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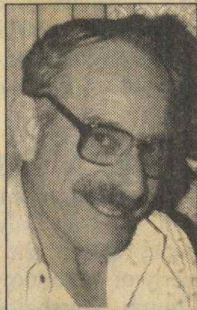
CEDAR FALLS — **William R. "Bill" Corwin**, 63, of 3429 Carlton Drive, died Friday, Sept. 13, near Huxley of injuries received in a car accident.

He was born March 24, 1928, the son of Floyd and Madgel Norton Corwin. He married Shirley A. Davis on April 20, 1950 in Cedar Falls.

He served in the U.S. Army from 1946 to 1948. Then he was a self-employed milk hauler for 40 years, retiring in April 1990.

Survivors include his wife, Shirley; three sons, Douglas of Waterloo, Bill of Cedar Falls, and Greg of Colfax; a daughter, Marsha Corwin of Waterloo; nine grandchildren; three brothers, Lyle and Dale, both of Cedar Falls, and Floyd Jr. of Waterloo; and a sister, Faye Cyphers of Akron, Ohio.

Services will be 11 a.m. Tuesday at Dahl-Van Hove-Schoof Funeral Home with burial in Cedar Valley Memorial Gardens. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday and from 9 a.m. until services Tuesday.



William Corwin

CEDAR FALLS — **Dale M. "Pappy" Corwin**, 78, of 2313 Central Ave., died Monday, April 29, at Sartori Memorial Hospital after a lengthy illness.

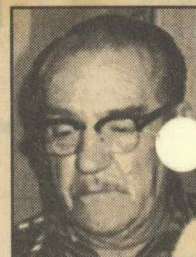
He was born Oct. 23, 1917, in Syracuse, N.Y., son of Floyd and Madge Norton Corwin. He married Olive June Morrow on Sept. 1, 1935, in Waterloo. She died in June 1991.

Mr. Corwin worked at Rath Packing Co. in Waterloo and Empire Dairy and Day Dairy, both in Cedar Falls, before becoming a self-employed milk carrier. He later worked as a bartender at The Hideaway in downtown Cedar Falls, owned and operated a tavern in Wellsburg for many years, then returned to Cedar Falls to tend bar at The Parkade Lounge. His last position was as owner/operator of Dick's Bait Shop.

Survived by: a son, Eugene D. of Greene; a daughter, Sharon Penticoff of Cedar Falls; nine grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Lyle of Cedar Falls and Floyd Jr. of Waterloo; and a sister, Faye Cypher of Akron, Ohio.

Preceded in death by: an infant daughter, Shirley Corwin; and a brother, William.

Services: 10 a.m. Wednesday at Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home, with buri-



Dale
Corwin

Hillside

ANNIVERSARIES

Corwin/25

WATERLOO — Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Corwin will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary on Tuesday with a card shower and renewal of their wedding vows.

They were married Sept. 9, 1978, at the Little Brown Church in Nashua.

Mrs. Corwin is employed at St. Vincent de Paul in Cedar Falls, and Mr. Corwin is employed by Fairview Cemetery Association in Waterloo.

Cards may be sent to 1922 Manitoba Ave., Waterloo 50707.



Mr. and Mrs. Corwin

Earl V. Norton OCT 20
1977

CLARKSVILLE—Services for Earl V. Norton, 84, who died Thursday at the Clarksville Community Nursing Home, will be 1:30 p.m. Monday at the Community Church in Clarksville; burial in Lynwood Cemetery; survived by his wife, Anna; five sons, Evert of New Rockford, N.D., LaVerne of Waverly, Eugene of Florissant, Mo., Jim of Clarksville, and Gordon of Mason City; three daughters, Mrs. Patyense Sanford of San Diego, Calif., and Mrs. Tom (Mayburne) Dolan of Waterloo, and Mrs. John (Connie) Talbott of Waverly; a sister, Mrs. Ward (Vera) Craner of Janesville, N.Y.; a brother, Harry Norton of New Hartford; 40 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. Friends may call after 3 p.m. Saturday at the Schwartz Funeral Home in Clarksville. He was a retired farmer.

ECLIPSE, AUGUST 2, 2000

ANNA NORTON

Anna G. Norton, age 96, of Clarksville, Iowa, was born the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Bonenko on June 4, 1904, in Kief, North Dakota, where she received her education.

In 1923, Anna Bonenko was united in marriage with Earl Norton in Fargo, North Dakota. They made their home in Fargo until 1929, when they moved to Waterloo, IA. A year later, they moved near Clarksville and worked on a Dairy Farm. Anna would frequently help milk the cows which she always enjoyed doing and tending to her vegetables in the garden. Later, Earl and Anna owned and operated the Dairy Farm together.

Anna was a member of the Community United Methodist Church and the Live & Learn Women's Club in Clarksville. She enjoyed crocheting fringe on hand towels and playing bingo at the Nursing Home.

On August 6, 1999, Anna moved and became a resident at the Shell Rock Nursing Home, Shell Rock, Iowa. At 3:50 a.m. Saturday, July 29, 2000 Anna died at the Waverly Municipal Hospital, Waverly, Iowa, of natural causes. She was preceded in death by her husband Earl Norton on October 20, 1977; one son, Eugene Norton; and three brothers Gyss, Andy and John Bonenko.

Anna is survived by: three sons, LaVern Norton and his wife Mary of Waverly, Iowa, James Norton and his wife Lela of Clarksville, Iowa, and Gordon Norton of Decorah, Iowa; one daughter, Connie Anderson and her husband Jerry of Wichita, Kansas; 17 grandchildren; and 22 great grandchildren.

Schwartz Funeral Home in Clarksville was in charge of arrangements.

NORTON

LaVern Norton, 78, of 308 1st Street S.E., Waverly, Iowa, died on Monday, November 25, 2002, at his home following a lengthy illness.



LaVern was born on January 22, 1924, in Moorehead, Minnesota, the son of Earl and Ann (Bonenko) Norton. When

LaVern was 5 years old, he moved with his family to Clarksville, Iowa. He attended school in Clarksville, graduating from the Clarksville High School in 1942. On 4 June, 1942, LaVern entered the U.S. Army, where he served during WWII, and was active in the D-Day Invasion. LaVern was honorably discharge on 12 June, 1946, and returned home to Clarksville. On October 2, 1947, LaVern was united in marriage to Mary McKliget in Belmont, Iowa, and to this union Tom, Pat, Dan and Mark where born. The couple made their home in Waverly, where the couple ran the Clarksville Roller Dome from 1947 - 1955. In 1950, LaVern also went to work for the Shield-Bantam Company (now Terex) in Waverly as a truck driver. In 1965, LaVern started the Norton Box Company north of town and continued to drive for Bantam until he retired in 1986. He then continued with the Box Company until it was sold in 1989.

LaVern was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Waverly, and a member of both the American Legion Post #176 and V.F.W. Post #2208. He enjoyed to hunt, trap and fish, he collected baseball cards and beer cans, was an avid Cubs Fan, and really enjoyed his work driving for Bantam. But most of all, LaVern loved spending time with his family, and card playing with friends and family at Doc's Tap in Clarksville.

LaVern is survived by his wife, Mary of Waverly; his four sons and their wives, Tom & Diane Norton of Orlando, Florida, Pat & Diann Norton of Clarksville, Dan & Paulette Norton of Waverly, and Mark & Karen Norton of Waverly; 10 grandchildren, Ben & Chris Norton, Tony Norton, Tim Norton & his wife, Janie, Julie Hoodjer & her husband, Tom, Amie Norton, Wendy, Andrew, Matt & Mitch Norton; 2 great grandchildren, Mallory Hoodjer & Nate Norton; two brothers, Jim Norton & his wife, Leila of Clarksville, Gordon Norton of Decorah and a sister, Connie Anderson & her husband, Jerry of Wichita, Kansas. He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Eugene "Gene" Norton in 1999; three half sisters, Pat Sanford, Mayburne Rose Dolan, Marlys Norton, and a half brother, Everett Norton.

A funeral mass will be held on Wednesday, November 27, 2002, at 10:30 A.M. at St. Mary's Catholic

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Area Obituaries

MONTA RAE WEDEKING

Monta Rae Wedeking of 403 North Washington Street, Clarksville, Iowa was born the daughter of James and Melva Dahms Norton on February 5, 1954 in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. She received all her education in Clarksville and graduated from Clarksville High School in 1972.

On September 21, 1971, Monta Rae was united in marriage to Dennis Wedeking in the Community Church in Clarksville, Iowa where they are members. She was also a member of the Clarksville Fire Department Auxiliary.

Monta had been employed at the Bartels Lutheran Home in Waverly, the Community Nursing Home in Clarksville for 10 years, and the Waverly Sales Co. for many years.

Monty had a real sense of humor and liked to play pranks on her family. She had a love of teddy bears. She also enjoyed the outdoors, and outdoor sports, riding snowmobiles, motorcycles, and attending high school track and football games.

She had suffered from cancer for over 3 1/2 years, and died at 11:05 P.M. Sunday, November 17, 1991 in the Waverly Municipal Hospital in Waverly. She reached the age of 37 years, 9 months, and 12 days. She was preceded in death by her father, James Norton who died in 1955.

Monta is survived by her: husband, Dennis Wedeking and their two children, Justin and Staci Wedeking all of Clarksville; her parents, William and Melva Kadous, Clarksville; 4 sisters, Beva, Mrs. Mike Knock of Allison, Lorry, Mrs. Myron Gethemann of Ft. Collins, Colo., Jodee Kadous of Loveland, Colo., and Mardee, Mrs. John Ferris of Rota, Spain; 2 brothers, James Norton of Ossian and Robert Norton of Clarksville; and 2 step-grandmothers, Alice Dahms of Jasper, Minnesota, and Johanna Kadous of Aplington.

Funeral Services were held at 10:30 A.M. Wednesday, November 20, 1991 in the Community Church in Clarksville with Rev. Gary Garretson officiating. Mrs. Sharon Leerhoff was the organist and Mrs. Jane Thorne sang "One Day At A Time". Congregational hymns were "How Great Thou Art" and "What A Friend We Have In Jesus". Casketbearers were: Mike Knock, Myron Gethmann, James Norton, Robert Norton, Dan Schell, and Fred Baker. Interment was in Lynwood Cemetery, Clarksville, Iowa.

Schwartz Funeral Home in Clarksville, Iowa was in charge of arrangements.

BUY
NOW

In Memory Of
HARRY B. NORTON

Born
FEBRUARY 2, 1907
Butler County, Iowa

Entered Into Rest
JANUARY 11, 1978
Waterloo, Iowa

Services From
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
New Hartford, Iowa
January 14, 1978 1:30 p.m.

Clergyman Officiating
REV. MARK LIEDER

Organist: NANCY BRAVARD

Soloist: STAN THOMPSON

Ushers
MARTIN HOLM
HALL THOMPSON

Final Resting Place
OAK HILL CEMETERY
New Hartford, Iowa

Casket Bearers

Don Albert
David Albert
Marc Albert

Jay Norton
Brent Dove
Byron Dove

Darrin Albert

Harry B. Norton, 70, of rural New Hartford, passed away Wednesday evening, January 11, at Allen Memorial Hospital in Waterloo where he had been a patient for the past ten days.

Harry was born on February 2, 1907, at Norton's Corners, near Shell Rock, Iowa, the son of Byron and Eva Mae (Church) Norton. He attended school at the Norton's Corners country school and later farmed. On November 27, 1929, he was married in Waterloo to Agnes Aagard. They lived in Waterloo for a short time before moving to Norton's Corners where they farmed and Harry did some general trucking. In 1946 they moved to the New Hartford area and he began hauling cream for the New Hartford Creamery. Harry went to work for Clay Equipment in 1958 and continued hauling cream for the Creamery until about 10 years ago when the Creamery closed. In 1972 he retired from Clay Equipment. He was admitted to Sartori Hospital on October 2 last year for surgery, was a patient at the Cancer Clinic in the Madison General Hospital in Madison, Wisconsin, from November 8, until December 3 and then returned home until he entered Allen Hospital on January 2.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three sisters, two brothers, a granddaughter and two great grandchildren. Harry is survived by his wife, Agnes, two daughters, Harriet, Mrs. Donald Albert of Randalia, Iowa, and Mary Lee, Mrs. Dallas Dove of New Hartford, and by one son, James B. Norton of New Hartford. Also by one sister, Mrs. Ward (Vera) Craner of Jamesville, New York, and by twelve grandchildren.

Relatives and friends are invited to return to the church following the graveside services for fellowship with the Norton family.

In Memory Of
AGNES M. NORTON

Born
SEPTEMBER 28, 1909
Grundy County, Iowa

Entered Into Rest
MARCH 16, 1985
Cedar Falls, Iowa

Services From
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
New Hartford, Iowa
March 19 1:30 p.m.

Clergyman Officiating
REV. WILLIS E. GRANT

Organist
NANCY BRAVARD

Congregational Hymns
17 HOW GREAT THOU ART
289 ABIDE WITH ME 1st Verse
92 AMAZING GRACE

Final Resting Place
OAK HILL CEMETERY
New Hartford, Iowa

Casket Bearers
DARRIN ALBERT
DON ALBERT
BRENT D. DOVE
BYRON DOVE
FRANCIS C. SCRIBNER
KENT WALLACE

Agnes M. Norton, 75, of 421 Oneida Street in New Hartford, Iowa, died early Saturday morning, March 16, 1985, at Sartori Memorial Hospital in Cedar Falls.

Agnes M. Aagaard was born on September 28, 1909, in Grundy Co., Iowa, the daughter of Jens J. and Dorothea Sorensen Aagaard. She was baptized at the Fredsville Lutheran Church. At an early age, she moved with her parents to a farm north of New Hartford, and attended school in New Hartford. Following her schooling, Agnes continued to live near New Hartford until November 27, 1929, when she was united in marriage to Harry B. Norton in Waterloo. Following their marriage, the couple made their home in Waterloo until moving to the home farm north of New Hartford. Harry died in January of 1978, and Agnes continued to live in New Hartford, where she has since lived.

Agnes is survived by two daughters, Harriet, Mrs. Donald Albert of Randalia, Iowa and Mary Lee, Mrs. Dallas Dove of New Hartford; one son, James Byron of New Hartford; and one sister, Elizabeth Jacobsen of Dike. She is also survived by twelve grandchildren and five great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, three brothers, one grandchild and two great grandchildren.

Following the graveside service, relatives and friends are invited to return to the church for fellowship with the family.

Pony, 37, Still Going Strong



*March
1947*

Byron, 9, astride pony; father and sister, Mary Lee, 11, at right.

(The Register's Iowa News Service.)

SHELL ROCK, IA.—Still able to give the kids a thrill after all these years, "Sparkle," a 37-year-old pony, is taking things a little easier these days, particularly since she fell into a five-foot well crown last week.

Sparkle belongs to the Harry Norton family in the "Norton's Corners" area near here. The pony was given to Harry when Norton was 7 and the pony 2 years old.

Broke Pony.

Norton recalls breaking the pony himself, after she had been given to him by the Byron Norton family.

All three of the Norton chil-

haven't ridden her as much as they used to, because of her age.

"We would be about half ashamed to make her work now," they explain.

There are three Norton children, Harriett, 16, Mary Lee, 11, and Byron, 9.

Neighbors Worried.

Because the pony is considered such a pioneer around Norton's Corners, even the neighbors were greatly concerned when she broke through the boards covering the five-foot curbing at the top of the sand-point type well.

In spite of her age, she was able to scramble out over the five-foot curb, with help from Nor-

ton, of course, and trotted off to

Date Set



MISS HARRIETT NORTON

(Courier Special Service)

New Hartford — Mr. and Mrs. Harry B. Norton announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Harriett Rae, to Donald Albert, 509 West First street, Waterloo, son of Mr. and Mrs. Monte Albert of Randalia.

The wedding will occur Oct. 1 in Grace Lutheran church, Waterloo.

Miss Norton is an office employee of Rath Packing Co., Waterloo; her fiancé is employed by the same company.

RANDALIA — Donald L. Albert, 62, of rural Randalia, died Wednesday, Feb. 21, at University Hospitals, Iowa City, after a lengthy illness; survivors include his wife, Harriet; four sons, Don of Sumner, David of Oklahoma City, Marc of Marietta, Ga., and Darrin of Randalia; three daughters, Diane Staples of Stoughton, Mass., Mary Albert of Tulsa, Okla., and Lori Albert of Marietta; seven grandchildren; two brothers, John of Pharr, Texas, and Dale of Johnston; and four sisters, Wilma Jensen of Oelwein, Alberta Collins of Montclair, Calif., Dorothy Wold of Winfield, Ill., and June Zhiss of Guttenberg; he was preceded in death by his parents and two grandchildren; he served with the U.S. Navy during World War II and farmed in the Randalia area; services will be 11 a.m. Saturday at Grace Lutheran Church, Fayette; following services, the body will be cremated with private inurnment at a later date; friends may call at the Albert family home, rural Randalia, after 3 p.m. today; the casket will be closed at all times; Becker-Milnes Funeral Home, Fayette, is in charge of arrangements.

Todd A. Albert (1988-2007)

RANDALIA — Todd Anthony Albert, 19, of Randalia, died Thursday, May 24, at Mercy Hospital of Franciscan Sisters, Oelwein, of injuries sustained in a car accident.

He was born March 8, 1988, in Atlanta, son of Marc and Robin Nading Albert.

He attended grade school at Eastside Elementary in Marietta, Ga., and, after moving to Iowa in 2001, he attended West Central High School in Maynard, graduating in May 2006. After graduation, he attended Hawkeye Community College and was currently employed at Bertch Cabinet in Oelwein.

Survivors include: his parents of Randalia; his grandmothers, Jean Nading and Harriet Buddenburg, both of Fayette; and a special friend, Sydnie Amber Cavanaugh of Oelwein.

Preceded in death by: his maternal grandfather, Ron Nading; paternal grandfather, Donald Albert; and his great-grandparents, Homer and Ella Cue and Walter and Edna Nading.

Services: 2:30 p.m. Tuesday at West Central High School Gymnasium, Maynard, with private family inurnment at a later date in Grandview Cemetery, Fayette. Public visitation from 3 to 8 p.m. Monday at Becker-Milnes Funeral Home, Fayette, and before services Tuesday at the school.

FAMILY GROUP No. _____ **Husband's Full Name** *Howard E. Norton*

This Information Obtained From: _____

Husband's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Husband
Birth							
Chr'nd							
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Death							
Burial							

Places of Residence _____

Occupation _____ Church Affiliation _____ Military Rec. _____

Other wives, if any, No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.

