

# Obituaries

## Doyal Selvidge

May 29, 1931 - Jan. 23, 2003

Services for Doyal Ben Selvidge, 71, of Hinton, Okla., will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 27, at the Church of Christ in Hinton with ministers Bill Oden and Jimi-Wray Mead officiating.

Mr. Selvidge was born May 29, 1931, in Watonga, Okla., to Ben and Mary (Blankenship) Selvidge and died Thursday, Jan. 23, 2003, at the Oklahoma University Medical Center in Oklahoma City.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Donald Selvidge.

Mr. Selvidge was united in marriage to the former Betty Thomas May 26, 1953, in the home of Sam and Bonnie Thomas.

He was a member of the Hinton Church of Christ.

He served in the U.S. Army from 1954 through 1956 in Korea and as a member of the Honor Guard of the Far East Command in Tokyo, Japan.

He lived and farmed in the Hinton area most of his life. He was president of Shel-Mar Farms, Inc., which involved cattle ranching, cattle feeding, custom harvesting and trucking.

Each venture brought him immense pleasure from cutting wheat to raising baby calves. He served on the Canadian County Farm Bureau for several years. Mr. Selvidge was named Farmer Rancher of the Year in 1970.

He was a member of Custom Harvesters, Inc., and won several awards.

Survivors include his wife and his granddaughter, Katherine Selvidge, of the home; one son, Mark of California; one daughter and son-in-law, Shelly and Curtis Bacon of Hinton; four sisters, Marcella Melton, Wilomet Young and her husband, Judson, all of Oklahoma City, Wanda Baxter and her husband, Francis, of Edmond and Anna Ruth Selvidge of San Mateo, Calif.; one brother-in-law, Joel Thomas and his wife, Donna of Norman, Okla.; three granddaughters, Briana, Brooke and Brandi, all of Oklahoma City; two grandsons, Christopher of San Mateo and Randy and his wife, Kerri, of Oklahoma City; four great-grandchildren, Corey, Courtney, Haley and Tommy, as well as the numerous stubblebums he considered sons.

Burial will be in the Hinton Cemetery.

Ranch, Colo., Debra Johnston of Wondervu, Colo., Albert Mason of Longmont, Colo.; four grandchildren, Sheila Shepherd, Quincy Johnston, Betty Johnston, Teddy Johnson; one great-grandchild, Amber Meeker; two sisters, Ruby Anderson of Broomfield, Colo.; Alzuma Lux of New Mexico; one brother, Emer Roseborough of Golden, Colo.; plus 13 nieces and one nephew.

She was preceded in death by her parents, three sisters, May Plumlee; Alberta Roff; Lucille Meredith and a brother, Sam Roseborough.

A Remembrance/Memorial Service was held Saturday, Feb. 1, at Hillside Community Church, Golden. Soloists will include Wayne Jones; son-in-law of Ruby Anderson and Sheila Shepherd; Maxine's granddaughter.

The family plans to gather in the spring in St. Francis, Kan., where interment will be in the St. Francis Cemetery beside her parents, Albert Lee and Ola Elizabeth Rogers Roseborough, and her paternal grandparents, Emer George and Sarah Elizabeth Augustine Roseborough along with her maternal grandparents, Samuel Martin Rogers and May Belle Haller Rogers and her brother Sam Roseborough.

She was dearly loved and will be missed by all who knew her.

## Lloyd Cullen Walston

June 19, 1933 - Jan. 30, 2003

Lloyd Cullen Walston, 69, of Colby, Kan., formerly of Bird City, died Jan. 30, 2003, at his home. He was born June 19, 1933, at Harnett County (near Erwin), N. C.

He was a medical technician for the United States Air Force and later worked at Montana Mike's in Colby.

Survivors include son, James Walston, Elberton, Ga.; daughters, Denise Walston, Ellerslie, Ga., Lezlie Van Houten, Port Smith, Va., Mary Sowers, Colby; brother, John Walston, New Alexandria, Pa., sisters, Joy Walston, Erwin, Sandra Weaver, Dunn, N.C., Betty West, Benson, N.C.; mother, Mary Walston, Erwin; eight grandchildren; five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Elaine (Gault) Walston in 1994.

