

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1880

The Herald this week is carrying the official proclamation for the special election to be held Feb. 3, 1880, to elect county officers and determine the county seat.

Before we again go to press, the question that has been agitating the citizens of this county for several months past will have been settled, and if the legal voters of this county by their ballot express their honest convictions and vote for their own interest, Oberlin will obtain the county seat by a round majority.

A great many of the voters of the county think that Decatur Center is in the geographical center of the county. It is fully a mile from the center.

Mr. Tinder is erecting a building on the east side of Penn Avenue, which will be occupied by Mrs. T's millinery store.

100 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1905

George W. Bayne ends his mercantile career on Saturday by selling his stock of goods to Harry Johnston. George says he will now return to his farm.

Anna Coldren was quite sick the first of the week.

Major McClauray informs us he has sold his farm to a man from Colorado, getting \$10 per acre for the entire farm.

M.E. Mix shipped out five carloads of hogs Monday, which he had bought at \$4.50 per cwt.

The new land firm of Langmade, Cathcart & Benjamin report the sale of two farms last week, cold as it was.

Roe Griffin was in town Saturday and said a man was a fool to drive 10 miles to town on such a day unless he was compelled to.

75 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1930

On Jan. 16 the temperature dipped to -16.

In the passing of Mrs. Viola Caster, Oberlin and Decatur County loses one of its earliest settlers, and one whose life of noble Christian example was an inspiration to her children, her neighbors and the entire community in which she resided for more than 50 years. Widowed at an early age, she came by train from Ohio to Buffalo Park Station in June 1879 where she was met by Daniel Caster, a childhood friend from back in Ohio, whose wife had died before he came to Kansas in 1878 leaving him with four children to raise. They were married by a Methodist minister in Buffalo Park before making the trip to Oberlin in a covered wagon. Mr. Caster had

lived in a dugout located on the north end of the present golf course but had a sod house partly completed where they made their home until a frame house was built in 1903.

A beautiful marriage ceremony was performed at Olive Chapel the evening of Jan. 19 when Miss Naomi Plotts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Plotts, was united in marriage to Lloyd Christiansen of Harlan Township.

High School News: Harold Dyer had the high paper in the Every Pupil contest in Latin, Geometry and English. In geometry, Harold had a score of 93 out of a possible 93.

Harlan Items: Mr. and Mrs. C.E. VanVleet and Mrs. Carrol Miller and baby went to Oberlin to have a four-generation picture taken.

Births: Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Cochran, girl, Phyliss Lauretta, Jan. 6; Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Swisher, a son, Jan. 8; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Rubendall, son, Jan. 16.

Henry Olson will hold a farm sale Feb. 11 at his place six miles west and one south of Oberlin. In addition, Henry's herd of purebred Shorthorns will go under the hammer.

50 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1955

L.F. Cushenbery, Decatur County's representative in the 1955 Kansas Legislature, has been appointed to four committees: judiciary, assessment and taxation, oil and gas, and state affairs.

Norcatour: Funeral services were held for Louis Eckhart, 76, a long-time resident of the Norcatour area.

A bridal shower honoring Miss Nathalie Berndt was held the evening of Jan. 22 at the home of Mr. Harold Hahn with Mrs. Carl Unger as co-hostess.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Soderlund, boy, Kenneth LeRoy, Jan. 21; Mr. and Mrs. Rex McGowne, son, Stuart Ray, Jan. 22; Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Coffman, son, David James, Jan. 23; Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Cullison, Olathe, son, Mark Jay, Jan. 18.

The Red Devil basketball league record is 2 wins and 5 losses as the second round of the schedule begins with a game at Hoxie Friday night.

Among those who attended the wedding of Miss Donna Brown, former Decatur Community High School faculty member, to Dr. William Berner at the Presbyterian Church in Salina Sunday afternoon were Mr. and Mrs. H.G. Mahon, Mr. and Mrs. E.R. Woodward and Miss Sylvia Mahon and Miss Lynne Gaumer, both students at

Kansas University.

Verna Nicodemus has submitted to the board of county commissioners a written resignation from her position as county treasurer, effective Feb. 1.

She is now serving her second term which expires next October.

The commissioners have appointed Laurene Bryan to fill out the unexpired term until October, when Aleen VanVleet will take over.

