

Mrs. E. Collins, A Magician With Simple Tools

Give Mrs. Earl Collins a sack of cement, some stucco wire, a place to clean her paint brush and some flower seeds and plants and she'll perform magic. (The magic is a composition of know-how and elbow grease!) What's more she can use the articles out or indoors with equal success.

Mr. and Mrs. Collins live four miles west of Atkinson. Mr. Collins, who is a contractor, is away from home much of the time so when the Mrs. needs something done she doesn't wait for the Mr. to come home, she just goes ahead and does it.

About 10 years ago she decided to landscape her yard. Using cement and rocks that she gathered from various vacation spots (plus those given her by interested friends) she built a sloping stone wall across one side of the yard. This is planted to vines, sedums and adaptable flowers and plants of many kinds.

Where the cement shows it is daubed with various colors, ("I clean my paint brushes there," she says.) The whole makes a composite of unbelievable beauty.

Using various things as molds she fashions flower boxes and urns of cement. They too become containers for the great variety of flowers she grows.

Inside the house her artistry and ingenuity become even more apparent. Without ever having taken a formal lesson she fashions Japanese reeds and painted stucco wire into enchanting baskets of all sizes and types. These will later be filled with winter bouquets. Achilles, (commonly known as Golden Plate) dock seed heads and Russian Olive branches are a few of the ingredients that will go into making the arrangements. Articles of her making often grace banquet tables or are used on other festive occasions by the community.

Mrs. Collins has decorated the altar of St. John's Lutheran church for the last two years. The congregation still fondly recall the beauty of the Easter arrangement she fashioned from a white styro-foam cross, candles and Easter Lilies.

The thing her grandchildren enjoy most is an elves house that she fashioned from masonite. It has a glassed front. A light inside shows the little elves (She made them too from styro-foam) busy with Christmas festivities.

Mums are the choice flower of Mrs. Collins. "You can do so many things with them," she says.

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Naper News

By Mrs. John Schonebaum

Mr. and Mrs. Con Sattler went to Omaha on Sunday, Aug. 21 to meet their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John Hagan of Greenwich, Conn. who will visit here until Sept. 3.

Mr. and Mrs. Claus Seih were Sunday dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Sieh.

Dr. Phil Holmgren and Phil of Kearney came last Saturday evening and spent until Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Philip Holmgren and other relatives.

Roger Shaffer of Norfolk came last Monday to spend a week vacation with Douglas Martin.

They were both polo patients in his hospital at the same time. Sunday afternoon guests in the Con Sattler home to help celebrate the birthday of their son-in-law, John Hagan, were, Mr. and Mrs. John Sattler and Mr. and Mrs. Emil Sattler and Mary and Art of Gregory, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sattler and Alice of Burke, S.D., and Mrs. Anna Bohner and Wilmer.

Harry Nicalous of Fresno, Calif. arrived Thursday, Aug. 17 to spend his vacation with his mother, Mrs. Mary Nicalous and with other relatives. Sgt. and Mrs. James A. Dawson of Fort McArthur, Calif., arrived Thursday, Aug. 18 to spend his furlough with his parent, Mr. and Mrs. George Dawson and family. They returned to Fort Bliss, Tex., Monday, where he will attend school on the latest Missile.

A number of friends and relatives helped Mr. and Mrs. Julius Vogt celebrate their birthdays Sunday evening. Progressive pitch was played at four tables. Present for the evening were, Mr. and Mrs. Grant Reber, Mrs. Con Sattler and James, Mr. and Mrs. Milo Reber and family, Mr. and Mrs. N. Helenbolt and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Nuemiller and sons, Edith Windmeyer, Hazel Helenbolt and Harney Thibault. Lunch was served.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Davis were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Davis and family. In the afternoon both families went to the Whetstone Bay to watch the Sioux Falls, water skiing group put on a performance.

Mr. and Mrs. August Ahlers went to Norfolk Saturday where they attended the wedding of a niece. Before coming home they visited relatives at Plainview.

Mr. and Mrs. John Schonebaum and Daniel left on Sunday, Aug. 21 for a weeks vacation in the Black Hills and Denver, Colo.

Sunday supper guests in the John Bechtold home to help them observe their thirty-second anniversary were Mrs. Minnie Wentz, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Fuhrer, Mr. and Mrs. Art Wentz, Robert Wentz Barbara Stoltenberg, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bechtold, Mr. and Mrs. Max Higgins and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bechtold and family and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ludemann. Evening guests were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Seymour. Progressive pitch was played for the evening. A no hostess lunch was served.

Mr. and Mrs. Speck Whitley and family and Alfred Whitley left Friday, Aug. 19 for Estes Park, Colo., where they attended the Whitley reunion. They returned home Saturday evening.

Royal News

By Mrs. R. J. Hering

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Hall and Mrs. Hall's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Anson of Orchard, visited in Page Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Anson and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Rundquist and Nolan returned the last of the week from a fishing trip to Minnesota. They found fish aplenty and shared the same with relatives Sunday at the C. E. Rundquist home when Mrs. Rundquist prepared the fry for Mr. and Mrs. Charles Thomsen and daughters, Barbara Morrison, and Glenn and family.

