



NEWSLETTER

November 1997

Happy Holidays and Welcome to Newsletter Number 3!

Phyllis and I want to wish you all the best as we head into the 1997 Christmas Season!

A lot went on in 1997 within our personal family. I entered the year with a good case of the flu, a present from my grandson, Eric, while visiting my daughter's family, Cheryl, Tim and Nicholas Vaughan, in Euharley, GA for the '96 Christmas Holidays. In August we welcomed a visit from our son and daughter-in-law, Roger and Anne Altstätt. Later in August my sister and her husband and daughter, Mary Ruth, Joe and Alice Cooper, dropped by, then they were on to visit her son's family, Dave and Lisa DeJohn, who had recently moved to Ojai, CA.

We received two very enjoyable visits from Bill and Georgia Altstätt, Oklahoma City, OK during the year, and John Alstott, from Springfield, MO

came out for a couple of weeks in March. John does really fine carpentry work and our kitchen never looked better...thanks cuzzin!

Archie Padberg is doing great work on the 1999 Reunion (as you read ahead)...and was I flooded with items for the newsletter...WOW! and thanks!...read on!

Nostalgia...

Burnett Lumber Company foreman Hugh Altstätt checks out some finished lumber in this late 1940s or early 1950s photo. Heavener, OK Ledger, Dec. 5, 1996



Banker cashes in, hits \$1 million field goal!



The Associated Press

HONOLULU -- On this occasion, both teams rushed out, and mobbed the kicker. Lance Alstott, an investment banker from New York, coolly boomed a 35-yard field goal through the uprights Sunday to win \$1 million in the "Hershey's : \$1 million Pro Bowl Kick!"

"I think the only way to go with something like this is that you believe you can drill it," Alstott said, as composed afterward as he was when he was kicking. A former high school soccer player, Alstott, 26, teed the ball up, took a few strides to set himself up, and wasted no time taking the kick. The ball was almost dead center from the start, and with plenty of distance.

The first player to congratulate him was Carolina Panthers kicker John Kasay. Asked if Alstott has a future as a kicker, Kasay added: "He shouldn't give up his day job. But he made more than I did this season."

Ventura Star, Mon. Feb. 3, 1997



KICKERS: Lance Alstott celebrates his \$1million field goal as Pro Bowl kicker John Kasay congratulates the New York banker.

Editors note: I got quite a few letters on this newsworthy event and although Lance Alstott pronounces his name the same way, his family heritage traces back through the Jewish Alstotts who immigrated from Holland, not Germany. This lineage is noted on page 6 in the Family History Book...in any event-congratulations Lance!

1997 History Book Owners...Only 203 books left!

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Altstatts Celebrate with Big Minnesota Reunion

The Altstätt Family (Pg. 563) Reunion on August 10 was organized by Sharon Hunt, wife of Paul Hunt (Lucille Altstätt Hunt's son). It was held in Mahtomedi, MN, at a former Girl Scout camp lodge. At last count there were 53 family members in attendance. We're sure the next reunion will be

bigger; perhaps 2000 (the year not the number of people).

It was fun to see everyone. The food (potluck, everyone brought their favorite franchise chicken) and conversation were plentiful. The main event (next to the food) was the photo session.

Altstätt wins 1st place in regional science fair

Jennifer Alstätt recently received a first place achievement award for her entry in the Northeast Arkansas Regional Science Fair.

More than 100 students from more than a dozen Northeast Arkansas secondary schools were recognized for entries in the Northeast Arkansas Science Fair recently. Winners were announced Saturday, March 22, at ceremonies on the Arkansas State University campus.

Jennifer's entry, "Are Petroleum Products Harmful to Plants?", entered in the Environmental Science division, received a first place achievement award from the U.S. Navy and U.S.



Marine Corps. Jennifer is the daughter of Ben and Jeanette Alstätt of Jonesboro. She is the granddaughter of Melvyn and Dorothy Alstätt of Rector and James and Virginia Bedwell of Jonesboro. CLAY COUNTY DEMOCRAT, Wednesday, April 2, 1997



Top, some of the crowd of Altstätt cousins, some slipped away before this picture was taken



Bottom: Front row, (left to right) Lucille Altstätt, Ray Altstätt, Barbara Pappenfuss, Janet Heinsch, Lucille Hunt and Larry Hunt; back row, (left to right) Kenny Heinsch, John Altstätt, Paul Hunt, Joe Altstätt, Gene Altstätt, Charlie Altstätt, Kay Heinsch, Greg Pappenfuss and Tom Heinsch. (The Altstätt reunion flag was made by Mimi Altstätt, wife of Art Altstätt, and inspired by son, Andrew). Report and photos by Gene Altstätt.

Passed Away

Frank Altstadt

1906-1997

Frank George Altstadt (Pg. 115) died on July 28, 1997 at the age of 91 years. He was married for 67 years to my mother, Antoinette Mary Siebels.

He was the 7th child of George and Elizabeth Krekelberg Altstadt.

Information submitted by his daughter, Florence Hammers Perham, MN

KATE LAURA ALLSTOT

Kate Laura Leontina Anderson (Pg. 402) was born at home May 15, 1912 in Wilton, North Dakota, with her father, Henry Theodore Anderson, in attendance. Laura was 2nd born of twins. Laura's mother, Kate Lund Anderson, passed away giving birth to Laura & Paul. Paul later died 6-7-12. Laura & sister Grace went to live with Kate's sister, Mary Lund Berg and her husband, Ole, together with their own children, Ernest, Myrtle, Florence, Emily and Judith, in Upsala, Minnesota.

Laura's two brothers, Arthur and Sig, remained with their father.

Laura was confirmed at Gethsemane Lutheran Church of Upsala, and graduated from Upsala High School in 1932. On May 1, 1937 she married Archie Ray Allstot at Gethsemane Lutheran Church. They lived in Anaheim, California & worked on Walter Knott's farm before returning to Minnesota to do farming in Bingham Lake and later moved to a farm North of Upsala. In 1948 they moved to 7 acres of land just on the edge of town.

Archie passed away June 26, 1968. Laura did home health care sponsored by Saint Gabriel Hospital. 1970 she moved to California where she continued her Home Health Care for shut-ins as well as child care. Her dedication was the caring and nurturing of the sick, the elderly, and the young. In Livermore, California she worked for a Convalescent Home caring for the elderly.

Laura would always serve her Lord with church activities as well. Played piano, sang in choir, taught Bible School, or wherever her talent would lead her. She was Sunshine Lady for the Woodland Hills Golden Age Club, visiting the sick and/or giving rides when needed. She would cheerfully go about her work never once complaining. Always a happy, good natured attitude with a ready smile for everyone.

