

Soups fill up quilters

By BEVERLY KINDLER

A wide array of soups, relishes, breads and desserts were enjoyed at the November meeting of the Heritage Quilt Club.

Forty-one members and nine guests met at the Prairie Land Electric basement for the soup supper and meeting.

During "Show and Tell", members saw a shadow box wall hanging, quilted pillows with oriental motifs and blocks made from the recent "Shop Hop".

Dorothy Chandler displayed several of the 60 lap robes she had made recently. Jo Pakkebieer displayed the patriotic quilt she made for a soldier for the Quilt of Valor project.

Members showed off the seven newborn baby blankets and the three lap robes that were made.

These will be donated to the Norton County Hospital as part of the community service projects for this year.

President Regina Stark held the meeting as plans were made for a pillowcase/pillow project for Christmas. Judy Carlyle was welcomed as a new member.

Beverly Kindler reported that some members met with students (kindergarten and fourth grade) at the West Solomon Valley Elementary school to do mini quilts. Gloria Heikes is the contact person for this project in Lenora.

The "Trash to Treasure" blocks were displayed for members to vote for the best block designed with an ugly fabric. Lois Myers received the prize for the best block. The "ugly" fabric had been contributed by Lavonne Juenemann.

"Pillows, pillows, pillows" was the topic for the program by Cheryl Roberts and Janette Callaway. They displayed throw pillows, bed pillows, floor pillows, bolsters, pillow wraps, button pillows and pillow cases. They explained how to make each and provided printed instructions.

Hostesses were Anise Gill, Ruby Pfeifer, Audrey Wiltfong and Vadis Madden.

OBITUARIES

Geneva Mildred Altman

Oct. 2, 1912 - Nov. 24, 2005

Geneva Mildred Altman, 93, formerly of Norton, died Thursday at Logan Manor.

The daughter of Ralph and Jennie (Dailey) Dixon, she was born Oct. 2, 1912, near Almena.

She graduated from Almena Rural High School.

On Aug. 7, 1933, she and Raymond L. Altman were married on a farm in Norton County. They lived on farms near Almena. In 1976, they moved to Leoti, returning to Norton in 1980.

In 1993, they celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. He died March 9, 1994. She continued to live in their home in Norton until June when she moved into the Logan Manor.

She was a member of the Norton Christian Church and the High Plains Campers Club.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, a daughter, Carolyn, two sons, Merle and Kenneth, a brother, and three sis-

ters.

Survivors include: three sons, Phillip and Saundra Altman, Logan, Lee and Dee Altman, Norton, and Dan and Kristie Altman, Overland Park; two daughters-in-law, Sharen Altman, Leoti, and Kathie Altman, Stratford, Texas; a brother, Donald and Ava Dixon, Ridgecrest, Calif.; a sister, Eileen and Leo Cramer, Almena; 16 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; and nine great-great-grandchildren.

Friends may call from 3 to 8:30 p.m. Friday at Enfield Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Norton Christian Church with Jeff Nielsen officiating. Burial will be in Norton Cemetery.

Memorials have been established at the Norton Public Library and the church's library. Contributions may be sent in care of the funeral home at 215 W. Main, Norton, Kan. 67654.

Garrah Lillian Gaumer

Dec. 24, 1915 - Nov. 23, 2005

Garrah Lillian Gaumer, 89, a native of Jennings, died last Wednesday at the Decatur County Good Samaritan Center in Oberlin.

She was born Dec. 24, 1915, in a sod house southwest of Jennings, the daughter of Everett Jackson and Emma Carrie (Wheelock) Bainter. The family moved later to a farm northwest of Jennings. She attended Jennings Consolidated School and graduated in 1933. She taught school for two years.

She married James A. Gaumer on Dec. 24, 1935, at the home of her parents in Jennings. They made their home near Jennings and, after his death, she moved to Friendship Village at Jennings. She later moved to Wheat Ridge Terrace and then to Decatur County Good Samaritan Center in Oberlin. She was a member of the Jennings United Methodist Church; Order of Eastern Star; Jennings American Legion Auxiliary; Heritage Associates and Sweet Adelines Chorus. She also assisted in editing and publishing the 1988 Jennings Centennial His-

tory Book.

She was preceded in death by her parents and three grandsons, Adam Gaumer, Erik Gaumer and Lewis Edward Temple IV.

Survivors include two sons, Dale and Karen Gaumer, Columbus, Ind., and W. James and Judy Gaumer, Oberlin; two daughters, Betty and Carl Fitzgerald, Glen Elder, and Mary Arnold, Denver; a brother, Boyd and Thelma Bainter, Hutchinson; a sister, Ethlyn and William Tacha, Salina; eight grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at the church in Jennings. Janice Shobe officiated and burial was at the Jennings Cemetery.

Memorials were established to the church; Jennings Czech Museum; or Decatur County Good Samaritan Center. Contributions may be sent to Pauls Funeral Home, 121 N. Penn, Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

Women to hold senior party

The St. Francis of Assisi Ladies Society will be holding its annual senior citizen's Christmas Party from 2 to 4 p.m. Thursday at the St. Francis Parish Center.

