



10 1/2-Ft. Beanstalks Grown in O'Neill
Mrs. James J. Kelly (above) exhibits huge umbrella-like leaf from giant castor bean plants growing in their garden in the southwest section of O'Neill. The stalks—a half-dozen of them—measure 10 1/2 feet in height, 12 inches in circumference and four inches in diameter. The castor beans were planted late in the season and Mrs. Kelly says she simply cannot explain their fantastic size. Passersby are attracted by their size, she explains. (Another photo on page 6.)—The Frontier Photo.

100th Birthday Next for 'Grandma' Hull

St. Paul's Gets Young Minister

Recently-Ordained Chicagoan Coming

CHAMBERS — Rev. Howard Claycombe, Jr., a recently-ordained minister whose home has been in Chicago, Ill., on Sunday, September 12, will be installed as pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran church here.

Reverend Claycombe was graduated from Concordia Lutheran seminary, Missouri synod, at St. Louis, Mo., this past spring. He was ordained on August 29 at St. John the Divine Lutheran church in Chicago by Rev. R. L. Sommer.

Rev. William H. Roth will officiate in the Sunday installation rite at 8 p.m. Following the service a reception and food shower will be held in the church parlors to welcome the new pastor, his wife and their infant son, Mrs. Claycombe is originally from Jackson, Miss.

Reverend Claycombe and his family were expected to reach Chambers Wednesday. He succeeds Rev. C. D. Ankey, who went to Ohio about a year ago.

'Smoky' Rebounds After Illness

"Smoky" will be okay. The good word was being passed by gleeful O'Neill kids who have been concerned lately over the welfare of the city's best-known dog.

You see, "Smoky," a female St. Bernard of cow proportions, has been under a doctor's care for nearly a week.

Mrs. P. B. Hart, "Smoky's" mistress, realized things hadn't been going well for the queen (and ruler) of O'Neill dogdom. ("Miss St. B." as the big one sometimes is called, had been nervous, unsettled and hobbled for several weeks. Mrs. Hart wondered if perhaps old-age was catching up with this economy size pooch. After all, "Smoky" is over 9-years-old now.

Mrs. Hart consulted a veterinarian and the doc took the dog into custody for a few days. For observation, they said, but the idea of going to a doc and not coming home right away was foreboding news to the neighborhood kids. ("Smoky's" home is on North Fifth street, one block north of the bus depot and a half-dozen trips downtown each day she is conspicuous by her absence.)

But faces turned brighter Tuesday, when the enormous white dog was back home—not as frivolous as usual, not as eager, but in good humor.

"Smoky" has brown patches on her loose coat and her jowls are black in the finest St. Bernard tradition. "Smoky" normally weighs about 145 pounds and more closely resembles a shaggy pony than a pooch. Her appetite seems improved. She had been eating like a cocker spaniel instead of a St. Bernard.

The gentle "Smoky" was born of registered parentage in Indiana and had her first glimpse of O'Neill through the opening of a wooden crate in which she traveled by rail express. A trip to a doc in her younger days had denied her motherhood, so "Smoky" has concentrated on being a harmless, playful pal of kids. Eyes

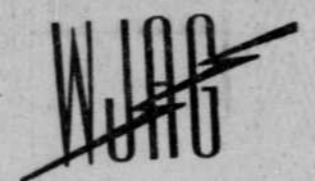
literally pop when small fry fondle "Smoky's" platter-like ears for the first time. Occasionally children ride her—although most of the "piggy-back" days are behind her now.

For years Mrs. Hart and her husband, the late Mr. Hart, were accustomed to hear knocks on the front door. Children passing to and from school would inquire if "Smoky" could come out to play—much like they would solicit companionship from a child of the house.



Roy Milton Johnson and "Smoky" . . . friendship. —The Frontier Photo.

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Bertha Finds New Home, New School

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Harris announced this week that a 12-year-old girl, Bertha, had come to make her home with them in North Ewing. Bertha had been living at the Nebraska Children's Home at Omaha. Adoption proceedings are underway.

On Monday, Miss Bertha Harris was enrolled in the sixth grade at the Ewing public school. She promptly advised her new parents she was enjoying school "very much."