A graveside service was held Feb. 5 at Fort Mitchell National Cemetery at Fort Mitchell, Ga.

Memorials may be sent to Hospice Services in Thomas County.

## Dale Eugene Bishop

April 13, 1924 - Jan. 30, 2003

Dale Eugene Bishop was born April 13, 1924, to Bertha Mae (Zimbelman) and Clarence Ray Bishop. Dale spent his boyhood years attending school and helping his father out on the farm near Dodge City, Kan. When his parents moved to Stratton, Colo., Dale stayed with his aunt to finish school, graduating from Dodge City High School in 1942.

In 1943, Dale was drafted in the

Army, served in the Philippines and was wounded in action there. When Dale was discharged from the Army in 1947, he moved to New Bloomfield, Mo., where he met and later married Bonnie Lou Gray in 1950. Dale and Bonnie moved to Mexico, Mo., where Dale found employment at the A.P. Green Brick Plant. In the 5 1/2 years there, Dale's family grew with the birth of his son Leroy Earl and his daughter Linda Jean.

Dale and his family moved to Seibert, Colo., in late 1957, finding employment with a farmer and serving as a school bus driver. During this time Dale's family grew with the addition of his son Lawrence Ray.

In 1960, Dale, Bonnie and children moved to Sterling, Colo. There he went to work for Don Hamil as a cattle feeder. Another son Lendell Eugene was added to the family. Another milestone was reached in Dale's life when he accepted his alcoholism and became a lifetime member in 1970 in Alcoholics Anonymous. Dale left the position as a cattle feeder and joined the Colorado State Highway Department in 1972, which was based out of Holyoke, Colo. Dale retired in 1988, and moved to St. Francis in 1990.

Dale struggled and fought against the ravages of diabetes and cancer for several years and it was in that struggle in the fall of 2001, as he was lying in a hospital bed that he humbly admitted his sins and accepted the salvation of Jesus Christ. Dale died on Jan. 30, 2003, in the privacy of his home.

Preceding Dale in death were his parents, Ray and Bertha Bishop, his infant brother John, his twin siblings, Marjorie and Marvin, and his grandsons, Thomas Ashley Cox and Charles Dale Cox.

Dale leaves behind his wife Bonnie of 52 years, children, Leroy and wife, Pat Bishop of St. Francis, Linda and Rick Cox of Sterling, Lawrence Bishop of St. Francis and Len Bishop of St. Francis; his sister, Wanda Churchwell of Denver, Colo., his sisters Bonnie Schuman of Cocoa, Fla., his brother Douglas and wife, Bonnie Bishop of Bozeman, Mont.; his granddaughters, Nicole and husband, Mike Meyer of St. Francis, Kimberly and husband, Scott Anthony of New Brunswick, Canada, Dusty and husband, Randy Cobb of Wray, Colo., and Angela Cox and her fiancé, Church Sprague of Wray; his great-grandsons, Jeffery Meyer, Anthony Meyer, Blake Meyer, Zachary Bishop, all of St. Francis, and Chance Cobb of Wray; his great-granddaughter Stephanie Meyer of St. Francis, and many other family members and friends.

The funeral service was held Feb. 1 at Knodel Funeral Home in St. Francis with burial at Prospect Cemetery at New Bloomfield, Mo., at 1 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 3. There was a Military Graveside Service.

## St. Francis News

Helen Peter's dinner guests last Wednesday at Park Hill Restaurant were Edna Gardner, Clarence Jaeger and Lola Alsubry. The cousins had a great time visiting. They had not been together for several years.

Saturday morning Betty Jean Winston traveled to Ellsworth to

watch J.J. Winston play in a basketball game. His team won 18-17.

Following the game, Betty Jean plus Dan and Cindy Winston, Jean and J.J. traveled to Wichita to spend the weekend with Shawn and Leigh Legere, Chase and Miles of Overland Park and Vickie Pryor of Wichita.



SINGING VALENTINES are now being delivered by a talented group of singers from the high school. Pictured (l to r) are Ashley Dowgwillo, Amanda Jones, Tara Neitzel, January Fiedler, Jenny Weems, Tyler Howard and Megan Ford.

