

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1880

The first snow of 1880 fell Tuesday.

George Persinger has purchased A. Allen's stock of goods and store building and hereafter will be found with pencil behind his ear, ready to cater to the wants of the public.

Wm. A. Hollowell Jr. entered upon his duties as postmaster at this place on Monday morning last.

Wesley Emahizer who has a claim south of town, returned from a trip to the eastern part of the state on Saturday last.

At a meeting held in School District No. 9 on the 8th instance, E.B. Losey was elected director; James A. Acock, treasurer and M.D. Griggs, clerk.

Mr. R.A. Marks having disposed of his stock of general merchandise is making arrangements to open up at once a general banking and exchange business.

100 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1905

Ira Kellogg says his thermometer registered 30 degrees below zero Friday morning. He thinks an extra cold wave came up the draw past his place.

Marriages:
Jan. 15, 1905: Louis Roth and Mary M. Welter;

Jan. 15, 1905: Vesper E. Phillips and Edith E. Ecord, both of Lund community

Jan. 18, 1905, Richard O. Heaton and Elsie M. Scott, both of Olive
Howard Vale was taken sick while out on his mail route Saturday.

Liverymen of Oberlin are complaining that the new train on the B. & M. has materially cut out their

drives to Dresden.

Wm. Ireland finished filling his immense ice house with 16-inch ice Tuesday evening.

75 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1930

The title of the Otis L. Benton homestead in Oberlin has been transferred to Dr. F.A. Brewster of Holdrege, Neb., with the condition that it is to be used for hospital or sanitarium purposes only. The people of the city and community will certainly wish to express their appreciation to Mrs. Otis L. Benton for her generosity in bringing this much needed improvement to our community.

Dr. Brewster has a wide reputation as a surgeon over Northwest Kansas and Southwestern Nebraska. He was the first surgeon in this part of the world to use an airplane as a means of transportation in reaching his patients. His son, Dr. Wayne Brewster, will complete his internship this year at the Tacoma General Hospital in Tacoma, Wash., and will then return to assist his father in his hospital work.

The Oberlin High School debaters have won two contests recently. Team members are Alice Morton and Helen Johnson, who debate both affirmative and negative and Dale Johnson and Roy Campbell, affirmative and Dan Wilson and Arthur Torluemke, negative.

Warner Marvin has moved his tinware shop to the Wear building on Hall Street, formerly occupied by the Northwest Auto Paint Shop. Mr. Smith has moved his paint shop to his new location in the south room of the new Oberlin Motor Co. Building.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Roshong of Atwood are the proud parents of a baby daughter, born Jan. 8.

50 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1955

Residents of the area can take a plane ride Sunday at Oberlin Airport courtesy of the Kansas Flying Farmers. Rides are available to those who donate a penny per pound for the March of Dimes.

Only two new officials took office in Decatur County this year, V.J. "Vic" Morton as sheriff who succeeds Phil Walton who had served two terms, all that state law permits, and Gordon Bosler who succeeds Merle Nelson as register of deeds. Aleen Van Vleet, who was elected county treasurer, will not take office until October.

Norcatour: Reed Bowser, Topeka, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bowser of Norcatour and a brother of Mrs. Delbert Rounsley, died last week in a construction accident at the Topeka water plant.

Jennings: For the second time in a month the post office has been robbed. Entry was made by the back door and the culprits took the safe which was found that morning in an alfalfa field one mile west of Jennings. A.H. "Bo" Beers, postmaster, said over \$200 was missing.

Jesse Jones, farmer living north of Jennings, became a partner of his brother, Pete, in the ownership and management of Oberlin Livestock Exchange this month.

Six local boys have enlisted in the Air Force: Howard D. Jennings, Lawrence William Jennings, Dennis Carman, Richard Smalberger and Arlo Wurm of Oberlin and George Richard Barnhart of

Jennings.

25 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1980

Carol Schissler Brown, a 1961 graduate of Decatur Community High School and a 1966 graduate of Fort Hays State College, who visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Schissler of Herndon over the holidays, has returned to Monserrat in the Caribbean Islands where she is a Peace Corps volunteer.