She is survived by one daughter, Delores M. Talar and husband, John, of West Hills, CA; two grandsons, William Talar and wife, Michelle, of Simi Valley, CA and Geoffrey Talar & wife, Eileen, of Houston, TX; and one great granddaughter, Cassidy Allison Talar of Simi Valley, CA; sister-in-law, Mamie Allstot (Pg. 401) of Windom, MN; and half sister, Edna Andersen of Bemidji, MN and half brother, Alvin Joseph Anderson.

Preceded in death by her parents; husband, Archie; twin brother, Paul; brothers, Sig, Arthur and extended family - Ernest; Sisters, Grace, and extended family - Myrtle, Florence, Emily and Judith; and brother-in-law, Clyde Allstot.

John, chapter 17, verse 4 says "I have finished the work which Thou gavest me to do." Now she has been summoned by her Savior. She will never be gone - she is just away. As Christians we know we'll all be together again some day.

3rd National Alstott/Altstadt/Altstatt Reunion Set for July 4th Weekend 1999 with a full flung 300th Birthday Party for Martin Altstatt and Fireworks!

Archie Padberg (pg. 295), Chairman of the 1999 Alstott/Altstatt Clans Oregon Reunion has been working hand in hand with Pat Kennedy, director of the Pendleton Convention Center to make the 1999 National Reunion the greatest ever!

Tentatively set for June 18-20, 1999, our plans had to be changed due to scheduling conflicts with the convention center calendar. These conflicts have been addressed, and a revised set of dates, acceptable to the "Oregon" Allstott Clan, has been worked out with a firm agreement signed by both parties. The new firm date for the 1999 Clans Reunion is set for the weekend of **July 4th 1999!**

The revised plan is to start the Reunion at noon July 2, 1999, and end Monday afternoon, July 5. This Schedule would include:

Friday - July 2, 1999 - Noon-5 p.m.
Registration and get acquainted along with sign up for the famous Pendleton Woolen Mill tour and Pendleton Underground tour 7:00 p.m. Western music, Entertainment - (and most importantly) socializing

Saturday - July 3
9:00 a.m. - noon - Assembly and family introductions
Noon - 1:30 p.m. - Catered Western Barbecue Lunch
1:00 - 5:00 p.m. - Prearranged tours or socializing
7:00 p.m. - Entertainment - more socializing

Sunday - July 4
8:00 - 9:30 a.m. - Catered Breakfast
10:00 a.m. - Church-of-your-choice or nondenominational service
Noon - Lunch on your own
1:00 - 5:00 Socializing or Tour to Tamustalik Cultural Institute
5:00 - 7:00 p.m. - Dinner on-your-own
7:00 p.m. - Entertainment - more socializing with...
9:00 p.m. a July 4th Fireworks Display

Monday - July 5
10:00 a.m. - Cleanup of facilities and goodbys till 2004

Final plans for the 1999 reunion will be sent to you in the 1998 issue. The more clan members who attend, the better we can spread the individual costs...AND I am optimistically looking for around 500 "Cuzzins" to make their way to Pendleton for this great get-together and 300th birthday celebration. The Pendleton Convention Centers 20,799 sq. ft. facilities alone will run \$500.00 for the entire event (*that's only \$125.00 per day for 4 days...a great bargain...cost of these facilities will be divided equally between all who attend for lowest cost*). The Saturday barbeque dinner will run around \$20.00 per person and the Sunday breakfast should run around \$6.00 per person. We will spread out other costs, such as for the fireworks, programs, badges and so forth, but that should spread out pretty inexpensively over the whole of the 'clans' attendees. So if you haven't started putting back those pennies, nickels and dimes yet, now is the time to start. **You won't want to miss this great event.**

Archie is planning to set a per person cost to pay for the facilities, music, and food up-front, so no charges will be hidden. No hassles, no last minute routine for mom in the kitchen cooking up her favorite potluck recipe. This way everyone can have a good laidback time. Travel expense and motel costs will still have to be determined by your budgeting.

In addition, RV facilities are available on the Convention Center grounds, that's where Phyllis and I plan on staying. Plenty of hotel space is available with motel locations and prices coming in the 1998 Newsletter. Flight information into Pendleton or Portland, Oregon will be coming in the 1998 Newsletter along with the registration forms and maps.

Below (in box): The Pendleton Convention Center, site of the 1999 Clan gathering



Me bringum hay burning RV 'n bedding...along with squaw and papooses. How 'bout you?



Native Americans will soon tell their side of the cowboy and Indian saga

Tamustalik Cultural Institute, covering 45,000 square feet of former wheat fields on the Umatilla Indian Reservation, will tell how the lives of the Walla Walla, Umatilla, and Cayuse Indians were changed after the white man moved into their territory.

"It's not always a pretty story," said Jackie Cook, curator of the center. "You'll see things differently than the way the history books tell it."

According to Cook, the center will dispel a lot of myths.

In exhibit form, with a \$14 million price tag, artifacts from the three tribes will be displayed in the cultural institute poised at the base of the Blue Mountains east of Pendleton.



Simpsons Celebrate 50th Anniversary

Mayes H. Simpson and Delores A. Bruce (Pg. 423) were united in matrimony on July 26, 1947 in Silverton, Oregon.

Life is beautiful when shared with someone special...

*The years go by like Clouds in the Sky
And love grows even stronger...*

Many friends and family members joined our family on this joyous occasion as our parents Mayes and Delores Simpson celebrate fifty years of marriage at a reception in their honor on Saturday, July 26, 1997 at two o'clock in the afternoon, Tillamook Grange Hall 5520 Third Street, Tillamook, Oregon.



Pictured at Melvyn and Dorothy Alstadt's 60th anniversary are: back row, Ben and Bill Alstadt, middle row, Jeanette, Jennifer, Jonathan, La Donna, Anthony and Cristina Alstadt, front row, Dorothy and Melvyn Alstadt

Alstadt's celebrate 60th anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Melvyn Alstadt celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with a reception from 10 to 4 p.m. Sunday, June 1, at the Clay County Central Cafeteria.

Melvyn Alstadt and the former Dorothy Vincent were married-May 26, 1937, at the East Side Methodist Church (now Griffin Memorial) in Paragould by the Rev. Samuel G. Watson.

Mr. and Mrs. Alstadt are the parents of three children. Marilyn Sue Cassidy of St. Louis. Ben Alstadt of Jonesboro and Bill Alstadt of Piggott.

They have four grandsons. John and Brian Cassidy of St. Louis, Jonathan and Anthony Pickering of Piggott, and three granddaughters, Cyndee Alstadt Manchester of Paragould. Cristine Pickering of Little Rock and Jennifer Alstadt of Jonesboro. One grandson, William Cody Alstadt, is deceased.

The reception was hosted by their children and their families.

Sam Baltzer Pushes Himself to the Limit

Baltzer has been at Shorter for 10 years and has taught 30 course titles.

