

Harold Raymond Nelsen

Jan. 4, 1917 - Aug. 16, 2004
Harold Raymond Nelsen, age 87, died at the St. Francis (Kan.) Good Samaritan Village on Aug. 16, 2004, after a long illness.

Harold was born on Jan. 5, 1917, to Edwin P. Nelsen and Hazel I. (Myers) Nelsen.

He and his three brothers and four sisters were raised on a farm south of Bird City and attended the Frontier Country School through eighth grade.

Harold enlisted in the Army during World War II in 1942. He was stationed in Missouri where he met Annabelle Lee Williams of Joplin. After serving two years in India he returned and on Jan. 22, 1946, Harold and Annabelle were married in Girard. They moved to the farm south of Bird City where they farmed and raised their four sons. In 1975, they bought their present home in Bird City.

Harold was a member of the Antique Steam Engine and Thresher Association and participated in the thresher show every year. He was an active member of the American Legion and also a member of the United Methodist Church.

Harold was an avid fisherman, hunter and pinochle player. The highlight of his life was whenever the grandchildren and great-grandchildren came to visit. He was a hard worker all his life. Even after retiring he worked at keeping his yard and scooping snow for neighbors. In later years he enjoyed doing jigsaw puzzles.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Cecil and Dale; sisters, Helen, Marvel and Dorothy and son Darrel.

Survivors include his wife of the home; brother, Delbert (Bonnie); sister, Alice Kirk (John); sister-in-law, Zina; brother-in-law, Bill Fleeger, and their families; sons and wives, David and Deanna, Doyle and Linda, Dwayne; 10 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Services were held Aug. 20, at the Immanuel United Methodist church with Pastor Doug Mason

officiating.

Honorary pallbearers were Don Wright, Gerald Wright, Ken Beougher, Johnny Eggers, Lee Amsberry, John Kamla, Bob Poorman, Norman Dorsch, Keith Sanders, Jim Williams, Lynn Officer.

Casket bearers were Max Keltz, Dave Barnett, Kale Schields, Roy Shrader, John Annon, Chad Nelsen.

Interment was at the Bird City Cemetery following the service with military rites by the Bird City American Legion.

Funeral arrangements made by Knodel Funeral Home.

William Edwin Draper

Feb. 23, 1943 - Aug. 25, 2004
William Edwin Draper was born on Feb. 23, 1943, in Cheyenne County, Kan., to Charles and Harriette (Mossburgh) Draper. He attended grade school at both North Walnut Grove and McDonald grade schools and graduated with the class of 1960 from McDonald Rural High School where he was an involved student and excelled in athletics.

His father was foreman of the Wiggenhorn ranch where he developed his love of cattle and horses. Following high school he attended Cleveland Chiropractic in Kansas City for a short time and then returned to western Kansas.

He married Lynda Franklin. To this union were born two sons, Neal Lynn and Nolan Edwin.

He began his lengthy career with the Rural Electric Cooperative system in Bird City and Northwest Electric. In 1972, he went to work for Great Plains Electric in Colby and retired from Midwest Energy in August of 2004.

Bill married Susan Morgan in 1976, and they had two daughters, Tanya Marie and Shanda Morgan.

Bill was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Colby, serving the church in many capacities. He was also a member of the St. Francis Masonic Lodge and had served as a 4-H leader in his daughters' club.

Bill was a man of many talents.

From building furniture to building homes for his family, he enjoyed working with his hands. He spent many hours in the solitude of the great outdoors, building fences, corrals and barns for his livestock which started as a "hobby herd" of three cows and continuously grew over the years.

Family, friends and faith were of great importance to Bill. He was involved in his children and grandchildren's lives as well as the lives of many of their friends. He showed that interest by attending and assisting with many church, school, sporting and 4-H events. One of Bill's finest traits was his great compassion and encouragement for people in need of it. He was a loyal friend to many who will miss his gentle heart and quiet strength.

Bill died on Wednesday, Aug. 25, 2004, at the Logan County Hospital in Oakley.

He is survived by his wife, Sue, of the home; sons, Neal and wife, Tammy, of Ford, Nolan of Atwood; daughters, Tanya Douthit and husband, Chad, of Brandon, S.D., and Shanda of the home; grandchildren, Megan Mentlick of Colby and Chance and Braden Draper of Ford; his father, Charles Draper, of St. Francis; brother, Robert and wife, Stella, of St. Francis; sisters, Raythel Lea Reuber of Ludell, Phyllis Bexley of St. Francis, Vivian Jones of Lincoln, Neb., and Joann Lee and husband, Ray, of St. Francis, and a host of nieces and nephews.