His Father _____ Mother's Maiden Name _____

Wife's Full Maiden Name *Margaret Emily Harken*

Wife's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Wife
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Death							
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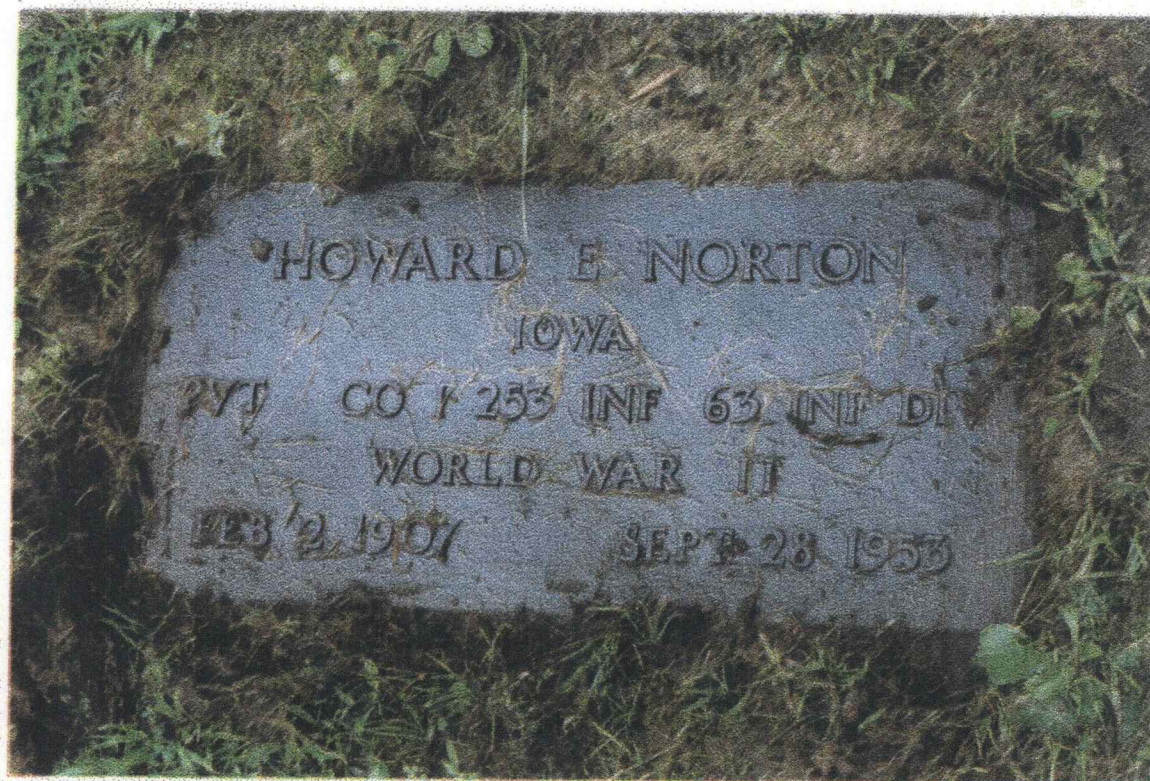
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Address _____ Occupation if other than Housewife _____ Church Affiliation _____

City, State _____ Other husbands, if any, No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.

Date _____ Her Father _____ Mother's Maiden Name _____

Sex	Children's Names in Full (Arrange in order of birth)	Children's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Children
1	<i>Howard Dale</i> Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
2	<i>Eva Kay</i> Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
3	<i>Margaret Elaine</i> Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
4	<i>Lois Maurine</i> Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
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HOWARD E. NORTON

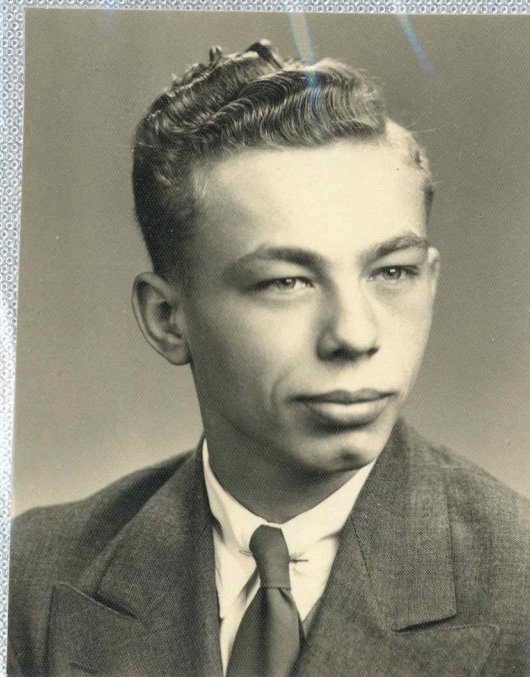
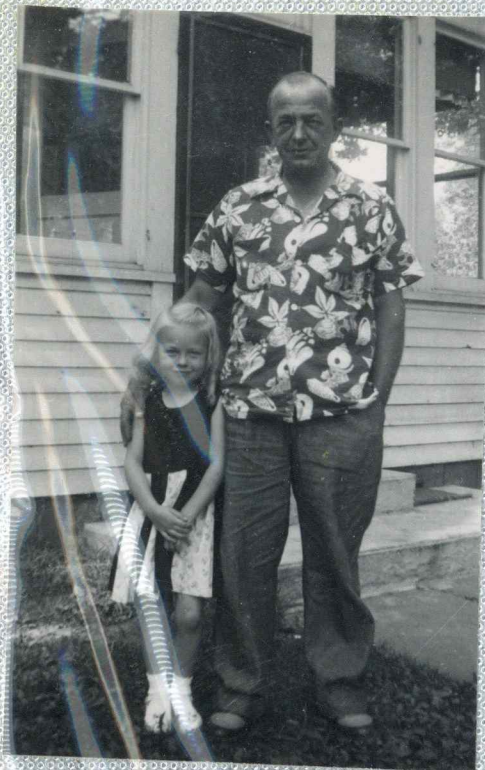
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Kay Norton and
Larry Parkin
Married Aug 19, 1955
Little Brown Church



**Miss P. A. Finch
And Pvt. H. D. Norton
Married May 26th**

NEW HARTFORD — Miss Patricia Ann Finch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Finch of New Hartford, was married Tuesday, May 26, to Pvt. Howard Dale Norton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Norton of New Hartford.

The ceremony was performed in the Methodist Church at 8 o'clock p. m. by the Rev. Clayton Becker, pastor. Miss Ruth Bergman was organist and Mrs. Hal Thompson vocalist.

In the bridal party were Miss Bonnie Finch, maid of honor and Miss Kay Norton, bridesmaid. Marlyn Bergman of Stout, served as best man and Irvin Harken of Shell Rock as groomsman. Little Maurine Norton was flower girl and Master Daniel Billings of Arlington, Virginia, was ring bearer. Misses Paulette Finch and Darlene Coates acted as candlelighters with Dick Finch and Eddie Harken as ushers. Hostesses were Mrs. Roy Youngberg, Mrs. Donald Carson and Mrs. Herman Schuck.

The bride's gown was designed with a mandarine collar, chantilly lace bodice and a floor length skirt in tiers of lace and nylon net over satin. Her sheer illusion veil was attached to a crown of lace and pearls. She carried a white bible, a gift from the grooms mother, with a white orchid. Mrs. Finch attended her daughter's wedding in a French blue silk dress, with pink accessories and wore a corsage of pink roses.

The groom's mother was present in a navy summer crepe with white accessories and wore a corsage of pink roses.

Two hundred and sixty five guests were present and were served at a reception in the church parlors. The couple left for a short trip after which the groom will report back to Camp Stoneman in California for active duty.

**Margaret Norton, 7,
Buried Last Saturday**

NEW HARTFORD—Margaret Elaine Norton, 7-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Norton, died Thursday morning at Sartori Memorial hospital in Cedar Falls of pneumonia and heart trouble. She had been in frail health for about two years.

She was born in New Hartford September 19, 1938 and attended the Methodist Sunday School here. She was of a bright, sunny nature and endeared herself to a host of friends. She leaves her parents, a brother, Dale, a sister, Eva Kay and her maternal grandparents Mr. and Mrs. I. U. Harken of Shell Rock besides many other relatives. Funeral services were held Saturday at 2:00 P. M. in the Methodist Church here. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery at Shell Rock.

New Hartford Man Killed in Scaffold Fall at Rath Plant

One man was killed and another seriously injured about 8:45 a. m. Monday when a scaffold on which they were working dropped, causing them to fall some 35 feet to the ground.

The mishap occurred at the Rath Packing Co., where the men were doing construction work on a new building for the Packing firm.

The dead man was identified as Howard Norton, 46, of New Hartford. Coroner Sidney D. Smith said Norton died almost instantly from the effects of a broken neck and shock.

Injured was Floyd Teeter, 47, of 2530 Lafayette St., who was working on the scaffold with Norton. Attendants at St. Francis hospital said Teeter's condition was fairly good.

They said he suffered fractures about both ankles and possible internal injuries.

Lee LaPole of 203 Fairfield

Ave., foreman on the job for the Wildes Construction Co., said a rope on one side of the scaffold broke, causing one end to drop down and throw the men to the ground.

The men were doing brick work on the side of the three-story building, he said.

Norton's body was taken to the Dahl Funeral Home in Cedar Falls where final arrangements are pending.

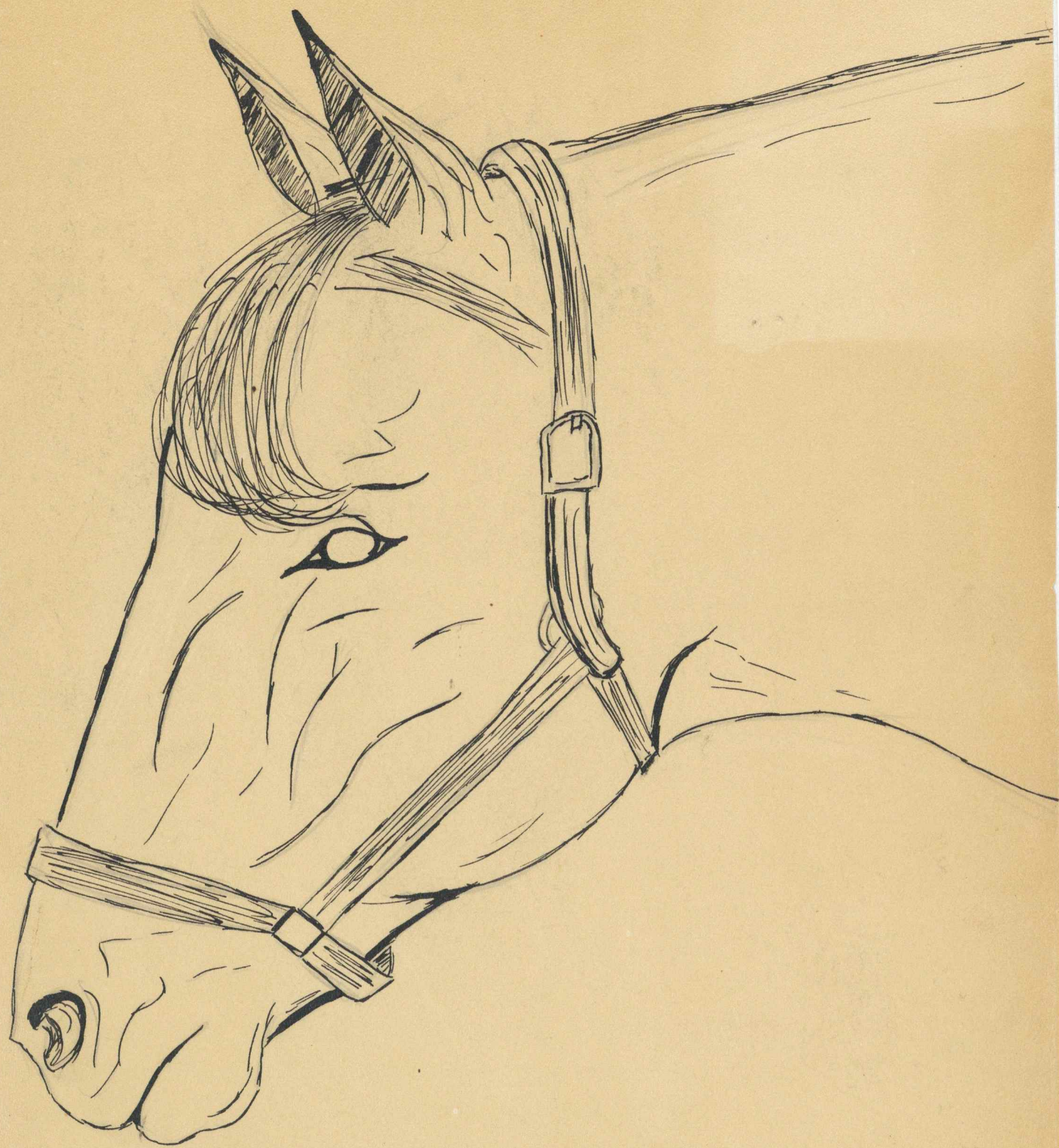
OBITUARY OF HOWARD NORTON

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Howard Edwin Norton, son of Byron S. and Eva Church Norton, was born at Norton's Corners on February 2, 1907 and spent his entire life in this community.

He was united in marriage to Margaret E. Harken on May 31, 1930 at Waverly, Iowa. Their home was blessed with four children, Dale, Kay, Elaine and Maurine. Elaine passed away at the age of eight years in 1946. Dale is a Pfc. with the armed forces in Korea, Kay a student at Baker University in Baldwin, Kansas and Maurine at home and a daughter-in-law, Patty, also resided with the family.

He was preceded by his parents two sisters, Dora and Mrs. Madge Corwin. His survivors are his wife, children, a twin brother Harry of New Hartford, another brother, Earl of Clarksville and three sisters, Mrs. Ruth Wallace of Hopkinton, Iowa; Mrs. Lois Craner of East Syracuse, New York; and Mrs. Vera Craner of Janesville, N.Y., along with many nieces and nephews as well as a host of friends.



Maurice
Noelton



3-7-91

Dear Vapel,

Since I've spent so much time lately at Helen & Lloyd's & she tells me how grateful she is, it reminded me that since I don't remember what I said at the time, I decided perhaps I should tell you how I appreciated your being such a loyal friend when I needed it. I'm always telling other people how much I appreciated what you did for me but I feel I need to tell you as well in case it was overlooked before.

At the moment Lloyd is better than he has been. Guess it's typical to have these "ups & downs".

Saw some Robins Monday, so spring must not be far away.

Sincerely,

Margaret

In Celebration of the Life of
Margaret E. Norton

Born - Feb 10, 1910
Passed Away - Feb 6, 2003



Service of Remembrance

New Hartford, IA
New Hartford Methodist
Church
Saturday, May 17, 2003
11:00 AM





In Loving Memory of
**MARGARET E.
NORTON**



BORN
February 20, 1910
Austinville, Iowa

PASSED AWAY
February 6, 2003
Baldwin City, Kansas

AGE
92 years, 11 months, 16 days
SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE
New Hartford Methodist Church
New Hartford, Iowa
Saturday, May 17, 2003, 11:00 a.m.

OFFICIATING
Rev. Robert Koepcke

VOCALIST
Matt Keller

MUSIC SELECTION
"In The Garden" by Matt Keller
"This Is My Father's World" Congregation - page 144

SPEAKERS
Dale Norton
Larry Parkin
Marilyn Araeipour
Ardis Gentry
Caroline Bettis
And Others

INURNMENT
Shellrock Cemetery
Shellrock, Iowa

In Remembrance...

Margaret E. Norton was born February 20, 1910 at Austinville, Iowa the daughter of I. U. and Henryetta (Deters) Harkin. She grew up and attended schools in the New Hartford, Iowa area graduating from New Hartford High School in 1927. She continued to reside in New Hartford until 1999, when she moved to Baldwin City, Kansas to be closer to her family.

She was employed at the New Hartford Grain Elevator for over twenty years before her retirement in 1973.

In May, 1930, she was united in marriage to Howard Norton. They shared over twenty-three years of marriage until Howard's death in 1953.

Margaret was a member of the New Hartford Methodist Church in New Hartford where she taught Sunday School Class. She was active in the Eastern Star and the New Hartford Women's Club.

Margaret was an avid sewer and quilter. She also loved to travel and had visited Europe, numerous places throughout the United States and Mexico. Her favorite spot to visit was New Zealand, which she had visited twice.

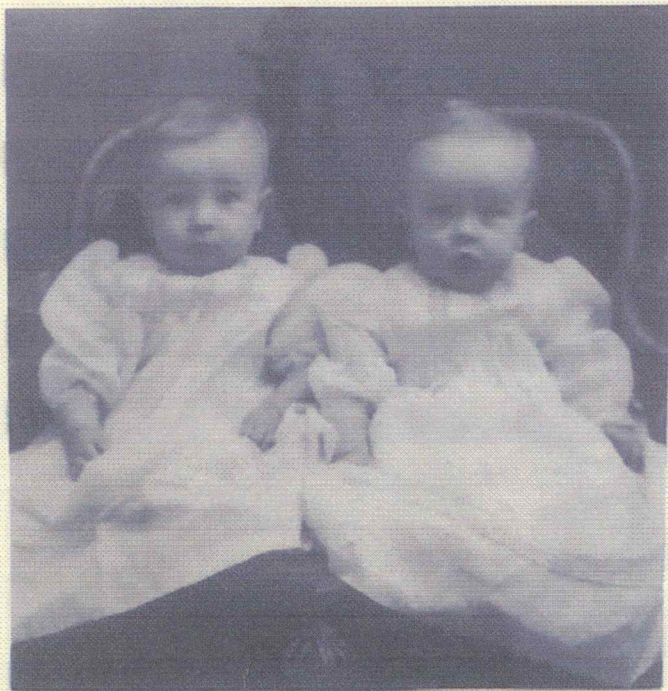
Margaret is survived by one son, Howard Dale Norton and his wife Patty of Scotts Valley, California; two daughters, Kay Parkin and her husband Larry of Baldwin City, Kansas and Maurine Crisp and her husband Jay of LaPorte, Iowa; six grandchildren, Ve Ve Norton, Scott Norton, Karin (Parkin) Bettis, Peggy (Parkin) Keller, David Crisp and Danny Crisp; six great-grandchildren, Christopher Bettis, Caroline Bettis, Tanner Norton, Miles Norton, Sienna Norton, Radie Keller; two brothers, Richard Harkin and Gerald Harkin; and three sisters, Ardis Gentry, Lois Boyd and Ruth Neiman.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Howard; her parents; one daughter, Elaine Norton; and five brothers, Henry Harkin, Elmer Harkin, Lloyd Harkin, Melvin Harkin and Irvin Harkin.

Margaret was a loving and devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister and friend. She will truly be missed and remain in the hearts and thoughts of her loving family and friends...



