

Board asks for input on fair sale

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The day and time for 4-H premium sale was discussed when the Cheyenne County Fairboard met on Thursday. The board agreed that the matter be brought to the public and see what the input would bring.

Marty Fear, county agent, brought the suggestion of having the sale on Saturday morning. At several previous meetings, the matter of leaving the livestock on the fairgrounds longer had been discussed.

If the sale is held on Saturday morning, he said, it would be cooler for the animals and kids as well as the buyers. Maybe, he said, the start of the parade could be an hour later.

The past couple of years, the sale has taken about an hour and

one-half. If the sale started at 9 a.m., it could be over by 11 and in plenty of time for the parade.

John Finley, board member, said that having the sale before the parade would not work well for those involved in the parade because it wouldn't leave enough time to do both.

It is a double-edged sword, said Dick Bursch, president. What works for some, won't work for others. However, he said, a lot of the buyers might like it.

They also discussed starting the sale at 8 a.m. but some of the board thought it might be hard for the kids to get their animals ready that early.

People having a reason for holding or not holding the sale on Saturday morning are asked to contact a fair board member.



DALE STRICKLER, left, talks to area producers, Jim Dunn, Kenneth Knorr, Marvin Orth and Spencer Schlepp, following his presentation at the Conservation District meeting on Monday.

Herald staff photo by Tim Burr

125th celebration plans continue

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Majestic Service eating area was full Monday evening as people gathered to discuss and plan for the 125th St. Francis celebration. The celebration will be held through the week of June 10th in conjunction with the St. Francis high school alumni. Throughout the week, people are talking about having different activities however, at the meeting, there were only a few activities set including the Art Walk on Friday evening.

Butch Ewing, representing the alumni honor classes, said there had been a meeting of alumni representatives and asked that the activities break for several hours so the banquet and photos could be taken at the high school. The alumni has been held on the third Saturday for over 50 years and it

had become a tradition. Shirley Zweggardt, alumni coordinator, said if the activities would allow the banquet to be held, she would include the itinerary of the 125th events in the alumni letters which will be sent out in April. The alumni would also donate money to help with the street dance on Saturday night.

Travis Jensen, who has taken charge of the beard-growing contest, the barbecue and the beer garden, thought that Friday evening would be an ideal time for the barbecue but he was worried about the cost of the meat. As for the beer garden, there would be the matter of getting approval from the city council along with the cost of insurance.

Kary Meyer, co-chairman, reported that there is a wedding

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Banker gives out conservation awards

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The Cheyenne County Conservation District 63rd annual meeting and producers appreciation luncheon was held Monday at the fairgrounds.

Lunch was provided by Western State Bank, Bankwest, The Bank and First National Bank. This year's Kansas Banker's Awards were presented by Troy Hilt, Western State Bank.

Rog and Coleen Applegate were given the Soil Conservation award; Kurt and Margaret Bucholtz received the Windbreak award.

Elmer and Dorothy Kellner were presented the Cheyenne County Conservation Home

Garden award by Roger Orth. This was the first year for the garden award. Home gardeners in the community raised produce and gave the excess to others. The Kellners were one of 25 gardeners involved in the program. They gave 265 pounds of produce to schools, the Food Pantry and the nursing home.

Warren Cico, who also worked with the home gardeners, was presented the National Resources Conservation Service Earth Team Award. Bernadette Lunceford, district conservationist, presented the award, noting that there were 75 volunteers nominated statewide and Rev. Cico had been selected.

Doyle Easter received a gift



for having manned the office while Jeanne Dunn and Dani Holzwarth were in transition.

Mrs. Dunn was also honored for 25 years service and given a plaque of appreciation.

A business meeting was held and Mark Keller was elected for another term on the board.

Roger Orth, board member filling in for Clint Bursch, chair-

man, reported that the poster contest, which is generally held in conjunction with the annual meeting, will still be held but winners will be recognized in their classrooms.

