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WEATHER

Little change in temperature

THOUSANDS FILE BY KENNEDY'S BIER

Lyndon B. Johnson Gets Firm Grip On Reins Of Sorrowful Nation Today

L. HARVEY OSWALD SAYS HE DIDN'T KILL PRESIDENT

By FRANK CORMIER

DALLAS, Tex., (AP)—A young man who once tried to renounce his country is charged with firing the two bullets that killed President Kennedy.

"No, I didn't kill the President," Lee Harvey Oswald, 24, said after he was charged Friday night with murder in the President's assassination.

Oswald swore allegiance to the Soviet Union four years ago and tried to renounce his American citizenship. He said he is now a member of "Fair Play for Cuba." Police termed him arrogant.

President Kennedy died 30 minutes after the assassin's bullets crashed into his neck and head as he neared the end of a triumphal motorcade Friday.

Third Hits Connally

A third bullet wounded Texas Gov. John Connally. His condition was reported not critical.

Dist. Atty. Henry Wade of Dallas was asked if authorities were looking for anyone else in connection with the world-stunning murder.

"There is no one else but him," Wade said.

Taken before microphones and cameras early today, Oswald managed an occasional smile as he insisted in a low voice that he was innocent of Kennedy's death.

Wade was asked if he regarded Oswald as Communist-inspired or "just a nut."

He replied: "Well put it this way, I don't think he is a nut. I think he is sane."

Oswald had been taken into custody soon after Kennedy was fatally shot and Gov. Connally wounded in the back by three volleys fired from a high-powered rifle.

Senseless Killing of Cop

Kennedy and Connally had been riding side by side in the presidential limousine, their wives sitting just ahead of them.

The key factor that led to Oswald's arrest at 2 p. m. Friday—

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Southern Student Killed In One Car Accident Friday

TYNDALL,(Special) — Richard Hans Slettum, 21, Greenville, was killed in a one car accident on state highway 52 three miles north and three-fourths of a mile east of Springfield at about 10:40 p. m. Friday.

The car was driven by Warren Jones, Flandreau, who evidently lost control of the car, according to Bon Homme county Sheriff Joe Maruska, Tyndall. The auto left the road and went some 600 feet in the ditch and turned over.

Slettum was thrown out of the car. Jones and another passenger in the car, Jim Bacon, were hospitalized at St. Michael's hospital in Tyndall for lacerations. All three young men in the car were students at Southern State Teachers college, Springfield.

Bon Homme county Coroner Edwin Petrik, Tyndall, said an inquest is pending. Investigating the accident with Sheriff Maruska was State Patrolman Herb Dirks. The body was taken to the Petrik funeral home here.

The Weather

Yankton and vicinity — Generally fair, little change in temperature today, high 26 to 32. Occasional cloudiness and warmer tonight. Low 18 to 25. Partly cloudy and warmer Sunday.

Highest yesterday	27
Low last 24 hours	15
7 a. m. today	15
Nov. precip.	.48
Avg. Nov. precip.	.79
Precip. so far this year	18.87

Lewis and Clark lake reading — normal pool 1208; 8 a. m. today 1205.45; tailwaters 1163.96; current discharge 23,000cfs.

South Dakota—Occasional cloudiness today, tonight and Sunday. Little temperature change today. Locally warmer tonight and warmer east Sunday. High today 25 east to 42 west. Low tonight 12 to 25.

Nebraska — Fair today tonight and Sunday. A little colder southeast today, warmer central tonight and over area Sunday. High today 40 to 45. Low tonight generally in 20s.

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Rapid City	40	18	—
Pierre	40	15	—
Aberdeen	25	-4	—
Watertown	27	8	TR
Huron	26	4	.01
Sioux Falls	30	15	TR
Pickstown	30	15	TR
Mitchell	31	15	—

36th President Aims For National Unity Today In Time Of Awesome Tragedy

By RAYMOND J. CROWLEY

WASHINGTON (AP) — Tall Texan Lyndon B. Johnson, sadfaced and solemn, entered his first full day as 36th President today and moved for national unity in America's time of tragedy.

Elevated to the awesome office by the assassin's gunfire that cut down John F. Kennedy, the former vice president, now 55, scheduled a late-morning conference with Dwight D. Eisenhower, the 34th president.

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Also on Johnson's calling list was Secretary of State Dean Rusk, presumably for a talk on the manifold problems that confront the nation around the globe.

Asks God's Help

At midafternoon the new President was to meet with his Cabinet.

