

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

100 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1903

Mr. Phillips shipped out a car of horses Wednesday.

Bert Snow returned Tuesday from the East where he went to have his eyes treated. His eyes are much better.

J. E. Plotts started Monday evening to Topeka to attend the Geiger-Hamilton contest.

Judge Geiger and stenographer Young went to Topeka Monday evening to look after Mr. Geiger's interests in the contest.

Allison Items: Born Jan. 21 to Mr. and Mrs. Claus Thiesen, a 7-pound son. Claus is jubilant.

The Railroad company has purchased nine acres of land around the depot at Lenora. It looks more favorable for the extension of that branch than ever before.

Norcatour News: Some of the farmers had a tough time of it last week getting to town for coal, as they had to dig through snowdrifts in several places.

Society Happenings: At 5 o'clock dinner Tuesday evening Mrs. George Robinson entertained: Mesdames D. C. Moser, H. F. Leib, I. O. Wear, A. H. Hollister, R. C. Elrod, N. G. Addleman, W. E. Palmatier, G. V. Mathias, W. A. Smith and J. L. Nelson of Omaha, Neb.

75 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1928

Funeral services were held at the Dresden M. E. Church for E. G. (Tip) Bacon, 69, who served as Dresden's first postmaster. Born in Michigan he came to Decatur County with his wife Ona from Hastings, Neb., in 1886 where he had a job waiting on the Caldwell ranch, now owned by Chas. Hopkas. Their new house was a dugout they dug themselves in which they made their home for two years until they filed homestead papers on land one mile east and built a sod house in which they lived until 1910. When the Rock Island Rail-

road came through the depot was located nearby and their house being the only one at the site it became the hotel, store and U. S. post office. He died at the home of his surviving son, Lisle in Polo, Illinois, after a three month illness and was buried at the Dresden Cemetery just across the road from the farm home where they spent so many years.

Members of Oberlin Lodge No. 158, IOOF, are justly proud of their new building, dedicatory services of which were held Thursday evening of last week.

The basketball team of Gill, Goodrich, Lee and Veeh Reeves, Francis and Sears defeated Norton 40-26.

The rain Sunday night and Monday covered the county pretty well with more than 2 inches falling at Allison. As there was no frost in the ground the rain will be of immense benefit to the wheat.

Jennings: Wayne Bainter of McGraw bought the house at Harry Wylie's sale and will move it to Jennings. W. E. Winget bought the barn and will have it moved on his farm where John Wilson lives.

Jennings: Another baby girl arrived to brighten the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Tacha last week.

50 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1953

Decatur Community High School seniors who have passed the Naval Aptitude tests and will now go to Denver for physicals are Donelle Gaumer, Robert Henningson and Ronald Torluemke. If they pass their physicals they will be candidates for the U. S. Naval Officer Reserves and would qualify for four years of college followed by a period of navy service.

Two new students have enrolled at Oberlin City School, Hope and Nancy Kathka, who formerly attended Beaver Valley School.

Funeral services were held at Dresden Assembly of God Church for Mrs. David (Rosalie) Jackson,

74, who came to Decatur County at the age of 5. She is survived by five children including a son, Garold and a daughter, Maxine of Dresden.

A little unusual sport was enjoyed Sunday by Denzel Reist and Lawrence Wenger when they came upon a doe deer while driving on the Reist farm southwest of town. This is the second time a deer has been seen in that neighborhood.

Melba Richardson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Richardson of Traer, became the bride of Thomas McCoy, son of Mr. and Mrs. John McCoy of Selden, on Jan. 28 at Sacred Heart Church at Oberlin with the Rev. Emil Sinner performing the vows.

Kieth Alstrom returned home Monday on a three-day pass. He had been stationed in Alaska and will be separated from the service when his pass is up.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo VanVleet announce the marriage of their daughter, Veanna, to Mr. Roger Orr, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Orr of Kanona. The Rev. O. G. Brown officiated. They will make their home on a farm southeast of Oberlin.