The party is open to all senior citizens. There will be Bingo and everyone attending will get a Christmas ornament. Punch and cookies will also be served.

Sunday was best day for little girl back then

Sunshine through the curtains falls across my blue and yellow plaid dress hanging, freshly ironed, on the closet doorknob. Beneath sit my Mary Jane black patent slippers with soft white fancy socks tucked in them.

It's Sunday morning and I hop right out of bed. The smell of cinnamon toast pervades the home so I run to wash my face and head to the kitchen.

Dad is sitting at the kitchen table, already in his suit pants, vest and starched white shirt. No tie yet and no jacket but they are laid out and ready. Mama is in a duster and is bustling around getting dinner preparations made before she goes in to dress for church.

"Here's your breakfast," she says.

I sit down and she begins unbraiding my frowsty pigtails from yesterday and moves on to brushing my waist-length hair vigorously. It's probably not the most sanitary procedure in a busy kitchen but very pleasant and comforting as I tuck into cinnamon toast, milk and a banana. By the time I am on the last bite, the braids are done and tied up in "elephant ears" with big yellow bows.

"Out of the kitchen, both of you," Mama orders, "if you want Sunday dinner today."

And back she goes to her cooking chores.

Roger has already gone to work down at the service station where he pumps gas and washes windshields and makes smart remarks to the tourists who pass through.

"Does the wind always blow this way?" "No, sometimes it comes from the north."

He's too old for Sunday School anyhow, being all of 17.

Dad takes me off to brush teeth and buckle shoes and tie my sash after I get dressed.

Then comes my favorite part of Sunday morning. We go out to the big brown chair and I sit on his lap while he reads the funny papers aloud. I can read all by myself but having Dad read the funnies is better because he explains all the actions and points to all the people as he reads their part in funny voices.

We go through the Katzenjammer Kids and Dagwood and Blondie and Marmaduke first. Then I have to listen to Prince Valiant and Flash Gordon even though I don't understand what they're about. We save the favorite one for last — Smokey Stover and his wonderful cause and effect chain reaction machines that run all the way through the strip. Dad never misses a detail and we laugh and laugh.

At last, Mama is ready. She now

Child of the '40s
Liza Deines



wears her good navy blue dress with the big white crocheted collar pinned with a red silk rose, her best black shoes that have little fancy tassels on the ties and, atop it all, a hat. The hat is sort of a black and white layered pancake with a feather going straight across the front. It has a veil that comes down to her nose and has to be carefully arranged to hold her hair properly in place in case of Kansas breezes. She also has very elegant white gloves and one of her flowered hankies.

We hurry off. It is four blocks to church and we certainly don't want to be late. I have my offering dime carefully tied in the corner of a frilly little girl hankie and am

constantly admonished by one parent or the other not to scuff my shoe toes.

Maybe we'll sit behind Mrs. Hiall in church. She has a fancy fox fur scarf and I never tire of looking at the little fox face that opens up and bites its own furry tail to hold it around her neck. Or maybe Mrs. Fowler who always smells just lovely or maybe Mr. Hutchinson who has a big, deep voice when we sing "The Church's One Foundation" and always has a pink peppermint for me. I know better than to think I could sit beside my friend, Gwen. Our mothers think we whisper and giggle too much so we sit on different sides of the aisle.

Sunday School coming up, hymns and flowers and candles in church, pot roast Sunday dinner and afterward down to see the Portland Rose go through at the depot and Dad buys me a Grapette pop.

Boy, do I love Sundays!

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BIRTH

Daisi Duke Huffman

Duke and Amber (Schulze) Huffman of Ogallala, Neb., are the parents of a daughter, Daisi Duke Huffman, born Oct. 22. She weighed 8 pounds, 7.5 ounces.

Mr. and Mrs. Huffman have another daughter, Annaliese Genae, 3.

Grandparents are Gale and



Daisi Huffman

Sharon Schulze, Norton.

Great-grandfather is Arnold Jackson, Norton.

READERS

— Steak and seafood night, Thursday and Saturday 6-9 p.m. American Legion. Members and guests. 11/29

PITCH TOURNAMENT, 7 p.m., Sunday, December 4, Norton American Legion. 11/29

MARKETS

At close of business Nov. 29

Wheat	\$3.29
Milo	\$1.42
Corn	\$1.61
Soybeans	\$4.81

Steak and Seafood
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NORTON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS PARTY
Thursday, December 1
2:00-4:00 P.M.
at St. Francis Parish Games, Refreshments
All Who Attend Will Receive a Christmas Tree Ornament

Happy 18th Birthday!
 Miss Serena

Christmas Open House for CREATIVE memories
Saturday, December 3, from 2-5
at 603 Pool Drive, Norton
Products will be available for purchase. See new products. Come by, have some goodies, shop and receive free gifts; a gift for coming, a gift for shopping, and a gift for purchases over \$50. Schedule a "Get Together" for January and receive another gift!
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