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Copper Gutters Adorn a Wedding Present

By Marian Meier

Last month's Happenings featured the Hayden House which was built in 1926 by Miss Ophelia Hayden and her widowed mother, Mrs. Edward (Mary) Hayden.

Mary Hayden, mother of Ophelia and Mary Hayden Storz, died in 1929, and Ophelia continued to live in this home, now Annex 24, until she died on February 22, 1972.

THE WEDDING PRESENT

When Lucille Hayden and John W. Madden were married in 1909, this house was given to her as a wedding present by the Hayden family.

and his wife Kathryn, and as Mrs. Robert Trant now lives in Elkhorn.

“I raised Mary Elizabeth,” says Genevieve. “Her mother wasn’t well a lot of the time, and they brought her to me to take care of.”

Genevieve, who like her employer never married, came to this country from Germany when she was 18 and worked for the Hayden family for over 50 years.

“Ophelia was going to get married once,” says Genevieve. “In fact, I met the man. But her mother wanted her to stay home and take care of her, so she did.”

“Miss Hayden trusted her whole life to me,” Genevieve says. “I took care of her jewelry and her clothes. I made all of her lamp shades in needlepoint. I fixed the tables when she entertained. She had such beautiful dishes and linens.”

In addition to Genevieve the Haydens employed a chauffeur, a houseman, a cook named Frieda Gudath who worked for Haydens almost as long as Genevieve did, plus a woman who (Continued on Page 2)
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came in by the day to help with cleaning. For two months in the spring and fall this person came in every day, but the rest of the year she worked three days a week.

"They had plenty of help," says Genevieve, "so nobody had to work too hard, but every piece of furniture was washed twice each year. They also had a couple of yard men and other help from time to time."

When Adolph and Mary Storz and Ophelia went to Palm Beach, Florida every winter, Genevieve and Frieda went with them, staying as much as three months at a time.

Of Miss Ophelia, Genevieve says, "She was the loveliest lady. We were just meant for each other."

Ophelia helped so many people and gave so much to charity, but she never wanted it to be known that she had, according to Genevieve. When she died she left her jewelry to charity and her house to Dukesne plus all of her linens, china, crystal, glassware, silverware, and bric-a-brac. Her library she left to Creighton.

And she provided for Genevieve who one day expects to be buried beside her former employer in the Hayden family plot in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

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With the Hayden girls and their parents lived a cousin, Lucille Hayden. Lucille’s mother had died, and it was her father’s wish that the Haydens raise her, so she was like a sister to Ophelia and Mary, although the Haydens never adopted her, as far as Genevieve knows.

Lucille and John W. Madden were married in 1909. The Hayden family gave them the home built at 123 South Elmwood Road as a wedding present, according to Genevieve.

The Maddens had two sons, John W., Jr., and Joseph H. When Lucille Hayden Madden died in 1953, Ophelia Hayden and Thomas C. Quinlan were named as executors of her estate which was largely left to John W., Jr.

In 1954 Mr. Quinlan and Ophelia deeded the property to St. Margaret Mary’s Church who used it as a rooming house for nuns and teachers at the church school. The building was not well maintained during this period when it acquired the nickname of “The Convent.”

The University purchased the house and lot which is 1.14 acres in size from St. Margaret Mary’s in 1972 for $87,500. It was the first home of the College of Public Affairs and Community Service with the dean’s office and several of the departments occupying space there. Now it is totally utilized by the Goodrich Program. The carriage house behind it provides space for the Writers’ Workshop.

One of the unique features of the house is its copper guttering, downspouts, flashing, and entrance canopy, now weathered to a bright bluish-green. Two copper lanterns, suspended from graceful wrought-iron fixtures featuring three pine trees in the design still grace the corners of the east side. A handsome brass door knocker was removed by person or persons unknown.

Another unusual feature is that all the mortar on the outside of the brick structure is meticulously painted green.

Entances are found on all four sides. Concrete flower boxes are built on to the south side of the second story above the sun room.

