

# LYLE NEWS

By Veda Wood

OH, WHAT A WIND! On Sunday, Nov. 17. I haven't seen so many tumbleweeds blowing across the road for years, and it was cold. Of course, it always triggers my mind to the storm on the same date of 1948. This time there was no snow, and the snow in '48 became so deep some farmers had to dig tunnels to feed their livestock. The roof to a small storage building at Toots Magers was blown off, and her "kids" moved things to other shelters. During our church meeting, the furnace wouldn't work, and we wore our coats through the service, but after the wind went down, it worked all right. Winter is very close.

Speaking of storms, wasn't that a 'doozey' Rex Cozad's grandfather went through? (Told in last week's Norcatour news)? It makes one wonder how they could keep on the road, with no telephone poles or road signs. Omy (Naomi) Cozad's mother made sure the team got fed extra after bringing the men home safely.

We were very sorry to hear of the death of Linda Woods, the wife of Norcatour's pastor, and extend our sympathies to him and his family.

A gravesite service was held on Friday, Nov. 15, at the Norcatour cemetery for Alice Rubendall Anderson, daughter of former Norcatourites, Earl and Edna Rubendall.

June Jolly hosted her card club at her apartment on Thursday,

and made a trip to Norton for Bingo. She didn't see any deer, and still didn't win the big jackpot. Rats!

Kathy Van Meter and Lloyd Frandsen went to the Holbrook, Neb. bank party, complete with popcorn, pumpkin pie and movie. It was Pursuit of Happiness week.

The Liberty Star club held their annual pre-Thanksgiving supper at the Lyle Community building on Wednesday evening. At least 20 people ate a wonderful meal which could easily have fed fifty.

George Fossler, a longtime resident of Lyle, was born in Tunigen, Germany on Jan. 12, 1849. As a boy in Germany, his job was herding geese. As it happened in so many families in Germany at that time, he would be taken to the army for five years, at least. at the age of fifteen or sixteen. His parents had lost one son, Fred, in the war, and rather than lose their other sons, they sent them to America, where they felt there would be opportunities for occupations.

George came to America at the age of sixteen. His brother, John lived in Belfountain, Ohio, and was a cabinet maker. George worked under him a few years, and then moved on west to Lincoln, Nebraska where another brother, Christian, farmed. In 1874, he came on to western Kansas in hopes of acquiring a homestead. One night he stopped at a dugout on a little stream called Sappa Creek, and

asked to stay all night.

The dugout was owned by Samuel Andrews, who welcomed him in spite of the fact that there were already six family members living there. George stayed several days while looking for a claim. A local man, Mort Boyles, was relinquishing his claim, so George paid him \$50 for 160 acres and walked to Kirwin, Kansas to file his claim.

In the fall of 1874, he walked to Lincoln, Ne. and came back the next spring, leading a colt and bringing a small pig. He lived with a neighbor, John Brothers, while he worked on his own dugout. His first bed was a hollowed out log, filled with bunch grass. He walled the front of his dugout with magnesia stone taken from a quarry on his land.

He worked for Mr. Brothers to pay for his board and the use of a team. He cut an ash tree and used it as a harrow on his plowed ground. The Andrews brothers and a few neighbors helped him dig another dugout for a school, which was taught by Worley Andrews.

George was a charter member of the Lyle Methodist Church. On January 14, 1878 he married Elvira Andrews and they reared a family of six children, Lawrence Fossler being the oldest, and Lena Witham next to youngest.

Since I don't have much in the way of news today, I would like to submit the above bit of history.

# Bridging the gap...



Nine women showed up to play Bridge at the Norton Public Library on Wednesday. They do it every Wednesday from 2 to 4 p.m. under the instruction of Carla Latimer of Jennings. They plan on taking a break over the Christmas holiday but will resume the regular schedule after the holidays. Everyone is welcome to attend and learn how to play Bridge along with the company of great people.

- Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

Toots Magers was not at the Educational building for cards on Friday; she was waiting for a call from her daughter, Jane, who called to tell her that Jane's daughter, Pam Hornung's thyroid surgery in Denver was successful, and she was able to return home on Saturday.

Doctors are trying a new drug or treatment on Joyce Sumner's granddaughter, Amy, who is in need of a liver transplant. We hope and pray that it will be successful.

