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# Traveling Wedding Veil Travels Again

Most wedding veils see only one ceremony and then are packed up and placed in storage. They might be taken out at special wedding anniversaries and then returned to their box. This isn't the case with a veil purchased by Dr. and Mrs. B.F. Zuehl for their niece, Mildred Hahn.

The veil has been in the guardianship of Leland and Marlene Eyres for several years and was passed to Gretchen Schaeffer, another family member, during the Westmar Reunion on August 2.

An article in the April 29, 1960 edition of *The Gleam* gives the story.

### Treasured traveling veil worn fifty times in thirty years

Not many people buy a wedding veil after twenty years after they are married. Yet, this is what Dr. and Mrs. B.F. Zuehl, of Westmar College did.

When they sailed for Europe in 1930, they promised their niece, Miss Mildred Hahn, that they would return in time for her wedding to Donald Eyres of Le Mars that August and bring her a wedding veil. They were unable to find anything that suited their taste until they reached Parish, France. There they found and purchased a veil.

A large, egg-shaped creation, the veil is approximately seven feet long and three feet wide. It has a foundation of sheer linen net, is adorned with Battenberg lace and is simple in design.

After the wedding the veil was returned with an expression of appreciation and the suggestion that it be kept for other brides to use and enjoy as she did. And that is exactly what Mrs. Zuehl did.

Since that time fifty brides have worn the veil. Four of them have been related to the Zuehls and the rest have been college girls whom Mrs. Zuehl became acquainted with at Westmar.

The veil has done quite a bit of traveling too. It has been from California to Ohio and from North Dakota to Kansas. If the bride is unable to take the veil herself, it is insured and mailed to her; and she returns it in the same manner. The insured value is an approximate value.

Said Mrs. Zuehl, "We decided that we wouldn't tell anyone what it cost. If it costs more than people think it should, they think we're spendthrifts; if less, it isn't worth much. Besides, we ceased to measure its value by monetary terms a long time ago. We never dreamed when we purchased it that it would have a life such as it has had. It ha become a very treasured possession."

The veil has been neither torn nor damaged in all this time and is still in good condition. When it gets soiled,



Left to right: Annabel (Streyffeler) Meyer who married Leonard Meyer in 1951; Sharon (Eyres) Trost Jones who married Keith Trost in 1958; Marlene (Schmidt) Eyres who married Leland Eyres in 1963; and Juanita (Carpenter) Hahn who married Samuel Hahn in 1957.

Helen (Parkinson) Vance (inset) wore the veil when she married Kenneth Vance in 1946.

Mrs. Zuehl launders it by hand. Before washing, the outline of the veil is marked by pins on a sheet which has been laid on the floor.

This in necessary because after washing, it shrinks into a small ball which can easily be held in the palm of the hand. It must then be stretched back into its proper shape. This requires someone else to help get it back in shape before it dries, because it dried very rapidly.

With the exception of four years, this veil has been worn at least once every year since its purchase in 1930. A few of the brides to wear it within the last seven years are Lilly Dragoo (Mrs. Clair Kerns), Delores Krafft (Mrs. Keith Roepke), Ruth Carpenter (Mrs. Arnold Ubben), Juanita Carpenter (Mrs. Sam Hahn), Mabel Luetchens (Mrs. Wayne Koch), and Sharon Eyres (Mrs. Keith Trost).

Mrs. Zuehl said, "I have no set rule for who is allowed to wear this veil. Whenever I know of a girl who is getting married and might enjoy wearing it, I tell her that she may wear it if she wishes, but I won't feel offended if she prefers one of her own. The choice is hers."

Mrs. Zuehl has a picture of nearly all of the weddings in her collection. The veil is the same yet each girl has been able to add her own touch because the bride must furnish the tiara. No head piece accompanies the veil.

The veil has been displayed on several occasions and it was worn in the bridal style show at Westmar last spring.

## **Bricks and Mortar and More**

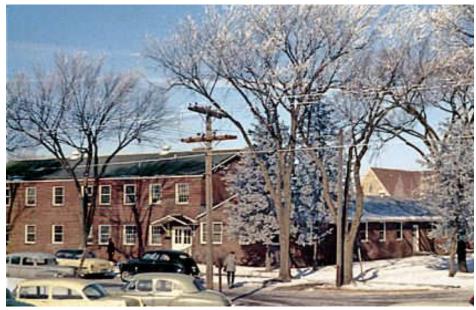
"Old" (Kime) Science Hall by Dr. Wayne Marty

During the 1946-47 school year the science classes and laboratories continued to be located in Thoren Hall as they had been since Western Union College began but post WWII changes were in progress. Enrollment was increasing with returning veterans and also surplus military materials were becoming available for civilian use. Surplus military barracks were acquired from the Sioux City Air Base, reconfigured into an L-shaped building, and brick veneered to become a nice looking "new" Science Hall ready for the Fall 1947 school year.

