

OBITUARY

Floyd E. Foster

Dec. 15, 1938 - Aug. 26, 2004

Floyd E. Foster, 65, died Aug. 26 at his home in Kansas City.

Mr. Foster was born Dec. 15, 1938, near Hoxie, the son of Clarence Alfred Foster and Lea Elda (Allen) Foster. He graduated from Lenora High School in 1957. He retired from AT&T and from Shawnee Mission School District. He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Lyle Foster and Lawrence Foster; and a sister, Dorothy Vaughn.

Survivors include four step-children; Amy Reese, Joe and Mark Cartwright and Jason Howell and their mother, Patricia

Pace: five brothers, Robert Foster, Plainville; Gordon Foster, Newberg, Ore.; Vernon Foster, Topeka; Clarence Foster, Paola; Howard Foster, Ft. Morgan, Colo.; six sisters, Thelma Beagley, Kansas City; Eleanor Esslinger, Belleville; Erma Allison, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Helen Bivens, LaPorte, Colo.; Marilyn Miles, Warren, Ore.; Gloria Schmitt, Gladstone, Mo.; and nine grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Monday at the Maple Hill Funeral Home, Kansas City, Kan. Burial was at the Maple Hill Cemetery.

READERS

— Hines/Hazlett Reunion, Sun., Sept. 5, noon, Norton 4-H Bldg. 8/31

— The office of Security Abstract Company and Commercial Federal Bank will close at 2:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 3 and will also be closed on Monday, Sept. 6. 8/31

— Steak and seafood night, Thursday 6-9 p.m. American Legion. Members and guests. 8/31

— American Family Insur-

ance, Norton/Hill City, will be closed Friday, Sept. 3 and Monday, Sept. 6. 8/31

— The Norton City offices will be closed Monday, Sept. 6 for Labor Day. Monday's household refuse route will be picked up Thursday, Sept. 2 and Thursday, Sept. 9 (in addition to Thursday's yard waste route). 8/31

— Appreciation ice cream social coming soon to the Norton Senior Center. 8/31

BIRTHS

Payton Coozenoy

Brandy and Jeremy Coozenoy, Lawrence, are the parents of a baby girl born Aug. 1, at Lawrence Memorial Hospital. They named her Payton Dawn and she weighed 7 pounds 12 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Grandparents are Spencer and Paula Stutterheim, Prairie View; Jim and Pam Coozenoy, Eudora; and Laurie Naff, Lawrence.

Great-grandparents are John and Waunnie Parsons, Logan, and John and Hazel Stutterheim,

Norton.

Deacon Schemper

Craig and Julia Schemper, Prairie View, are the parents of a son, Deacon Edison Schemper, born July 27 at Norton County Hospital. He weighed 8 pounds 4 ounces and was 21 inches long. Mr. and Mrs. Schemper also have a daughter, Isabelle.

Grandparents are John and Mary Ray, Abilene, and Calvin and Wanda Schemper, Prairie View.

CORRECTION

In the Friday, Aug. 27, special edition of *The Reservoir News*, the Page 3 flathead catfish fishing contest leader was incorrectly identified as Steve Simmons, Norton. Nathan Rummel, Ludell, leads the contest with a 7 pound, 14-ounce, 27-inch flathead.

The mistake was caused by incorrect information supplied to the

reporter.

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WILSONVILLE NEWS

By VELMA HOLTZE and LAURIE LAWS

Several from the area attended the Lions consignment sale on Saturday at Beaver City. Some took things to sell while others went to buy.

Joan McLaughlin returned home on Tuesday after spending several days in Denver.

Two accidents in less than a week between Hendley and Wilsonville. The first occurred Sunday night, when Alan Lamb of Beaver City, evidently went to sleep at the wheel at the "S" curve at the railway crossing, it happened before midnight, but was not found until Monday morning. He was taken to Cambridge Hospital and transferred later that day to Kearney. On Thursday the driver of a truck being towed behind a pickup lost control, going into the ditch and turned over. The pickup also went into the ditch, but

fortunately no one was hurt.

Sonny Wilson had surgery in Holdrege the first part of the week. Laurie Laws had surgery in Norton on Aug. 18 and Margaret Brown is having surgery this Monday morning at Kearney.

Macy and Micah Kasson were house guests last week of their grandparents, Joe and Alice Kasson while their parents enjoyed a vacation in Estes Park. Marc and Lisa Bauer, Eille and Will of Moorhead, Minn., arrived at the Kasson home on Saturday. Joe's and the Bauers attended church at Almena, where Kirk Kasson is the minister. The Bauers left on Wednesday to spend time with Marc's parents in Kearney. Deb Cobb of Cambridge, Ella Wilson and Connie Wilson drove to Lincoln on Saturday to attend a

Hankies bring back memories

Did you ever have a wave of completely unexpected nostalgia just wash you away?