100th Birthday Party



1907-2007

We are celebrating a birthday that took place on Ground Hogs Day February 2, 2007. Harry and Howard Norton would be 100 Years old and the event will be held at Mary and Byron Norton's Home. Roast pork and drinks will be provided. Please bring a covered dish and your memories of Harry and Howard and the Norton Corners days to share.

When: Sat. July 21, 2007-----11:00-4:00 p.m.

Where: 28658 Tonka Place, New Hartford, Ia

*Please RSVP by July 1 at 319-983-2622 or prairien@yahoo.com
Byron Norton & Maurine Crisp*

Seeds planted for giant garden

Waterloo-Cedar Falls developers plan 75-acre display

By JACK HOVELSON

OF THE REGISTER'S WATERLOO BUREAU

Waterloo, Ia. — It may take 10 years or more, along with \$3.5 million in cash and in-kind contributions, but when it's done it should be one big garden.

A 75-acre display of plant life is what the developers of the Cedar Valley Arboretum and Botanic Gardens in Waterloo are undertaking. They envision it as a major tourist attraction for the Waterloo-Cedar Falls area.

The project has been launched by a 10-member task force of the Black Hawk County preservation organization known as Green Scene. It is in cooperation with Waterloo's Hawkeye Community College. The display will be located east of the school's campus on land it owns and will lease to the developers.

The desire for a major arboretum-botanical garden has been kicked around for about five years. One small group spent several months trying to develop an arbo-

retum while another was working on plans for a botanical garden. Their dreams began to materialize when the two united with Green Scene, which now serves as their umbrella organization.

Unveiled this fall was a general concept for the project that will incorporate features of arboretum-gardens in Dubuque and Des Moines, but with a wider range of attractions. The site will include a forest area, horticultural experimentation section, prairie, wetlands and display gardens. Its various soil types and other geological features will allow it to host practically any plant that will grow in this climate zone, the developers claim.

"It will provide a showcase of nature's beauty that will be accessible to all segments of our community. It will be a facility where people of all ages can learn about the importance of plants in our environment and the very special cultural and historic relationship between people and cultivated plants," said Charles Lott, presi-

dent of the arboretum task force.

A master plan for the project is expected to be ready by next spring. The first planting will be a "Sesquicentennial Forest" with more than 300 native trees, shrubs and plants.

"We'd like to see it fully developed in 10 years, but it will never be finished, of course, because you have to continue planting and caring for the plants and trees forever," said task force member Maurine Crisp.

The task force is augmented by another 25 to 35 people who are active in the project, she said.

Funding for the project will come through capital campaigns, grants, membership drives, fund-raising events and support from corporate sources and sponsoring organizations. The first fund-raiser is the sale in progress of \$9.95 Iowa Sesquicentennial calendars featuring 13 photographs by Cedar Falls artist Jolene Rosauer.

Proceeds from the calendar sales will help pay for the arboretum-garden master plan. People interested in purchasing the calendars

may phone (319) 266-4409 or (319) 345-2432.

In addition to the plant life, the arboretum-garden will have a conservatory and greenhouse. Potentially, say its founders, the facility will yield a variety of services, including: education classes; workshops; horticulture therapy programs for nursing homes, schools, jails, group homes, physically challenged people and others; sites for weddings, anniversaries, birthdays, graduations and other festive events; biology research sites; kitchen facilities for lunches and dinners; and flower shows and sales.

The list of features planned for the main garden is lengthy. Among them are a rose garden, native grasses, ponds, aviary, children's garden, a conservatory with exhibits that change with the seasons, herbs, a Japanese garden, vines and shrubs, hiking and bike trails, and a vegetable garden. Some of the elements will be hands-on, working areas that will yield usable products.

Students taught to find constructive

OOPS spells responsibility

By ANN HEISE KULT
Staff Writer

CEDAR FALLS—OOPS!

That's a common utterance when someone makes a mistake. Students and faculty at North Cedar School, however, take the expression a step further.

OOPS stands for Our Opportunity For Problem Solving, an alternative discipline procedure used during morning and noon recesses and lunch hour.

The program was developed by sixth-grade teacher Mary Norton, fourth-grade teacher Pat Rasmusson, first-grade teacher Evelyn Methfessel and counselor Roma Arend.

THE PROCEDURE, based on a theory by psychiatrist and author William Glasser, was first implemented in the upper elementary grades at North Cedar five years ago. It was expanded to the kindergarten through third-grade levels last year.

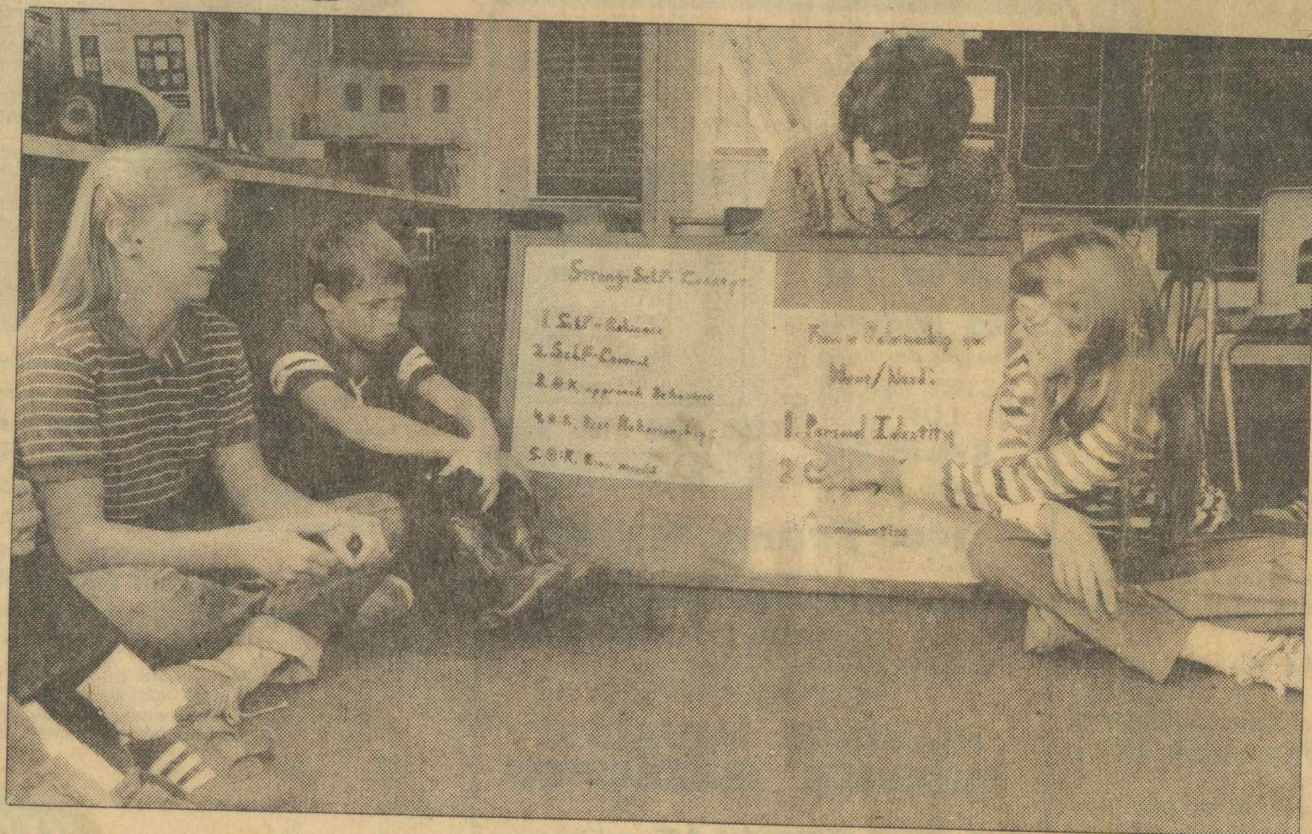
Glasser's theory is that everyone is internally motivated, and these internal forces push us to strive to be someone and enjoy life.

According to Glasser, the brain acts as the control system that deals with the real world, trying to control it so it comes as close as possible to our own world.

If there is a problem meeting needs, Glasser maintains, people will act out their frustrations.

The OOPS program, using Glasser's "reality therapy," helps children learn to get along with others, negotiate and compromise in order to get their needs met. It is a form of discipline, sans physical punishment, that teaches children to be responsible for their own actions.

SUCCESS-ORIENTED problem



Sixth-grade teacher Mary Norton discusses problem solving with her class, assisted by students, from left, Kiann Buck, Blue Boyer and Carrie Merry. As part of

the OOPS program, children learn about developing strong self-concepts and self-control.

solving also is taught daily in the classroom.

"The benefit of this program is that it's based on honesty," said Norton.

And it combines positive approach skills with communication between students, faculty, principal and parents. Positive approach skills, according to OOPS' founders, allow all discipline problems to be handled with dignity and also allows the child to react with dignity.

Only observable misconduct is considered, they noted, not actions reported by other students.

The on-duty teacher asks the mis-

behaving student to define his behavior.

THE STUDENT is asked what he was doing, not why he was doing it. "Why" is not used, according to OOPS' developers, because it puts the student on the defensive, bringing forth emotional responses and excuses.

"The answers depend on the age group," said Methfessel.

The younger students often will say they were doing nothing, and must be encouraged to think about what they were really doing, she noted.

"We don't accept excuses or blame on others," Methfessel continued.

Consequently, students learn they are responsible for their own actions.

To accept a student's excuses, Norton added, is to accept him as a failure.

After defining the problem, the student is asked to judge his behavior and evaluate it, deciding if his actions are helping or hindering the goals he wants to achieve at school.

Finally, the student is asked to devise and write a plan he can use to do better and achieve those goals. The plan must be specific and reasonable.

"THE PLAN must be the children's — something they can follow," said Rasmusson.

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And it must be a positive plan, she pointed out. Not "I won't hit anymore," but what the child will do as an alternative to hitting.

"It takes them awhile to realize the plan is serious and they must make a commitment to it," said Methfessel.

"Some of the older children don't know alternatives," added Norton. "So we suggest them."

The plan is put into effect immediately. The on-duty, OOPS and homeroom teachers, counselor and principal are aware of the student's plan, always encouraging him to stick to it.

Should the student's plan not work, the procedure is repeated and a new plan devised. Parents are contacted on the second visit to the OOPS room.

There is no punishment involved — except for the student to rethink his plan.

"But we don't interfere with natural consequences," Rasmusson emphasized. "If a child misses recess to write a plan, he misses recess."

If the problem occurs a third time,

the procedure is repeated and a parent conference is scheduled, including a visit with principal William Nettleton and counselor Arend.

A problem occurring a fourth time indicates the child needs further and more intensive individual help and counseling.

ACCORDING to Nettleton, OOPS has lessened the number of children with second and third offenses, and there have been fewer parental conferences. The students, he added, have responded favorably to the discipline program, as have their parents.

"More so than if we tied a punishment to (the program)," Nettleton said. "Many parents have expressed appreciation that teachers are interested in their kids."

"As teachers, we never give up," added Rasmusson. "We keep asking students 'What is your plan?'"

"They understand that we care for them enough that we won't let them fail," Norton said.

Graduates From Montana



Jill Norton graduated from the University of Montana, Missoula, Montana with honors. She earned a degree in Liberal Arts and Environmental Studies. Jill earned a 4.00 grade point while at the University of Montana. She is now employed by the United

States Forest Service - Powell Ranger Station, Lolo, Montana. Jill's husband, Joe Cregg, is also an employee of the U.S. Forest Service. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Byron Norton attended the graduation ceremonies in Missoula. Jill is a former resident of New Hartford.

Honored on 25th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Norton were honored several times this week for their 25th wedding anniversary, on Saturday evening their daughter Jill held a picnic supper for family and friends in their home at the Norton home here, on Monday evening several friends and families gathered at the Old Broom Factory in Cedar Falls for a dinner hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Martin Holm and on Friday evening Mrs. Norton's teacher friends held a picnic supper to honor them in the Roger and Linda Boorom home in Cedar Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Norton are the parents of Jill, who will be a Junior at the University of Montana in Missoula this fall, Jay will be a Senior at the University of Montana and has been living in Missoula, Montana for the past two years. Mr. Norton is employed at H & H Machine and Tool Co., in Cedar Falls, Mrs. Norton is a sixth grade teacher at North Cedar School in Cedar Falls.



Wedding

The family and friends of Jill Norton and Joseph Cregg gathered in a celebration of love and happiness on Saturday, September 14, 1985. The marriage of Jill and Joe took place on a hillside northeast of New Hartford at the home of Jill's parents, Mary and Byron Norton. Joe is the son of Marilyn Cregg and the late William Cregg of Missoula, Montana.

surprise for the couple from friends, three skydivers floated from the sky as the ceremony ended. Jill and Joe drifted over their guests in a hot air balloon immediately following their marriage. A buffet, jazz and blues trio and midnight bonfire were also part of the celebration.

Jill and Joe are employees of the National Forest Service and are students at the University of Montana, Missoula. They are presently making their home at the Powell Ranger Station, Lola, Montana.

Prairie and woods flowers gathered by friends and family added to the beauty of the day. As a special celebration

JOSEPH CREGG & JILL NORTON

are to be wed

September 14th, 1985

5:00^{PM}.

at her parents' home
near New Hartford, Iowa.

I Want the World in All its Beauty for You

By Jill Norton

Dear Child, I love you;
I want the world in all its beauty for you.

I want the birds to sing just for you,
while you're lying, looking at them;
your family beside you and smiling;
and your home always your safest haven.

I want the air you breathe pure and healthy,
your water crystalline clear,
the flowers around you flourishing,
and the animals wandering near.

I want you to know I believe in you,
I cherish the things that you do,
I feel what you say is important,
and if you need me I'll always help you.

I want your oceans deep swirling with creatures:
dolphins, sea lions, and whales;
and your forest trees towering supremely:
Ponderosas, tall White Pines, and firs.

I want your deserts vivaciously humming,
with Saguaros, Roadrunners, and lizards;
and your prairies endlessly blooming,
with cone flowers, tall grass, and Larkspurs.

I will work to make the world better.
I will work to keep peace on earth.
I will work to protect Mother Nature.
I will work to guard your rights of birth.

When you go on your own to find beauty,
with solid ground under your feet,
I want you to hear plainly the music
sung from the hearts of everybody you meet.

And when you gaze skyward at nighttime,
no matter when or wherever you are;
you may see in each tiny speck shining,
each glowing moon, vast planet, or star;

a likeness to each speck that's earthbound,
each being with vast hopes and dreams;
thus may the beauty surrounding embrace you,
and you go on with that force as your means.

I want you to know I believe in you,
I cherish the things that you do,
I feel what you say is important,
and if you need me I'll always help you.

Dear Child, I love you;
I want the world in all its beauty for you.
For, you make the world more beautiful;
the starlight in you shines through.

THIS IS THE LAND

I'm from Iowa. "A place to grow", they say. While I was growing up there I occasionally said this sarcastically. A great place to grow corn and beans, I thought, but not people. I was ashamed of Iowa: cornfield, cornfield, cornfield, beanfield, cornfield, borrrrrring. Then one summer I took a two-week prairie seminar taught by Daryl Smith, a professor at the University of Northern Iowa.

This paper is about Iowa's natural heritage, the prairie. Also, it's about our heritage (that's you and me and everybody else) and its importance to us.

Here's an excerpt from an early Iowan's letter to a friend back East:

"It is said that the Sioux and Fox (Mesquakie) Indians, on beholding the exceeding beauties of this reagon, held up their hands, and exclaimed in an ecstasy of delight and amazement, 'I-O-W-A' --which in the Fox language means, 'this is the land!'"

The land was prairie then. The recorded observations of the first European settlers and travelers describe it best:

Northeast Iowans are awarded degrees from UNI

CEDAR FALLS — More than 300 graduates of the University of Northern Iowa were awarded degrees at Summer Commencement Exercises July 31 at the UNI-Dome in Cedar Falls.

Area residents who received degrees include:

ALLISON: Dave Kuehl.

ARLINGTON: Kay Meisgeier.

BUCKINGHAM: Susan Mitchell.

CALMAR: DeAnn Huinker.

CEDAR FALLS: David Baumgartner, Danny Bennett, Kelly Benning, Stanley Bissinger, David Booth, Heidi Bremer, Mark Burnett, Hector Cabrera, Kara Cahill, Mary Cassidy, Roger Christensen, Kim Cross, Barry Eastman, Scott Fischels, Vernon Fish, Ronald Fitch, Paul Foy, Barbara Franzen, Gail Froyen, Pamela Funk.

Gaby Geneser, Michael Geneser, Rosanna Giordano, Teresa Goodell, Alice Hadley, Ismail Haji Adnan, Kathleen Haltmeyer, Alan Hudson, Jawad Husain, Robert Jilek, Jane Kemp-Ulfers, Diane King-Bergstrom, Carl Koch, James Kollman, Barbara Krieg, Cecil Krull Jr., George Kuhter, Jodee McInroy, Deanna Miller, Marla Miller.

Ann Morien-McMurray, Kathlyn Oakland, JoAnn O'Connor, Jacolyn Paulsen, Michael Peters, Steve Prochnow, Jan Pulkrabek, Andrea Ralston, Steven Reschly, Mary Ritgers, Donald Shaw, Elizabeth Sherlock, Renee Smith, Adrian Talbot, Leesa Talbot, Darcy Thornton, Teresa Thorson, Michael Van Oosbree, Steven Veit-Carey, Ted Whitehead, Christine Wilson, Duane Wince, Kay Wright.

Douglas Ruggs.

ELMA: Leann Schwake.

EVANSDALE: Henry Epperson.

FORT ATKINSON: Sheila Schmitt, Faye Schwamman.

FREDERIKA: David Hoffman.

GRUNDY CENTER: Paula Klosterboer.

HUDSON: Karen Carroll, Myra LaFrentz, Eldon Swanson.

INDEPENDENCE: Melody Malek, Candace Mochal, Donald Osterhaus, Linda Waters.

IONIA: Shirley McGrane.

IOWA FALLS: Melanie Kulow, R. Michael Laing, Robert Osborne, Patricia Surls.

JANESVILLE: Nancy Beenblossom, Cindy Meier.

LAPORTE CITY: Paul Dahl.

LINCOLN: Herbert Wentzien.

NASHUA: Charles Buckel.

NEW HAMPTON: Marjorie Strum.

NEW HARTFORD: Mary Norton.

OELWEIN: Yvone Gaudes.

PARKERSBURG: Lawrence Jaske, Ronn Simon.

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Mrs. Norton was selected from among a large number of nominees to receive this prestigious recognition.

