

Obituaries

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when shaved and dressed in finery Shaving was something he did on Wednesdays, whether he felt like he needed to not unless coerced into it. Sometimes he might have on a Sunday morning, but there again, usually only if reminded that he needed to.

Hair! The combing of his hair was the last thing he did before going out. Then he'd put a cap on and the combed hair was full of rooster tails when he got to where he was going! He said it didn't matter how this hair looked, because he couldn't see it anyway.

So, what about the legacy of this big-hearted, Christian man that everyone loved — the one that brightened so many lives for 77 years?

He was born the second child of Arnold Fred and Vera Hildred (Tippie) Magley, in the basement house on his parents' farm in Cheyenne Valley 10 miles southwest of Bird City on July 4, 1932, and attended North Star School, District 29, through seventh grade. After the school closed (1945), he drove into Bird City to school, graduating from Bird City Rural High School on May 18, 1950.

Vivid to his recollections of high school days was: assisting Frank Gilbraith in trick riding and roping exhibitions, and holding items as his father, Arnold Magley, cut them from his mouth or hand in bullwhip acts at the Cheyenne County Fair.

He lettered in football three years, basketball two years, and track one year; served as president of Jayhawkers 4-H Club; president of Cheyenne County 4-H Extension Council; received the 1949 Bird City Co-op Scholarship to attend Co-op Leadership Camp at Kansas City; appeared in the casts of both his junior and senior years plays; and served as vice president of KAYS Club.

As a member of Future Farmers of America, he belonged to the National Western Stock Show Committee and the Farm Mechanics and Livestock judging team and attended the FFA Convention, where he placed second in the FFA State Speaking Contest.

In May 1950, he received the distinguished State Farmer Award in ceremonies held on the campus of Kansas State College, Manhattan.

Special highlights of his high school years were centered in Mary Gritten's speech class performances. His most known oration, "The Constitution," was taken to the state oratorical contest, Hays, in the spring of 1950, an oration he delivered 13 times that year, including one performance over KWGB Radio, Goodland. A special memory was the 1950 Memorial Day observance at Bird City Cemetery, where he delivered Lincoln's "Gettysburg Address" in honor of all deceased military men.

Fred became a member of the Cheyenne County Riding Club (1949) and Northwesterners Saddle Club, Bird City (1950) and later served as president of that club (1957). He happily recalled that horse and rider drill team taking first place in the Northwest

District State Competition, which entitled them to then perform at the American Royal Stock Show and Rodeo in Kansas City. All members of his immediate family participated.

In the fall of 1950, Fred entered Kansas State College, where he actively engaged in the Block and Bridle Club, Chapperreros Rodeo Club, Persing Rifles Drill Exhibition Unit, and Promenaders Square Dance Club. He was, also, an announcer for the college radio station, KSAC.

Drafted into the U.S. Army (1953), he was inducted at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., attended Boot Camp at Camp Pickett, Va., and School of Meat and Dairy Hygiene at Chicago, Ill. As a member of the Veterinary Corps, 1315th Service Unit, for two years, he was stationed in New York City, his job being to test the excellence of and purchase of meat and dairy products for Army use through the Terminal Army Warehouse. Receiving an Honorable Discharge as a Corporal (Feb. 8, 1955) at Ft. Hamilton, N.Y., Fred returned to the farm for a time, then went back to college, completed requirements and received a certificate of graduation for a two-year curriculum in agriculture. His life's journey set before him, he returned to the farm, served 1 1/2 years in the Army Reserves, St. Francis, and joined The American Legion (1956).

In 1956, due to drought conditions in Cheyenne County, he headed to Denver and worked at Landy's Restaurant and then at an implement dealership before returning home again.

