



On the Plains

Beecher Island News

The service Sunday morning was the Bible School Program. They had 42 students during the week with many helping in various ways which was very much appreciated. The picnic was taken inside due to the wind and heat. Rich Musgrave will be the Fathers' Day speaker.

Several friends of Connie Ekberg hosted a surprise birthday party for her Saturday afternoon. Family going from there were Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Ekberg, Mr. and Mrs. John Willard and family and Mrs. Kris Jones and family.

Mrs. Danny Brown and children hosted a birthday party in honor of Danny Sunday afternoon. Guests from here

were Violet Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Dodge and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Brown.

Helen Wilson, Patty Kinnear and Dustin, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Welton, Mr. and Mrs. Stan Welton, and Kimberly, Tammy Cunningham and Lyndsey were week end guests of Nettie May Welton, Sunday. Nettie May hosted dinner in the Family Room at the Towers for all in honor of Hattie Gorbets 95th birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Brown and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dent went to St. Francis Thursday for supper to help Ron celebrate his birthday.

The Smith Family Reunion was held at the Senior Center in Wray Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Toolie Smith, Mr. and Mrs.

Harold Block, Mr. and Mrs. Buck Kazel, Tillie Peters, Chrissy and Sammie, Maggie Meis, Mike Meis, Robert and Quentin Simmons, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Simmons and family and Nancy Simmons.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Osmus vacationed in the Black Hills this past week.

Mrs. Tom Mudd and Family of Farmington, N.M. visited Mr. and Mrs. Larry Allen this past week. They all visited Mr. and Mrs. Pete Allen Sunday afternoon.

Jim Ekberg visited Norma Ekberg Tuesday. He also visited at the Bill Strangways.

Cherlyn Moellenberg hosted a

Shively get together in honor of early Fathers' Day and late Memorial Day Sunday at her home in Burlington. Guests were Charlie Shively, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Brenner, Mr. and Mrs. Rowe Shively, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Shively, and Vencil Shively.

Patty Lou Lohoff and Vance and Teresa Malmkar and family were Thursday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Don Oestman.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Klie took Norma Ekberg out to lunch Thursday. Rachel and Erin Wisdom visited in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Rose attended the Cattleman's Banquet Saturday

By Bessie Dent



evening. Mr. and Mrs. Gary Mansfield and Steve Goodman were Sunday afternoon visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mansfield.

Chynna Rose spent Thursday night with Robbie Parker.

Mr. and Mrs. Randy Perila and Laura spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Simmons. They had come down to attend the Smith Reunion but Laura got sick and changed all plans.

Don Dye of Imperial, Neb. was a Tuesday visitor of Violet Brown.

Kay Norwood was a Monday overnight guest of Mr. and Mrs. Ron Brown.

Kris Jones went to Tyler, TX Thursday and brought Heather and Kinsey home for the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Gardener visited Norma Ekberg Friday.

Kay Norwood, Patty Lou Lohoff and Vance visited Gwen Cranmer Wednesday.

Zack Bowman was baptized by Rev. Glen Cline at New Life Fellowship Thursday. Others present were Mr. and Mrs. Mark Bowman and Austin, Mr. and Mrs. Rowe Shively, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bowman, Doris Whomble, Mr. and Mrs. John Willard and Mr. and Mrs. John Osmus. All returned to the Mark Bowman home for refreshments.

Haigler News

Death

Marion Douglass died Saturday, June 8, 2002. He was taken by ambulance to the Wray Community District Hospital but died shortly after. Funeral service was June 11 at the Nazarene Church in Wray.

United Methodist Church

The Haigler United Methodist Women met in the church parlor at 2 p.m. June 7. Laura Pearl Wall, president called the meeting to order with a song and all repeated the Purpose.

Florence Daniels gave devotions taken from Psalms 130: 5. Roll call "What does Home Mean to You" was answered by nine members.

Reports were given and bill were allowed. Thank you's were read from Upworth Village and Domestic Abuse Services.

Virginia Harford will give the Mission Report in July. Twenty-three calls were made in May. Reverend Inez Foster will receive a corsage for mission for her birthday.

Phyllis Clark was program leader and Lillian Mahon was hostess during the social hour.

The next meeting will be July 5 with Laura Pearl Wall, program leader and Irene Day, hostess.

Vacation Bible School

The Vacation Bible School program began with the prelude by Carol Peterson followed by Pastor Chris Farmer giving a welcome and opening prayer. The congregation sang *All*

Things Bright and Beautiful before the introduction of the characters: Stony Strata, Ben Reinick; Carter de Bois, Sandy Evans; Amber Strata, Cory Zuege; Clash Yahoo, Zach Starks; and other speakers Paige Stute, Courtney Noffsinger, Brianna Woods.

SonCanyon River was presented by the first through sixth grade; *Friends Forever and Trust In The Lord* by third through sixth grade; *A Friend Loves at all Times* by preschool through second and *Goin Down River* and *The Lord is My Helper* by preschool and kindergarten; *You Will be Wise* by first, second, third and fourth and *A Friend Like You* by fifth and sixth. Members of the trio included Brianna Woods, Courtney Noffsinger and Cory Zuege; one duet was Sandy Evans and uige Stute and the other duet Ben Reinick and Zach Starks. The first through sixth grade presented *Wise Up*. This was followed by the offering and a closing prayer by Reverend Inez Foster.

