OBITUARIES

Ella B. Boethin

Feb. 9, 1926 - May 29, 2004

Ella (Merklein) Boethin, 78, died May 29 at the Andbe Home in Norton. Mrs. Boethin was born on a farm south of Stuttgart on Feb. 9, 1926,

the daughter of Edward and Maria

(Wagner) Merklein. She was baptized on March 7, 1926, and was later confirmed in the Lutheran faith on June 18, 1939, at the Emmanuel Evangeli-

cal Lutheran Church at Stuttgart. On April 11, 1945, she married Wilbur C. Boethin of Logan. They made their home in Clearfield, Utah, for almost a year before moving back to Kansas. They lived on a farm seven miles northeast of Logan.

Mrs. Boethin loved farm life and raised chickens, ducks and geese. She was an accomplished homemaker, canning fruits, vegetables and meats for many years. She delivered eggs to customers on a weekly basis and also worked in

She was preceded in death by her husband Wilbur on Nov. 11, 2003; a brother, Richard Carl Merklein; her sister, Elsie Post; and her parents.

Survivors include her two daughters, Virginia and Robert Charbonneau, Topeka; and Vivian and Mike Luft, Norton; a sister, Betty Marie Zillinger of rural

Barbara Margaret Phillipsburg; and three grandchil-

Funeral services were held Wednesday at the church in Stuttgart with Pastor Eric Bodenstab officiating. Phyllis Merklein accompanied the congregation while they sang, "Softly and Tenderly", "How Great Thou Art" and "O, Take My Hand Dear

Casket bearers were Steve Schick, William Schick, Kerry Zillinger, Dale Merklein, Merlyn Schick and Doug Zillinger. Honorary bearers were Max Schick, Rick Schurz, Jack Rundle, Jerry Kessler, Leland Rundle, Calvin Boethin, Keith Grammon, Bob Withington, Johnnie Parsons and Dwight Merklein.

Burial was in the Pleasant View Cemetery, Logan.

Logan Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Card of Thanks

Our heartfelt thanks for the kindnesses shown our family since the loss of our loved one. Your prayers, cards, phone calls, floral tributes and memorials have all been appreciated.

A special "thank you" to the ladies of Emmanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church for providing lunch before the service.

The family of Ella B. Boethin

Audrey L. Craig May 5, 1923 - June 4, 2004

died Friday at Norton County Hos-

Mrs. Craig was born May 5, 1923, in Norton County, the daughter of William and Minnie (Frye) Wyatt.

She attended Norton schools and was a member of the United Methodist Church.

She was married to Raymond Hixon and they were the parents of two sons. The marriage ended in

On March 14, 1967, she and Bill Craig were married in Boulder, Colo. They owned and operated a furniture and appliance store in Denver. Mrs. Craig was proud of ering Missouri, Nebraska, Colo- Worthington officiating. rado and finally ending up in Norcatur in 1995.

Preceding her in death were her first husband, Raymond Hixon and three brothers, Donnie Wyatt, Ivan Wyatt and Lewis Wyatt.

She is survived by her husband Oberlin, Kan., 67749. Bill Craig, of the home in

Jo Rice, Norton, the wife of Mel

Madeline Wyone (McCormack)

Piele. Mrs. Piele died Friday in

County Hospital.

DEATH NOTICES

Jo Rice

Rice, died Monday at Norton Enfield Funeral Home in charge of

Madeline Piele

Funeral services are pending for Phoenix. She is the sister of

former Norton County resident, Maxine Carr of Norton. The fu-

THE CITY

Audrey L. Craig, 81, Norcatur, Norcatur; sons, Charles and June Fitzhugh of Millville, N.J. Hixon, Norcatur; and Dennis and Coleen Hixon; a daughter, Marcia Hixon, Phillipsburg; three stepsons, Clayton Craig; Shannon and Norma Craig; and Douglas and Mary Craig, Denver; three stepdaughters, Robin and Jim Cabaronet, Salem, Mo.; Sherri Lee and Royce Shurtless, Denver; and Gwen Craig, Denver; a brother, Melvin and Barbara Wyatt, Denver; three sisters, Applegate, Phoenix; Shirley and Eyes". Harold Hackancamp, Denver; a grandchild; and 13 step-grandchil-Services and inurnment will be Kaufman, North Dakota.

the fact that they had moved 47 held at 11 a.m. Friday, at Norcatur times in 37 years of marriage cov- Cemetery with the Rev. Terrill the aisle by her uncle, Vernon couple's surprise, there was an so there were some bargains for

The family suggests memorial tional wedding march. She wore a carriage waiting to drive them to contributions be made to the full-skirted, short-sleeved satin the wedding dinner at J. Gregory's Norcatur News Sheet or the Norcatur Cemetery Fund. Contributions may be sent in care of Pauls Funeral Home, 121 N. Penn,

Services are pending with

neral and burial will be in Phoenix.

the arrangements.



Mr. and Mrs. Donald Fitzhugh

(Jamie-Leigh Compaan)

Jamie-Leigh Compaan and wore a pearl necklace and ear-Donald Ernest Fitzhugh were married July 5 in a double-ring ceremony performed by the Rev. Lew Van Der Wege at the First United Methodist Church, Norton.

Parents of the couple are Bertie-Leigh Compaan and the late Kenneth E. Compaan, Norton, and the late Geraldine June and Kenneth

Mark Compaan, South Korea, the bride's brother, played three trombone numbers accompanied Rosetta McFarland. Candlelighters Jennifer Teten, Oklahoma City and Ashley Gitchel, Emporia, nieces of the bride, lit the candelabras and remained as junior bridesmaids. Vocal soloists were Roberta Gitchel, Emporia, who sang. "True Love" and Mark Compaan Marie Jones, Norton; Eileen who sang, "Beautiful In My

Mrs. Compaan was ushered in and seated by her nephews, Larry Neustel, South Dakota and David

gown embellished with white restaurant. pearls and sequins and a long train. Her double-layered shoulderlength veil was accented by a white pearl and crystal tiara. She

rings, a gift from the groom.