Mrs. Harris, who is The Frontier's correspondent at Ewing, wrote:

"If the news this week hasn't been prepared just the way you like it, it's because we've been very busy preparing a room and clothes for a 12-year-old girl who has come to our house. You can guess how happy we all are."

4-H'ers Get Honors at State Fair

Demonstration Teams Earn Purples in Lincoln Competition

Holt county's entourage of 4-H clubbers, who have invaded Lincoln for Nebraska's centennial year state fair, grabbed an enviable array of honors this week.

A purple ribbon was awarded to Bobby Bealbert and Hugh Troshynski of the Page Eagle Hustlers club in their team demonstration of a portable revolving salt or mineral barrel. Earlier they won honors at the Holt county club in their team demonstration and one day last week appeared on a Sioux City television program with the same act.

Ellen Havranek and Patricia Mullen, both of the Holt Huskie Hustlers club, north of Emmet, earned a purple ribbon with their poultry dressing demonstration.

Other state fair awards: Lois Strong of 212 South Fork club, blue ribbon on washing woolen sweaters demonstration; Mary Claire Gilg and Marlene Beck of Clover club, Atkinson, white ribbon for team demonstration, making and shaping rolls.

Two additional demonstrations were scheduled for Wednesday: Gary and Gale Holcomb, both of 212 South Fork club, rat control; Claranna Carson and Marilyn Graham, both of Redbird Lucky Clover club, easier ironing methods.

Donald Strong of the 212 club earned a red ribbon in the tractor driving contest.

Russel Miner received a blue ribbon for his Hereford baby beef steer, which had been awarded to him last fall by the Niobrara Valley Hereford Breeders' association at Butte. He also won a white ribbon on an Angus breeding heifer. His sister, Sharon, won a red ribbon for an Angus baby beef steer. Both are members of the Fancy Ropers club.

Robert Klabenes, member of the Martha club, was awarded a white ribbon for his Hereford baby beef steer, Danny and Lanny LaRue, both of the Martha club, took white ribbons for their Angus baby beef heifers.

Style review entrants on Wednesday were Mary Claire Gilg of Clover club, Atkinson, modeling school dresses; Benita Osborne, Wide Awake club, Chambers, modeling dress-up clothes. Judging in the livestock, dairy, food, clothing, homemaking and crops divisions will be done today (Thursday).

- Individual exhibit winners included:
- Lois Strong — secretary book, blue; bread, white; rope, blue.
 - Donald Strong — entomology exhibit, blue; electric motor, blue.
 - DeMarus Strong — rope, blue.
 - Jeanene Backhaus — pillow case, white.
 - Ken Backhaus — rope, purple.
 - Jennie Halsey — rolls, blue.
 - Marlene Ermer — vegetables, red; fruit, red.
 - Keith Halsey — motor (electric), white; rope, red; halter, red.
 - Carolyn Wintemote — entomology, red; wastebasket, red.
 - Matt Beha — splices, red.
 - Anna Mae Gartner — fruit, white; vegetables, blue; wastebasket, white.
 - Gary Holcomb — motor (electric), red; splices, blue; entomology, purple; garden, purple; rope, red; safety poster, blue.
 - Gale Holcomb — garden, purple; entomology, purple; rope, blue.

Rev. Grosenbach Moves to Gordon

Rev. M. H. Grosenbach, who has been pastor of Wesleyan Methodist church here for about 10 years, has moved to Gordon. The change was ordered by the Nebraska Wesleyan Methodist conference stationing committee.

"We really have enjoyed our pastoral work in the O'Neill community," Reverend Grosenbach stated upon departure.

A series of social events was held in honor of Reverend Grosenbach, his wife and family. He served the Wesleyan Methodist parish in O'Neill and the Center Union parish northwest of town. He was active in the O'Neill Ministerial association and Parent-Teachers' association work.

Rev. G. M. Hubby will supply the two churches here until a permanent appointment is made.

MARRIAGE LICENSES
Dale Lavern Strong, 19, of O'Neill and Edith Mae Rowlett, 19, of Norfolk, September 6.
Anton B. Kaczor, 21, of Ewing and Alta Ann Ord, 23, of Silver City, Ia., September 7.



Miss Elsie Peter, the teacher, and Miss Fuhner, hobbyist turned commercial . . . she needs the business.—O'Neill Photo Co.

