



FROM BIRD CITY to soldiers far away: Go-Getters 4-H Club president, Isaac Sturgeon, (right) loads S.O.S. packages as his brother, Trevor, helps. Times staff photo by Linda Schneider

## Program sends packages to troops

This year's Support Our Soldiers program turned out well. Melanie Elliott who heads the program out of Kensington was pleased with the van load of gifts and the money that was raised to pay for the postage.

Mrs. Elliott and her helpers

will be shipping out 1,000 boxes at the flat rate of \$9.20. In addition to the generosity of supplies given by Cheyenne County residents, the size able cash donations will help in shipping costs.

Support Our Soldiers is an an-

nual program sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary. Collection and delivery of donated items were through the combined help of Christy Wurm and the St. Francis Lawn Ridge 4-H Club and the Bird City Go-Getters 4-H Club.

## Workshop to help producers on using prescribed burning

Area producers can learn about using prescribed burning in a workshop to be held Nov. 6, at the American Legion Hall in Bird City.

Managing grasslands can be done in a variety of ways. One management tool that is available is prescribed burning management or the use of fire to manage the vegetation. This technique can be used on pastures, Conservation Reserve Program acres, and non-pasture grass area. The goal of prescribed burning is to remove old vegetation allowing for increased desirable grass development. Several Conservation Reserve Program contracts include burning management as part of their requirements.

The Prescribed Burning Workshop in Bird City is hosted by a coalition of local agencies including the Natural Resources Conservation Service, Farm Services Agency, K-State Research and Extension, and Conservation Districts of Cheyenne and Rawlins counties. The workshop is designed to give producers a better understanding of what is involved with conducting a prescribed burn.

Workshop topics to be covered include Conservation Reserve Program Maintenance; Burn Safety - Why and When to Burn; Burn Notifications and Local Regulations; Equipment Methods and Techniques; How to Adapt Your Equipment; and Planning and Conducting a burn.

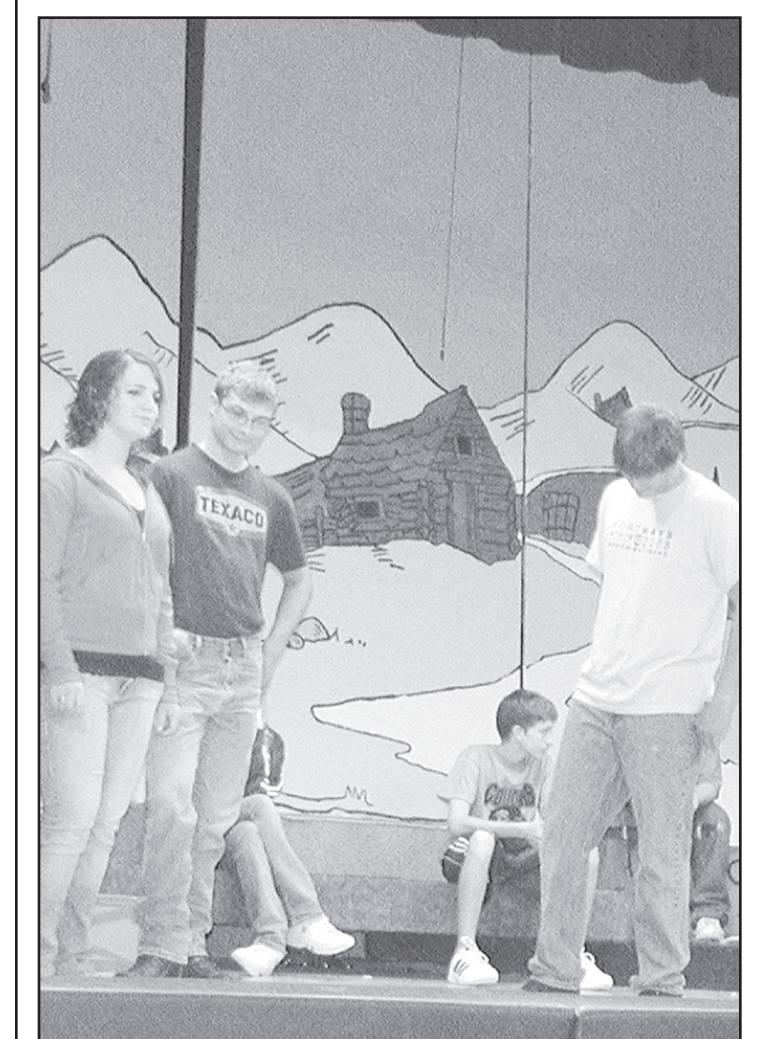
The program will include a panel of local producers who have used burning as part of their management. Walt Fick, K-State Range Management Specialist, and Roger Tacha, Natural Resources Conservation Service Resource Management Specialist, will lead the list of speakers that also includes local Farm Services Agency and Natural Resources

Conservation Service representatives.