She is a former Parkersburg teacher and a niece of Mrs. Sophia Thomaswick of Parkersburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Norton attended a banquet at the Regency Inn in Marshalltown Saturday evening, Oct. 14. Mrs. Norton was honored as Teacher of the Year by the Iowa Chapter of National Wildlife Federation. She was awarded a hand sculptured wildlife statuette, this award was given for her accomplishment in the field of prairie restoration and environmental education. Congratulations, Mary.

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Features

Teacher's conservation efforts blossom into award

By JACKIE YOUNG
Courier Staff Writer

CEDAR FALLS — A sixth-grade teacher at North Cedar School has been selected as the Iowa Wildlife Federation Outstanding Conservation Educator of the year.

Mary Norton, 51, who has taught for 17 years in the Cedar Falls Community Schools, received the award in part for her development of a summer school environmental studies program.

Through the summer program she calls E.A.R.T.H., 20 students studied Iowa's three native habitat: woodland, wetland and grassland.

The summer program included day trips to Cedar Hills and Clay Prairies, Iowa marshes and woodlands, and libraries, museums and preserves in Cedar Falls, Des Moines and Iowa City.

NORTON ALSO was recognized helping develop three prairie ecosystems in the 1985-86 school year. More than 24 species of prairie flowers and grasses and 400 seedling trees and shrubs were planted in the outdoor education habitat located by the playground near the school.

The outdoor habitat project, Norton said, was an example of "a lot of people working together." But not everyone in the community initially recognized the benefits of the project, she said, adding, "A lot of people thought it was a bunch of weeds for a long time."



Courier photo by DAN NIERLING

Mary Norton shows off the Iowa Wildlife Federation's Conservation Educator of the year award, which she recently won.

her unique mentor program that pairs sixth-graders up with younger students so they can teach each other about nature in the outdoor laboratory. The students help maintain the outdoor habitat.

Joe Wilkinson, the Iowa Wildlife Federation awards committee chairman, said Norton "rose head and shoulders" above the rest of the approximately dozen people who

"She had the idea, sold the idea and is working with it now," Wilkinson said in praise of Norton's effort to create the outdoor habitat.

Norton has made many contributions to conservation education through her membership in numerous conservation groups.

She is a member of the national and Iowa Wildlife Federations, the Natural Heritage Foundation, Wet-

National Geographic, Smithsonian, and Greenpeace.

Recently Norton was appointed to a REAP (Resource Enhancement and Protection) planning committee to help establish state environmental education priorities and to decide how to best use \$3.5 million for these programs.

The REAP Act, passed in the last legislative session, represents a long-term effort to wisely use and protect the state's natural resources through the acquisition and management of public lands, the upgrading of public park and preserve facilities; and environmental education, monitoring and research.

NORTON ISN'T the type to rest on her laurels.

Already she's writing a state grant proposal for what she calls the "Iowa Tall Grass Project." She hopes the project, designed to teach students in grades six through eight about different types of prairie, will be ready to begin in April.

In addition to the prairie ecosystem Norton helped develop at North Cedar, she has created a five-acre restored prairie at her home, between New Hartford and Parkersburg.

Norton found out Oct. 14 she had won the award. The next day, her students surprised her with a celebration party. "It was just the best

Area residents get Sierra Club awards

March 1990
CEDAR FALLS — The Cedar Prairie Group of Sierra Club recently hosted its annual Awards Banquet at Clabby's in Waterloo.

Several area residents were given recognition for their efforts to protect the environment and/or promote awareness of environmental concerns.

Barbara Brown was recipient of the Community Activist Award.

Environmental Educator Award winner was Mary Norton, who is an upper elementary teacher at North Cedar.

Keith Franzen, a member of the Cedar Prairie Group, was recognized as an Environmental Activist.

The program was presented by Dr. Paul Christensen, a professor of biology at Cornell College.

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Friday, April 20, 1990

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Earth Day celebration set to begin

The 1990 Earth Day celebration kicks off at noon Sunday at the United Auto Workers Local 838 Hall.

Mary L. Norton of New Hartford, a schoolteacher in Cedar Falls, will be the keynote speaker for the kickoff. She will speak on "Environmental Priorities of the '90s."



Norton

Norton has a background in elementary education, currently teaching sixth grade at North Cedar School in Cedar Falls. She has helped develop a three-acre habitat adjacent to North Cedar School.

This year, she was awarded the Iowa Wildlife Federation's outstanding conservation educator of the year award, the Environmental Educator Award by the Cedar Prairie Sierra Club, and the Outstanding Environmental Education Teacher Award by the Iowa State Board of Education.

Other events taking place at the kickoff include school contest awards, an Earth Day birthday bike ride, and a government round table on the environment.

Also on Sunday, there will be events at the Hartman Reserve in Cedar Falls from 1 to 5 p.m. Included in these will be displays of practical things to do for a positive effect on the environment.

At the University of Northern Iowa on Sunday, a guided walk through the UNI biological preserves will be from 1 to 5 p.m. Several presentations will be conducted each hour. Participants are asked to meet at the Industrial Technology Building.

YWCA will feature speech on earth stewardship

Mary L. Norton will be the speaker for the YWCA's Annual Membership meeting, to be at the YWCA at 11:30 a.m. Friday.

Norton, a teacher at North Cedar Elementary School in Waterloo, will speak on "Celebrating Women's Diversity: Our Stewardship of the Earth."

Norton is well-known for her efforts in environmental education and was recognized as the 1990 Wildlife Federation Outstanding Conservation Educator of the Year, has received the Sierra Club Outstanding Achievement in Environmental Education Award for 1990, and was also awarded the Iowa Department of Education Special Award for the promotion of Educational Excellence in Iowa — For Promotion of Environmental Education.

Norton played a leadership role in the development of a three-acre habi-



Norton

tat adjacent to North Cedar School. Three native Iowa habitats were developed by the students and staff under her leadership: grassland, wetland and woodland.

Norton also developed "Summer EARTH (Ecology and Researching the Three Habitats of Iowa)". This was a summer school program providing success-oriented experiences in research, study, travel and environmental action especially, but not only for "at risk" fifth and sixth graders.

At the meeting the results of the election of new board of directors members and new nominating com-

mittee members for the YWCA, as well as the 1990 recipient of the Jessica Hey, award will be announced.

Janine Sire, local composer and musician, will perform original compositions celebrating the environment.

The luncheon costs \$6, and reservations must be made by calling the YWCA at 234-7589. The luncheon is part of a 12-hour long conference and entertainment, "Celebrating Women's Diversity: Expanding Environmental Awareness." It features workshops on environmental topics, followed by a concert at 6:30 p.m. by Alma Iowana. Cost of the whole day is \$16; people may register for all or part of the day.

Pam Miller, president of the board of directors, will preside at the meeting. Serving begins at 11:30 a.m., with the program to start at 12:15 p.m.

Members of the annual luncheon committee were Evelyn Kober, Carolyn Stephenson, and Pam Miller.

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Jill Norton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Norton, is sponsored by the 4-H Club of which she was a member. Jill will be a senior this fall. She has participated in band, track, cheerleading, newspaper staff, student council, and National Honor Society. She is a member of Young Life and a weekly Bible Study group. This summer she is working as a waitress and enjoys hiking, dancing, all kinds of skiing, and travel.

Jill Norton Goes To Denmark

*Eclipses
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This month marks the beginning of a long-planned for dream come true of a 17-year-old New Hartford girl, Jill Norton. Jill arrived in GL Rye, Denmark on July 14 to spend a year as a Youth for Understanding exchange student.

After spending time with YFU students from Norway and the Netherlands, Jill decided she would like to spend her Senior year in Denmark. She chose this country because four of her late great-grandparents had come to Iowa from Denmark; Mr. and Mrs. Jens Agaard and Mr. and Mrs. Peter Holm.

During her Sophomore and Junior years at New Hartford High School she took all the required and college preparation courses she could so that during her Senior year in Denmark she will only need to transfer two credits of electives back to New Hartford from Rye to graduate. However, during the last week of school this year it was discovered that American Government, a state-required course had been overlooked. So during the four weeks before she departed, Jill had to complete a semester of American Government by correspondence course from Kirkwood College. She has only the final exam to take which will be monitored by a teacher in Denmark. She said she felt that although it was hard work it turned out to be a real blessing as she has a new understanding and facts about her own government fresh in her mind that she can share with people in Denmark.

Jill earned most of the expenses for her trip during her two years of planning by selling a quarter horse she had raised and helped train, contracting to detassel corn, and working at Happy Chef this past school year and this summer until a week before she left.

The week before her departure proved to be very hectic and exciting. She was working hard to complete her correspondence course and was called to detassel her contracted corn she had given up on. She decided to do it in her last three days home and was able to finish her 5 acres in the 98 degree weather except for one clean-up trip done by nine of her friends for her after she left.

Adding to the excitement of her last week were several

surprise farewell parties held for her. On July 11 a Young Life Christian potluck was held at the home of Julie Jorgensen in Dike; with about 20 Young Life friends attending.

On Monday, July 14, Kelly Masters, Jill's cousin, held a family surprise farewell party at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Holm. It was attended by 32 family members.

On Tuesday, July 15, forty-seven family friends gathered at Jill's home to surprise her with a Bon Voyage party. On Wednesday, July 16 several friends came from Iowa City and Cedar Falls that she had been on a snowski trip to Colorado with last year for a surprise goodbye.

On Thursday, July 17, her New Hartford High Class held a surprise farewell party at the Dike Pool hosted by Lisa Koop. On Friday Jill rode in New Hartford's parade representing the 4-H as their Queen candidate and enjoyed her town's Quicentennial Celebration.



JILL NORTON

On her last night home her family and close friends planned a supper together at the Brown Bottle. The Jill stayed up **all night** and packed to be ready to leave for O'Hare Airport, Chicago at 4:00 a.m. on Saturday. she left O'Hare on a plane chartered by the Ill. delegate to the Republican Convention. The delegates were being interviewed by national T.V. media as they boarded so it was an exciting departure. In the seat next to her on the plane was the Sheriff of Cook Co., Ill. who told her he hoped to be Reagan's Vice-presidential choice!

With the help of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Holm and grandmother, Mrs. Agnes Norton, Jill has the names and addresses of many relatives she plans to contact in Denmark.

Her one regret in leaving Iowa for a year, besides being away from friends and family for a year, was her love for waterskiing and snowskiing which she thought she might not get a chance to do in Denmark.

Jill called home Tuesday, July 15. She was with her new family in Denmark. She said the area of Denmark she is in is a beautiful storybook land of woods and water. She is staying in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Echberg. Her Danish mother is a teacher and her father is a designer; the same occupations as Jill's parents, Mary and Byron Norton. The father designs and constructs farmbuildings and the mother teaches math in the school Jill will attend. She has a 16 year old brother and sisters that are 12 and 9.

As good dreams go--the family has boats and often water ski. They have a home on a lake nearby and love to snowski in Austria in the winter!

Next week Jill leaves her new family for two weeks to attend a Language Camp in a different area of Denmark--luckily near Kolding and Haverstead where her relatives live. She will have a two week concentrated study of the Danish Language and Culture to be ready to start school on Aug. 11.

Since leaving Iowa, she has found out that she will not have to miss all her friends either!

The Dr. John Kaiser family plan a stop to visit her in GL. Ry as they return from a year of Medical Missionary work in Tanzania, Africa. Last July Jill helped them pack to leave Iowa. Also, Mr. Kurt Hanson, her chemistry teacher at N.H. is stopping to see her as he is on his way to Libya, Africa for two years of teaching there.

Jill's dream certainly seems worth two years of planning and working for!

Mary L. Norton, March 8, 1991

CELEBRATING WOMEN'S DIVERSITY: Our Stewardship of the Earth

Thank you YWCA Women's Stewardship of the Earth Committee; I am honored to be here today.

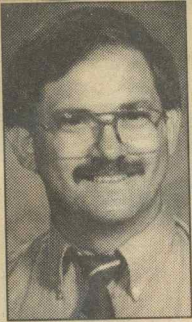
(Poem 1)

If we truly care enough for equity and quality life on Earth we will role model this love for Earth in all we do and say. Our role-modeling can manifest itself in a sustainable life style that has a basis of simplicity of first reducing, then re-using and lastly recycling all resources used in our lives.

Women remain dominate in the roles of nursery and preschool leaders, elementary educators, homemakers, single parents, Sunday school teachers, waitresses, cleaning ladies, bank tellers, check-out ladies, and secretaries; we can consider this a problem and continue to work for equity at every level, BUT let's also consider it a privilege and a challenge, an opportunity for women to role model those vital environmental equity and simplicity issues to children in their most formative years and to the public where the most direct contact is possible.

We live in the United States of America, a country that is beautiful, free, diverse and powerful; a country that has 5% of the world's population but uses 25% of the world's resources and more than 30% of the world's energy. We own 1/3 of the world's total cars (about 135 million) and emit more than 20% of the gases that contribute to global warming. We generate a greater share of the world's waste (average of 50 lbs. per person per day) and recycle less than any other industrialized country. We use an average ranging from 25 to 90 to 265 liters of water per person per day, people of Kenya use .5 to 1.5 liters per person per day. (water use directly related to how far one has to walk).

There is VIOLENCE in the inequity of the use and abuse of Earth's resources. Violence that may be less obvious but as real as the violence of war. United States of America Women have the opportunity, the responsibility to role-model stewardship of Earth. We must role-model stewardship and sustainability in our homes, our careers, our religions, our transportation, our recreation - - OUR LIVES. Education level, life expectancy, GNP per capita (\$19,780 - USA - more than Kwail by the way), health care, population statistics; all contribute to a lifestyle that can be materialistic, destructive and violent or that can be simplistic, sustainable but of quality and beauty; of new experiences,



William Close



Mary Dieter



James Gosnell



Mary Norton



Peggy Pruisner



Lynn Richardson



Barbara Sallis



Mary Schroeder

Gold Star ceremony set Thursday

The 1991 Gold Star Awards for Outstanding Teaching, co-sponsored by the R.J. McElroy Trust and KWVL Television, will be awarded to the following 10 Black Hawk County teachers:

William F. Close, Peet Junior High; Mary Beth Dieter, Cedar Heights Elementary School; James E. Gosnell, Cedar Falls High School; Mary L. Norton, North Cedar Elementary School; Peggy A.P. Pruisner, Holmes Junior High School; Serlinder "Lynn" Richardson, McKinstry Elementary School; Barbara A. Sallis, Logan Intermediate School; Mary Ann Schroeder, Longfellow Elementary School; Elizabeth A. Strempeke, Hudson Elementary School; and Opal M. Walther, River Hills School.



Elizabeth
Strempeke



Opal Walther

The winners were selected from 440 teachers nominated by students, parents and colleagues.

They will be honored Thursday at 7 p.m. at Hope Martin Theatre in the Waterloo Recreation and Arts Center.

Walter L. Cunningham, special assistant to the Waterloo superintendent of schools, will be speaker. His topic will be "People Who Make a Difference."

The public may attend. Tickets, which are free, are necessary for admission and are available by calling 291-1299.



Wal-Mart of Cedar Falls recently renewed its commitment to the environment by presenting \$750 to three area schools active in environmental education. Checks were presented to North Cedar School in Cedar Falls, Dike Community Schools and Hudson Community Schools. Shown here looking over one of the environmental projects Wal-Mart is involved in are from the left, Mary Norton of North Cedar School, Dirk Halupnik of Dike and Debbie Gordon of Hudson.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Ericka Buchholz, Naturalist Intern

As I drove up to Mary Norton's farm, I could see native prairie grass on each side of the gravel road. Further on were trees, acres of them, and as I pulled up to the house, a horse was in the front "mowing the grass." The farm used to be her father's; now Mary owns it. She is not farming it commercially, but is letting it go back to woodland and prairie. The Nortons have planted 5,000 trees and are thinning the pine forest. For the past eight years, they have been restoring their prairie by planting five native grasses and by burning it. When it comes to environmental awareness, Mary does not stop with only conservation practices. She is one person who has made a difference in the community.

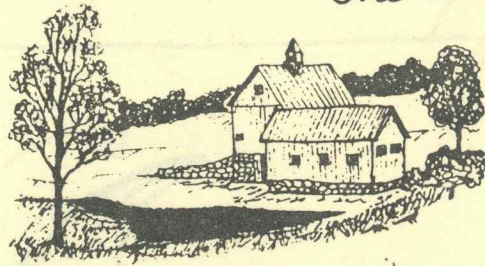
Mary has developed an Outdoor Environmental Education Curriculum specifically for North Cedar School where she teaches. The curriculum has complete lesson plans based on critical thinking for each grade, from kindergarten to jr. high. When the students reach 5th and 6th grade, they then become mentors for the younger grades.

"The decisions are about a habitat, and to get them involved we give them issues like, 'Do you know we burn our prairies? Do you know why?' She added, "Some of the kids come in to class knowing almost nothing about Environmental Education. But, by the end of the year, they pass their knowledge on to their family."

Mary had one first grade girl bring in an old root she wanted to grow instead of throwing away, and another brought in a spider. The children are also introducing recycling to their parents. The exciting part for Mary is seeing how she can make a difference in the community.

Mary is developing a video, "Life-Style Land Stewardship of Iowa", to try to teach more people about Environmental Education. The video is being made with help from a REAP grant. It will be used as background for the curriculum and will be viewed by schools state-wide.

Through her community projects, Mary has seen a change in the last five years. "It's thrilling watching the children



grow. They've become very open about our environment. They have a lot of hope, are more caring and knowledgeable. And when I share myself with the children, I see how I have also grown," she said.

A part her of growing process includes admiration for her role models. Her role models are her father, who practiced conservation farming, and two UNI professors in the Environmental Education dept. She loved the enthusiasm her role models had. They opened up a new world to her. She hopes she is that role model for her students.

She added, "I want them to see how one person, me, made a difference. Then, hopefully, they will see that they can also make a difference."