He conducts the Northwest Georgia Woods, which is a concert band and is referred to by Baltzer as a "y'all come band" and the Clocktower Jazz Ensemble, an 18-piece invitation-only band.

Playing in a jazz band called "Applescraps" gives Baltzer the chance to perform in the community. A jazz tune by Charlie Parker titled "Scrapple from the Apple" inspired this name.

Applescraps is also one of the warm-up acts for the July 4 celebration on the river and was featured on Broad Street's main stage when the Olympic torch came through Rome.

Baltzer played with bands in lounges and pubs and sported a longhair style while driving a "beat-up Volkswagen van," according to Vickie Culberson, who occupies the first chair flute position in the Northwest Georgia Winds.

Because of his desire to share his love, Baltzer attempts to make every practice and performance

lively with jokes that Wayne Walker, a member of the Clocktower Jazz Ensemble, refers to as "groaners." Culberson calls them "Johnny Carson stand-up monologs." One such occurrence involved Baltzer's assertion that the band was going to try to perform a Latin titled piece in "its original Latin." Culberson says her 83-year old father came to

concerts just to hear Baltzer's jokes. He would say, "That little boy - he sure is funny."

James Willis, who plays in the Clocktower band and substitutes in Applescraps, recalls a time when Baltzer said the Clocktower band plays for everybody but the Dalai Lama. If given the opportunity to perform for him they would play "Hello Dolly."

Baltzer is a self-described teacher, conductor, composer and performer. He performs on the trombone, electric bass and folk guitar. He is also knowledgeable in the areas of band instruments, orchestral instruments and piano. Baltzer explains that music allows him to "express feelings too subtle for words."

Baltzer's life is a symphony. His love for music and his desire to share it with others blend in sweet harmony.



Angel Express Inc. turns its love toward the Hispanic community

As the Christmas season nears, some Rome, GA, residents are already thinking about what they can do to help others. One of these is Janet Baltzer, founder and director of Angel Express Inc.

Angel Express Inc. helps people help people. Through this local organization more than 100 area children and adults are presently making preparations for a merry Christmas for disadvantaged Floyd County families.

This would have been hard to imagine four years ago when an opportunity presented itself to Mrs. Baltzer. In 1993 working in the Rome Housing Authority Drug Elimination Program, she initiated the "Stuff-A-Stocking" project. She traded her garage sale items for 400 stuffed toys which she distributed to children in Rome's public housing. Thanks to community support, this simple project has evolved into a year-round independent grassroots nonprofit corporation.

Last year, doll furniture handmade from scrap lumber by Paul Layman of Lindale, and dolls dressed by former Roman Claudette Wooldridge were a very special addition to the gifts offered by Angel Express to the clients of social service agencies including the Exchange Club Family Resource Center, Shrine Clubs of Rome and Cave Spring, and Youth for Christ Teen Moms Program. For

Christmas 1996, this concept has expanded to involve the efforts of a small army of volunteers of all ages from several organizations.

The "Royal Ambassadors" of Second Avenue Baptist Church, painted 35 pieces of Layman's doll furniture. One of the boys, Paul Wilson, said, "helping the Angel Express means a lot to us. I wish I could see the children's faces on Christmas morning when they find the furniture we painted it really gives you a good feeling."

As the opportunities for service through Angel Express continue to grow, so do the needs of those to be served in the community. Through her membership in the Rome/Floyd-County Human Relations Commission and the newly formed Latin American Coalition, Mrs. Baltzer has become aware of the plight of many of the Latino families in the area who are struggling to make a life in an unfamiliar culture.

"Rome is fast becoming a multicultural community which makes working together all the more important," Mrs. Baltzer said. This year, Angel Express is hosting a Christmas Fiesta on Dec. 23 at the Civic Center. Invited guests will include a large number of Latino children and their families who have been designated as "most needy" by school counselors, churches and other organizations working closely with the Latin American community. *Rome News-Tribune, Rome, GA, Nov. 17, 1996*

The Mike Alstott Fan Corner

BUCS fans know all about Alstott

Love hard-running rookie from Joliet

By Charean Williams
Orlando Sentinel

TAMPA—Tampa Bay Buccaneers fullback Mike Alstott may have played like a veteran, but he has yet to earn a name in the NFL.



When Alstott donned his No. 40 jersey for the Bucs' road game against the Arizona Cardinals two weeks ago, the back of his game jersey read: ALSOTT. Bucs' equipment manager Frank Pupello blamed the spelling error on "a screwup at the factory." "I didn't even know until Monday morning when Frankie told me about it," Alstott said. "I guess everybody else noticed though, huh?"

Can you spell **r-o-o-k-i-e**? The 6-foot, 240-pound Alstott 35th pick in April's NFL draft, has bowled over the league. Literally Alstott, who has 118 rushing yards, 237 receiving yards and two of the Bucs' eight touchdowns, has run over Lions and Broncos and Cardinals.

In Tampa Bay's only victory, a 24-13 decision over Minnesota, Alstott broke through two tackles and then carried Vikings linebacker Jeff Brady on his back the final three yards of a 12-yard touchdown run.

The football from that first NFL touchdown now rests on the entertainment center in the Alstott's family room in Joliet.

"He's fun to watch, isn't he?" Bucs offensive coordinator Mike Shula said.

Alstott's bowling-ball style has made him a fan favorite in Tampa. Alstott has a hard time getting around town without being noticed.

"It makes me feel at home," Alstott said. "Going out there as a rookie and not knowing what to expect, it has really boosted my confidence to have the fans on my side. You just have to be good to the crowd by going out there, putting everything on the line and playing with your heart."

Alstott's training methods are legendary. In preparing for the wear and tear of 3,635 rushing yards in his four-year career at Purdue, the Joliet Catholic High product pushed his Jeep Wrangler 100 yards in the parking lot of Ross-Ade Stadium every afternoon during the off-season.

For Tampa Bay, he is the last player to leave the locker room after practice.

"I want to be in the NFL so bad," Alstott said. "Whatever it takes to do it, I'm going to do it. My work ethic is probably my best asset. I don't have the natural ability, here I cannot do anything and be in the NFL. I have to work hard."

Bucs running back Reggie Brooks said Alstott never quits.

"I would hope he wouldn't try to run through a brick wall," Brooks said. "He's not invincible. He gets tired and he gets nicked just like anybody else. The thing about it is, he doesn't show it."

Alstott's body does show it. He is tattooed black



Tampa Bay Buccaneers owner Malcolm Glazer, right, talks with Buccaneers Trent Dilfer, from left, Hardy Nickerson and Mike Alstott after unveiling their new uniforms during a news conference Wednesday afternoon April 9 in Tampa.

The Associated Press/Chris O'Meara

and blue by the bumps and bruises that go with blocking 300-pound linemen. He begins his day with a hot whirlpool and finishes with a cold one.