His mother, an infant sister Janet and a niece Heather Draper, preceded him in death.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, Aug. 28, at the First Presbyterian Church of Colby with Reverend Carol Rahn officiating. Musicians were Al Hatch as soloist, Vicki Edgar as organist and Sharon Kriss, piano.

Honorary pallbearers were the McDonald Rural High School Class of 1960.

Pallbearers were Karl Wittstruck, Kevin Reuber, Gail Lee, Brian Draper, Dale Reuber and Jarrod Rietcheck, nephews of Bill. Burial was in Beulah Cemetery of Colby.

Memorials in Bill's name may be given to First Presbyterian Church of Colby or Thomas County 4-H Scholarship Fund.

Funeral was conducted by Kersenbrock Funeral Home.



THE ORANGE FLOOR and counter tops are gone, the lab in the Cheyenne County Hospital is now light, bright and shiney. Mary Ruth Burkett enjoys working in the newly remodeled lab.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Airport board wants to keep Flight for Life plane coming

The Airport Authority met with an engineering firm and after much discussion, the Authority agreed that they wanted to be able to keep the Flight for Life airplane coming to the county.

On Aug. 31, the Cheyenne County Airport Authority met with Olsson Associates, the engineering firm which has been hired to write the Master Plan for the Cheyenne County Airport. Choices and options were presented to the Airport Authority which concerned the direction and where the Cheyenne County Airport needed to be 20 to 30 years in the future.

"It was generally agreed that we wanted to be able to keep the Flight for Life airplane coming to Cheyenne County, and by doing that, we would satisfy about all the general aviation needs of the county," said Ron Loudon, one of the Authority members, adding that the survey work will be completed within the week.

In approximately two months, a preliminary plan will be submitted to the Federal Aviation Agency in Kansas City. Very shortly thereafter, the

Olsson Associates want a meeting with the Cheyenne County Airport Authority, the Cheyenne County Commissioners and the St. Francis City Council. This meeting will be to get additional input on the Master Plan.

Dave Yost, president of the county Airport Authority, told the Olsson Associates representative that he was satisfied with the progress and coop-

eration and was looking forward to the next meeting.

Present at the meeting were: Mr. Yost, Rick Rogers, Rodney Bracelin, Ken Krien and Mr. Loudon, Airport Authority; Rick Grace, Authority secretary; and Robert Grace, airport manager. Those attending from Olsson Associates were Peter Muller, Diane Hofer and Marek Kubesa.

Junior varsity loses their first outing

By Betty Jean Winston

Golden Plains and Hoxie both defeated the St. Francis junior varsity volleyball team on Tuesday, Aug. 31 at Golden Plains. This was the first outing of the new year following practice sessions which began on Aug. 16.

Hoxie won the first match 25-16, 25-15 while St. Francis was defeated by Golden Plains 11-25, 21-25.

"This was a fairly typical first match," Coach Jeff Olofson said. "We played well and poorly at times."

"Hoxie and Golden Plains have very good teams. They served extremely well and we had trouble passing the serves. We did not serve well and that did not help our cause."

"We will get better especially in terms of communication on the court."

Club Clips

Pleasant Hill 4-H Club

The September meeting of the Pleasant Hill 4-H club was called to order by Kaitlyn Jones on Sept. 1. The Pledge of Allegiance and 4-H Pledge were recited and roll call was answered by "Your Favorite Project at the Fair." New members and families were welcomed.

Communications were read and the treasurer's report was given.

The June and July reporter's report and 4-Hers of the Month have been published in the *Saint Francis Herald*. The club leaders reviewed important dates and information. Committee reports were given.

The meeting closed with all club members making a personal page for the historian book.

Jandy Dunn, reporter



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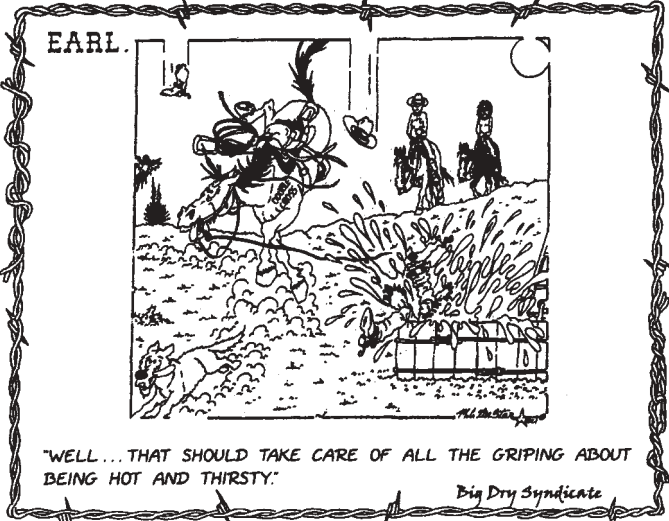
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