

OBITUARIES

JENNINGS

Collector remembers when and where she got favorite pieces

Evelyne Irene Fredde Nov. 3, 1919 - Dec. 30, 2004

Evelyne Irene Fredde, 85, former Norton businesswoman, died at the Norton County Hospital on Thursday.

Mrs. Fredde was born Nov. 3, 1919, to Francis Patrick and Theresa Grace (Wachendorfer) McMulkin in a sod house near Siebert in Kit Carson County, Colo. Her family returned, in a covered wagon, to Norton County when she was 3.

She attended rural schools and graduated in 1937, from Norton Community High School.

Following four years with the American Agricultural Association, she went to work for Kissell and Kissell Abstract Co. She bought the company in 1949, op-

erating it as Security Abstract Co. and Railroad Savings and Loan. She served as a top agent and a member of the president's task force for Railroad Savings for more than 50 years before her retirement in 1999.

She was preceded in death by her parents, three sisters, Marie Deutsch, Sylvia Wetter and Elsie Brault; and a brother, Victor McMulkin.

Survivors include her husband, Lester, of the home; and a sister-in-law, Ruth McMulkin of Norton.

Funeral services were held today at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church with Father Vincent Thu Laing officiating. Burial was in the Norton Cemetery.

By LOUISE CRESSLER

Many pretty lights were put up during the holidays. Winning first place in the Christmas Lighting contest were Stan and Ramona Shaw; second place went to Eugene and Dona Mrstik; and third place to Imogene Keenan.

Twenty-eight senior citizens enjoyed a delicious dinner Dec. 14 at the Jennings Cafe. Attending were Merl and Ruth Chance, Elmo and Marguerite Bailey, Rachel and William Carter, Helen and Keith Muirhead, Ray and Virginia LaRue, Jay Kump, Emma Sanford, Edith Foster, Eleanor Morel, Imogene Keenan, Agnes Wahlmeier, Ramona Shaw, Arch Harmon, Vendla Tacha, Jim and Wilma Mader, Bob and Neoma Tacha, Pastor Glenn and Betty Krebs, June Vavroch, Mary Votopka and Louise Cressler. The Lions Soup and Pie Lunch Saturday was well attended. Santa arrived at 1 p.m. A small group of children visited with him and received treats. A drawing followed.

There was a New Year's Eve party at the Senior Center.

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Collector Chat Liza Deines



Comes the time to pack away the Christmas decorations and ornaments for another year and with them the memories of when and where they were obtained.

Do you have any that were family keepsakes? Many friends with old Father Christmas figurines, angels and nativity scenes have told me they belonged to mothers or grandmothers.

Two of my favorite table decorations were bought on a shopping trip with Mama back in the 1950s. One is a set of candle holders that spell "Noel" in holly leaves, the other is a pair of angels bearing buckets of holly sprigs.

She used them for years on her buffet and now I cherish not only ornaments but the memory of how much we enjoyed bargain hunting at the after Christmas sales so long ago.

If that memory serves, I believe we paid \$1 each for these goodies at W.W. Virtue in Hays.

In packing I noticed how many of my favorite items carried Lefton China stickers.

Lefton China has been manu-

factured since 1940 and is still readily available today in shops, flea markets and auctions. Because it was marked with stick-on foil labels, some of it is hard to identify if those have been lost in the years, but one can develop an eye for the style and glazes with a little practice.

Lefton has true colors, clear and vivid, with a smooth almost shiny glaze. Their designs vary from depictions of cute little birds and animals, flowers, buds and leaves that look almost real enough to pick, to beautifully detailed colonial and Victorian figurines.

Porcelain teapots with matching cup and saucers were among the most popular of the lines produced by Lefton and of those, the all-time choice was the stacking teaset.

A stacking teaset consists of two cups, a creamer, a sugar bowl, and a teapot with lid all cleverly designed to stack into a tall tower. The Dresden roses stacking teaset was their best seller for its delicate beauty. Obviously stacks were precarious as well as marvelous and very few survived intact. If they were loved and used, eventually something tumbled to disaster. If you find one that is all together, snap it right up.

