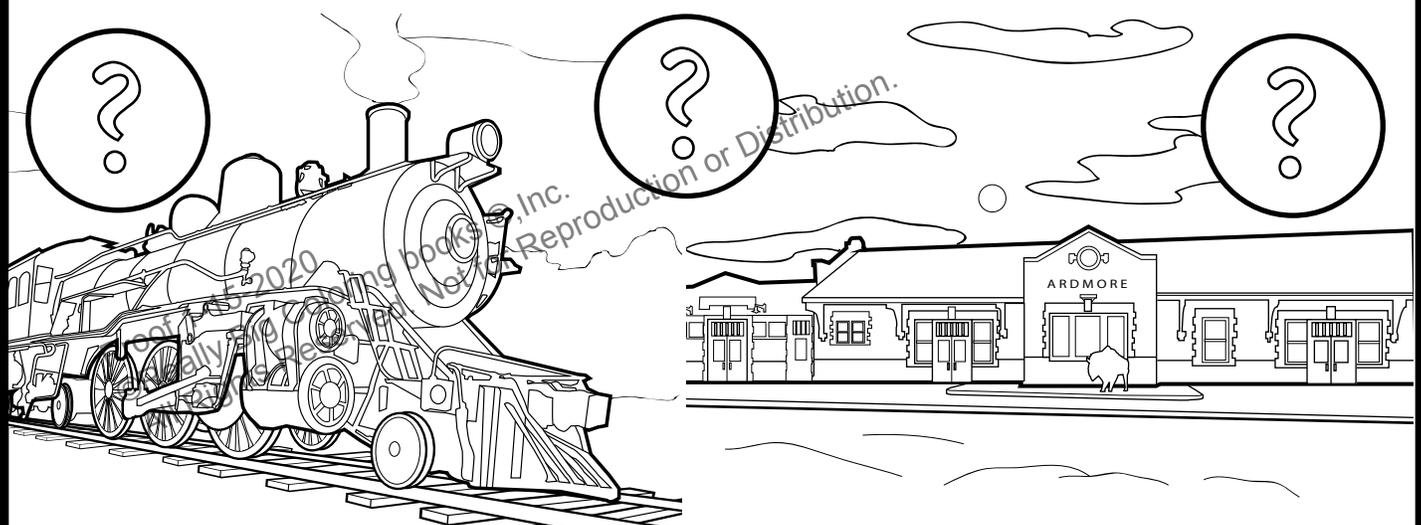
A. _____

Q. What was the purpose of the Mercy train's arrival?

A. _____

Q. What kind of clock was installed on the courthouse in 1928?

A. _____



CONGRATULATIONS!

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