### Yeggs Try Shelhamer Safe but Unsuccessful

# Mrs. Kenneth Smith,

#### Mother of 4

INMAN — Funeral services church at Inman for Mrs. Ken-neth F. Smith, 41, who died Thursday afternoon, October 1, at her home east of Inman Sh were held at 2 p.m. Monday, at her home east of Inman. She had been seriously ill about 10 midnight and Police Chief Walt months.

Rev. Lisle Mewmaw officiated. in charge.

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

A quintet composed of Mrs. William E. Kelley, Mrs. Ira Watson, Mrs. Wilbur Brown, Mrs. Harvey Tompkins and Mrs. Verl 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 Mc-Mahan 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.

Classic Ensemble

tempt to crack the safe in the office of Shelhamer Foods some-III 10 Months, Dies time after closing hours Saturday night, but the try was unsuccess-Volume 73.—Number 23. R. G. Shelhamer, store owner,

There was an unsuccessful at-

Rites at Inman for discovered the attempted burg-lary Sunday morning when ne went to his office. The dial on the safe had been knocked off

and nitroglycerine had been poured into the top preparatory to "blowing it."

Calkins had tried the doors on the building about 1 a.m. The Burial was made in the Inman police car was bogged down in cemetery with Biglin Brothers mud in the alley for a short time during the early morning hours and it's possible the burg-

lieving the police were rounding

up assistance. Holt County Sheriff Leo Tom-jack said he believed the work was an effort of experienced safe-crackers. State safety patrol investigators came to assist. No arrests have been made, Tomjack

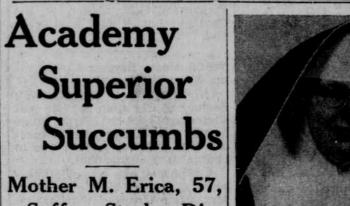
## **Randy's Letter**

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 writ-ten by a 6-year-old O'Neill girl,, Randy Socha, an Ak-Sar-Ben 10deo pony was awarded Sunday to the blue-eyed author and her sisters, Kathy, 5, and Jeannie, 3. The three little girls and their

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 a letter contest being conducted by the Omaha World-Herald.

It was September 16 when honey-haired lille n



Suffers Stroke, Dies Later in Hospital Mother Erica, 57, the former

"VOICE" OF THE FRONTIER"

9:45 A.M. - 780 k.c.

Agnes Hughes, was stricken with cerebral hemorrhage about 9 a.m., Tuesday at St. Mary's academy a few moments after bidaing goodbye 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

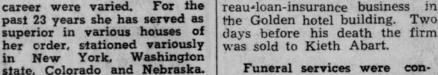
Erica for the past two years held Wins Pony Contest the office of superior at St. Mary's academy.

> Solemn high funeral mass will be offered at 9 a.m., Friday, October 9, at St. Patrick's Catholic church. Very Rev. Timothy O'-Sulivan, church pastor, will of-ficiate and burial will be in Cal-

vary 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 his home here. at St. Mary's academy in O'Neill, graduating with the class of 1915. She entered the order of

> past 23 years she has served as superior in various houses of her order, stationed variously



Yantzi.

North-Central Nebraska's BIG Newspaper O'Neill, Nebr., Thursday, October 8, 1953.

HE FRONTIER



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** chaeological find. He identified

which is believed to have roam- turpentine to an exposed juw

makes a hobby of collecting relics. Colson, who has owned the half-section farm for about six in the gulleys.

**3d Highway** Fatality in Boyd Dakotan Dies Near

TWELVE

PAGES

ONE SECTION

Seven Cents

Bristow When Car **Overturns** in Grave

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.

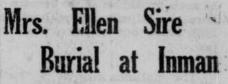
Effie Bruce, 74, also of Lucas, a passenger in the car, was injured but not seriously and was taken to Sacred Heart hospital at Lynch.

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 up

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



Mrs. Ellen Sire, a former resident of the Inman community, years, frequently picked up bones about the place, especially coln where she had been residure coln where she had been residing a number of years.