Donna Mae Converts Hobby Into Business

Miss Donna Mae Fuhner, 21-year-old O'Neill farm girl who has endeared herself to the hearts of thousands in surmounting obstacles, is entering a new field.

The plucky young lady, who has been bedfast because of paralysis since she was a small girl, a few years ago completed an eighth grade course of study from O'Neill high school by extension, now is doing oil ornamental painting of wooden plates, salad bowls, toast racks, etc.

She began painting as a hobby. Her work is so good some of her friends have encouraged her to sell her "handiwork"—done with a paintbrush in her mouth and from a palette mounted on a light fixture.

Miss Elsie Peter of O'Neill has been teaching Miss Fuhner the art of oil painting and pronounces Donna a "fine student with lots of talent."

Miss Fuhner won national attention with her artistic achievements as a complete invalid.

What makes her latest accomplishments all the more significant is the fact she works from the light of a kerosene lamp. Although an REA line runs past the

Attends Banking School in Wisconsin

EWING—M. E. Ewing, cashier of the Farmers State bank, returned Tuesday from Madison, Wis., where for two weeks he had been attending a school of banking conducted by the University of Wisconsin.

Former Resident Dies of Gun Wound

AMELIA — Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m., today (Thursday) at First Baptist church in Norfolk for Mrs. Julius Belew, 42, who lived on a farm north of Stanton. She was found dead Monday afternoon of a shotgun wound in the head. Recently she had been hospitalized and Stanton county officials said there would be no inquest.

Mrs. Belew was found by her son, Marlin, 17, when he returned home from school. The Belews moved from Holt county, near Amelia, to Stanton county about seven years ago.

Survivors include: Widower: son—Marlin; parents — Mr. and Mrs. Levi Clemens of Amelia; brothers — Milton Clemens of Amelia, Clifford Clemens of Ravinia, S.D.; sisters—Mrs. Henry Travis of Atkinson, Mrs. Leonard Pribil of O'Neill, Miss Joan Clemens of O'Neill.

Burial will be at Stanton.

Mrs. Van Conett, Ill 4 Years, Dies

Funeral Rites Friday at Page Church

PAGE—Mrs. Rose Van Conett, 74, widow of the late Elmer Van Conett, died about noon Tuesday, September 7, in a Norfolk hospital. She had been ill four years.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m., Friday, September 10, from the Methodist church at Page with Rev. Lisle E. Mewshaw, church pastor, officiating. Burial will be in the Lambert cemetery under the direction of Biglin's.

Pallbearers chosen are Elmer Clasey, Alton Braddock, Glen Stewart, Lyndley Crumly, Herman Dimmitt and Fred Bredehoeft.

The late Mrs. Van Conett, whose maiden name was O'Haver, was born April 4, 1880, at Willow Springs, Wis. Her parents were William Henry O'Haver and Katherine Pratt O'Haver.

She came to Holt county in 1885 with her parents. On January 13, 1897, they married Mr. Van Conett. They resided for many years on a farm north of Page. They became the parents of three sons and two daughters. One daughter, Mary, died in infancy and one son, Virgil, died in 1918.

Survivors include: Sons — Luvern of Page and Mancil of Bow, Wash.; daughter — Mrs. O. A. (Marietta) Wiseman of Page; eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Ezra Brumbaugh Dies in California

INMAN — Mrs. W. C. Kelley has received word of the death of her brother, Ezra Brumbaugh, 77, at Van Nuys, Calif. He died Thursday, September 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Brumbaugh visited in Inman resident and is survived by his widow, the former Nellie Gamet, also a former Inman resident, and several children and grandchildren.