In between he punishes his teammates in practice.

"He has brought some toughness to our team," Bucs coach Tony Dungy said.

Alstott will hold nothing back this week when the Bucs take on the Bears. He never has played at Soldier Field, though it isn't far from his home. His only trip there to watch a game ended prematurely. Cold weather chased him and a friend away from a Bucs-Bears game before it began.

"I know it's going to be exciting," said Alstott, who grew up a fan of the Washington Redskins.

And costly. Alstott, who signed a three-year, \$1.8 million package in August, still was figuring out how many tickets to order on Wednesday. "This only comes once a year," said Alstott, who purchased 26 on Thursday. "People are excited to see me play."

So what else is new?

Article ran Nov. 1, 1996 in the Chicago Tribune

We've got the dirt on Alstott

By Martin Fennelly/Tampa Tribune Columnist, July 5, 1997

This was not a happy camper. His white shirt wasn't white anymore, covered as it was with mud and grass and mud. Rain and rolling around on the field at Houlihan's Stadium will do that, whether you're a Buc or small change, whether you're 8 or 28. Matt Dotson is 8.

He went up to one of the people at the camp. In fact, he went up to the Tampa Bay Buccaneer the camp was named for: Mike Alstott. Matt wanted a new shirt, a new Mike Alstott Football Camp shirt, and could maybe Mike autograph that one, too?

Alstott sat there and smiled. He was sweating because he'd been working with the kids all morning, and when he wasn't doing that, he was running stadium steps. He wiped his brow, looked at Matt Dotson's messy jersey and shared a secret.

"Dirt is good."

Matt stared.

"You see, when you have dirt, that means you've been working and having fun. Like when I'm filthy. It's the best. Dirt is good."



A neat Christmas gift from my daughter, Cherilyn. Two genuine Mike Alstott Rookie trading cards!

Matt stared.

"OK, go get a new one."

Keeping others in mind

He's the Iron Mike who doesn't bite. The Iron Mike who has won over Tampa Bay. The Iron Mike who powers past defenders but stops to visit hospitals, who caught a touchdown pass, then gave the ball to a little boy just like Matt, except that boy was in a wheelchair. The Iron Mike who took his NFL money and bought his father a new pickup truck and his mother a washer and dryer (*moms never think dirt is good*).

Iron Mike Alstott worked with kids this week at his inaugural football camp. Some 150 children joined him for four days; he left them only to lift weights or run steps. Otherwise, he was teaching them or fetching them water or serving up pizza or signing their footballs. He didn't get paid for the camp, and Coca-Cola helped pay for 100 of the children to attend. Inner-city kids. Alstott wants more kids in camp next season, an army. Alstott's Army.

He could own this town. There's something about this 23-year-old that makes you think the Bucs are on track, that professional athletes give as they take, that dirt is good so long as it's just on your uniform.

"I think the extra effort pays off on and off the field," Alstott said. "It's about little things. That's the way it is in football games. And that's the way it is here. This camp, it's a little thing, but look at these kids. It's not so little to them."

Hard work never hurts.

Alstott bought a house in St. Petersburg a few months ago. Naturally, he's fixing it up himself. The man who once pushed a Jeep around - for miles - to stay in shape now tears out cabinets or paints a wall or lays carpet. Anything beats sitting still.

He allowed himself a toy after his big rookie year, a 23-foot fishing boat. So, of course, he speaks fondly of hour-long, arm-deadening battles with tarpon. It's hard work. It's fun. What isn't? What problem doesn't start to end with a pitcher of beer and a pizza. It's good to be Mike Alstott. "Things aren't very complicated."

Alstott excused himself. He had some pictures to

Mike Alstott, continued on page 10

sign before he joined the kids for lunch. An Alstott Army travels on its stomach.

Private Matt Godson buzzed by.

"See a, Mike."

"See a, buddy."

Matt was wearing his new shirt. An hour later, it was as filthy as the first. Iron Mike approved.

Dirt is good.

Folks in Tampa have been trying to come up with a nickname for the backfield of Warrick Dunn and Mike Alstott. One demands imagination: WD-40. WD stands for Warrick Dunn and 40 is Alstott's jersey number. . . . *Los Angeles Times, Sept. 26, 1997*

Editors note: Alstott and Dunn are now commonly referred to by their fans as "Thunder and Lightning."

Mike Alstott Statistics

SEASON-TO-DATE RUSHING AND RECEIVING

Year G GS Rush Att. Rush Yds. Rush Avg.

1997 6 6 79 310 3.9

Long TD Rec. Rec. Yds. Rec. Avg. Long TD

35 3 13 113 8.7 26 2

Fum. Rec. Yards

1 0 0

SEASON-TO-DATE SCORING

Year G Rush TD Rec. TD KR TD PR TD Int. TD

1997 6 3 2 0 0 0

F-Oth. TD FG PAT SF Points

0 0 0 0 30

Pro Career Highlights

- Inaugural year honors included: first alternate selection for 1996 Pro Bowl, 1996 AP All-Pro second team, 1996 Football Digest All-Pro second team and NFC Offensive Rookie of the Month in November, 1996
- In first NFL season:

amassed 377 rushing yards and three TDs on 96 attempts and 557 receiving yards and 3 TDs on 65 catches. Set new Buccaneer rookie record for receptions in a season, pacing all players on the '96 squad and leading all NFL rookies. Among all running backs, trailed only Arizona's Larry Centers(99) in receptions. Finished second on squad in rushing yards, averaging team-best 3.9 yards per carry. Was only one of four offensive players to start in all 16 contests.

Gaen Gene, right, a sanitation division worker for Ventura, checks the pond at Harbor Boulevard and Sanjon Road near where about 25 gallons of used cooking oil spilled Friday morning. About 2 gallons of the stuff made its way into a nearby arroyo.

The oil spilled off the back of a truck when a lift gate failed and a container tumbled to the ground and spread cooking oil on the asphalt, above. The cooking oil is not considered a hazardous material and mixes harmlessly with water, said Ventura City Fire Capt. Vernon Alstot.



The trucking company hired a company to clean the spill, Alstot said.

Ventura County California STAR, September 13, 1997

Ione A. Altstadt

1918-1996



Ione A. Altstadt, (Pg. 90) 77, of 205 Prairie Hills Drive died Monday in Cheyenne, WY.

She was born Aug. 7, 1918, in Otis, Kan., and had lived here since 1945.

She graduated from Enterprise Academy in 1936 and then attended Union College in Lincoln, Neb., and finished her

registered nurse's training at the Boulder Sanitarium and Hospital in 1940.

Altstadt was a registered nurse.

She worked at Memorial Hospital for 15 years and Internal Medicine Group for 23 years.