SonCanyon campers included: preschool: Jared Crouse, Jesse Evans, Mark Peterson, Markus Buck, teacher: Dawn Evans with Zane Starks and Mitchell McVicker; kindergarten: Angela Crouse, Jessica Olson, Sarah Stute, Seth Woods, Morgan Buck, teacher: Jody Crouse with Brent Wheaton; first and second: Meg Peterson, Michael Peterson, Martin Montes, Torrie Defiore, Cade Reinick; Gus Jardine, Haley Hart, Logan Evans, Jeremy Castillo, Natasha Riley; teach-

ers: Val Woods and Sally Leinen; third and fourth: Shelby Woods, Alicia Crouse, Marissa Castillo, Nicole Evans, Brook Zuege, Jonathan Castillo, Cassie Starks, Karen Montes; fifth and sixth: Ben Reinick, Brianna Woods, Courtney Noffsinger, Zach Starks, Paige Stute, Cory Zuege, Jake Defiore, Sandy Evans, teachers; Pastor Chris Farmer; music: Carol Peterson and Deb Stute; crafts: Berneta Smith and Cindy McVicker; snack preparation: Mary Castillo and Lisa Reinick; opening skits: Pastor Farmer, Jody Crouse, Joce Olson, Zane Starks, Sally Leinen, Leslie Starks.

The teachers and helpers should be recognized for all their work, the parents for sending their children and snacks, the students for their cooperation, Kenny Pottoff and the Veterans of Foreign Wars for the use of the speakers, Karen McVey and Lisa Reinick for serving the refreshments at the program, and all others who helped make the week possible.

Dusty Wall and his daughters Sydney and Gracie Jane were Sunday evening visitors in the Richard Wall home.

Charlie and Myrna Mulligan and her aunt Velma Neville were Saturday evening guests in the home of Grace Adams.

Ena Phipps is a patient in the Dundey County Hospital in Benkelman. She recently underwent hip surgery in

By Opal Collicott



Kearney. Visitors with her at the hospital in Benkelman on Monday, June 11 was Richard and Laura Pearl Wall.

Opal Collicott visited Sunday in the home of her sister Grace Adams.

LaVoine Collicott had eye surgery Wednesday morning June 5 at the Community Hospital in McCook.

Sunday evening visitors in the home of Gerald and Betty Myer were his sisters Grace Adams and Velma Neville.

Deann Hunt of Junction City is here spending some time with her parents, Wayne and Linda Mahon and other relatives and friends while her husband Steven is on tour of duty in Kewait.

Recent callers of Lillian Mahon were Gene and Janet Mahon of McCook, Deann Hunt of Junction City, Wayne and Linda Mahon and granddaughter Darian Mahon of Wray and Kim Mahon of Los Angeles.

Cheryl Stute came last Tuesday from Sidney, Neb., to celebrate the birthday of her mother, Eunice Haskell at the Golden Inn as a surprise for her mother. She spent several days here and returned to her home on Wednesday. Her mother went home with her for a few days. On Saturday her oldest daughter Sandra Harrach of Scottsbluff, Neb., went to Sidney after her and brought her to Haigler on Saturday. Sandra will return to her home in Scottsbluff on Tuesday.

Idalia News

By Elsie Shanks



Confirmation Reunion

The confirmation reunion will be held on Sunday, June 23. There will be a welcome/sharing at 9 a.m. with coffee, juice and rolls. The worship service will begin at 10:30 a.m. Dinner will be provided and served after the worship service. The afternoon is free for you to enjoy visiting, join in group activities or whatever you wish to do. If you have memories or photos you would like to share, please bring them to Raymond Helling or Sharilyn Mansfield on June 16. Everyone is welcome to join us at St. John United Church of Christ and help us celebrate and spend some time together. The beautiful quilt will be on display to sell tickets and the drawing will be at 3 p.m. If you are not there and win you will be notified.

St. John United Church of Christ Women Fellowship

St. John women fellowship meeting was held Wednesday, June 12 in St. John United Church of Christ fellowship hall with twelve members attending. Laura Lengel presented the lesson on the book "Carrie Ten Boom on Faith" and all helped read the Psalms 23rd. Joyce Helling, president, opened the meeting with roll call "Food for Thought." Minutes and treasurers reports were read and approved. Joyce submitted a bill for lunches served. Thank you's were read from Ralph and Beverly Weyerman for

the memorial money from her father which will be used for something for the church since he worked a lot on the remodeling. A thank you from the after prom party for the support and contribution which helped make the party possible by Tina Schiel, After-prom party chairman. Joyce Helling delivered the clothing left from the clothing exchange to Colorado Springs Rescue Mission. Family Community Education conference needed blankets and it was voted to donate one. It was also voted to donate money for a new copy machine at the church. Elsie Shanks reported on six get well cards, one special birthday card sent, two special anniversary cards which were signed at the table and one wedding card sent. They also displayed the beautiful quilt and two pillows that will be given away Sunday June 23 at confirmation dinner about 3 p.m. They will send thank you's to Rainbow Fabric Shop in Wray who displayed the quilt and pillows. Two birthday songs were sang, one for Jerry Crites and one for Elsie Shanks. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer. The refreshment table was centered with a musical centerpiece of a mountain scene and train. Hostess was Debbie Crites.

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