



Carrol Hall, left, and Steve Streck (top photo) talked about the old days at Hall's Clothing. Both men have had a hand in the men's clothing store. Mr. Hall opened the store 58 years ago and Mr. Streck has owned it for the past 15 years. Every year in February, Mr. Streck has an anniversary sale. Below, he tidies up his suit jackets to get ready for the big event, which starts Saturday.

— Telegram photos by Veronica Monier

Hall's celebrates 58 years

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Hall's Clothing has been a fixture in downtown Norton for well over 50 years.

The men's clothing store was opened in 1950 by Carrol Hall in the same location it's in today. Current owner Steve Streck said the north half of the store was the original Hall's Clothing, but Mr. Hall later expanded to the south, making the store what it is today.

Mr. Streck said Mr. Hall owned the store until 1975, when he sold it to George Jones. Mr. Jones had worked for Mr. Hall since the 50s and later took care of most of the ordering.

In 1993, Mr. Streck, who then worked at Valley Hope as a counselor, bought the store from Mr. Jones.

"I was always interested in it (men's apparel)," he said. "In college, I worked at a shoe store and liked it. When Hall's came up for sale, I took the opportunity and bought it."

Mr. Streck has owned Hall's Clothing for 15 years; the store itself has been open for 58 years.

To celebrate this, Mr. Streck holds an anniversary sale every February. The sale will start Saturday and run through the end of the month. Hall's Clothing carries men's and boy's clothing, boots, shoes and apparel.

The men's clothing store holds a lot of memories for the people of Norton.

"A lot of people have worked here," he said. "They're always coming in, saying, 'I remember when I worked here.'"

Connie Sanko, Mr. Hall's daughter, said she remembers working at the store during the



summers when she was growing up. She said her dad tried to hire a couple of high school kids to work there over the summer, too.

Now, in addition to Mr. Streck, Hall's Clothing employs Bev Wilken, who has worked there since the fall of 1990, and Don Stuvick, who works part time.

Mr. Hall and his wife, Evelyn, can still be found in Norton, living at Whispering Pines.

For more information on the Hall's Clothing anniversary sale, see the full page ad on Page 9 in today's edition of *The Norton Telegram*.

Junior high speller wins with pumpernickel

The annual Norton Junior High School Spelling Bee was held Wednesday afternoon in the junior high gymnasium with 11 spellers qualifying for the oral competition round.

Representing the seventh grade were: Andrew Ellis, Dylan Spradlin, Maggie Henry, Wyatt Wentz and Zach Combs.

Eighth graders in the bee were: Bryan Henry, Jordan Wahlmeier, R.J. Ellis, Taylor Meder, Trey Millan and Zach Hartwell.

Jordan Wahlmeier won by spelling *simile* and then *pumpernickel*. Dylan Spradlin finished second missing *sayonora* while R.J. Ellis battled Bryan Henry for third place going out on *mantilla*.

Bryan who went out with *mahi-mahi* will serve as the alternate.

Jordan, Dylan and R.J. will represent Norton Junior High School at the Norton County Spelling bee to be held at 4 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 13 in the East Campus Auditorium. The public is invited to attend.

Farmers, ranchers affected by regulations

A meeting for all interested farmers and ranchers on interstate transportation regulations will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 11.

The meeting, which will be held at the Norton County 4-H Building, 126 Park Street, Norton, is being hosted by the county treasurers' offices and Farm Bureau Associations in Norton, Decatur and Phillips counties.

Mike Hoeme, Kansas Corporation Commission, will be the featured guest speaker going over federal regulations being enforced with farm trucks hauling grain to the elevators and shipped out of state; commercial driver's licenses; driver qualifications; safety requirements; U.S. Department of Transportation numbers and markings, weights and scales; barter exchange; farm use tags

and more. Additional meetings in the northwest Kansas area will be from 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 12 at the Commercial Building, Highway 83, WaKeeney, hosted by Trego, Ness and Graham county treasurers; and Wednesday, Feb. 13 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the 4-H Building, 757 W 4th, Grainfield, hosted by Gove, Lane, Logan and Sheridan county treasurers.

Book discussion to be video-conferenced

The Norton Public Library has been chosen as one of nine Kansas libraries named as an Enhanced Library Meeting Room site.

In conjunction with Kansas Reads, "In Cold Blood", the one-book/one-state project, the Kansas Center for the Book was awarded a grant from the Kansas Humanities Council to explore the book by author Truman Capote, as literature and as it portrays Kansas past and present.

This humanities project consists of nine programs by four humanities scholars, discussing the book and standing for questions. These programs will be held at nine libraries, and four will be broadcast to Enhanced Library Meeting Rooms (ELMeR).

Three discussion programs at the Norton Public Library will be held on the following dates: 7 to 8 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 7, presented by Clark Killion, a scholar from Dodge City Community College; 7 to 8 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 21, presented by Thomas Fox Averill, scholar from Washburn University; and 7 to 8 p.m., Monday, Feb. 25, again presented by Mr. Averill.

The public is invited to join in these discussions through this high-definition online video-conferencing technology.

The book "In Cold Blood"

by Truman Capote takes place in Holcomb, Kan. in 1959. A movie was also made from the book. Paul Fecteau, Professor of English at Washburn University, is quoted as saying about the author: "K.B.I. Agent Harold Nye has speculated that Capote spoke to more people connected to the murder of the Clutters than did the Bureau. These interviews took place as Capote spent the better part of four years tromping around western Kansas, amassing thousands of pages of notes. This research, however, only accounts

for an element of the book's success, for Capote transformed it with a novelist's imagination. The result serves as a meditation on suffering as he dramatizes cherished moments from the last days of Nancy Clutter, the sleepless nights of detective Al Dewey, and the tormented thoughts of Perry Smith."

The Norton Public Library has several copies of "In Cold Blood" available to check out.

Please call the library at 877-2481 if you would like to attend any or all of the discussions.

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