

OBITUARY

Dorothy M. Higgins

Oct. 5, 1917 - March 30, 2007

Dorothy Mae Higgins, 89, died Friday at the Andbe Home in Norton.

The daughter of John and Clara (Tirey) Schleeter, she was born Oct. 5, 1917, in Dawson County, Nebraska.

She attended a country school in Phelps County, Neb.

On June 8, 1939, she married John Hoover in Norton. They made their home in Norton except for two years spent in Denver, Colo. She was a homemaker, but spent several years working at the Norton State Hospital and the Ben Franklin store. She also worked at the Hoover Greenhouse. Mr. Hoover died in 1984.

On April 15, 1986, she and Bert Higgins were married in Norton, where they made their home. She was a member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church. She was preceded in death by

her parents, her first husband, John, one son, John E. Hoover, seven brothers, two sisters, and one half-brother.

Survivors include: her husband, Bert, Norton; one son, Lanny and Judy Hoover, Westmoreland; one daughter, LeCretica and Don Hazlett, Colby; one sister, LaDonna and John Eileres, Kearney, Neb.; two half-sisters; 10 grandchildren; five step-grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and four step-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at the Immanuel Lutheran Church with burial in the Norton Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the church's building fund or to Hospice Services of Norton County in care of Enfield Funeral Home, 215 W. Main, Norton, Kan. 67654.

Family to honor woman



Delores Atkinson

Delores Atkinson will observe her 85th birthday with an open house from 2 to 4 p.m., Saturday, April 7 at the Norton Senior Center.

Mrs. Atkinson was born April 16, 1922 in Norton County.

She married Don Beaty on Aug. 9, 1942. He died in July, 1989.

On Feb. 16, 1991, she and Dr. George Atkinson were married.

The event will be hosted by her daughters, Donita Cawby, Ellsworth, Karla Scriven, Garden City and Barbara Watson, Sedalia, Mo., and their families.

Greeting cards may be sent to Mrs. Atkinson at 803 W. Holme, Norton, Kan. 67654.

More than music taught at contest

Here we all sit in our black skirts and white blouses awaiting our turn to perform and be judged. Music festival is a big deal to all the schools in our area. Not only do we get a day out of classes, but we get to travel clear up to Norton, eat out, and sometimes shop. Most of us don't even care about the ratings, we're just here to meet boys and have fun.

Some of the girls have nice slim figures and wear straight skirts with tailored blouses. Aware that I was never built to wear a straight skirt, Mama bought me a beautiful pleated black taffeta skirt and a blouse with ruffles. Our director doesn't like it, that I'm out of "uniform", but I think I look pretty good for once. Style is a major issue with our director, Mrs. R. who is just out of college and a pretty snappy dresser. So Doreen is all upset because she doesn't own a black skirt and has to wear her navy one; Mary Lou doesn't own the requisite black shoes and had to wear shabby brown ones; This means our two best altos will now have to stand on the back row. Mrs. R. mutters about uncooperative mothers, not realizing Mary Lou is lucky to have any shoes at all and Doreen's single mother struggles to make ends meet.

Our numbers are Edward McDowell's "To A Water Lily" and "To A Wild Rose". How envious we are of the Atwood girls who were over in a corner rehearsing "Glowworm" with a lot more enthusiasm than we had for our lilies and roses. Mrs. R. sniffed, "Pop music — not at all suitable for contest."

I am glad we have a morning performance time. For one thing we get it over with early and for another we will have a little shopping time downtown after lunch while we wait for ratings and critique sheets. I have a little babysitting money saved up and Norton has both a Duckwall's and a Ben Franklin store. Can you imagine living in a town big enough to have two dime stores? There are other shops and a big department store, too, but my budget would never stretch to those. Later, enroute home, I

Rock 'n Roll Kid



Liza Deines

learned that one of the wealthier girls did go to that department store, bought a new pair of shoes and very quietly passed her almost new shoes on to Mary Lou.

Our group presents pretty well and we are all hopeful of a good rating as we discuss the possibilities over lunch at the Serv-U-Well. It cost 55 cents for a hamburger and a small coke, which is pretty extravagant by my standards, but sure good. Some of the girls even have pie and it looks good, too, but fortunately for my waistline, I don't have enough extra money if I want to shop at all. The shopping time zips by too fast but I get some big, button clip-on earrings for 39 cents. They are shiny red and I think very classy. A lot of the girls buy ankle bracelets but my ankles are too big and none will fit me. I am really disappointed until I learn they snagged everyone's stockings.

Back at the school we learn we have a three rating, which is a total disaster. Mrs. R. opens the critique sheet, reads, throws it on the floor and runs to the restroom crying. Dianne picks it up and reads it to us.

