



# Talmage Historical Society

## Museum & Library Newsletter

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### Calendar

Sunday

September 17

Join us for the Annual All-School Reunion at Talmage School. Potluck dinner at noon, followed by short business meeting. Drink and table service provided.

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Museum open for visitors and their families who are home for the All-School Reunion. Come see us!

Fall 2017

Talmage Public Library plans to move to Talmage School.

### In Memoriam

**Richard Danner**

6/9/1940 - 7/19/2017

**Ray Eisenhauser**

6/28/1933 - 6/19/2017

**Lupe Sanchez Garcia**

12/31/1922 - 5/25/2017

**Carl McDonald**

6/20/1935 - 6/30/2017

**Dorothy Smith**

4/30/1936 - 6/28/2017

**Virgil Wenger**

4/6/1929 - 7/1/2017

**Sadie Irvine**

6/15/1935 - 8/17/2017

## Anna Bebermeyer: A true Pioneer Woman

By Pat Gormley Bowell

Our community was populated with strong pioneer women from the beginning. For a series of articles for this newsletter, I will tell some of those women's stories.

Anna Fulton was born March 9, 1886. Her parents, William D. Fulton and Martha Jane Laney were married in Illinois in 1871 and moved to Kansas in 1876, homesteading 9 miles N.W. of Abilene in Flora and Willowdale townships.

W.D. was a pioneer and assisted in the platting of Talmage in 1887. He



W. D. Fulton family, L to R: Harry, W. D. and Martha Jane, Tom. Standing, Anna Jane Fulton.

drove the first nail in the first building built in Talmage, had one of the first stores, and helped establish the first three elevators in town. He was the first Vice-President of the bank, a leader in establishing the

telephone system and bringing electricity to town, and involved in building up the school and church in the community.

Anna had two brothers, Thomas was born in 1884, and

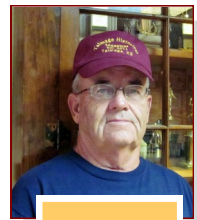
## Talking History with Verl Coup...

The year 2017 has been the busiest since we opened. The museum has hosted eight events, with more to come.

We have also had some important visitors come to our museum. Dr. Jim Kenyon from Cedar Falls, Iowa will write about the Talmage High School in his next book.

Jeff Lough from Lawrence, Kansas, will write about the Talmage Post Office in his upcoming publication. Susan Talmage Auglar was here from Overland Park, Kansas. She may, or may not, be related to DeWitt Talmage for whom the town was named. She will check her genealogical records.

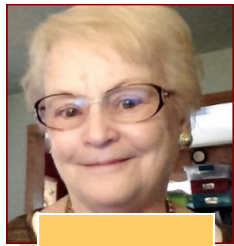
The Talmage Alumni luncheon is September 17, 2017, at noon, with a business meeting after lunch. We are looking forward to seeing everyone, and don't forget to stop in at the Museum afterwards.



Verl Coup

# Let's Make History...

By **Pat Gormley Bowell**  
Enjoy this page full of pictures taken at the Memorial Day event which honored Korean Veterans and highlighted the cemetery's new fence which was provided by funds from the Orban Haas family.



Pat Gormley Bowell

Orban Haas, his wife Shirley, her sister Maxine Hammond, and Shirley's parents, Archie & Hazel Maring donated the new fencing dedicated at the Memorial Day services at Prairiedale Cemetery on May 29, 2017.

The Jill Watt Elwood family gifted the flags and flag poles installed with the fence in memory of her daughter, Rylee Miller.

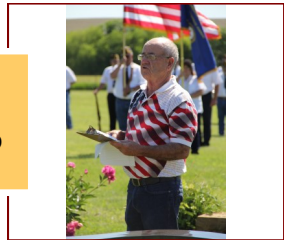
The fence and flags are beautiful additions and a lasting memorial at the Prairiedale Cemetery.



Chapman American Legion Color Guard participated in honoring the Korean Veterans.

## Korean War Veterans Memorial Day 2017 Event

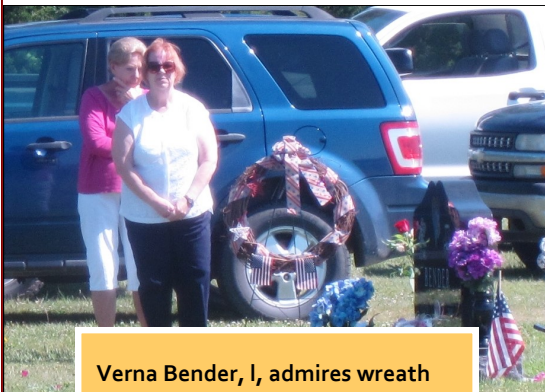
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Jill Watt Ellwood and family.



Korean War Veterans honored, L to R, Roy Travelute, Max Coup, Orban Haas and Kenny Bebermeyer. A wreath was laid on Don Bender's grave by the Chapman American Legion Post 240 to honor the Korean veteran.



Verna Bender, I, admires wreath at veteran Don Bender's grave.

### Did You Know?

By Kathy Marsteller Coup

There is an article about the Talmage Museum in the new Kansas Guide, Book 2. It's on page 60. Check it out.

