



CANDICE WIESE holds up the group number during the New Year's Day parade in London. Ms. Wiese earned the chance to travel to London by being selected as All Star during camp.

Cheerleader goes to London to dance during the parade

At the end of December, more than 600 of the best cheerleaders and dancers from around the country traveled to London to march in the New Year's Day Parade. Among those cheerleaders was Candice Wiese, St. Francis Community High School senior. There were also girls from Benkelman, Colby, Imperial, McCook, North Platte, Sterling, Colo., and other towns close to St. Francis.

To be eligible to perform in the parade, cheerleaders and dancers had to attend a Universal Cheerleaders Association or Universal Dance Association camp. At camp, they were given the chance to try out for All Star by staff members. Being selected as an All Star earned them the chance to travel to London.

"I was very excited to travel to London for the parade," Candice said. "Neither I nor my parents had ever been to London and it was an incredible experience — a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity."

They stayed at the Tower Guoman of London where they met up

with over 600 other cheerleaders/pom girls, parents and chaperones. Each day was well planned out. They had a free day to go on the busses with groups. Some of the favorite places were Windsor Castle, The Tower, Buckingham Palace to watch the guards changing places, St. Paul's Cathedral, The Eye, *Sound of Music* play and other places and things.

The first day found them being guided to the London hot spots and they were told many interesting facts like when the great fire of London broke out and burned two-thirds of the city.

On Dec. 29, everyone had their pictures taken together. There were over 600 girls in their parade uniforms in front of the Tower Bridge. Candice was in group 14 and there were 23 girls in her group picture. That evening, a disco party was held on "Dixie Queen" and they were able to cruise around the Thames River.

On Jan. 1, the girls performed in the parade.

The parade was fantastic," said Deonn Wiese, Candice's mother. "The cheerleaders and dancers had a great time performing."

They arrived at Parliament Square where the parade began. The streets were already lined with spectators.

The cheerleaders and dancers were divided into four different performance groups and danced to the following songs: "Wanna Be Starting Something," "Don't Stop Till You Get Enough," "Working Day and Night," and "Just Dance."

Throughout the parade, the cheerleaders and dancers did chants and the dances they had practiced earlier that week. They walked about 2 miles along the route, stopping to perform about 30 times.

"Their hard work really showed," Mrs. Wiese said.

The dancing groups were by far the crowds favorites, she said. The crowd went crazy every time they performed.

Others in the parade included horse-drawn carriages, miniature cars, donkeys and high school bands from all over the United States. The parade is aired all around the world.

After the parade, the girls went back to the hotel to warm up and grab something to eat. They packed and were off to bed early, making sure they got enough rest before their early morning flight.

Candice is the daughter of Kip and Deonn Wiese. She plans on attending Colby Community College following graduation.

Behind the Scenes

By
Janet
Carman



Many things are happening "Behind the Scenes" in Cheyenne County. The Historical Society is moving ahead with refurbishing plans for Ye Olde Country Church. The Arikaree Breaks will be featured in an upcoming video. In addition, several activities commemorating historic events will be celebrated this year.

Historical Society news

- Thursday, Jan. 29, at 7 p.m., Dr. Arnold Schofield will present a program about Kansas Forts at the Cheyenne County Museum.

- The Cheyenne County Historical Society was granted \$1,000 by the Gerber Trust. This money is designated for doors for Ye Olde Country Church. The Historical Society thanks everyone who has contributed support for refurbishing the old church. Siding installation will begin in the spring. Greeting cards featuring Ye Olde Country Church are available at some area shops and at the museum.

- Last week, Martha Slater from First Generation Video interviewed Tobe Zweygardt. The Northwest Kansas Travel Council will use footage from the interview to promote the Arikaree Breaks in a variety of

ways. Tobe said he had never experienced anything like this.

Kansas Day

- The 80th observance of Kansas Day at Bird City will be held at the Legion Hall on Jan. 29th.

- Dr. Arnold Schofield, curator of the museum at Ft. Scott, will speak on the use of mules on trail drives through Kansas.

- Registration will begin at 10 a.m. in the Bird City Legion Hall. The potluck meal will be served at noon, and the program will start at 1.

Sawhill Diamond Jubilee

A celebration of 75 years

A celebration of the Diamond Jubilee of Sawhill Park is scheduled for May 31. There will be musical entertainment, sponsored by the St. Francis Music Club. Food and game booths will add to the fun. The Diamond Jubilee Committee encourages individuals, organizations and schools in the county to participate in this celebration. Games, booths, drama, music, poetry, storytelling, costumes and food are just a few of the ways to get involved.

- The committee is also preparing an application for a National Heritage Trust Fund Grant that will help

restore the band shell. As part of this process, they are collecting personal stories about the park and band shell. Send your memories to Dorothy and Randy Smestead at P.O. Box 753, or leave them at Sainty Stitches. Your stories will add an important personal touch to the grant application and become part of "The Story of Sawhill Park".

- The limit on a single grant is \$90,000. The National Heritage Trust Fund is an 80/20 grant. We need to raise \$22,500 of that amount and have it in hand when the application is submitted in order to qualify for that grant. The Diamond Jubilee gives the community an opportunity to help raise money for this project and have fun at the same time.