A few weeks ago at an auction the lady sitting next to me bought a handkerchief chest. She opened the lid to find it full of handkerchiefs that were softly scented with a perfume my mama used to use.

I actually looked around for her before I caught myself and remembered Mama's been gone for almost 15 years.

Hankies, as they were referred to, were commonly given as gifts. Can you imagine the look on a high school graduate's face these days if he or she received a box of six monogrammed linen handkerchiefs to commemorate the big day?

Yet, in years past, that would have been considered an excellent and almost extravagant gift. It was suitable for a young man or woman to give to each other without commitment on either side. A tad of commitment might be implied if the monograms were hand embroidered by the young lady in question.

Birthday cards from one lady friend to another almost always

Collector Chat Liza Deines



included a pretty handkerchief tucked inside. One card company even designed a card with a little pocket and a handkerchief included. Mama's birthday was in October and she always looked forward to her new handkerchiefs as well as the letters and cards that accompanied them from her old friends in the Pollyanna Club.

A lady always carried a hankie to stifle a dainty sniffle, wipe a tear or to protect a delicate nose from inhaling an unpleasant odor. They were also a good flirting tool if you knew just how to use them. Many lady's hankies were too pretty for utilitarian functions, so often two were carried — one for show and one for blow, as the saying went.

Men's handkerchiefs were a different story.

Everyday ones were almost always the classic red bandannas, called "hanks" in our family. They were for Dad's explosive sneezes

and wiping grime and sweat from a farmer's face and neck. All farmers and cattlemen carried them until they wore to rags.

Businessmen and bankers, on the other hand, carried white monogrammed models with fancy borders. Of course, all men carried a carefully ironed white one to church and social.

Little girls were supposed to carry hankies and many were designed specifically for them. These were given as gifts from aunts and were usually only used to tie a Sunday School dime up in the corner for safekeeping. Little boys never had a handkerchief and simply snuffled until their mother could stand it no longer.

How they despised having their nose wiped with their mother's floral, perfume scented squares.

Handkerchiefs are almost a thing of the past for their original functions but they are valued because they are used today very creatively.

Quilts with handkerchiefs appliqued onto the squares have become very popular. Circular hankies with floral designs are attractive used this way. Four matching handkerchiefs put together

with the corner motifs meeting in the middle make a great pillow cover when put on a good solid backing to strengthen them.

A valance for a bedroom window can be ruffled with a group of same-size squares. A special handkerchief appliqued or even machine stitched onto the front of a tee shirt or sweat shirt makes good use of one of the "too pretty to blow" ones. And a lovely white family hankie is always beautiful worked into a bridal bouquet to serve as something old. Bandannas are used in many craft projects, torn as ties for braided hat bands or concho jewelry.

Keep your eyes open and your nose primed for a good auction buy on historic handkerchiefs. And don't sniffle if you lose out to me.

SPEAKING OF NOSES: Don't forget to harvest a big batch of mint leaves to dry for hot mint tea this winter. Just wash the leaves, place on a paper towel on a cookie sheet and cover lightly with wax paper. Let them dry until crispy. Store in a tight capped jar and brew a few in a teaball with some regular tea leaves. Good for a stuffy nose.

Weather cause speculation with sorghum

With the cool weather and spotty rains, many farmers are asking whether their grain sorghum will make a crop.

The cool weather in particular has caused a lot of speculation. Typically, August temperatures are not cool enough to delay grain sorghum development.

Grain sorghum grows well in 90-degree weather. However, this year August has had many cool days, which has slowed development.

So how far behind is "too far" behind? It depends when the grain sorghum flowers and the long-term average freeze date for the county. The probability of harvesting a fully mature crop decreases the later in August flowering occurs. A graph representing various flowering dates is on page 9 of the K-State publication Grain Sorghum Production Handbook.

Here are some of the probabilities, depending on location: If grain sorghum flowered by Aug. 4, typically all fields will produce a crop. By Aug. 9, for most area counties this decreases to 90-99 percent. By Aug. 19, probability of producing a crop is between 75-89 percent, and by Aug. 29 probability decreases to 50-75 percent. There are a few more dates listed in the book.