On arrival in Washington Friday night from Dallas, scene of the tragedy, Johnson had told the American people: "I will do my best. That is all I can do. I ask for your help, and God's."

Then he conferred with several Cabinet members and with congressional leaders of both parties. The word went out that these leaders had given him hearty assurances of bipartisan support.

Only a few hours before Johnson had taken the presidential oath in a jet plane standing on a Dallas runway, ready to depart for Washington. It was a heart-tugging ceremony witnessed by the newly widowed Jacqueline Kennedy, her clothing still stained from her husbands' blood.

Tearful Ceremony

Johnson was riding two cars behind the President in the cavalcade through Dallas streets when the shots came from ambush, taking the life of the chief executive and wounding Gov. John B. Connally of Texas.

A short time later in a crowded compartment of the presidential jet Johnson, his left hand on a small Bible and his right upraised, swore to "preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States."

The oath was administrated, at Johnson's request, by the first woman ever to perform that function, U. S. Dist. Court Judge Sarah T. Hughes of Dallas. She wept during the ceremony, which took place at 2:38 p.m.

At Johnson's right hand was his wife, Lady Bird, and on his left Mrs. Kennedy. Aides of Kennedy

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Three Injured In Bridge Accident East Of Yankton

Icy conditions on the James river bridge on old highway 50, about four miles east of Yankton, resulted in a two car accident at about 12:20 p.m. Friday which sent three people to Sacred Heart hospital for treatment of cuts and bruises.

Injured in the accident were Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Norman, Wakonda, and Floyd Hanson, Mission Hill. All were reported in "good" condition at the hospital this morning.

Mrs. Norman received a cut on her forehead and leg bruises when she was thrown from the car. Norman suffered a cut over his right eye and Hanson had cuts on his face.

State Patrolman Maynard Gudahl said the cars met head-on on the bridge as Hanson was driving west and the Norman car was going east on the highway. The patrolman termed both vehicles "a total loss." Hanson was driving a 1963 Chevrolet and the Norman auto was a 1958 Chevrolet.

The occupants of the cars were taken to the hospital by ambulance.

Death Puts New Complexion On Contest In 1964

(An AP News Analysis)
By JACK BELL

WASHINGTON, (AP)—A stunned nation faced today a gradual but perceptible change of course under its new President, Lyndon B. Johnson.

Johnson can be expected to continue the international policies of John F. Kennedy, which he has said repeatedly have put the Communists on the defensive by giving the non-Communist world the initiative.

But domestically, a reorientation of policies and of political actions appears inevitable.

Labels always are inadequate to describe the complexities of political beliefs. But the assassinated Kennedy was basically liberal and his successor is fundamentally conservative.

This puts an entirely new complexion on the 1964 presidential contest, if Johnson is the Democratic nominee as he seems surely to become.

Must Consider South

Instead of facing the certainty they will be opposing a Democrat who leaned toward the left and whose personal popularity seemed likely to remain high, Republicans will have the alternative of picking a candidate to contest a man whose roots reach deep in the conservative South and who has come around to espousing civil rights and almost every liberal cause.

This could be disappointing to the supporters of Sen. Barry Goldwater, R-Ariz., who counted heavily on inevitable opposition to Kennedy's policies and Goldwater's conservative stance to win the Republican nomination for him.

It could life the hopes of New York Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller in his self-designated underdog fight for the GOP nomination. Rockefeller could cite a long and consistent record of civil rights against Johnson's come-lately declarations for equal opportunity.

Other Candidates

By and large the passing of Kennedy could go a long way to remove the psychological fear of the Republicans that a President

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Sharon Desmond Is Technician At Parkland

Stricken expressions of numb disbelief, grimmes and grief passed across the face of the people Friday, as the news of President Kennedy's assassination became known. Scarcely a soul escaped the impact of the fateful happening in Dallas, Texas.

But the event had more than general effect upon the Wm. B. Desmonds of 310 Spruce street in Yankton. The news became personal to the Desmonds, whose daughter, Sharon, is a medical technologist in the hematology laboratory at Parkland Memorial Hospital, where the president died.

Miss Desmond has been employed at that hospital about a year and a half now, and her parents have visited her there, so they picture the scene of Friday's event most vividly in their minds.

Sharon would have been on duty in the emergency ward of the hospital when Pres. Kennedy and Gov. John B. Connally of Texas were brought in for treatment after the shooting, except for the fact that she had obtained special permission to join the throng at Love Field to watch the jet landing of the presidential party.