## Valentine's available from high school singing group

The St. Francis Community High School Music Department is offering a unique way to send a valentine to a friend or loved one this Valentine's Day. They will be delivering singing valentine telegrams in St. Francis. Their delivery

will include a song, balloon and candy for a small fee (check ad for more information.)

The money that they raise will be used by the students to attend a musical production in Denver later this year.

Those wishing to send singing valentines need to fill out an order form by Feb. 13. Forms will be available from any band, vocal, or advanced music student, at the high school office, at Super Foods, or on the post office bulletin board.

## Bookkeeper hired full time

Larry Gabel, emergency service director, and Janelle Bowers, bookkeeper, were present at the Jan. 30 Cheyenne County Commissioners' meeting to discuss hiring Mrs. Bowers as a full-time employee. Presently, she has been putting in over 40 hours. Mrs. Bowers said it has been taking that many hours to do her work but if it was a problem, she would just turn in 35 hours.

"I'll work more but you just won't need to pay me," she said.

She referred back to a comment made at the last meeting concerning how long it would take to bill for 17 runs. She said that besides the 17 runs, there are other accounts on the books that need rebilling, insurance matters that need looking into, going back to the hospital for more information, getting the right codes, just to name some of the tasks — "there is just a lot of work to do."

Before deciding she would be a full-time employee, Commissioner Tim Raile asked if she perceived having this much work or more in the future and

Mrs. Bowers answered "yes."

Following an executive session later in the meeting, the commissioners agreed to set Mrs. Bowers at level two on the pay scale as she has previous experience. Like the other full-time help, she will need to keep 8 to 5 business hours at the office but will be excused to make ambulance runs. However, she will not be paid for the ambulance runs during office hours as she is still being paid by the county.

There was some discussion about the clerk's minutes and county newspapers stating that for Beth Gabel to teach a 220 hour class at \$18,000, the fee would amount to \$82 per hour. Director Gabel said the instructor hours would amount to approximately 330 hours for preparation, testing, grading besides the teaching time. Mr. Gabel said that there was more than just 220 student hours to teaching a class so it did not come to \$82 per hour. Mr. Gabel asked that the per-hour fee be scratched from the minutes. The newspaper editor was also

asked to correct some points from an article from the Jan. 23 newspaper. The article stated the ambulance budget had money leftover and funded other departments within the General Fund with the surplus and that ambulance fees taken in cover the ambulance budget. This information was incorrect.

Director Gabel reported that the new emergency medical technician class had met for the first time and there were a total of 12 students, six from Bird City, two from Atwood and four from St. Francis.

The director was asked about a student from the last class who, after taking the class and passing the test, would not go on ambulance runs. If the student will not fulfill their part of the agreement by going on runs, they must pay the county for the costs of the class. Director Gabel said that he had turned the matter over to the county attorney who will pursue the matter.

Director Gabel and Mrs. Bowers also had an ambulance write-off of \$4,600.94.

## Wetlands information told

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On May 13 the President signed the new farm bill. Under the Conservation Title of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (Farm Bill), the Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP) was reauthorized. The 2002 Farm Bill has expanded funding available to Wetlands Reserve Program. Congress authorized the budget at \$17 million for the program over the next six years. Since 1995, Kansas landowners and Tribes have enrolled over 10,500 acres. Currently, over one million acres are enrolled nationally. The final rules for the program are now being written.

The following questions and answers are offered to help explain and changes made by the 2002 Farm Bill.

• What is the Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP)?

It is a voluntary program offering landowners financial and technical assistance to restore and protect wetlands and associated uplands through permanent easements, 30-year easements, and long-term restoration agreements. The program is designed to achieve maximum wetland functions and values while obtaining optimum wildlife habitat.

• How did the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (Farm Bill) change the program?

The primary changes are: Raised the total acreage enrollment cap to 2,275,000 acres; directed the Secretary of Agriculture to enroll, to the maximum extent practicable, 250,000 acres per calendar year; and added an exemption to the 12-month ownership requirement for landowners who exercised their right to redemption after foreclosure.

• What land is eligible for the program?