25 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1980

The congregation of the Oberlin Covenant Church will honor the Rev. and Mrs. Wayne E. Cooke with a farewell dinner Sunday. The Cookes will be moving to Beresford, S.D. The Rev.

Tom Garretson of the Herndon Covenant Church will serve as interim pastor.

The Red Devil basketball boys' team coached by Jim Keller led the Colby Eagles all four quarters only to lose 56-55 in the closing seconds. The Red Devils were led by Kevin Unger, who scored 24 points.

Vern Burrus, West Central

Manufacturing, announced this week the firm is expanding and construction of a similar plant in Altus, Okla., is under way.

Owners Ron Beneda, Vern and Ken Burrus and Verdine Nelson employ about 20 persons at the firm producing a new geological lab and housing unit every four days.

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Burrus are expected to move to Altus late in February. Sales of units will be handled in Oberlin by Verdine Nelson.

Mirla Moore, who attended the University of New South Wales in Australia as a post-graduate student sponsored by Rotary District 567, was the speaker at the Tuesday noon meeting of Oberlin Rotary.

She noted that the Australians are keenly interested in the problems facing the U.S. in Iran and the Middle East.

Decatur County cattlemen will have the opportunity to vote on a beef referendum Feb. 19-22, according to Kent Reinhardt, who urges all local cattle producers and feeders to vote "yes."

Chamber News

By Glenva Nichols

The annual chamber meeting and banquet is over for another year. The weather was great and the program was very interesting. The DCHS Singers boys quartet was super as always, and we had a very good crowd and a delicious meal which made a great time for all. Thanks to everyone for attending our meeting.

The chamber honored the following outstanding people in the community: Richard Anderson, ag-builder of the year; Don Fredrickson, community leadership; Bob Fraker, community volunteer; and Marlene Moxter, representative of educators in our community. Congratulations to these folks.

The three new board members for the next three-year term are Kem Bryan, Pam Wilson and Doug Brown. Thanks to Judy Scott, Derek Riner and Marilyn Noone for the years they have given to the community through the chamber.

Don't forget the Seeds of Hope Telethon, Saturday, Feb. 5, at The Gateway. Bring your favorite pot of chili by 4 p.m. for the chili cookoff. Proceeds from the sale will go for Seeds of Hope.

Neal Corey and Jim Lester will be giving a program at the Oberlin

grade school for all grades, with the Jennings school also included. The topic is "The Lewis and Clark Expedition," which was relived on the 175th anniversary of their trip up the Missouri River.

Neal was with the re-enactment group the whole time, although Jim could spend only a few weeks because of other interests.

They will be wearing their expedition wardrobe of that era, and will bring along their muzzleloaders and other necessities of the time. The chamber is sponsoring the event on Feb. 15.

The second annual Home and Garden Show will be March 19 and 20 at The Gateway. There is room for 40 booths.

Anyone that would like to display his or her wares can contact the chamber office at (785) 475-3441 for more information. There is no admission charge so stop by and see what will be inside The Gateway. There will be food available, served by the Gateway staff.

We're hoping the nice weather returns in the coming weeks, just no ice to contend with, as there were several falls and fender benders that happened.

The pot is on, so stop by and have a cup.

Cedar Living News

Vic Mowry and his band from Hoxie will be entertaining in the Cedar Living Center dining room at 7 p.m. on Thursday. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Myrna Jones, Mary Ann Amack, and Linda Smith assisted with the sing-along time on Monday afternoon.

Fern Moore gave the reading program on Tuesday morning. Zola Brown won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon and Velda Ward won the blackout game.

A group of residents met on Wednesday afternoon for bowling. Those attending included Harold Frickey, Freda Gamblin, John Green, Myrtle Hazuka, Charley Vavroch, Hank Wolfram, Nettie Britton, and Don Shaw.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson on Wednesday afternoon.

Father George said Mass on the patio on Thursday morning.

Don Shaw was the big winner at the dice game played on Thursday afternoon.

Barb Solko played Scrabble with Wynemah Cox on Thursday afternoon.

Jennifer Shaw is a new volunteer. She assisted with a game night on Thursday. Those joining her for games were Eva Marie Vacura, Hank and Bea Wolfram, Don Shaw,

Charley Vavroch, Zola Brown, and Nettie Britton.

Irvan Courange celebrated his birthday on Friday. Maralyn Courange and Kelly Brown were his guests for lunch.