The upper level of the two story wing was occupied by the Biology Department under the direction of Dr. Danner who at that time, with the help of student assistants, taught the entire Biology curriculum. The first floor of the two story wing was D. O. Kime. The single story wing provided a large lecture room and the Chemisthe only Chemistry professor.

paper wasp nest that hung on one of the 1953 Westmar BA degree replaced Dr. dow for the observation of human behavpillars in the biology lab. The nest and Noll and Dr. Rebstock joined the ior. The Development Office occupied the various pieces of antique laboratory equip- "Hershey" in the Chemistry department. lower level so the building soon became ment are now saved in the Plymouth There was only one telephone in the build- known as the Dev-Psyc Building. County Historical Museum. may include the numerous holes in cloth- upper level office. Sometimes I had to get longer one story segment of the building ing and even shoes from acid spills in the "Hershey" to the telephone from the base- and remodels often preceded the changes. chem. labs or the shocking color change of ment Photo Lab - two flights of stairs and Many will recall their experiences with the newly painted chem. lab ceilings and a long walk away. walls following the Hydrogen Sulfide experiment. Hydrogen Sulfide reacts with there was serious talk of a new science and even the offices for the Dream Team lead to produce a black pigment and the building but temporary adjustments were effort that some will remember from the summer painters had used lead based paint made by moving the physics labs back to 1990's. The mailroom and "print shop" But the education in the WWII recycled building produced nationally recognized educators, research scientists, and Medical ogy. In 1967, after 20 years of science in location as faculty and staff picked up mail doctors – too many to mention by name.

basement at the far end of the Chem. lab yet to come. with a spiral staircase leading down to steel sinks and counter space lined with the 30 years would include several significant years. bottles of developing chemicals and proc- renovations and modifications with changessing trays.



"Old" Kime Science Hall about 1955. Photo contributed by Leland Eyres.

Memories ing and it was in the hall outside the Marty

the basement of Thoren Hall which then occupied the north end above the basement provided two laboratory rooms for biol-"Hershey" was also an avid photogra- nally made into the new four story Kime portant "service center" that provided suppher and many students enrolled in his Science Hall. The faculty had grown to port for the entire Westmar community. Photography course. In the early 50's a four in Biology, three in Chemistry, and quality photography lab was built in the two in Physics. More faculty growth was ary 2002, 4 ½ yeas after the college closed

ing occupancy until the college closed in dustrial Arts Building.

Continuing enrollment growth created 1997. The Department of Psychology ocfor Physics and the primary Physics pro- space pressures for more laboratory space cupied the upper level under the leadership fessor and also president of the college was during the 1950's. The merger with York of Dr. Embree. The building had housed College in 1955 not only brought more mice, and frogs, and fish, subjects of study students to Westmar but also brought Dr. for the first 20 years, but the remodeling try laboratories with Dr. Hershberger as Noll from York to join Dr. Danner in the now provided space for the study of behav-Biology Department. In the fall of 1959, I ior – space and equipment for experiments Many will remember the "foot long" (Marty) as a "kid" just six years past my with pigeons and the one way glass win-

> Various service offices occupied the faculty and staff in Admissions, Financial More science space was needed and Aid, Dept. of Education, Area Education photo lab. It was a common conversation the WWII "barracks", the move was fi- and placed copy orders. It was a very im-

The building was demolished in Februin Nov. 1997 but memories of the experi-The "old" Science Hall was now avail- ences in the "old" Science Hall and the these dark rooms with the shiny stainless able for a new era of versatility. The next Dev-Psyc building will last for many more

Next time we will take a look at the In-

### Alumni News

### News

1942-Lorrain (Bartel) Davis does volunteer work at Act II and spends four months as a winter Texan. She is a retired elementary teacher and lives in Onawa,

**1955-Arthur Angove** was appointed Chaplain of the American Legion Post 488. In June he traveled with his daughter's art class to France, Germany, Austria, Switzerland and Lichtenstein.

1969-Dee Ann Mezger of Lawrence, Deaths Kansas has retired from KS East Conf. in Inne

**1976-Marilyn O. Finstad** has received an Associate of Science degree in Management in 1996 from Gateway Technical College. She lives in Sergeant Bluff, Iowa.

1991-Shannon (Schwartz) Simmons married Russ Simmons in 2003 and they have a baby girl. She works with computers and Russ is a paralegal.

1933-Della (Herlig) Gray of Marcus, Iowa died on July 7, 2008.

1959-Perry Uhl passed away on July 2,

1966-Luella (VanderHamm) (Siege) Schiltz passed away on June 13, 2008 in Le Mars.

