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Mrs. Kenneth Smith, 110 Months, Dies

Rites at Inman for Mother of 4

INMAN — Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Monday, October 5, from the Methodist church at Inman for Mrs. Kenneth F. Smith, 41, who died Thursday afternoon, October 1, at her home east of Inman. She had been seriously ill about 10 months.

Rev. Lisle Mewmaw officiated. Burial was made in the Inman cemetery with Biglin Brothers in charge.

Pallbearers were Michael Gallagher, Fred Moore, Donald Keyes, Clarence Hansen, Wilbur Brown and John Brunckhorst.

A quintet composed of Mrs. William E. Kelley, Mrs. Ira Watson, Mrs. Wilbur Brunckhorst, Mrs. Harvey Tompkins and Mrs. Veri David sang three hymns. Mrs. Lewis Kopecky, jr., was at the piano.

Mrs. E. E. Clark, Mrs. H. E. Smith, Mrs. Arthur Tomlinson and Miss Faye Brunckhorst assisted with the flowers.

Jessie Elaine Coventry was born February 22, 1912, at Inman and was the youngest child of the late George A. and Mina J. Coventry. She attended the Inman public school from which she graduated with the class of 1930.

On January 7, 1932, she was married to Kenneth F. Smith at Mullen. To this marriage four children were born.

Survivors include: Widower; daughters—Miss Deritha of O'Neill; Yvonne and Beverly, at home; son—Bert, at home; sisters—Mrs. Sherman Grazier of Tipton; Mo., and Mrs. James McMahan of Inman; brothers—Kenneth A. and James R. Coventry, both of Inman.

The late Mrs. Smith was a member of Arbutus Rebekah lodge 317 at Inman and Symphony chapter 316 of the Order of the Eastern Star at O'Neill.

Randy's Letter Wins Pony Contest

Dear Sir:

We would love a pony but even a puppy would do. We are lonely as our mother works and our daddy is in heaven.

—RANDY, JEANNIE AND KATHY SOCHA

With that tender appeal written by a 6-year-old O'Neill girl, Randy Socha, an Ak-Sar-Ben rodeo pony was awarded Sunday to the blue-eyed author and her sisters, Kathy, 5, and Jeannie, 3. The three little girls and their mother, Mrs. Dorothy Socha, who is employed in the Holt county clerk's office, were on hand in Omaha to receive Queenie II, the western pony which was given to the winner in a letter contest being conducted by the Omaha World-Herald.

It was September 16 when honey-haired little Randy sat down at a desk in her home and painstakingly printed the letter. She was writing about a pony contest her mother had told her the World-Herald was conducting.

The little girl's father was killed in a grain elevator accident before Jeannie was born, Randy was 3 when the accident occurred.

The contest rules were simple: Just 25 words on why you wanted an Ak-Sar-Ben pony.

Randy started her letter about 5 p.m.; still was at it long after dinner. She mailed it and simply waited for the contest to end.

About a week ago Mrs. Socha received a telephone call from Omaha, World-Herald Youth Activities Director Al Frisbie informing the mother that her daughter's letter had been selected best by the panel of three judges.

After the presentation ceremonies, inquisitive, friendly little hands reached up to stroke Queenie's nose and legs.

"She's wonderful," said Randy. "I'm going to feed her lots of hay!"

How did she feel when she knew she had won?

"I just said, 'Oh gee' and jumped up and down. I guess this is just about the biggest thrill in my life," declared Randy.

The girls, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Fox of Emmet and Mr. and Mrs. John Miller and daughter, Marie, richly decorated Queenie.

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Classic Ensemble to Perform Here

The famous Cavalieri-Myers-Holmes music ensemble will present a memorable concert here Wednesday evening, October 14, at the O'Neill public school auditorium, starting at 8:15 p.m. The trio is coming to O'Neill under the auspices of the Methodist Men's club and net proceeds will go to the Methodist church building fund.

Alfredo Cavalieri is a violin virtuoso of international fame. He is Italian by birth and began violin study at the age of 9. When 15 he toured New York state. His debut in 1939 was acclaimed by critics "without parallel since Yehudi Menuhin's debut."