Lunch is being provided by the County Conservation Districts of Cheyenne and Rawlins counties. The cost of the workshop covers the workshop materials. Pre-registration is requested by Nov. 1, and can be sent to Sunflower Extension District, P.O. Box 677,

St. Francis, KS 67756. For more information or to register by phone, call the office at 785-332-3171.

Thomas and Sheridan counties will be hosting a Western Kansas Cooperative Burn School on Tuesday, Oct. 28, at the 4-H building in Colby. For information call the Thomas County Extension Office at 785-460-4582.



WORKING ON THEIR PARTS, Sydney Busse, Jared Cahoj and Max Hengen practice for the upcoming production of Lil Abner. The Cheylin students will perform the show on Nov. 6 and will also have a dinner theater on Nov. 8. Times staff photo by Linda Schneider

## Obituary

### Sidney Clyde Dillinger

July 3, 1912 - Oct. 18, 2008

Sidney Clyde Dillinger, 96, Mankato, Kan., a retired United Methodist minister and brother of Troy Dillinger and Clarise Blakely of Colby died Saturday, Oct. 18, 2008, at the Long Term Care Unit of the Jewell County Hospital.

He was born July 3, 1912, to Troy Clyde and Amanda (Thompson) Dillinger in a sod house in Sherman County, the middle child of nine.

He attended country schools and graduated from Brewster High School in 1931. He earned degrees from Kansas Wesleyan University in 1935 and from the Garrett Biblical Institute in 1938. His first appointment was to the Traer Methodist Episcopal Church in Decatur County.

Rev. Dillinger married Eva Tedrow on June 20, 1934. He served churches in Palco, Wells, Alma, Kensington, Selden, Dresden, Rexford, Jennings, Bird City, Sharon Springs, Cunningham, Gypsum, Gem, McCracken, Bazine, Ionia, Esbon and Odessa. In 1966, for the bicentennial of the Methodist Church, he was one of 12 ministers chosen to dramatize how preachers dressed and traveled in conferences 200 years ago. He rode horseback from McCracken to Baltimore, preaching to 9,000 people along the way.

In 1976, after the death of his first wife, he transferred to the Missouri West Conference. He married Hilda Bird later that year. He served churches in Missouri until he retired in 1982, moving to Bolivar, Mo., where he was pastor of the Flemington-Weaubleau churches for 10 years.

He was a state officer of the Optimist Clubs in Missouri and a Mason for 60 years. He held several conference and district offices, and was the second in the Kansas West Conference to win the Rural

Preacher of the Year Award. He used horses in youth ministry and helped at youth camps.

His second wife died in 1997. In 1998, he moved to Mankato. He married Vesta McCammon on June 19, 1999, and they spent winters in Phoenix.

He also leaves a son, the Rev. Rollin Dillinger, Wichita; two daughters, Coralyn Kaufman, and Rosalie (Jon) Menhusen, Mankato; a brother, Dwight Dillinger, Hays; a sister, Olga Schwartzkopf of WaKeeney;

six grandchildren; and 28 step-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Tuesday, Oct. 21, at the Harmony United Methodist Church, Mankato, with Pastors Dan Dempsey and Rollin Dillinger officiating. Inurnment was held that night at the Wichita County Cemetery in Leoti. The family suggests memorials to the Harmony Church, Kansas Wesleyan or Camp Lakeside, in care of the Melby Mortuary, Box 384, Mankato, Kan.

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For information or appointment, call 1-800-593-0009



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Re-Elect

**John Faber**  
120th District Representative



"During the last twelve years that I have served in the House of Representatives, I have cast over 10,000 votes. I have worked hard for the best interests of our district, studying the issues and their importance for the citizens of Northwest Kansas as well as for the state.

Kansas faces many challenges, but I am optimistic about our future. I want to continue developing new and innovative ways to create economic opportunities for rural Kansas. I appreciate the trust that my constituents have placed in me, and I will continue to work hard to serve their needs in Topeka."

**John has the experience we need and the vision to succeed:**

- Votes to protect "home owned carnivals" from government regulation.
- Also serves on the Education Committee, Education Budget Committee, and Joint Committee on rules and regulations.
- Understands the importance of hard work and cooperation and the issues facing the 120th District.

Paid for by The Campaign to elect John Faber, Ed Carson, Treasurer.

**Grand Opening**  
**GAM Antiques & Collectibles**  
Saturday, Nov. 1  
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
East Highway 36, St. Francis  
Primitives, furniture, glassware and toys

**Re-Elect**  
**Robert Van Allen**  
as District Magistrate Judge  
"I would like to thank all of the citizens of Cheyenne County for supporting me as Magistrate Judge for the last four years and would appreciate your vote on Nov. 4th. I encourage all registered voters to exercise your right at the poll."  
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**Lions Club**  
**Ham & Bean Day**  
Saturday, Nov. 1  
11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.  
McDonald Legion Hall  
Chances on 80 lbs. of ground beef to be given away in December.  
**Hunters Welcome!**  
Proceeds support Sight for Kids Program