About six weeks ago, Mr. Col-Funeral services were conduct. on engaged Peterson's teenage ed at 3 o'clock Wednesday after-

**Roundup Carded** 

Five hundred dollars in cash

A large crowd is expected to

witness the show, starting at 10

6:45 a.m., Saturday, October 3, ORCHARD—A team of Un- | place. The bones are being recovered Dead is Christian Ernst Yantzi, known by his friends as Chris 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 estab-lished a combination credit bued in the area between eight and bone and teeth. the Golden hotel building. Two 10 million years ago, was found

days before his death the firm near the top of the sheer wall of The discovery is regarded, was sold to Kieth Abart. a gulley on the Melvin Colson Rider said, as an unusual ar-

\* \* \* the bones, including the teeth,

versity of Nebraska archaeolo-gists Wednesday morning un-earthed a fossil bed northeast of hall museum, and Lloyd Taner, Orchard, or about eight miles assistant curator. Wednesday northwest of Royal between Roy- morning they were doing some al and Verdigre. The head of a rhinocercs, on the hill and were applying

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 When 15 he toured New York dinner. She mailed it and simply state. His debut in 1939 was acclaimed by critics "without parallel since Yehudi Menuhin's debut.'

Marylee Myers is a lyric col-oratura soprano. She has sung the lead in the operetta "Count-the lead in the operetta "Countess Maritza," the lead in "The ed best by the panel of three Student Prince," also "Mimi" in judges. "La Boehme." Miss Myers is an

attractive blonde. Norma Holmes is regarded by tritics as an outstanding young American pianist.

Following her Town Hall concert in New York in March, 1952, the Herald-Tribune said, "She of hay!" established herself among the top rank of our musical young."

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

MARRIAGE LICENSE

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

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 aciddent occurred

The contest rules were simple: Just 25 words on why you want-

ed an Ak-Sar-Ben pony. Randy started her letter about 5 p.m.; still was at it long after waited for the contest to end.

received a telephone call from Omaha, World-Herald Youth Activities Director Al Frisbie in- Minot, N.D., and a chapel at the

teaching.

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

How did she feel when she her in death. 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 de-(Continued on page 6) \* \* \*

state, Colorado and Nebraska. She was elected provincial superior of the Denver, Colo., pro-vince 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 ar back as 1939. As superior of

the Denver province, she worked closely with the O'Neill hospital committee in matters of fi-

nance, administration and faculty and was on the scene here to aid in the hospital's completion. She also had building experi-

About a week ago Mrs. Socha ence elsewhere, having aided with the St. Mary's hospital at Scottsbluff; a nurse's home at

> mother house in Denver. Her field was officially designated as religious administration and

> > Survivors include: Mother

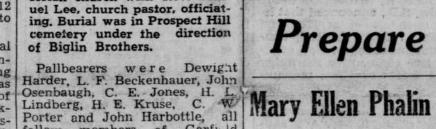
Mrs. M. J. Hughes of Norfolk; sisters—Miss Anna E. Hughes of Norfolk; Mrs. R. M. (Rose) Ark-feld of Battle Creek; brother --Phil J. Hughes of Battle Creek. Her father and one sister, Mrs.

F. X. (Mary) Rudloff, preceded

The following statement was ssued at the academy:

Sur aline

"A sorrowing community 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," and more than five thousand Sisters in her worldwide Franciscan congregation have suffered a great loss."



ducted at 2 p.m., Tuesday, Oc-tober 6, from the First Presby-terian church with Rev. Sam.

Well-Known O'Neill

Chris Yantzi, 56, Ill

Several Years

A well-known O'Neill resident who had been a postoffice em-

ployee for 30 years and in busi-ness the past four years died at

fellow members of Garfield AF&AM lodge. Honorary pall-bearers 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. W. 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: Widow; adopted daughter-Mrs. Robert (Margaret Jean) Ashforth of Bos-

ton, 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.