Miss Desmond, 23, took her training at the University of South Dakota and interned at Sacred Heart Hospital in Yankton. She also worked at the hospital here for a brief time before taking the position in Dallas.

Returning to the hospital after the shooting, Miss Desmond was hard pressed to get through the crowds of people, but finally gained admision to the hospital by using her ID card. Back on duty, she gave a pint of blood for Gov. Connally.

Mr. and Mrs. Desmond plan to talk to their daughter by telephone tonight. They will be going to Texas next month to visit Sharon and their son, Capt. Wm. Desmond, who is stationed with the Air Force at Waco, Texas.

Meantime, Mrs. Desmond is finding it difficult to adjust her emotions to the proximity of the nation's most grievous occurrance to her own family.

"I'm really badly shaken," she said today.

WORLD STUNNED BY UNBELIEVABLE NEWS FRIDAY

By BARRY SCHWEID

WASHINGTON, (AP)—The tragic flash from Dallas reverberated around the world like a clap of thunder: The young vigorous President of the United States was dead at the hands of an assassin, and everywhere the great and the lowly mourned John F. Kennedy's passing.

The deadening shock gave way to tears and then to universal heartache for Jacqueline Kennedy and her two young children. Rich and poor, black and white, shuddered and were bewildered.

Messages of condolence poured into the White House from presidents, premiers and crowned heads. Churches filled with people coming to pray and sob.

"This is a sad time for all people," the new President, Lyndon B. Johnson, told the nation on his return to Washington. "We have suffered a loss that cannot be weighed."

During the early morning hours in Moscow, Premier Khrushchev dressed in black, drove to the U.S. Embassy to personally convey his "deep sadness" on the assassination of the President. Khrushchev and his wife, Nina, sent telegrams of condolences to Mrs. Kennedy.

In New Haven, Conn., a citizen said with a catch in his voice: "I felt as if he was my brother. But he was more than that—he was our President."

Washington was struck as if by a bombshell. The government stopped dead in its tracks.

Crowds gathered outside the iron picket fence in front of the White House, staring silently at the President's home long after night fell. Telephone service was paralyzed for a time and flags—foreign banners at embassies as well as the Stars and Stripes—were lowered to

Pubs in London and cafes in Paris fell silent. In Moscow a Russian girl walked weeping along the street. In Vatican City Pope Paul VI prayed for the soul of the dead President.

Scars of past political strife were forgotten as old foes joined with old allies and the three living former presidents in a unity of grief.

Richard M. Nixon, who lost the presidency to Kennedy in 1960 in a razor-thin race, said in New York: "The assassination of the President is a terrible tragedy for the nation. Mrs. Nixon and I have sent a personal message expressing our deepest sympathy to the members of the family in this hour of sorrow."

Another old political opponent, Republican Sen. Barry Goldwater of Arizona, considered by many the front-runner in the race for the 1964 GOP presidential nomination, learned of Kennedy's death at a Chicago airport and telephoned his Washington office: "The President's death is a profound loss to the nation and the free world."

In Independence, Mo., former President Harry S. Truman was too shaken at first to comment. Later he said, "I am shocked beyond words at the tragedy that has happened to our country and to President Kennedy's family today."

"He loved America and has given his life for his country," said former President Herbert Hoover in New York.

Dwight D. Eisenhower, who preceded Kennedy in the White House, said in a statement in New York: "I share the sense of shock and dismay that all Americans fell

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Burns Fatal For Clarence Mathison; Rites Sunday

Burns suffered in a weed fire at his farm home last Monday afternoon proved fatal for Clarence M. Mathison, 48, of rural Gayville, who died at Sacred Heart hospital at about 2:30 p. m. Friday.

Mr. Mathison suffered burns over about 80 percent of his body, most of them of third degree intensity.

A lifetime resident of Yankton county, Mr. Mathison is survived his mother, Bergina, Gayville; two sisters, Nora, Mrs. Ted Foy, Sioux City, Ia.; and Alice, Mrs. Marion Gorsett, Volin; and two brothers, Alfred and Harold, both of Gayville.

He was preceded in death by his father, Reinhart, and one sister, Mrs. Vernon Halverson.

Funeral services will be held Sunday at 3 p. m. from Vangen Lutheran church at Mission Hill, with the Rev. Bruce Kjelberg officiating. Interment will be in the church cemetery.

Friends may call from 7 to 9 p. m. this evening at the Kabeiseman-Kostel-McLeod funeral home.