The baking group made oatmeal chocolate chip cookies on Friday afternoon.

Velda Ward has returned to her home in Norcatour after a short stay at Cedar Living Center.

Recent visitors: Clint, Tish, Tarryn and Nolan Burrell, Park, Neb.; Ann Martin, Don Grafel, Herndon; Jerry Temple, Norcatour; Mike, Rose, Shakia and Sohn Domsch, Atwood; Carol Shaw, Gary Emigh, Don Ashley, Carl Mumm, Selden; Richard and Bernadine Samson, Ludell; Dean Geihlsler, McCook; Dale Hazuka, Diane Hazuka, McDonald;

Elvin Beneda, Orlin Beneda, Laurene Van Otterloo, Jeanita Williby, Paul Sass, Cary Hoehner, Jeanette Diederich, Carol Shaw, Lyle Gamblin, Marie Jean Vavroch, Elaine Bryan, Earl Brown, Ella Betts, Carol Allen, June Harold, Ila Ray, Alice Shirley, Virginia Spratling, Walt and Rosella Meitl, John and Henrietta Juenemann, Eula Juenemann, Helena Bruggeman, Don Claussen, Oberlin.

Good Samaritan News

On Monday, Jan. 17, Marian Dempewolf led morning devotions. The children from Little Sam's Day Care came to make pasted hearts with Agnes Chambers, Erma Holt, Eva Cuthbertson, Leo Mooty, Eryline Nichols and Mamie Unger. Folding Fellowship brought Eryline Nichols, Jeanette Conway and Fern Anderson together.

Don Farr had a good turnout for exercises Monday morning. After lunch Lisa Stacy spent some "Just Us" time with Everett Fisher, Eva Cuthbertson and LuVerne May. Myrna Jones played delightful music for Social Hour. An intense game of Chinese checkers was played by Jeanette Conway, LuVerne May, Ruth Laidig, Leo Mooty, Lorna Bishop and Fern Anderson.

Tuesday morning began with a memorial service for Ella Peterson. Coleen Rippe officiated, and the Good Sam choir sang "Amazing Grace."

The Heart's Creation craft group, Garrah Gaumer, Hildegard Euhus, Jeanette Conway, Fern Anderson and Marilyn St. Clair, began making Victorian beaded mirrors later Tuesday. Marguerite Fullerton enjoyed a "picnic" lunch brought by friends in celebration of her birthday, then spent the evening with her family.

Resident's Council met Tuesday afternoon, followed by Social Hour in the Angel Lane dining room. Coleen Rippe served old-fashioned hot chocolate and cookies. Dena Gillespie, Marilyn St. Clair, Fern Anderson, Hildegard Euhus and Elsie Macy attended the "Until I Return" Bible study that evening, learning a lot about Thomas and why he was nicknamed "Doubting Thomas."

Songs of Worship was led by Marian Dempewolf on Wednesday. Kelly Black read a winter poem. Bible study met with Mert McEvoy leading a lesson by Max Lucado. Dorothy Alstrom and Pat Whetzel did nail care after lunch, and Social Hour was served by Ellen Horn and Connie Miller.

Devotions on Thursday morning

were taken from the book, "A View From the Zoo." Lisa Stacy brought the message about "one another." Catholic services were held for Lois Buchholz. For the Men's Gathering, David McGee, Harold Demmer and Leo Mooty played pool.

New employee Kellie Morris helped Lisa Stacy play a math game, called "Fudge," Thursday afternoon with Fern Anderson and Ruth Laidig. They continued through Social Hour with a geography memory game, joined by Elsie Macy and Ruby Shuler. Social Hour was served by Ellen Horn.

Janice Shobe officiated at Friday morning devotions. Jeanette Diederich and son, Doyle Richardson, helped Elsie Macy bake cream cheese chocolate chip cookies for Social Hour. Garrah Gaumer, Fern Anderson, and Jeanette Conway helped out at Folding Fellowship.

Carol Duncan came to read from *The Oberlin Herald* for Helen Styles, Dena Gillespie, Fern Anderson, Garrah Gaumer, LuVerne May, and Elsie Macy.

Bethany Smith served popcorn and the special cookies for Friday afternoon Social Hour.