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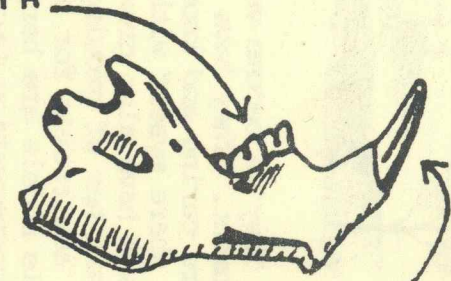
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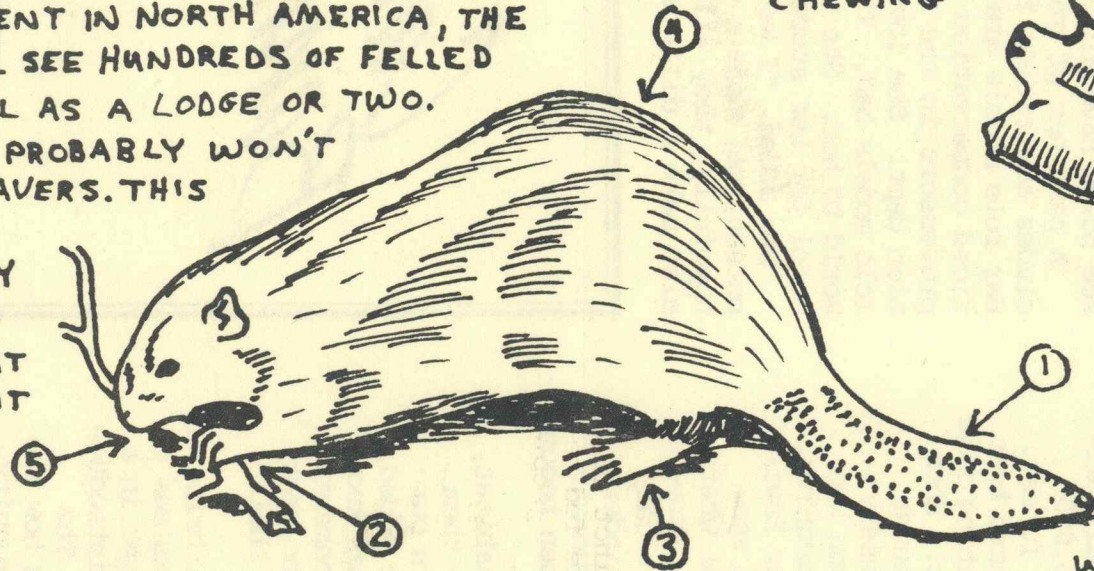
BUSY AS A BEAVER

IF SOMEDAY, YOU FIND YOURSELF EXPLORING THE LOWLANDS OF HARTMAN RESERVE, YOU ARE LIKELY TO SEE EVIDENCE OF THE LARGEST RODENT IN NORTH AMERICA, THE BEAVER. YOU'LL SEE HUNDREDS OF FELLED TREES AS WELL AS A LODGE OR TWO. HOWEVER, YOU PROBABLY WON'T SEE ANY BEAVERS. THIS IS BECAUSE THEY USUALLY COME OUT TO WORK ONLY AT NIGHT WHEN IT IS SAFE.

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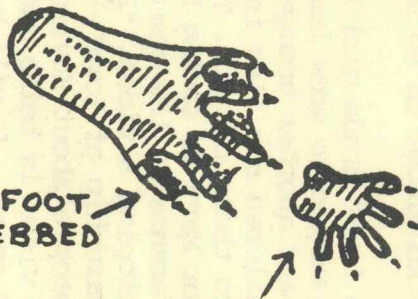
INCISORS ARE FOR CUTTING



THE NUMBERED CIRCLES POINT TO VARIOUS ADAPTATIONS WHICH HELP THE

BEAVER TO SURVIVE. SEE IF YOU CAN MATCH THE ADAPTATIONS WITH THEIR USES BELOW. SOME CAN BE USED TWICE.

REAR FOOT IS WEBBED



FRONT FOOT DESIGNED FOR GRIPPING



- SMACKS WATER TO WARN OF DANGER.
- KEEPS BODY WARM AND DRY.
- USED FOR CARRYING MUD FOR DAMS.
- HELPS BEAVER TO SWIM FAST.
- USED FOR CUTTING DOWN TREES.
- USED AS A PROP WHEN CUTTING TREES.

ANSWERS: 1, 4, 2, 3, 5, 1

The World's a Classroom for Mary Norton

ARTICLE AND PHOTOS BY BILL WITT

The rolls of the Cedar Falls school system note simply that Mary Norton teaches sixth grade at the North Cedar Elementary School, Room 19. What they don't—can't—record is that Mary Norton's classroom regularly takes up the entire school building and acres of earth and sky beyond its walls.

That phenomenon is better reflected in the ever-cheerful, soft-spoken Norton's résumé. There, a long list of publications, awards, and national and international presentations (33 in 1993 alone) reveals her as the creator of Project LS (Land Stewardship and Lifestyle Decisions), a whole-school approach to active environmental stewardship. The original working model of this program is beginning its second decade at North Cedar Elementary under Norton's guidance.

The clearest evidence of the program's success lies just beyond the split-rail fence that marks North Cedar Elementary's playground boundary. South and east of the campus is a broad, sloping arc of prairie, woodland, and wetland all planned, restored, and managed by the students themselves. Each year, the school faculty and some 350 students from kindergarten through sixth grade explore principles of ecology, preservation and commercial management techniques, and public policy-making under a hands-on, students-mentoring-students approach. Norton began developing this teaching technique a quarter-century ago in a riot-wasted, burned out neighborhood in Milwaukee's inner city.

"The school where I taught received an abandoned, ash-covered lot," Norton recalls. "Its looks mirrored the students' general feelings: depressed—powerless—grim."

But then into the emptiness came an idea: "Let's put some life into the gray

ground." Norton acquired seeds, tree seedlings, and a few tools, and she and her students began transforming the space. The result was not only a green, blooming spot set against ash and rubble, but also a recovery of purpose against hopelessness and anger.

"Creating and caring for something beautiful and fragile restored part of the students' pride and sense of control over their lives," says Norton. "Doing that helped them heal and grow."

Norton and her family returned to northeast Iowa in 1973, settling on her ancestral ridgetop farm a few miles west of Cedar Falls. She and her husband James and their children shared a deepening commitment to environmental preservation and restoration, and they practiced it on their 65 acres of old woods, streams and wetlands, and restored and recovering prairie.

As the farm's natural diversity and beauty advanced, Norton shared it with her fellow North Cedar faculty members. Before long the "Prairie Hilltop Farm Spring Wildflower Walk and Coffee" had become an annual event—and an opportunity to seed new awareness.



Mary Norton explains some silviculture basics to eager students.

"I had my eye on four acres of open ground next to the school," she says. "A check of the budget showed that, other than spending about \$1,200 a year to pick up trash and keep it mowed, the school system had no plans for it."

That changed in 1983. Norton went to the school board to present her case for restoring and managing the four acres. She was backed "unanimously and enthusiastically" by her fellow teachers. She came away with the board's approval, plus permission to use the maintenance saved over two years to buy seeds and tools and to install the split-rail boundary fence.

A select crew performed the exacting task of seeding the lower slope to prairie, but when the time came to establish the woodland, each of the school's 350 students received a tree seedling to plant. For most of them, it was the first brush with Project LS's guiding principle, that "empowerment through responsible ownership is the source of good stewardship."

Does this philosophy work with 8-year-olds? "In ten years, working with more than a thousand students, we've had only one incident of vandalism," Norton says proudly. That single case involved a younger child who had been absent on the special arbor day. "Giving him a seedling of his own to plant fixed the problem," she explains. "Since then, every new student coming to North Cedar School gets to plant a personal tree."

After that introduction, each student will have hundreds of natural-world

experiences over the course of seven elementary school years. Many, especially at first, are brief, but Norton explains, "We try to make sure that they're meaningful and responsible and centered on learning."

The sixth graders are the nucleus of the program. Working daily with Norton, they each produce first a "master reference" booklet summarizing their knowledge of ecology and stewardship principles. From this and from regular observation in the woodland and prairie, they then de-

velop lesson plans for mentoring younger students. The teachers of the younger students in turn review the plans and discuss them individually with the sixth-graders before each takes his or her "special friend" for a one-on-one learning session in the field.



Larissa Stark and Emmy Mickelson compare notes on their lesson plans.

Sixth-graders mentor first-graders on a weekly

basis; they work with their middle-grade schoolmates less regularly, often when a major "teachable moment" unfolds amid the trees or tall grasses. Most of these discoveries involve small events, "one little strand in the web," as Norton calls them. But they occasionally can be sizable, as when the drought years of 1987 and 1988 abetted bumper yields of spiders on the prairie. Norton describes how the grasses "shone with thousands of webs, and everyone got involved. We produced a couple of spectacular videos."

Mary Norton smiles at any suggestion that the approach may be too structured for grade-school students. "Most of the students relish the experience, and many would willingly take on more responsibility," she explains. "In a world where so many of the messages are about things getting out of control, about people becoming increasingly powerless, these young people have a chance to develop real understanding and apply it usefully and meaningfully."

This past year, the students demonstrated their potential convincingly. Major highway construction in the North Cedar area opened up several opportunities to apply the wetlands restoration and mitigation provisions of federal law. The students, aware that an old Cedar River oxbow lay in a tract of land just beyond the school boundary, developed a plan for adding it to their prairie-wetland complex. They drew the landowner, city and county officials, the Iowa DOT, and the Army Corps of Engineers into negotiations and, assisted by favorable media coverage, achieved their goal.

Norton can give example after example of her pupils' ability to incorporate larger issues into their learning and decision-making. The opportunities, she notes, "are often spontaneous. . . . And we don't always come up with the right answers."

"But the basic principles work" she continues. "When we learn to do something carefully and caringly, and take the responsibility to teach someone new to know and care and act as we do, then we experience real growth and real joy. And we know we can leave our part of the world better than we found it." ♦

The Iowan
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National teacher standards ahead

Three Iowa educators are among the first in the United States to pass the rigorous process.

By MARK SIEBERT
REGISTER STAFF WRITER

Cedar Falls, Ia. — It is one small step for three Iowa teachers and, possibly, one giant step for the teaching profession.

The three, all from the Cedar Falls area, are among the first 81 teachers in the United States to earn national certification.

Educators hope this new certification process improves teaching, bolsters teacher salaries and enhances how the public views a profession whose members often feel unappreciated.

"I think it's tantamount to the first step on the moon for teachers," said Lyn Le Countryman, a seventh-grade science teacher from Cedar Falls who was one of the three Iowans. "We're journeying into the realm of professionalism."

Met the Standards

Like doctors, lawyers and accountants, teachers can now earn a piece of paper that verifies they met rigorous standards for their profession.

There are doubts. For this effort at voluntary certification to succeed, teachers say, states or indi-



Lyn Le Countryman
UNI professor



Pamela Schmidt
Dunkerton educator



Mary Norton
Cedar Falls teacher

vidual school districts will have to offer rewards that are more than just intrinsic.

Iowa and three others states will waive state licensing requirements for nationally certified teachers. But few have taken steps such as the one by the state of North Carolina, which reimburses the \$975 exam fee and promises a 4 percent raise for teachers who earn national certification.

Some of these problems were expected when the effort to reform the profession began seven years ago.

In 1987, the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards was created as a nongovernmental agency. It is based in Detroit and

run by a 63-member board of directors, most of whom are classroom teachers.

The agency's intent was to establish nationwide standards for what experienced teachers should know and be able to do.

In 1993-94, a series of field tests was set up to test whether teachers met the board's standards in two content areas, general education for early adolescence and language arts education for early adolescence. One test site was at the University of Northern Iowa.

Of the 289 teachers involved in the early adolescence/generalist testing, 81 passed — a success rate of just 28 percent. Scores from the other category will be finished this

summer.

The names of those who passed were revealed Jan. 5 at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C.

The Three Listed

The three Iowans on the list were Countryman, a teacher at UNI's Price Laboratory School and an assistant professor in UNI's Department of Teaching; Mary Norton, a sixth-grade science and environment teacher at a Cedar Falls elementary school; and Pamela Schmidt, a business teacher in Dunkerton, a small district northeast of Cedar Falls.

All three are experienced

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3 Iowans meet national standards

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teachers. Countryman has taught for 10 years, Schmidt for 24 and Norton for 30.

They also share another characteristic: a desire to take on a challenge.

But it wasn't easy. All three agreed that the assessment was grueling. And all had doubts whether they would be successful.

The teachers spent several months compiling portfolios of their work. They included lesson plans, samples of student work, hours of videotape of their classroom performance and extensive analysis of exactly what they were trying to accomplish with each activity or exercise.

Then the teachers met at the assessment center for two days of exams and more analysis of their work. The generalist test measured the knowledge of English, social

studies and history, health, mathematics, science and the arts.

More Than Just Knowledge

While some states already have tests to measure minimum teacher competency, Schmidt was pleased to see that national certification involved more than just her knowledge of a subject.

"It doesn't just measure content," Schmidt said last week. "It measures how you teach, because in teaching it's not just whether the person knows the content, it's whether you can get it across to students."

Just how many of Iowa's 32,500 public-school teachers will follow these pioneers and pursue national certification remains unclear.

The three teachers back the effort to set high standards and expect it will be looked back on as a milestone. They said simply going through the process made them better teachers.

But they have their doubts about whether many Iowa teachers will

see it as worthy of the immense effort and cost. (Teachers in the field test had the \$975 exam fee waived.)

"We are in teaching because we like kids," Countryman said. "But it's always nice for someone — for society as a whole — to say what you do is important."

More Money, Responsibility

For teachers with national certification, that could eventually mean extra money, greater responsibilities or helping other teachers with professional development.

In the Jericho, N.Y., school district, for example, the district will reimburse the application fee, pay a \$2,000 stipend to teachers who complete the process but do not become certified; and pay a \$4,000 stipend to teachers who earn their certification.

So far, Iowa has not established a reward system, said Bob Gilchrist, president of the Iowa State Education Association, the state teachers'

union. The only way additional money could be awarded is if it were included in a district's collective-bargaining agreement, he said.

"Hopefully, as Iowa teachers get involved in this and the word gets out, local school districts and the state will say, 'We should be proud of that, we should recognize that, and we should reward that,'" Gilchrist said.

The association has not proposed any statewide rewards, Gilchrist said, but it is exploring whether some burdens of recertification might be lifted.

As those are being explored, the national board is starting field tests in four more content areas. The goal is to have national standards in all subjects by the year 2000.

To apply for certification, teachers must have a bachelor's degree, three years of teaching experience and either a state license or a job in a state-accredited school.

Happy Retirement!

Mary Norton

Mary Leta Norton of New Hartford, Iowa, recently retired, culminating a 45-year career in education which began in Parkersburg, Iowa, in 1959. She attended Iowa State Teachers College, Cedar Falls, and then taught sixth grade there for two years before moving to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, completing her education degree at the University of Wisconsin, and teaching sixth grade at a multi-cultural center for transitioning new immigrant children into the school system of Allen Field Elementary School, Milwaukee Public Schools. Values instilled by her upbringing in a second-generation immigrant farm family colored Mary's career — principles of human equality, respect for land, and a strong work ethic underlie her accomplishments. She is the daughter of the late Martin Peter Holm and the late Hazel Leta Luck/Garner Holm.

In Milwaukee, she planned and planted a school courtyard garden together with her teacher colleagues. In 1973, Mary, her husband James Norton, and their two children returned to Iowa to live in the country and be nearer to relatives, and she began work for North Cedar Elementary School teaching sixth grade. For ten years she enjoyed working there with the hard-working, committed and supportive staff and caring parents involved with the school. Mary and others implemented a school-wide behavior management system based on the "Reality Therapy" principles of Dr. William Glasser. She received her Masters' in Curriculum Development with a science emphasis at the University of Northern Iowa, developed a school-grounds prairie restoration project, and became a consultant for similar projects across the Midwest. Mary taught Gender and Ethnicity Equality and Student Achievement program courses for teachers' professional development. She was invited to participate in projects for

teachers assisting with curriculum development for the Chicago Arts Institute, Chicago, Ill., and the National Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C., and consistently integrated art into her classes and teacher workshops. Mary also taught environmental education courses for the master's program at Viterbo College of La Crosse, Wisconsin, through AEA 7.

During Mary's years at North Cedar Elementary she was awarded the Iowa Wildlife Federation Environmental Educator of the Year Award, the Environmental Protection Agency Teacher of the Year Award, the State of Iowa Teacher of the Year, Sierra Club Educator Award, and Gold Star teacher award. She was one of the first 62 teachers in the nation to receive National Board Certification and was invited to Washington, D.C., for a ceremony and seminars at the White House. In 2003 she and her husband received recognition through awards from the National Wildlife Federation and Trees Forever Buffer Initiative Program for work done on their land at Prairie Hills Farm.

In 1995, Mary began work as an adjunct for the University of Northern Iowa Department of Education teaching night classes in Science Education Methods while she taught at North Cedar Elementary during the day. In 1996, she began teaching Classroom Management Methods courses at UNI full time, which gave her an opportunity to share her classroom and professional development experiences. During this time she also developed an environmental after-school program, Kid Connections, for elementary and middle school children of the Cedar Valley to assist them in planting Iowa natural habitat areas in their schoolyards. This program was provided at no cost to parents and reached more than a thousand children. It was funded for seven years by the McElroy Trust Foundation.

Mary's husband, James Byron, is



Mary Norton

a retired industrial engineer who has supported her in every endeavor of her life. Mary has two children and two grandsons: her son, Dr. Jay Norton, University of California, Davis and his wife, Dr. Ursula Chomonanska-Norton, University of Wyoming, and their three-year-old son, Cazimir James, and her daughter, Jill Leta Norton, resides and is an educator in Los Angeles and her twelve-year-old son, Joshua. Jill holds a Masters' Degree in Education, and Joshua was recently selected through evaluations administered by Cambridge University to honor students in the Los Angeles Schools to attend Stanford University in a program for talented and gifted middle school students. Mary has always been very supportive of and shows deep love and respect for her family.

It's hard to accompany Mary to Cedar Falls or Waterloo without encountering a former student or parent who smiles at the sight of her and wants to make sure that she and

I, her daughter, know what a blessing she was as a teacher in their lives. Being a teacher myself, I recognize that as the profound compliment that it is. Her nurturing and respect have benefited generations of children and taught love for our environment.

In retirement, Mary plans to spend more time with her children and grandsons and enjoy life with her husband continuing restoration of prairies, wetlands and woodlands at Prairie Hills Farm, their farm near New Hartford, IA. They also plan to continue mastering their sailing skills on the sailboat, "Dream Catcher," and continue work on their art and writing projects, make more good wine and jam from the wild fruits of the farm, read more good books, travel more with their little camper and most of all be more involved in human rights, environmental and political issues. Relax, Mom. Your family is already very proud of you, Mary Norton.

Jill Norton

March 2004

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Thank you, Vopal
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Teacher certification gaining momentum

By LARRY BALLARD
Courier Staff Writer

CEDAR FALLS — Three Black Hawk County teachers are among the first to complete a yearlong program aimed at identifying the nation's best classroom instructors.

"I think it's tantamount to the first step on the moon for teachers," said Lyn Countryman, a science instructor at Malcolm Price Laboratory School.

Countryman is one of 289 teachers nationwide who volunteered to have their teaching skills put under the microscope by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

Only 81 passed muster.

Like Countryman, Pamela Schmidt of Dunkerton and Mary Norton of Cedar Falls also spent several months videotaping themselves in action, compiling detailed portfolios of their daily lesson plans, and submitting samples of students' work.

They, too, were successful.

"It took a lot of work, most of it between 2 and 3 a.m.," said Countryman. "It was my Christmas break."

