

101/2-Ft. Beanstalks Grown in O'Neill

Mrs. James J. Kelly (above) exhibits huge umbrella-like leaf from giant caster bean plants growing in their garden in the southwest section of O'Neill. The stalks-a half-dozen of themmeasure 101/2 feet in height, 12 inches in circumference and four inches in diameter. The caster 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

Recently-Ordained Chicagoan Coming

in Chicago, Ill., on Sunday, Sep- absent and deceased loved ones. tember 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. Rev. William H. Roth will officiate in the Sunday installation rite at 8 p.m. Following the ser-

ceeds Rev. C. D. Ankney, who to advanced age. went to Ohio about a year ago.

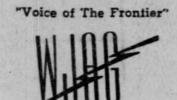
den high with good food. Most of Young Minister the faces were the same. The locale was identical with similar events of other years—the old nomestead in north Holt county in the Meek neighborhood. But there was one more candle, an important candle, on the birthday cake.

When the 175 heads were boy CHAMBERS - Rev. Howard ed the faulty voice of a fragile Claycombe, jr., a recently-ordain- old lady asked the Lord's blessed minister whose home has been ings on the bounty and on the

> "Grandma" Sarah Hull, the grand old lady of northern Holt county, was asking grace and presiding at her 99th birthday anniversary picnic dinner. It was a solemn moment and there were a few tear-filled

made one of the big occasions of health. the year for the ever-growing Reverend Claycombe and his principally because her hearing the University of Nebraska. family were expected to reach has been impaired and her eyes

One highlight of Monday's County Independent. birthday dinner was the presence



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Bertha Finds New

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Harris announced this week that a 12year-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 Frontier's correspondent at Ew-

ing, 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 12year-old girl who has come to our house. You can guess how happy we all are.'



Miss Drayton . . . bad health, lack of help. - The Frontier

Ewing Advocate in Final Issue

last week went to press for the final time. Miss Thelma Drayton, publisher, said inability to hire won a white ribbon on an Angus For years "Grandma" Hull's sufficient help was the reason. breeding heifer. His sister, Sharbirthday anniversary has been Another reason, she said, was ill on, won a red ribbon for an An-

vice a reception and food shower Hull clan. Her living sons and Advocate from the late R. D. club. will be held in the church parlors daughters always make a special Crellin in the fall of 1951, having to welcome the new pastor, his effort to be on hand. The grand come to Ewing from Kansas City, wife and their infant son. Mrs. old lady has a bit of difficulty Mo., where she had been for five Claycombe is originally from keeping up with the grandchil- years. She was born at Neligh, dren and great-grandchildren, reared at Orchard and attended

The equipment will be disman Chambers Wednesday. He suc- are very poorly, both attributed tled and sold. The circulation list has been turned over to the Holt

The Frontier has several times Mr. and Mrs. Earl Ralya and of her cousin, Mrs. Susie Bush, the audited circulation of any Verle were dinner guests at the A. A. Hiatt home Tuesday eve-Frontier's correspondent.

Home, New School 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 Lin-coln for Nebraska's centennial year state fair, grabbed an enviable array of honors this week. A purple ribbon was awarded to Bobby Beelaert and Hugh Tro-shynski of the Page Eagle Hustl-ers club in their team demonstration of a portable revolving salt or mineral barrel. Earlier they won honors at the Holt county ers ciub in their team demonstraand 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 noultry dressing demonstration.

Other state fair awards: Lois Strong of 212 South Fork lub, 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 v.ere scheduled for Wednesday: Gary and Gale Holcomb, both of 212 South Fork club, rat contro Claranna Carson and Marilyn Graham, both of Redbird Lucky Clover club, easier ironing meth-

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 EWING-The Ewing Advocate awarded to him last fall by the gus baby beef steer. Both are Miss Drayton purchased The members of the Fancy Ropers

Robert Klabenes, member of 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

Style review entrants on Wednesday were Mary Claire Gilg of now is doing oil ornamental Clover club, Atkinson, modeling school dresses; Benita Osborne, bowls, toast racks, etc. Wide Awake club, Chambers, modeling dressup clothes. Judging in the livestock, dairy,

food, clothing, homemaking and crops divisions will be done today (Thursday). Individual exhibit winners in- fixture. cluded Lois Strong — secretary book,

blue; bread, white; rope, blue. Donald Strong - entomology exhibit, blue; electric motor, DeMarus Strong-rope, blue.

Jeanene Backhaus - pillow ase, white. Ken Backhaus—rope, purple. Jennie Halsey—rolls, blue.

Marlene Ermer - vegetables, ed; fruit, red. Keith Halsey-motor (electric), white; rope, red; halter, red. Carolyn Wintermote - entonology, red; wastebasket, red. Matt Beha—splices, red. Anna Mae Gartner — fruit,

Gary Holcomb - motor (electric), red; splices, blue; entomology, purple; garden, purple; rope, red; safety poster, blue. Gale Holcomb-garden, purple; entomology, purple; rope, blue.

white; vegetables, blue; waste-

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 permanent appointment is made.

MARRIAGE LICENSES



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

This is an unpaid advertising Belew, 42, who lived on a farm

plug: If you're searching for a north of Stanton. She was found

versity of Wisconsin.

Former Resident

there would be no inquest.

Mrs. Belew was found by her

son, Marlin, 17, when he return-

ed home from school. The Be-

near Amelia, to Stanton county

Burial will be at Stanton.

Donna Mae Converts Hobby Into Business

Miss Donna Mae Fuhrer, 21- place, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. year-old O'Neill farm girl who Ed Fuhrer, haven't been able to has endeared herself to the take on the added expense of hearts of thousands in surmount- REA. Mrs. Fuhrer is ailing with the Martha club, was awarded | ing obstacles, is entering a new arthritis.

