

NEW ALMELO

By BETTY OTTER

Roger and JoAnn Long traveled by AmTrak to Milford, Ohio on April 24 to the home of their daughter, Roxie and Ed Schuster and family. On Sunday, April 27, they attended the first communion of their grandson, Michael Schuster. While they were traveling, a barge struck the bridge that crossed the Mississippi River. The train had to back up quite a distance to be rerouted. It added another day to their trip.

On May 2, Alfred and Betty Otter traveled to the home of their son, Charles Otter. On Saturday morning they attended the Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) little boys basketball game of their grandson, Cury Otter. They continued on to Olathe, to the home of their daughter, Tina and Will Ritter and family. Tom Otter, DeSoto, joined the group for supper on Saturday evening. On Sunday, May 4, they all attended the first communion of Allyson Ritter at St. Paul's in Olathe. They returned home on Monday.

On Sunday, May 11, first communion was held at St. Joseph Church for Nicole Rumback,

daughter of Jeremy and Missy Rumback; Seth Otter, son of Greg and Tammy Otter; and Johnathan Gassman, son of Randy and Beth Gassman. After Mass, a reception was held in the Parish Hall for all the parish and guests, including grandparents, aunts and uncles and cousins. Linda Becker had made each of the children a lamb cake.

May Crowning was held the morning of Sunday, May 11 at the Grotto of Mary, which is over the grave of Mrs. Gillece and daughter who were killed in a prairie fire in 1779. Nicole Rumback, daughter of Jeremy and Missy Rumback, placed the crown of flowers on Mary's head.

Father Vincent Thu Laing gave a blessing for all mothers at Mass on Sunday. After Mass, the Knights of Columbus passed out flower plants to all the mothers present.

Sunday afternoon, several parishioners and willing helpers gathered to move the pews and other large articles out of St. Joseph Church to the Parish Hall so the carpet could be removed and new carpet laid.

NORCATUR NEWS

By NEWSLETTER VOLUNTEERS

Congratulations to Marci Matchett and Kaitlyn Stapp who graduated from Colby Community College with an Associate of Arts degree on May 10 at the Colby Community City Building.

Kaitlyn will attend Missouri Valley in Marshall, Mo., in the fall and continue her education and compete in track.

The Prairie Land food pick-up day will be at 8 a.m. Saturday, May 31, at the Methodist Church Educational Building. The price has increased because of the price of gas and wanting to keep giving us quality food. The new price will be \$23.50.

Happy birthday to Carolyn Streyve, Destiny Chastain, May 16; Jeannie Pelkey, Janice O'Hare, MJ Dempewolf, May 18; Shelbi McKenna, May 20.

Happy anniversary to Virgil and Joyce Price, May 19.

Bill Kelley and two of his sons, Brian Kelley, Fredericksburg, Md., and Mark Kelley, Lincoln, Kan. spent a few days at the old Kelley farm northwest of Norcat. Bill returned to his home in Junction City Wednesday morning, May 7 after having breakfast at the Cardinal Bar and Grill with his sister and her husband, Jim and Carolyn Plotts.

Jim and Carolyn Plotts went to Hoxie last Saturday to enjoy southern gospel music by "The Calvary Echoes" gospel quartet. Andrew Wells, a new Norcat resident, is a member of the quartet.

Bee Nelson and Mary Lesle attended the Mother's Day program with Bob Sawdon at the Andbe Home in Norton Sunday afternoon, May 11. It was a very clever and interesting "Apron Show." There was singing by Sue Ann Stutheit who presented a clever rendition of "The Candy Man Can" to "The Candy Mother Can," dancing girls in aprons, and girls modeling aprons of our grandmother and mother's era.

While there, Bee Nelson visited Evelyn Lyon. They also got to see Twila Henry, Darlene Yates and Bob Shick, who modeled a male worker's apron.

Dorothy Lawn of Norton and Beth Johnson took lunch and ate with Naomi Richard in Norton on May 7.

Debby Ward came to visit Dorothy Ward on Thursday evening, May 8. We ate dinner with a group of friends at the Cardinal Bar and Grill, after church on Sunday, then Debby met Mark and Brandon Ward in Goodland on Sunday afternoon, and they celebrated Mother's Day together before going home to Hugo, Colo.