The NBPTS thinks requiring certification tests — teachers pay \$975 to take the exam — will "strengthen the teaching profession and improve student learning," according to its chairman, North Carolina Gov. James Hunt.

Eventually, this "badge of merit" will serve to identify those who have mastered the craft, according to NBPTS literature.

"It doesn't just measure content," said Schmidt. "It measures how you teach, because in teaching it's not just whether the person knows the content, it's whether you can get it across to students."

Roger White says the impact of a national certification program would reach beyond the classroom walls.

White heads Hawkeye UniServ, a local umbrella group for teachers' unions. He said many area



Lyn Countryman

educators "are not yet convinced about the return" of certification.

"The real push seems to be at the national level," he said.

To apply, teachers must have a bachelor's degree, three years of experience and either a state license or a job in a state-accredited school.

Teachers must be licensed in Iowa, regardless of their standing with the NBPTS. But Countryman hopes national certification will make state-by-state requirements more uniform, as well as produce "some sort of monetary reward" for those willing to complete it.

That's where White comes in. If the program gains national recognition, it will add a new dimension to how school districts hire and evaluate teachers.

"It would give education the same thing medicine, engineering and other professions have," he said. "Other than the time and money involved, I don't see a downside to it."

Advocates hope states will give economic incentives for teachers to win certification. Iowa will waive licensing requirements, but some states go farther. North Carolina, for example, offers a 4 percent pay raise for teachers who pass, plus reimbursement of the exam fee.

Eight area teachers earn national certification

By DESIREE J. HANFORD
Courier/Medill News Service

WASHINGTON

One Waterloo-area teacher compared it to man landing on the moon. Another teacher had a kiss blown at her by one of her young students because of it. A third teacher, convinced the news was bad, couldn't focus on the letter that congratulated her for accomplishing it.

"It" is meeting the rigorous requirements of the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, thereby earning a certificate in one of two areas: either middle school/upper school general subjects or middle school/upper school English.

Eight of the 176 educators nationwide who were certified were from the Waterloo area. All did their work in the 1993-94 school year.

Six of the eight teachers were able to be in Washington this week to be honored for their achievements during a two-day conference entitled "Teachers Leading the Way." The conference, which concludes today, included a trip to the White House to meet President Clinton and members of the Department of Education.

The teachers who were awarded the national certification are Dr. Lyn Countryman, University of Northern Iowa and Malcolm Price Laboratory School, Cedar Falls; Susan Gnagy, Central Community School, Elkader; Doris Mauer, Southdale Elementary School, Cedar Falls; Mary Norton, North Cedar Elementary School, Cedar Falls; Sue Lynn Pettit, Central Intermediate School, Waterloo; Pamela Schmidt, Dunkerton Community School, Dunkerton; Margaret-Mary Sulentic, Roosevelt Elementary School, Waterloo; and John York, Cedar Falls Community Schools, Cedar Falls.

The National Board for Professional Teaching Standards was created in 1987 after a Carnegie Forum on Education and the Economy's task force called for establishing teaching standards and for certification for those who met those standards.

York, a language arts consultant who is not in the classroom full time, said he felt an obligation to be certified so he could tell other educators about it.

"I went back into the classroom because it was important for me to go through the process and then encourage others to do so," he said.

Mauer, who retired in 1994, said she wanted to be certified for the same reason, despite the fact that she is no longer teaching.

"It seemed that if I was going to be encouraging others to do it, I should do it myself," she said. "It was really challenging and we all need a challenge no matter what we do."

All the teachers agreed that the certification work made them better educators by forcing them to evaluate their classroom activities.

"It is a wonderful experience of self-evaluation because it forces you to look at what you're doing in the classroom and with individuals," Mauer said. "It was really an in-depth look at how you handle classroom activities."

Gnagy said teachers have little time to reflect on what they're doing in the classroom and why they're doing it. The certification process offered them such an opportunity.

"The nature of teaching is that you are with kids all day and there's no time to reflect," she said. "... Self-analysis is something every teacher should do."

Countryman said the students also benefit from that self-analysis.

"It increases your reflection as a teacher and that increased reflection improves your teaching," she said.

Although all of the teachers believe their classroom techniques and activities already were in their students' best interests, being certified reinforced those ideas.

"It really made me appreciate myself and my abilities," Pettit said. "It's nice to know that others were thinking the same thing."

Norton agreed.

"It gave me the confidence to be a leader in what I believe in," she said. "Now I have the self-esteem to go back and teach these students."

IOWA DEATHS

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NASHUA — **Clyde J. Bovele, 76**, of Nashua, died Monday, Jan. 16, at Floyd County Memorial Hospital, Charles City, of natural causes. Survivors include his wife, Muriel, a son, Gary of Waverly, two stepsons, Paul Pollard of Carroll and Dennis Pollard of Gary, Ind.; two daughters, Marie Chalmers of Clarksville and Pamela Ad of Iowa City; 11 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Wayne of Hillsboro, Texas, and Clark of Little Rock, Ark.; and two sisters, Marjorie Tomschik of Waverly and Verley Bovele of Little Rock. He was preceded in death by a sister, Lois Pollard; two brothers, Edson and Francis; and three aunts, Cynthia Smith, Ardel Noway and Paul Bovele. Services will be 2 p.m. Thursday at United Methodist Church, Nashua, with burial in Harding Cemetery, Waverly. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Chenoweth & Son Funeral Home, Nashua, where there will be a 7 p.m. Masonic service; memorials may be directed to the family, but Bovele was a self-employed contractor.

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I'm a junior high student, and I was disappointed that all the April 13 page was about was prom.

You'll understand someday.

West High is a good school, and I'd like to see an article from an African-American standpoint about how good it is.

One thing the Chameleon staff lacks is enough African-American writers. If there are African-American kids from West or any

other school who would like to write, please call Lisa Cosmillo at 291-1451.

I just wanted to say I really liked the article about the Peet play. Thanks.

I think John Kohagen is way hot; is he single?

With John, nothing is certain.

Mrs. Norton is the coolest teacher at North Cedar School.

Wanna talk to BackTALK?
Call us at 235-7000, category 2111.

I think it's kind of stupid that we don't have the monthly Chameleon because we always really looked forward to it.

I think the Chameleon is pretty cool; how come you don't do articles on intermediate schools?

Actually, we have published writers from and

articles about numerous intermediate schools.

Why don't you do any reports about music or anything? You should have what's hot/what's not articles.

I think your articles are getting very boring; no one cares what you write about.

Ouch. Okay.

BACKTALK

ALL REMAINING
PRICE

Grant will send man to New Mexico to study corn

By **CARI NOGA**

Courier Staff Writer

NEW HARTFORD

To Jay Norton, corn is corn.

So he doesn't expect three years working with Native American farmers in New Mexico to be all that different from what his grandfather did for decades on the family farm between Parkersburg and New Hartford.

"It's corn, and they're farmers," Norton said of the three-year sustainable agriculture project he and a research team will begin next month at the Zuni reservation in west-central New Mexico. They will be armed with a \$450,000 grant from the National Science Foundation.

It's difficult to find an agreed-upon definition of sustainable agriculture, but the simplest one is farming that can continue forever. While Iowa and Zuni farmers share that goal, they use vastly different methods to achieve it. Norton and his team will study the method the Zuni chose thousands of years ago.

"Last fall, when I was down there, I was wishing so much he could've been there," Norton, 34, said of his grandfather. "I think a lot of farmers

would be interested in how they grow corn and beans with 12 inches of rain a year and no fertilizer."

Just how the Zuni do that — and the implications their methods could have for other developing semi-arid regions — was recently threatened. When the United States formed a reservation for the Zuni in 1946, it brought in modern farming technology, such as irrigation and dams. In the zeal to modernize, the Zuni's "indigenous knowledge" — the expertise that comes from generations of trial and error — was ignored.

"People there are starting to take a second look at it," said Norton, a 1979 graduate of New Hartford High School, who has spent the last three summers at Zuni, in west-central New Mexico. "This is actually bringing some legitimacy to this system."

"The work that these researchers will be doing, I believe validates the ingenuity of our people to live sustainably within the same place for thousands of years," agreed Jim Enote, leader of the Zuni Conservation Project.

The system Zuni farmers developed relies on the natural phenomena of the area instead of irrigation and chemical inputs.

Instead of regimented rows, Zuni



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One of Jay Norton's last local projects while working for Rust Environmental was helping to make sure this wetland area remained viable after dredging the area that is now West Lake on Big Woods Road in north Cedar Falls.

plant their corn in clumps, irregularly spaced along the edges of the valleys below the towering mesas in their 400,000-acre reservation. When the annual rains come at the end of summer, water rushes down the mesas and spills into the valleys, soaking the corn.

"They get a third of the rain we get here, but they don't irrigate. They just plant it in a situation where it gets the runoff," Norton said.

That runoff contains as substance known to the Zuni as *tanaya sowe*, or tree sand. It consists of silts, soil particles, and organic matter from the mesa forests. It clogged up the government dams, but uninhibited by the Zuni, it serves as their fertilizer.

"None of the people that farm use any fertilizer or chemicals," Norton said.

Enote believes the researchers can demonstrate the value of the Zuni system to the world.

"I'm sure they will learn a lot of things, and hopefully some of that will be shared with humanity," Enote said. "There are many ecological equivalents to Zuni around the world — high altitudes, semi-arid environments."

Norton's master's thesis on Zuni sustainable agriculture helped shape the SNF grant proposal. He was first introduced to the tribe by his Iowa State University professor Jon Sandor, who is part of the research team. "These are some of the oldest fields in the United States," Sandor said. By studying them, researchers can determine what long-term impact intensive farming might have in other "younger" places, such as

Iowa. "We can sort of test for sustainability. We might be able to find out what practices lead to conserving the land, and what practices lead to degradation," Sandor said. Besides his degree, the experience Norton will take to New Mexico includes consulting for the Meskwaki Indian settlement at Tama, two years as a soil scientist for Rust Environment and Infrastructure in Waterloo, and five years as a county conservationist in Missoula, Mont. As the project liaison to the Zuni tribe, probably just as important as Norton's academic and hands-on experience is his family heritage of interest in Native American people and issues. His mother, Mary, worked with Native American students as a teacher in inner-city Milwaukee more than 20 years ago. His sister Jill has worked with the Blackfeet tribe in Montana and is now teaching English as a Second Language in New Mexico. "I just couldn't be prouder," Mary Norton said. "It just means a lot to our family."

NWFF certifies Nortons' restored prairie

NEW HARTFORD — The National Wildlife Federation (NWF) has certified Mary and Jim Norton's 45-acre restored tallgrass prairie in New Hartford as the nation's 30,000th Backyard Wildlife Habitat site.

"It reminds us of how much individuals can do to restore our wildlife heritage," said Mark Van Patten, President of NWF. "NWF's Backyard Wildlife Habitat program encourages

and recognizes the efforts of people like the Nortons who make a place for wildlife in their own backyard."

Prairie grasslands are now considered North America's most endangered ecosystem. Ninety-nine percent of the nation's tallgrass prairies and up to 70 percent of the mixed grass and shortgrass prairies in some states have disappeared. Intent on returning their acreage to native Iowa tallgrass

prairie, the Nortons spent considerable time learning about the prairie species indigenous to New Hartford. It has been a 30-year commitment, but the effort and energy have paid off. Prairie Hill Farm is alive

with indigenous blooming plants and visiting wildlife. "We are in awe of what is happening on our island of restored native habitat," said Mary Norton, who has initiated

and assisted in the develop-

ment of dozens of schoolyard gardens that are native habitat-based in Iowa and other states.

"None of this has ever seemed like work. It's just happened in a beautiful and natural way."

The Norton's habitat joins 225 other Iowa properties that have been certified by the NWF.

Contact Becky Johnson with the Iowa Wildlife Federation at 1-800-379-3872 for more information about the program.

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Nortons trek the country to build

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The Care-A-Vanners program began in 1989, and each year they spend weeks and sometimes months traveling across the United States, Canada and Mexico building houses for people in need.

Jim and Mary have been participating in the program for seven years and have traveled to various parts of the country with the organization. To date, they have lent their services to over 20 different building projects and disaster relief efforts. Now the couple is leading a group of Care-A-Vanners on a project in their own area.

The current group, which changes from project to project, just finished up a home in Cedar Falls, which was dedicated and turned over to the owner recently. They are also working on a group of five houses on Newell Street in Waterloo.

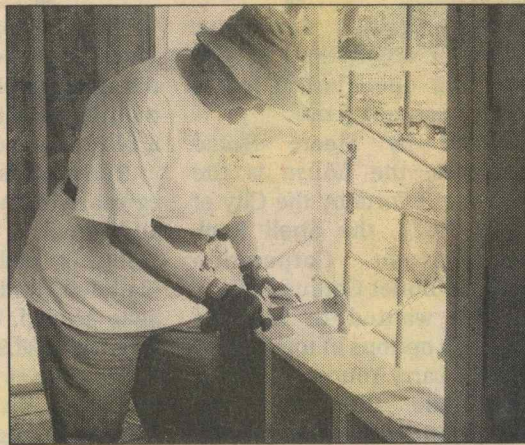
Although the Care-A-Vanners' build site technically only includes one house, they are around to lend a hand to the other sites when needed. The group of 12 Care-A-Vanners, which includes people from California, North Carolina, Illinois, Minnesota, and Wisconsin, camped at Black Hawk Park until June 22.

Care-A-Vanners sign on up for a two-week stay on a project, during which time they help construct a house from foundation to finish. Most builds include eight to 10 volunteers who work 10 six- to seven-hour days. After that most move on, but Habitat always has a place for those who wish to stay and see a project through to the end.

"They certainly won't turn you away," Mary said. "Habitat only allows 10 rigs (recreational vehicles) on the site at one time, and sometimes there is a long waiting list of people who want to participate."

A Habitat for Humanity home-build takes four to six months, depending on the number of volunteers each site gets.

This is the first time that the Nortons have been the leaders of a build project. Team leaders are responsible for organizing the Care-A-Vanners' stay in the area, communicating with the site supervisor about what needs to be done each day, planning activities for the visitors during their stay and making sure that everyone has a job they are



SAMANTHA DONISI PHOTO

Mary Norton has picked up construction quickly since she began volunteering.

experience they had was during two visits to New Orleans to help rebuild after Hurricane Katrina.

On their first trip to the disaster-ridden area, they helped turn a garage into a small home for a woman made homeless by the hurricane.

Habitat for Humanity heard about this woman's situation and offered to renovate the garage she was staying in.

"She called us her 'Yankee leprechauns,'" Mary said. "She gave us a hug every time she was on the build site."

Also on their visits to New Orleans, the Nortons worked to help renovate a group of 40 houses that had been all but destroyed by Katrina. The money to rebuild the houses came from Oprah Winfrey and Bon Jovi, who personally came to lend a hand.

"They named that whole block 'Bon Jovi Boulevard' or something like that," Mary said. "It was very exciting."

Another aspect that the Nortons enjoy about helping Habitat is getting the chance to work alongside future homeowners. Contrary to popular belief, Habitat does not give homes away.

They require that the future owners, usually low-income individuals, put down a small down-payment and contribute 300 to 500 hours of "sweat

and blood."

Rev. Michael Wagnitz was installed as pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Congregation, Tripoli, on Sunday, July 1, at 4 p.m. A reception was held for Rev. Wagnitz following the installation service.

Rev. Wagnitz was born in Magdeburg, (east Germany), the son of Rev. Friedrich and Ingrid Wagnitz. He apprenticed in industry and received his Industrial Business Credentials Diploma upon passing the final examinations.

Tripoli's St. Paul Lutheran Church welcomes pastor Michael Wagnitz

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Couple builds hobby into passion

by SAMANTHA DONISI

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A lot of people hear the word "retirement" and think "boring." Jim and Mary Norton, who own a farm near New Hartford, are proving that sometimes being retired means being busier than ever.

The Nortons are a part of a special branch of Habitat for Humanity known as the Care-A-Vanners, a group of mainly retired people who travel around the country in RV's helping with Habitat projects.



SAMANTHA DONISI PHOTO

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Jim and Mary Norton know it takes a heart to build a home.



Happy 50th anniversary!

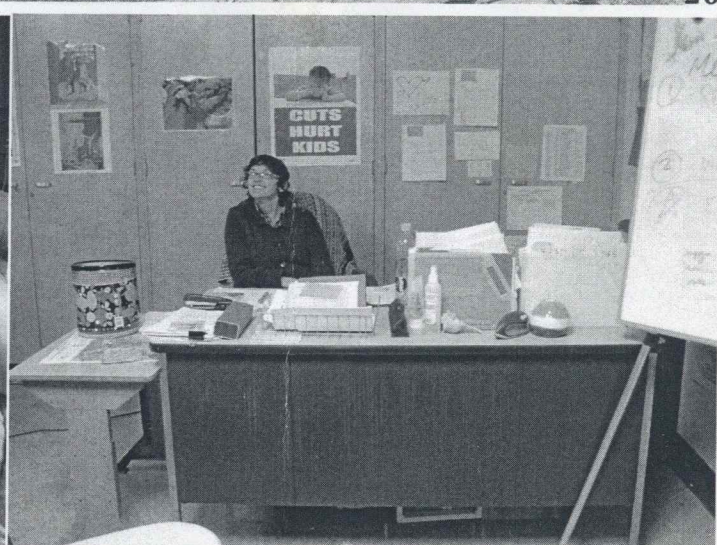
Mary and James Norton celebrated 50 years of marriage on June 13 and sustain that celebration for the entire year!

First, their son, Jay, his wife, Urszula, their boy, Casimir; and their daughter, Jill, and her son, Joshua, will meet them in Teton National Park for camping and kayaking.

Then, after a winter filled with many opportunities to dine and toast the occasion with friends, they will travel to Europe in the spring, a long and beautiful celebration to reflect a long and beautiful union.



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First, there's Josh moving home from the UCR dorm last summer. He has a campus apartment with a friend this year and still works PT at GameStop. We went to Iowa mid-summer and Irish Fest with Mom and Dad. I sold 50 "Ask Vopal" DVDs—a sleeper-hit! But now that market is saturated. Jay, Ula, Caz and we met up in the desert on Father's Day so we could get Lupe for the summer and take care of Caz for a week; see him under the rock? We refurbished Joshua's blue bug and drove it to buy pumpkins in October (the pumpkins are right behind my head). Stripes is our only year-round pet these days, so he's spoiled, though not really as bad as that photo looks. I realize I need to clean the front of my desk after Mom took this picture when she was recently here for a visit the week before Christmas. I have an apartment in town with a friend, so I read, visit museums, and go to the gym during the week in the city, and do projects on and at my house in the mountains on weekends. Love You!

