

OBITUARIES

Merle E. Applegate

May 1, 1917 - Oct. 22, 2006

Merle E. Applegate, 89, died Sunday at the Norton County Hospital.

The son of George and Cora (Mizer) Applegate, he was born May 1, 1917, south of Lenora, in Graham County.

He attended Hillman Rural Grade School and graduated from Norton Community High School. He moved to Baltimore, Maryland, where he worked in aircraft manufacturing for four years.

He returned to Norton in 1945, and on June 12, 1947, he and M. Louise Davis were married. They made their home on the farm in Norton County where they farmed and raised their family. Upon their retirement, they moved into Norton. Mrs. Applegate died June 22, 2002.

He attended the Norton Church of God and was a member of the Norton County Farm Bureau where he was awarded the Century Farm Award in 2002. He was a past member of the Kansas Wheat Growers Association and a past township officer. He had also received the Norton County Conservation Award in the 1960s. He had

been active in the Thursday night bowling league and the Norton Square Dancers.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, one brother, Lester, two sisters, Leone and Lucille, and one granddaughter, Dorothy Applegate.

Survivors include: one son Rodney Applegate and friend, Rudy, Harlingen, Texas; two daughters, Marcella and Tom Hoff, Olathe and Debra and Charles Kootz, Geneseo; one special sister-in-law, Lorraine Wolfe, Almena.; five sisters-in-law; one brother-in-law; and five grandchildren.

Friends may call from 3 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. Wednesday at Enfield Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m., Thursday at the funeral home. Burial will be in the Norton Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to the Norton Lions Club, Norton Church of God or to the American Heart Association. Contributions may be made in care of the funeral home, 215 W. Main, Norton, Kan. 67654.

Sheriff speaks to club about drug dangers

Alberta Slaby was the hostess for the Oct. 2 meeting of the Beta Alpha Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma International.

Co-hostesses were Virginia Will, Trudy Stockham and Joyce Morel. President Nan Smith conducted the meeting with 21 members present.

Members were asked to bring books and magazines to replenish the supplies in the baskets located at the clinic and hospital. Furnishing these periodicals for patients and their families is an on-going literacy project sponsored by the chapter.

Sheriff Troy Thomson presented a program about methamphetamine. He stated the problem in Norton County is not as bad as it was about three years ago. Norton County has initiated a

Meth Watch program. As part of this program, stores are to report purchases of large quantities of certain substances to the authorities. The sheriff is asking for youth organizations that may be interested in helping with other aspects of the program.

Sheriff Thomson told the group that meth is very addictive and the "high" lasts much longer than cocaine. Unfortunately, there is about a three percent recovery rate for these addicts. He reported that there are more programs in place to help drug-endangered children than in the past. The sheriff also said he can obtain educational materials for schools or other groups.

The next meeting will be at 4:30 p.m., Nov. 6 with hostess Pam Menagh.

Saturday night was bathtub time for all

"Arthur, better get that tub in here. We're burning daylight," Mama says to Dad just as soon as Saturday night supper is cleared away. She builds up the fire and opens the oven door to take the winter chill off the kitchen.

Child of the 40s
Liza Deines



Oh boy, oh boy, oh boy! Tonight is the night Mama promised I could take my bath in the big wash-tub for the first time. Because I was a baby I had to have my baths in the big turkey roaster pan but I am four years old this week and that is grown up for sure.

Did you know there are houses with a special room just for baths? My sister Ann's best friend Marjorie Jean's house has one. Ann has seen it and even taken a bath in their bathtub once. She says it is all white and shiny and hot water comes right out of a pipe in the wall and they put bubbles in the water. Can you imagine? We would like that but Dad says they are very expensive and our kitchen will just have to do.

to toe with much tickling and laughter from Ann and Mama. I like that big soapy cloth and the suds cascading down my back. Do you suppose I will get my curves from the suds? When IS someday anyhow? Mama wraps me up in warm towel from the oven door and rubs me down. It feels so good.

Ann slips my nightie over my head and takes me off to my bed to read me my story while Mama is in the tub. We smell her special violet water and she even gives me some of her precious Jergens lotion to rub on so we both smell good. I suppose it helps with the curves, too.

We giggle as we hear the fuss Roger puts up when it is his turn. He says he doesn't need all these baths week in and week out and he'll surely catch cold and the water isn't hot enough and then we hear Mama say, "Get in." And, then we hear a splash and a squawk and we giggle even more.

Dad gets the last of the hot water and does the most splashing and we collapse in giggles when we hear him bellowing the two songs he knows, "Asleep in the Deep" and "Popeye the Sailor Man".

Mama bails a bucket of water to scrub the wooden kitchen floor while Dad and Roger drag the tub outdoors. As I drift off to sleep, I hear Mama's sweet humming in the kitchen. Tomorrow is Sunday, her family is all clean and fresh for church and soon her kitchen will be clean, too. Mama is happy.

And I am happy, too. It is a good thing to be a grown up girl on bath night, soft, smelling of soap and lotion and maybe I'll have curves tomorrow.

DEATH NOTICE

Gilbert Bollig

Gilbert Bollig, age 80, New Almelo, died at the Norton County Hospital on Monday.