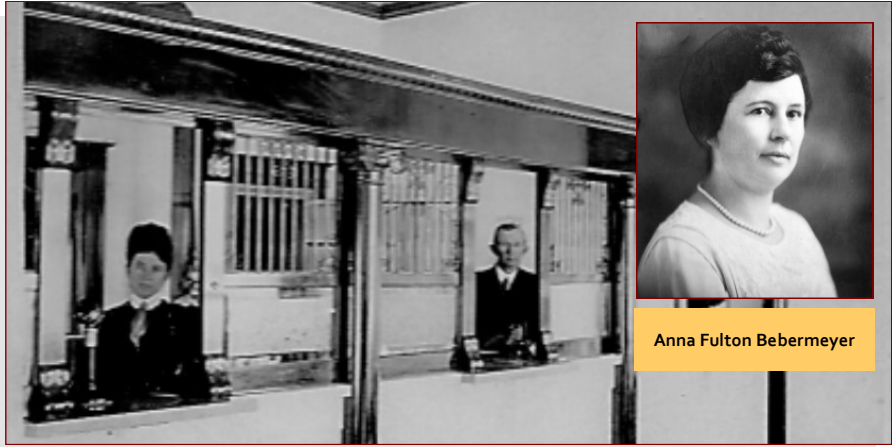


## *Continued from Page 1* *Anna Fulton Bebermeyer*

following his father's footsteps, owned and operated a furniture store and funeral parlor on Main Street. He married Pearl Higdon and died at age 52 in 1937. William Harrison (Harry) Fulton was born in 1888, married Elizabeth (Lizzie) Bauman in 1912 and farmed in Willowdale Township until after his retirement when he was janitor at the Talmage School. Harry and Lizzie were killed in a tragic traffic accident near Marion, Kansas in 1968.

With her father as an example, Anna grew up watching the progress of the community, learning about the shared responsibility and hard work that went into the building of our community. The church was an important part of the community, and Anna was very active in the Talmage Methodist Episcopal Church. She was a Sunday School teacher in the primary department, and was Sunday School superintendent for many years. A great deal of her life was spent in public service. When she was 20 years old in 1906, she was cashier of the Talmage State Bank, working for J. B. Higdon, president of the bank.

Anna married Sam Bebermeyer on 15 Nov 1922; their engagement announcement stated: "For months past the Talmage community has watched with growing interest the pleasant and decorous courtship of Samuel W. Bebermeyer and Miss Anna J. Fulton, two well-known young people of the community and Dickinson County, who have been active in church and social circles for miles around. The bride was



Talmage Bank, circa early 1900's. On the left, Anna Fulton and center, J. B. Higdon, President.

born and raised in the community and has been among the leaders of the church and social circles since her early youth. In these activities as well as in her official duties in the bank, her pleasing manners and unfailing courtesy has made friends on every side and the best wishes for 'Anna' is to be heard from every one."

Along with Sam, Anna took an active part in the Talmage Tractor & Implement Co. and that building is still on the West side of Main St. They lived in the J.B. Higdon home, after he left the bank in 1924, moving to Topeka; the house was eventually the Dwight and Alice Garver home.

After Sam's death in 1945, Anna moved to Abilene and for a number of years was employed in the Treasurer's office at the

courthouse. Helen Fulton remembers "Aunt Anna" being a visible, outgoing leader of the community, devoted to nieces and nephews, her church and her community.

I think Anna was a working woman that blazed a trail for herself and others, following in her parents footsteps. It can be said that Anna had a hand in shaping our parents lives, and consequently, our own. We can be proud and grateful there are women like her in our history. If you have information on a woman of Talmage who influenced your life, and others, that you would like to see in the newsletter, contact me at the museum email: [thsoc@live.com](mailto:thsoc@live.com)



Sam Bebermeyer in front of Talmage Tractor & Implement.

**TALMAGE  
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**TALMAGE MUSEUM  
AND**

**PUBLIC LIBRARY**

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Saturday-Sunday

2-4 p.m.

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***Around Town...***

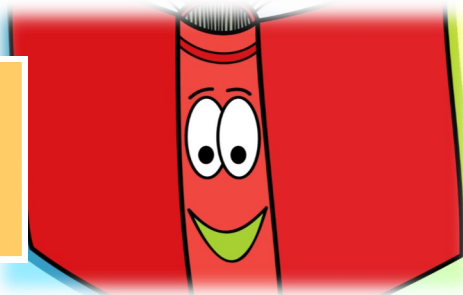
Library plans in the works....

We are needing more donations to come in from alumni or anyone interested in making a tax-deductible donation to move the library to the Talmage School building. The New Hope Church would like to donate the building to the nonprofit Talmage Public Library.

Anyone interested in making a donation, should contact Shawni Sheets at 785/643-9126 or e-mail shawnisheets@gmail.com as there are some floor improvements needed while the library awaits grant approvals.

If there is enough alumni and community interest in continued use of the building for community events, the move will take place this fall.

NCKLS delivered new books in August so visit the library and museum today!



American Legion Post 240 Freedom Riders stopped to view the Talmage Museum.