Life as a Tire by James Byron
Norton

6-30-03

Let me tell you, being a tire has not been easy. First it's the heat and pressure you go through while being made into a tire from whatever you were before. Then you are thrown on a truck with hundreds of other tires; it's hard to keep your identity.

Soon you find yourself on a store rack with people walking around looking at you, bouncing you on the floor and feeling your tread depth. You're being stretched over a wheel. If that is not bad enough they start pumping air into you until you think, "This is it; I'm going to blow."

But you don't, as a fact it feels good. You look smart on a shiny car crushing down the highway. Everything is nice, except for the dogs you meet makes a tire feel very helpless.

I travel to lots of places, winter and summer, see lots of things. One day I notice that the bumps in the road are hurting more than they used to and I am growing bald. I think my days on the road are coming to an end.

Sure enough I was taken off the wheel and thrown onto a pile of tires again but this time it was old, worn out tires. We laid there for days, I thought this was the end. But one day a man and a young child came along and started pulling tires out of the pile and looking them over and throwing them back on the pile. Then they had me. They seemed happy with me and put me in the back of their car.

We traveled a while and soon they removed me from the car, began cutting my sidewalls out, and turned me inside out. A rope was tied to me and before I knew what hit me I was hanging in a tree.

The man stood back with a proud look on his face. He was very happy with the job he had done on me. The child had a happy look on her face and climbed onto me and sat on my worn treads. The man began pushing me and the child until we were swinging from one side of the tree to the other. More people came out to have a ride. Everyone was laughing and having fun. I knew this had to be the best part of a tire's life.

The children were getting bigger and I was seeing less and less of them, and soon not seeing them at all. I hung in the tree for a long, long time until the rope became so old that it broke and I fell to the ground. I started to roll down the hill faster and faster, bumping into trees and big rocks and rolling through the brush. It reminded me of my over the road days. At the bottom of the hill I rolled across the beach and into the water of Lake Michigan.

I was floating. It was getting dark and I couldn't see land. I bobbed around in the lake for days, then one night I came to rest on the beach somewhere in the north woods.

The next day I could hear children playing in the woods and then there they were standing there looking at me, a white haired boy and dark haired girl. They began pulling me out of the sand. They drug me to their camp where their parents were working on a small building.

Here I was, in a tree again. It was wonderful to be needed again to provide fun for kids. With all the experiences I have had this is still the best part of a tire's life.

One day the man took me down from the tree and loaded me onto a trailer with all of their other stuff from their campsite in the woods. We traveled a long way before coming to a beautiful place with lots trees, green grass, and rolling hills.

They hung me in a walnut tree overlooking the countryside. The boy and girl were growing up just like before, and spent less and less time playing with me and soon didn't play with me at all.

I hung in that tree for years. The most exciting thing that happened was being pumped around by the lawn mower when the man would cut the grass.

One day to my surprise I saw the girl and with her was a small boy. I wondered if she would remember me. Soon she and the small boy came to me and she put the boy on me and gave us a push. It was great to be back in action again. I see the boy only a couple of times a year. He is getting bigger now, however he still swings on me when he does come to the country.

Another surprise hit me last spring when I saw a white haired boy coming toward me which nearly put me into a tailspin of about 40 years. He climbed onto me and was calling "wheeee" for someone to push us.

I don't believe there are too many tires that are as lucky as I have been. I am nearly 40 years old now, been hanging in this walnut tree for 30 years. I think that the first few years of traveling on that car were just conditioning me for my real career, putting my tread marks on the seats of children. With a new rope now and then I believe I will still be around for a few more generations.

Toiling for an answer

Father-son duo develop plow to help farmers in Africa

By JON ERICSON

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NEW HARTFORD — When Jay Norton faced a problem in Africa, he knew just where to look — his dad, Jim, back in New Hartford.

Jay's work as a professor has him working on a project to help farmers in Kenya and Uganda adopt practices to conserve their soil and increase production in their fields.

In March, Jay visited the African nations and discovered a need for a plow that would have less long-term impact on the land. When he returned, he bounced the idea off his dad, an engineer 10 years retired from Schoitz Engineering in Waterloo.

Now, Jim has designed a prototype plow that Africans will be able to tow behind oxen to work their fields while minimizing erosion and topsoil loss. The father-son duo toured African communities for 10 days in October, and Jim will spend the winter tweaking the model for more testing next spring.

Jay works at the University of Wyoming, where he secured a grant to work on sustainable agriculture practices in the two countries.

The grant comes through the United States Agency for International Development and is funneled through Virginia Tech University. It will fund five years or work in Africa.

During the 10-day trip to Africa, the Nortons visited communities where Jay's program will work and looked at blacksmith or welding shops that could produce versions of the plow. They found



RICK CHASE / Courier Staff Photographer

The hills near New Hartford are thousands of miles away from the Ugandan and Kenyan fields where plows like this may soon help encourage sustainable farm practices. Jay, left, and Jim Norton are pictured with the prototype of their plow Friday.

a wide range of capabilities, from simple shops where a hammer and chisel were the norm to shops with modern technology, but possibly lacking parts to make it all work.

"Every piece I put on it, I try to think whether they can reproduce it in the shops I saw there," Jim said.

Jim may seek a patent for the plow. He doesn't expect to make money off of it, but he would rather outside corporations wouldn't use the design to make money off African farmers, either.

"I'd rather have Ugandans building it than other options," Jim said.

The new plow would be just one component of the wide ranging project.

This year research plots will be established to test sustainable methods versus traditional tilling techniques. The



JAY NORTON / For the Courier

Kenyans plow their fields using hand tools earlier this year.

program will introduce tilling that helps disrupt soil deeper down, without overturning all the top soil and causing more erosion and loss of nutrients.

Jim's program will work

with local nongovernment organizations to educate and do research. Currently, two African graduate students working with Jay are assisting with the program and more will follow.

On his two trips to Africa, Jay has learned how big the problem is.

He said the current agricultural practices give the people a stable food base when rains come as expected, but if drought or excess rains come, they are in trouble.

"The more you talk to them, the more you realize it won't be easy," Jay said. "It's not something they haven't thought about before."

Jim found the Africa trip educational.

"It's really an eye opener," Jim said. "They have so many problems we don't even think about here."

Join Jay and Laura for a

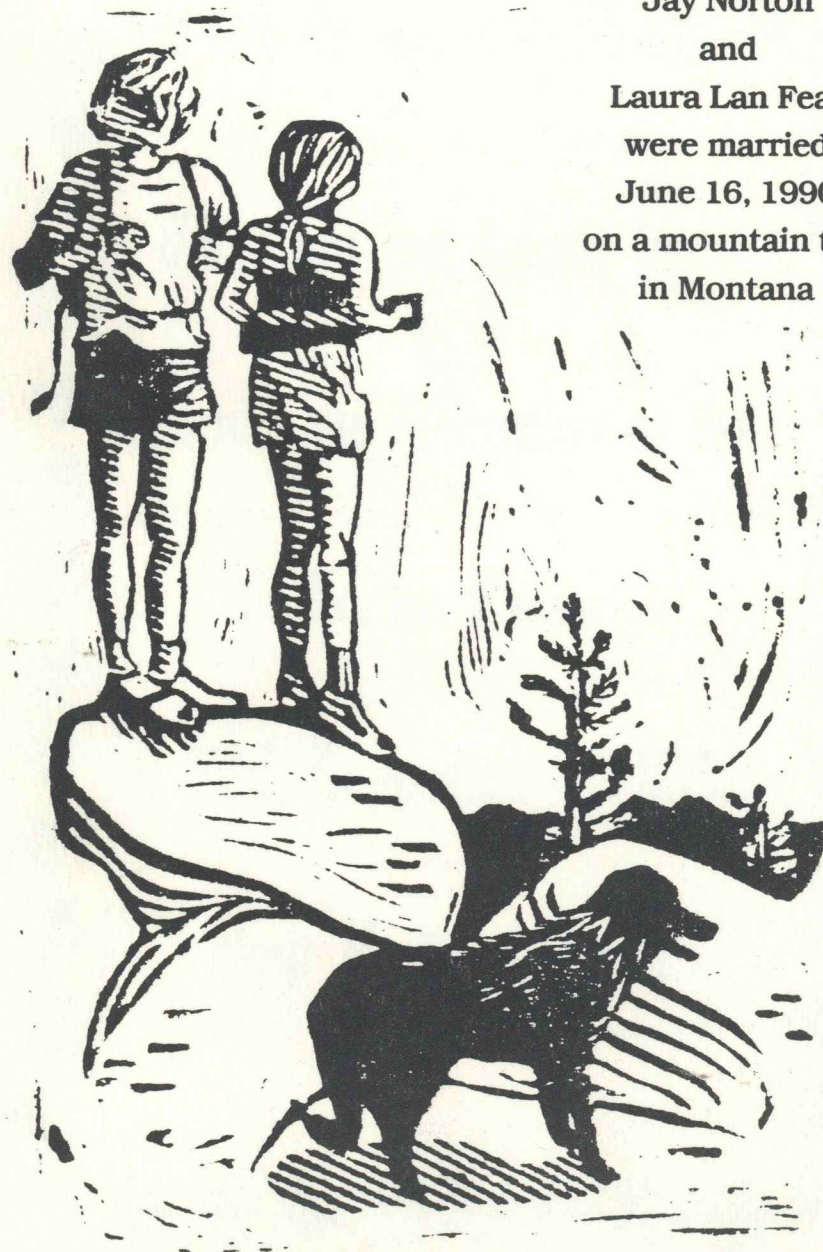
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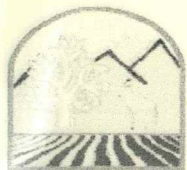
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New Hartford, Iowa

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Jay Norton
and
Laura Lan Fear
were married
June 16, 1990
on a mountain top
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The first two proposals funded for SANREM CRSP Phase IV are "Smallholder farms in eastern Uganda and western Kenya," led by Jay Norton of the University of Wyoming; and "CAPS among tribal societies in India and Nepal," led by Travis Idol of the University of Hawaii.

In announcing the projects on December 18, SANREM Program Director Theo Dillaha said, "We congratulate our new partners and look forward to working with them." These and four other applied research projects to be in place in coming weeks will share \$15 million in funding from USAID. Learn more:

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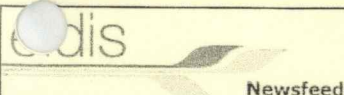
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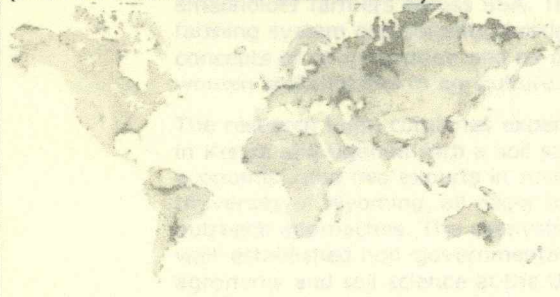


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Beneath these bare Missoula hills I feel
some animal stir, turn hip and shoulder
into grass. From underground a warm song
thaws my spine. I wear red sleeves, we dance
all night. Would you believe I dreamed your face
blue in moonlight by the river?

- Matthew Hansen

Jay Byron Norton
and
Laura Ann Lanfear
announce their marriage

Please join them
and their families
at a potluck reception
June 16, 1990 5pm.
Marshall Ski Area
Missoula, Montana

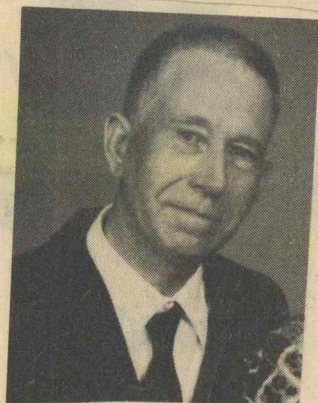
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Mrs. Marie A. Nunnally, 63, of New Hartford, Iowa, died very suddenly, Thursday afternoon, November 16, at her home in New Hartford. Marie was born on January 20, 1915, in Collins, Iowa, the daughter of George and Opal (Hand) Harrington. While she was young, she moved with her family to a farm near Janesville, Iowa, where she attended grade school. They later moved to a farm north of New Hartford and she attended the New Hartford High School. On June 17, 1932, she was married to Glenn H. Nunnally in Galena, Illinois. They have lived most of their married life in New Hartford. In the early 1950's Marie worked in the Hot Lunch Program at the New Hartford School and in 1970 to 1971 she worked at the Western Home in Cedar Falls. Marie was a member of the New Hartford United Methodist Church, she was a member and Past President of the Women's Relief Corps No. 228 in New Hartford and a member and Past Noble Grand of the Anchor Rebecca Lodge No. 46 in New Hartford.

Marie was preceded in death by her parents, one brother, George and a sister, Delores. She is survived by her husband, Glenn, two daughters, Loretta, Mrs. William Philo of New Hartford, and Shirley, Mrs. Orrin Throop of Smithville, Arkansas, and by three sons; Jim and Ernest Nunnally both of New Hartford, and Vern Nunnally of Cedar Falls. Also by two sisters, Eldora, Mrs. Donald Schuknecht of Windom, Minnesota, and Betty, Mrs. Lyle James of South Gate, California, and by 11 grandchildren, 4 step-grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren and one step-great grandchild.

Funeral services were held at 1:30 p.m. on Monday, November 20, from the New Hartford United Methodist Church with Rev. Larry L. Pauley officiating. Burial was in the Oak Hill Cemetery in New Hartford. The New Hartford Anchor Rebecca Lodge No. 46 held services at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday at the Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home in New Hartford.

ECLIPSE, MAY 5, 1999



GLENN H. NUNNALLY

Glenn H. Nunnally, 87, of 302 Water Street, New Hartford, Iowa, died early Sunday morning May 2, 1999, at his home from natural causes.

Glenn was born on May 1, 1912 in Tacoma, Washington, the son of Thomas Lee and Dana (Johnson) Nunnally. He attended school in Finchford, Janesville and New Hartford.

On June 17, 1932 he was united in marriage to Marie A. Harrington in Galena, Illinois. Glenn was a welder for Associated Manufacturing in Waterloo, Waterloo Register and Hinson Manufacturing, retiring in 1977. Glenn lived for the past 60 years in and around the New Hartford area. Marie died on November 16, 1978.

He was a member of the United Methodist Church in New Hartford. Glenn enjoyed fishing, camping, gardening, traveling, bike riding, music, shopping, and watching T.V. (especially boxing).

Glenn is survived by three sons and their wives, Vern and Arlene Nunnally of Cedar Falls, Jim and Vada Nunnally and Ernie Nunnally all of New Hartford; two daughters and their husbands, Loretta and Bill Philo of Cedar Falls and Shirley and Charles Williams of Evening Shade, Arkansas; eleven grandchildren; seven step-grandchildren; twenty great grandchildren; three step-great grandchildren; five great great grandchildren; and one step-great great grandchild; one sister Theresa Hemenway of San Francisco, California. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife Marie on November 16, 1978; and one brother-in-law Herman Hemenway.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, May 5, 1999 at 1:00 p.m. at the United Methodist Church in New Hartford, with Pastor Chuck Layton officiating. Burial will

be in the Oak Hill Cemetery in New Hartford. Friends may call from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Wednesday at the United Methodist Church in New Hartford. There will be no visitation at the funeral home. Memorials may be directed to the Bremer-Butler Hospice or the United Methodist Church in New Hartford.

Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home is in charge of the services.

Tuesday, May 8, 1990
Waterloo, Iowa Page A3

Orrin "Curley" L. Throop, 71, of Evening Shade, Ark., formerly of Waterloo, died April 24 at White River Medical Center, Batesville, Ark., after a lengthy illness.

He was born April 10, 1919, in Mount Auburn, Ill., son of Rolla and Josie Montgomery Throop. He married Shirley Nunnally.

Mr. Throop was a retired journeyman auto mechanic.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Kenneth Roberts of Spring Lake, N.C., and Rick Roberts of Batesville; a daughter, Barbara Tate of Melbourne, Ark.; four grandchildren; three sisters, Elto Teed and Rolena Huber, both of Kewanee, Ill., and Lela Doty of Odessa, Texas; he was preceded in death by three brothers and six sisters.

Services were April 27 at United Methodist Church, Cave City, Ark., with burial in Cave City Cemetery. McGee Funeral Home, Cave City, was in charge of arrangements.

for Mrs. Nunnally.

(COURIER NEWS SERVICE)

CEDAR FALLS — Mrs.

Dana Nunnally, 80, wife of Lee Nunnally, New Hartford, died in University hospital at Iowa City yesterday morning of acute gastro-intestinal bleeding.

She was born Dana Johnson at Columbus Junction, Iowa, Nov. 3, 1878, daughter of Thomas and Ann Elizabeth Johnson. At the age of 2 years she moved with her parents to Walla Walla, Wash. She married Lee Nunnally there Feb. 20, 1909.

They moved to Iowa in 1913, locating in Waterloo and Janesville before settling down on a farm near New Hartford, in March, 1926.

She is survived by her husband, a son and a daughter, Glenn Nunnally and Mrs. Herman Hemenway, both of New Hartford, and three sisters, Mrs. E. F. McNeeley, Honolulu, Hawaii, Mrs. Bessie Bennett, Seattle, Wash., and Mrs. Mamie Gardner, Walla Walla, Wash.

There are seven grandchildren and four great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, three brothers and two sisters.

She was a member of the Methodist church; the women's society for Christian Service; the women's relief corps and Anchor Lodge of the Rebekahs of New Hartford.

The funeral service will be held at 2 p. m. Tuesday in the First Methodist church of New Hartford. Burial will be in Oak Hill cemetery there.

The Nelson funeral home of Cedar Falls is in charge of arrangements.

Dec. 6, 1960

NEW HARTFORD—Funeral services for Thomas Lee Nunnally, 78, will be Friday at 2 p. m. at the New Hartford Methodist church; burial will be in Oak Hill cemetery there; died Tuesday at 11 p. m. at the Odd Fellows home in Mason City; was a farmer, living in the New Hartford area since 1926; retired in 1942; his wife preceded him in death in 1958; was a 50-year member of the Odd Fellows lodge; leaves a son, Glenn, New Hartford; a daughter, Mrs. Herman Hemenway, Rt. 3, Cedar Falls; a brother and a sister; body at the Nelson funeral home in Cedar Falls.

WATERLOO — **Ralph L. Knudsen Jr.**, 41, of New Hartford, formerly of Waterloo, died Wednesday, March 12, at St. Luke's Memorial Hospital, Cedar Rapids, of heart failure.

He was born May 12, 1955, in Waterloo, son of Ralph L. and Florence Ploch Knudsen. He married Leanne Stickfort on May 14, 1977 in Nashua. They were later divorced. He married Rashelle Abkes on Aug. 19, 1995 in New Hartford.