Mrs. A. E. Spittler Dies Wednesday

EWING-Mrs. Alfred E. Spittler, 66, died at 11:30 a.m., Wed-nesday, 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

Rev. Peter Burke officiating. Burial will be in St. Peter's centetery under the direction of Big-lin Brothers.

The late Mrs. Spittler, whose maiden name was Sophia Saran Sanders, was born January 31, 1887, on a farm north of Atkinson. Her parents were Martin 'T. and Mary T. Vanderberg Sand-

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

Survivors include: Widower: ons-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



**Expires Suddenly** 

Longtime Resid e n t, 81, Dies at Home

Funeral services will be con-ducted at 9 a.m., today (Thursday) for Mrs. Mary Ellen Phann, 1, widow of the late Frank Pha-

lin. The rites will be held in St. Patrick's Catholic church and burial will be in Calvary ceme-tery under the direction of Bigin Brothers. Pallbearers will be M. H. Hor-

skey, H. E. Coyne, P. C. Donohoe, Leo Mullen, Jack Arbuthnot, Fred Saunto, Louis Zastrow and Bennett Gilligan.

The late Mrs. Phalin died suddenly at 10 a.m., Monday, October 5, at her home here.

For a number of years she and her brother, Dr. W. F. Finley, made their home together and she had not been ill.

The late Mrs. Phalin, whose maiden name was Mary Ellen Finley, was born September 8, 1872, at Rising Sun, Wisc., a

daughter of Timothy and Johan-

children-one son, Larry, having and hot water - E. O. Carlson died in 1944. Her husband died and Dean Jeffrey; errand detail

Catholic church in Ewing with of Los Angeles, Calif., and Gerald of Sioux Falls, S.D.; daughters-Mrs. Otto (Mary) Reising and Mrs. Gilbert (Loretto) Laue,



ber of Commerce.

vin Johnson and Melvin Ruzicka. Serving will begin at 1 o'clock

n 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 un-

der tents erected on North Fourth street. Because of weather uncertainties, Chamber President G. C. DeBacker said it was decided to hold the feed indoors. Serving will be done in three shifts with the following com-

> nittee chairmen: First shift (1 to 3): Cooking and serving—H. J. Lohuas; table waiters and cleaners—Joe Stutz, dishwashers and wipers - G. C. DeBacker; supplies-Elgin Ray.

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

olain Third shift (5 to closing): Cooking and serving - Dale Foree: table waiters and cleaners the university. -Don Petersen; dishwashers and wipers-John C. Watson. Unearthing the bones of the

na Roach Finley. On January 12, 1900, she mar- Other committees include: Supplies — Elgin Ray and Leo ried Frank Phalin at Rising Sun. Moore; entertainment - D. E. The couple came to O'Neill in 1903 from Soldier's Grove, Wisc. | Nelson and J. B. Grady; adver-tising — Wendell Nelson, G. E. They became the parents of five Miles and Cal Stewart; coffee in the O'Neill area.

-Laurence Haynes, George Pet-erson and Paul Shierk; setup and cleanup- William Moriarity and Frank McKenny (in cooperation with other committee chairmen); milk, aprons, caps, towels—Bill Perry.

"I'm glad those 'rhinos' aren't around nowadays. I wouldn't be farming this place!"

son, Donald, to drill some rye dist church at Inman. Burial was Mr. Peterson and his son, who noon, October 7, from the Methoreside several miles away, took in the Inman ceme time out to scout one of the gul-by Biglin Brothers. in the Inman cemetery, directed leys and that's when they began to unearth the prehistoric ant-Eugene of Lincoln; sons-Walter

They advised the university of Butte and Eugene, jr., of Lin-coln; daughter-Mrs. Milton Hes-

coll people about the find, a date was set for the field party to visit Royal, and late Tuesday and carly Wednesday the efforts pe-Saddle Club

under the auspices of the Cham-Colson is now confident bones of prehistoric camels, horses, elephants and turtles also are to be prizes will be offered when the O'Neill Saddle club presents its The general committee is headed by Henry Lofflin, who is assisted by Wendell Nelson, Mar-the north side of a tiny spring-fed stream that flows northwest through the farm After a presecond annual roundup Sunday

as those of the Pleistocene age.