The speaker for the day was Dale Strickler who talked about ground cover and tilling practice.

Sweetheart couples receive many votes

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For the last two weeks, people have been asked to vote for the Sweetheart Couples they thought were the most deserving. Bright pink cans and ballots were placed in participating businesses and ballots were also printed on the Valentine Page in *The Herald*.

When the ballots were collected on Monday morning and the numbers tallied, winners of the Sweetheart Couples' contest were Charles and Dixie Curry and Dale and Alma Neitzel.

There were nearly 200 ballots submitted with two votes per entry. Twenty-five couples received votes.

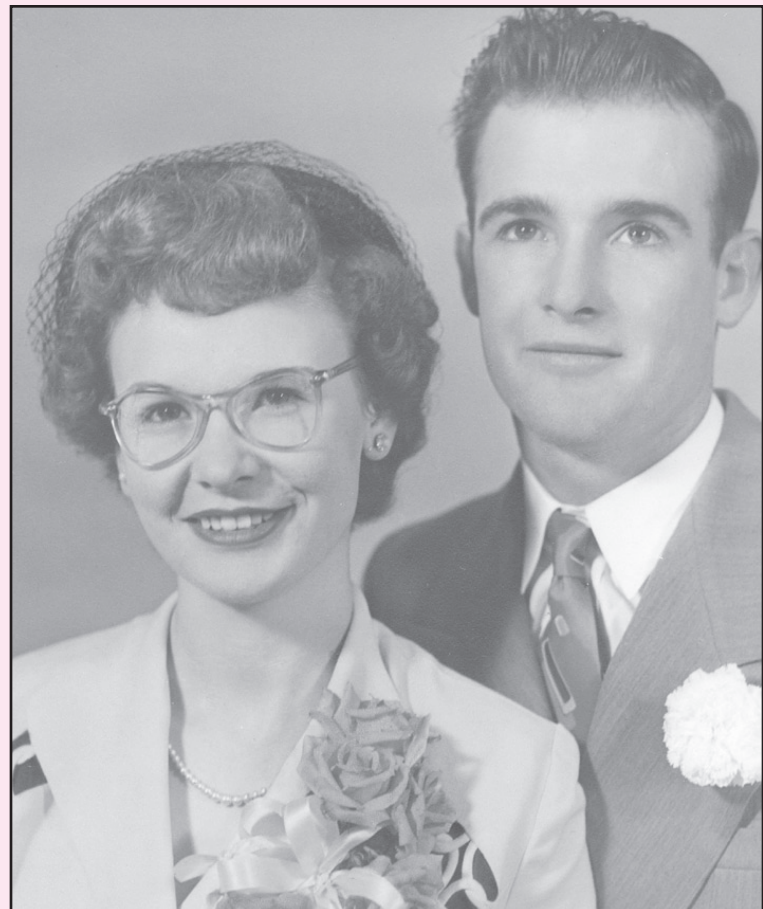
On Tuesday, The Flower Shop delivered a bouquet to the Neitzel's and The Classic Rose took a bouquet to the Curry's.

Those businesses participating in the Sweetheart Couple promotion were Saintry Liquor, Owens True Value, Stuart's Jewelry, Donna's Gift Palace, United Methodist Thrift Store, The Classic Rose, The Flower Shop and The Saint Francis Herald.

Each of the couples are featured.

Charles and Dixie Curry

Charles and Dixie Curry will celebrate 62 years of marriage in September. Their first date was instigated by Dixie. She was a freshman and Charlie was a ju-



Charles and Dixie Curry

nior. It was "Twirp Week," where the girl asks the boy for a date.

Dixie asked Charles out and they went to the movie. In those days, Charlie said, we could go to the movies on \$1 - 25-cents for each person and the rest was spent for popcorn, pop or candy.

Besides going to the movies,

they would go eat at Steiner's in Goodland where they ate pork tender sandwiches.