THE LATE JOHN F. KENNEDY

40 To 60 Elderly Die As Fire Destroys Ohio Rest Home

NORWALK, Ohio, (AP) — Forty to 60 elderly persons were killed in a fire which swept the Golden Age Rest Home in Fitchville, the Huron County sheriff's office reported.

Deputy Sheriff Jim Wade said there were believed to be as many as 85 persons in the one-story building, which had several wings. Only 20-25 persons were definitely reported to have reached safety. Many still were trapped in the burning building.

When firemen reached the scene, the building was ablaze. The first job was to remove those able to walk.

A funeral home director Richard Eastman, said many persons were trapped in their beds.

The first word of the fire came to the sheriff's office at 5 a. m. from a truck driver who was driving near the home on U.S. 250. The driver, who was not identified, helped in removing some of the old age patients.

The home was described as an institution for ailing old persons.

Oswald Very Defiant As He's Seized

By RAYMOND HOLBROOK and PEGGY SIMPSON

Lee Harvey Oswald, charged with murdering President Kennedy, insisted during hours a questioning Friday night that he was not the assassin.

With his jaw thrust out and his dark eyes intent and piercing, Oswald kept telling newsmen: "I did not kill President Kennedy. I did not kill anyone. I don't know what this is all about."

After the formal charges were filed, Oswald was brought before newsmen. Speaking in a low voice into a cluster of microphones thrust into his face, he denied killing the President.

He appeared less defiant than earlier in the evening but still was composed. He smiled several times as he was being questioned.

"He's Not A Nut"

"I don't think he is a cut," Dist. Atty Henry Wade told newsmen. "I think he is sane. I don't mean that he is any Ph. D., but he answers questions very easily, and he is sharp."

Secret Service agents, Dallas police and FBI men had quizzed Oswald for almost 10 hours before charging him with the murder of the President. Earlier in the evening he was charged with the unprovoked slaying of a policeman 50 minutes after the assassination.

City detective Ed Hicks, after intensive investigation of the slaying, drew this picture of the hour surrounding the tragedy:

Oswald was working on the fifth floor of the Texas book depository, the floor from which the shots were fired. A man working with him said: "Oswald, let's go see the President."

Oswald replied: "No, you go on down and send the elevator back up."

Shoots Officer

As Oswald left the building, he was stopped by Dallas police. Oswald told them he worked in the building and was going down to

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Friday Edition Remade For Kennedy Death

Report of the shooting of President John F. Kennedy in Dallas, Texas, reached the Daily Press and Dakotan news room shortly before 1 o'clock as the Friday edition of the newspaper was already on the presses and was in the mail for most of the readers outside of the city of Yankton.

The front page of the Friday edition was then held up, and the wire was watched avidly by news office personnel for developments in the shooting. The story was pieced together as it came, then was topped by the confirmation of the President's death.

The remade front page was then locked up and processed for the press, so that the rest of the mail run and the city deliveries could be readied in time to reach most of the newspaper's readers.

Connally Reported Satisfactory After Having Surgery

DALLAS, Tex. (AP) — Gov. John B. Connally was reported in satisfactory condition today after undergoing surgery for a bullet wound in his chest.

Connally was shot as he sat in the same open car as President Kennedy Friday in a motorcade through Dallas. A sniper's bullet killed Kennedy.

Connally underwent surgery for more than one hour. After awakening, he asked: "How's Nellie?" referring to his wife. He then asked: "How are the kids?" and went back to sleep.

Dr. Robert Shaw, his attending physician, described the governor as "mentally alert, his condition satisfactory and stable."

"I do not anticipate his getting worse," Shaw said.

Shaw said Connally had not been told of Kennedy's death.

Mrs. Connally, looking tired from the ordeal, was kept from visitors and newsmen. Only close relatives visited Mrs. Connally. Her oldest son, John B. III, 16, came from Austin to be with her. The other children, Sharon, 13, and Mark, 10, stayed in Austin.

Secret Service agents talked briefly with Mrs. Conally in an attempt to reconstruct the crime.

Shaw said the bullet apparently struck Connally in the back, went through his chest into his wrist and embedded in his thigh.

The bullet broke part of a rib into fragments and caused considerable tissue damage, Shaw said.

Connally will be in the hospital 10 to 14 days.

Give To Charity, Mourners Told

WASHINGTON (AP) — The family of John F. Kennedy has asked that no flowers be sent for his services or to the White House.