Marylee Myers is a lyric coloratura soprano. She has sung the lead in the operetta "Countess Maritza," the lead in "The Student Prince," also "Mimi" in "La Boheme." Miss Myers is an attractive blonde.

Norma Holmes is regarded by critics as an outstanding young American pianist.

Following her Town Hall concert in New York in March, 1932, the Herald-Tribune said, "She established herself among the top rank of our musical young."

The Cavalieri-Myers-Holmes ensemble will also appear at Valentine and Albion while in north Nebraska.

MARRIAGE LICENSE

Henry B. Crume, 71, of Herwick, S.D., and Kathryn J. Clauson, 51, of Omaha, October 7.

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Academy Superior Succumbs

Mother M. Erica, 57, Suffers Stroke, Dies Later in Hospital

Mother Erica, 57, the former Agnes Hughes, was stricken with a cerebral hemorrhage about 9 a.m. Tuesday at St. Mary's academy a few moments after bidding goodbye to a delegation making an out-of-town trip.

She was transferred by ambulance to St. Anthony's hospital where she died about 3 a.m. Wednesday, October 7. Mother Erica for the past two years held the office of superior at St. Mary's academy.

Solemn high funeral mass will be offered at 9 a.m., Friday, October 9, at St. Patrick's Catholic church. Very Rev. Timothy O'Sullivan, church pastor, will officiate and burial will be in Calvary cemetery.

Agnes Hughes was born June 12, 1896, at Battle Creek, the youngest daughter of Michael J. and Anna Beck Hughes. She was reared in the Battle Creek community and attended high school at St. Mary's academy in O'Neill, graduating with the class of 1915. She entered the order of the Sisters of St. Francis at Stella Niagara, N.Y., and was progressed March 3, 1919.

Her activities and responsibilities during her religious career were varied. For the past 23 years she has served as superior in various houses of her order, stationed variously in New York, Washington state, Colorado and Nebraska.

She was elected provincial superior of the Denver, Colo., province and held that office for 12 years, leaving Denver to come to O'Neill July 10, 1951.

Mother Erica played a vital role in the building of St. Anthony's hospital here, having been active in the planning as far back as 1939. As superior of the Denver province, she worked closely with the O'Neill hospital committee in matters of finance, administration and faculty and was on the scene here to aid in the hospital's completion.

She also had building experience elsewhere, having aided with the St. Mary's hospital at Scottsbluff; a nurse's home at Minot, N.D., and a chapel at the mother house in Denver. Her field was officially designated as religious administration and teaching.

Survivors include: Mother — Mrs. M. J. Hughes of Norfolk; sisters—Miss Anna E. Hughes of Norfolk; Mrs. R. M. (Rose) Arkfeld of Battle Creek; brother — Phil J. Hughes of Battle Creek. Her father and one sister, Mrs. F. X. (Mary) Rudloff, preceded her in death.

The following statement was issued at the academy:

"A sorrowing community of Sisters of St. Francis here at O'Neill, at the school and hospital, a student body at St. Mary's to whom she was known as 'Mother Erica,' and more than five thousand Sisters in her worldwide Franciscan congregation have suffered a great loss."



Mother Erica . . . builder. (Story at left)

Well-Known O'Neill Businessman Dies

Chr's Yantzi, 56, Ill Several Years

A well-known O'Neill resident who had been a postoffice employee for 30 years and in business the past four years died at 6:45 a.m. Saturday, October 3, at his home here.

Dead is Christian Ernst Yantzi, known by his friends as Chris Yantzi.

He had been in ill health about five years and had been hospitalized on several occasions.

He retired from the postoffice staff four years ago and established a combination credit bureau-loan-insurance business in the Golden hotel building. Two days before his death the firm was sold to Kieth Abart.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m. Tuesday, October 6, from the First Presbyterian church with Rev. Samuel Lee, church pastor, officiating. Burial was in Prospect Hill cemetery under the direction of Biglin Brothers.

Pallbearers were Dewigat Harder, L. F. Beckenhauer, John Osenbaugh, C. E. Jones, H. L. Lindberg, H. E. Kruse, C. W. Porter and John Harbottle, all fellow members of Garfield AF&AM lodge. Honorary pallbearers were James W. Rooney, Stanley Soukup, Homer Ernst and Clarence Ernst.