Selden: The Wessel No. 1 wildcat well has turned out to be a good producer according to Lowell Smith, publisher of the Selden Advocate.

25 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1978

Four county farming operations will be recognized as outstanding examples of soil and natural resource conservation when the Decatur County Conservation District holds its 33rd annual meeting. Named to receive the 1977 Banker Awards are farms operated by Mr. and Mrs. Dale Soderlund; Mr. and Mrs. Don Juenemann; Mr. and Mrs. Donald Ashley and Mrs. Golden Marquis and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Shirley and Mr. and Mrs. Manley Shirley.

The second annual KALEIDOSCOPE of the Arts will feature art

exhibits in various downtown businesses including an art show by Sappa Valley Arts Club at the Farmers National Bank and by high school and junior high students at the Decatur County National Bank. Artist Betty Duffy will demonstrate watercolor painting at the gas office along with dried flower creations by Louise Torluemke. Doren Spillman, Hoxie, will demonstrate wood carving at Wayne's Gun and Trailer Sales and Alberdena Vancil of Norton will demonstrate batik in the Montgomery Ward Store and Neva Aase will show wheat straw doll weaving at Ward's Drug Store during the week.

There will also be a high school band concert under the direction of John Patterson and by the junior high band under the direction of Neal Russell.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. David Ketterl, Herndon, a daughter, Sarah Beth, Jan. 25, 1978, at Rawlins County Hospital; Mr. and Mrs. Marvin May, a daughter, Sarah Joan, born Jan. 18, 1978, at the Decatur County Hospital.

Funeral services were conducted for Ray Temple, 95, a former resident of the Norcatour area who came to Norton County with his family when he was four years old and homesteaded in The Colony area.

Ness City defeated Mankato to win the Oberlin Invitational Basketball Tournament. The Red Devils had a first-round loss to the eventual tourney champs, Ness City, and had wins over Atwood and Hoxie so had to settle for fifth place. Roger LaSalle and Keith Rosin were named to the all-tournament team.

The Red Devil wrestlers placed fifth in the 11-team Garden City tournament with Brent Anderson taking first and Steve Hess and Ken Badsy taking thirds. Anderson was the only undefeated wrestler in the tournament which was won by Great Bend with Pueblo South taking second and Garden City third.

Jennings News

By Sonya Gillespie

The Jennings Czech Museum will hold its second meeting on "Establishing the best practices at the Czech Memorial Museum" at 9 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 13. The meetings will be conducted by Mary Douglass of Salina and will be held at the Royal Neighbor building. The final workshop is scheduled on March 13.

These workshops were made possible by a grant from the Kansas Humanities Council. Anyone wishing to attend is asked to contact Lila Jennings at (785) 678-2299 or Neoma Tacha at (785) 678-2470 by Feb. 12 and March 12.

Sympathy is extended to the family of John L. Spresser, 72, of Dresden, who died Sunday at the Decatur County Hospital in Oberlin. He was the father of Jeanette Krizek of Jennings.

The Jennings School will host the GNEC vocal clinic on Monday for 180 junior high vocal students. Guest clinician will be Susan Nelson from Decatur Community High School in Oberlin. The concert for the public will begin at 7 p.m. in the Jennings High School gym.

Thursday supper guests of Doyle and Kay Brown were Rosa Brock and Mildred Tacha. Sunday guests at the Brown home were Kara Kuntz, Sara and Zachary of Hays; Kurt and Valerie Brown and Millicent of Quinter; and Pastor Glenn and Betty Krebs, Mildred Tacha, and Jacinta Carter, all of Jennings.

Tuesday Study Club members met at the Jennings Church on Jan. 28 to travel to Hoxie for lunch at the Main Street Bed and Breakfast. Members attending were Rosa Brock, Naomi Carter, Rachel Carter, Wilma Mader, Joan McKenna, Helen Muirhead, Jean Skubal, Twila Stieben, Neoma Tacha and Vendla Tacha. Rosa Brock's sister, Dorothy Taylor, of Penokee joined

the group for lunch.

