

Remember the Veterans of all wars past and present

When I was a small child, sometimes my father would take me to the Montgomery Wards store in Denver, the old one on south Broadway which is long gone now. On one trip, perhaps around 1960, my Grandfather took me, just the two of us.

As we left the store, we took a different exit, one that went down a side street, and on the sidewalk were a line of old men, sitting on odd carts and wheelchairs, all dressed quite shabbily, seeming odd and frightening to a very little boy like me.

When I saw that many of them were missing legs, hands and arms, and some were wearing eye patches or dark glasses with canes, I asked my grandfather what was the matter with them. He hushed me gently. Many of the old men were selling flowers, tiny

bunches clasped in their hands. One asked in a quavering voice, "A posy for you, sir?"

My grandfather bought flowers from the man, and gave the others money, too.

He had tears in his eyes as we walked away. "It's a damn shame," he said.

Many years later, I understood that the men on the sidewalk were veterans of World War I, as was my grandfather. Disabled in the service of their country, they were reduced to selling flowers for pocket change. It was indeed a damn shame. But I still remember my grandfather's generosity, and the fact that he treated those men with respect and dignity.

—Randy Tracy, Red Lodge, Mont.

Origins of Veterans Day began with burial of unknown soldier

In 1921, an unknown World War I American soldier was buried in Arlington National Cemetery. This site, on a hillside overlooking the Potomac River and the city of Washington, became the focal point of reverence for America's veterans.

Similar ceremonies occurred earlier in England and France, where an unknown soldier was buried in each nation's highest place of honor (in England, Westminster Abbey; in France, the Arc de Triomphe). These memorial gestures all took place on November 11, giving universal recognition to the celebrated ending of World War I fighting at 11 a.m., November 11, 1918 (the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month). The day

became known as "Armistice Day".

Armistice Day officially received its name in America in 1926 through a Congressional resolution. It became a national holiday 12 years later by similar Congressional action. If the idealistic hope had been realized that World War I was "the War to end all Wars," November 11 might still be called Armistice Day. But only a few years after the holiday was proclaimed, war broke out in Europe. Sixteen and one-half million Americans took part. Four hundred seven thousand of them died in service, more than 292,000 in battle.

Armistice Day changed to honor all Veterans

Realizing that peace was equally preserved by veterans of WW II and Korea, Congress was requested to make this day an occasion to honor those who have served America in all wars. In 1954 President Eisenhower signed a bill proclaiming November 11 as Veterans Day.

On Memorial Day 1958, two more unidentified American war dead were brought from overseas and interred in the plaza beside the unknown soldier of World War I. One was killed in World War II,

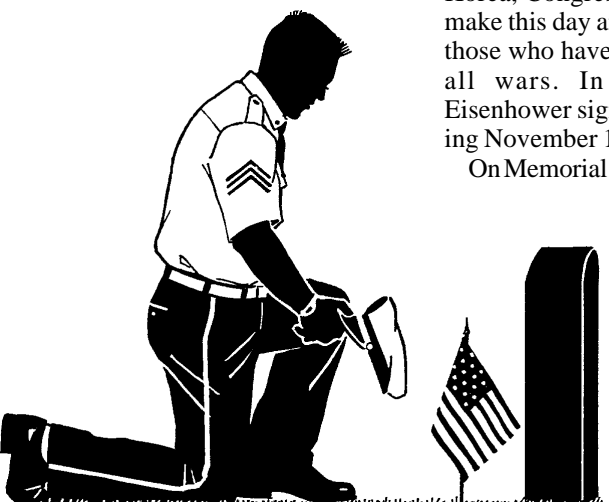
the other in the Korean War. In 1973, a law passed providing interment of an unknown American from the Vietnam War, but none was found for several years. In 1984, an unknown serviceman from that conflict was placed alongside the others. To honor these men, symbolic of all Americans who gave their lives in all wars, an Army honor guard, the 3rd U.S. Infantry (The Old Guard), keeps day and night vigil.

A law passed in 1968 changed the national commemoration of Veterans Day to the fourth Monday in October. It soon became apparent, however, that November 11 was a date of historic significance to many Americans. Therefore, in 1978 Congress returned the observance to its traditional date.

National ceremonies held at Arlington

The focal point for official, national ceremonies for Veterans Day continues to be the memorial amphitheater built around the Tomb of the Unknowns. At 11 a.m. on November 11, a combined color guard representing all military services executes "Present Arms" at the tomb. The nation's tribute to its war dead is symbolized by the laying of a presidential wreath. The bugler plays "taps." The rest of the ceremony takes place in the amphitheater.

Every year the President of the United States urges all Americans to honor the commitment of our Veterans through appropriate public ceremonies.



