

Frank Ray Bennett, 87, of Jennings, died Aug. 3 at Decatur County Hospital. Visitation will be from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Pauls Funeral Home in Oberlin and from 8 a.m. until service time on Mon-

day at the Jennings United Methodist Church. Funeral services are planned for 10:30 a.m. Monday at the church. A complete obituary will be in Tuesday's *Norton Telegram*.

County to change addressing system

By VERONICA MONIER
If you live in rural Norton County you may get a new address without even moving.

Because utility, electrical, telephone, and insurance companies, among others, won't accept a route and box number to start service, rural residents will probably be assigned a five-digit address number.

Norton County Commissioner John Miller said the county didn't really have a choice in the matter and the new 911 mapping system would probably be implemented within the next year.

The county appraiser's office, one of the agencies helping with the addressing problem, said the road signs will all be staying the same.

The new addressing system will go from west to east and north to south. On the west to east roads, the address numbers will begin at the Norton/Decatur county line and will get larger as they progress to the Norton/Phillips county line. It will be the same with the north to south roads, with the smaller numbers appearing at the state line and then getting larger the closer houses are to the Norton/Graham county line.

The five-digit number will tell how far into the county a resident lives, where they are in the section, which side of the road they're on

and whether or not they share a driveway with another house, said the appraiser's office.

The county will be divided into about 30 sections going west/east and another 30 going north/south. Each section will represent one mile.

For example, with a new address of 23570, the 23 would mean 23 sections down from the state line or over from the Norton/Decatur line, the 5 would mean the house is halfway into the section, the 7 would mean the house is on the east or north side of the road (an even number would mean the house is on the west or south side of the road), and the 0 would mean there is no shared driveway. If there was a different number besides 0 in the last space, then the driveway is shared between several homes.

If implemented, the post office will notify the home owners of their address change. Residents would then have two years after notification to get everything changed to the new addresses.

In addition to the county appraiser's office, Norton County Emergency Preparedness, the Kansas Department of Transportation, Norton County Road and Bridge and the Norton Post Office are helping with the new system to make sure everything is correct.

Cheerleaders honored at camp in Emporia

The Norton Community High School cheerleaders attended a National Cheerleaders Association summer camp June 21-24 at Emporia State University.

More than 600 cheerleaders from several states attended the camp.

Norton cheerleaders Jackie Krueger, Danielle LeClair, Shelby Annon, Alyssa Kaus, Amanda Antrim, Amy Husted, Danee Payne, Hannah Mills, Morgan Bailey, Gena Myers, Courtney LeClair and Sara Campbell received a Team Award, which was given to them by other schools in their group. They also were spirit stick winners each night of camp.

The squad also earned a National Championship Bid, which

invites the team to compete at national cheerleading events.

This is an honor given to teams exemplifying technical skill and cheerleading technique. The Norton cheerleaders can receive a bid, but they cannot compete.

In addition, the squad was evaluated each day on cheers and chants. The girls received six superior ribbons and one excellent.

Individual awards were also given.

Misses Krueger, Mills, Bailey and C. LeClair were All-American nominees.

Miss Bailey received the award of All-American Team Member. All four girls are eligible to perform at National Cheerleader Association special events.

Youngsters learn how to do cheers

Forty-five girls, ages 4-12, attended the Little Girls Cheer Camp in the Norton High School gym on July 7-9.

It was hosted by the Norton High School Cheerleading squad — Sara Campbell, Danee Payne, Jaclyn Krueger, Amanda Antrim, Hannah Mills, Courtney LeClair, Morgan Bailey, Gena Myers, Amy Husted, Shelby Annon, Alyssa Kaus and Danielle LeClair.

During the camp, the high

school girls divided the youngsters into three age groups and taught each a cheer, chants and a dance.

The high school cheerleaders also worked with the junior high cheerleading squad — Kendra Engelbert, Hannah Waggoner, Raven Brown, Brandi Graham, Shelby Jones, Alyssa Thomson, Bethany Winkel, Kayla Scheetz, Kaitlyn Wolf and Ashlie Stewart.

A performance for parents was

Woman enjoys 100 years of life, love

By CAROLYN PLOTTS

A century ago life was different. People still lived in sod houses. Ask Alice Foley. She was born in a "soddie".

She was the ninth out of ten children born to O.A. and Mary (Brooks) Sproul. The family lived on a farm one and a half miles southeast of Edmond. Alice had five brothers, and four sisters. One of the girls, however, died in infancy.

Like most farm families, the children attended country school. It was one of the larger schools with 64 students in the eight grades.

Alice attended this school until she reached high school age and the family moved to town.

Alice graduated from Norton County High School with the class of 1924, and like lots of young women in those days, took what was called normal training.

