

JENNINGS NEWS

By **LOUISE CRESSLER**
Jennings Correspondent

The Jennings Tuesday Study Club had to change their plans for the March 24 meeting.

They traveled to Hill City and spent part of the morning at the Historic Oil Museum. This building has been recently remodeled to also provide for the Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber secretary, Carolyn Popp, joined them for lunch at Bogue. On the way to Bogue, they took a side trip through Nicodemus and stopped at the Township Building where Joan McKenna picked up some literature on the history of that settlement.

They filled up the Bogue Cafe and gave the regular customers some competition with noise level. The final stop was the St. Joseph Catholic Church in Damar. Pat Belisle, who has lived all her life in that community, gave a tour. The first French Canadian Catholic settlers arrived in the area in 1884. The final church building was begun in 1912 and gradually completed by the parishioners themselves. The exterior is post rock limestone and the interior is beautifully painted and accented with statues, scagliola marble columns and cobalt blue stained glass windows. Rachel Carter, Carla Latimer, Sue Long, Wilma Mader, Joan McKenna, Helen Rhodes, Joan Metz, Helen Muirhead, Jean Skubal, Lynn Tacha, Neoma Tacha and guest Pat Foster attended the meeting. The April meeting will include lunch at the Barbeau House, a tour of the Rural Telephone complex in Lenora, election of officers, payment of dues and suggestions of program ideas.

Terri Hanke spent March 14-20 on her 8th mission trip in Mexico. The group of 74 from all over the states began their trip from Garden

NEW ALMELO

By **BETTY OTTER**

New Almelo Correspondent

John Paul Schuster was born on March 16 in Milford, Ohio. He weighed 7 lbs., 11 oz. His parents are Roxie and Ed Schuster, Milford. John's big brothers are Daniel, Dominic Mark and Michael; his sisters are Margaret and Grace. His grandparents are Roger and JoAnn Long.

A former parishioner and resident of Lenora, Mona Hake died March 17 in Wichita. She and her husband, Lawrence, raised six children who survive. They are Nolan and wife Suzzana, Orlando, Fla.; Twila Runyan, Lawrence; Vonda Holliman and husband Mike, Wichita; Dorene Dinges and husband Rick, Littleton, Colo.; Gayla Huhl and husband Richard, Bloomington, Ill.; and Melodie Smith and husband Pat, Dallas. She is also survived by a brother Bob Linden, New Almelo and a sister Mary Josephine Walker, Atchison. She was buried in St. Joseph Cemetery, Hays.

On Saturday, March 21, Twila Runyan, Lawrence; visited her Uncle Bob Linden in New Almelo.

Marion and Marilyn Otter's great-granddaughters, Lexus, Rayleigh and Johanna Shellito of Oakley, spent their spring break with them.

Family coming to the home of Alfred and Betty Otter the past week were Charles Otter, Saige and Curry, Salina, Tom Otter, DeSoto and Jim and Jolene Moss and family, Smith Center.

George and Vickie Gassmann spent the weekend in Lee's Summit, Mo., helping their granddaughter, Alina, celebrate her

City under the auspices of Amore Ministries of San Diego, Calif. In past years, the group stayed at the Amore campsite near Juarez, but with the current civil unrest in the area, Amore instituted new rules that allowed no mission workers under the age of 10 and no one under the age of 15 could attend without a parent. Terri's group had two 7 year olds traveling with their parents and many teens in the group traveling on their own, so they were placed at a new work area at Puerto Penasco, on the northeast end of the Gulf of California. After traveling 25 hours by bus, they completed construction on a new chapel and 2 new homes in 3 days. The smaller home for a family of 5 also included building a new 'banos' (outhouse) and buying the family a new commode to upgrade from just a hole in the ground. The larger home consisted of a 4 room structure for a family of 8.

The day after finishing construction on the houses, the group

traveled from the very poor slum area to the luxury beach resort of Rocky Point, just 10 miles away. There they enjoyed a day of relaxing on the beach, swimming in the clear water and exploring the shopping district. The group was amazed to discover that one night in some hotels on the beach cost three times more than the families they built for earned in a month. The group enjoyed great weather all week and encountered many kind and helpful locals in Puerto Penasco. They returned home early in the morning on March 21, already making plans for next year's mission trip.

Colleen Wagoner, Sharon Springs; Katie Golemboski and Lexy, Colby; and Mary Wahlmeier were Saturday dinner guests of Stan and Ramona Shaw. The ladies, along with Agnes Wahlmeier, Carol Carter, Chris Gillespie and Tara Gillespie, attended a bridal shower in Oberlin at the Sappa Valley Manor for Kerrie Olson, bride-elect of Nick Wahlmeier.

The Jennings City Council met April 2 at 7:30 p.m.

Election for two council positions and the mayor position are open. Also school board members from Hoxie and Oberlin school

will be on the ballot today depending where they live.

We need write-in names for council and mayor positions. If you are interested, please do this so people know who to vote for.

Election is today at the Senior Center.

United Methodist Women will have a meeting on April 8 at 2:p.m. Lesson Leader will be Pastor Carrie Buhler.

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