The two families chosen for the conservation awards from the Kansas Bankers Association are Mr. and Mrs. W. James Gaumer and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry L. Lohofener. Area banks which sponsor the annual awards and banquet are: Farmers National Bank and Decatur County National Bank, Oberlin; Citizens State Bank, Norcatour and Jennings Bank, Jennings.

Mrs. William E. Jones, McCook, announces the engagement of her daughter, Bonnie Lou, to Kelly Michael Schiltz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Schiltz, Jr., Menlo. A spring wedding is planned at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, McCook.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Wilcox, Oberlin, and Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Wehner, Eudora, announce the marriage of their children, Ethel of Topeka and Greg of Silver Lake on Jan. 4, 1980, at Miami, Okla. The bride is employed by the State of Kansas and her husband manages Wehner's IGA in Silver Lake.

St. Francis took home the Northwest Kansas League wrestling tournament trophy with Oakley second. Taking firsts for Oberlin were Todd Wilson at 138 pounds and Terry Urban, heavyweight.

Rexford News

By Sondra Barnett

Terri Allen, Joan Todd, Deb Stepper, Fran Leach, Grace Cheney, Hulda Wark, and Sondra Barnett attended the After 5 meeting at the Colonial Steak House in Oakley. The next meeting will be held at the same place on Feb. 15 at 7 p.m. The special feature will be Bob Jones from TNT Auction in Colby, who is quite knowledgeable in antiques. Everyone is invited to bring an antique for appraisal. Please come early to do this.

The main speaker will be Janice Carlson, Holdrege, Neb., a retired elementary school teacher, who was awarded the grand prize in the Crisco Bake-off for her "Big Red Apple Pie". She will talk about the importance of observing the right signs and guideposts of life. Cost is \$11 for the buffet and program. Deadline for reservations is Sunday, Feb. 13. Please call Deb Stepper. Space is limited, so make reservations early.

Cindy Basgall had surgery in Wichita on Wednesday. Please keep her in your prayers.

Bible study was canceled again last week because of the weather, but plans as of now are to resume on Wednesday at 10 a.m. at the Barn. All are welcome.

Doug and Joan Todd went to Manhattan on Saturday to watch the K-State/Nebraska game. They were seated behind the players bench and were able to visit with three of the Nebraska women players they had known from when the women played basketball for Colby Community College. The Todds stayed at the home of Doug's sister, Mary Alice and Norman Schlessener, in Manhattan. On Sunday, they drove to Cottonwood Falls for church, where they visited with Jim and Esther Bartsch. Jim was pastor in Rexford from 1974 to 1978.

The American Legion pinochle tournament was a success in spite of the terribly cold temperatures. There were 16 players. First place went to Fran Leach and Lawrence Horinek; in second were Dick Sanford and Jackie Boultinghouse; and third place went to Deb Stepper and Grace Cheney.

There is a new quilt in the frame at the Barn, which belongs to Berneda Zoerst. Anyone who enjoys doing that type of work is welcome to help.

The officers installation meeting for the Royal Neighbors was postponed because of the weather.

Edna Colson spent Christmas Day with her daughter, Grace and Stan Kauk, in Colby. Others present were Henry and Sonia Elling, Heather, Annetstacia, Sierra, and Andrew, Wichita; James and Shauna Elling, Lynnsey, Meghann and Kamrynn, Colby; Martha Elling, Hays, and Steven and Elaine Elling, Olathe.

The Colson family Christmas get-together was held at the Rexford Community Building on Jan. 1 with a covered dish dinner. Those present were Ernest and Janine Colson, and Jesse, Selden; Tabitha Blackburn, Natoma; Kathryn and Floyd Richard and Chris, Norton; Jason and Dianne Davis, Erin and Abigail, Norton; Jennifer Sudduth, Montana, Devlon, and Shane, Nixa, Mo.; Charles and Cheryl Colson, Marcus and Brady, Tyler Knapp, Ernestine Waterman, David and Courtlyn, Grace and Stan Kauk, James and Shauna Elling, Lynnsey, Meghann and Kamrynn, all of Colby; Arthur and Nancy Colson, Janna, Julia and Leamon, Hoxie; Delores Cody, Marge Quast, Roberta Colson, Jessica and Amber, Goodland; Tonya Thompson, Jaeger, Jacob, Jonah, and Job, Colby; and Tom Benson, Colby.