Rosary services will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, at the St. Joseph Auditorium in New Almelo. Mass of the Christian Burial will

be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, at St. Joseph Catholic Church. Burial will be held in the St. Joseph Cemetery.

Arrangements are with Enfield Funeral Home of Norton.

Vera Hubbard

Vera Hubbard, 88, Norton, died at the Andbe Home on Monday.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m., Friday at Enfield Fu-

neral Home in Norton.

Burial will be held in the Mt. Hope Cemetery, Almena.

Arrangements are with Enfield Funeral Home.

READERS

— Steak and seafood night, Thursday 6-9 p.m. American Legion. Members and guests. 10/24

Two Andbe Home employees, Darlene McEwen, Resident Resource Coordinator and Dawn Risewick, Activity Director, attended a meeting of the Kansas Activity Directors Association Oct. 8-10 in Wichita. One of the classes they attended was a drama workshop. Mrs. McEwen has been able to incorporate some of what she learned into her program at the home.

Kayla Douglas accepted a \$400 Fort Hays State University Bronze Academic Award and a \$500 Award of Excellence in business and leadership. While a student at Norton Community High School, she was



involved in volleyball, basketball, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Students Against Destructive Decisions, Family, Career and Community Leaders of America, KAYs, forensics, drama and was on the Honor Roll. Miss Douglas is the daughter of Patrick and Julie Douglas, Norton. She is majoring in marketing and management.

The family of Nettie Britton would like to honor her with a card shower in honor of her 90th birthday on Oct. 26. Birthday wishes will reach her at Room 111, 1000 Washington, Plainville, Kan. 67763.

4-H NEWS

By BAILEY AMBROSIER

The Busy Beavers 4-H meeting was held Oct. 8 with 15 members, one leader and 10 parents present.

Members learned that a judging would be held Oct. 9 at the 4-H Building; 4-H record books and membership pin awards are due Oct. 10; and the annual 4-H Achievement Banquet will be Nov. 5.

This year the club decided not to have an entry in the Veteran's Day Parade. They volunteered to work at the Norton Theatre Oct. 14 and 15.

For recreation, members had a "pumpkin roll".

The next meeting will be held at 3 p.m., Nov. 12 at the 4-H Building.

Thomas E. Bevington

Sept. 11, 1908 - Oct. 19, 2006

Thomas Emerson Bevington, 98, Hermiston, Ore., formerly of Jennings, died Oct. 19 at the Good Shepherd Medical Center in Hermiston.

Mr. Bevington was born Sept. 11, 1908, in Custer County, Neb., in a sod house to Harley and Stella Bevington.

He managed a grain elevator in Superior, Neb., for 10 years before moving his family to Grandview, Wash., where he worked for Rusk Turkey Farm for 10 years until he retired. He then, moved to Jennings where he lived for 20 years before moving to Hermiston 11 years ago. His favorite pastimes included fishing, gardening, camping and traveling the United States.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife, Mary Olivia Yates; his second wife, Mary Elizabeth Sillivan; one son, Thomas Ralph; two daughters, Mary Elizabeth and Mary Norman; a

grandson, Dennis Brown; a granddaughter, Cherie Hays; four brothers; and two sisters.

Survivors include two sons, Tim and Erna Bevington, Hermiston and Bruce and Barbara Bevington, Scio, Ore.; four daughters, Judy and Bob Couey, Stanfield, Ore., Kay and Ron Stafford, Chelan Falls, Wash., Joan and Ace Kratzer, Gold Beach, Ore., and Arlene and Al Hays, Chelan Falls; a sister, Myrtle Nichols, Council Bluffs, Neb.; 18 grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren.

A graveside service was held today at the Jennings Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to the American Diabetes Association, 1701 North Beauregard St., Alexandria, Va. 22311.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston was in charge of the arrangements in Oregon. Pauls Funeral Home, Oberlin, handled the local arrangements.

JoAnn Keiswetter

Dec. 13, 1935 - Oct. 19, 2006

JoAnn Keiswetter, 70, died Oct. 19 at the Norton County Hospital.

Mrs. Keiswetter was the daughter of John Arthur and Wanda Geneva (Birk) Miller. She was born Dec. 13, 1935, in Coffey County.

She moved with her family to Norton County in 1946.

On Feb. 24, 1956, she and Billie Keiswetter were married in Lawrence. They made their home in San Diego, Calif., for two years before moving to Lawrence, where they lived for six months. They moved to a farm south of Edmond and moved to Densmore, five years ago.

Her hobbies included reading, crocheting and University of Kansas sports, especially basketball. She was preceded in death by

her parents, one infant son, Stevie, and one sister, Carol Strickland.

Survivors include: her husband, Billie, Densmore; two daughters, Cristie and Ed Foster, Hill City and Nancy and Tom Carlton, Norton; one brother, Arthur and Jan Miller, Phillipsburg; one sister, Ruth Wentz; Wichita; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday at Enfield Funeral Home.

Inurnment services will follow at the Norton Cemetery.

Memorials have been established to Whispering Pines Assisted Living Center and to the Norton Public Library. Contributions may be sent in care of the funeral home, 215 W. Main, Norton, Kan. 67654.

Have a story idea? Call 877-3361 and let us know ... we'd love to hear about it!

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