

THE LIVING DRAMATIZATION of 'The Last Supper' was held at the United Methodist Church in Bird City and St. Francis. Cast members were: Stuart Johnson as Nathaniel, Gary Leach as James the Lesser, Tim Burr as Andrew, Warren Cico as Judas, Ken Beougher as Simon Peter, Mickey Graves as John, Chad Hendricks as Jesus, Tom Bailey as Thomas, Radean Wright as James, Tom Keller as Philip, Travis Jensen as Matthew, Spencer Schleppe as Thaddeus, and Marvin Zimbelman as Simon the Zealot.

History of high school principal told

Editor's note: The St. Francis Community High School Alumni will be held in June. Several writers have been writing articles concerning the history of the school. The first is about Garnette Greene who was a principal many will remember.

By Janet Carman

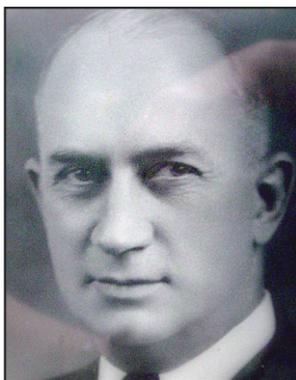
Garnette E. Greene served the St. Francis Community High School as principal from 1930 to 1957. A strong academic, athletic and activities program developed in those 27 years under his creative and visionary leadership. The arts: music, writing, drama flourished during these years. Bonnie Cram noted that Mr. Greene could have been a concert violinist, but chose education instead.

Athletics was also a high priority with Mr. Greene. He introduced wrestling in 1932 and coached the team until 1935. Through his efforts wrestling was accepted as a regular sport in the Northwest Kansas Athletic League. Wrestling became popular with young men and adults in the rural area and is credited with increasing the number of boys who attended high school. Girls soon followed to take advantage of the variety of activities offered.

Most of these remained in school to obtain a diploma. In 1996 his name was added to Kansas Wrestling Coaches Hall of Fame.

Unlike predecessors, Mr. Greene stressed the fact that athletes must keep up their grades in at least three subjects in order to participate in interscholastic sports. "Scholarship is what the schools are for....." *Cheyenne Indian News*, Feb. 19, 1936. In past years athletes had actually been given grades for playing football.

Mr. Greene's interest in his students impacted their lives. The story is told of a young freshman farm boy, who swaggered down Main Street boasting a tough attitude and smoking a Red Dot cigar. "Pop" Greene, as he was affectionately called behind his back, called the boy into his office and said, "Young man, you'd make a great football player. However, you will have to give up cigar smoking and change your attitude to be on the team." That young man, Warren Northrup, dropped cigar smoking and his swagger and became a four-year football and wrestling letterman. Following high school he joined the U. S. Army



Garnette Greene

and was awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action during the Battle of the Bulge.

In 1937 Mr. Greene advised students that in this fast moving world "unless one is well informed it is almost impossible to secure a desirable position." He assured them by adding, "Your community high school is well equipped to give you a superior education." *Cheyenne Indian News*, May 14, 1937.

According to the *Cheyenne Indian News*, Sept. 21, 1938, Mr. Greene expected quality from his teachers. "A progressive step insisted on by Principal Greene is that each teacher keeps a carefully detailed and organized plan for the day's work that can be placed on file in the office each day."

While he was principal, a gymnasium, library, principal's office, classrooms, and auditorium were constructed. A modern music addition was begun in his last year.

According to the *Cheyenne Indian News*, Nov. 11, 1938. "Garnette E. Greene's accomplishment in building up the St. Francis Community High School system is an inspirational success story. A fine new building has been added, enrollment built up, curriculum broadened and new activities begun. Evidence of top results in diversified fields and a tribute to good generalship can well be found in the fact that last year the St. Francis system led the league in athletics. A Cappella work and publication activities." This excellence continued throughout his tenure at St. Francis Community High School.

He laid the foundation for quality education that continues to this day.

Mr. Greene and his wife established a scholarship fund, which has awarded thousands of dollars to Cheyenne County students since 1989.

