

Death

Vivian E. Stone

Vivian E. Stone, 81, died Monday, Dec. 23, 2002 in Warner, Okla. Mrs. Stone was born March 2, 1921 in Grimes, Okla. to Lester and Nora Hell (Huey) Doughty. Mrs. Stone joined the Womens Army Corps for two years and in July of 1946 married Herman Schwochow. The couple had three children, Sandra, James and Sharon.

She became a caseworker for social services and worked for them many years in Oklahoma and Colorado. She later married Sam. C. Stone in El Reno, Okla. Mrs. Stone was active in her church, taught adult Sunday school for 21 years.

Mrs. Stone was preceded in death by her parents; daughters, Sandra Stone and Sharon Harwerth; sisters, Sylvia, Helen, Laura, and Catherine; and brothers, Benjamin, Joseph, Huey, William and Luther. She is survived by her husband of 47 years; sons, James A Stone of Webbers Falls, Okla., Samuel J. Stone of Tulsa, Okla; Sheryl Weilgosh of Oklahoma City, Okla.; brother, George, and sisters Wanda Broce of Monument and Glovine Golemboski of Colby, along with 12 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Dec. 28, 2002 at Bill Merritt Memorial Chapel in Oklahoma City, Okla., with Rev. Sten Konopinski officiating. Interment was at Sunny Lane Cemetery, Del City, Okla.

Where do you deposit play money? In a toy bank of course.

Collectors of mechanical banks today number in the thousands and most certainly mechanicals are a top type collectible. Where and when did it all start — most likely prior to 1900 with a few scattered individuals who thought they were interesting toys. Many of these banks are marvels of mechanical ingenuity.

Mechanical banks are those in which some action must take place (usually humorous figures), before a coin is deposited. The weight of a coin sometimes produces this. More frequently, however, a lever is pressed which causes the coin to be propelled or dropped through a coin trap.

These banks were preceded by a great variety of still or dumb banks, which were made of pottery, porcelain, glass, wood, iron, and in a great variety of designs.

The earliest mechanical bank was invented and designed by Frank Hall, about 1865, and was know as Hall' Excelsior Bank. This was quite a success and was followed by Hall's Lilliput Bank. These were manufactured for Hall by the J&E Stevens Co. in Cromwell, Conn. They enjoyed such popularity that Stevens Co., already in the cast iron toy business, made a few mechanical banks of different design and marketed these with equal success.

Hall claimed that this was an infringement on his patent rights in-

Timeless Treasures

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asmuch as the banks were mechanical even though of different design. The Stevens Co. then decided to buy Hall's patent and they paid him a royalty on every bank manufactured thereafter.

There followed a succession of banks of many unusual patterns and clever designs by Hall and later by Bailey of Cromwell, who was a very skillful pattern maker.

The successful sales of these banks prompted other manufacturers throughout the east to make their own designs and market them. The demand and greatest height of popularity seems to have been about 1880 to 1890 and interest gradually waned from that period until makers found it no longer profitable to make them.

One of the banks that enjoyed tremendous popularity was the Eagle and Eaglets bank made by Stevens Co. It was patented by Charles M. Henn of Chicago, Ill., Jan. 23, 1883. Stevens agreed to pay Henn 45 cents a dozen for all they sold for a 15 year period.

In 1886, the banks were sold for \$8.50 per dozen, in 1888, they sold for \$12.50 per dozen and by 1891, the price was down to \$8.90 per dozen.

In spite of the large production of the Eagle and Eaglets, it is not a

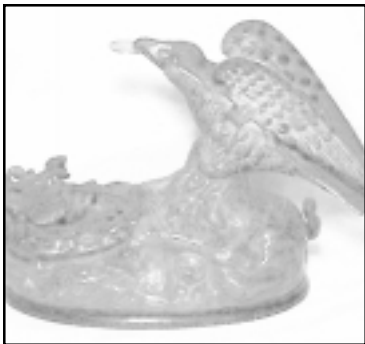
common bank to find today in fine to mint condition.

Not only is the original paint an indication of the condition of this bank but more often the "mechanics" of the bank no longer work.

To operate the bank, the beak of the large eagle is opened manually and a coin placed therein. A lever under the tail of the eagle is pressed down.

The eagle tilts forward lowering its wings and in so doing opens its beak, dropping the coin into the nest where the coin goes through a slot into the base of the bank. The baby eaglets lift up and open their beaks as though receiving food — the coin in this case representing the food.

As this action takes place, the bellows inside emit a squeaking sound in simulation of chirping



The Eagle and Eaglets bank displayed at the Prairie Museum of Art and History.

baby eagles. On releasing the lever all parts return to their respective

positions.

The Prairie Museum has several mechanical banks, including Stevens Co. examples, displayed in the newest permanent gallery, Batteries Not Included, which opened in July 2002.

For information about the exhibit call 462-4590 or email at praiiem@colby.ixks.com. Admission on Tuesday through Saturday: adults, \$5; children (6-16), \$2; members free; Sundays are free to everyone. The museum's fall hours are: Tuesday - Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m.; and closed Mondays and holidays.

Hospital

Citizens Medical Center, Inc. Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2003 Admissions

- Nelda Dinning, Colby
- Wilberta Erickson, Colby
- Mathilde Dellere, Colby
- Leora Kistler, Colby

• Gordon Shadle, Colby • Drucella Hashenberger, Colby Dismissals

- Autumn Arasmith and infant female, Rexford
 - Lore Depe, Brewster
- For questions, call 462-7511.

