

Woman retires after 32 years

By CAROLYN PLOTTS

Since her school days at Hays High School, June Kline was always interested in business.

It became her life's work as she has spent the last 32 years working in the banking industry — two years in Hays and 30 years in Norton. Mrs. Kline will retire Friday from her job as supervisor of the tellers and bookkeepers at First Security Bank and Trust.

In 1959, she married Norman Kline in Quinter. At that time he was a teacher in Winona. In 1966, he took a teaching position in Norton and the family moved. His profession eventually changed but the family stayed in Norton. He retired two years ago from the Kansas Department of Transportation.

Mrs. Kline said she has seen many changes in the banking business over the years. The biggest change, she said, is automation. She remembers when banks used a proof machine. It sorted all the transactions, but only after an operator had keyed in the information. She also remembers big posting machines.

Now, it's all computerized, but she said she has learned to embrace the technology. "Things are faster, now," she said. "It used to take two to three days for a check to clear. Now, it may clear as soon as the next day."

Debit cards are a new innovation Mrs. Kline has witnessed. "But," she said, "Along with the good can come some bad." She cautioned everyone to be careful and protect their identity. Her advice: print your name and address only on checks.

In her position as supervisor it was her responsibility to oversee daily operations and daily balances. When asked if the drawer ever came up a penny short, she smiled and said, "It's amazing,



After 32 years in the banking business, First Security Bank and Trust's June Kline is retiring. — Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

considering how much money comes through the windows and drive-up, how accurate our daily balances are."

She said, "Technology may have moved along, but the money stayed the same."

Mrs. Kline said during her tenure at First Security she has worked with 68 different people.

The Klines are members of the Norton Christian Church. She is a member of the 20th Century Study Club, After-5 Club, and Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) Club. She is a former member of the American Field Service Club and the Klines were a host family in 1978 - '79.

She and her husband have lots of plans for the future. She said, "We enjoy doing things together." They like to travel and plan to spend lots of time traveling to see their five children and one grandson. Mrs. Kline wants to spend more time quilting, working on crafts and decorating cakes. She will also keep an eye out for more bone China cups and tea pots to add to her collection.

Of her time at the bank she said, "I have enjoyed my 30 years here at First Security Bank and Trust tremendously. The people have been great. They have been good to work with and have been good to me — I'll miss it."

Norton County 4-H'ers do well at judging contests

A variety of contests were held at the conclusion of the 4-H year, those being Livestock, Photography and Intermediate Lifeskills.

Although not held at the State Fair, the State Livestock Judging contest was held at K-State University campus on Aug. 26. The Norton County Livestock Judging Team consisted of Kerby Brandyberry, placed 149th individually; Tim Becker, 38th; Dana Hillebrand, 128th; and Caleb Vanover, 145th, with the team

placing 33rd overall out of 44 teams.

Tim Becker placed 7th overall in the Swine Class.

Dave Brandyberry escorted the group to Manhattan for the Aug. 26 contest.

The Senior Photography judging team placed 18th with Katrina Wentz placing 88th, Josh VanSlike, 48th; Tanner Griffith, 37th; and Tim Becker, 91st.

Intermediate Photography judging placed 26th with Megan

Wentz placing 90th, Kelsie Griffith, 95th; Wyatt Wentz, 56th; and Christopher Maddy, 82nd.

In the Senior Lifeskills contest the Norton team placed 31st with Katrina Wentz placing 85th; Bryce Lofgreen, 124th; Dana Hillebrand, 157th; and Tim Becker, 78th.

Intermediate Lifeskills contest placed 43rd with Melinda Becker placing 121st; Wyatt Wentz, 199th; Lane Vanover, 136th; and Carissa Wentz, 145th.

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