In Denver, he met Nina Ellen Chappell, whom he married on Aug. 11, 1957, at Wheat Ridge Methodist Church, Wheat Ridge, Colo. The couple lived two years at the south Magley farm, moving onto the parental farm in October 1959. Two children, Wayne Frederick (born May 18, 1958) and Marilyn Ellen (born Aug. 13, 1962), first and fourth-born children, grew up on the farm. The loss of two full-term infant sons, Fred Dave (Feb. 9, 1960-Feb. 10 1960) and Paul Edward (Jan. 31, 1961-Feb. 1, 1961) brought great sadness into the family.

Fred, Wayne and Marilyn became a family of three on July 1, 1964. With help from his mother, Vera, his sister, Helene and his sister-in-law, Sandra Magley, the children were well cared for while Fred continued to farm, worked at Majestic Service, St. Francis, and was a St. Francis Police Patrolman (1968-1974). Those were hard years for everyone concerned, but especially for Fred.

On Labor Day evening, Sept. 3, 1973, he united in marriage, at the Cheyenne County Courthouse, to Marsha Cynthia Squires, second daughter of Marshall Cary and Lena May (Shoop) Squires of Denver, who was the vocal music teacher at St. Francis Grade School. A loving and bonded family unit was formed that evening.

One of Fred's fondest remembrances from childhood was of his Magley grandparents, Fred Sr., and Hattie, taking him to Sunday school and church at the

Pilgrim Holiness Church. Elmer Beeson was his Sunday School teacher and opened the Word of God to him in those early years. Fred was saved in a revival meeting he attended at the old Methodist Church, St. Francis, at the age of 14 years, recalling that the preacher had spoken about *Jesus, the First Astronaut*.

He was a member of Bird City Methodist Church; Grace Gospel Dispensational Church, which held services in the old Center Methodist Church building near the south farm; Grace Gospel Dispensational Church, McDonald. He and his children were active at the Berean Fundamental Church, St. Francis. He was baptized and belonged to First Southern Baptist Church, St. Francis, later transferring his membership to First Christian Church, St. Francis. Teacher, student, church secretary, song leader, moderator, assistant Sunday School superintendent, trustee, deacon, church training director and delegate to state convention were among the various positions he filled in church life.

Fred felt right at home in any "Bible-believing" church, and he had many friends and family members in those congregations who were always happy to see him. One of his favorite organizations was Center Church Association, of which he became a dedicated supporter, past president and director.

Initiated into Bird City Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Fred served as Noble Grand, was District Deputy Grand Master and was the last candidate initiated into Bird City Rebekah Lodge. When the Bird City Lodges consolidated into the St. Francis Lodges, he continued Lodge work there. He was a Rebekah Lodge Trustee, served again as IOOF Noble Grand; was Captain of Colby Canton, 20, Patriarchs Militant of Kansas; president of the Odd Fellow-Rebekah Anniversary Meeting, St. Francis, Chief Patriarch of Colby Encampment, State Grand Marshal, IOOF of Kansas; State Adjutant, IOOF of Kansas. For service and dedication to the principles of Odd Fellowship, he was a recipient of the distinguished Decoration of Chivalry. As Noble Grand of Rising Star IOOF Lodge, he was honored to publicly address those gathered for the dedication of the IOOF-Rebekah Memorial Monument in St. Francis Cemetery. He served as the third male Noble Grand of Rising Star Rebekah Lodge, 675 (2008) and furthered his fraternal service in becoming a Charter member of New Hope IOOF Lodge, 693, Atwood (2005).

On becoming a member of St. Francis Lodge, 404, AF&AM and receiving the York and Scottish Rites, Fred served as Worshipful Master of the Lodge twice and was presented with an "A Card" for proficiency in the 1970s. He was a past president of St. Francis Shrine Club and rode with the St. Francis Scooter Patrol and Cheyenne County's Isis Temple Mounted Horse Patrol, of which he was historian. He was a life member of Lodge 404 and had nearly 49 years of service at the time of his passing.

Initiated into Doric Chapter, 404, Order of the Eastern Star, Fred held various offices and held the position of Worthy Patron four terms.