She was very active in the Seventh Day Adventist Church. Altstadt was a member of the Retired Nurses Association and the American Nurses Association.

Altstadt is survived by her husband, Clifford Altstadt of Cheyenne, whom she married July 9, 1941, in Cheyenne; two daughters, Judy Herbel of Abilene, Kan., and Arlene Dennis of Westminster, Colo.; one brother, Wilmer Bartel of LaCrosse, Kan.; one sister, Bluebell Clark of Topeka, Kan.; five grandchildren; and two great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents. John and Elizabeth Bartel; one sister, Elva Bartel; and four brothers, Harley, Harvey, Clifford and Warren Bartel.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Wiederspahn-Radomsky Chapel of the Chimes.

Friends may contribute to Cheyenne Seventh Day Adventist Church, the Pathfinder Club or United Medical Center Hospice.

Altstatt Cemetery Fix-Up

On August 2, 1997, a group of cousins, all descendants of William Ambrose Altstadt (Pg. 251-56) gathered at the Binger, OK cemetery to upgrade the tombstones of Ambrose and Donna Altstadt. The original concrete headstones were replaced with professional stones.

Cousins in attendance were: Earl Eugene, Bill, Bobby Gene, Bradley, Brandon, Hershel, Austin and Sheri Rene Altstadt. All live in the Oklahoma City area.

Bill Altstadt has been able to find a really good value in a quality marble headstone from a company in Arkansas. If you are interested in upgrading any of your

family headstones please contact him at (405) 685-5893. He has all the information.



Top: Brad, Bill, Brandon and Hershel add a little beer to the concrete mix and apologize to Grandpa that it was the best they could do. Above: Cleaning up the weeds and readying the form. Right: Sheri centers Ambrose's stone in the fresh concrete



Billye Jean Langford

September 1, 1931 - February 18, 1997



Billye Jean (Pg. 357) was the only child of Alexander Mitchell Collins and Willie Lee Allstott Collins. She was born in Houston, TX on September 1, 1931, at Memorial Hospital. She grew up in West University Place and attended Lamar High School and majored in music

at the University of Houston. She was a charter member of Rice Temple Baptist Church, in Houston, and was active in all the activities. She married Grover William Langford of Avon Park, FL, in 1951 after meeting at Rice Temple Church. Their only child, Cynthia Michelle was born in 1957.

While living in Houston, she was the Assistant Administrator of the Warwick Hotel and also served many years at the Shamrock Hotel. Through the years, her husband's work provided many opportunities for living in many areas of the U.S. with many long friendships made along the way whether in Tulsa, OK; Worcester, MA; Seattle, WA; St. Louis, MO; or Portland, OR. Southern hospitality and always being there to lend a hand and kind word were her calling cards. She was a member of Waverly Chapter Order of Eastern Star, Portland, OR; Oregon State Button Society and Portland Button Club; Willamette Valley Postcard Club; National Button Society; Nine Lakes Baptist Church, Seattle, WA; Professional Picture Framers Assoc.; Webfooters Postcard Club; Houston Rose Society; Professional Tole Painters Assoc.; and 1st Baptist Church, Ferguson, MO.

Billye Jean and Bill moved to Portland, OR in 1991 at the insistence of their daughter and "favorite son-in-law," Anson Ray Baker, of Portland. The Langfords were blessed with a granddaughter the same year, Breanna Lorelle Baker, who adored and loved her "grandi".

Always looking for the good and accepting everyone just as they are was her lifelong devotion. She will be forever a part of every life she has touched. Love Love, Mom ...

"keep us a place at the front".

(Matthiesen, continued from page 6)

the local press to have residents submit names that were not already identified. When the Subcommittee received names, they had to be confirmed with the appropriate authorities.

The Construction Subcommittee was given the task to design the best monument possible that would represent all veterans for each war and conflict the U.S. has been involved with since 1906. The Subcommittee was very fortunate to have Efrain Olivares, a local architect, donate his professional services to design a memorial for the Committee. After a lot of hard work by Mr. Olivares in providing the entire Committee design options, a final design was selected by the Memorial Committee. Roy Lopez, a Committee member and an employee with the City's Engineering Section, donated his services to develop construction drawings from the design work that Mr. Olivares initiated. It was amazing the number of volunteers throughout the community who donated their time and resources to construct the Memorial. Due to this tremendous community support, the Committee has accomplished a rare feat, a construction project that is on time and under budget!

Grace Matthiesen Buckland, Richard's sister, and her husband, Chuck were honored guests of the city of Glendale at the dedication ceremony, and submitted this article for the Newsletter. What a wonderful slice of national history that all the clans can be proud of.

Knabb Cemetery has new owners

A letter dated October 21, 1997, from Jacqueline B. Nein, executive director of the Berks Co, PA Association for Graveyard Preservation relates of a change of ownership of the land where Judith Altstatt (1703-1766) and possibly Martin Altstatt (1699-1769) are buried. (*Knabb cemetery photos located on pages 312 and 313 in the family history book*).

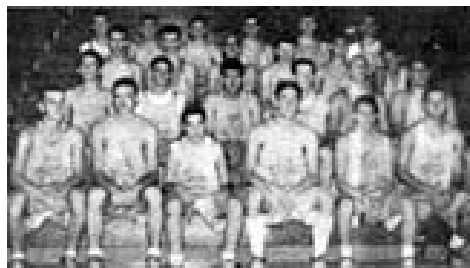
She relates: The new owners are very protective and proud of the gravesites in the old Knabb Cemetery and they wish to personally maintain them. They also welcome visits from descendants of those buried in the cemetery. The new owners are:

Christine and John Wisnieski.

Their address is Reifsnnyder Rd., Limekiln, PA 19535, and phone number is (610) 689-4253.

When your family members wish to visit the Knabb Cemetery, please write or call ahead.

The association has been attempting to survey all the historic gravesites in the county. We have been very successfully using divining rods to detect unmarked graves. We will try to get the Knabb site done before long, but cannot promise a certain completion date as our volunteer skilled personnel is very limited.



1996-97 Heavener Boys Basketball Team

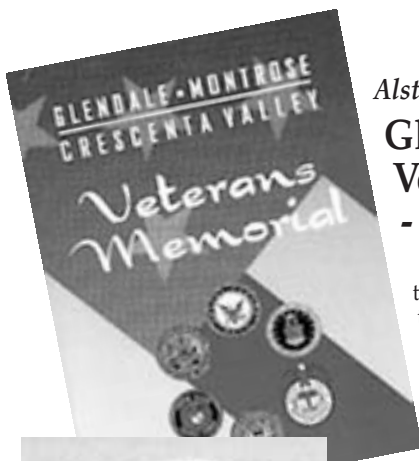
Heavener Wolves Basketball Team, front row, l-r: Brent Billings, Tre' Evans, Chris Neal, Greg Gibson, Sam Roop, Charles Woodral; second row: Jason May, Steven Rowton, Heath Sullivan, Brad Morris, Charles Patterson, David Rowland; third row: ROY McGee, Marc Janis Brian Peevyhouse, Leland Turman, Jared Steelman, **Jamie Altstatt**; fourth row: Jody Clubb, Josh Terry Jarrod Place, Adam Benefield, J.R. Sullivan, Casey Vaughn; not pictured: Cory Yandell, Chris McKibbin, J.T. Ray, Joe Daugherty; Adam Dehart. Dustin White Coach is Greg Nichols

The Heavener OK Ledger, Dec. 6, 1996

Descendants of Royal Fester Altstadt know how to celebrate a birthday...Royally!