In the large entrance hall, a decorative molded plaster frieze is found on three sides just below the ceiling. Walls are of plaster scored to resemble stone blocks. The original elaborate brass sconces still decorate the walls, and the same soiled and faded red velvet draperies show evidence that they have been hanging there a long, long time.

The entrance hall leads to a sun room on the south which has been partitioned for offices and to a living room on the east, also partitioned, which opens onto a wide brick patio on two levels. In the paneled dining room a huge old wooden table, which has evidently been there for years, serves students working on study skills.

All the windows are leaded glass featuring different motifs on the upper panes. Original brass sconces of different designs are in both the living and dining rooms. Wide window seats are found in the living room alcoves, and there’s a massive stone fireplace opposite them.

A broad, open staircase leads up to the second and third floors. Off the landing is an octagon-shaped room which once served as a library. Bookcases have leaded glass doors, and concealed behind one of the bookcase panels is a rope-operated dumb waiter. The groined and vaulted ceiling of this room is decorated with molded plaster strips, and the original brass light fixture is still hanging there. Slabs of black marble top the radiators.

Flanking the library are two outside balconies surrounded by ornate wrought-iron railings. From a similarly-shaped room on the third floor just above the library, the campus can be viewed in three directions.

Two semi-circular Renaissance-style murals that appear to be hand-painted fill the arches above the entrance to the library and a panel beside it.

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To go back to the beginning, in 1857 one Harry Hester was given a patent on 160 acres of land in the northeast quarter of Section 24, Township 15, in the district of lands subject to sale in Omaha, Nebraska.

That is the earliest entry in the abstracts of Annex 20 and several of the other properties bought by the University of Nebraska in its program of acquisition begun in 1970.

The grant signed by President James Buchanan, was authorized by the Act of 1855 which gave bounty land to certain officers and soldiers who had been engaged in the military service of the United States.

Harry Hester evidently never married, but he did fence and cultivate part of his property and build a little house on it. Not quite a year later, in consideration of the sum of $200, he sold most of his property to Edward H. Chaplin, who doubled his money when he sold the property a year after that to John A. Todd.

The property, or portions of it, changed hands several times, and in 1887 was first platted as Garfield Terrace. Later the area was platted as Buena Vista Place.

Mention of Harry Hester is made again in the abstract in 1916 when Edward H. Chaplin made an affidavit in the matter of the application of Harry D. Hester to “enter by pre-emption” the northeast quarter of section 24.

Mr. Chaplin testified that on May 19, 1857 Harry Hester “made a settlement on said land by laying the foundation for and erecting a dwelling house on the same of sawed lumber eight feet by ten feet in size, said dwelling being finished in a good and workmanlike manner with plank floor and roof, window and door and in every respect suitable for residence.” Harry Hester was still living in his little house at the time of the affidavit.

Next month——the Storz mansion.
Clerks’ School in March

The fifth annual municipal clerks’ school, directed by David F. Paulsen, professor of public administration, will be held at the Holiday Inn in Kearney March 17 through 21.

The Nebraska school is one of only two held in the Midwest, the other being in Iowa, and one of 14 such schools in the nation.

The theme this year is “Legal Aspects of Municipal Administration.”

Aimed at enabling clerks in Nebraska municipalities to achieve certification from the International Institute of Municipal Clerks, the sessions will provide 36 hours of instruction on such topics as administrative law, public property, nuisance control, accounting and budget practice, social relationships, stress management, plus a basic statistics refresher.

Ken Adams, administrative assistant in PA, is the assistant director. Faculty is being drawn both from the UNO staff and from around the state. UNO staff members who will instruct include Mylon Winn, John E. Kerrigan, Edward S. Twardy, Harry W. Reynolds, Jr., David C. Scott, David Hinton, Harold F. Gordon, and Dr. Paulsen.

Other participants include Carl York, Cozad city clerk and president of the Nebraska City Clerks; Steven Reisdorff, Crete city attorney; Kent Whinnery of the Omaha city legal department; and David Chambers, executive director of the Nebraska League of Municipalities.