He was the founder and first president of Tri-State Antique Auto Club, which, after a year of calls, contacts, car tours and a lot of planning, was formally organized in Dr. Peck's Trophy Room, St. Francis in 1963. He was the last president of the Bird City Jaycee organization; and during his children's years in 4-H, was Cheyenne Valley 4-H Club's Beef Project Leader and Small Gas Engines instructor.

During the 1970s, Citizens Band Radios were in vogue. Fred served as a director and as Civil Defense Director of Cheyenne County Citizens Band Radio Club. He was president of the area's Helping Hands Citizens Band Radio Association which was an active entity in the tri-state area at that time.

Serving as Bird City's Municipal Judge for 10 years, he filled the position with understanding, dignity and fairness.

Beginning in the early 1980s, Fred became Santa Claus to many Bird City and St. Francis youngsters for about 15 years. After that, he used his horse teams and sleigh or wagon to transport Santas to their visitation locations, in both cities, for several years.

On Jan. 29, 1984 and Jan. 29, 1989, Fred presided as president of the 55th and 60th Annual Kansas Day celebrations in Bird City.

In 1984, he and his wife, Marsha, organized and promoted "Project Mailbag," a 675 miles commemorative mailbag relay run from Leavenworth to Denver, Colo. the mailbag run, a tribute to the 125th anniversary of the Leavenworth and Pike's Peak Stage Line and Express through Kansas Territory, also honored the 125th anniversary of *The Rocky Mountain News*.

Many horses, two stagecoaches, saddle clubs and individual riders throughout Northern Kansas, Southwest Nebraska and Eastern Colorado made the project successful. He was very happy to be able to take part in the 150th observance, organized by Jeff Reinert, which was held at the Ludell Schoolhouse last year (May 2009).

A charter member, life member and past president of the Cheyenne County Historical Society, Fred embarked on an historical endeavor whereby his wife's research and other sources were used in the making of historical disk markers: Leavenworth and Pike's Peak State Line and Express Trail, all rural post offices, schools, cemeteries, church and other historical locations in Cheyenne County were marked with welded one-way disk historical markers, which were then painted, mounted on posts and placed at the proper locations. He reasoned that, if the paint on the markers should one day fade away, the welded letters would still mark the spot. It was his hope that landowners would value the makers and take it upon themselves to repaint the markers and straighten or replace posts when necessary.

Over 400 Magley markers were made, some extending, into Rawlins and Sherman counties, as far as Stratton Neb., and Cottonwood Ranch at Studley. His handy work

appears on the welded iron legends at Cherry Creek Encampment, on Highway 27 north of St. Francis and at Round Hole campsite on Highway 161, north of Bird City. More recently, markers have been made, using his sister's research, that mark creeks and the National Texas Cattle Trail through Cheyenne County. In honor of the Bird City Post Office Centennial in 1985, Magleys initiated the formation of Cheyenne County Centennial Express, which made commemorative mail runs by horseback, to all rural post office locations in the county.

In 1985, Fred filled the lead male role of Klaus Klang in "Dust on the Sunflowers," a heart rending play written, produced and directed by Catherine Gienger, St. Francis, and adapted form a manuscript depicting pioneering experiences of the Klang-Weber family in Cheyenne County. Nine performances were presented before audiences in St. Francis, Oberlin, Bird City and at Colby before the annual spring meeting of the Kansas Historical Society.

Fred was a member, past president, director and sometimes speaker of Hi-Plains Historical Association, and held membership in the Smokey Hill Trail Association. His memories included, from childhood into middle years, taking part in the yearly Russell Spring Trail Rides with other members of his family.

Fred had assisted Ivan Loyd in the mowing, trimming and upkeep of Cheyenne Valley Cemetery for several years prior to Ivan's death. Because he cared, Cheyenne Valley Cemetery Association was re-activated in formal ceremonies on Memorial Day 1988, during the first-known Memorial Day Service to be held at the cemetery site. He was a past president and trustee of Cheyenne Valley Cemetery Association and continued in his efforts to make improvements at the site by manual labor. Most of the 14 flagpoles standing at Cheyenne Valley Cemetery today were made by him. He was also a founder and president of Cheyenne County Rural Cemeteries Association, which was established to enhance respect and upkeep for all rural Cheyenne County cemeteries. By hard work and enlisting another person or two to help, the appearance of several rural cemeteries was improved.