The group drove to the home of Ed and Bev Rucker in Hoxie to see their collection of Wades Ceramics. These porcelain animal figurines are made in England and have become popular collectors' items.

Their next stop was at the Cottonwood Ranch, east of Hoxie, where they were met by Don Rowlison who gave them a nice tour of the Cottonwood Ranch home. He showed some interesting pictures of the Pratt family who lived there and had many interesting stories to tell of their early lives and living conditions. He has done a lot of research on the history of this ranch.

Frances Bader, AARP tax aide volunteer, will offer free tax counseling and preparation service from now to April 15. She can answer most of the tax issues faced by middle- and low-income taxpayers. She may be contacted at (785) 678-2659.

Five students have been recognized in the Jennings Elementary and High Schools for having attained the Standard of Excellence on the 2002 statewide assessments in reading and writing.

They include: Ryan McEvoy, fifth grade, and Christina Coiner, 11th grade, reading; and Jake Kramer, eighth grade, and Christina Coiner and Chansé Beinke, 11th grade, writing.

To receive the honor, students must score at the proficient and advanced level.

There will be a financial aide meeting for all juniors and seniors and their parents at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 13, at the school.

The Leoville Knights of Columbus presented a donation of \$294 to the Jennings Special Education Resource Room for their share of proceeds from the annual Tootsie Roll Drive.

Lyle News

By Helen Helm

Mrs. Kathy Van Meter, Mrs. Margaret Magers, Mrs. June Jolly, and Mrs. Marguerite Fullerton helped with the Share program at Norcatour on Jan. 25.

Since Jan. 31 was the fifth Friday of the month, the Senior Citizen group at Norcatour had a carry-in supper before their card party. Mrs. Magers, Mrs. Jolly and Mrs. Van Meter attended.

Mrs. Magers took Dwight Wood to McCook on Jan. 31 for dialysis treatment, and visited Mrs. Leila Weyeneth while he was at the treatment center.

Larry Van Otterloo of Oberlin took Mrs. Fullerton to church services at Lyle on Sunday. On Tuesday evening Mrs. Fullerton joined Mrs. Magers, Mrs. Jolly, and Mrs. Van Meter when they visited Van Cozad at Beaver City, Neb., then played cards at the Senior Center.

Coleen and LaVerne Rippe visited Mrs. Magers Sunday afternoon.

The Lyle United Methodist Women met Wednesday afternoon to begin work on their quilt. Those present were Mrs. Veda Wood, Mrs. Van Meter, Mrs. Jolly, and Mrs. Magers.

Mrs. Magers, Mrs. Van Meter, and Mrs. Jolly treated Mrs. Fullerton to a pizza supper on Jan. 29 at Indianola, Neb., as a belated birthday gift.

Mrs. Magers and Mrs. Fullerton attended the funeral of Everett Vise Thursday afternoon. He was the father of Dwight Vise of Beaver City, who is married to the former Ruth Cozad. He was a longtime resident of Wilsonville, Neb., and spent his last years at the Beaver City Manor. Mrs. Veda Wood attended the

meeting of the Beaver Valley Veterans of Foreign Wars Wednesday evening. She reports the group plans to take the Auxiliary to a Valentine supper at the Fence Post Cafe. The men will also join the ladies in serving a soup supper on Feb. 16 at the American Legion Hall in Lebanon, Neb. Mrs. Wood's son, Dennis, took her to the meeting. They also met Mike and Tielia Slater and children of Wilsonville, Neb., at the Fence Post Cafe, where Mike took part in a pool tournament.

Mrs. June Jolly and Mrs. Karen Brown, Lebanon, attended the card party at the Eagles Lodge in McCook on Monday evening.

On Sunday John and Helen Helm, Jim Helm and the Mike Helm family of Norcatour attended the benefit dinner for Bill Haag and his family at St. Catherine's Hall in Indianola. Bill Haag is Aaron Helm's godfather and Aaron was very happy to see Bill's recovery from his accident.