On Friday, May 9, Marlene Wolf and family, Kensington, came to the Kenneth Prices, at Whispering Pines, Norton and took them out for lunch at noon and then returned for the Mother-Daughter Tea in the afternoon. Additional callers were Virgil and Joyce Price and Max and Norma Ward.

R.D. Thornton, and Chris and Sharee Dempewolf attended funeral services for Lucile (Thorn-

ton) Eller in Phillipsburg on Monday. Lucile is R.D.'s aunt. Other family members from the area that attended were Stan and Carol Miller, Dean and Eloise Thornton, and Ralph and Lynn Streit. Sharee Dempewolf took R.D. Thornton to the Decatur Community High School promenade in Oberlin on Saturday evening.

Sharee Dempewolf was an overnight guest of the Dempewolfs on Saturday. She and MJ cooked a Mother's Day meal on Sunday.

Results of the two Dart Tournaments at the Cardinal Bar and Grill on Wednesday evening, May 7 were: first game winner, Renee Harman; and second game winner, Alice Barnett. The farmers are in the field so the Pool Tournament was not held.

Dave and Patty Stapp and De-waine Stapp attended the graduation of Kaitlyn Stapp, Saturday, May 10 at Colby Community College, and then watched Sam Stapp promenade in the Decatur Community High School gymnasium. They also visited with Linda Schliep, Spencer and Addison, Bob Dempewolf and Marian Thornton.

Congratulations to Kelsey Gallentine, Oberlin, who graduated May 9 from McCook Community College with an Associate of Applied Science in Business Technology with a legal emphasis. Kelsey has been a two year member of Phi Theta Kappa and honored for having a grade point average of 3.5 or greater. She plans to get her Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration and Marketing.

Those in attendance were: Gene and Kristi Gallentine, Clayton; Norman and Julie Gallentine; Don and Lois Fredrickson; Tami Shaw, Caleb Peters; Jeff and Andrea Burmaster, all of Oberlin; and Stan and Carol Miller, Norcat.

Agnes Pruitt fell May 10 and broke her hip. Mail will reach her at Good Samaritan Hospital, 31st and Central Ave., Kearney, Neb., 68847.

Mr. and Mrs. Stan Miller had dinner with the crowd at the Cardinal Bar and Grill on Sunday, May 11 for Mother's Day with Mr. and Mrs. Gary Miller of Oberlin.

Mr. and Mrs. Stan Miller went to McCook on May 9 to attend graduation, lunch and a reception to honor Kelsey Gallentine on her graduation from McCook Community College.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Lucile (Thornton) Eller. She was the last sibling of Orval Thornton.

Thanks to all who helped or participated in the third annual city wide garage sale. Even though Mother Nature did not cooperate, we still had a good turn out. We had a few extra dollars from our advertising expense money, which will be donated to the Norcat. Thanks again!

Commercial Club Scholarships will be given out again this year. Interested parties can pick up a form at The Bank and the Norcat. City Office.

Make Church a Part of Your Life

WEEKLY SERMONETTE

"A Father's Legacy"

By Pastor Terry Laughlin, CrossRoads Church, Norton

Jim Berg wrote about the state of the family: "The family, which should be the greatest refuge for the child, has become a domestic battlefield where a child is often caught in the crossfire of his parents' warfare. The time and energy that should be spent giving him the direction and training he needs to prepare him for life are drained by each spouse's preoccupation with protecting his 'territory' from the other spouse."

Psalms 103: 17 and 18 says, "But from everlasting to everlasting the Lord's love is with those who fear Him, and His righteousness with their children's children — with those who keep His covenant and remember to obey His precepts." Proverbs 10: 7 tells us, "The memory of the righteous will be a blessing, but the name of the wicked will rot."

A study was once done on two men who lived in the late 1700's, both from the same state of New York.