- (By the way if you have not been inside the band shell lately, you are in for a shock. To see just how it has deteriorated, contact Mrs. Smestead to schedule a tour.)

- A final question: Does anyone know where the original plans drawn up by Howard Sawhill might be located?

Beecher Island News

By
Bessie
Dent



There were 26 at Sunday school. Lee Thompson had the special number. There will be a youth meeting with Phil Mitchell at the John Willard home Saturday at 7 p.m. Phil Mitchell will be the morning speaker Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mansfield met Mr. and Mrs. Steve Goodman in Fort Morgan Wednesday for dinner to help Ellen celebrate her birthday. Monte and Gary Mansfield came in the late afternoon to wish her a happy birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Allen and Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Hurlburt and family attended the funeral of Eleanor Illingworth, mother of Mary Allen on Wednesday.

Bessie Dent got word Thursday of the death of Manson Jones. His funeral was Monday morning in St. Francis. Several from this area attended the funeral.

Violet Brown visited Mr. and Mrs. Rex Shaver Tuesday afternoon.

Andra Ingo of Montrose is visiting a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ekberg and families.

Richard Brown visited Violet Brown Wednesday.

Trudi and Roger Wieser were Friday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Strangways.

Gary and Sharilyn Mansfield were Saturday visitors of Bill and Ellen Mansfield.

Bessie Dent, Joyce and Riley Brown went out for supper Wednesday. Ron had a meeting.

Tyson Brown called on Violet Brown Friday afternoon.

Jacque Ekberg visited Karole Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Pickard in Burlington Wednesday.

Merry Lou Simmons spent

Sunday with Laura Pearl Wall in Haigler.

Mr. and Mrs. Quentin Simmons and Taya went to Denver over the weekend. They attended a hockey game Saturday and went to the Stock Show Saturday night, returning home Monday.

There were 32 at Sunday school. Austin Willard gave the special number. Logan Willard, Kristy and Trevor Hurlburt gave their birthday offering.

On New Year's Eve, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Willard hosted a party in honor of Logan Willard's 17th birthday. Others present were Mr. and Mrs. John Willard and family, Jacque Ekberg and Esther Hanson.

Eleanor Illingworth, the mother of Mary E. Allen, died recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Walt Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Smith and Jolynne Reiman went to Denver Saturday for a late Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Matt Johnson and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Wieser and Katie visited Mr. and Mrs. Bill Strangways and Nettie May Welton Wednesday.

Kerry Filgas and daughter, Shelly Palmer and children of Fresno, Calif., spent Tuesday to Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Simmons. Mr. and Mrs. Quentin Simmons and Taya joined them Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Rose and girls had dinner Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Rose.

Sylvia Madsen had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Rose and girls on New Year's Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Monte Mansfield and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Mansfield visited with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mansfield this last week.

Don, Brad and James Dye had

breakfast with Violet Brown on New Year's.

Saturday evening, Mr. and Mrs. John Willard and family, Mr. and Mrs. Kris Jones and family, Jacque Ekberg, Daniale Jones, Joe Camblin, Caleb Nelson, and Welson Cesar enjoyed games at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Willard.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Moore took Bessie Dent out for dinner last Tuesday and visited awhile.

Megan, Heather and Linsey Jones had a "cookie baking session" with Jacque Ekberg Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Wieser and Katie met Mr. and Mrs. Bill Strangways in Yuma Saturday for pizza.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Simmons visited Mr. and Mrs. Quentin Simmons and Taya Sunday evening.

Bessie Dent spent New Year's Day with Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Homm.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Willard's visitors Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. John Willard and family, Jacque Ekberg, Esther Hanson and Nelson Cesar.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Simmons and Mr. and Mrs. Randy Perila and family were Thursday supper guests of Laura Pearl Wall.

Jake and Owen Johnson spent Tuesday night and Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Pete Osmus.

Mr. and Mrs. Randy Perila and family spent last Sunday to Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Simmons.

Mr. and Mrs. Kyle Kock and boys and Mr. and Mrs. Pete Osmus enjoyed dinner at the LaFamilla Friday.

Helen and Terry Meek visited Bessie Dent Saturday evening.

Healthy program offered

By Karen Krien

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Keeping the county employees healthy and looking at preventing illness was brought to the attention of the Cheyenne County Commissioners on Monday morning.

Both Craig Van Allen, sheriff, and Dave Flemming, county road and bridge supervisor, asked that the commissioners consider implementing a "wellness plan" for employees. The county hospital has such a plan which its employees participate and offer it for county employees. The road and bridge department employees were enrolled in a plan several years ago but hadn't followed through.

The plan is determined by the person's weight, body fat, results from the treadmill and other tests. It also encourages those enrolled to get blood checks at health fairs.

The county insurance pays for these preventive measures for employees and their spouses. The department heads felt like it would be good for employees and encourage them to stay physically fit.

Mrs. Gilliland said she would follow up by contacting Mila Bandel, county health nurse. She said Mrs. Bandel will be able to answer any questions and head the employees in the right direction. Mrs. Gilliland will bring back information to the next meeting.



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