

OBITUARIES

Thelma N. Armstrong

June 14, 1931 - July 16, 2006

Thelma Nadyne Armstrong, 75, formerly of Edmond, died Sunday at East Texas Medical Center, Tyler, Texas.

Mrs. Armstrong was born June 14, 1931, the daughter of Floyd and Beulah (Shinn) McKie.

On Dec. 23, 1954, she married Byron Wren Armstrong. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Winnsboro, Texas, where she served as a former financial secretary and a former Sunday School teacher.

Mrs. Armstrong was a member of the Winnsboro Study Club.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Karen Armstrong; and two sisters, Maxine Nelson and Ila Jean Scholer.

Survivors include her husband of 51 years, Wren Armstrong,

Winnsboro; a daughter, Diana and Wayne Ford, Waxahachie, Texas; a brother Floyd McKie, Norton; a sister, Nelda Laskey, Garden City; and one grandchild.

Visitation will be held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. today at Beaty Funeral Home, Winnsboro.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the First Baptist Church. The Rev. Earl Duggins, the Rev. Alton Patton and the Rev. Fred Morrow will conduct the services. Graveside services will be held at 4 p.m. at Faulkenberry Cemetery, Groesbeck, Texas.

Memorials have been established to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Contributions may be made in care of the funeral home, P.O. Box 407, Winnsboro, Texas 75494.



Dorothy and Charlie Ankenman

Cambridge couple marks 60th anniversary

Charlie and Dorothy Ankenman will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary Saturday.

Dorothy Manley and Charlie Ankenman met in Beaver City, Neb., where she attended school and worked in a cafe. Mr. Ankenman had returned from World War II to help his parents on the farm. During their courtship they went to dances in DeWise.

On July 25, 1946, they were married in Norton.

After they married, they lived in Wilsonville for a time and later moved to their farm five miles outside of Wilsonville, Neb. Mr. Ankenman farmed and Mrs. Ankenman worked at the Cambridge Hospital and then at the

Cambridge doctor's office for over 20 years. When he retired from the farm, they moved to Cambridge and she worked at the hospital again and cleaned houses.

They were members of the Wilsonville Baptist church until moving to Cambridge. Now they attend the Congregational Church in Cambridge.

Their five children, 13 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren are hosting an open house in their honor from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the Cambridge, Neb., Community Center.

Anyone wishing to send them a card of congratulations may send it to 111 Dolan Ave., Cambridge, Neb. 69022.

CORRECTION

In the July 14 edition of *The Norton Telegram*, the names of Bill and Amy Vacura, Norton, were omitted from the list of grandchildren of Lloyd and

Glenna Sproul. Mr. and Mrs. Sproul celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on July 6. The omission was a reporter's error.

Fun summer days began at the pool

The excitement has been building all summer as the workmen labor with forms and concrete and paint. The main amusement for my group of friends has been walking out toward the ball field to see how the project is progressing. We stand with our noses pressed against the chain link fence, some of us observing and some of us making eyes at the cute college boys that are with the construction crew.

Yes, our little town is finally getting a swimming pool and we can barely contain our anticipation at this giant step into the future. 1955 is going to be the best year yet.

No one is confiding what their newly purchased swimsuits look like although there is a lot of speculation and teasing. One piece or two piece? Will anyone dare show up in one of those skimpy new bikinis? The fact is the swimsuit pages of the mail order catalogs are dog eared and worn from eager and anxious fingers trying to choose a suit. The selection is made more difficult since it must meet our mothers' modest standards and still make a flat-chested teenage girl look like Lana Turner or Rita Hayworth. The order clerks at Sears & Sawbuck and Monkey Ward must wonder why an inordinate amount of swimwear is being sent to western Kansas, along with those ugly rubber swim caps that are required lest hair plug the new pool's expensive filters.

The day arrives at last. We girls spend all morning calling each other arranging when we will go to the pool and how to dress. Do dressing rooms mean we dress there in front of everybody? We opt to wear our suits with long shirts over them since struggling into 1950s elastic faille fabrics with back zippers and hooks and eyes is not an easy task. Promptly, at 17 minutes until the magic opening hour of one o'clock every kid in town heads for the new body of water.

