

Casey's Comments

Here I stand atop my soap box with a question to ask. When the "greatest generation" is gone, who will remind us of the importance of their actions? Last Thursday I had the honor to hear Raymond Zimbelman speak at a Veteran's Day gathering. Raymond could have been my father, uncle or their cousins, all of whom served and have died. They were all of the same age that placed them as young men when our country needed their service in the early 1940s. As I said, it is an honor to hear one of these men speak. They all seem to have one thing in common: humility. Most will say that they are

not heroes. That those who did not come home were the ones deserving of praise. Isn't that like the men and women of that time? Whether it was scratching through the Great Depression or leaving home at a tender age to risk life or limb for their country, it was simply something that had to be done. So what will happen when these people have joined their comrades again? Who will tell the story? I'm glad we have holidays like Veteran's Day, Memorial Day and the Fourth of July. Hopefully they will act as a reminder when these men are gone.

Obituary

Harold L. Connett
Nov. 10, 1919 - Oct. 31, 2010

Harold Leroy Connett was born on Nov. 10, 1919, on a farm north of Bird City, Kan. He was the eldest son of Etta and Roy Connett. Growing up and throughout his life he loved the outdoors and nature. He had a special love for horses. He spent a lot of his time in his youth riding horses with Skit Munn, Paul O'Leary and Bruce Leisure. Harold had two brothers, Robert Connett and Woody Connett and two sisters, Mildred Lundin and Maxine Luckerth. He also had two half sisters, Wilma Slater and Dorothy Cook. Harold attended Sunshine Plain through grade school and attended Bird City High School his freshman year. He then had to quit school to work on the family farm. Harold enlisted in the armed forces on Aug. 12, 1940, at Fort Logan and was in World War II for the duration of the war. He had a special pride about being a veteran of this great country. Harold was a 20-year member of the American Legion of Bird City, and a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars at St. Francis. Harold married Carol Cole on June 3, 1947. Four children were born to this union., Jannett Marie, Patricia Lynne, Brenda Jean and Brian Lee, who died at birth on April 4, 1951. Harold farmed and ranched his whole life. He broke horses and rode horses for other people. He traveled the rodeo circuit for years competing in calf roping and team roping. He taught his three girls to ride and compete in rodeo competitions. They were taught to milk cows, shock feed and do chores on the farm. His life was all about telling a lot of funny stories about his childhood that the family all laughed about many times. He loved to play games, cards and hunt arrow heads. He loved hunting and was an excel-

lent marksman. In later years when Harold was more confined at home, he loved to watch Jeopardy, The Price is Right and Gunsmoke on television. He was preceded in death by his father, Roy Connett, his mother, Etta Connett, all of his brothers and sisters and his son, Brian Lee. He is survived by his wife, Carol; daughter, Jannett and her husband, Larry McNutt; daughter, Pat and husband, Dave Yost; daughter, Brenda and husband, Patrick Delano, and stepdaughter, Ruetta and husband, Jim Price; and a host of grandchildren and great-grandchildren. His wife and family members will sadly miss Harold's stories and sense of humor. Funeral services were held Nov. 5 at Knodel Funeral Home in St. Francis with Pastor Jerry Nowack officiating. Honorary pallbearers were Dick Brock, Bob Armstrong, Walter Douthit, Matt Martin, Dave Fleming and Larry Flemming. Casket bearers were Mike Stanley, Jason Yost, Jon Yost, Travis Gano, Dan Donohue and Lyle Luckerth. Interment was in the Bird City Cemetery, Bird City. Arrangements were by Knodel Funeral Home, St. Francis.

Menu

Monday
Breakfast: Biscuit and boiled egg.
Lunch: Chili soup and cinnamon roll.

Tuesday
Breakfast: Hash browns and sausage link.
Lunch: Barbecued pork sandwich.

Wednesday/Thursday
Happy Thanksgiving.

Hospital
Delores (Dee) Bursch is in the McCook hospital for tests. Cards would be appreciated. McCook Community Hospital, 1301 E H St. Mc Cook, NE 69001.

Senior Citizens Dinner
Senior citizens dinner at Cheylin High School gym at noon on Dec. 8. Make reservations by Dec. 2 by calling Cheylin Elementary Office at (785) 734-2351.

No potluck in December
The Bird City Senior Center will not be hosting a potluck this month.

JHHOOPS league basketball
JRHOOPS League basketball is back. This is for ages 5 through fifth grade. Camps will be held Nov. 20, Dec. 4 and Dec. 11 from 9 to 11 a.m. These will be held at the gym in McDonald. The league games will be held on Nov. 21, Dec. 5 and Dec. 12. For a registration form and more information, please contact Brenda at (785) 626-6267.

Home Circle Club
Club secretary, Dorothy Chipperfield, will be hostess for the Nov. 18 meeting of the Home Circle Club. It will be held at the manor at 2 p.m.

Early deadline
The Saint Francis Herald and Bird City Times will be published a day early Thanksgiving week (Nov. 25 issue). The deadline for ads, articles and pictures for that paper will be Friday, Nov. 19, at 5 p.m. The paper will be in the St. Francis Post Office on Tuesday, Nov. 23, and on the routes on Wednesday, Nov. 24, so everyone will have the information concerning the activities and the specials for the Christmas opening as well as the Treasure Hunt numbers.