Discovery of the fossil field is story in itself. James Peterson,

Royal farmer and scoutmaster,

on the club grounds east of O'through the farm. After a pre-Neill. liminary study of the area, Rider and Taner agree. The steep chalk-like cliffs

a.m., with a jack pot calf roping are rugged and are inaccessible contest. except to hardy souls who like At 12:30 p.m., there will be a to climb.

parade on O'Neill's Douglas street, including bands, Antelope Mr. Colson runs cattle in the County Saddle club, O'Neill Sadvalley at the foot of the ridge dle club and horse men and of bluffs and he is hopeful curious women from Spencer, Butte, Stupeople won't be venturing art, Amelia and Page. Also in through the gates. The farm the parade will be the Roman dwelling is vacant at present and Packing company's four-horse the site of the fossil bed would hitch, Nebraska state fair chambe difficult to find for anyone pions.

unfamiliar with the place, be-Grand entry at the cause to reach the site you must grounds will be at 1:30 p.m. ford the stream in several places. There will be flag races, relays, The modern rhinoceros com- rescues, pole bending, surprise nonly found in Africa or India and potato races. At 7 p.m., will is about 10 feet long, 6½ fect be the calf roping finals and a high and has a horn 1 or 2 feet wild cow milking contest. The ong. The prehistoric animal was day will be climaxed with a bigger, the museum people exwestern dance at the American Legion auditorium.

Mr. Peterson has arranged to turn over his fossil collection to

WJAG to Carry **Knight Interview** 

rhinoceros and piecing them back together again in Morrill hall is a long, painstaking task. Pfc. Glen E. Knight, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fora Knight of O'-Such assignments usually are given to a group of students for

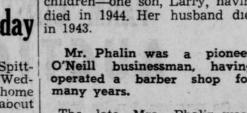
Neill, will be heard in a trana summer field project. It is be- scribed interview over radio lieved this is the only archaeo- station WJAG (780 kc) at 10:35 logical find of its type anywhere a.m., Friday, October 9. The interview was made with

Colson, studying the fascinat-Knight recently in Munsan; ng fossil cliff on one hand and Korea, in the truce talk area. and the quiet cattle grazing in Knight tells about having been at Panmunjom. the valley below, made this ob-

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



servation



both of Gary, Ind.; brothers

James Finley of Gays Mills, Wisc.; Dr. W. F. Finley of O'-Neill; Lawrence Finley of La-Crosse, Wisc.; sisters-Mrs. Hugn (Rose) Francis of Milner, N.D.,

the Misses Theresa and Laura Finley, both of Oak Park, Ill.

> WE BEG YOUR PARDON The justice court report last is.

sue stated James Early was fiend \$15 and costs September 30 on a charge of speeding filed by State Patrolman Robert Gude. The Frontier erred. The name should have been James Easly, not James Early.

(Alice) Dierks of Ewing; broth-PERMITS ISSUED -Yvo E. Sanders and Dr. O. The city council in session M. Sanders, both of Omaha. Tuesday evening issued the following building permits: Harold One daughter, Adelaide Rotherham, is deceased. The late Mrs. Spittler was a member of St. Peter's church and the Christian Mothers. Strong, dwelling; Gilbert Strong, dwelling; Lohaus Motor Co., storage building near garage; Bert DeGroff, dwelling. Randy, Frishie, Jeannie and Kathy . . . the girls richly deserve the pony .- World-Herald Photo.

Mr. Phalin was a pioneer O'Neill businessman, having operated a barber shop for

The late Mrs. Phalin was a member of St. Patrick's church and the Altar society. Survivors include: Sons—John

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 uncerthed 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.