This qualified her to be a teacher. And she embarked on what was to become a lifelong endeavor.

Alice also completed one year of college at Manhattan, then over the years, completed her degree through correspondence, summer school and Saturday classes at Fort Hays.

She started out teaching at a country school.

Her father would drive her to school each morning. He had heard that a few of the local men were using the school for late night card parties and he feared some might still be lingering around.

The men also used up the wood for the stove and Alice's father would lay in another day's supply.

As a young teacher, she wasn't much older than some of her pupils. In fact, it was in one of her classes that she met a young man named John Lowell Foley, and she fell in love.

In later years, Alice would tease John about him having been one of her students in an agriculture class.

"I told him that's why he was such a good farmer," she joked.

While Alice said she loved teaching, she loved John more.

To marry him, meant she would have to give up teaching.

In those days only single women were allowed in the classrooms.

On Christmas Eve, 1929, she became Mrs. John Foley.

After getting married, she was a devoted homemaker and mother, caring for the couple's three children, Duaine, JoAnne and Mary Kay.

Their life together got started right at the beginning of "The Great Depression" but Alice said she doesn't remember any hardships.

However, she does remember that the family ate a lot of jackrabbit. She said she knows lots of ways to prepare rabbit.

The family also weathered the



Alice (Sproul) Foley as a young woman in the 1920s.

"Dust Bowl".

Alice said she would clean her house only to have a dust storm blow in and cover everything with a powder-fine layer of dirt.

She remembers her little boy, Duaine, saying, "Another 'doity' day."

During those depression years Alice remembers wheat selling for 25 cents a bushel and corn for 6 cents.

"Oh, well," she laughed, "We didn't have any to sell anyway."

That attitude is indicative of the good nature and spirit of Alice Foley who will be celebrating her 100th birthday Aug. 31 with a reception from 2-4 p.m. at Whispering Pines in Norton.

Her daughter, Mary Kay Woodyard, said, "I've never known Mother to be in a bad mood."

Alice has been alone since 1984, when John died just a few days short of their 55th anniversary. She retired from teaching in 1970, but she did not retire from life.

More active than some people half her age, Alice still plays dominoes every Sunday with her friends, Claudia Bridges, Francis Burd, Ida Mae Drommer, Hazel Bates and Lurena Klotz. They take turns hosting the event.

She and her former college roommate, Aileen (Brunson) Boxler, are still good friends.

She likes to always look nice and get her hair done. She goes out to coffee a couple of times a week and enjoys riding the Sunshine Bus. Alice used to do a lot of sewing and crocheting but her eyes don't let her do the close work anymore.

Up until six years ago Alice, single-handedly, prepared a full Thanksgiving spread for her family. She even wrote two books for her family's enjoyment. She is still in good health. She is a proud 10-year cancer survivor and only uses a walker occasionally.

Independent as ever, Alice lives alone in her apartment at Whispering Pines. Her collection of bells is on display along with some of the dishes she loves.



Looking very dapper newlyweds, John and Alice Foley above, had their picture taken. Today Mrs. Foley is a spry almost 100 years old.



She made the decision herself to move there, knowing she needed a little help with meal preparation. She praises the staff and management there for taking such good care of her.

Not one to be afraid of trying new things, Alice enjoys today's technology. She has a talking clock to tell her the time and a talk-

ing thermometer to share the temperature outside and in.

One of Alice's daughters said, "Mother was ahead of her time."

When Alice was asked what her secret was to such a long and interesting life, she demurely answered, "I just take it day by day."

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HANSEN MUSEUM

By LEE FAVRE
The Cindy Agan Watercolor Workshop for intermediate and advanced artists will begin next week — Aug. 12-15 — so if you are interested in signing up for this learning opportunity, call the Museum at (785) 689-4846. Cindy will be traveling to Logan from South Bend, Ind.

This month opened a new artist of the month show as Beth Gallant, a Nebraska crafter, displays her

miniature gingerbread and wood. These tiny treasures are for sale. All sales proceeds go to the artist.

Water aerobics classes will come to an end on Tuesday. This has been another great year of fun in the sun and great exercise for the 28 women enrolled.

Bob Stutterheim and the Prairie Winds Brass Band will be performing on the Hansen Plaza lawn Saturday, Aug. 14, at 7 p.m. This is open to the public so bring your

lawn chairs and enjoy.

A hundred hats and headdresses can be seen in the exhibit from Smith Kramer Traveling Exhibit Service. From the simple wool beret to an elaborate headdress decorated with beads, bones and baubles, what is worn atop the head tells a great deal about the person wearing it.

See this wondrous display at the museum gallery through September 12.