The bridal party consisted of Roberta Gitchel, Emporia, bridal attendant, and bridesmaid Melody

The wedding rings were tied to a lace and satin pillow carried by ring bearer, Luke Gitchel, Empo-

After lighting the unity candle, the groom held the bride's hands and sang, "I Can't Help Falling In

Sharon Guthmiller, North Dakota, cousin of the bride, was in charge of the guest book and gift table. She was also the ceremony

the church, the newlyweds were sharing a big black umbrella. Most showered with wild birdseed as of the others brought under \$200 The bride was escorted down they exited the church. To the each and a few went under \$100, Compaan, California, to the tradiauthentic, antique, horse-drawn

> Dinner and cake were served at the restaurant followed by a dance.

Teten, Oklahoma City, both sisters of the bride; and Suzette Fitterer, North Dakota, cousin of the bride. Best man was Dusty Reichard, Pomona, friend of the groom and groomsmen Ted Teten, Oklahoma City and Herb Flitton, North Da-

ria, nephew of the bride.

Love With You".

coordinator.

The couple is planning a honeymoon trip to Branson, Mo.

Mary Jo Montgomery hosted a birthday dinner Sunday evening honoring her husband, Gale, and her good friend, Ila Virgil. Other guests were Bob Virgil and Jim and Carolyn Plotts, Norcatur.

- Steak and seafood night, Thursday 6-9 p.m. American Legion. Members and guests.

Maggie Ellis, 2004 Norton Community High School graduate, has accepted a \$400 Fort Hays Bronze Academic Award to attend Fort Hays State University next

She was in volleyball, basketball and softball and was on the honor roll. Miss Ellis, daughter of Ron and Shelley Ellis, Lenora, plans to major in psychology.

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It will be a 'Hummel' of a good time

It was certainly not a ho-Hummel day at a local auction hall recently when a large number of Berta Hummel figurines went on the block.

Berta Hummel was a Franciscan nun who went by the name of Sister Innocentia. The sweet-faced children she sculpted certainly reflect the essence of innocence and happy childhood. They bring a smile to every face.

Since their creation in 1935 Hummel figurines have not only maintained their value but many have appreciated substantially. Each one is well marked and cataloged so it is relatively easy to establish their age, depending on which of the many marks they bear.

Several good reference books are on the market that specify the quite a bit of crackling or crazing date ranges of certain marks, as well as estimated value.

The F & W Goebel Company of Rodental, West Germany, manufactures the Hummel line but they also produce other items.

This can lead to confusion in that some collectors think all Goebel marks indicate a Hummel. Not so — if it is a true Hummel it will always be marked with the Hummel name as well as a number for identification.

As in all original and clever items, many imitations and knockoffs are out there and adorable though these may be, better know your marks and identification numbers before you purchase.

Some of the older editions have a book value as high as \$2,500 to \$4,000. One, No. 191, titled "Old Man

Walking to the Market" is shown in the current Schroeder's Antique Guide at over \$10,000. Needless to say, none of the ones

sold here did quite that well although some got close to their book values. Highest bid went to No. 71, "Stormy Weather", which sold for over \$300. It is probably everyone's favor-

After receiving their guests at ite — the two children happily the determined bidder. Dates varied from 1938 to 1993.

As in all collectibles, damage decreases values dramatically.

Hummels are particularly vulnerable to damage because of their

Collector Chat Liza Deines



umbrellas, canes, candles, and especially the tiny bowed pigtails that distinguish most of the little Wee flowers and fragile branches are sometimes missing.

exquisite detail. Always check for

the fingers, the handles of baskets,

A few of the items sold in Norton had been broken and although they were meticulously mended, they did not bring good bids. A halogen light also revealed

of the finish due to our humidity levels here on the plains. While this was not noticeable to the naked eye, a national Hummel dealer explained to me that a dedicated collector would not consider those salable. Fortunately for the ordinary

collector this left some very nice pieces selling at reasonable levels.

My thanks to my sister, Ann, who kept track of all the bids for me while I had to be away from the action for a spell; also to the Schroeder's Antique Guide for pricing information. It isn't often that Norton sees

such an outstanding collection sell and I was happy to see that while a goodly number of the cuties sold to out-of-town dealers, there were a respectable number of Norton bidders who took home a few treasures for their collections.

SADDER BUT WISER: We just cleaned the deep freeze and found unidentified frozen objects from the dark ages. I thawed a few to try to figure out what they were and learned that the old adage "when in doubt, throw it out" is a classic for a good reason. Do not let old foil wrapped whatsits take up your valuable freezer space.

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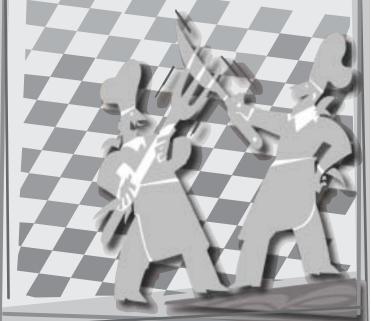
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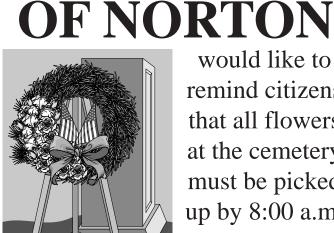




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would like to remind citizens that all flowers at the cemetery must be picked up by 8:00 a.m. Thursday,

June 10