

# WILSONVILLE

## By VELMA HOLTZE

A number of Wilsonville area residents were in Beaver City on Saturday. Some were selling and some were buying at the Lion's Annual Consignment sale.

Graveside services were held at the Wilsonville Cemetery on Saturday morning for Lyle Meader, who died at the Beaver City Manor a week or so ago. Military services were conducted by the Wilsonville Legion. Lunch was served at the Baptist-Christian Church for relatives following the service.

Sometimes changes happen between editing time and printing time as it did for Velma Holtze last week. Velma was not released from the Cambridge Hospital until Tuesday. She returned to her own home rather than to son, Kenneth's. Her daughters, Margene Holtze and Ivalene Simmons and sons, Ken, Carla, Jim and Becky have been taking turns being there with her.

Tuesday, Aug. 15 Dick and Joan McLaughlin enjoyed a visit from their Texas snowbird friends, Jim and Eldeana Stevens from Hutchinson.

They enjoyed a lot of visiting and the great roast beef dinner that Joan prepared.

Monday evening, Aug. 7, newly elected Womans Club president and a number of members met at the Library to make plans for the activities and meetings this coming year including programs, devotional leaders and hostesses. Remember this is the one club in the community that welcomes anyone who would like to join, regardless of age, career, or special interests. Our programs are a variety so there is something of interest for everyone.

## Baptist-Christian Women

Margalee Ruf conducted the July meeting of Baptist-Christian Women. A thank-you was read from Arlene Rice Ministries for the \$200 gift from the club for her mission work. A thank-you also came from the Abuse Center in McCook for the many items given to them.

Club members were urged to be on the lookout for good, white table cloths. Though Guest Day will not be until next spring there was some discussion concerning the format of the day.

For the September meeting, members are planning to go to The Haven in Norton. The group has helped sponsor the house that provides inexpensive lodging for families of inmates at Norton Correctional Facility when they come to visit on weekends. The club plans to take supplies needed at the house.

Margene Holtze was the hostess. She served homemade ice cream and patriotic cookies to the eight members and one guest, Avie Wolfe's granddaughter, Amanda.

The Baptist-Christian Church Caring group recently met at the church to work on the landscaping. Later, the group had a study session. Margene Holtze had the lesson. A benefit is being planned in September for the Gary and Lori Leibbrand family. Vacation Bible School for next year was also discussed. Kendall and Virginia Rice served refreshments.

## Pre-Nuptial Shower

The Baptist Christian church women honored Jan tenBensel and Jodi Johnson of Blue Hill at a pre-nuptial shower on July 10. Kathy Lewis shared some thoughts on marriage from the book, The Small Stuff. She also shared some famous quotes on marriage. Jan's sister, Ginger tenBensel, recorded the gifts as the couple unwrapped them. Refreshments were served by the Martha Committee. Ginger entertained by singing several love songs, accompanying herself on the guitar. Out-of-town guests included Jodi's parents, Neal and Sue Johnson, blue Hill, Ginger

tenBensel and a friend from Hastings. The couple were married Aug. 5. They are making their home in Cambridge.

## Club Tours Flower Gardens

Tuesday, Aug. 8, nine members of the McCook Garden Club drove to Wilsonville in the afternoon for the sole purpose of viewing some especially pretty flower gardens and landscaped areas. By word of the grapevine they had heard about the picturesque landscaping at the south end of Main Street where one leaves Highway 89.

They found it without any problems. Shrubbery flowers, rock and chips together make a beautiful entrance to the village on both the east and west side of the street. From there they drove to the village park three blocks north where Pat Yost, who was filling in for Virginia Rice, and seven or eight other women accompanied them on the tour.

After admiring the neatly trimmed grass and trees (done by all volunteer work this summer.), they went across to the area south of the Baptist-Christian Church. There they enjoyed the rocked path meandering through the flowers and grasses. For those who needed to rest, the cement bench looked very inviting. They drove to the top of the hill to the home of Elbert and Moon Pywell. There they were amazed at the yard decoration which were made by Elbert and are lighted at night. These included their name, Pywell, the flag, and there are others at holiday time. West of the house they walked around in the nicely mowed grass which Moon, no spring chicken, keeps perfectly trimmed. Also in this area is her rose arbor and though it is not in bloom now it is a rare beauty spot that every patron who comes to the post office gets to enjoy.

Twyla Yost's home four blocks southwest was next. Twyla seems to have a knack for intermingling her unique yard ornaments with her many flowers and even her vegetable garden. From there they traveled southwest and drove to Pat Yost's yard which could easily be viewed from the vehicles. The main excuse to stop was to have the McCook people help identify a lovely mysterious red flower growing on a tall stalky plant.

The country area was next, going first to the homes of Peggy and John Ahlemeyer and her sister, Roxy and Mike Lang. These sisters could well be the flower and yard queens of the area. Peggy has not only landscaped her yard with numerous shrubs, flowers and grasses, but has enhanced it with her personal paintings of flowers on walls they have included in the setting.

Sister Roxy's was the next stop where winding paths and even a bridge trails through her numerous plants. The women were all treated to cookies and cold drinks in the attractive yard. Incidentally, these two women did the landscape planning for the Baptist-Christian Church area. They planned it so that once flowers in the spring start blooming, there would be something blooming all the time until Jack Frost comes in the fall.

The last stop on the tour was at the home of Sonny and Ella Wilson. There everyone "oohed and awed" as they stood at the top and cast their eyes down the steep slope of the hill which descended to the main road. There they saw so many different kinds of plants. They could only ask in awe, "How did you ever take care of that hill side as steep as it is?"

The McCook group departed for home very happy over their trip to this area. They certainly felt their time was well spent. Wilsonville residents appreciate their visit and their many kind remarks about the community.



# ALMENA NEWS

## By ESTHER MARBLE

The Almena community was saddened last week with the death of Mary Jane Van Patten and also Jeremy Anderson who was born here. Sympathies go out to these families.

June and Ellis Fisher visited Esther Marble on Aug. 8.

Esther Marble visited Betty Baker Sunday. Betty said she was

going to have one of her knees operated on again.

Mr. and Mrs. John Geil and Abbott spent a short time Sunday with his mother, Alberta Geil.

The Marble family will be having their annual reunion Sunday, Sept. 3 in the community building on Main Street in Almena. A pot luck dinner will be held at noon.