John and Helen Helm called at the Jim Helm home in Danbury on Wednesday morning and visited their granddaughter, Maria Helm, who was home on interim break from college at Hastings, Neb.

The senior Helms' grandson, John Rinehart, had chicken dinner with them at noon on Wednesday and took them back to Colby with him to observe Helen Helm's birthday.

The Rinehart family had planned a special celebration. They had a room at the Comfort Inn, flowers in their room, and a steak dinner at the American Legion with Martin and Ceanne, John and Anne Rinehart and little Ethan Cook.

Herndon News

By Carrol Ginther

Congratulations to Nik Martin, who has been named to the All American National Six-Man Football All-Star Team. He will play in the All-Star game in Big Spring, Texas, in late July. He is the son of Bob and Liane Martin of Herndon. His grandparents are Ann Martin, Herndon, and Raymond and Eleanor Kircher, Oberlin.

Students from Herndon who were recognized recently for attaining the Standard of Excellence on the 2002 state assessments included: Jake Krause, fourth-grade math; Sierra Halsted, seventh-grade math; Jeffrey Riener, 10th-grade reading; Curtis Brown, 10th-grade math; Nikolaus Martin, 11th-grade reading, and Chelsey Schissler, 11th-grade writing.

The Herndon High School Scholar Bowl team placed second at the Eastern Heights competition at Agra on Jan. 18. Members competing were Nik Martin, Curtis Brown, Kati Niemeth, Anikka Martin and Nathaniel Martin.

Jennifer Beims, Jason Ketterl and Sarah Beth Ketterl of Herndon were awarded semester honors at Kansas State University. They ranked in the top 10 percent in their respective colleges.

Kirche Martin of Indianola, Neb., was a last Monday visitor of his grandmother, Ann Martin.

ST. MARY'S ALTAR SOCIETY St. Mary's Christian Mothers Altar Society met Sunday afternoon, Jan. 24, at St. Mary's Hall with 18 members and Father

Damian present. Wilma Tongish presided in the absence of Lila Leitner and vice president Julie Hafner. Father Damian opened with a prayer.

It was decided to have a bazaar and have Dave Leitner make a cedar-lined oak chest. Each family in the parish will be asked to donate a \$10 minimum item to be placed in the chest. Items may be handmade or purchased. The filled chest will be raffled at the bazaar. It was voted to serve lunch at the Joann Malone sale and to fix hair at the Atwood Good Samaritan Center in July only. The parish will clean St. Mary's Hall and St. Mary's Church before the bishop arrives in May for confirmation. Instead of a Mass dinner, it was decided to have a Christ-

mas tea and gift exchange for members at 2 p.m. on Dec. 14.

Father Damian gave an informative talk about Curislo Weekend to be held from Feb. 2-March 2 for men, and from March 13-16 for women at Atwood. He also reminded the group that their church is very important in helping keep Herndon alive. Prayer partners were revealed and new partners drawn. The new names will be revealed at the Christmas tea. Mrs. Tongish read a valentine poem and Father Damian led the closing prayer. Bingo and a lunch served by the officers followed. Ann Martin won the door prize. The next meeting will be held in April.

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Congratulations to Ken and Alice Robson of Ellsworth, who were honored with the "Citizen of the Year Award" at the Ellsworth/Kanopolis Chamber of Commerce banquet on Saturday evening at the Kanopolis Community Center. They own and operate Robson's Gifts and Cards in Ellsworth.

Relatives who surprised them by attending the banquet were their sons, Andy Robson, Clearwater, and Kirk Robson, Hutchinson; his mother and aunt, Velda Robson and Phyllis Rowe, Abilene, and her parents, Willard and Esther Noren, Oberlin. Representative Jerry Moran was guest speaker. Additional Sunday guests at the Robson home were Larry and Judy Thelander of Salina.

June Arkle of York, Neb., visited Verol and Rosemary Bergling last

week and attended funeral services on Wednesday for their aunt, Elsie Bergling.

