

Maynard Eugene Wright

Sept. 4, 1915 - Oct. 11, 2011

Maynard Eugene Wright was born Sept. 4, 1915, to Joseph Gibson and Nora Belle (Moss) Wright in Ruskin, Neb. He died on Oct. 11, 2011 at the Rawlins County Hospital in Atwood. The family moved to an unimproved farm north of Bird City in the spring of 1916. They lived in a granary while their house was being built. As a youngster he was responsible for feeding and watering the farm horses. When there was no wind, he would climb the windmill and turn the blades to supply water for the animals.

Maynard walked one mile with his brothers and sisters to country grade school at the red brick School House 51. He hunted and checked animal traps on his way to and from school. His loaded rifle was placed in the back of the classroom for safe keeping. He graduated from Bird City High School where he made a cedar chest and a footstool while in Industrial Arts classes. All three of his future children learned to walk using this footstool. Maynard played football in high school and learned to swim in the Phil Fishbeck swimming pool which was two blocks east of the water tower. His high school graduation ceremony was cancelled because of a dirty 30's dust storm. He also attended one semester at McCook Junior College. When he was 15, his mother Nora died. Maynard continued to work at home and for neighbors, shucking corn for five cents per bushel. He also rented some ground that he farmed with a junked Lawson tractor and out-of-date machinery that he was able to repair for use.

In 1937, after the wheat was planted and there was no work to be found, he and four friends traveled by car as they followed the harvest through Colorado, Idaho and California. They picked potatoes and cotton and topped beets.

In the Spring of 1938, he had an opportunity to rent 480 acres of ground. At the time, the fields had dirt piles to the top of the fence posts from the drought and wind. However, by the spring of 1939, he had visions of his wheat yielding well only to watch the drought dash his hopes.

He dated and became engaged to Ruby Lucille Query. He frequently said he got her for a dime at a local dance. It was his buy of a lifetime! On May 14, 1939, Maynard and Lucille were married by Reverend Thomas Parrot at the Bird City Methodist parsonage.

In 1940, Maynard and Lucille moved to a second farm home 12 miles southeast of Bird City. When rationing made it difficult to get food, gas, tires, cars or tractors, he repaired and built the necessary farm machinery and home appliances.

Their son Gerald Jay was born Dec. 29, 1941, daughter Roberta Eileen followed on Oct. 7, 1944, and Donald Royce was born April 11, 1947. Maynard and Lucille were active in their small community. In the mid 1940s when Maynard discovered the telephone wires or in-

stalators were broken, he would stand in the trunk of his car to repair them. In the mid 1950s, when the telephone company supplied the taller telephone poles and wire, Maynard and his neighbors provided the labor to install them. He also promoted the Rural Electric Association by holding farmer REA meetings in their home. Their children accompanied their parents to most events. The family was regular worshippers at Center Church and later the Bird City Methodist Church where Maynard served for a time on the church board and was a lifetime member. Maynard joined the Bird City Community Club and was active in its holiday and philanthropic events. Maynard and Lucille actively supported school activities, rarely missed a sporting event, class play or graduation. Maynard also served on the Bird City Alumni Committee and received much enjoyment from acting in several fund raising plays. When his children were in 4-H, he was a square dance instructor. Occasionally, square dances were held in the granary on their farm. He was always very interested in new inventions and was the second person in Bird City to have a television set. He was a thrifty sort and never saw any value in tossing something out that seemed outdated. He was the last original member of the Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher Association. He restored two steam engines, a threshing machine, his 1938 gas tractor, a player piano and numerous other items. He was the consummate farmer and always had a huge respect for the care of the land. He enjoyed painting and drawing and would do a chalk rendering every Christmas on the living room chalk board. After moving to their new home in town, in 1962, he started taking art classes and produced many pieces of historical scenes around the Bird City area. He was always totally devoted to his wife, Lucille, and enjoyed visiting with his family and friends. He took special joy when interacting with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents, brothers, Melvin and Floyd; his sisters LaVeda Marcellus and Mabel Robertson. He leaves to mourn his passing, his wife Lucille (Query), his son Gerald and wife Phyllis (Danckenbring) Wright, his daughter Eileen and husband Jim Moon, his son Donald and wife Donna (Geyer), his grandchildren Anita (Wright) Diltz and husband Shane, Dale Wright and wife Erin (Townsend), Whitney Moon and wife Jennifer (Bauersfeld), Heather (Moon) and husband Jim Piper, Rebecca (Moon) and husband Michael Leibowitz, Duane Wright, Douglas Wright and wife Shawna (Reynolds), Dennis Wright and wife Dana (Carpenter), and DeAndrea Wright and husband Dave Krien, 25 great-grandchildren and three step-great-grandchildren.