The Red Barn Gang (band) began their regular rehearsals this week. They are preparing for several future engagements.

Sondra Barnett hosted the Aglow Executive Board Training at her house on Friday and Saturday. Seven women came Friday evening and spent the night. Three more arrived Saturday morning for the activities. Sondra is part of the Kansas Aglow West Area Team, which covers the west half of Kansas. Towns that were represented were Liberal, Hugoton, Oberlin, Hill City, and Hays.

The Shepherd's Staff hosted the Regional Lutheran Confirmation Retreat last week. There were 36 young people and seven pastors and sponsors.

Those attending Koffee Klatch last week were Deb Stepper, Delores Dible, Fran Leach, Vesta Roth, Jean Hawkins, Hulda Wark, Grace Cheney, Eunice Sanford, Clea Moeder, Marge Leh and Sondra Barnett.

Some friends of Lane and Patty Purcell, Ken Hanson from Colorado and his father-in-law from Louisiana, were here for some pheasant hunting.

There was a Senior board meeting at the Barn this week. They are planning the Senior's Valentine Party for Feb. 12.

The Barnswallows that played pinochle on Monday were Zula Horinek, Fran Leach, Mary Ann Juenemann, Betty Carswell, Jean Hawkins, Grace Cheney, Darlene Robben, Deb Stepper, Lawrence Horinek, Gene Rogers, Rex Carswell, Lawrence Juenemann, and Dick Sanford. There were nine players for Come On Down on Thursday.

Clea Moeder went to Denver for an appointment with her doctor.

The Rexford Lions Club held their first meeting of the new year

on Monday, Jan. 10, at the Midway Cafe at Selden. They will be looking for a high school band student to attend the Lions State Band Camp in June at Baker University at Baldwin City.

SCOOP ON THE SCHOOL

The high school girls took second place in the Western Kansas Liberty League basketball tournament last week.

There will be a league academic bowl at Bird City today with a team participating from Golden Plains.

Our high school basketball teams will meet Sharon Springs here at 4:30 p.m. on Friday.

On Tuesday, there will be a fi-

nancial aid meeting for the seniors that plan to go on to college.

The middle school won all their basketball games last week, except the boys "B" team. They will play Tribune at 4 p.m. here on Thursday.

MAKIN' IT HAPPEN: Hats off to Jay Dahl for cleaning off the walk by the hand rail so folks can get to the Barn without the danger of the ice. Hats off to Wes Bencken for cleaning the ice and gravel off the walk in front of the post office and Deb Stepper's office, and for the many other things Wes does that may often go unnoticed. We appreciate your hard work. Thank you for making our town safer for all of us!

Lyle News

By Deanna Sumner

Christmas Eve weekend guests of Kathy VanMeter were Jack and Sylvia Lovin, and Norman and Maria Porter. Christmas Day guests were Tim and Quinton Nejd, Kip and Danielle Jearde, and Sam and Gladys Williams. They attended church with Kathy in Lyle on Sunday and returned to their homes that evening.

On New Year's Eve, Toots Magers and Kathy VanMeter went to Norcatour and played cards. Afterward they went to the New Year's party at the Norcatour school, where they joined Rea, Dee, Jeff and Joy Magers.

The potluck luncheon at Lyle was held on Sunday, Jan. 2, with 30 present.

Toots Magers, June Jolly, Kathy VanMeter, Juanita Eckhart and R.D. Thornton played in the pitch tournament in Norton on Sunday evening, Jan. 2.

Christmas Day guests of Toots Magers were Judy and Charlie Easton, son Charlie and his friend, Sherry, Jane and Richard Engelhardt, and Kevin Engelhardt.

After New Year's, Darrell Rippe and daughter, Aubrey from Oklahoma, stopped by to visit Toots Magers.

Christmas Eve at the Greg

Sumner house included Michelle Sumner, Amy, Mark, Andrew and Gracie Mae Archer, Todd, Deanna, Brooke and Brady Sumner, and a visit from Santa Claus.