An announcement issued by the White House Friday night said the family "asked that anyone wishing to do so donate an equivalent amount to charity."

Remainder Of Term To Be Series Of Tests For Chief Executive

Late President's Funeral Set For Monday

By CARL P. LEUBSDORF

WASHINGTON, (AP)—John F. Kennedy lies in death today in the White House from which he governed the nation.

Through the day, his family, his close friends and high officials of the government including former President Dwight D. Eisenhower, were scheduled to view the body of the chief executive who was assassinated Friday in Dallas.

Sunday it will be borne by solemn cortege to the rotunda of the Capitol where for 24 hours it will lie in state, to be seen by the public.

Funeral services will be held at noon Monday at St. Matthew's Roman Catholic Cathedral with Richard Cardinal Cushing, Archbishop of Boston and a long-time friend of the Kennedy family, celebrating a Pontifical Requiem Mass.

The final resting place for the President, 46, gunned down as he rode in a motorcade, remained uncertain early today.

In the early morning hours, the flag-draped casket of the fallen President was brought to the White House.

A Navy ambulance carried the casket from the Bethesda Naval Hospital, in suburban Maryland, where the body had been taken upon its return from Dallas.

From 10 to 11 a. m., Kennedy's immediate family was to view the body in the East Room of the White House.

From 11 a. m. to 2 p. m., the top officials of the government, led by President Johnson and including Speaker of the House John W. McCormick, D-Mass., and Chief Justice Earl Warren, were scheduled to arrive.

Eisenhower also was due to come at that time. Former President Herbert Hoover, 89 and ailing, expressed regrets he would be unable to attend. Former President Harry S. Truman is expected in Washington Sunday.

Cabinet members, officials of the executive branch appointed by the President and close personal friends were to view the body from 11 a. m. to 2 p. m.

From 2 to 2:30 p. m., associate justices of the Supreme Court and members of the federal judiciary were scheduled to call. From 2:30 to 5 p. m. members of Congress and governors were expected, followed by the diplomatic corps from 5 to 6 p. m.

Sunday at 1 p. m., members of the family, Supreme Court Justices, members of Congress and foreign diplomats will accompany President Kennedy's body as it moves from the White House down Pennsylvania Avenue to the Capitol.

The public will be permitted to file past the bier in the great rotunda of the Capitol shortly after its arrival until 9 p. m. Sunday, and again from 9 until 10 a. m. Monday.

At 11 a. m., Monday, the body will be taken to the cathedral for the funeral services.

Adopt Policy Of Partial Closing Here Monday

The Yankton city commission held a special meeting at 11 a.m. today and adopted a resolution declaring Yankton as in a state of mourning for President John F. Kennedy and urging all citizens to pause from their usual pursuits during the President's funeral at 11 a.m. CST Monday to pay respect to his memory.

The retail committee of the Yankton Chamber of Commerce recommends that all retail stores remain closed Monday until after the funeral, reopening at 1 p.m., it was announced by Mert Evander, retail committee chairman, and Laddie Cimpl, Chamber president, who attended the city commission meeting this morning.

It had previously been announced by Dr. Clair T. Bilkre, superintendent of public schools, that no school will be held Monday, and earlier this morning the announcement came that the Yankton county offices, like those in Clay, Bon Homme and Hutchinson counties, will be closed all day Monday in respect to the memory of President Kennedy.

City Manager Francis M. Hoag announced that the city offices will remain closed until 1 p.m. Monday, following the same hours recommended for local retail establishments.

By HARRY KELLY

WASHINGTON (AP)—Asking God's help, Lyndon B. Johnson gathered up the monumental problems of the presidency today as the world, the nation and his family mourned John F. Kennedy, dead by an assassin's bullets.

"I will do my best—that's all I can do. I ask for your help and God's," said the new President, numbed and haggard, after accompanying the slain chief executive's body back to Washington from Dallas.

A few hours after the slaying, Dallas police charged a 24-year-old man who professed love for Russia with murder and said he was the the assassin. He was identified as Lee Harvey Oswald.

Sets Up Conference

As arrangements were made for family, friends and dignitaries to view Kennedy's body at the White House today, Johnson set about getting advice on the troubles that abruptly were thrust into his hands.

He set up morning conferences with Secretary of State Dean Rusk and former President Dwight D. Eisenhower, who not many years ago listened to advice from Johnson, then leader of the Democratic opposition in the Senate—some say the most able leader the Senate ever had.

