

Book Report By Stan Dorsch

These are my Words is the first book of a historical trilogy dealing with Arizona in territorial days from 1890-1918. Author Nancy Turner writes about her grandmother and great grandmother traveling by wagon train from San Angelo, Texas, to the area south-east of Tucson, on the border.

The grandmother Sarah is self taught, keeps a diary, marries

and lives surrounded by relatives. Some neighbors are native Mexican. The families mingle and experience both good and bad relations.

Times were tough. In book two, *Sarah's Quilt*, a nephew comes to live with Aunt Sarah and grandma. Willie steals from family, rustles cattle and is just no good.

The author said she had a hard

time putting Willie in the book, but realized every family has a Willie in their family history. She left him in the book.

The last book, *Star Garden*, finds Sarah marrying for the third time and finding true happiness.

The series provides a great history of southern Arizona, the growth of Tucson, and Arizona University. I really enjoyed the series.

Club Clip

McDonald Senior Citizens

DeGood, the black-out game winner.

A short business meeting was held. Reports were accepted as read. Election of officers was held. The current officers Joan Tongish, President, and Marlene Johnson Secretary-Treasurer will continue to serve for the year 2012.

Oct. 3rd Committees: Poem and Prayer-Emma Threlkel, Bingo-

Leonard Vyzourek, Prizes-Betty Lewis, Kitchen-Eleanor Swihart, Levina Waters, and Joan Tongish.

Bird City News

Carol and Willy Martinez's son John Martinez from Brighton, Colo., participated in the State bricklaying contest on Saturday as a hod carrier for Ray and Norma Martinez's son Dale Martinez from Lakewood, Colo. Carol and Norma attended this event. On Sunday Norma attended the Rockies game with their son Joe Martinez, son-in-law Michael McGinness, and grandson Mikey McGinness. Ray and Norma Martinez's granddaughter participated in singing the National Anthem along with her other third thru sixth grade classes from Rocky Mountain Academy in Evergreen, Colo. It was a good day for the game, but they lost 8-13 to the San Francisco Giants.



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has lots of very good cheese. Here, she said, they have lots of cheese like they put on cheeseburgers.

Their cakes are different but she said she likes ours better. They have lots of bakeries, the Danish pastries are far better than America's.

Americans, she said, eat a lot of unhealthy foods." She is a meat eater, so she likes our meat, and says, the sweet corn is so good!" However, she added, Denmark's butter is much better.

The thing she dislikes most about Cheylin School is the dress code. In Denmark they have no dress codes, only the Muslims and that is their choice not someone else's. She thinks it's cool that Cheylin has a dress code, but thinks they are too strict.

During this month's board meeting she had her first experience of confronting any "big person". Shayla Hubbard and Danae Magnani assisted her in presenting her plea on the dress code with a demonstration called, "Fashion or Trashing." The plea was to be able to wear leggings with shorter skirts. After a very lengthy discussion amongst the board members, Mr. Bolen said they could wear the leggings as long as the skirt length was reasonable.

You can see Marlene in action on the volleyball court. They play volleyball in Denmark as a fun game, but she had never played it until now. She said she wants to be as much a part of our school as possible.

Daniela Possamai

Daniela Possamai is a first time visitor to the United States. Coming from Italy, she is a junior attending Cheylin. Her American parents are Jan and Steve Busse.

Daniela has two friends in Italy who have been to America as babysitters. Hearing them talk about America, she learned that everything is different and she wanted to meet different people and learn how they live.

Daniela arrived in Bird City, on Aug. 15, and said, "The first day my head was big, as I even had to concentrate on how to sleep."

School is very different at Cheylin. In Italy they only go from 8 a.m. to 1p.m. and they don't play sports in school. She played volleyball but only in a club. Here sports are part of school. She is playing volleyball, and plans to try basketball, but does not know any of the rules. Volleyball is the same except for when the ball hits the ceiling in Italy they can go on playing, here they consider it a foul.

Everyone is very nice to her, she said, and they all try to talk to her. She speaks English, but it is very different for her to speak English as a primary language.

In Italy, she said, we study English three hours a week, but basically learn just the rules. They study British English and it doesn't have the slang and is basically the dramatic rules.

Bird City has lots of different activities. Last Wednesday she attended her first class of music, and in the evening Youth For Christ. Everything is here for her, she said. It is all good and different I want to take it all in. Everything here can help me grow, so I am trying to do lots of things.

The dress styles are the same except in Italy they have lots of fashion, and here people dress more casual.

She likes sweets and eats lots

of cookies because in Italy they have lots of cakes, but no cookies. American's pizza is different from Italy's. She made pizza for her American family last Sunday. Everyone liked the pizza, but Jan likes the English coffee the best. The last thing I want to say is "A big thank you to everyone!"

Roberto Ponce

Roberto Ponce is a senior at Cheylin and has attended all 11 years of school at Cheylin. He came to Bird City from Mexico with his parents Roberto and Guadalupe Ponce, and his two sisters, Ana and Blanca. Ana graduated from Cheylin in 2010 and is attending Garden City College, Blanca works at the school as a translator.

Both Roberto and Ana passed their test to become a Untied States citizen on Aug. 24. They are presently waiting for the date of their swearing in ceremony to be set.

Becoming an American citizen is the dream of everyone who comes to America. If you become a citizen you gain all the rights of the country. You can vote and do a lot of other things you are not allowed to participate in.

Roberto's goals by becoming a citizen is to get just as much education as he can so he can better himself. He wants to enter the field of business. He feels that is the field he can contribute the most in for the betterment of America.

He enjoys going to Cheylin as it is a small school where he has had the opportunity to know everyone and everyone has made him feel excepted. He is also thankful to everyone in Bird City for allowing him the opportunity to live in this small community where he has had the opportunity to learn to speak their language.

Thank You

The family of Martha Louise Zweygardt wishes to thank the community for the many kind expressions of sympathy extended to them. We especially wish to thank Pastor Farmer and the members of Salem Lutheran Church for providing an uplifting funeral service and for the reception following. We thank the many family members, friends & neighbors who attended the funeral, came to the visitation, send cards and flowers, and contributed to the memorial fund. A special thank you is extended to Rosanna and Kim Underwood and Gary and Bethany Hopp who opened their homes to us. Your thoughtfulness was appreciated and touched our hearts! The family of Ruth Zweygardt Britton and Glenn Zweygardt.

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