

## **Sidney and Cathy Bergan**

Given by Ella Naves - 1999

### **Church Activities**

Sidney and Cathy Bergan have been very active in the community and especially in their church, Corpus Christi. They supplied materials such as quilts and food. Super Valu would donate leftover bread and Cathy would deliver it to the homeless shelters two and three times a week. She organized a quilting club at Corpus Christi. This group made quilts for the needy people. She, herself, sewed over 100 quilt tops for this project.

### **Helping the Poor**

They collected and sorted clothes that were donated by American Linen. These were sent to a mission in El Paso, Honduras, Lutheran World Relief and Indian Reservations. They made arrangements for transportation and helped load the trucks. They sent 3 trucks of wheat and clothes to the El Paso Mission. They also went there and worked for a day. They were involved in setting up the Ruth Meiers Hospitality House.

### **Construction**

Sidney was one of three contractors who supervised the construction of the Ronald McDonald House. As supervisor, he did much of the construction and also oversaw the workers from the penitentiary.

### **Committee Work**

Sid served as an adviser to the State Farm and also the State Energy Commission. He worked on a Habitat for Humanity Project and spent several days in Grand Forks after the flood helping people with cleanup.



### **The Building Business**

Sidney has built about 75 homes as well as done numerous remodeling jobs. He donated labor to the building of St. Mary's High School Chapel furnishings, except for the pews. He also made shelving for the band room. He has donated labor for things that needed to be done at Corpus Christi.

### **Sons of Norway Offices**

Cathy accepted the Office of Treasurer for Sons of Norway, but first we had to hurry up and make her a member. She served as treasurer for three years. She was Vice President of our Lodge one year and then served as President for two years. She is now Counselor for our lodge, and was elected Zone 3 Director at the District Convention last summer, thus holding a position on the District IV Sons of Norway Board.

She was convention committee co-chairman for our convention in 1998. She served on the Finance Committee at an earlier District Convention. She has attended four District Conventions and one International Convention.

Sidney has been Marshall of the lodge for four years and served as a delegate to two district conventions. He has been the chief builder in the Sons of Norway Park.

### **Other Sons of Norway Volunteer Work**

He put the trim on the small shelter and built the bigger shelter. He also helped acquire canvas windbreaks for it. He works with the City Parks regarding planting trees in the S/N Park and brings his own equipment to manicure the roof of the stabbur and also to put up Christmas lights.

He worked with the park board to get rocks and dirt to build the rock garden and waterfall. He is always there in the spring to plant flowers and water them and pull the weeds. He built the portable Stabbur that we use in Parades.

### **Lutefisk**

Sidney has worked to prepare the lutefisk for our annual suppers for several years.

Cathy, on the other hand has been in charge of selling tickets for the event.

### **Folk Dancers**

Both Sidney and Cathy have been part of the Folk dance group for a number of years and Cathy has sung with the choir for the past few of years.

### **I Can Do it**

Sidney is one of the faithful who help clean ditches as part of the Adopt a Highway project. He has done numerous construction projects that benefit Sons of Norway. Whenever there is a new project being discussed, Sidney says "I can do it."

### **Family**

Sidney and Cathy have three sons, DelRay, Stephen and Lynnel, daughters in law Deb and Brenda, one daughter Rachelle and several grandchildren whom they are very proud of.

### **Thanks**

We thank you Cathy and Sidney for the good attitude and support you give our lodge.