Present at Helen Hoover's 90th birthday were: (front row) Edith McDowell, Dollie Boyer and Helen Hoover; (back row) Lois Larson, Nedra Hubler, Ray Altstadt, Jr., Millie Larson, and Betty Hazeltine.



Alstadt descendant Richard G. Matthiesen Honored

Glendale-Montrose-Cresenta Valley Veterans Memorial Dedication Day - Friday, May 30, 1997

The Dedication Subcommittee had the responsibility of putting together an appropriate dedication ceremony that will celebrate the unveiling of the long awaited memorial, but keeping in mind the solemnness of the day. Over a year of planning has taken place by the Subcommittee in order to make the day very special.

In 1996 the Memorial was the recipient of the Glendale Chamber of Commerce "Project of the Year." Furthermore, the Glendale Chamber of Commerce awarded the Committee with its 1997 "Organization of the Year" award. Although the entire community deserves a great deal of credit, the Glendale-Montrose-Cresenta Valley Veterans Memorial Committee was the driving force in making this dream project into a reality.

One of America's honored heroes was:

Richard G. Matthiesen (Pg. 525)

Able Seaman

Served aboard SS MARCUS DALY where he volunteered to be member of the forward gun crew which distinguished itself during countless attacks and by bringing down many planes. On arrival in the Philippines the vessel was struck by enemy bombers. Again Matthiesen volunteered to man the forward gun platform where a bomber crashed and exploded beneath the platform.

Despite injuries and severe burns he escaped from the platform, but realizing that two members of the Navy gun crew remained behind, he returned through the intense heat and rescued them from the flames. He died the next morning from the resulting burns and other injuries.

He was presented with the MERCHANT Marine Distinguished SERVICE Medal and in 1986 a T-5 Product Tanker was named the MN Richard G. Matthiesen (*seen to left*) in his honor.

During the fall of 1993, as initiated by then Mayor Larry Zarian, several individuals from the community and City of Glendale employee associations (General, Fire, and Police) came together in an effort to build a lasting tribute to the veterans of Glendale, Montrose, and La Crescenta. From this group of individuals, the Glendale-Montrose-Cresenta Valley Veterans Memorial Committee was established with the mission to build a City-wide war memorial to honor all veterans who gave their lives in U.S. involved wars since the City was chartered in 1906. Ray Cruz, Assistant to the City Manager, was made Project Coordinator of the Committee to administer over all the day-to-day operations of the committee and the project. The location of the memorial was decided to be located at City Hall adjacent to the Peace Globe at the corner of Broadway and Isabel Streets.

The cost of the project was estimated at approximately \$167,000. One of the first orders of business that the Fundraising Sub-committee accomplished was to establish a tax-deductible, donor advised charitable fund for the Memorial with the Glendale Community Foundation. This fund made it much more attractive to businesses and individuals to make donations to the Memorial. The Fund-raising Subcommittee also received a great deal of assistance from the Glendale News-Press through the Publicity Subcommittee in providing pro bono advertisements to assist in fund-raising.

The Search Subcommittee had a huge challenge in identifying all the "Killed in Action" and "Missing in Action" veterans from Glendale, Montrose, and La Crescenta since 1906. The problem was compounded by the fact the National Archives building in St. Louis that housed all these records burned to the ground in the early eighties. Therefore, the Subcommittee had to work with each military branch of service to identify the names. The Subcommittee also conducted a public campaign through

(*Matthiesen, continued on page 5*)



Above: Phyllis Allstott points to Richard Matthiesen's name on the WWII obelisk. One of 4 black marble obelisks covered with the names of the honored Glendale war heroes.

Bill and Georgia Altstatt... (Pg.260) Boy has this been a busy year for us. I couldn't even guess how many hours I have spent on family pictures. I put together an album for each of our three children beginning with the birth of each. It was a lot bigger job than I thought it would be.

Our granddaughter, Sheri, who lives in Florida, was here for her 18th birthday on March 31. My mother's 80th birthday was March 29. So we had two big celebrations. We left April 6th to escort Sheri home. On our trip we went to Myrtle Beach, FL, and enjoyed seeing it. We will be going back to Florida for Sheri's high school graduation on June 2. She will be going to FSU in the fall. I was hoping to redecorate inside the house



Gene and Viola visit with Bill, Georgia, Hershel and Anne Altstatt in OK City.



Cousin get-together: Bill, Bob, Gene and Hershel Altstatt at a gab session with Ed Mirick and Howard Barker in OK City.

and picked up some tombstones that I ordered. We then went down to Pine Ridge, AR, and put two of them on some of Georgia's Mothers kinfolks. We stayed in Mena and in the morning went and found Owens Chapel Cemetery, and took pictures of some of the Altstatt's graves, including Sarah Williams Altstatt's grave. Her stone was broke in four pieces and Thomas Franklin Altstatt does not have one but we feel sure he is buried next to Sarah.

While I was there I took a quick look in the court house but didn't have much luck I went to the newspaper and came up with some items of interest. We then drove to Holdenville, OK, and put a stone on Georgia's mother's baby brothers grave. He died before she was born. Then--we went to Little Cemetery, at Little, OK, and put a tombstone on my grandmothers, Lucy Margaret Greenwood Altstatt's, grave. I'll take my Dad out soon and take his picture with it.

Hershel Altstatt ordered a stone for Uncle Cecil's girl, Donna who died at about 14 years old. She's buried next to my grandfather, William Ambrose Altstatt at Binger, Oklahoma.

Judy Stubbs... (Pg. 197) Just wanted to touch base and let you know I found some Alstott 'goodies' on my recent 8-day trip to Berks County. I spent all day, every day in the court houses and various libraries/research facilities...will give you details when I get my head above water...by the way, are you on line yet?

Editors note: Not yet...but soon.

Sam and Janet Baltzer... (Pg. 198) My Christmas was special because of the watch I got. It was waterproof, dustproof, scratchproof, shockproof, crushproof, and it came with Scotchguard, Armor-A11, 24-hour deodorant protection, flight insurance, and a coupon for Depends. But I only had it two days and it caught on fire. The incident reminds me of how the older I get, the faster

it seems that time fries.

