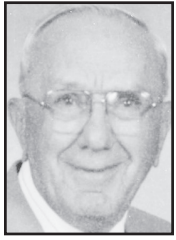


Obituaries

Merle Raymond Seavey
June 22, 1911 - April 9, 2005
Merle Raymond Seavey was born in St. Francis, Kan., on June 22, 1911, and died on April 9, 2005, at the age of 93. He was the first child born to Le Roy and Jessie Seavey.



Seavey

Merle attended school for a time at the Neville School south of St. Francis and then in Phillipsburg after his family moved there in search of a better farming situation. His formal schooling was cut short due to a family move to a farm near Arickaree, Colo., and the need to help his father in supporting a family.

During his early teens, Merle discovered his innate mechanical abilities as it often fell to him to "fix things" on the family farm. Throughout his teenage years, Merle continued to contribute to his family's support as they moved to the Yakima Valley in Washington. His education grew as he experienced various kinds of agricultural and mechanical work in the orchards and farms there.

As a young man Merle moved with his family back to St. Francis, where he went to work for Manson Electric. In 1940 he accepted a position with Cowie Electric Company in Wichita, and on Aug. 23, 1941, he married Vera Northrup. During their 63-year marriage, Merle also worked as the manager for Gravelly Wichita Tractor Company and then for All Weather Products Company where he worked past the age of 65 to correct for a birth certificate error.

Merle and Vera were active members of West Side Christian Church for their entire marriage. He was also an avid gardener and an active member of the Midwest Historical and Genealogical Society. In

his 70s Merle "took up" the violin. He took lessons but was most successful at repairing old violins. He provided countless children with violins so that they might learn to play them, and he was even featured on the televised "Hatteburg's People."

Merle was preceded in death by his wife, Vera, and his parents, Le Roy and Jesse, as well as siblings Mildred, Erma, Joe, and Milton.

He is survived by his daughter, Mary Baker, his son, Ed and his wife, Carla, and grandson Shea.

Services were held at West Side Christian Church in Wichita on April 13. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Thursday, April 14, at First Christian Church, St. Francis, with interment following at 2 p.m. in Clough Valley Cemetery, St. Francis.

Memorial may be made to Total Homecare Hospice, 250 W. Douglas, Wichita, KS 67202.

Ethel Mae Murray Dunn
Oct. 23, 1907 - March 31, 2005
Ethel Mae Murray, daughter of Charles A. Murray and Ella Mae (Scott) Murray, was born in Smith County, Kan., near Franklin, Neb., on Oct. 23, 1907.

She, with her parents and brother John, came to Cheyenne County in 1908, and lived on a farm 6 miles south of Bird City.

Ethel attended Mount Pleasant rural school and later attended high school in Bird City. She graduated with the class of 1928, and taught school for two years at rural districts.

Ethel was united in marriage to Roy James Dunn, son of William J. Dunn and Iva M. Dunn on April 26, 1930. They lived on a farm in rural Sherman County for two years. Doris Lea and twins, Rex Leroy and Ruby Joy, were born there. Ruby Joy died in 1936, after a brief illness at the age of 5 months and 25 days.

The family moved two years later to the W. J. Dunn farm so Doris Lea could attend country school.

Ethel and Roy celebrated their

25th wedding anniversary at their country home on April 24, 1955. They had a farm sale on April 26 and sold the property as they had bought the Wright Motel in Bird City and located there.

Roy Dunn died on April 28, 1957, and Ethel continued to run the motel for two years. She sold it and moved to her home in Bird City.

Ethel enjoyed a long and full life that included her family, friends, gardening, horseback riding and dancing. She was a member of the Immanuel United Methodist Church and belonged to the United Methodist Womens' Circle. She was a member of the Rebekah Lodge for many years.

She died on March 31, 2005, at Swedish Medical Center, Englewood, Colo.

Those preceding her in death were her parents, Charles and Ella; husband, Roy; baby daughter, Ruby Joy; grandson, Dave LeRoy Dunn, daughter, Doris Lea Headrick and son, Rex LeRoy Dunn.

She is survived by son-in-law, Keith Headrick, Goodland; grandchildren, Steve and wife, Isabelle Headrick, Thornton, Colo., Brent Headrick and wife, Belinda, Tulsa, Okla., Cheryl Gomez, Thornton, Colo., Jim and wife, Jeanne Dunn, St. Francis, Tana and husband, Keith Karr, Beaverton, Ore.; great-grandchildren, Andrea, Tom, Damion, Desirae, Jennie, Julie, Jessica, Jamie, Jandy and Zachariah; daughter-in-law, LaNell Dunn, Seibert, Colo.; step-sister, Maude Elliott, Bird City; sister-in-law, Eva Murray, Bird City and a host of nieces and nephews.