Another line of Lefton that was widely marketed in this area was their beautiful dark green holly

leaf design. Ashtrays, candlesticks, compotes, teasets, serving trays and even a gorgeous footed cake stand with a holly garland graced many a holiday table. Not only did the set look festive on the table, Lefton was always careful to design their serving pieces for function as well as beauty.

Lefton angels and figurines are probably the most sought-after collectibles in this category and the most difficult to find with all their tiny fingers, flowers, curls and wings unbroken. Keep looking — they're worth the search.

Bluebird china by Lefton is also avidly collected. It is becoming so scarce, however, even particular collectors are buying chipped or lightly damaged pieces and are happy to get even those.

There's always something new (old) to search for. See you at the 2005 auctions.

COOK'S TIP: If you are fortunate to have some prime rib or rare roast beef left from New Year's dinner, don't toughen it with microwaving. Combine just an inch or so of good Worcestershire sauce, a drop or two of mild pepper sauce (Cholula or Datil) with leftover au jus or some beef broth into a wide, flat skillet. Bring this to a boil, then slide the beef in and reheat just until hot through and no longer. Almost like a brand new meal.

Lloyd J.F. Ritter March 28, 1920 - Dec. 31, 2004

Lloyd J. F. Ritter, 84, died Friday at Good Samaritan Hospital, Kearney.

Mr. Ritter, son of Etsel and Muriel (McCabe) Ritter, was born March 28, 1920, in the Reager community of Norton County.

He graduated from Norcatcur schools.

On Nov. 1, 1943, he and Ida Marie Schoen were married.

They lived at their farmstead near Reager until they moved to Whispering Pines in Norton on Sept. 1.

Mr. Ritter served on the Norcatcur School Board, was a Norton County commissioner, president of the Norton Men's

Bowling Association, a member of Norton Senior Citizens and had served as president of the Oronoque-Dellvale annual reunion.

He spent his life farming/ranching and loved country living.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Creta Brooks and Iva Lee Barnett.

Funeral services were held today at Enfield Funeral Home, Norton with burial in the Norcatcur Cemetery.

A memorial fund has been established to the Norton Senior Citizens. Contributions may be sent to 208 W. Main, Norton, Kan. 67654.

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PRAIRIE VIEW NEWS

By VIVIAN JANSONIUS

The Lone Prairie 4-H Club met on Dec. 13 at the Prairie Reformed church basement.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Tim Jansonius. The flag salute was led by Shaley Van Loenen, and Michaela Girard led the 4-H Pledge. The roll call was my "Favorite Christmas Song." There were 21 members, nine leaders, six parents and one visitor present. The old business was talking about the Greenery and the new business about Style Show theme. Sierra Tien and Briley Rogers had Show and Tell; Aaron Tien and Jordan and Lizzie Johnson had M.H.W. Michael Girard and Caley Greving and project talks. Trevor Tien, Shaley Van Loenen had project talks. After the business meeting, the 4-H members had their gift exchange; after which the Thompsons, Kats and Bennetts had treats for all who were there.

The Sunshine City Library board met on Dec. 20. Present were Danny Short, Carol Short, Darline Brown, Melissa Graham, and Gloria DeWitt. November's minutes were approved. Carol Short gave the financial report and no bills were presented for payment.

1. Story Hour is planned to resume Jan. 10 and run for 10 weeks. from 4:30 to 5:15 p.m.. Dian Tien will contact the parents involved.
2. We went over the State Report.
3. The system grant was filled in — will send in the first of January.
4. Carol Short sent in all e-rate grant information.
5. Update to the web site will be done by Steve of CKLS after the first of the year.
6. Department of Labor posters

are available at the desk, a mandatory provision of libraries.

7. Liz Jansonius will be our part-time librarian, working one morning a week.
8. We went over the 2005 budget. We will make final adjustments in January so it can be presented to the City Council.
9. The Phillips County Ministerial Alliance donated "The Passion of Christ" video and DVD.
10. December cleaning — Gloria DeWitt. Thanks to Liz Jansonius and Carol Short who lemon-oiled all the shelving.
11. Meeting adjourned.