Three themes are stressed in the annual sessions with a different offering for each of three weeks which then repeats. This year about 60 of the 435 full and part-time municipal clerks in Nebraska will be completing the three year cycle required for certification, says Dr. Paulsen.

The certification program was started in 1975 in recognition of the need for professional training for Nebraska clerks. It is jointly sponsored by the Nebraska Clerks Section of the League of Nebraska Municipalities and the Department of Public Administration at UNO.

SENIOR CITIZEN DAYS SCHEDULED FOR MAY

The eighth annual Senior Citizen Celebration Days have been scheduled for May 14, 15, and 16 in the UNO Student Center. Sponsored by the Gerontology Program, the Celebration Days are a festival of education, art, and entertainment for the elderly. The Celebration Days coordinator is Kathy Sullivan, public information coordinator for the Gerontology Program.

ETHEL HILL WILLIAMS
CAUR

Ms. Williams has resigned her position as community service associate effective February 11. She will be moving to Birmingham, Alabama. Formerly a part-time instructor in public administration in addition to her position with CAUR, she has been at UNO for almost five years.

GERONTOLOGY PROGRAM OFFERS NEW COURSES

Two new courses and a new instruction site are the most recent additions to the Gerontology Program’s academic offerings.

The new courses, both listed under “Issues in Aging” or GER 435 (835M), are “Aging and Mental Health” and “Mid-life Career Change and Pre-retirement Planning.” The instructors are Dr. Leo Missinne and Dr. Shirley Waskel, respectively.

Beginning this semester, the Specialization in Gerontology is being offered, by request, at the St. Joseph Center for Mental Health, 819 Dorcas St. The first course in the four-semester series is “Aging and Human Behavior,” taught by Dr. Missinne.

DAY CARE TRAINING

KEEPS CAUR STAFF BUSY

Last fall, under a Title XX grant from the Nebraska State Department of Welfare, the Center for Applied Urban Research began a three-phase program to train day care givers in Regions I, II, III, and IV in Nebraska. These are the four “outstate” regions of the six into which the state is divided. Regions V and VI, the counties surrounding Lincoln and Omaha, have their own programs.

One phase of the program is arranging a series of workshops on three topics—first aid, coping with problem behavior, and child development through home made play materials.

Under the direction of Dr. Genevieve Burch, project coordinator, staff members conducted 21 training sessions in three weeks for 405 providers, traveling 9,468 miles to do so. Another series of workshops will be given this spring.

Another is developing home study courses on home made play materials, nutrition, and guidance and discipline. The third is publishing a monthly newsletter.

Dr. Sharon Davis has been developing the home study course on play materials and has presented some of the workshops. She also has helped with the newsletter.

Marian Meier is the editor of the day care newsletter and has designed flyers and edited curriculum materials. Carole Davis has worked actively in several phases of the program.

Almost every other member of the CAUR staff has been involved in some aspect of the day care training program. Ethel Williams, Peggy Hein, and David DiMartino have helped in workshop arrangements, while Joyce Carson, Beverly Walker, and Betty Mayhew have provided clerical assistance. Jason Chen has done the graphics for the newsletter and curriculum materials.

Murray Frost and Jack Ruff have been consultants.

HMO’S STUDIED BY GERONTOLOGY

Nine health maintenance organizations (HMOs), or pre-paid group health plans, are being studied by the Gerontology Program through a one-year, $30,000 grant from the Andrus Foundation.

Entitled “Barriers to HMOs for the Elderly: Factors Affecting Enrollment, Utilization, and Self-Satisfaction of Elderly HMO Members,” this project will examine HMO policies, services, enrollment procedures, service utilization by the elderly, and costs of care. A survey of older users of HMO services will determine their satisfaction.

The research staff for the project includes Chuck Powell, Dr. Donna Eden, JoAnne Lofton, Gail Kara, and Patsy Daniels.

LEO MISSINNE
Gerontology

On December 13, Dr. Missinne gave a guest lecture on “Personality Theories and Aging” for a UNO Life Span Psychology course taught at Nebraska Methodist Hospital.
Staff Activity

DAVID R. DIMARTINO
CAUR

Dr. DiMartino has been invited to present and publish a paper on "The Impact of Current Socio-Demographic Forces on National Settlement Systems" at the 24th International Geographical Congress to be held in Japan in August this year. Co-author of the paper will be Dr. Robert Sinclair.