Information gathered from *The History of Cheyenne County Kansas, 1987, and various issues of The Cheyenne Indian News, St. Francis High School Newspaper.*

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house at the Cheyenne County Museum; a "Betsy Ross Old Fashioned Patriotic Sing-a-long," and a "Great American" hamburger meal in the Park Hill parking lot in the evening. The day will end with 55 minutes of fireworks and patriotic music.

Other events will include a triathlon, children's parade, games in the park, hot dog meal at Uptown Market, swimming and water games at the pool, food vendors at Park Hill parking lot and DJ music and karaoke singing at Roger Neitzel's Heating and Air Conditioning business.

Many people have already vol-

unteered to help with different events but there is always room for more. If interested in volunteering, contact Rodney Neitzel at Uptown Market, St. Francis.

Look for more information in *The Herald*. Donations to help fund the fireworks would be appreciated.

WALK

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and drink while visiting with old friends from St. Francis and other high school classes.

Begin by picking up a map and schedule at the St. Francis Library, 121 N. Scott, one block north of Main Street.

Arts Association

The "vision" group is discussing the formation of an Arts Association and purchase of the Assembly of God building for an Arts Center.

We invite those filled with spirited creativity just waiting to be unleashed, Mr. Keller said, to come forward and be involved in this project.

If you have an interest in joining like-minded individuals in promoting arts in the community, he said, contact any of the following:

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Sue Griffin, suegriffin@juno.com; Carol Redding, c.redding@att.net; Kay Shay, kayshay@sbcglobal.net; Bonnie Cram, bonniecram@sbcglobal.net; Lucille Rossbach, Lucille_Rossbach@breadnet.middlebury.edu.

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During the lab draws, there will be educational display booths available in the basement. Outside the clinic on Tuesday, April 17., the Lions Club will also have the State-wide Lions Club vision and

hearing screening truck. People can have their vision, hearing and/or blood pressure checked.

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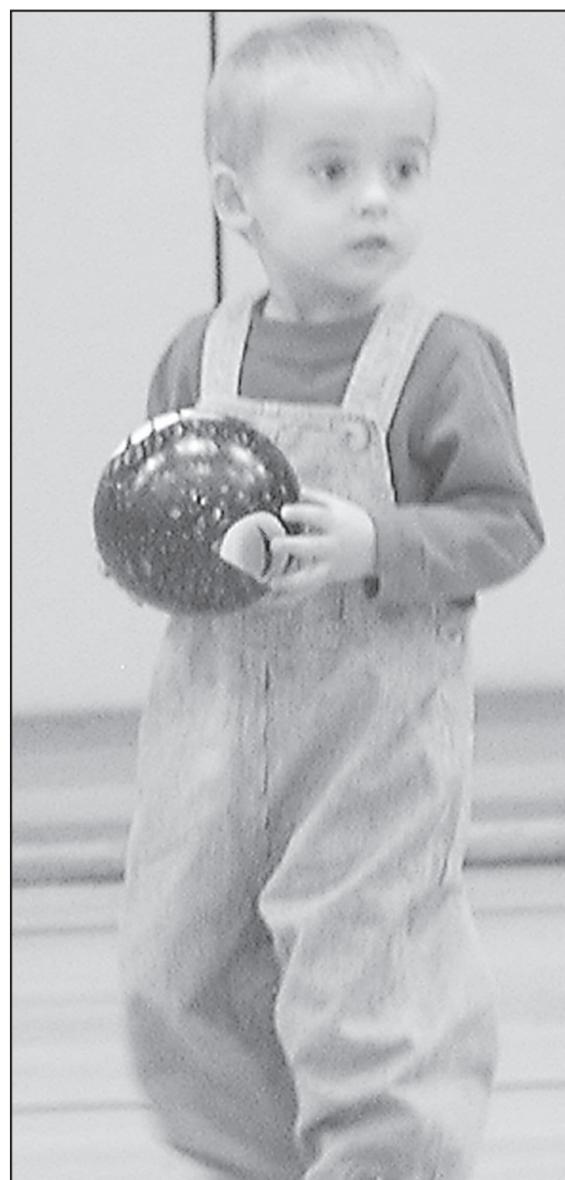
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