Almost as soon as he arrived back in Washington Friday night, the 55-year-old Texas with a reputation as a tough political genius plunged into a meeting of congressional leaders of both parties where he asked for and got pledges of support in his days of trial ahead.

Johnson, who fought a losing fight against Kennedy for Democratic presidential nomination in 1960, automatically became the 36th President of the United States the moment Kennedy's life ebbed away in the emergency room of a Dallas hospital.

Lives Half Hour

Johnson was in the car behind Kennedy's when three bullets from a sniper ripped into the open presidential limousine, striking Ken-

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Clambake

By DALE BRUGET

EVERY PIECE OF NEWS IS COLORED TODAY BY THE TRAGEDY WHICH HAS VISITED OUR COUNTRY.

Nothing written before one o'clock yesterday, the hour of our president's death by assassination, retains its original import. If gay, it is now gray. If serious, it is now of relatively little consequence. And nothing written since President Kennedy died is without the shadowed reflection of our nation's sorrow.

A pall of gloom settles across a land stripped of its leadership by a dastardly deed. It lies most heavily upon those in high places who must shoulder the burdens of the fallen president. Bereavement is, of course, closest to the man's own family and friends, but the gloom remains to be borne by those who stand at a distance and feel the ship of state shuddering with the sobs of the nation.

These few paragraphs are by way of acknowledging that even the obscure commentaries of small columnists must take on the shadings of grief at this sad hour of our country's history. None of us is too small to be affected by what has transpired.

God be merciful!

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The approach of the holiday season usually emphasises the depleted family circle in homes where young people have gone off to school or distant jobs or military service. Some households are made sombre by the absence of beloved elders who have, by illness or death, been removed from the family's presence.

By the same token, there are always people separated from their loved ones, by miles and various circumstances, who face a lonely holiday in distant places.

Yankton is a "distant place" for quite a number of students — boys and girls from foreign countries, and some from geographical extremes of our own map. I learn, for example, that there will be some 60 Yankton College students on campus over Thanksgiving . . . young folks who will find it impossible to travel home for the holiday weekend.

It is never difficult in Yankton, though, to find invitations for hol-

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mother didn't hear him. So I unlocked and opened the door.

Rather than leave the plate on the step he handed it to me and left. I felt he was trying to be polite.

My mother came back into the kitchen. She saw the empty plate on the table and that the hobo was gone. Surprised she gently reminded me that I should have let her know when the hobo knocked on the door to return the plate.

I learned two lessons that day — never open the door to a stranger and to be kind but be careful.

Later my mother told me she had heard that hobos leave a mark on the house or in the yard as a sign to other hobos that this is a place where the could get a "handout."

I looked for that mark and I did find a white chalk mark on the front corner of our house.

This is one of my childhood memories of living in Yankton near the Missouri River and the old Meridian Bridge. And to this day I believe I did find the "Mark of the Hobo."

2. "My Teen Canteen"

During my high school years my friends and I spent Friday and Saturday nights at the Teen Canteen.

The Canteen was located on Douglas Street in the IOOF building.

Inside, on the first floor, there was a dance floor where we danced to the music of a jukebox.

Downstairs there was an area for playing ping pong or pool. In another area there was a lunch counter where taverns, pop and chips were sold.

Mrs. Mondini was the chaperone. Everyone called her "Mom."

We all from time to time, helped "Mom." I did my share of taking payments for the monthly tickets or working at the lunch counter.

Outside of dancing, I loved to hang out with my friends in a booth enjoying Mom's "Special Recipe" taverns with an Orange Crush and a bag of chips.

I remember this as a time of "Happy Days"

MARGARET RAHN

Yankton was different in those early days parts of it like Eastern part. I lived on 13th Street across barren fields and land was pasture above that. My father came into Yankton with a cow which gave us milk. All that land is now filled with houses.

Yankton Theatre was one of my places to go. I'd walk to the theatre and back home again. I walked to school as a child. When I had been sick, dad would give me a ride to school. I used the train depot as a resting spot between home and school when attending Garfield and any school within that area.

Fantles basement was a wonderful place where I brought material and sewing needs. The cafeteria was a good place to get good food.

I remember coasting down the hill on 12th Street beyond the stop sign down to my home below. It was safe then with not much traffic.

Dad had a chicken coop located near the alley. I saw chickens running around after their heads had been cut off. In the family garden spot there were strawberries, rhubarb, peach trees, and vegetables planted.

These were the days before gas was in every home. People still had outside bathrooms.