The late Mr. Yantzi was born February 4, 1897, at Fulda, Minn., a son of Joseph U. and Kathryn Ernst Yantzi. He came to Holt county with his parents as a small infant and was reared in O'Neill.

He was united in marriage to Edna Barnard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. Barnard, on October 23, 1924, at Yankton, S.D. Both Mr. and Mrs. Yantzi worked side-by-side at the postoffice for many years.

Survivors include: Widower; adopted daughter—Mrs. Robert (Margaret Jean) Ashforth of Boston, Mass.; sisters—Mrs. C. A. (Mattie) Ives of Bend, Ore., and Mrs. W. L. (Mary) Shoemaker of Stanton.

Mr. Yantzi became a member of the Presbyterian church at an early age. He was active in church work until ill health confined him to his home. He had also been a church officer.

He was a member of the Masonic lodge, American Legion and a director of the Nebraska State Credit Bureau board. The late Mr. Yantzi served in World War I.

Pancake Committees Prepare for Big Event

Mary Ellen Phalin Expires Suddenly

Longtime Resident, 81, Dies at Home

Arrangements are virtually completed for O'Neill's second annual Pillsbury pancake day to be held Wednesday, October 21, under the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce.

The general committee is headed by Henry Loflin, who is assisted by Wendell Nelson, Marvin Johnson and Melvin Ruzicka.

Serving will begin at 1 o'clock in the afternoon and continue until 7 in the evening on the main floor of the Knights of Columbus building, corner of Third and Douglas streets. Last year the pancake feed was staged under tents erected on North Fourth street. Because of weather uncertainties, Chamber President G. C. DeBaker said it was decided to hold the feed indoors.

Serving will be done in three shifts with the following committee chairman:

First shift (1 to 3): Cooking and serving—H. J. Lohaus; table waiters and cleaners—Joe Stutz; dishwashers and wipers—G. C. DeBaker; supplies—Elgin Ray.

Second shift (3 to 5): Cooking and serving—John H. McCarville; table waiters and cleaners—Darrel Slaymaker; dishwashers and wipers—Cecil W. Baker.

Third shift (5 to closing): Cooking and serving—Dale Foree; table waiters and cleaners—Don Petersen; dishwashers and wipers—John C. Watson.

Other committees include: Supplies—Elgin Ray and Leo Moore; entertainment—D. E. Nelson and J. B. Grady; advertising—Wendell Nelson, G. E. Miles and Cal Stewart; coffee and hot water—E. O. Carlson and Dean Jeffrey; errand detail—Laurence Haynes; grand detail and cleanup—William Moriarity and Frank McKenny (in cooperation with other committee chairmen); milk, aprons, caps, towels—Bill Perry.

Each Chamber firm will purchase one case of Pillsbury pan-

Mrs. A. E. Spittler Dies Wednesday

EWING—Mrs. Alfred E. Spittler, 66, died at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, October 7, at her home in Ewing. She had been ill about two months.

Funeral services will be conducted at 9:30 a.m., Saturday, October 10, from St. Peter's Catholic church in Ewing with Rev. Peter Burke officiating. Burial will be in St. Peter's cemetery under the direction of Biglin Brothers.

The late Mrs. Spittler, whose maiden name was Sophia Sarah Sanders, was born January 31, 1887, on a farm north of Atkinson. Her parents were Martin T. and Mary T. Vanderberg Sanders.

At Ewing on May 25, 1910, she married Arthur Edward Spittler of Ewing. They became the parents of four children.

Survivors include: Widower; sons—Leo M. of Orinda, Calif.; Jerome of O'Neill and Gerard of Ewing; sisters—Mrs. Robert (Theresa) Krachie of Ewing, Mrs. Louis (Emma) Kovar of Hartford, Conn., and Mrs. Lyle (Alice) Dierks of Ewing; brothers—Yvo E. Sanders and Dr. O. M. Sanders, both of Omaha.

One daughter, Adelaide Rotham, is deceased.

The late Mrs. Spittler was a member of St. Peter's church and the Christian Mothers.