About ag Brian Olson, K-State agronomist



The second problem with cool temperatures is pollen sterility or incomplete pollen shed. Mitch Tuinstra, K-State grain sorghum breeder, says flowers may be sterile if temperatures dip below 50 degrees three weeks before flowering. Tuinstra said grain sorghum may not shed its pollen at flowering if temperatures are in the low 50s.

Without viable pollen, grain sorghum will not pollinate and no berry will be formed. Under these conditions, the floret is also susceptible to invasion by a pathogen such as ergot. Very little ergot has been reported in Kansas in the past few years; however, Tuinstra pointed out that ergot has been reported in some grain sorghum fields in Texas. Ergot would be characterized by a white fungal mass on the head that produces a sugary, sticky substance.

The final problem has been dry weather. With the spotty rains, some fields are burning up and do

not have enough moisture available to exert the sorghum head. These fields likely will be fed to cattle in one form or another, so farmers need to make sure they check their nitrate content. A K-State publication entitled "Nitrate and Prussic Acid in Forages" describes the risk associated with this potential problem.

These publications can be downloaded at the Web site: www.oznet.ksu.edu/agronomy_block2/ under the Production and

Pest icon, or visit the county extension office to pick up a copy. A list of certified forage labs for the area is on the Web site.

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Society plans for craft fair

"How We Stayed Cool in the Summer Years Ago" was the roll call for the Aug. 2 meeting of the Norton County Genealogical Society. The group met at the Norton Public Library.

During the meeting Walta Russ reported doing research on several family names — Offenburger, Burk, Eighmey, Weaver, Underwood, Kelly, Cody, Reedy, Bratt, Corbin and Harris.

The society has ordered the State Orphan list book and the Forgotten Settlers, books No. 25 and 26.

Plans for the Nov. 13 craft fair at Eisenhower Elementary School were discussed.

Local cowboy poet, Bob Virgil,

is scheduled along with two young women from Kirwin who have done research on Indian heritage. Times, dates and places will be announced later.

The Roll of Honor book was bought and placed in the library in memory of Corky Conard.

The Almena and Lenora centennial books are missing from the genealogy library. Those having the books are asked to return them to the library.

The next meeting will be at 7 p.m. next Tuesday. The meeting will be held Tuesday evening, instead of Monday, due to Labor Day.

Anyone interested in genealogy is welcome to attend.

bridal shower for Lynsey Keller who is the fiancé of Deb's son, Jason. Jason and Lynsey will be married in September.

A few from this area attended the 50th anniversary open house for Virginia and Merwin Grafton at Lebanon on Sunday afternoon. It was good to see Don Morton of Colorado and Roger and Carol Casteel of Lincoln. Both men were former Methodist ministers here.

Arlie and Sue Bethel's daughter from Denver spent a few days with her parents the weekend of the 15th.

Joe and Alice Kasson visited Dennis Kasson in Wichita on Thursday and Friday. Kirk Kasson of Almena, accompanied his parents. Dennis continues to make progress in his recovery.

Among the college students get-

ting settled at their campuses for the year are Andy Lewis at the University at Lincoln and Alicia Brown and Chelsea Ruf at Kearney at the University.

Velma Holtze enjoyed her time with the Assisted Living residents at Beaver City on Wednesday afternoon. Their reminiscing time centered around school days and friends, both old and new. These residents are a delightful group of people. The oldest one is Thelma Simmons, who celebrated her 97th birthday on August 25. She is the mother of Johnny Simmons who had a gas station in

Wilsonville for some time. Thelma is expecting he and his wife, Florence, from Estes Park, Colo., for the weekend. Helen Litz was also one of the group in on the reminiscing. She and Velma especially enjoyed talking about high school days at Wilsonville High School as well as when she taught all of Velma's children. Another thing of interest was the fact that resident Betty Leach shared of her school days at the second rural school east of Wilsonville where Floyd "Skelly" Wilburn also attended. This made a common bond since Velma attended high

school with him, graduating in the same class in '39.

MARKETS

At close of business Aug. 30	
Wheat	\$2.87
White Wheat	\$2.85
Milo	\$3.42
Corn	\$2.30
Soybeans	\$5.55

LOOK WHO'S TURNING 50!



FAMILY NIGHT BEGINS
The First Church of God
1010 Churchill Drive, Norton, KS
begins their Family Night Ministries on Wednesday, Sept. 1, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. A nursery is provided and the Church has a "King's Kids" program for children pre-school age through the 6th grade.

Solid Bible teaching, games, music, and snacks are provided. There is also a growing Jr. High and Sr. High program as well as an Adult Bible Study. Come and grow and be a part of a loving, enthusiastic, and caring congregation. There is no cost to be a part of this program.



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