Fred was a reader of all kinds of literature. He was an excellent story teller and orator, a scholar and a great entertainer. He loved his horses (Smoky, Connie, Fritz, Brownie, Janey and Joy) and used the teams regularly at county events, where he took lots of children for wagon rides for many years. Noteworthy, is the fact that he had consecutive Cheyenne County Fair parade entries in every parade for 62 years. Even while stationed in New York during military service he managed to be home on furlough and take part in the parade. He was honored to serve as the 1995 Cheyenne County Fair Parade Grand Marshal.

He was a long-time member of the Tri-State Antique Engine and

Thresher Association and was the Antique Auto Parade chairman.

Fred was a Cheyenne County boy who loved all the folks in Bird City, Wheeler and St. Francis. He thought it a happy thing, to be honored by fellow Wheelerites, who bestowed upon him the honorary title of Mayor of Wheeler from 2004 to 2006.

At his home, on the late evening of April 7, 2010, Fred suffered a cardiac arrest, due to the ravages of lung cancer. He was taken to Cheyenne County Hospital, where he was declared dead at 11:55 p.m.

Preceding Fred in death were: his grandparents: Fred Sr. and Hattie (Schild) Magley and James B. and Jenny Estella (Merritt) Tippie; his parents, Arnold and Vera Magley; an older sister, Lucille Katherine; two sons, Lee Dave and Paul Edward; his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Marshall and Lena Squires; two brothers-in-law, Ruben Raymond Landenberger and Loren Dale Watson.

Surviving are his wife, Marsha, of the St. Francis home; son, Wayne Magley and family, Oakley; daughter, Marilyn Magley and family, Lexington, Neb.; Kellie Hubert and family, Colorado Springs, Colo., and Jesse Robinson and family, Goodland; younger, brother, Arnold Delano (Sandra) Magley and family, Bird City; sister, Helene Ruth Landenberger and family, St. Francis; sister-in-law, Shirley May Watson, St. Francis; brother-in-law, Marshall Cary (Connie) Squires II, Goodland. There are six grandchildren: Frederick Johnallen Magley, Andrew Wayne Magley, Kathy Ann (Health) Litton, Kerri Lynn Glanzer, Jon Alexander Glanzer, Dakota Coon and four great-grandchildren (Lazzerous, Addison and Caroline Vance and Kassie Magley).

A celebration of Fred's life was held at First Christian Church, St. Francis, on Wednesday, April 14, with Pastor Jeff Landers officiating. The only requests he had made concerning his own funeral and burial were that he wanted to have "Standing on the Promises" sung, and that he be buried in a pine coffin with his beloved teddy bear. His wishes were fulfilled. In addition, he took with him his trusty pliers in hand, a pair of fence-making cotton gloves, and a favorite Wheeler Equity cap. His friends and family did him proud that day. Masonic burial rites were conducted at the church by St. Francis Lodge, 404, AF&AM.

The flag-draped pine coffin was placed on a family heirloom, the Bane wagon, which Fred had refurbished last fall and given to his niece, Kathy Woodcox. A team of black horses, owned by Dan Fields, Atwood, carried him east on the old road to Wheeler, then south to his final resting place by the side of his grandfather, Fred Magley, Sr., at Cheyenne Valley Cemetery.

At graveside, a burial ceremony and farewell was provided by New Hope IOOF Lodge, 693. An honor guard from Ft. Riley performed military honors and he was buried in love.

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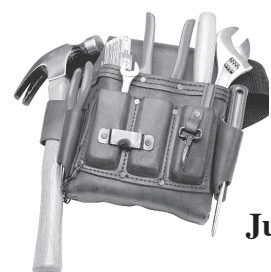
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