Beautiful fresh aqua paint en-

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hances the water color, red and white bobbers on ropes bounce to warn of the deep end. Towels and shirts in baskets, pins on straps, bare feet sloshing through the required footbath, we emerge from the dressing room in all our glory. A headlong dash for the edge of the pool, tummies held in, chests thrust out. One leap and it's COLD! The temperature is over 100° so how can this water be so COLD? Shivering, we leap back out and lie on the hot concrete to warm up.

The fashion critique is soon underway as we either envy or disdain the swim suits. One of "those girls" shows up in a white creation that goes practically transparent when it's wet. Lots of black and navy and red but only a few girls have the nerve, or figure, to wear bare midriff outfits. My suit is blue and white checked with ruffles at the top to disguise the fact that I am what my mother tactfully calls a "late bloomer". The boys wear last year's gym shorts except for a few garish Hawaiian print trunks. Two of the wealthier girls have elegant shirred Catalinas from Morgan's Dress Shop. Even one swim cap adorned with floppy rubber flowers appears.

At the end of an exhausting afternoon we all trudge home, dripping, sunburned and hungry but eager to return the next day. Season tickets cost a dollar and we don't want to waste a penny of it. Maybe tomorrow we'll even put our faces in the water.

FYI: For my Norton friends who are wondering why you're not receiving any email messages from me: For some reason Spamcop will not let me send to ruraltel addresses and so far I have been unable to resolve the difficulty. Still trying

Betty Lou Lawrence

Sept. 20, 1935 - July 15, 2006

Betty Lou Lawrence, 70, died Saturday at the Norton County Hospital.

Mrs. Lawrence was born Sept. 20, 1935, in Whiting, the daughter of Frank and Jessie (McLaughlin) Priest.

Her family moved to Colorado where she graduated from Wheatridge High School.

On June 22, 1952, she and Glenn Rutherford were married in Las Vegas, N.M. They had three children. She married James Lawrence on Dec. 1, 1961, in Wheatridge.

Through the years she had lived in Colorado and Hawaii, before moving to Kansas where she had lived in Clayton and Norton.

She was a member of the Clayton United Methodist Church, the Eagles Auxiliary and

the American Legion Auxiliary.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Carl Priest.

Survivors include: her husband, James Lawrence, Norton; a son, Frank and Patti Rutherford, Vail, Ariz.; two daughters, Barbara and Don Brooks, Clayton and Leona and Rod Bird, Plainville; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 p.m. Thursday at Enfield Funeral Home. Inurnment will be at the Clayton Cemetery.

Memorial funds have been established to the Andbe Home and the Norton Animal Shelter. Contributions may be made in care of the funeral home at 215 W. Main, Norton, Kan. 67654.

Donald L. Mindrup

March 16, 1947 - July 12, 2006

Donald Leo Mindrup, 59, Clayton, died July 12 at the Veteran's Administration Hospital in Topeka.

Mr. Mindrup was born March 16, 1947, in Norton, the son of Leo A. and Anna M. (Lindblade) Mindrup.

He attended grade school in New Almelo and high school in Lenora. He made his home on the farm near Clayton where he was a farmer and rancher.

He was a member of the St. Joseph Catholic Church in New Almelo.

He was preceded in death by his father.

Survivors include his mother, Anna Mindrup, Salina; and two brothers, Gerald Mindrup, Windom and Louis Mindrup, Kansas City, Kan.

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

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday at the funeral home with Father Vincent Thu Laing officiating. Burial will be in St. Joseph Cemetery, New Almelo.

Contributions may be sent to the Donald Mindrup Memorial Fund in care of the funeral home, 215 W. Main, Norton.

BIRTH

Jace Vifquain

Jeff and Connie Vifquain of Lincoln, Neb., are the parents of a son born June 28. They named him Jace Robert. He weighed 6 pounds 5 ounces and measured 19 1/2 inches long. He was born at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Lincoln. Mr. and Mrs. Vifquain also have a daughter, Jaden, 2.

Grandparents are Ivan and Joyce Kingham, Norton and Patricia Vifquain, Lincoln, and the late Robert Vifquain.

Great-grandparents are John and Anna Kingham, Norton; Betty Fruit, Loveland, Colo., and Ronald Orr, Bloomfield, N.M.

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— Descendants of William and Malinda Hendrickson will hold a reunion on Saturday, July 29 at Norton Senior Center. Traditional Potluck Dinner at noon with program to follow. Questions: call Lanny Davis or Reva Benien.

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

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