They were married at 8 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 9, 1951, in the Lawn Ridge parsonage. Janice Miller and Jerry Waters stood up with them.

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Dale and Alma Neitzel

Dale and Alma Neitzel celebrated their 68th anniversary on Monday, Feb. 11.

They were married in the Lutheran parsonage by Rev. Schroeder. Standing up with them were Dale's cousin and Alma's brother.

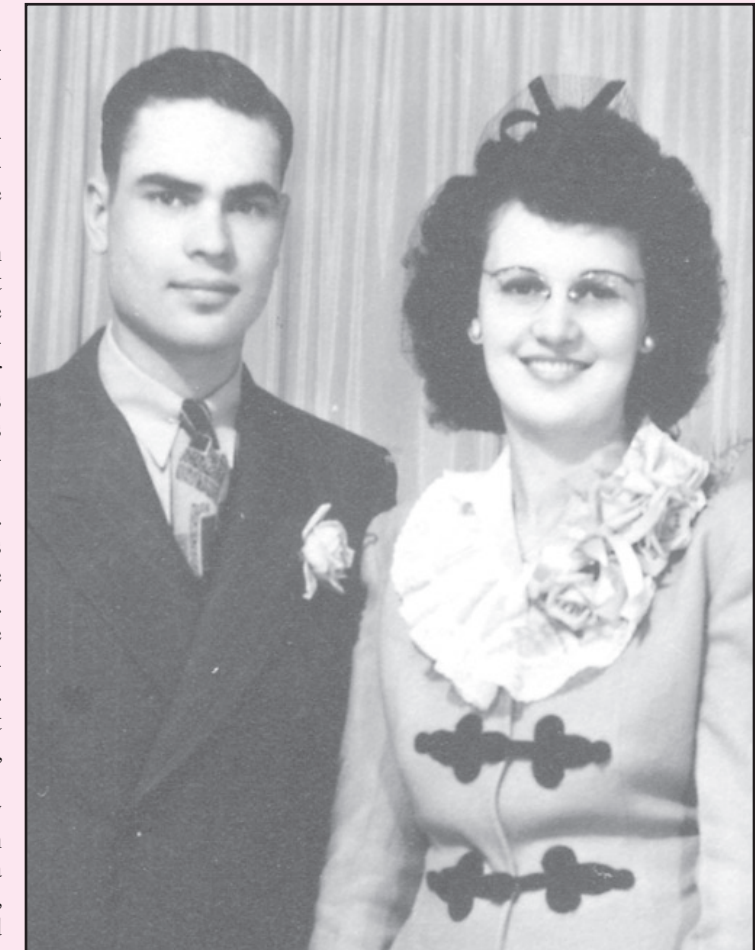
Alma, who was a clerk at Ben Franklin, was living in a basement apartment so Dale moved into the apartment. It was a nice apartment, Alma said. It had a shower and indoor plumbing. But, it was only for a short time as two weeks later, Dale was off to serve a couple of year's in the Navy.

Times were tough, Alma said. She said she was making 65-cents an hour at Ben Franklin and Dale was sending home \$90 a month. We didn't have a lot of stuff, she said, but we were just like everyone else - no one had a lot. Through the years, if we didn't have the money to buy something, we just didn't get it.

When Dale returned home, they lived on South River Street. Then Dale's dad helped them build a house on Benton Street. Later, they bought his house and moved across the street where they live today.

Dale farmed for a few years, then went to work for Lampe Hardware. A job opened at the power plant. He got the job and spent the next 32 years there. He was also a serviceman for Sears.

Their daughter Sherry was born, five years later, the twins, Roger



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and Rodney were born and a year later, Ronnie arrived. Alma said she was a stay-at-home mom until the kids were all in school, then she went back to work at Ben Franklin. She worked there for 28 years and then at Ideal

Super Market for three or four years.

Their advice for young couples is to remember that no one is perfect. Be willing to listen and forgive one another.