Former resident appreciates town

Letter to the editor:

This is a much belated letter but when I read that your local senior center was celebrating its silver anniversary, it was a gentle nudge to write.

—For the Record—

New and renewed Herald subscriptions: Mr. and Mrs. Don Orten, Bird City; Don Wieck, St. Francis; Marta Walz, Colorado Springs; Elmer Walz, St. Francis; Jana Wilhelm, Royal, Neb.; Kent Voorhies, McDonald; Gerald Feikert, St. Francis; Jay Underwood, Chandler, Ariz.; Jo Hagney, St. Francis; Richard Schleppe, Salina.

Letter to the Editor

Janice Krien and her crew catered a meal for my family at the end of July. She was most cooperative and a delight to work with. It can be difficult to make plans when none of us live near so we were most appreciative when she was so helpful. Your town can be very proud of your senior center.

Paul and I both grew up in Cheyenne County and we were there especially to show and tell our four children and grandchildren their heritage. It is something we will always remember with great fondness.

Rita Bader Valentine, Neb.

GOD SAYS
Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. John 14:27

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News From the Past

5 years ago - 1997

The Cheyenne County Hospital Board is busy working on plans for placing the modular clinic where the old Bird City Hospital building now stands.

St. Francis demolition derby driver Jett Fromholtz traveled all the way to San Jose, Calif., only to have a spring break right at the first of the national final derby.

Cathy Weir-Renk is one of five people who will be inducted into the University of Nebraska at Kearney Athletic Hall of Fame. Mrs. Weir-Renk joined the St. Francis faculty in the fall of 1985 and continued with the school system until 1988. She served as the kindergarten through ninth grade health and physical education instructor and was also involved in

coaching volleyball and basketball including being head girls' basketball coach.

Kaycee Frewen and LeAnn Schielke of the St. Francis Lady Indian volleyball squad were invited to play in the Northwest Kansas All-Star Volleyball Match at Goodland following the end of the season. Leisha Henderson of Cheylin was also invited.

10 years ago - 1992

David Morrow and Shara Kechter were Homecoming King and Queen. Hailey and Teddy Crabtree were crown bearers. The Oakley Plainsmen defeated the Indians 41-6 in football action.

Barb O'Leary recently received a pin for serving the ASCS office for 30 years. She has no plans to retire at this

time. Barb has worked in three different ASCS offices, the first one was located where the Masonic Lodge Hall is, the second one was in what is now the Pizza Hut building, and the present location west of the Pizza Hut in a building that was newly remodeled.

Chet Gardner has resigned from the St. Francis Herald after almost 29 years. Chet, who hails from Bloomington, Neb., began worked at the Herald on Jan. 12, 1964, learning the printing business from Lynn Horwege. He first worked on the letterpress and then used the offset press.

New Extension Council officers include Rhonda Zeilinger, Bonnie Zwegardt, Billie Hilt, Tim Burr, Shawn Alsup, Ernie Ketzner and Barb Van Allen.

Hangin' With Marge

Shopping with the grandchildren

By Margaret Bucholtz



Kurt and I went to the West Coast recently to visit a couple of our grandchildren. Not being around them very often, we decided to take them shopping. We told them that they could pick out the store. Both of them said "Toys R Us" in unison. We all got into the car and drove the few blocks to get on with the shopping.

We entered the big sliding doors of the store with the same enthusiasm that the children had. The little boy took off up and down the aisles handling everything that was on a shelf and riding anything that wasn't tied down. The little girl just kept telling him that everything he touched was too expensive. After about half an hour of this I decided that we had all been in every aisle at least three times and we needed to hurry this up.

I stopped them both and offered the options of, I will give you some money and I want you to pick out what your money can buy. I didn't even think about how many questions that would bring about. Finally, we came up with the rules: You can spend all of your money in this store, or you can buy something you want and save the rest. I even suggested that they could buy several things and not just one big thing. Both eyes were shining as I reached in my purse. The little boy was jumping up and down asking, "How much do we get?"

I just couldn't help myself when I pulled out a dollar. The sparkle in the eyes dimmed and the jumping around was over. I then got out the rest of the money and gave it to them.

The next hour was spent doing the

math! If I get this can I get that other thing over there? Finally we would pick out something only to put it back on the shelf again when we found something else.

Two hours later Kurt and I managed to get the kids through the checkout line and we collapsed in the car. They wanted to go straight to the motel so they could play with the new toys. About 45 minutes later they wanted to go back to Toys R Us and get something different, as they were tired of the "old" toys. After all they still had some money left. We just clicked on the TV and silently mouth a thank you to each other for the faithful cartoons that put the kids in a trance. No wonder people have children when they are younger!

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