Gloria Dewitt — Secretary

The following from the Prairie View Reformed Church went to Logan on Dec. 21 to sing Christmas songs at the Manor; Norman and Rose Erickson and Bart and Erma Soodsma of Phillipsburg; the Rev. Jeffrey Van Der Weele and Priscilla; Bill and Diana Greving, Rodney Jansonius, Hazel Jansonius, Colby and Cher Greving and Cameron and Vivian Jansonius, all from Prairie View. After the singing, all went to Prairie View, except Caoy and Cher Greving and Camryn who stayed in Logan with their family for school things. The rest all went to the home of the Rev. Jeffrey and Linda Van Der Weele and family for lunch.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddy De Boer, of Phillipsburg, entertained to Christmas dinner on Christmas Day. Those present were Kenny and Cindy Vink and Gavin, and Lyndee Hertel, all from

Lindsborg; Jerol and Jennifer De Boer, Kelsee and Taylor, Mark and Lisa Grieve, Latisha, Kaiden and Megan and Heath and Lori Bogart, Kali, Alex and Kambri, all of Hays; Tammy Slayton, Briana and Brooke, of Dodge City; Kerry and Khona Kellerman, Joren, Jaron and Jacey, from Phillipsburg; and Vivian Jansonius from Prairie View. What a wonderful Christmas Day with the family there.

Guests of Walter and Darline Brown on Christmas Day were Dale and Marilyn Brooks, Corey and Lance, Hays; Kevin and Vanessa Clark, Abilene; Rhonda Jacques and Blake, Gary and Sherry, Norton; Brandon Jacques, Elm Creek, Neb.; Betty Wieck, Kearney; Bethany Robinson, Beaver City; Scott Brown, Kerry Jacques, Bill and Nancy Brown, Manhattan; Lisa Elacha, Bixole; Kyle and Macye and Rene Brooks, Logan; Eric and Susan Witme, Malorie, Lyle and Macye and Rene Brooke, of Phillipsburg; Steve and Tera Brown, Colby and Chelsi, Burdette and Belva Leydig, Prairie View; Erick and Amanda Littlechild and Desiree, of WaKeeney; Mike and Lisa Leydig, Courtney and Megan, of Kearney, stopped by in the evening to visit with the group.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Kreller, Morgan and Kayla, of Phillipsburg,

entertained to dinner on Dec. 26. Those present were Iris Shannon, of Miltonvale; Kurtis and Jodie Wolfe, Zach, Aaron and Skyler, of Hays; Opal Philbrick, Farie Gaines, John and Sallie Jansonius, and Brandyn Tweedy, of Phillipsburg, and Vivian Jansonius of Prairie View.

READERS

Word was received of the death of Helen (Creutzberg) Garton, 88, on Friday in Tucson, Ariz. Mrs. Garton was formerly of the Norton and Prairie View area.

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

Alice Loughry, formerly of Norton, would enjoy hearing from her friends. Mail will reach her in care of Satanta Long Term Care, Box 159 Room 320, Satanta, Kan. 67870.

Jim and Carolyn Plotts returned Saturday from a short-term mission trip to Juarez, Mexico, where they built a house. Mr. and Mrs. Plotts are available for speaking engagements. Contact them at 877-3361.

Edwin Estill, a senior equipment operator for the Kansas Department of Transportation, Norton, celebrates 10 years of service in January.

Lenora family has connection to cowboy writer

Marty Ross, Lenora, recently took his children Ethan and Kaitlyn to Topeka where they met Gov. Kathleen Sebelius.

While there, the governor issued a proclamation declaring Jan. 30, to be "Charley Hester Day in Kansas".

Charley Hester was Mr. Ross' great-great-grandfather who ran away from his Illinois home in 1869 at age 16. Over the years he worked on ranches in Texas and twice, trailed cattle north to Kansas, meeting Wild Bill Hickok and tangling with Indians in the process.

During the 1930, Mr. Hester was a technical consultant for the movie, "Dodge City" starring

Errol Flynn.

In October, the University of Nebraska Press released a book featuring Mr. Hester's story called, "The True Life Wild West Memoir of a Bush-Popping Cow Waddy", which has been declared to be "first rate early American history" by the American Library Association and is nominated for the National Cowboy Hall of Fame's Western Heritage Award.

Mr. Ross works at Rural Telephone Co. and his children go to school in Lenora.

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