



Tanya Peters (above) had quite an array of sun products lined up to keep her safe in the sun during her afternoon at the Norton Municipal pool. A diver (left) did a fancy flip off the diving board in the deep end .  
— Telegram photos by Carolyn Plotts

## Club holds May meeting

Rose Mathes hosted the May 21 meeting of the North Dividers Family and Community Education Unit.

Eleven members and one guest, Ailene Houghton, were present.

A report was given on the district meeting held May 3 in Norton.

It was announced that the club had donated a children's book, "The Very Lazy Lady Bugs", to the Norton Library.

Members discussed Fun Day to be held June 15 at the 4-H Building. The Lenora unit invited the Norton unit to the "Grass Roots Politics" held June 2 at the Lenora Senior Center.

Robert Wyatt, Norton County Clerk, spoke on new voting rules.

A field trip has been planned for the group on June 18.

They will drive to Beaver City on a sight-seeing outing.

Donna Bantam gave the lesson on "Preparing For A Disaster". Marie Wendell won the hostess gift.

# Colleagues, family, friends say goodbye to senator

By JAY KELLEY

Laughter and tears shared the spotlight Thursday as an overflow crowd gathered at the Oakley High School auditorium for the funeral of Sen. Stan Clark.

"Stan was more concerned for our welfare than his own," said Gordon Jamison of the Quinter Dunkard Brethren Church.

Mr. Jamison said he greeted Mr. Clark, tongue-in-cheek, as "Brother Senator," to which Clark

would invariably reply, "It's just Stan."

Most of the state Legislature was there, along with Gov. Kathleen Sebelius and Attorney General Phill Kline. Sebelius called Clark "an honest and compassionate man" and Kline said he was a personal friend.

Kline added that Clark was special in that he had, in addition to his integrity and strong values, the ability to enjoy life. Kline told of

visiting Clark at his home in Oakley and being introduced to the elaborate train set he and his son Will had set up in their attic.

Kline said watching Clark "giggle like a child" while operating the train set told a lot about him.

Senate President Dave Kerr, R-Hutchinson, praised Clark's work ethic and told of assigning him oversight of a committee tasked with looking into Medicaid reform.

When Clark said he didn't know anything about Medicaid, Kerr replied, "I know you, and you will take the time to study this most complicated issue."

True to prediction, Clark studied the issue, worked hard with both sides of the aisle and came up with concrete recommendations, Kerr said.

Senate Minority Leader Anthony Hensley, D-Olathe, said while Clark was on the other side of the aisle, "to Stan Clark there was no aisle," praising his willingness to listen to all sides and work with everyone.

"The most important thing we can do today is make sure Will (Clark's son) has a future," he said, encouraging everyone to donate to the Will Clark Education Fund.

Rep. Bob Bethell, R-Alden,

said, "To Stan, there was no rounda (separating the two houses), either." He said Clark called him late one night for help on the Medicaid committee and was willing to work with the other house for the good of the people.

Clark was held in high esteem by his friends and neighbors. One young lady told a humorous story of a time when Clark "wasn't so compassionate."

She had gotten a wood splinter in her hand and Clark took it out using a needle.

"He got it out, but after that, I went to my mother to get slivers taken out," she said.

All the speakers agreed Clark's great faith and religious convictions were a source of strength for him and a source of comfort for his family and friends. Several people

offered condolences to the family.

Clark's widow, Ruth, and son Will, both made some short remarks. Will thanked his father for his guidance and promised to try to take care of Clark's pride and joy — his antique automobiles. Ruth said she hoped everyone present would give their lives to Jesus.

"That is what Stan would have wanted for each of you," she said.

After their remarks, Sen. Les Donovan, R-Wichita, Senate Majority Leader presented a Kansas Flag which had flown over the capital to the family. Donovan, obviously choked up, hugged both of them and encouraged Will, saying, "I'll be watching for you."

After the service, Sen. Clark was borne to the Oakley Cemetery in his restored Hudson pickup.

## Former senator will be missed

By Sharon Corcoran

Kansas Sen. Stan Clark will be missed by friends, family and colleagues, and State Rep. Jim Morrison said, he will be missed by all of western Kansas.

Morrison, Clark's friend as well as colleague, described the senator as a go-to guy who was more concerned about getting things done than gaining recognition, a man of his word, as one who loved to serve, who was unique, particularly for a legislator.

"He's an incredible fellow," Morrison said of Clark. "The thing that most stands out with Stan is his willingness to serve; he had the heart of a servant. It wasn't just a job; he loved to help people."

Clark was formidable in the Senate, he said. If something needed to be done, he was the one to go to.

The president of the Senate needed research on Medicaid, the program which helps low-income people with medical bills, Morrison said, because it has become such a big issue. Clark took the job, had several committee meetings and became very knowledgeable on the subject.

His research and comments are being used nationally, Morrison said, but Clark hasn't gotten a lot of recognition.

It didn't matter to Clark who got the credit, Morrison said, as long as things got done. He believed the best things get done anonymously, the representative said; you get more done if you're not trying to get the recognition. He gave credit to others, Morrison said, but wasn't too concerned about gaining recognition for himself.

Clark's word was gold, Morrison said; he was unique. He was a member of the Dunkard Brethren church, a group which shuns many of the trappings of modern life, Morrison said, and many didn't understand what that meant — his "yea" was a "yea," and his "nay" was a "nay."

Clark had strong abilities to build coalitions and he might well have been president of the Senate next year.

"Western Kansas is going to miss him more than they realize," Morrison said. "He's a hard man to replace."

Morrison also praised Clark for being a good person.

"He passed my kindergarten test," the representative said. "He shared and played well with others."

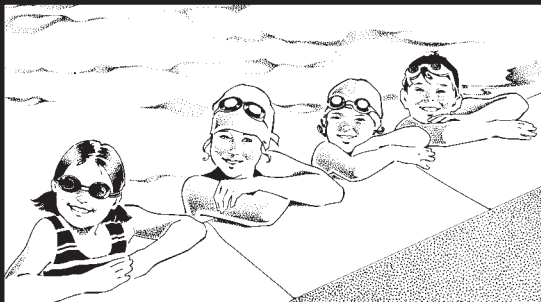
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