

Maud Wax Reichman, born in Rossville in 1882, reminisced about her childhood and their home. The beds, sometimes rope and sometimes slats, had mattresses of wheat straw or corn shucks, but "if we were very fortunate, we had a feather bed." Wool was carded from their own sheep, and "the thread knitted into a beautiful bedspread." She remembered the quilting bees at the Rossville Methodist Church, as well as the church box and pie socials. It was at a pie social that Maud first met her future husband, George Reichman; he bought her "pure whipped cream pie." George had come to Rossville about 1899 to live on the farm with his sister, Lucetta, and her husband, Charles Williams, a preacher-evangelist. George "courted" Maud, taking her to church socials, to square dances (round dances were frowned upon), and for buggy rides in a shined and polished fancy rig with a leather dashboard. They were married January 21, 1900, in the Wax home in Rossville by Reverend Bartlett.

After the 1903 flood, the Reichmans and their three small children went to western Kansas. Living in a sod house, they endured both prairie fire and raging blizzard before returning to Rossville. With ten children, the parents knew all too well the hazards of raising a family when whooping cough, pneumonia, and influenza were dreaded diseases. George farmed, but after losing crops to drought and hailstorms, they moved to Topeka where he was a conductor on the electric trolley car system. Later an employee of the Kansas Hotel for 33 years, he and Maud celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary three years before his death in 1963. Mrs. Maud Reichman, who was 95 years old on her birthday last October 4, now makes her home with her daughter, Fern. If you have enjoyed reminiscing with her, perhaps you'd like to tell her so. The address is 9805 Channing Circle, Richmond, Virginia, 23235, c/o Raymond D. Dewey.

Several have asked, "After you finish the stories, what will you do with the old autograph book?" It seems only fitting that it should be presented to the Rossville Public Library in memory of Miss Mabel Boyles, who gave so much to it.

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Martin Baird went to Topeka this week where he has employment in the Santa Fe offices as messenger boy. 16 May 1902

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Davis February 29, a 11½ pound son. Men of science have figured it out that this youngster will be compelled to live to the age of 84 years before he attains his 21st birthday. 1903

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ed Baird December 7, a son. Dec. 1908

12 Feb. 1914

Will Baird has joined a Union Pacific bridge gang and is now working near St. Mary where the gang is doing some repairing.

Ed Baird is employed on the reservation where he has considerable plastering to do. 1914

Mar. 1917  
Ed Baird started work yesterday on relaying the stone cross-walks on Main street with cement walks.

26 Jan. 1928 RR  
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Viergiver of Willard announce the birth of a daughter Sunday, January 23. Mrs. Viergiver was, before her marriage, Miss Edna Baird of Rossville.

Mrs. Evelyn Paine came home from Manhattan this week to visit with her folks, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Baird. 7 Feb. 1929

Douglas James and Vernon Baird came home last Sunday from Joplin Missouri, where they have been working setting marble on a new church structure, since late in December. 7 Feb 1929

A son was born Wednesday, Oct. 23, to Mr. and Mrs. Chester Payne, of Manhattan, at the home of Mrs. Payne's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Baird of this city. 24 Oct. 1929

Mrs. Chester Paine and son Eddie of Manhattan; Mrs. Richard Verhage and children Shirley and Joan of near Valencia, are spending the week in Rossville with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Baird. 1 Mar. 1933

Mrs. Chester Paine and son of Manhattan spent the week-end here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Baird 30 Nov. 1933

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Paine and son, Eddy, of Manhattan visited in Rossville, Sunday, with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Baird. Mrs. Paine and baby remained here for a visit through the week. 18 May 1933

25 May 1933

George Diehl and Jake Baird of the reforestation army were home from Ft. Riley over the week-end. George Higginbotham and Frank Hiehl accompanied them back to Riley. A letter, Wednesday, stated the boys are to be included in a contingent scheduled to leave for Sacramento, Calif., so soon as needed equipment is received. Francis Paton and George O'Donnell, who left Topeka last Friday were sent to Ft. Leavenworth for training.

Mrs. F. E. Diehl and Mrs. Ed Baird accompanied George Higginbotham to Ft. Riley Sunday and visited with their sons, George Diehl and Jake Baird. The boys were well and happy in their training camp for foresters and expecting to be sent out this week for Minnesota. They also visited Edward Ellis another Rossville boy in the camp. 18 May 1933

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Paine and son of Manhattan spent Sunday here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Baird. 2 May 1935

"Jake" and "Pete" Baird arrived home today from Evanston, Wyoming, called by the serious illness of their father, Ed Baird. 17 Sept. 1936

Vernon Baird, of this city, expert marble setter, left Monday evening for Denver where he has several months' work at his trade. 24 June 1937

## PERSONALS

Mrs. Esther Anne Denton of Casper, Wyoming, is here this week visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Baird. 21 Nov. 1957

Several of the boys who have been with the railroad company are coming home since the recent shut-downs. Lester Parr and Martin Baird came in from Nebraska Saturday and Tom Attebury, who has been helper at Loring returned today, that station having been closed. 8 Nov. 1907 Baird

*After* Vernon W. Baird

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in the United Methodist Church at Rossville for Vernon W. "Frog" Baird, 70, 3432 Bryant, who died Tuesday in a Topeka hospital.

