



PUTTING KITCHEN WARE AWAY on Saturday were Sydney and Stephanie Busse. The workday had 28 volunteers helping get the Legion hall in order so the facility would be ready for Santa Day on Saturday.

## Volunteers get Legion hall ready for Santa Day

Century II had a good turnout of volunteers on Saturday to help get the Legion hall ready for Santa Day this Saturday. Because of all the help, the hall is ready for Santa's arrival. The Community Club will start serving at 11 a.m.

There were 19 adults and nine youths consisting of one elementary, one junior high, and seven high school students who worked together to accomplish a lot of work on Saturday. The various jobs consisted of unpacking boxes, cleaning kitchen cabinets, washing dishes and utensils, installing the appliances, wiping down walls and woodwork, mopping floors and other various odd jobs. Willy Martinez worked on painting the back side of the stage area.

"We were pleased with the

turnout of volunteers, both adults and youth," said Rod Young, Bird City Century II Foundation board president. "We are also thankful they were willing to give up their Saturday morning to help with the American Legion work day."

All the board members, Cathy Domsch and Darci Schields are thankful for everyone's involvement and coordinated work. All this could not have been accomplished without your help.

The remodeling is about 80-percent completed, but enough is done so everyone will be amazed at the big changes. The following items still left to be finished by February are: the stage drapery system, flag memorial room, front entrance doors and windows, and minor finishing touches.



VOLUNTEER, Luis Solis, helped load a truck with trash during the cleaning of the Legion hall. Times staff photos by Norma Martinez

## Electric co-op moves offices

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Prairie Land Electric Co-op has relocated their office and base of operations from their facilities in Bird City to their new location, just east of St. Francis. The St. Francis district office of Prairie Land Electric is located at 1392 Rd 16, at the intersection of Rd. 16 and U.S. 36.

Their new office, shop, warehouse and storage lot area have been under construction since early summer. The first day at the new location was last Tuesday, Dec. 11.

"All of the items we need for normal day-to-day operations have been relocated here from Bird City," said Dave Hickert, longtime Prairie Land employee. "There is a lot of inventory and other non-essential items we will move throughout the year, as time and labor permit."

Although, at this time, there are no definite plans for the old

facilities and property in Bird City, it is anticipated that they will be for sale.

New phone numbers for the Prairie Land office are 785-332-2295 and 785-332-2315. The 24-hour emergency number remains the same, 800-577-3323. Mailing address is Prairie Land Electric, Box 515, St. Francis, KS 67756-0515.

The North West Kansas Electric Coop was established in 1945, with offices located in Bird City. From 1945 until 1997, it provided rural electrical service to its members in North-West Kansas.

In 1997, to better serve its patrons, North West Kansas Electric Coop merged with Norton-Decatur Coop to form Prairie Land Electric Coop. Prairie Land Electric, with its headquarters in Norton, serves 6,830 miles of line in parts of 18 counties in Northwest Kansas with 86 employees.



PRAIRIE LAND ELECTRIC workers were busy Monday Francis. The new office opened last Tuesday. Times staff photo by Tim Burr

## Cheylin coach honored at recent game

Cheylin coach, Max Keltz, was recognized for the years he has served as a coach.

On Friday, during the Cheylin vs Western Plains game, the Kansas Coaches Association recognized Max Keltz for his 24 years of service to the students of Cheylin High School and Junior High School. Max has coached football, track, junior high boys basketball, high school girls basketball, and is the FFA sponsor.

The Kansas Coaches Association recognizes all coaches who have been working with Kansas high school student athletes for 20 plus years.



Keltz

## Representative to chair Budget Committee

Speaker-elect Ray Merrick (R-Stilwell) has appointed Kansas State Representative, Ward Cassidy as chairman of the House Education Budget Committee.

"Ward has been a strong voice for education and Western Kansas," said Speaker-elect Merrick. "His assignment will allow him many opportunities to make the legislature aware of Western Kansas concerns."

"I am very excited to be the Education Budget chair next year," Rep. Cassidy said. "I felt I was qualified but, having only served one term in the legislature, I was not sure I would be given the assignment. There is a lot more responsibility."

The Education Budget Committee handles the highest amount of state general funds included in the budget. The committee proposes to the House Appropriations Committee the budgets for the state's kindergarten through grade 12, community colleges, vocational colleges and

four-year institutions. "Ward has an excellent ability to communicate, making him a strong advocate for his constituents," said Jene Vickrey (R-Louisburg), Majority Leader-elect. "This ability, along with his extensive background in education, makes him a great fit for chair of the Education Budget Committee."

The chairmanship automatically gives Ward a seat on the House Appropriations Committee. He will also serve as vice-chair of the House Education Committee.

"I served on the Appropriations Committee last year," Ward said. "I am very glad to serve on it for two more years. The Appropriations Committee gives me the greatest opportunity to promote the interests of Northwest Kansas."

Normally members of the House of Representatives share one secretary for three people. Committee chairs have an individual secretary to help with

## Bird City Santa Day is Saturday

Soup and hot dogs 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
Prizes given away following lunch