Colby Progress Center to hold elections

The Colby Senior Progress Center will hold elections during its annual meeting beginning at 1 p.m., Monday, Jan. 13, said Donna Schielke, director.

There are four people on the board who have served out their terms. Those include Mary Sonnenfield, Glenn Weber, Bonnie Fleckenstein and Ralph Jones.

Schielke said that Don Seyfert did replace Jones during his term; however, he will need to re-run for another full term and both Fleckenstein and Weber have agreed to serve again, but will need to be re-elected.

Sonnenfield has indicated that she will not seek another term, leaving that seat unfilled.

"Have you ever thought of running?" Shielke is asking seniors. "It's not a hard job, but it does require help in raising money to keep the center going."

If someone is interested, Schielke asks that they come by the office and talk with her.

Currently, she said, there are four candidates vying for a position in addition to Weber, Seyfert and Fleckenstein seeking another term.

The other candidates and a brief biography are listed below.

• Virginia Hopper is a "pink lady" at Citizens Medical Center, Inc., and a member of the Lutheran Church.

According to information provided, she enjoys collecting stamps, visiting with family and likes to cook.

• Dora Hopson said she volunteers at her church on Thursdays and is with the Retired Senior Volunteer Program.

She said she also likes to create porcelain dolls as a hobby, along



E. Rogers



E. Hurtt



D. Hopson



V. Hopper

mashed potatoes, 5 cup salad, roll, Birthday cake.

Friday: Hamburgers, potato salad, cook's choice, bun, Jell-O w/pineapple and mandarin oranges.

Meal reservations need to be made before noon, 24 hours in advance at 462-2901.

Cancellations should be called in as soon as possible. Menus are subject to change.

with reading and watching television.

• Emma Rogers said she works at Pioneer Memorial Library and in her spare time enjoys her family, knitting, quilting and traveling.

• Elaine Hurtt is also with the Retired Senior Volunteer Program and goes to the grade school every Tuesday to listen to children read.

She enjoys reading herself, she said, as well as walking, and visiting at the Senior Progress Center.

The incumbents, Fleckenstein, Weber and Seyfert, along with the four candidates are encouraging everyone to vote Monday during the annual meeting.

Those eligible to vote include anyone in Thomas County over 60 and who participates at the Senior Progress Center.

For questions about the election, eligibility or how to become involved in activities at the center, call Schielke at 462-2901.

The following is the Homestead Nutrition Menu at the Senior Progress Center for the week of January 13-17:

Monday: Chicken dressing cass., carrots, jiffy ambrosia, bread, pudding.

Tuesday: Swedish meat balls, creamed potatoes, green beans, bread, apricot salad.

Wednesday: Ham, sweet potatoes, broccoli, bread, cranberry apple salad.

Thursday: Turkey slice w/gravy,



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The Out Patient Clinic at Citizens Medical Center is one of the top specialty clinics available. We know this because the specialty physicians who use Citizens Medical Center tell us so. Visiting specialists continue to use the Specialty Clinic at CMC for many reasons. Organization of patient information, the availability of excellent ancillary services, the willingness of our outpatient nurses to go above and beyond the call of duty, and the equipment and space we make available to specialty practitioners and their patients are major keys to care excellence.

The beginning of the clinic is important, but as with any business, the clinic must be a daily well-oiled machine for it to be efficient and attractive to patients and doctors. The Specialty Clinic at CMC strives to identify medical needs that are not currently available in our medical community. Once that need is found, it is addressed through recruitment, equipment and education. If daily commitment by staff to patients and physicians didn't happen, there would be no Specialty Clinic at CMC. Besides serving 35 physicians, the Specialty Clinic services also include: chemotherapy, IV outpatient services and a foot care clinic for its patients.

Time is flying so quickly in every aspect of our lives and health care is no exception. Individuals must be responsible for their health care needs by reacting if a health problem presents itself. Health care organizations see patients becoming more confident in health care decisions as they take a more proactive, responsible approach to their personal health needs. **Patients are more informed, have access to better health information, and are speaking out about their wants and needs as patients. This is also evident in the outpatient clinic as we are seeing more and more people self-refer to our Specialty Clinic Doctors. Not all specialty physicians require a Family Practice Physician referral.** Please call the Specialty Clinic to make an appointment or to find answers to any questions regarding Physician availability and referral requirements.

The Specialty Clinic serves some 35 consulting physicians who come from Denver, Hays, Salina, Wichita, Garden City and Lawrence to see on the average 700 patients per month. The economic impact of 700 patients per month is obvious especially when you consider that a substantial percent of these patients come from outside of Colby.

The success of the clinic is no fluke. It takes professionals on a daily basis who provide skills, and put into place all the pieces for physicians and their patients seeking diagnosis, rehabilitation and cure.

Citizens Medical Center, Inc. will continue to strive to provide the best quality of comprehensive health care services between Hays and Denver.

Sincerely,

The Citizens Medical Center, Inc. Board of Trustees: Vern Schwanke, Bob Standage, Terry Cousins, Sheila Frahm, Judith Sears, Curt Stephens, and Terry Wendell

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