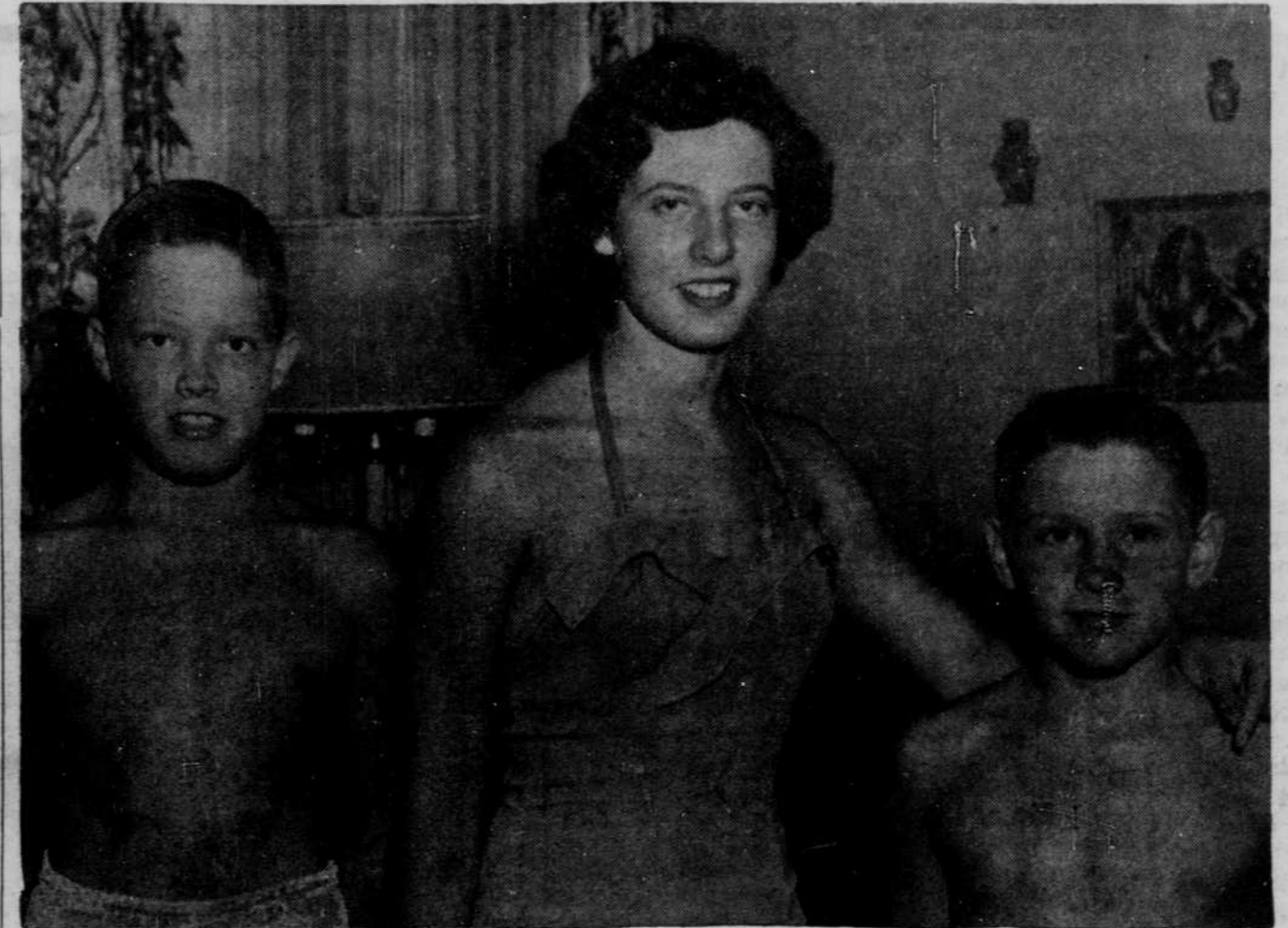
Funeral services were held on Saturday, September 3, at Van Nuys.

Taggart's Neighbors Put Up 80 Acres Hay

CHAMBERS — The following neighbors put up 80 acres of hay for L. W. Taggart Saturday, September 4:

George Cameron, J. W. Walter, Ed Harvey, H. C. Walter, A. A. Walter, Duane Walter, Edgar DeHart, Chester Jungbluth and E. R. Carpenter.

The Taggart boys — Samuel, Leon and Thomas—also assisted. Mr. Taggart has been hospitalized at Washington, D.C., for several weeks.



Brothers, Sister Do Well in Swim Meet
Three children of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kurtz captured more than their share of honors in the end-of-the-season swimming competition conducted Sunday at the Municipal pool. They are John, Connie and Terry. They captured two firsts and one second in individual competition and were members of two first-place teams. They learned to swim at Long Pine where Mr. Kurtz was reared. (Results of the swim meet may be found in the SPORTS section on page 9.)—The Frontier Photo.