"Selections poorly chosen. More contemporary music would lend itself better to this age group." Some very good voices in group. Why were the excellent altos hidden on the back row?"

Mrs. R. comes back, head high, nose red, face mopped. "Well, girls," she says, "You can't win 'em all and there's always next year. Let's go back downtown — I'm buying sodas for everyone at Moffet's Drug Store on the corner. And then we're going to Muir's to buy some contemporary (sniff) music."

Thus we learned about courage, pride and the fickle nature of festival judges. Thanks, Mrs. R. It was a better life lesson than you ever knew.

READERS

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

The Duplicate Bridge Club met last Wednesday evening at the Norton Manor for their regular weekly session with three tables present. Winners were: first, Sam and Bonnie Manning; tied for second were the teams of Norm Walter and Claudia Bridges and Dewaine Stapp and Leone Purton.

— **DINE and DANCE Sat., April 21 to the big band sounds**

of the Steve Miller K.C. Band. Get tickets from Norton Chamber. Deadline is Friday for dinner reservations. Dance tickets may be purchased at door.

Ward Foley, author of "Thank My Lucky Scars", spoke Friday at the Student Union on the campus of Kansas State University. Mr. Foley was a guest presenter during the university's First Annual Disability Awareness Week. He shared his life's experiences living with disabilities and the pain of the death of a close friend.

HANSEN MUSEUM

By SHIRLEY HENRICKSON

The Dane G. Hansen Memorial Museum takes great pride in bringing to Logan the exhibit "Spirit of the Mask" owned by Carla Hanson of Shawnee. The exhibit includes over 100 masks from five continents, 40 countries and nearly a dozen Native American tribes.

Included in this exhibition are a variety of masks from around the world with explanation of their uses: Carnival, Celebration, Dance, Death, Fertility, Religion, Social Control, Theater and Healing.

Celebration masks were most likely developed from disguises used in religious ceremonies. Reasons for celebrations can include successful harvest, safe return of

warriors, special holidays or a time of great joy in life.

Masks can be seen in music videos, advertisements, parades and are donned by college mascots. The Ice Capades touring show performs in colorful and elaborate costumes that include masks. In Europe and Latin America, masks are incorporated into celebrations of folk festivals.

The museum's April Artist of the Month is Brenda Smith, Beloit. She will have her paintings on display.

Please check out our website. The address is www.hansenmuseum.org. If you have any questions please e-mail us at hansenmuseum@ruraltel.net.

BIRTH

Rhett William Kats

Michael and Shannon Kats, Prairie View, are the parents of a son, Rhett William, born Feb. 9. He weighed 7 pounds 8 ounces and



Rhett Kats

measured 21 inches in length. Mr. and Mrs. Kats have another son, Regan, 9, and a daughter, Ryann, 6.

Grandparents are Steve and Gloria Cole, Norton and John Kats, Prairie View.

Velda Brewster, Norton, is the great-grandmother.



Lamont Shirk, left, and Bill Manning shared pictures and stories of their dream fishing trip to Kodiak Island, Alaska.

— Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

Friends 'rough it' on Alaskan fishing trip

Last fall, three Norton men took a dream trip to Alaska. Ed Lawrence, Dr. Lamont Shirk and Bill Manning rented a cabin on Kodiak Island, 30 miles off the coast of Alaska, for a two week fishing trip. Mr. Manning said, "We roughed it, and loved every minute of it."

At the March 20 meeting of the Norton Lions Club, Dr. Shirk and Mr. Manning shared pictures and told of their experiences in the Alaskan wilderness. They said the island encompasses 3,600 square miles and has a population of 14,000 people and 3,000 bears.

They said you didn't have to travel very far before you would encounter a bear.

During their fishing trip they fished from the shore and from a fishing boat. They were able to catch rock bass, shark, red salmon, octopus and silver salmon. The men shipped several pounds of fresh fish to their homes in Norton.

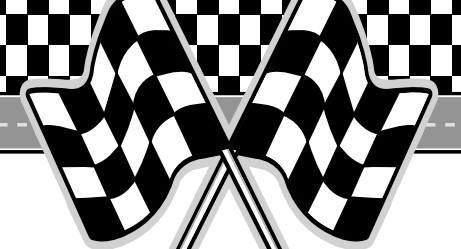
Kodiak Island is also the base of the United States' largest Coast Guard station.

Both men agreed that Alaska lives up to the slogan on its license tags — "The Last Frontier".

Scholarship available to Norton County student

Delta Kappa Gamma will be giving a \$250 scholarship to a Norton County high school graduate who is a college, junior, senior or graduate student in the field of education. Applications are avail-

able on-line at nchs.usd.211.org/guidance/DKG.pdf. An application may also be received through the mail by contacting Julie Schrum, 606 N. 1st Ave., Norton, Kan. 67654.



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