> The plucky young lady, who has been bedfast because of pa- board of vocational education ralysis since she was a small girl, a few years ago completed an eighth grade course of study from the course is Roland Lord of Norher bed, later was graduated from folk. O'Neill high school by extension, painting of wooden plates, salad

She began painting as a hobby. na Mae Fuhrer, O'Neill, Nebr.? Her work is so good some of her friends have encouraged her to sell her "handiwork"-done with from a palette mounted on a light Loveland Draws

Miss Elsie Peter of O'Neill has been teaching Miss Fuhrer the art of oil painting and pronounces

What makes her latest accom- court.

Year in State Pen lews moved from Holt county, Ross Loveland, 32, a Kansan about seven years ago.

The tutoring comes under the

sponsorship of the Nebraska state

(rehabilitation department). The

district supervisor who sent up

not send an order to: Miss Don-

She's in business now—for her-

who was arrested by authorities | Survivors include: Widower Donna a "fine student with lots at Kimball last month and son-Marlin; parents - Mr. and brought to O'Neill, Saturday was Mrs. Levi Clemens of Amelia; Miss Fuhrer won national at- sentenced to one year in the state brothers - Milton Clemens of tention with her scholastic penitentiary. He pleaded guilty Amelia, Clifford Clemens of Amachievements as a complete in- before District Judge D. R. elia, Loyd Clemens of Ravinia, Mounts in Holt county district S.D.; sisters-Mrs. Henry Travis

plishments all the more significant is the fact she works from sories of no-fund checks at O'- O'Neill, Miss Joan Clemens of O'Neill. the light of a kerosene lamp. Al- Neill in late May. He will be though an REA line runs past the taken to Lincoln this weekend.

Attends Banking Mrs. Van Conett School in Wisconsin-EWING-M. B. Ewing, cashier of the Farmers State bank, re-turned Tuesday from Madison, III 4 Years, Dies Wisc., where for two weeks he had been attending a school of

banking conducted by the Uni- Funeral Rites Friday at Page Church

PAGE-Mrs. Rose Van Conett, 74, widow of the late Elmer Van Dies of Gun Wound Conett, died about noon Tuesday, September 7, in a Norfolk hospital. She had been ill four years. Funeral services will be con-AMELIA - Funeral services ducted at 2 p.m., Friday, Septemwill be conducted at 2 p.m., tober 10, from the Methodist church day (Thursday) at First Baptist at Page with Rev. Lisle E. Mewchurch in Norfolk for Mrs. Julius

nominally priced gift item, why dead Monday afternoon of a shotcemetery under the direction of Biglin's. gun wound in the head. Recently Pallbearers chosen are Elmer she had been hospitalized and Clasey, Alton Braddock, Glen Stanton county officials said Stewart, Lyndley Crumly, Her-man Dimmitt and Fred Brede-

maw, church pastor, officiating.

Burial will be in the Lambert

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

She came to Holt county in 1885 with her parents. On January 13, 1897, she mar-ried Mr. Van Conett. They reof Atkinson, Mrs. Leonard Pribil sided 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, Vir-

gil, died in 1918. Survivors include: Sons -Lu-Vern 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 vis-

former 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

Taggart's Neighbors Put Up 80 Acres Hay

CHAMBERS - The following neighbors put up 80 acres of hay for L. W. Taggart Saturday, Sep-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.

'Smoky' Rebounds After Illness

(Continued on page 12)

"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. Harty, "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. Harty wondered if perhaps old-age was catching up with this economy size pooch. After all, "Smoky" is over 9-years-old

Mrs. Harty 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 when she's not making a half-dozen trips downtown each day she is con-

spicuous 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. Ber-

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 has 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-al-

though most of the "piggy-back" days are behind her now. For years Mrs. Harty and her husband, the late Mr. Harty, 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

The latest sojourn to the doctor didn't detract any spunk from the town's canine queen. A little Pekingese waltzed up to "Smoky" Tuesday evening and took a nervous nip at one of "Smoky's" hind legs. The queen lifted her mighty

paw, slammed the Peke to the turf and firmly kept the upstart prostrate and helpless.

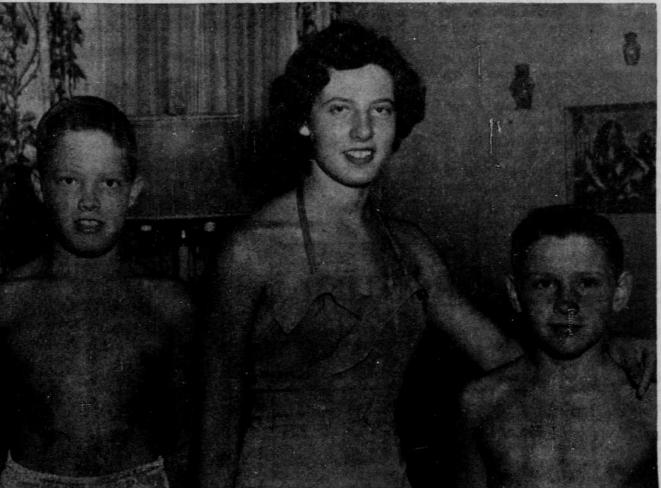
It was quite apparent that "Miss St. B.," like always, isn't about to be humiliated or irritated by some insignificant little Chinese whiffet.



Roy Milton Johnson and "Smoky" . . . friendship.

-The Frontier Photo.

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.



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, Konnie and Terry. They cap tured two firsts and one second in individual

competition and were members of two firstplace 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.