# JENNINGS NEWS

By Louise Cressler

The Tuesday Study Club met at the United Methodist Church in Jennings and carpooled to Colby to have lunch at Montana Mike's. After lunch, President Carla Latimer held the meeting. Members recited the Collect and the flag salute. Secretary and treasurer report was read and approved. Roll Call of "Your Thanksgiving Plans" was answered by Rachel Carter, Ruth Chance, Pat Foster, Patty Foster, Lila Jennings, Carla Latimer, Helen Muirhead, Sue Long, Joan McKenna, Joanie Metz and Lynn Tacha. The club then went to Someplace Special Floral and Gift Shop for a presentation on Christmas tree decorating given by Pam. She showed us the art of fluffing your artificial tree, adding lights, ribbons and garland and balancing your ornaments. Everyone enjoyed the program.

An enthusiastic group came to enjoy playing cards Wednesday at the Sunflower Senior Center. Present were: Agnes Wahlmeier, Linda Spresser, Eleanor Morel, Diane Carter, Arlene Sharp (who got low score), Alice Mizer, Wayne and Louise Cressler, Stan and Ramona Shaw ( who got high score).

Our Senior Christmas dinner will be on Wednesday, Dec. 11, instead of Tuesday, Dec. 10. There will be a box at the senior center for donations to the Oberlin Food Bank.

The Tuesday Study Club will have their Christmas dinner on December 10.

Weather permitting, Thursday, Dec. 5 at 10:30 a.m. volunteers will place wreaths on the graves of veterans buried in the Jennings Cemetery. This is part of "Wreaths Across America" campaign. The wreaths will be

at the cemetery, ready to be put up. Be sure to bring a hammer. This is the 6th year that Jennings has taken part in the program. For information on how you can help, call Lila Jennings 785-678-2299 or Neoma Tacha 785-678-2470.

On December 14 at 10 a.m. the Jennings American Legion will give a brief presentation of the placing of the wreaths. Taps will conclude the service. Immediately following, the Jennings Legion will conduct a similar service at the Big Timber cemetery. This special service honoring our veteran heroes is sponsored by the Jennings American Legion, Jennings American Auxiliary and the Czech Memorial Museum.

Ruth Chance family held their family holiday gathering at the Sunflower Senior Center on Sunday, Dec. 1.

A cooperative Thanksgiving dinner was held at the Bob and Neoma Tacha home November 28. Guests were: Roger and Peggy Tacha, Oakley; Dustin Tacha, Pretty Prairie; Garrett Tacha, Colby, Micheal and Ashley Brown and Ayden, Norton.

Guests at the home of Stan and Ramona Shaw on Saturday, Nov. 30 for their early family Christmas gathering included Jeff and Mary Wahlmeier, rural Clayton; Nick and Kerri Wahlmeier, Trenton and Kyndel, Oberlin; Adam Wahlmeier, Norton; Cindy Black and Bowen, Carlsbad, N.M.; Katie and Zach Golemboski, Lexy and Lenzy, Colby; Colleen and Kevin Wagoner, Sharon Springs; Lisa Bollers, Tyce and Tenley, Strasburg, Colo.; Brandon Wagoner, Noah and Naomi, Granby, Mo.; Chris Gillespie and Tom Neff,

Marion; Elliott Gillespie, Alex and Emma, Belton, Mo.; Aaron and Tara Gillespie and Jackson, Hays.

There was no card playing at the Sunflower Senior Center the day before Thanksgiving. Wednesday, Dec. 11, Christmas dinner at noon will be held at the center. Turkey, ham and all the trimmings will be furnished by the senior group. If you would like, you may bring salad or dessert. Everyone is welcome to join us. Anyone who wishes may play cards in the evening.

Santa Claus is coming to town on December 14. The

city of Jennings and the Lions will share in the cost of candy sacks. There will be a drawing of gifts after Santa visits with the children. The Lions will be serving soup at noon. Free Will donations appreciated. If you have any gifts you would like to donate, we would be glad to receive them. Please mark them for adult or children.

Word was received late Sunday evening that Bernie Vacura, Oberlin, formerly of Jennings, was in an Omaha Hospital to receive a kidney transplant. Our prayers are with him and his family.

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# The Bank

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Herndon and Bird City. The examiners looked at loans in a 13-county area, including Sheridan, Sherman, Trego, Wallace and Wichita, and said they found nearly all the institutions' loans were made in that area. Most of the census tracts in that area are designated as middle-income, with nine listed as "distressed" by population loss exceeding 10 percent. Only rural Decatur County was listed as moderate income.

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