The first, Max Jukes, did not believe in Christ or in Christian training. He refused to take his children to church; even when they asked to go. Many fathers today are like Max, they do not follow Christ and they see no value in Christian training. Some even invent ways or make excuses for keeping their family from the true things of God. Max's decision was very destructive to his family and

costly to the state of New York. Max had 903 known descendants. One hundred were sent to prison for an average term of 13 years, 90 were public prostitutes, 145 were admitted alcoholics, 285 had social diseases, and 300 were delinquents. The report estimated that the crimes and care of the Max Jukes' family

line cost the state of New York over one million dollars.

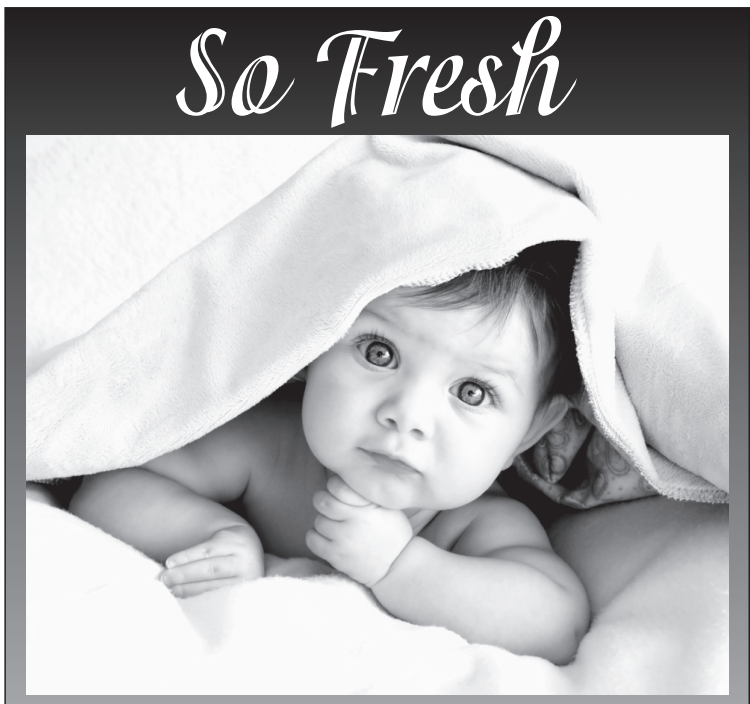
The second man studied was the great Puritan preacher, Jonathan Edwards. He was an uncompromising theologian and pastor who lived to please God and was a man of prayer.

The researcher found 1,394 descendants of Jonathan Edwards.

His descendants included thirteen college presidents, sixty-five prominent lawyers, thirty-two noted authors, ninety physicians, eighty-six state senators, thirty judges, three congressmen, one vice-president of the United States and two hundred ministers of the gospel. It has been said that the family of this man of God never cost the state of New York a single penny for rehabilitation or for incarceration.

To keep proper balance and a true perspective one must realize that there may well have been people who held respectable jobs and did wonderful things for their communities from Max Jukes' family tree. And quite possibly there were some black sheep in Jonathan Edwards' family line that were not exposed during the investigation. But as a whole, the family line of Max Jukes suffered the consequences of neglecting God. (Romans 1: 18 - 32) The family line of Jonathan Edwards experienced the promised blessings of God. (Exodus 20: 4)

Fathers, God gives you this day an opportunity to choose your family's legacy. Will you choose Christ as your own Savior and Lord? Will you then seriously take up the instruction of the Lord to "Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it."



So Fresh

As children we are fresh... unsoiled by culture and untouched by defeat...with smiles as bright as rays of sun and the peaceful sleep of pure hearts. As life progresses, we pick up smudges and our smiles can become dull. The wrinkles in our skin may mirror rumpled spirits and sleep might not come as easily anymore. Laundry time!

Actually, our laundry should be done regularly, for once soil is set in it's difficult to remove. If we are part of a community of worship, each week we have the opportunity to refresh our body and renew our spirit as we enter God's sanctuary. We can experience a "soul cleansing" as God's Word washes away anxiety and fear. In John 15:3 we read... "Now ye are clean through the Word which I have spoken unto you." Worship this week. Begin afresh with God.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Acts 6.1-15	Acts 7.1-22	Acts 7.23-53	Acts 7.54-8.3	Acts 8.4-25	Acts 8.26-40	Acts 13.1-12

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