Christmas Day guests of Todd and Deanna Sumner were Bob and Virginia Underwood, Jackie and Pat Underwood, all of Norton; Jim Underwood, Eudora; and Dan and Russchelle, Dillon and Brennan Underwood, Joes, Colo.

On Jan. 11, Toots Magers, June Jolly and Kathy VanMeter went to Beaver City, Neb., for a pancake dinner at the Senior Center.

Liberty Star Club was held Wednesday in Norcatour with Cathy Anthony as hostess. Members present were: Veda Wood, Kathy VanMeter, Toots Magers, Carolyn Plotts, and Deanna Sumner.

Saturday evening LaVerne and Coleen Rippe accompanied Toots Magers and Kathy VanMeter to Lebanon, Neb., for Alfred Jolly's surprise 70th birthday party.

Sunday evening Toots Magers and June Jolly played in the pinochle tournament at the American Legion in Norton.

Lunch guests of Kathy VanMeter on Monday were Toots Magers, June Jolly, and Helen and Mary Helm.

McGraw News

By Quincy Scott

Gayle and Ruth Bainter were guests of Wes, Casey, and Weston Bainter on Sunday.

Cedar Living News

Genola Clausen and Irvan Courage are new residents at Cedar Living Center.

Residents who enjoyed an afternoon of penny cards on Monday included Alice Fiala, Harold Frickey, Myrtle Hazuka, Eva Marie Vacura, Charley Vavroch, Hank and Bea Wolfram, Nettie Britton, and Don Shaw.

Myrna Jones and Mary Ann Amack gave the music program on Monday afternoon.

Fern Moore hosted the reading group on Tuesday morning.

Eva Marie Vacura won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon and Freda Matheny won the blackout game.

Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler of Faith Lutheran church gave the monthly communion service on the patio on Tuesday afternoon.

Residents spent Wednesday afternoon playing a dice game. Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson later.

Residents gathered on Thursday afternoon to share two loaves of bread, baked fresh in the bread machines.

Barb Solko played Scrabble with Wynemah Cox.

Butch Stanley and Pat Tuller were lunch guests of Darlene Stanley on Thursday, to help cel-

brate her birthday. Darlene went out for supper on Thursday evening with Carrie and Dan Morford.

The baking group made peanut butter oatmeal cookies on Friday afternoon.

Charley Vavroch was the guest of honor at a birthday party hosted by Marie Jean Vavroch on Sunday afternoon. Residents, staff, and guests were treated to cake and ice cream.

The Rev. Doug Hasty of the United Methodist Church gave the worship service on Sunday afternoon.

Recent visitors: Jerry Temple, Norcatur; Don Ashley, Carl Mumm, Frank Bouts, Steve and Barb Brown, Selden; Rose Domsch, Atwood; Dale and Stacey Hazuka and family, Bird City; Diane, Avis and Dale Hazuka, McDonald; Bernadine and Richard Samson, Ludell; Frank Cox, Herndon; Dean Geihlsler, Gary Matheny, McCook;

Ila Ray, Alice Shirley, Ray and Eleanor Kircher, Jeanette Diederich, Rita Garver, Kelly Brown, Lois Lamb, Juanita Williby, Elaine Bryan, Lyle Gamblin, Paul Sass, Earl Brown, Elvin Beneda, Orlin Beneda, Gary and Sarah Fredrickson, Eula Juenemann, June Harold, Bernice and Othelia Vacura, Don Clausen, Marilyn Courage, Oberlin.

Good Samaritan News

On Monday morning, Jan. 10, Angie Musgrave led morning devotions. Folding Fellowship met, with Garrah Gaumer, Ivah Alexander, Jeanette Conway and Fern Anderson helping the laundry ladies. Edla Olson, Dena Gillespie, Jeanette Conway, Ruth Laidig, Irene Wagoner, Elsie Macy and Fern Mapes interpreted music for their daily exercise session.

Monday afternoon Social Hour was filled with music and dancing while Edla Olson and Myrna Jones played toe-tapping music on the piano and organ. Dena Gillespie, Ella Peterson, Ruby Shuler, Neva Campbell, Bonnie Weskamp, Fern Anderson, Leo Mooty, Mamie Unger, and Ivah Alexander enjoyed ice cream wafers as they listened.