Eligible land must be restorable and be suitable for providing wildlife benefits. This includes: wetlands cleared or drained for farming, pasture, or timber production; certain adjacent lands that contribute significantly to wetland functions and values; previously restored wetlands that need long-term protection; upland areas needed to provide an adequate buffer or that contribute to creating a manageable boundary; drained wooded wetlands; existing or restorable riparian habitat corridors that

connect protected wetlands; and certain lands substantially altered by flooding.

• What enrollment options are available in Wetlands Reserve Program?

The program offers three enrollment options:

Permanent Easement. Easement payments for this option equal the lowest of three amounts: The agricultural value of the land, an established payment cap, or an amount offered by the landowner. In addition to paying for the easement, United States Department of Agriculture pays 100 percent of the costs of restoring the wetland.

30-Year Easement. Easement payments through this option are 75 percent of what would be paid for a permanent easement. The department of agriculture also pays 75 percent of restoration costs.

Restoration Cost-Share Agreement. This is an agreement (generally for a minimum of 10 years) to reestablish degraded or lost wetland habitat. The department pays 75 percent of the cost of the restoration activity. This enrollment option does not place an easement on the property.

\* Do you have to be a landowner to participate?

Only landowners and Tribes can participate in the Wetlands Reserve Program. For easement projects, eligible landowners are those who can provide clear title to the land and, with some exceptions, those who have owned the property for 12 months prior to filing an application. Contact your local Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) office for more information about this provision. To participate in a long-term agreement, landowners must show evidence of ownership since these agreements do not involve the transfer of land rights.

• How does a landowner or Tribe participate?

Applications are accepted continuously. To participate, landowners and Tribes submit an application with their local Natural Resource Conservation Service office or conservation district office.

• How are applications selected?

Applications are ranked and selected at the state level. The ranking and selection criteria are established at the state level within broad national guidelines. Interested persons can obtain ranking and selection criteria

through local Natural Resource Conservation Service offices.

• What are a participant's responsibilities, and rights under a Wetlands Reserve Program easement?

When a landowner or Tribe enrolls in one of the easement options, the landowner or Tribe is selling a real property interest to the United States. After an easement is recorded in the local land records office, the landowner or Tribe retains ownership and responsibility for the land, including any property taxes.

The landowner or Tribe: controls access to the land; has the right to hunt and fish and pursue other undeveloped recreational uses; and may sell or lease land enrolled in the program.

Participating landowners and Tribes may request other uses, such as haying, grazing, or harvesting timber under certain conditions. Requests are approved if Natural Resource Conservation Service determines that the activity further enhances or protects the purposes for which the easement was acquired. Requests for compatible uses may be made throughout the life of the easement or agreement.

• How is an easement value determined?

Easement values generally are determined by a professional appraisal of the agricultural value of the land, a geographical area rate established by Natural Resource Conservation Service at the state level, or an amount offered by the landowner.

• Is there a limit on the number of acres a landowner may enroll in the program?

There is no national limitation on the amount of land that can be offered for the program. However, a state may establish an acreage enrollment limitation. Contact the local Natural Resource Conservation Service office to find out whether there are acreage limitations in your state.

• Does the applicant need to hire a closing agent, appraiser, surveyor, or lawyer?

No. Natural Resource Conservation Service makes arrangements for these services.

Again, the best thing for producers to do is visit their local conservation office. Agriculture in Kansas, north to south and east to west, is diversified. Your local conservation office will be able to assist you in addressing the natural resource concerns in your area.

## Maxine Roseborough-Mason

April 14, 1922 - Jan. 23, 2003

Maxine Lawrence Roseborough-Mason, 81, died Jan. 23, 2003, at the V.A. Medical Center Nursing Home in Denver, Colo.



Mason

Maxine was born the third of eight children to Albert Lee and Ola Elizabeth Rogers Roseborough, in St. Francis, Kan., on April 14, 1922. She attended Bird City Star Grade School, Cheyenne County, and after graduating Bird City Rural High School in 1940, she moved to Denver. In 1944, she volunteered for the service of her country joining the U.S. Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (WAAC), serving in World War II.

She is survived by her children: Melody Shepherd of Highlands

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