Attend Little World Series. E. A. Rundquist and Greg and Tom and Supt. Terry and son attended the Little World series at Hastings Sunday but saw only one game because of the rain. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Goebel from Washington State have been visiting relatives in Neligh and Royal and vicinity. Mrs. Goebel is a daughter of Mrs. Hazel Makemson and a sister of Harvey Nelson.

Mrs. Bill Mitties and children and Miss Frances Hildreth attended a reunion of the Mitties family in Norfolk Sunday when 70 relatives gathered there. Harry Mitties was the oldest member

present, and his granddaughter Connie Marie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mitties was the youngest.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mitties attended the bowling dinner held in O'Neill Sunday evening for the Tupper Ladies Bowling Team from Creighton. Mrs. Mitties was a member of the team.

Miss Frances Hildreth returned to her home in Verdigris the past week after spending the entire summer with her sister, Mrs. Bill Mitties.

Mrs. Gary Charf of Denver visited her husband's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bus Charf this week.

Hold Family Picnic

A family gathering honoring Mr. and Mrs. Norman Burch and family of Palo Alto, Calif., was held Sunday at the home of Norman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Burch, the dinner was to have been at Grove Lake but because of the continued rain this was impossible.

Guests included the families of Lawrence Fryer of Norfolk, Darrell Anson of Brunswick, Roy Frahm of Royal, Alva Rice of Clearwater, Alva Rabboas of Neligh, Louis Rabboas of Orchard and Mrs. Rosie Grauerholz of Paxton.

Callers included Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Maple of Orchard, and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Rundquist.

The California folks planned to leave for home the first of the week. Sandra Fryer of Norfolk, who has been in Palo Alto with Burches for two months or more, returned home with them to finish school. She likes California so well that she hopes to return next summer to enter college in Palo Alto.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Walmer, born August 25 at the Plainview hospital, has been named Gregory Wayne and will be called Greg.

Guests during the past week of Mr. and Mrs. George Harvey were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schrader of Gering. Mrs. Schrader is a sister of Mrs. Harvey.

George Harvey jr. and wife of Los Angeles are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Harvey sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Weber and daughter, Mrs. Clarence Bittner and Susan Marie are in Texas visiting Weber's oldest daughter, Merna Fae and family who have been living there the past year, and who will soon return to Long Beach, Calif.

Mrs. Russell Burch has been informed that her father, Carl Rabboas, who recently underwent surgery will be released shortly from the hospital in Omaha and will be taken to West Point where his daughter, Alma Rabboas, will care for him until he is fully recuperated.

Word has been received here by Mr. and Mrs. Edd Charf that their son, DeWayne, of Kent, Wash., is in a hospital as a result of losing a big toe which was severed by a falling piece of machinery from the ceiling of the room where he was working. He has been employed for several years in the Boeing Aircraft plant at Kent.

Mr. and Mrs. Walt Classen of Pierson, Ia., came Sunday to visit her mother, Mrs. L. M. Storm. Mrs. Classen will remain for a few days. Mr. Classen is employed in construction work at Pierson.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Million and Lawrence Ennen of Roberts, Mont., visited relatives in this vicinity during the week past. Lawrence is a brother of Herman Ennen, Mr. and Mrs. Million visited at Roy Holm's, Alden Mattison's, Ferd Kihme's and George Rang's. They were former Royal residents.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Holm and Barbara of Royal, Dwight and Frankie Morrison and friend of Neligh had an experience of Lewis and Clark lake Sunday that they do not care to repeat. They were boating when a sudden storm arose forcing them to cross the lake to the shore opposite the bank where their cars were parked. They sought refuge with a colony of Hittlerites who are located near the lake. Because the party could not reach their cars, they had to telephone home for transportation. However, wet as they were, their enthusiasm over boating was not dampened, and they plan to try it again under more favorable circumstances.

Return To School

Barbara Morrison will return to Wesleyan for her junior year; Frank C. Morrison, her brother will enter the Agricultural college at Lincoln; Greg Rundquist will go to Wayne; Gary Storm will enter Norfolk Junior College. Jacqueline Meisner, of Pierre, S. D., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Meisner, will attend high school in Royal where she will be a member of the senior class. She



A scene from O'Neill's early history. Does anyone know the date?

will live with her grandfather, Frank Storm.

Mrs. Wayne Van Patter, Mrs. D. Van Patter of Neligh, Mrs. G. Charf of Denver and Mrs. Bus Charf of Royal attended a blue and pink shower for Mrs. Junior Minarik at Atkinson Friday afternoon.


Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Reece received word Sunday of the death of their daughter-in-law, Mrs. James Reece of Denver. Survivors include the husband, two sons and a daughter.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Truman Kirby Sunday at dinner were Mr. and Mrs. Herman Ennen and family and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Beutler and family.

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