Janet organized a variety show for children called Rome-a-Rama as a benefit for Angel Express. The show featured clowns, a mime, a magician, two children's choirs, two ethnic dance troupes, and Janet and me singing some kids' songs. The audience of 600 children had a great time. The show was part of a larger Angel Express fundraising campaign called Cherub Challenge that netted over \$8000 this summer.

I'm in my tenth year at Shorter

College, a small church-related liberal arts college in a conference of small church-related liberal arts colleges. There are schools like Lord Have Mercy Community College where the female athletes have to compete in overcoats due to modesty. Our homecoming game is usually against the Runnin' Revs of Rapture Temple Divine Holiness Disciples of Deliverance Tech. Their soccer team is terrible because, out of habit, they keep laying on hands. We do have one state school in the conference - the law school of Southern University at East Mobile, Alabama (SU-EM AL). Not only are their teams crummy, but their players are strangely prone to neck and back injuries. (Their chess team has three starters on the disabled list.)

Actually, Shorter College has everything taller schools have, but in miniature, including my salary. For instance, our library is on a couple of shelves under the windows in Room 207, next to the pencil sharpener. Our cafeteria rolls in at 11:45 on its way to the construction site of the new by-pass. One of our recent graduates in graphic design was fired for painting a large sign for a local motel that advertised "WEEKLY RATS!"

We hope you all are well. If you get a chance to visit, please do. Just head for Chattanooga and turn right. You can't miss us!

Margaret Allstot... (Pg. 410) I am sending an article on Lance Alstott, it was over TV and in the news.

We had around 60 inches of snow since Last November (*letter written in February 1997*). The big blizzard of '97 closed the two South Dakota Interstates over the entire state for 2+ days. Windchills of minus 65°-75° from 45-55 mph winds made it a very dangerous and life threatening storm. Like to live here??



Earl, Scooter, Bobby, Austin, Bill, Hershel, Brad, and Bill Altstatt at Ambrose Altstatt's gravesite.

Evelyn Elder... (Pg. 181) We received with pleasure the Allstot newsletter. You have done a great job on keeping the family together and a large family it is. One reason or another keeps us from attending the reunions, but the Newsletter helps make us feel a part of it all.

We have just moved so hope you will enter our new address on your file of family labels. Wilbraham, Massachusetts, is home so we have my come full circle for me and since I retired this last June from teaching at Montgomery College in Maryland, I now hope to find time to get digging into more family files. Last year we were able to visit the death place of our Nancy Alstott (page 179) who married William Pettit. We never seem to get to visit all those places, but my next wish is

to see (Clark Co. IN) the spot where Robert Allstott (1784-1862) must be.

Bob retired several years ago from government service and then retired a second time from his position as Director of Cosmetic Ingredient Review, a scientific panel which published information about...you guessed it...ingredients in cosmetics! When he retired from the government, he had been Robert L. Elder, Sc.D., Deputy Commissioner for Science of the Food and Drug Administration and held the rank of Assistant Surgeon General in the U.S. Public Health Service. Jocelyn Elders later had rank of PHS Surgeon General so we have to explain that we are not actually related in any way except that when they have their uniforms on they both look like Navy Admirals!

Please notice our new address and keep the news coming! My e-mail address is eelder@vgernet.net our home is no longer Potomac, Maryland, but now is 319 Main Street, Wilbraham, MA 01095-1668.

Editor note: Evelyn, research of Florence Hunstein, descendant of Robert Alstott through Mary Frances Alstott Henthorn says you may do better to find Robert and Sarah Long Alstott (Alstott) buried in Scott Co., IA, as the Henthorns looked after the elderly Alstotts before their deaths, see page 179 in the Family history book.

Verla Anderson... (Pg. 391) I think of you folks often, but especially when I read something line the enclosed clipping about the Frank and Mary Smith Clan gathering which was written up in the Storm Lake, IA Times on July 12th of this year.

I am thankful Chester and I could be at the Harper Ferry Reunion (1989) - it is a lifetime memory. Chester and I enjoyed lots of traveling, but since he passed away...in so many ways - my life will never be the same.

Our family is well and able to keep busy in many ways - I'm thankful.

Iowa looks beautiful this time of year (August 1997). We had rain when needed and now warm days.

Editor note: Thanks Verla, I remember your family at Harpers Ferry, and that we stayed in the same motel there. What fun. I hope that your kids can find some way to get you up to Pendleton in 1999. Oregon is busting to show its hospitality.

Bill Alstott... (Pg. 437) My wife, Shirley, and I celebrated our 35th Wedding Anniversary last November 4th. Our daughter, Annette, had an openhouse for us here in Joliet.

It was nice to see you were up on Mike, I read that there was talk about him being the NFL Rookie of the Year.

Editor note: All the good press on Mike Alstott, running back for the Tampa Bay Bucs would not fit into this lean newsletter, but we did throw in a few excerpts for you sports fans. (Me included). Continued on page 8

Everett and Thelma Aldstadt... (Pg. 459) For your records, John Talhelm (husband of Virginia, brother of Calvin and father of Lani, the Pan Am flight attendant) died early in May. I don't have much detail, but Calvin or Kirk (Calvin's son) might be able to supply some. I believe that he was ill for at least several months.

We are making plans to come to Oregon in 1999. We would like to take several weeks to drive to Oregon by one route and return by another. I have traveled only a little in the Western US, and Thelma has not at all. However, I am developing cataracts on both eyes, which are not serious yet but will

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eventually. I hope that either they will not be bad enough to interfere, or will be bad enough to be replaced with implanted lenses by then!

Tom and Kathy Rivers... (Pg. 470) Tom and I plan on making a trip to Pennsylvania this Fall (October). We want to visit the grave of Anna Judith Altstadt. Also, are there still researchers working on the Johannes S. Altstadt line? I am trying to find the first wife of Johannes S. Altstadt.

Our youngest daughter, Kaelie, ran in her first marathon in Duluth, MN. We are so proud of her. The Rivers, Altstadt, Kren Reunion took place the 4th of July at Idiona State Park.

Editor: I know of no research on Johannes S. Altstadt (son of Peter Altstadt (1734)) going on at this time, but Berks Co., PA would be a great starting place. Also, see article about new owners of the property where the Knabb cemetery is located.

Melbourne and Alpha Altstadt... (Pg. 275) Our granddaughter, Athena Marie Allen, graduated from high school in Oklahoma City on May 23, 1997. She has enrolled in college in Oklahoma City this fall. Our daughter, Kathy Jo Allen married Martin McDonald on July 21, 1997. We also have a new great grandson, Easton Wayne Earls, who was born on February 13, 1997. His parents are Marshall Lee and Danial Earls.