GAIL KARA
Gerontology

Ms. Kara presented a paper on "Sociology of Health Care Delivery" at the first annual University of Nebraska Conference on Aging in Lincoln.

KATHY SULLIVAN
Gerontology

Mrs. Sullivan was recently elected vice chairman of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program Advisory Council of the Eastern Nebraska Office on Aging.

GINGER BURCH
CAUR

Dr. Burch has been named as a representative of the new practice section of the American Sociological Association to the Midwest Sociological Society. Her article, "The Evaluation of an Innovative Social Program—Positive Parenting," will be published in the February issue of Social Work.

JANE WOODY
Social Work

Dr. Woody has had an article accepted for inclusion in the book, Practice Problems in Family Therapy, edited by Alan S. Gurman, to be published by Brunner/Magel.

JIM KANE
Criminal Justice

A workshop, "Community Based Corrections for Juveniles," was presented by Professor Kane at the annual conference of the Nebraska Juvenile Justice Association held at York. He also was the keynote speaker at a seminar on "Crime and the Elderly" held in Valley and again in Omaha.

RICH BLAKE
Gerontology

Dr. Blake has been appointed to the advisory council for the American Personnel and Guidance Association's project on counseling older adults. He will serve as national trainer for this project, awarded to APGA by the Administration on Aging, a department of HEW. Dr. Blake also gave an address, "Peer Counseling for Older Adults," at Norfolk.

CHRISTOPHER BOLTON
Gerontology

Dr. Bolton's review of Counseling the Aged: A Training Syllabus for Educators is to be published in Educational Gerontology, edited by Mary Ganikos.

CHUCK POWELL
Gerontology

Mr. Powell's paper on "A Challenge for the Human Resources Administrator: Utility Costs and the Rural Elderly" appeared in a recent issue of the Journal of Health and Human Resources Administration. On January 28 and 29, Mr. Powell conducted a follow-up survey on public attitudes and perceptions regarding the Omaha Public Schools' spending lid.

CAROLYN CALLIGARO
Dean's Office

Mrs. Calligaro began working as a Secretarial Specialist for Dean Larry Trussell in the College of Business Administration on January 21. She was formerly a Staff Secretary III.

SUNNY ANDREWS
Social Work

Professor Andrews attended a conference-workshop on "Education in Genetics" in Arlington, Virginia in January. The sessions were sponsored by the Virginia Genetic Disease Program.

PETER SUZUKI
Urban Studies

An article by Dr. Suzuki, "A Retrospective Analysis of a Wartime National Character Study: Weston LaBarre on Topazeans," has been accepted for publication in Dialectical Anthropology, a journal.

ANNE COYNE
Social Work

Ms. Coyne was honored by the Child Welfare League of America at a banquet in New York City on January 17 for four years of service on the national advisory board of the North American Center on Adoption.

SHIRLEY WASKEL
Gerontology

In December, Dr. Waskel was appointed to serve on the Senior Employment Program Advisory Committee of the Eastern Nebraska Office on Aging. On December 20, she conducted a workshop on "Mid-life Career Change" for the parents of Burke High School seniors. Dr. Waskel presented a paper, "Facilitating Applied Problem Solving of the Aged," at the 32nd annual scientific meeting of the Gerontological Society in Washington, D. C.

SAM WALKER
Criminal Justice

With Hubert Locke, former dean of CPACS and now vice-provost of the University of Washington, Sam has edited a special edition of Social Development Issues devoted to "Law Enforcement and Institutional Racism in American Society." Sam was re-elected to a three-year term as a member of the Nebraska Civil Liberties Union's board of directors. His article, "Police Professionalism at the Crossroads: Police Administration in the 1980's," was published in Critical Issues in Criminal Justice, edited by Tacovetta and Chang.

LAURENCE FRENCH
Criminal Justice