

# OBITUARIES

## Warren Bivens

May 21, 1920 - March 18, 2005

Warren Bivens, 75, Norton, died March 18, at the Haysville Nursing Home.

Mr. Bivens was born May 21,



Circa 1941 W. Bivens

1920, on a farm northwest of Norton. He was one of ten children of Harry W. and Mary C. (Spence) Bivens.

He attended country school, attending an eighth-grade education.

He and Bevelene Parks were married Aug. 31, 1941, at Norton.

During World War II, he served in the U.S. Army. He was captured

and held as a prison of war for the last six months of the war in a German camp. He was released by the Russians.

Mr. Bivens worked as a lineman for Norton Decatur Cooperative Electric for 26 years in the Norton and Hill City area.

He is survived by his wife, Bevelene, of the home; three sons, Milton and Dottie Bivens, Mulvane, Morton and Carol Bivens, Thermopolis, Wyo., and Merton and Beverly Bivens, Great Bend; five daughters, Carol and Allan Anderson, Morland; Warena and Paul Wing, Troy, Ohio, Marylene Bivens, Elm Creek, Neb., Debra Bivens, Florence, Texas, Sharon and Bill Blair, Chicago; 24 grandchildren; and 28 great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were held April 2 at Jehovah's Witness Kingdom Hall, Hill City.

## Anna H. Kinney

April 30, 1914 - June 3, 2005

Anna H. Kinney, 91, sister of Agnes Gipe and Raymond Stephenson, Norton, died Friday at the Colonial Villa Good Samaritan Center in Alma, Neb.

Mrs. Kinney was born April 30, 1914, in Rooks County, near Logan, the daughter of Fred and Cora Mae (Buss) Stephenson.

She graduated from Woodruff High School.

She married Clarence Earl Kinney and they lived at Woodruff until relocating to Oxford, Neb., in 1941, to be near his work on the C.B. and Q. Railroad.

She loved her family, reading, tending her garden and Nebraska football.

Preceding her in death were her

husband; a son, Cecil Kinney; two brothers; and three sisters.

Other survivors include a daughter, Judy Kinney, Alma; daughter-in-law, Darlene Kinney, Pleasant Hill, Mo.; a sister, Mabel and Chris Christensen, Kearney; three grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were held Sunday at the Norton Cemetery with Pastor Linda Knipping officiating.

A memorial has been established in her memory to the Good Samaritan Center in Alma. Contributions may be sent to Nelson-Bauer Funeral Home, 401 Burlington St., Holdrege, Neb. 68949.

## Alberta F. McCall

May 9, 1913 - June 4, 2005

Alberta F. McCall, 92, Norton, died Saturday at the Andbe Home.

Mrs. McCall was born May 9, 1913, in Graham County, the daughter of Elton E. and Alice (Stuchlick) Bauguess.

She attended the Edmond and Mount Vernon rural schools.

She spent her adult life in the Norton area. She was a homemaker and lived on a farm until 1947, when she moved to Norton.

She was a cook at several restaurants in Norton, and the Norton Bakery. She was a Stanley Product representative for 30 years, a member of the Norton Saddle Club, Home Demonstration Unit, Extension Homemakers Unit, and a past member of the Eagles Auxiliary.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and husbands Vernon

Gill and Veryl McCall, two sisters, a brother, and a son.

Survivors include a son Calvin and Anise Gill, Norton; two daughters, Nellie and Dean Shearer, Almena and Vi (Meier) and Wayne Belden Norton; 10 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and four great-great grandchildren.

Friends may call at the Enfield Funeral Home in Norton from 3 to 8:30 p.m., Wednesday.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m., Thursday at the funeral home. Burial will be in the Norton Cemetery.

A memorial has been established to the Diabetes Foundation. Contributions may be sent to the funeral home at 215 W. Main, Norton, Kan. 67654.



Verlyn and Loraine Thalheim

## Couple celebrates 65 years together

Verlyn and Loraine Thalheim, Long Island, will celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Thalheim were married June 12, 1940, in the home of her parents. They continue to live on their Long Island farm.

Their children are Patricia Hammond and Belinda Thalheim, Long Island and Verlain Schooler, Logan.

They also have six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

## Post-war Japanese items getting rare

In the 1940s "Made in Japan" was synonymous with tacky and cheap.

On the other hand, the stamp "Made in Occupied Japan" brings a gleam to the eye of certain collectors that goes far beyond the usual enthusiasm for dustcatchers.

Items from the postwar era, so stamped, are not only scarce and collectible but provide challenges in the search. And the hunting is what we are all about, right?