Pat Kennedy... (Pg. 302) We were a bit close to you in February on our way to and from sunny Arizona. We had the 5th wheeler out for our first big trip. We had a good time and found out everyone and their RV was in AZ. So where do we park? Leota (Carr) Trammel had a stroke the first week of March and lost her speech. And oh! how that gal loved to talk. She and I are like sisters, so tough stuff. All in the family are OK, happy and busy.

Katie Bauers... (Pg. 461) In May, John Talhelm (Pg. 452) died at the age of 84 in Sherman Oaks, CA, leaving wife Virginia, and son and daughter-in-law, and 2 grand children. John and Virginia were the parents of Lani Warren Cross who died on TWA Flight 800 on July 17, 1996. She was a TWA employee.

Also in May, my sister Gladys Schumert and I took a tour of China, visiting many cities beginning at Beijing, a 5 day cruise up the Yantze river, ending the tour in Hong Kong- what an eye-opening trip.

In August, Gladys and I journeyed to Michigan to help celebrate Calvin and Marjorie Talhelm's (Pg. 452) 60th wedding anniversary. A wonderful Talhelm Reunion was a side line.

Gladys and I are planning to make the big reunion in 1999, God willing.

Mildred Larson... (Pg. 482) This year marks the 38th Altstadt Reunion. There were about 50 who attended the first reunions but as the children grew and had children the crowd increased until we had close to 130 for last years reunion.

Helen Hoover celebrated her 90th birthday on August 4th. I enclosed a photo of the Royal Fester Altstadt

descendants that celebrated with her. She is the oldest living girl left out of 11 children. Nedra Hubler will be 70 on November 19th.

We also have an Altstadt Reunion in East Aurora NY the first Sunday in July - those that came last year were from Texas, PA, NJ, MO, FL, MD, Ohio and AZ.

Tonna Weir... (Pg. 216) We signed papers in March for a new house, Weir Inn Ten (we've moved 10 times over 39 years from a converted motel room to a basement apartment to a house on the hill and through 4 states), and put the Lake Oswego home on the market. The house sold in 36 hours. Interim housing was found and a gigantic garage sale stopped traffic.

Our grandbaby #4, Alex Tomoya came into our world on October 16, 1996. Our granddaughter, Laura, was baptized following her 9th birthday.

Our new address is: 17850 Frederick Ln, Sherwood, OR 97140

Dorris Spencer... (Pg. 307) I'm writing a book to honor mom and dad's family histories in both Heppner and Hermiston, OR. Hope it will be interesting and ready for the 1999 Reunion. I'm doing very well after hip surgery on February 5, and knee surgery on April 22.

Melvyn and Dorothy Altstadt... (Pg. 75) Melvyn had his 80th birthday on February 8 with a surprise birthday party with about 38 friends. He and I had our 60th wedding anniversary in May.

Our granddaughter, Jennifer, of Jonesboro, AR, won first place in the Jonesboro Regional Science Fair.



Gladys and Katie in China

On April 23, while getting the morning paper, I fell and broke my left leg in two places. After leaving the hospital and rehab hospital Melvyn and I spent 8 weeks with our son and his wife in Jonesboro. We are glad to be back home now. We were both in wheel chairs when we celebrated our anniversary but we are not using them now.

A Letter from the "Mother Country"

Dear Jerry and Phyllis,

I was so excited to get your letter and the wealth of information you have sent me in these few pages is amazing. With the info I already had and what you have sent me I was able to fill in some very large holes in the tree.

My mother in law's name is Lois Mae Altstadt. Her father was Marion Edgar Altstadt d: Yuma Az and my husbands name is Michael Christman (Pg. 241), we show up as the 10th generation.

We are presently living in Heidelberg Germany, been here since 1990. Have you ever been to Freinsheim or seen recent pictures of it? We went there 10 days ago and made some pictures and took a short video tape of it.

Freinsheim is surrounded by farm land. I was very impressed with the items they are growing. Normally here in Germany a farm town more or less settles into growing either grains, vegetables or fruits



Marjorie Talhelm congratulates Calvin on his 90th birthday.

grows everything that can possibly grow in Germany. The town has a population of about 5,000 and the only means of income that I could figure out was tourism, wine making and selling what ever they grow. The Altstadt is enclosed by two town walls, the outer one built in 1541, the city entrance was secured by an iron gate built into the wall on both ends of the city. A short distance inside the outer wall was another inner gate. Both can still be seen and I made pictures of them. The streets inside the city are very narrow and built with cobble stone. Although traffic still goes thru the Altstadt the only ones driving down these roads are residents and the occasional lost tourist. I have made pictures of the church and some of the immediate houses around the church. While walking thru the city we came across and old "weighing station". It seems that Freinsheim was the local HQ's when it came to the annual recertification of all weighting and measuring equipment. The plaque at the station stated that since 1758, on every September 8th all citizens with such equipment were ordered to come there to have it recertified.

My next stop was the city hall to see if I could get any Altstadt ancestor information. They are in the process of inputting all their church books into the computer but were able to come up with two names (Martin and Nicholas Altstadt). I was informed if I wanted to have any copies of what they had I could request them for a small xeroxing fee but would also be encouraged to give them information I have. I tend to think they are in the process of compiling an Ortssippenbuch. These books give the history of the city and its citizens. The information in these Ortssippenbuecher come from all city and church books.

After that we went in search of the cemetery. It took us a while to find it because unlike most German city cemeteries, Freinsheim doesn't have theirs inside the city. We finally found it in the middle of the vineyards. The view from it to the city is quite nice. Although there were a lot of old headstones, some of them even dating to the early 1700s (which is unusual because of the grave recycling that is going on in Germany). There are no Altstadt's there that I could see. Inside the cemetery is also a tall tower, what purpose it may have had I have not been able to figure out.

That concluded our first visit to Freinsheim. I know the Altstadt's also came from Dreieichenhain. If or when we will see this city I have no idea. It is not too far from here but is part of the metropolitan area of Frankfurt...a place we like to avoid if at all possible because of its tremendous amount of traffic and congestions. Now that I have so much information on our Altstadt's my next task will be to get copies of original documentations, which to me is important to back up the information I have in my data base.

Wishing you and your wife the best,
Margot Christman (Pg. 241) Heidelberg, Germany

Editors note: Thanks to Judy Stubbs and the Internet for finding Margot!

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!

My sincere thanks to each of you for supporting the "All-Clans" Newsletter with your wonderful articles and your yearly (\$2.) monetary support.

The 1998 Newsletter will be devoted mostly to the 1999 Reunion in Pendleton. For those who have given far-and-above your yearly support...that "extra" will go toward the mailings of the Reunion information to all the "Clans" members that I have addresses for. For the 1994 reunion that came to over 1,200 households! Your "Extra" goes toward MANY stamps and invitations in guaranteeing our Reunions health.