He was buried in the Bird City Cemetery, Bird City.

Clarence Junior Cress

Sept. 17, 1930 - Oct. 8, 2011

Clarence Junior Cress was born on Sept. 17, 1930, on a farm south of Bird City in Cheyenne County, Kan. He died on Oct. 8, 2011, in Lakewood, Colo., where he and his wife had been living with their daughter and son-in-law. Junior was one of eight children (Lohrene, Charlie, Lee, Junior, Dan, Bill, Jim and Denny) born to Emma Eve Peter Cress and Clarence Luther Cress, all of whom preceded him in death.

On Oct. 3, 1948, Junior married Geraldine "Jerry" Alden, daughter of Hazel and Ervin Alden. Three children were born to this union: Patrick, Gloria and Dan. Junior started working for the Bird City Post Office in 1950 and was a rural mail carrier for many years, retiring in 1989. Junior and Jerry celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary on Oct. 3 of this year when Jerry said that "the best parts of life are

the little ones all added up."

Junior always planted a big garden and loved sharing tomatoes with friends. He was an avid sports fan, giving years of support to the Bird City Cardinals and the Cheylin Cougars. Junior was a referee at many basketball games as well as scorekeeper. He loved camping with his family, fishing, bowling and playing golf. Junior served his community as a Boy Scout leader, 4-H leader and president of the Senior Center Association.

Junior is survived by his wife Jerry; three children, Patrick Cress and wife Vicki of St. Francis; Gloria Riemer and husband Kenny of Lakewood, Colo.; Dan Cress and wife Linda of Aurora, Colo.; eight grandchildren: Tammy, Aimee, Lisa, Jennifer, Michael, Thomas, Katherine and Stephannie; and five great-granddaughters; Dale, Caitlin, Allyson, Lakyn and Layne.

Club Clips

Pleasant Hill 4-H Club

Dec. 1, 2010

No club meeting was held in November. The regular meeting of the Pleasant Hill 4-H club was held Dec. 1 at the St. Francis Grade School.

President Laura Brunk called the meeting to order. Brandy Dinkel and Colton Neitzel led the 4-H Pledge and Cutter Neitzel led the Pledge of Allegiance. Emileigh Dinkel and Reagan Beims led the club in singing Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer. Roll call was taken and 23 members were present. No

minutes were from the Nov. meeting because the club met for trick-or-treating. The treasurer's report was given. Tye Faulkender gave the 4-H Council report and gave important dates to remember.

Emileigh and Brady Dinkel did a demonstration. The club made decorations for food trays at the hospital. The meeting was adjourned.

Refreshments were served by the Beims and Grice families. Jude Faulkender, reporter

January 5, 2011

The regular meeting of the Pleasant Hill 4-H Club was held Jan. 5 at the St. Francis Grade School.

President Laura Brunk called the meeting to order. Reagan Beims led the 4-H Pledge and Karly Bandel led the Pledge of Allegiance. Emileigh Dinkel and Reagan Beims led the club in singing "You are my Sunshine." Roll call was taken and 18 members were present. Minutes were read from the Dec. meeting were corrected to read that refreshments were provided by the Dinkel and Grice families. Changes were

approved. The treasurer's report was given by Travis Rogers. The Angel Tree committee reported that all tags were taken, the fun day committee reported that Boondocks was selected. No 4-H Council report was given due to cancellation.

Emileigh Dinkel and Brady Dinkel did project talks. Brady Dinkel and Colton Neitzel led the club in a game of snake tag for recreation. The meeting was adjourned.