Elma Lee Erickson, Nora Bearley and Em Threlkel attended the Kansas Day festivities in Bird City on Wednesday. They also visited Dixie Magley, and Mark and Elizabeth Davidson and Seth. The Davidsons have been staying at the Magley home since their home in Bird City was destroyed by fire on Christmas Eve.

Congratulations to Tanner Schmidt, son of Joe and Vicki Schmidt, who was chosen to play on the Kansas Shrine Bowl team on July 26. He was among those selected by sportswriters to play on the team, which is comprised of the best state football players. Proceeds from the charity game will benefit Shriners Hospital for Children. His grand-

parents are LeRoy and Daisy Schmidt, and Irene Vap.

Blaine and Erin Ginther, Cameron, Will and Sophia of Atwood were Sunday visitors of J.R. and Carrol Ginther.

Marvin McKinney of Menlo spent Saturday visiting Wesley and Eulaine Benda. The men are cousins.

Elma Lee Erickson entertained with a supper on Saturday in Atwood to honor Ronnie and Becky Moyer, Kaylee and Laramie Jo, and Mary Jo Moyer of Simla, Colo. Others present were Don Bearley, and Don and Em Threlkel of Atwood. The Moyers were in charge of services on Sunday morning at the Courts of Praise Church in Atwood and all of this group attended.

Word was received of the death of Mrs. Gordon (Ruby Ruth) Linde-

blad of Topeka on Jan. 12. His father formerly served as pastor of Bethel Lutheran Church in this community. Funeral services were held on Jan. 16, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Topeka.

Congratulations to Violet (Anderson) Holle of Atwood, who will celebrate her 80th birthday on Thursday. She is a native of this community and a 1941 graduate of Decatur Community High School.

Margaret McEvoy spent Saturday with her daughter and family, Brian and Dawn Beckman and Ethan, at Grinnell.

Sunday dinner guests of Wesley and Eulaine Benda to honor Wesley on his birthday were Steve and Connie Noren, Britta, David and Michael, Gerald and Patti Benda, and Mark and Barbara Olson, Sarah, Kurt and Mary.

Cedar Living News

Charley Vavroch bowled a perfect game on Friday afternoon.

Alice Fiala won the first bingo that afternoon, after which Betty Jenik served donuts.

Father Mathew conducted Mass on Thursday morning. Loretta Nelson played pinochle with Dean Gallatin on Friday. Betty Jenik hosted the coffee club on Saturday.

Several new wall hangings have been donated to the center by the

Forget-Me-Nots.

Recent visitors include: Elton and Jean Gillespie, Clayton; Ann Martin, Herndon; Jerry Temple, Larry Sumner, Howard Sumner, Norcatour; Don Ashley, Selden; Craig Smith, Wichita; Josephine and Joe Schmaderer, Ludell; Ethyl Siegfried, Lester Ketterl, Patt Tuller, Steve Martin, Gary Matheny and Karen, McCook; Cliff and Lucy Schissler, Atwood; Gerry

and Bill Lampe, St. Francis; Leonard Fleckenstein, Rose and Lloyd Ramsey, Jennings; Charles Ramsey.

Rachel Gallatin, Walter and Betty May, Elsie Goodnight, Bernie Vacura, Vaile Rohan, Elvin Beneda, Orlin Beneda, Alvina Gamblin, Esther Lindquist, Esther Noren, Phyllis McKay, Dan and Carrie Morford and Tubby, Butch Stanley, Mary Lemman, Faye

Miller, Alice Shirley, Ila Ray, Dolores Koerperich, Pat Glenn, Shirley Shields, Ann Mines, Eula Juenemann, Karen Bennett, Carol Allen, Marie Jean Vavroch and Rocko, Elaine Bryan, Wilbur May, Patty Uehlin, Missy Uehlin, Tracie, Paul, Chance and Callie Uehlin, Danny Uehlin, Oberlin.

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