He was born May 21, 1906, at Rossville and lived in Topeka since 1925. He was an Army veteran of World War II. He was a marble setter.

He was a member of Hesperian Lodge No. 111, AF&AM, at Rossville and Scottish Rite bodies in Topeka. He also was a member of Jimmy Lillard Post No. 31 of the American Legion at Rossville and Local No. 3 of the Bricklayers Union.

He was married to Ernestine Sargent on Dec. 23, 1941. She survives.

Other survivors include two sons, Vernon W. Baird Jr., Rossville, and George Baird, at home; a daughter, Mrs. Mary E. Miller, Lincoln, Neb.; his mother, Mrs. Sadie Baird, Rossville; a brother, Charles Baird, Neosho, Mo.; four sisters, Mrs. Edna Verhage, Tonganoxie, Mrs. Grace Henneke, Houston, Mrs. Jean Mee, Goodwell, Okla., and Mrs. Wilma Dolezilek, Rossville; and four grandchildren.

Jimmy Lillard Post No. 31 of the American Legion will conduct graveside services at Rossville Cemetery. Mr. Baird will lie in state until noon Friday at Parker Mortuary. Memorial contributions may be made to Jimmy Lillard Post No. 31 of the American Legion at Rossville.

**ROSSVILLE** — Mrs. Grace Henneke, 69, Rossville, died Tuesday, Dec. 13, 1988, at her home.

She was born Dec. 17, 1918, at Rossville, the daughter of Edward and Sadie Oldham Baird. She lived in Houston, Texas, several years before she returned to Rossville in 1982.

Mrs. Henneke was a member of the Christian Church in Rossville and a charter member of Diamond Rebekah Lodge in Houston.

She was married to Don R. Henneke March 10, 1965, in Houston. He survives.

Other survivors include two daughters, Charlotte Ann Kopp, Houston, Texas, and Karen Sue Neal, Humble, Texas; three sisters, Edna Verhage, Tonganoxie, Jean Mee, Goodwell, Okla., and Wilma Dolezilek, Rossville; a brother, Charles Baird, Neosho, Mo.; seven grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Christian Church in Rossville. Burial will be in Rossville Cemetery. Relatives and friends will meet from 7 until 8 p.m. today at Verschelden Funeral Home in St. Marys. Mrs. Henneke will lie in state an hour before service time at the church. Memorial contributions may be made to the Christian Church in Rossville.

*After*

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Paine and son of Hobart, Okla., arrived in Ross ville Tuesday, for a visit through the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Sadie Baird and family 23 Dec. 1943

Mrs. Chester Paine and son of Hobart, Okla., arrived in Rossville Sunday for a visit with her mother, Mrs. Sadie Baird 15 June 1944

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Stevens of Topeka visited in Rossville over the Fourth with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Stevens and Mrs. Sadie Baird and family 6 July 1944

Mrs. Chester Paine and son Edward have returned to their home at Hobart, Okla., after a several weeks' vacation visit with her mother, Mrs. Sadie Baird and family 13 July 1944

Mrs. Sadie Baird returned home today after a visit at Wichita, with her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Baird. 31 Aug. 1944

Mrs. Vernon Baird and little son of Wakefield, are visiting in Rossville with Mrs. Sadie Baird and family. 5 Oct. 1944

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Verhage and family of Tecumseh visited over the weekend in Rossville with her mother, Mrs. Sadie Baird. They also attended Sunday morning services at the Christian Church 9 Nov. 1944

Miss Joan Verhage of Tonganoxie is spending a part of her Christmas vacation in Rossville at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. Sadie Baird 28 Dec. 1944

Mrs. Charles Baird and three children of Wichita are visiting home folk, Mrs. Edith Martin at Willard and family and her mother Mrs. Sadie Baird and family. 9 Nov. 1944

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Owens of Houston, Texas, are visiting her mother, Mrs. Sadie Baird and other relatives this week. Mrs. Baird will return to Texas with the Owens. 25 June 1959

*28 Dec. 1944*  
Mrs. Sadie Baird and Billie, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Mee of Maple Hill and Louise Marney spent Christmas Day at Tonganoxie as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Verhage

*16 Jan. 1945*

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Baird are moving their household goods from Topeka, this week to their new home the former Jamieson place on North Main street. Mr. and Mrs. Baird have had extensive remodeling done on the place including a new furnace, hardwood floors, French windows, painting and papering.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Baird of Wichita are the parents of a new daughter born March 25. They have named her Sally Marie. 19 Apr. 1948

### Baird Family Together

After 25 Years 25 Apr. 1963

The children of Mrs. Sadie Baird were together again on Easter Sunday for the first time since 1938.

