

Benefit Dinner To Aid Teacher

Mandan residents are planning a benefit dinner to aid a Mandan Junior High School teacher scheduled for a kidney transplant.

A Gerald Shirley pancake - sausage benefit dinner will be held from noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 14, at Mandan's First Lutheran Church.

Shirley, biology instructor at Mandan Junior High School, has been on a kidney machine at the Methodist Hospital in Rochester, Minn., since Labor Day. Surgeons removed his remaining functioning kidney Tuesday and he is scheduled for a transplant the week of Oct. 21. The kidney donor is his sister who lives in Detroit, Mich.

Although he won't be hospitalized that long, Shirley must remain in Rochester for three months after surgery and his family has moved into an apartment there to help him make the regular routine check-ups at the hospital during these weeks.

Besides his wife Shirley's family includes two daughters, Marie, 8, and Cris, 10, who have enrolled in school at Rochester. The apartment address is 214 16th Ave. SW. Apt. 6, Rochester, Minn., 55901.

The benefit will be sponsored by the Friendship Group of the church, of which the Shirleys are members, and Mrs. Shirley's Ft. McKeen Homemakers Club.

The Mandan Education Association and several businesses have donated materials and money towards the benefit dinner and anyone else wishing to donate may contact the First Lutheran church. Tickets may be purchased in advance at the Ben Franklin Store, Remund Ford-Mercury, First National Bank, Credit Bureau and Chamber of Commerce. William Schott and Herb Mittelstedt are general chairmen of the benefit.

People come to aid of Mandan resident

Mandan is a good place to live. What makes it so great is not "things or buildings" but its people. This was proven

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again last Sunday when they came to the aid of their fellow citizen Jerry Shirley who is undergoing surgery at Rochester, Minnesota. A pancake dinner was held at First Lutheran Church and over \$1,300 was cleared to help the Shirley family. This was not just an effort by Jerry's church to give a little assistance through such a costly ordeal, but many of Mandan's churches and organizations and its citizens pitched in and helped. The money is important to the family, but most of all

the people of Mandan gave their spiritual and moral support to one of their educators.

A special thanks must go to our merchants such as George Marack of Midwest Bakery, the Joersz' of Bills Super Valu, Cass Clay Milk, Peter-sons Jack & Jill, Nodak Rural Electric, MDU, Red Fox Cafe, First National Bank, Knights of Columbus, Fort McKeen Homemakers, and the Kistfamily.

A special thank you goes to the people who pitched in to work and came to eat a pancake for Jerry.

First Lutheran is proud of you all and glad to have the Shirley family a part of Mandan. Hurry back, we need you, Jerry.

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Thank You Pancake Eaters

The tremendous attendance at Sunday's pancake and sausage dinner to help the family of Gerald Shirley, Mandan Junior High School biology teacher who will have a kidney transplant this month in Rochester, Minn., was evidence that when the town really wants to back something it can. William Schott, co-chairman of the benefit held at First Lutheran Church, reported about 1200 persons ate pancakes to help Shirley. It is estimated about \$1,400 was cleared.

Randy Reule, a fellow junior high teacher and friend of Shirley's, tells that some 30 persons at a junior high staff party recently decided to call Shirley at the Methodist Hospital in Rochester just to let him know they were thinking of him. The telephone call, which they all chipped in for, lasted about a half hour.

Leland Fleischer of the junior high school and state president of the North Dakota Education Association has been taking care of the Shirley lawn since he was hospitalized the end of August. The Mandan Educational Association is also making a personal contribution to the Shirley fund. Thank God for small communities where people still care about people.