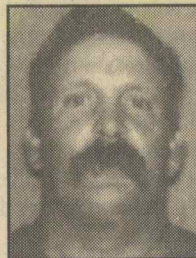
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Mr. Knudsen was a truck driver for B&D Farms.

Survived by: his wife; three sons, Paul, Brandon and Anthony, all of Cedar Falls; a stepson, Gordon Abkes of New Hartford; a stepdaughter, Jennifer Abkes of Cedar Falls; his mother of Waterloo; two brothers, Tim of Cedar Falls and Russell of Waverly; and two sisters, Cindy Knudsen of Oklahoma and Sherrie Bond of Decorah.

Preceded in death by: his father.

Services: 1 p.m. Saturday at New Hartford United Methodist Church, with burial in Oak Hill Cemetery, New Hartford. Graveside military rites will be conducted by Gyer-Bickner American Legion Post 660. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today at Kearns, Huisman-Schumacher Chapel on Kimball, and for an hour before services Saturday at the church.

Memorials: may be directed to the family.



**Ralph
Knudsen**

Woman's mysterious death leaves parents, doctors asking why

By JACKIE YOUNG
Courier Staff Writer

Ray and Betty Ackerson keep going over details of their only daughter's death, but the New Hartford couple can't seem to come up with anything that will explain how she could have died of a morphine overdose last May.

The Ackersons used to be sure how their daughter Cheryl Lynne Nunnally, 26, died. They say medical staff initially told the family they suspected their daughter had died from an allergic reaction to a contrast dye.

The dye was administered to Nunnally as part of a detailed X-ray exam, a CAT scan, she had undergone at Sartori Memorial Hospital in Cedar Falls earlier that day before she became ill.

Her family doctor had prescribed the test to try to find the cause for recurring headaches and dizziness she had experienced since she was a teen-ager, Betty Ackerson explains.

AT FIRST the Ackersons were hesitant to question Nunnally's death.

But after waiting several months, the Ackersons looked over the final autopsy report that showed their daughter had died May 22, 1987, from "an overdose of morphine, uncertain portal of entry."

The morphine overdose was officially listed on her death certificate as her cause of death in November, according to medical examiner Dr. Jeff Crandall of Cedar Falls.

The final autopsy results caused the Ackersons to question the treatment Nunnally received in the Sartori emergency room. They also are disturbed by the long delay in getting the final autopsy results



Cheryl Nunnally

because of the loss of Nunnally's blood sample.

"I want to know for sure what happened," says Betty Ackerson, anger welling up in this soft-spoken woman's voice. "Every place you went, it seemed like people were telling me different things about how her death happened."

Referring to what she described as a "four-month wait" for the autopsy report, Betty Ackerson says, "to me four months was outrageous. For me that was inexcusable."

Forensic pathologist Dr. Peter Stephens of Davenport says he regrets the delay caused by the loss of the sample. But he says it happened because the blood was shipped to "one of the big five reference labs" in the state, and then shipped to a Pennsylvania lab for advanced processing. The first blood sample was lost "somewhere between the

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Nunnally

first and second lab," he explains.

STEPHENS SAYS he had taken several samples of Nunnally's blood and simply used a second sample he had kept locked up at his Davenport lab.

What also surprised the family is that, according to the autopsy findings, Nunnally's body showed no signs of an allergic reaction to the dye used in her CAT scan test May 21.

In addition, contrast dye reactions normally begin within 30 seconds to 30 minutes after the dye is injected, Stephens says, adding that some rare cases have been recorded as long as two hours after the dye injection.

On May 21 Nunnally had an appointment for her hospital test at 3:30 p.m. She then left the hospital and went to Deel's Food Store in Cedar Falls, the Ackersons say.

At approximately 4:30 p.m. she drove to the home of her former husband, Randy Nunnally, who had just returned home from work. Randy says he could tell she was upset. She kept shaking her head, she couldn't speak and "she wasn't a normal color." Randy then drove her to the Sartori emergency room.

Sartori President Verna Klinkenborg says records show Cheryl Nunnally arrived at 4:54 p.m. complaining of "chilling and shortness of breath." She was pronounced dead 2:25 a.m. May 22.

Crandall, the medical examiner in the case, says he, too, was surprised by the autopsy results. Based on the limited information doctors had at the time of her Sartori emergency room admission, they had thought she was having a reaction to the contrast dye used in her CAT scan test, Crandall says.

Crandall is also puzzled as to how she injected the morphine that killed her because there wasn't the usual evidence of chronic drug abuse. He says medical officials haven't tried to hide anything from the family, but they simply don't have any answers.

May 24, 1987

Cheryl Ackerson Nunnally

CEDAR FALLS — Services for Cheryl Lynne Ackerson Nunnally, 26, of 122 Howe St., will be 1:30 p.m. today at Kaiser-Corson Chapel in New Hartford with burial in Oak Hill Cemetery, New Hartford.

She died early Friday (May 22) at Sartori Memorial Hospital. The cause of death is pending an autopsy.

She was born Feb. 23, 1961, in Waterloo, daughter of Ray and Betty Hurst Ackerson. She graduated from New Hartford High School in 1979. She married Randy Nunnally March 2, 1979.

Survivors include her parents; a daughter, Erin Marie Nunnally, and a son, Shawn Lee Nunnally, both of 122 Howe St.; and her maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hurst of Mission, Texas.

Friends may call from 11 a.m. to service time today at the funeral home in New Hartford.

By DES KELLER

Courier Staff Writer

June 1, 87

The death of a Cedar Falls woman last week who was assaulted by her husband in March is to be reviewed by the Black Hawk County Attorney's Office.

Cheryl L. Ackerson Nunnally, 26, of 122 Home St., died last week after medical tests at Sartori Memorial Hospital, Cedar Falls.

The obituary submitted to the Courier by family members stated the cause of death as an allergic reaction to the dye used during a CAT-Scan test.

Hospital officials declined comment on the death, other than to refer questions to County Attorney Jim Metcalf, who said he

was awaiting an autopsy report from pathologist Dr. Peter Stephens of Davenport.

Stephens said this morning that additional tests must be performed and the results would not be available for two to three weeks.

Nunnally was assaulted March 7 by her estranged husband, Randy Lee Nunnally, 27, of New Hartford. He pleaded guilty last week to two counts of assault with intent to commit serious injury and second-degree criminal mischief.

On March 7, Randy Nunnally broke into Cheryl's house, struck her three or four times and broke furniture and other fixtures in the house, according to court documents.

Cedar Falls police arrived at the scene while Nunnally was still there and arrested him.

The complaint against Randy Nunnally by Officer Keith Lemka states Cheryl Nunnally had been struck several times on the head, causing injuries. He stated she had a cut lip and a swollen area on the side of her head.

"Sometime last week she returned to the hospital for tests," Metcalf said this morning. He declined to state whether the tests were as a follow-up to injuries received during the assault.

Metcalf said Cheryl Nunnally had not been disabled as a result of the assault. "She wasn't bed-ridden from what I know," he said.

He said there is a possibility of additional charges being filed if the assault is determined to be a major contributing factor to Nunnally's death, but he has no way of knowing without seeing the autopsy report.

Computerized Axial Tomography, CT or CAT Scan, is a procedure in which a patient is injected with a dye in order to undergo a detailed X-ray that is processed by a computer.

CAT Scans are recommended by a physician for ailments that may seem harmless, such as recurring headaches, but that may with the help of detailed X-rays reveal a brain tumor, according to Dr. James Connell, a Waterloo radiologist.

RAY ACKERSON raised the possibility hospital officials might have accidentally given Nunnally an drug overdose when they were treating her for the suspected allergic reaction to the dye used in the CAT scan.

Responding to the family's charges against the hospital, Stephens says the results of his autopsy showed nothing to indicate any negligence on the part of the hospital in treating Nunnally.

Whatever she took also did not have to be limited to morphine because several narcotics register as morphine in the blood, such as codeine or heroin, Stephens says. If the narcotic agent was codeine, it was not that found in traditional over-the-counter painkillers, he notes.

He also points out that the hospital could not have done the blood analysis to detect the high morphine levels in her blood while Nunnally was being treating in the emergency room. Such blood tests are "difficult and time-consuming" and can't be done in less than 12 hours, he explains.

The only reason the morphine was detected in the autopsy report, Stephens says, is because in a forensic pathologist's autopsy "you look everywhere."

Although Nunnally did receive about four milligrams of morphine to counteract the possible dye reaction, both Stephens and Crandall say the dose was such a small amount that it couldn't have been a factor in her death. The dosage was given as a means of relaxing Nunnally so she could survive on a breathing machine, he says.

BECAUSE NUNNALLY was "unresponsive and desperately short of breath" when she arrived at the

hospital, it was difficult for attending physicians to talk with her and to diagnose her problem.

By the time Crandall says he arrived on the scene to assist Nunnally, "the situation was so desperate ... we were completely caught up in trying to save her life."

Stephens also doesn't have any evidence to believe Nunnally used drugs.

"I don't think she was a drug abuser," Stephens says. "But these people are often difficult to spot. Drug addicts are more discreet here (in Iowa)."

But even allowing for discreet behavior, Stephens says there was no physical evidence of drug use. If she had injection marks on her arm, they were undetectable at the time of autopsy because she had several intravenous marks on her arm from her hospital treatment, he explains.

Another possibility, Stephens suggests, is that Nunnally took the narcotic orally. That would account for the high levels of morphine he found in her stomach contents.

Ray Ackerson rejects these explanations.

"You live with somebody 20 years, and you'd detect a change," he says. No fatal drugs were found on Nunnally at the time of her death or in her house, he notes.

If authorities had given him evidence of his daughter's drug problem he would almost feel better about the situation because it would have been her fault.

"I FEEL IF YOU go out and drink and drive and die, you asked for it,"

Feb. 7, 1988

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he explains. "I'd accept it (if there was evidence Nunnally used drugs), not that I'd like it. It wouldn't be any worse than what we're going through now."

Stephens says there are often no simple answers to cases like Nunnally's death. Questions arise that cannot ever be answered by a forensic pathologist's autopsy in about 10-15 percent of the cases, he adds.

Although the fictional TV show pathologist "Quincy" always finds an answer, "in the real world that just doesn't happen," Stephens says.

"How it (the morphine in Nunnally's blood and stomach) got there was a mystery to me," Stephens says. "Unfortunately, there are such things in the world as unsolved mysteries."

Nunnally death remains unsolved *July 21/87*

The exact cause of death of Cheryl L. Ackerson Nunnally of 122 Howe St. has still not been determined. Nunnally, 26, died May 22 after undergoing a CAT-Scan test at Sartori Memorial Hospital.

The CAT-Scan was performed because of persistent headaches Nunnally had suffered. She left the hospital after the test, but 45-minutes later she became ill and returned to the hospital where she died.

An autopsy, performed by Doctor Peter Stevens of Davenport was ordered, but the exact cause of death still has not been determined, according to Black Hawk County Attorney James Metcalf.

Metcalf and the police were investigating the possibility that Nunnally may have died from injuries in a beating March 7 by her estranged husband, Randy Lee Nunnally, 27, of New Hartford. Nunnally has already pleaded guilty to two counts of

assault with intent to commit serious injury and second degree criminal mischief, but he is not likely to face additional charges at this time.

"From what we know from the autopsy on the telephone and based on the evidence, we don't have any basis for any charges at this time," said Metcalf. He added that any case remains open for three years.

Medical examiner Jeffrey Crandall of Cedar Falls said a few more possibilities are being pursued with the autopsy but its possible the exact cause of death may not be determined. Crandall does not believe the CAT-Scan was the cause of death, however.

"There are allergic reactions to CAT-Scans, but not like this. To go home and feel perfectly well and then come back 45-minutes later and die. It doesn't compute," said Crandall.

district court log *July 27, 87*

— Randy Lee Nunnally, 27, of 403 Water St., New Hartford, was given suspended sentences and placed on probation on several charges after pleading guilty. He was placed on probation for two to five years for assault with intent to commit serious injury, second-degree criminal mischief. A charge of second-degree burglary was dismissed. The charges resulted from a domestic dispute with his wife in March.

Man won't be prosecuted in hospital test death case

By DAVID RANSOM
Courier Staff Writer

A criminal charge will not be filed against a New Hartford man whose estranged wife died two months after he assaulted her.

"There is nothing on the basis of the autopsy report that indicates any criminal conduct" on the part of Randy Lee Nunnally, Black Hawk County Attorney Jim Metcalf said Wednesday.

Metcalf asked for an autopsy on 26-year-old Cheryl L. Ackerson Nunnally, who died in May after medical tests at Sartori Memorial Hospital, Cedar Falls. She was struck several times in the head by Randy Nunnally during an assault March 7.

Court documents state that Randy Nunnally, 27, broke into his wife's residence, struck her three or four times and broke furniture and other fixtures in the house. He later pleaded guilty to two counts of assault with intent to commit serious

injury and one count of second-degree criminal mischief.

Other charges of criminal trespass and interference with official acts by resisting arrest were dismissed. They were in connection with the March 7 incident.

Cheryl Nunnally later entered Sartori Hospital to have a CAT-Scan test, during which the patient is injected with a dye to undergo a detailed X-ray that is processed by a computer.

Nunnally's family members stated the cause of death as an allergic reaction to the dye used during the test. Hospital officials declined to comment on the death.

Metcalf refused Wednesday to comment on the autopsy report by Dr. Peter Stephens of Davenport. Metcalf said the report is part of an investigation and he cannot release information from it.

Stephens could not be reached for comment.

Mr. Volleyball

Nunnally got the 'bug' at a picnic and has been hooked ever since

By **JIM SULLIVAN**
Courier Sports Writer

WATERLOO

Vern Nunnally's volleyball life is no picnic.

Twenty years ago, though, that's where his love for the sport began.

An avid bridge player, Nunnally and some of his card partners went to Independence for a picnic back in the late 1970s. Eventually, someone set up a volleyball net, and Nunnally played for a different kind of ace.

"I played a little bit and found out it was kind of fun," said Nunnally. "One of the fellas was from Dike and he told us about this Watermelon Days tournament. So we got some people together and went up there. We thought we'd go up there and show them how to play volleyball, but we got smoked really bad. It took us three years of getting enough good players to go up there and win that tournament.

"I've always been pretty competitive at it."

A couple of decades later, Nunnally is a 54-year-old retiree from John Deere who remains very active on the metro volleyball scene. Since suffering a heart attack back in December, he's just starting playing again. But he's really made his mark here as a coach and organizer. When he isn't playing or officiating, he recruits girls and boys to play for his Iowa Volleyball Club.

It's become a year-round proposition for Nunnally. Since his club added a girls' program to the boys' teams, he hasn't slowed down.

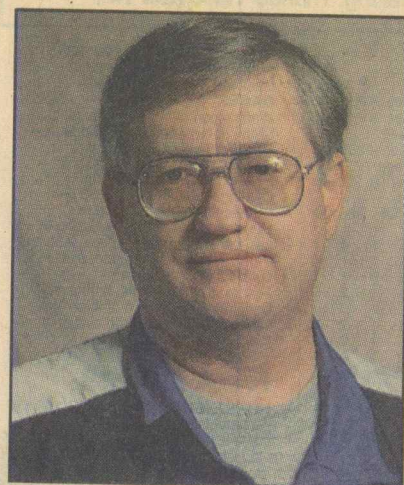
"I enjoy it quite a bit," he said at Castle Hills School during a practice session. "It seems like I get more involved instead of less. After I retired from Deere a year and a half ago, I thought I might take it easy. But I started the girls' program and — boom! It mushroomed so fast. I had planned on having one girls' team last year. By the time I got it stopped, I had four already."

Under Nunnally's net in 1997 are nine girls' volleyball teams, covering ages from 11 to 17. His Iowa Volleyball Club also includes 14-under and 16-under boys' squads, while some 18-year-olds are in a joint program with Dubuque.

Nunnally doesn't have the only teams in town, of course. He can't estimate how many other clubs exist within the metro area, but he can list about 10 before saying, "There are probably several others I can't think of."

Nunnally doesn't have to think very long when he's asked to grade volleyball's popularity.

"I think it's steadily growing," he said. "There are more people wanting to get their kids involved in the junior program, and there are more juniors wanting to play because they see how successful other girls are that are playing. It's the same for boys, but not to



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that extent yet. In other parts of the country, that's growing very, very big."

Nunnally thinks the potential for a boys' volleyball boom exists in Iowa. Already, some of his players have made a mark without the benefit of a high school varsity program. Scott Schoeberl of Cedar Falls, for instance, has played four years with Marycrest International. Nunnally expects Shane Davis of Denver to play at the Junior National level soon.

Noting that neighboring states such as Wisconsin, Missouri and Illinois

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Photographer

Vern Nunnally (left) has been heavily involved in metro-area volleyball as a coach and organizer for over a decade. Below, Emily Delagardelle keeps her eye on the ball during a practice session at Castle Hills School for Nunnally's Iowa Volleyball Club.



38, of Reinbeck, was arrested June 11 on a County charging her with probation violation held without bond. The arrest was made

f New Hartford, and Scott Moses, 39, of 2 on warrants charging them with man- uines. Nunnally is being held in lieu of on bond. The arrest was made by the

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Jimmie L. Nunnally (1937-2009)

NEW HARTFORD — Jimmie Lee Nunnally, 71, of New Hart- ford, died at home Saturday, April 18.



**Jimmie
Nunnally**

He was born July 4, 1937, in Waterloo, son of Glenn T. and Marie A. Harrington Nunnally. He married Vada Lou Anderson on Sept. 19, 1958, in New Hartford.

Mr. Nunnally was a 1955 graduate of New Hartford High School and had worked as a mechanic with many area auto dealers before employment with Larry Lange Ford, retiring in 1974.

Survived by: his wife; four sons, Randy and Russell, both of New Hartford, Ronny and Robin, both of Cedar Falls; a daughter, Rashelle (Larry) Martinez of Evansdale; seven grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; two brothers, Vern (Arlene) of Sequim, Wash., and Earnest of Waterloo; and two sisters, Loretta (William) Philo of New Hartford and Shirley (Charles) Williams of Evening Shade, Ark.

Services: 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at Richardson Funeral Home, Cedar Falls, with burial in Oak Hill Cemetery, New Hartford. Public visitation from 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home, and for an hour before services Wednesday at the church.

Memorials: may be directed to Cedar Valley Hospice.

Condolences may be left at www.richardsonfuneralservice.com.

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e started boys' volleyball at the school level, Nunnally wants a to follow suit. He thinks spring ld be a good season for it.

would say I could see it some- re in the future," he said. "I just t know how long it's gonna take school administrators and athletic tors to wake up to the fact that it's rific sport. A lot of fellas would be ing it if they could.

boys had the same opportunity as , we have the same number of wanting to play."