Those who were Easter dinner guests of Mrs. Sadie Baird were Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Baird and family of Topeka, Mr. and Mrs. Chas Baird and family of Neosho, Missouri, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Verhage of Tonganoxie, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Owens of Houston, Texas, Mrs. Kenneth Mee and Miss Virginia Flagg of Canadian, Texas, Mr. and Mrs. George Dolezilek, Mrs. Evelyn Paine and Kent, Mrs. Vernon Baird Jr., and Peggy Conger of Topeka, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Miracle and baby.

The Baird children, Mr. Vernon Baird, Mr. Charles Baird, Mrs. Edna Verhage, Mrs. Evelyn Paine, Mrs. Grace Owens, Mrs. Jean Mee, Mrs. Billie Dolezilek, and their mother, Mrs. Sadie Baird, called on another brother, Mr. Jack Baird, who has been ill at his home. This was the first time in 25 years that the family has been together at home.

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Monday, May 1, 1989

### Loyd W. Conger

Loyd W. Conger, 70, Topeka, died Sunday, April 30, 1989, at a Topeka hospital where he was admitted April 17.

Mr. Conger was a truck driver for the Kansas Department of Transportation before he retired in 1984. He served with the 464th Bombardment Squadron in the Army Air Corps during World War II.

He was born Aug. 2, 1918, at Iola, the son of Charles Augusta and Lucy Belle Brannen Conger. He lived in Colony and Overbrook before he moved to Topeka in 1951.

Mr. Conger was a member of Jimmie Lillard Post No. 31 of the American Legion at Rossville.

He was married to Winifred Buckle April 12, 1941, at Iola. She survives.

Other survivors include two sons, Loyd J. Conger, Tecumseh, and Michael Conger, Topeka; two daughters, Betty Conger, Topeka, and Peggy Baird, Rossville; a sister, Lucille Lynch, Yates Center; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Tibbitts-Griffin Funeral Chapel. Jimmie Lillard Post No. 31 of the American Legion will conduct graveside services at Rossville Cemetery in Rossville. Mr. Conger will lie in state after 6 p.m. today at the funeral chapel where relatives and friends will meet from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Christmas dinner guests at the home of Mrs. Sadie Baird were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Baird and family of Neosho, Missouri; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Mee, Jimmy and Janie of Canadian, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Verhage and Janice, Mr. and Mrs. Don Earls and daughters. Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Van Dyke, Ricky and David, all of Tonganoxie, Kansas; Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Baird, Sonny, Susie and George, Mr. and Mrs. George Dolezilek, Donnie, Chuckie, Gerry, of Topeka, and Mrs. Evelyn Paine and Kent. 31 Dec. 1959

Mr. and Mrs. Martin from north of Atchison, Kansas, have bought the Charles Baird home in Rossville. Mr. Martin is a retired farmer. Mr. and Mrs. Baird are planning to move to Casper, Wyoming, to be near their son and daughter. 14 Aug. 1958

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Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ed Baird December 7, a son. Dec. 1958

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EVERETT HOUBLER, Auctioneer CHAS. BAIRD, owner  
ARTICLES.  
SILVERWARE, CHAIRS, GARDEN TOOLS, AND MISCELLANEOUS  
SELL AT OUR HOME IN ROSSVILLE SOME ANTIQUE DISHES,  
AS WE ARE MOVING TO CASPER, WYOMING, WE WILL

Saturday, August 16 1:30 pm.

Public Auction

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Turner  
of Denver, Colorado announce the birth of a son,  
Kevin James, born Friday, November 19. He weighed  
eight pounds, seven ounces. Grandparents are Mr. and  
Mrs. Marvin Martinek of Arvada, Colorado, and Mr.  
and Mrs. Henry Turner of Rossville. Great-grandpar-  
ents are Mrs. Bessie Baird of Rossville, Mrs. Ethel  
Bridgford of Wheatridge, Colorado, and Mr. and Mrs.  
Vince Martinek of Silver  
Lake. 25 Nov. 1965

20 ap. 1950  
Mr. and Mrs. Charley Baird of Casper, Wyoming, have purchased the cottage from Mrs. Sarah Johnson, on Orange Street. They will take possession June 1. Mr. and Mrs. Baird are former residents of the Willard community and also of Rossville when they owned the place now the property of Stanley Smith at the north edge of town