These dirt encrusted bones little resemble the head of a rhinoceros which roamed in the vicinity northwest of Royal eight or 10 million years ago, but curators of the University of Nebraska early Wednesday positively identified the prehistoric bones. Arrow points to jaw. Teeth are in perfect preservation except they are black and do not show in photo. — The Frontier Photo.

Prehistoric Bones Unearthed

By a Staff Writer

ORCHARD—A team of University of Nebraska archaeologists Wednesday morning unearthed a fossil bed northeast of Orchard, or about eight miles northwest of Royal between Royal and Verdigris.

The head of a rhinoceros, which is believed to have roamed in the area between eight and 10 million years ago, was found near the top of the sheer wall of a gully on the Melvin Colson place.

The bones are being recovered by Henry Rider, curator of the University of Nebraska Morrill hall museum, and Lloyd Taner, assistant curator. Wednesday morning they were doing some excavating in a precarious place on the hill and were applying turpentine to an exposed jaw bone and teeth.

The discovery is regarded, Rider said, as unusual.

Mrs. Ellen Sire Burial at Inman

Saddle Club Roundup Carded

Mrs. Ellen Sire, a former resident of the Inman community, died Saturday, October 3, in Lincoln where she had been residing a number of years.

Funeral services were conducted at 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at Inman. Burial was noon, October 7, from the Methodist in the Inman cemetery, directed by Biglin Brothers.

Survivors include Widower—Eugene of Lincoln; sons—Walter of Butte and Eugene, jr., of Lincoln; daughter—Mrs. Milton Hester.

Five hundred dollars in cash prizes will be offered when the O'Neill Saddle club presents its second annual roundup Sunday on the club grounds east of O'Neill.

A large crowd is expected to witness the show, starting at 10 a.m., with a jack pot calf roping contest.

At 12:30 p.m. there will be a parade on O'Neill's Douglas street, including bands, Antelope County Saddle club, O'Neill Saddle club and horse men and women from Spencer, Butte, Stuart, Amelia and Page. Also in the parade will be the Roman Packing company's four-horse hitch, Nebraska state fair champions.

Grand entry at the club grounds will be at 1:30 p.m. There will be flag races, relays, rescues, pole bending, surprise and potato races. At 7 p.m. will be the calf roping finals and a wild cow milking contest. The day will be climaxed with a western dance at the American Legion auditorium.

WJAG to Carry Knight Interview

Pfc. Glen E. Knight, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fora Knight of O'Neill, will be heard in a transcription interview over radio station WJAG (780 kc) at 10:35 a.m., Friday, October 9.

The interview was made with Knight recently in Munsan, Korea, in the truce talk area. Knight tells about having been at Panmunjom.

Sunday guests at the John Thomas home were Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Gullickson of Cogswell, N.D.

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PERMITS ISSUED

The city council in session Tuesday evening issued the following building permits: Harold Strong, dwelling; Gilbert Strong, dwelling; Lohaus Motor Co., storage building near garage; Bert DeGroot, dwelling.

3d Highway Fatality in Boyd

Dakotan Dies Near Bristow When Car Overtakes in Gravel

BRISTOW — Robert Keckler, 69-year-old Lucas, S.D., resident, was killed at 2:20 p.m. Saturday on state highway 12, about 2.2 miles west of Bristow. It was a one-car accident.

Effie Bruce, 74, also of Lucas, a passenger in the car, was injured but not seriously and was taken to Sacred Heart hospital at Lynch.

Keckler's car went out of control when it struck loose gravel and overturned. State Patrolman Robert Gude of O'Neill reported. Keckler was driving east.

This was the third highway fatality of 1953 in Boyd county.

The Keckler machine plunged over a six-foot embankment on the south side of the highway, turned over once and landed upright.

The Dakotans were enroute to Venus, in Knox county, to visit Mrs. Cecil Waldon.

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This is a view of the bluff on the Melvin Colson farm where a fossil bed has been found. Arrow points to exact location of unearthed rhinoceros head in a precarious place on sheer cliff. The rare archaeological find was made by James Peterson and his son, Donald. — The Frontier Photo.