A limited time span of production dating from the surrender of Japan after World War II to the departure of the Army of the Occupation in April, 1952, plus the natural reluctance of the Japanese people to mark their products in this way led to the unintended consequence of a unique group of collectibles.

Only a few factories complied with the law that required the mark. Due to the state of confusion that existed after the war, enforcement of this nonessential regulation was lax, further limiting the

Collector Chat  
Liza Deines



pool of possibilities. Look for small circular ink stamps, not impressed, often sienna, and almost always poorly done. Only the marked items are officially collectible.

Porcelain and bisque were the major materials used in manufacturing

The more common porcelain figures were often crudely made, yet they have eye appeal all their own.

Bisque figurines were higher quality, more finely detailed and are consequently more expensive. Shiny porcelain or matte finish bisque, all "Made in Occupied Japan" ornaments were hand painted.

Not very expensive to begin

with, the tiny bibelots were "hot" a few years ago, but are now much more reasonable as collector interest waned. Now is the time to pick them up at local junk shops and flea markets where OCJ items, as they are commonly called, can be found at reasonable prices.

Since there will never be more marked in this way, their collectibility is bound to increase. Most sell at or below the \$20 range with only a few anywhere near \$100. Both artistic quality and charm of design affect prices. A little pair of Oriental children lying on their tummies kissing is a cutie anyone would love to locate for their knick-knack shelf.

Colonial costume was very popular with the Japanese, so lords and ladies in tricorne hats, ruffled hoopskirts and cascades of lace are common, particularly in the bisque medium since those figures tended to be a little larger and more intricate. Spaniel dogs, kittens, or children add to the value of a figure.

More value is found in Dutch, Mexican or Cupid figures, also Orientals with diminutive straw hats, fans or parasols inserted in slotted fingers. You may find identical items or sets with only one of the items marked. If they match, it validates their identification but sometimes it is difficult to identify a set. One of the groups that keeps us all looking is that of six black

jazz band musicians; another jewel is a complete wedding party down to the flower girl and ring bearer. I've never been fortunate enough to find either set complete. If you do, call me.

Not only figurines were stamped "Made in Occupied Japan". There were metal pin trays and ashtrays stamped out as souvenirs for cities, states, buildings and even football contests. There were celluloid dollies that were so fragile practically none exist today. Even fishbowl ornaments have been found with that distinctive stamp. Dinnerware in Moss Rose and Blue Willow patterns have popped up a few times, never a full set, so it's a real prize when found.

Some folks just can't resist a challenge and limit their shelf to a certain category to make life difficult... or interesting? Happy hunting.

MY MAMA SAID: Wash your hair in rainwater and make it shine, the next man you meet could be divine. (And he was.) Praise the Lord for the rains this last week.

## MARKETS

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| At close of business June 6 |        |
| Wheat .....                 | \$3.03 |
| Milo .....                  | \$2.97 |
| Corn .....                  | \$1.92 |

## CORRECTION

In the Friday edition of *The Norton Telegram*, a story on the Register of Deeds getting a new computer system incorrectly said that Mortensen Computer Service would charge \$240/hour for labor. The total price of labor for four hours of work was \$240 at \$60/hour. This was a reporting error.

In the same story, the bid prices for Mortensen's and Computer Pro were incorrect. Mortensen's bid was for a total of \$1,837.95 and Computer Pro's bid was for a total of \$1,881.95.

Incorrect information was supplied to the paper.

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## READERS

Tamara Cochran, Lawrence, graduated from the University of Kansas, Lawrence, with a masters degree in choral conducting. After graduation, she is spending a two-week vacation in England. Miss Cochran is the daughter of Mick and Ida Cochran, Almena.

Darin Keyser had been a part-time employee for Rural Telephone in Lenora. He began full-time work as a warehouse assistant on May 3. He is returning to his home town of WaKeeney from

Hays.

Kelli Berg, Logan, was named to the President's Honor Roll at Colby Community College for the spring semester.

Shane Schumaker is a new project coordinator for Rural Telephone as of May 2. He earned a bachelors degree in information systems and lives in Norton with his wife Mandy and their daughter Nataley.

**Happy 50th Anniversary and Open House Saturday, June 12 1:00-4:00 p.m.**

**Red Willow County Fairgrounds, McCook, NE**

The Children of Darrel and Elda (Wagoner) Youngs invite you to help celebrate their parents anniversary. Your presence would be a treasured gift and they request no other

~Elda and Darrel Youngs, June 12, 1955~

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