**Staff-Wendel Carstensen** of Le Mars died on Aug. 21, 2008.

### **Westmar Kansas Reunion Attracts 39**

By Jeanette (Schroeder) Grenz '70

Thursday night, May 22, 2008, 39 people attended the 10<sup>th</sup> reunion of the Kansas Konference Kids. This was the second time it included other people with Kansas and Westmar ties so there were several people who attended for the first time. We were served a delicious dinner by Fran Odgers and a crew of helpers (including Leon and Cate Hayen) from Topeka First United Methodist Church. After dinner, we each introduced ourselves and told when we were at Westmar and gave a sentence or two summary of what we had been doing since leaving Westmar. Lorene Kehler told us that her husband John, who had been at the last reunion, had died shortly after that. Jeanette Grenz shared information about Paul and Jane Hett who were in a car accident recently and were Thursday night could not stay for Friday, by Iola (Hegle) Schroeder on the piunable to be with us and Don and Joyce but we were joined by one more so our ano. We concluded our singing with Oh Appleman who had sent word that morn- number was at 31. We started our time Westmar College and the Westmar Pep ing that they wouldn't be joining us. She together with a wonderful brunch served Song. also passed around a notebook of greetings by Leon and Cate Hayen. Jeanette called from other people who couldn't be us together and shared a devotion called ery and Deli in Lyndon, KS. The owner there. We were pleased that Wayne and "We Are Connected" from the book Queen told us about their group of liberal Amish, June Marty could join us and Wayne Anne's Lace and Other Weeds by Mary and the food they served us was very brought greetings from Miss Alice Kruse Jane (Crosley) Hartman (class of good. After lunch we had group pictures who the Marty's had visited that afternoon '45). Jeanette reported that Chuck and taken. It was decided that we would once at her place in Blair, NE. Miss Kruse is Marge Kehrberg and Nita Merriweather again meet in two years on Memorial Day 101 years old now and Wayne had several had been planning to come but due to illfun stories to share about her (including ness, they also had to cancel. Jeanette also her "dog" which is a helium balloon that reported the following deaths that she had "Where He Leads Me, I Will Follow" and has stayed up for three months and learned about since our last reunion: Jean we were sent out with the one who had led "follows" her around her apartment.) Next (Nelson) Clark (she actually died 12 years us to Westmar and to this reunion. we saw some pictures that Ken Grenz had ago but her daughter sent a nice note in taken in his travels last fall of some EUB response to the invitation to the reunion), reserved for Saturday May 29, 2010. We historical places in Maryland and Pennsyl- Andy Jordan, John Roth, and Doris will plan to meet on Friday night, May 28,

Friday morning at 9:00 we reconvened Frogge had died recently. Center. Several who were with us on sheets and did some singing accompanied est Park if some wish to stay there.



Sander. It was also reported that Don hopefully at First UMC again. Put this at the Forest Park Conference and Retreat brought out our Old Time Gospel Song- lodging will probably be available at For-

Our lunch was catered by Selighoff Bakweekend.

We sang a few more songs ending with

The Forest Park dining hall has been Next we date on your calendar now! Overnight



# Westmar Reunion 2008



Greeting reunion goers at the door of the Le Mars Convention Center was Wayne Marty's restored 1948 Chevy farm truck.



People gather at the Convention Center to reminisce.



The Friday evening meal was catered by Timmy's Catering. Owner's Tim and Bonnie Rasmussen are 1973 and 1974 Westmar graduates, respectively.



Former Choral members perform Saturday at the banquet.

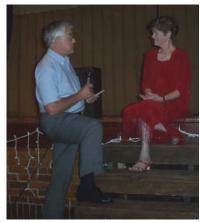


As he does for every reunion, Wayne Marty lead a campus tour. They found shade and a couple benches to sit on while Dr. Marty discussed changes and answered questions.



Saturday afternoon, reunion attendees gathered in small groups to catch up. Here a group from the 1950s meets in the Museum's Welcome Room.





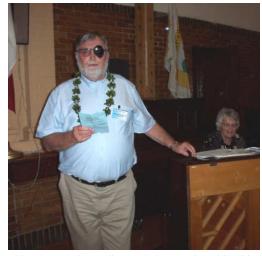
Bill Miller and Charlyn (Frahm) Shickell



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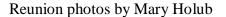


Sylvia (Feiock) Frahm



Chuck Kehrberg directed the music while his sister, Norma, accompanied on the piano as a last-minute substitute for Betty Lou Larson.

Selections from "Beautiful Day," otherwise known as the musical "Oklahoma" were presented by the original performers during the entertainment portion of the banquet Saturday night. Fifty years after their Homecoming performance and the still sounded great.





Stan Schmidt



The traveling veil is very well documented with photos, names, and dates as seen in the display that accompanied the veil.



The veil is displayed along with Marlene (Schmidt) Eyres' wedding dress. Marlene wore the dress and veil in 1963 when she married Leland Eyres.

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