Devotions were brought by Janice Shobe Tuesday morning. She caught our attention by talking about her brother eating dirt, and birds putting stones in their mouths. Then we understood that it's not what we put into our mouths, but what comes out, that matters.

Mrs. Olson's first-grade class arrived Tuesday afternoon, all bundled up and with books in hand. They read stories to John and Muriel Ready, Dena Gillespie, Lois Buchholz, Garrah Gaumer, Fern Anderson, Kathryn Post, Marilyn St. Clair, Neva Campbell, Jeanette Conway, Leo Mooty, Everett Fisher and Marguerite Fullerton.

Leo Mooty and his daughter, Norma Unger, played pool that afternoon. Social Hour was served by Ellen Horn. Fern Moore came to read to LuVerne May, Fern Anderson, Ruth Laidig, Jeanette Conway, Agnes Chambers and Dena Gillespie.

Anita Hirsch came Wednesday morning to lead Songs of Worship. Edla Olson and Vi Krizek joined Anita for an a capella song. Later, Lisa Stacy substituted for Mert McEvoy in Bible study, which looked at the Lord's Prayer.

Participating were Dena Gillespie, Neva Campbell, Jeanette Conway, LuVerne and Wilbur May, Ruth Laidig, Eleanor Demmer, Agnes Chambers and Edla Olson.

Wednesday morning Don Farr led exercises. Dorothy Alstrom and Connie Miller pampered our ladies

in the afternoon with their weekly manicures. Mildred Holmdahl engaged Jeanette Conway, Edla Olson and Hildegard Euhus in a game of canasta during Card Sharks. Social Hour was served by Ellen Horn.

Dena Gillespie celebrated her birthday on Thursday, Jan. 13. Morning devotions were given by Dennis Brown. During Heart's Creation craft time, Erma Holt, Agnes Chambers, Fern Anderson and Jeanette Conway found winter scenes in magazines to put on the "Let It Snow" bulletin board.

Social Hour was sweet, with ice cream sundaes served by Ellen Horn. The afternoon ended with a Brain Game led by Lisa Stacy, where 10 sacks sat on a table, each with different objects inside to identify.

Dennis Brown helped fill the dining room with delicious smells of homemade soup during the "Aviary Project" soup supper. The benefit was a huge success, raising over \$1,000.

Devotions on Friday, Jan. 14, were given by Janice Shobe. Jeanette Diederich and son, Doyle, helped Marilyn St. Clair bake banana bread for Social Hour. Folding Fellowship brought Irene Wagoner, Jeanette Conway, Fern Anderson and Garrah Gaumer to help with the laundry.

Carol Duncan came Friday afternoon to read *The Oberlin Herald* for Current Events for Eleanor Demmer, Agnes Chambers, Fern Anderson, Irene Wagoner, Leo Mooty and Dena Gillespie. The smell of popcorn woke everyone up and brought residents out to enjoy popcorn and banana bread for Social Hour.

The Bible study on angels met Friday evening, with Wilbur and LuVerne May, Dena Gillespie, Jeanette Diederich, Fern Anderson, Ruth Laidig, Neva Campbell, Irene Wagoner and Garrah Gaumer attending.

Recent guests: **Ruby McKenna** - Donna Chambers, Ed and Gloria McKenna; **Dena Gillespie** - June Vavroch; **Marguerite Fullerton** - Mary Helm, Helen Helm; **Iris Wurm** - Doyle Richardson, Jeanette Diederich. **Eva Bryan** - Donna Kelley, Detta Anderson.

Introducing Dr. Jonathon Dormish



Dr. Dormish, a specialist in podiatry, performs a variety of outpatient procedures once a month at Decatur Health Systems, including treating ingrown toenails, skin lesions, corns, calluses, bunions, hammertoes, heel spurs and major reconstructive procedures. He uses conservative procedures to treat generalized heel and foot pain and is experienced in orthotics and treating diabetic ulcers.

Dr. Dormish is based in Aurora, Colorado and has Outreach Clinics in Scott City and Cheyenne Wells as well as in Oberlin. Dr. Dormish attended the University of Podiatry in Des Moines, Iowa and completed his residency in St. Louis. Appointments can be made with Dr. Dormish through a referral by your family physician.

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