

Open house at Hordville to honor Shirley Parsons

An open house has been scheduled for Saturday morning, Aug. 3, at the Hordville elevator to honor Shirley Parsons, who is retiring this month after 34 years service.

She had worked for Farmers Cooperative Association 33 years when it became a part of United Cooperative, Inc. just one year ago.

She remained with the company and continued to work in the accounting and sales office in Hordville after the merger.

In all that time, she's worked for only two managers, D.L. "Shorty" Hahn, who retired in March 1990 after a long career at Hordville, and Jim Palmer. "I've enjoyed working for both," she said.

And, she added, "I really appreciate everything Jim Palmer and the United staff at Hampton have done for me."

They will be among the people she will miss, along with the people at the elevator at Polk, also part of United Co-op.

And, she said, she'll miss her fellow employees at Hordville, "all special to me"--Joe Hahn, Rick Larson and Lyle Gress.

Shirley grew up in Hordville, the daughter of Paul and Clara Jones, both natives of the area. Her father, who died in 1974, was a hog buyer for the Cudahy Company. Her mother, now 92, lives with Shirley and her husband.

She attended Hordville schools and then went to work for the Co-op Creamery in Central City before joining the Hordville elevator in the summer of 1957. Her husband, E.N. "Pars" Parsons, now retired, was assistant manager there at the time and he and Hahn persuaded her to take the job. They needed a secretary.

Pars retired in 1986.

Shirley and her husband have a son,

Hordville man dies from crash injuries

A 73-year-old Hordville man died Sunday, May 26, of injuries he received in a Friday accident 10 miles north and one mile west of Bradshaw in York County.

Andrew J. Bush died Sunday in Lincoln General Hospital. The two-vehicle accident happened about 5 p.m. Friday, according to the York County Sheriff's office.

Bush's sister, 68-year-old Nora Bush of Schuyler, also was hurt in the accident. She was listed in good condition at York General Hospital over the weekend. She suffered a fractured clavicle.

Authorities said a northbound 1983 Chevrolet pickup driven by Tom A.



SHIRLEY PARSONS will retire July 31 after serving 34 years at the Hordville elevator. An open house is planned in her honor on Saturday morning, Aug. 3, at the elevator. News-Register Photo by Hap Fruits.

Rich, who lives with his family just north of Hordville. He and his wife, the former Rhea Shoup of Hordville, have two sons, Shane, 10, and Preston, 7. Getting to spend some more time with her two grandsons to do things with them will be one of the nice things about retirement, Mrs. Parsons said.

She and her husband also will be able to enjoy their cabin located north

ment for me, not to meet the patrons of the co-op every day," she said. "It's always been a pleasure to visit with all of them."

Her last day will be next Wednesday, July 31.

The coffee pot has always been on at the elevator and, for the youngsters, Shirley kept candy in the top left-hand drawer in her desk to give

Huge grassland fire burns at Camp Covenant Cedars

A HUGE PRAIRIE fire Sunday burned about one-half section of trees, brush and grassland near the Covenant Cedars camp, located north of Hordville.

According to Central City Fire Chief Rusty Fuehrer, the fire started in the southwest corner of the section which contains Covenant Cedars and burned to the north, whipped by high winds

The call for help came at about 3:15 Sunday afternoon and firefighters from all but the Hordville district were on the scene for about six hours, said Fuehrer. The Hordville firefighters were at the scene for some time longer, hoping to prevent the fire from re-starting.

WHILE FUEHRER said there were