Funeral service was held Thursday, April 5, at Immanuel United Methodist Church, Bird City, with Pastor Doug Mason officiating. "Amazing Grace" and "Take My Hand Precious Lord" were sung by Johanna Mason.

Casket bearers were Darwin DaPron, Gary Moore, Larry Moore, Lynn Glasco and Dean Knapp.

Interment was in the Bird City Cemetery, Bird City.



ST. FRANCIS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH bell choir performed Thursday at the Good Samaritan Village.
Herald staff photo by Sandy Barnhart

Leaf rust survived winter

By Jeanne Falk
Multi-county agronomist
Kansas State Research and Extension

Last fall, producers throughout the area were seeing something that happens rarely in Kansas ... a fall infestation of leaf rust.

The leaf rust had lived throughout the summer on the volunteer wheat. When the wheat emerged last fall, the rest spores were blown onto the younger, healthier wheat. These spores, coupled with warm, foggy days, allowed the rust to infect the wheat and begin reproducing. All indications were that the leaf rust would not overwinter in Kansas. The below-freezing temperatures in northwest Kansas, prevent survival of viable wheat spores during the winter.

Just recently, to the surprise of agronomists and plant pathologists with K-State, viable leaf rust pustules were found in northwest and north central Kansas. Yes, K-State was wrong.

Why did the rust survive? There is no definite reason for this survival, only theories. Upon closer inspection, the rust pustules were found mostly on earlier planted wheat. This wheat was larger and had more prolific growth going into the winter. As the wheat entered dormancy and took on a more prostrate position

(laying closer to the ground), a canopy was formed resulting in small "microclimates." Within these microclimates, the rust pustules were protected from the harsh environment and below freezing temperatures. Therefore, the rust pustules were able to survive and remain viable.

Being prepared for the future problems with rust is the most important thing for right now. Fungicide treatments may be necessary this year. It is recommended to treat when the rust infects the flag leaf. In research

from Bob Boden, a plant pathologist at Kansas State University, as little as 25 percent leaf rust severity on the flag leaf at flowering can result in a 15 percent yield loss. Some of the fungicides that may be used are Tilt, Quadris, Headline and Propimax. Another concern is the availability of these products, in light of the concern with soybean rust in the United States. It may be good idea now to check with the source of your fungicide and have everything lined up now instead of the week that you need to spray.

KU to honor local seniors

Students from 17 Kansas high schools will be honored Wednesday by the University of Kansas Alumni Association and the KU Endowment Association.

A total of 51 seniors from Cheyenne, Decatur, Gove, Logan, Rawlins, Sheridan, Sherman, Thomas and Wallace county high schools will be named Kansas Honor Scholars at a 5:30 p.m. (mountain time) program at the Goodland Elks Lodge, 1523 Arcade St., Goodland.

Among the honorees are: Rebecca Mason, Cheylin High School; Rachel Hnizdil, Brook Lucas, Chelsey Weeden, all students from St. Francis Community High School

Kevin Boatright, associate executive vice chancellor for external affairs, will speak. Kansas Alumni Association representative Carolyn Barnes, director of the Kansas Honors Program, is in charge of award presentations.

The dinner program will cost parents and alumni. Honored stu-

dents will be guests of the Alumni Association and the Endowment Association.

Perry and Janet Warren, Goodland, will serve as the site and Sherman County coordinators; Mike and Brenda Day, St. Francis, will serve as the Cheyenne County coordinators

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QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT ENDING MARCH, 2005					
	1/1/2005 BALANCE	EXPENDITURES	RECEIPTS	3/31/2005 BALANCE	
General	\$180,138.16	\$637,363.59	\$757,204.70	\$299,979.27	
Road & Bridge	\$225,224.18	\$287,463.64	\$403,562.79	\$341,323.33	
Noxious Weed	\$27,226.93	\$24,102.85	\$16,056.97	\$19,181.05	
Noxious Weed Special	\$11,091.70	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11,091.70	
Rural Fire	\$14,541.07	\$15,162.82	\$28,243.93	\$27,622.18	
Hospital	\$68,222.85	\$305,723.85	\$257,193.85	\$19,692.85	
Special Fire Equipment	\$58,350.78	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$58,350.78	
Motor Vehicle Fund	\$1,576.50	\$3,027.87	\$6,555.25	\$5,103.88	
Attorney Fund	\$3,604.65	\$0.00	\$31.00	\$3,635.65	
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	\$589,976.82	\$1,272,844.62	\$1,468,848.49	\$785,980.69	

A detailed statement of expenditures is available for public inspection at the county clerk's office. Copies of such statement shall be available upon request. K.S.A. 19-228

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