Support Our Soldiers
This is the final week of gifts for the Support Our Soldiers campaign. They are fighting for Americans and this will bring a little joy to them for Christmas. Deadline is Saturday morning, the 20th. Boxes have been placed at various businesses for your convenience. Call Hulda Dorsch, American Legion Auxiliary or Christy Wurm, Lawn Ridge 4-H.

Living in Central Asia
What is it like to live in Central Asia, in countries such as Pakistan, Afghanistan and Tajikistan? Connie and Jeff Paulsen have lived there and have known the people

there, and they'll be at Peace Lutheran Church in St. Francis to talk about what it is like to live there and to serve there. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to come on Sunday evening, Nov. 21 at 7 p.m. at Peace Lutheran.

Safety notice
Cheyenne County Wildlife will need to close the pistol and rifle range until further notice. Pipeline construction behind the burn is underway. Sorry for the inconvenience.

Holiday Community Chorus
Rehearsals for the Holiday Community Chorus will take place every Sunday from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at

Peace Lutheran Church. Performances are scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 12, at the Yuletide Festival at the St. Francis Community High School; Saturday, Dec. 18, at Salem Lutheran Church and Sunday, Dec. 19, at Peace Lutheran Church, this one will benefit the food pantry. For more information call Neala at (785) 332-8996.

Veterans Affairs
Jody Tubbs, of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs, will be in St. Francis at 9:30 a.m. today (Thursday) at the county clerk's office. People may also contact the Veteran's Affairs office in Colby any Monday, Wednesday or Friday

at (785) 462-3572.

Common Threads Quilt Guild
Common Threads Quilt Guild will meet at 7 p.m. tonight (Thursday) at Sainty Stitches. Guests and all quilters are welcome.

Hospital Board
The next meeting of the board has been changed from Thursday, Nov. 25, to Tuesday, Nov. 23. Meeting time is 3 p.m. in the basement room at the St. Francis Clinic.

Peace of Mind AA
Peace of Mind AA will meet at the St. Francis Public Library at 7 p.m. on Tuesdays. Contact Krista D. at (785) 332-4410 or (785) 772-5090.

Obituary

Gladys Marie Thomas
Nov. 21, 1933 - Nov. 6, 2010

Gladys Marie (Palmer) Thomas was born on Nov. 21, 1933, in St. Francis, Kan., to Olive Belle (Kirkendall) Palmer and Ralph Orville Palmer. She died Saturday, Nov. 6, 2010, at the age of 76 years, of natural causes at Memorial Hospital in Colorado Springs, Colo.



Thomas

Gladys was married to James William Monroe Thomas, Nov. 25, 1955, in St. Francis. James died in 1993. Gladys was a homemaker for many years. She enjoyed writing letters, taking photos, reading the Bible, and listening to music. Survivors include two daughters, Melinda Durfee of Texas, and Charlene Eaves of Wichita; one son, Jody Thomas; two brothers, Harold Palmer of Colorado Springs, and Eldon Palmer of Goodland; two sisters, Vera Beneda of Goodland, and Valeria Coleman of Bird City. Those preceding her in death were her parents, Olive Belle (Kirkendall) and Ralph Orville Palmer; her husband, James William Monroe Thomas; and one sister, Ila Theye. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, Nov. 10, at the Burlington Church of Christ with

Pastor Greg Smith officiating. Visitation was held on Tuesday, Nov. 9, at the Love Funeral Home. Burial followed at the Fairview Cemetery in Burlington. Memorials are made in Gladys's name to the Burlington Church of Christ, Pikes Peak

Church of Christ, or to the Diabetes Foundation and may be left at or sent to the Love Funeral Home in Burlington. Friends may go to www.love-funeralhomes.com to leave a message of condolence for the family and to sign their register.

Club Clip

McDonald Garden Club

The McDonald Town and Country Garden Club met on Wednesday, Oct. 13, at the McDonald firehouse with 10 members present. There were three guests, Linda Carroll, Bud Frisbie and Laddie Kacirek. Margie Hubbard opened the meeting and welcomed everyone who was present. Roll call was answered with "A new plant I planted this year." Betty Knapp led all in prayer. The reports were accepted as read. Kay Miller gave the McDonald Area Development report stating that they will serve a Halloween soup supper on the evening of Oct. 31. Margie said that she had received a letter from the district director, Karen Bischooping, about the district meeting.

The lesson, "The Language of Flowers," was given by Joan Tongish. Margie Hubbard read, "What I Should I Be Doing In October." A gardener is very busy in the fall of the year. Joan Tongish had made the arrangement, "The End of Summer." She had carved out a pumpkin to use for a container which she filled with mums and other fall flowers. She surrounded the flowers with several tiny pumpkins holding little tea lights, with fall leaves. It was a very unusual arrangement. Lunch was served by the co-hostesses, Joan Tongish and Diane Montgomery. The next meeting will be Nov. 10, at the firehouse with Vera Kacirek and Margie Hubbard as co-hostesses.

SHOWTIME: 7:30 p.m. 1 hr. 51 min.

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