Refreshments were served by the Beims family. Jude Faulkender, reporter

May 4, 2011

The regular meeting of the Pleasant Hill 4-H Club was held May 4 at the St. Francis Grade School.

President Laura Brunk called the meeting to order. Brady Schoenrogge led the 4-H Pledge and Caleb Todd led the Pledge of Allegiance. Reagan Beims and Emileigh Dinkel led the club in singing "A Sailor went to Sea Sea Sea." Roll call was taken and 16 members were present.

Minutes were read from the previous meeting. No treasurer's report was given. Committee reports were given. Tye Faulkender gave the 4-H Council report and said that 4-H Council is looking for a food stand coordinator for the week of the fair.

Jandy Dunn gave a project talk. Refreshments were served by the Schoenrogge and Paulson families. Jude Faulkender, reporter

Fall beef meeting planned in Sainty

Beef producers should mark their calendars to attend a fall beef meeting focusing on heifer development on Wednesday at the Cheyenne County Fair exhibit building. The meeting will start at 6 p.m. with the meal and presentation to follow. Those planning to come should contact the Cheyenne County Extension office by

Monday, Oct. 24. The featured speaker will be Rick Funston, beef reproductive physiologist from the University of Nebraska, Lincoln West Central Research Center in North Platte, Neb. Sponsoring the meeting is K-State Research and Extension, Accelerated Genetics and ABS.

Graduate appointed vice president

Former resident and 1981 St. Francis Community High School graduate Scott Topping has been appointed to the position of executive vice president, chief financial officer and treasurer of Hawaiian Holdings and its subsidiary Hawaiian Airlines.

Mr. Topping will join Hawaiian on Nov. 1 and succeed Peter Ingram, who has assumed a new role at Hawaiian as executive vice president and chief commercial officer.

"We are fortunate to have attracted Scott, a respected and accomplished leader in our industry," said Mark Dunkerly, president and chief executive officer. "He will guide our finance strategy and management through this exciting new era of growth for Hawaiian."

"Scott's experience as a leader in the strategic growth of one of the largest and most consistently successful airlines in the U.S. will be a strong addition to our

senior team." Mr. Topping joins Hawaiian following 16 years at Southwest Airlines where he directed that company's corporate finance, treasury, fleet planning and risk management strategies. Among other achievements there, he earned international recognition for developing and managing Southwest's successful fuel hedging program.

Prior to Southwest, Mr. Topping led consulting relationships with 16 bank clients over six years with FinSer Corporation in San Antonio, Texas, leaving as senior vice president in 1995.

Mr. Topping holds a master's of business administration from the University of Texas at Austin, concentrating in finance and accounting. He earned a bachelor of science in agriculture from Kansas State University with an emphasis in economics.

Scott is the son of Don Topping and the late Elaine Topping.

Club Clips

Pleasant Hill 4-H Club

February

The regular meeting of the Pleasant Hill 4-H Club was held Feb. 2 at the St. Francis Grade School.

President Laura Brunk called the meeting to order. Reagan Beims led the 4-H Pledge and Emileigh Dinkel led the Pledge of Allegiance. Emileigh Dinkel and Reagan Beims led the club in singing "If You're Happy and You Know It." Roll call was taken and 17 members were present. Minutes were read from the January meeting. The treasurer's report was given by Travis Rogers. The model meeting committee,

the community service committee and the camping committee made their respective reports. Tye Faulkender gave the 4-H Council report and said that entries for the T-Shirt design contest are due by Feb. 28. Other dates to remember were listed.

Garrett Brunk, Gaten Cooper and Gavin Cooper gave a project talk. Jake Faulkender and Brady Dinkel led the club in a game of snake tag for recreation. The meeting was adjourned.

Refreshments were served by the Cooper and Brunk families. Jude Faulkender, reporter

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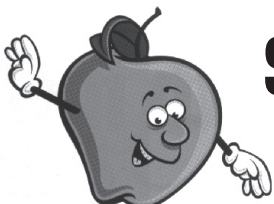
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