The afternoon ended with the Bible study on angels, attended by LuVerne May, Dena Gillespie, Jeanette Conway, Fern Anderson, Ruth Laidig, Neva Campbell, Edla Olson, Genevieve Erickson and Garrah Gaumer.

On Saturday, Joyce Ploussard brought the morning message. Social Hour was served by Florence Vavroch.

Recent guests: **Ruby McKenna** - Joan McKenna; **Garrah Gaumer** - Joan McKenna, Pastor Glenn and Betty Krebs; **Iris Wurm** - Beverly Witt; **Hazel Flaska** - Charlene Karnes; **Dena Gillespie** - Pastor Glenn and Betty Krebs, June Vavroch; **Marguerite Fullerton** and **Agnes Chambers** - Mary and Helen Helm; **Elsie Macy** - Doyle Richardson and Jeanette Diederich. Also visiting was Catherine Neal.

Rexford News

By Sondra Barnett

We had some beautiful spring-like days last week. I'll take "spring" any time of year.

The Community PRIDE is in the process of finalizing and getting the fitness center on Main Street ready for use. It will be available to anyone that would like to become a member and work out. An open house will be taking place in the near future.

There will be a covered dish meal and Community PRIDE meeting at 5:30 p.m. Thursday at the Community Building. There will be election of officers and a tour of the new exercise center. Everyone interested in the betterment of Rexford is welcome to attend.

The Barnswallows who met to play pinocle on Monday were Darlene Robben, Jean Hawkins, Grace Cheney, Deb Stepper, Mary Ann and Lawrence Juenemann, Zula and Lawrence Horinek, Betty and Rex Carswell, Gene Rogers, Dick Sanford, and Fran Leach.

Visitors of Lawrence and Zula Horinek for several days last week were his sister and husband, Sally and Bob Seitz, Arvada, Colo.

Jeremy Gould graduated from the Navy Boot Camp in Great Lakes, Ill., and his parents, Tina and Jon Anderson, Goodland, attended the ceremony. Jeremy is the grandson of Nancy and Jay Dahl.

Social Hour Club met on Wednesday after a six-week break for Christmas and the bad weather. Those present were Ruth Luna, Marge Leh, Vesta Roth, Jean Hawkins, Cleda Moeder, Hulda Wark, Fran Leach, Grace Cheney, Eileen Dible, Deb Stepper, Zula Horinek and Sondra Barnett.

The officers from last year were retained and are Vesta, president; Zula, vice president; Marge, secretary; Cleda, treasurer; and Deb Stepper, card chairman. Ruth and Sondra received birthday gifts from their

mystery pals. Winners of the bingo prizes were Ruth, Marge, Cleda and Vesta. The hostess prize was awarded to Deb Stepper.

Liz Rall, Donald and Colleen Rall, Jerry, Chrys and Nick Rall, and Lori and Lad Truetken attended the wedding reception of Kristin (Ross) and Larry Bloom in Fort Collins, Colo., last weekend. Kristin is the daughter of Maxine Ross and granddaughter of Liz Rall.

Koffee Klatch attendees last week were Velma Barnett, Beneda Zoberst, Hulda Wark, Deb Stepper, Jean Hawkins, Vesta Roth, Darla Dible, Delores Dible, Liz Rall, Margaret Arasmith, Freda Ketchum, Fran Leach, Eunice Sanford, Marge Leh and Sondra Barnett.

Andria Douglass and Chris Flores were married on Dec. 10 at the courthouse in Colby. Those present were Dawn Mouser and Matthew, and Jami Shaw. Colby; and Tracey King and Bill Gilchrist, Rexford. The couple's mothers are Dawn and Tracey. The newlyweds will make their home in Rexford.

Cleda Moeder and Buck Harper went to Logan to visit Hazel Richardson on Saturday, then they went to Norton to watch Kids Wrestling. Among the participants was Cleda's grandson, Taylor Moeder. Taylor took first place in his weight class.

Surprise visitors at the home of Sondra Barnett on Sunday afternoon were her cousin, Cheryl Traub, and daughter, Tricia, of Goodland.

SCOOP ON THE SCHOOL
Our superintendent at Golden Plains, "Doc" Roger Bakersville, went to San Antonio to give a presentation on English as a Second Language from a thesis he wrote.

The middle school basketball teams won all their games last week except the junior varsity boys. This

week they will meet at Brewster on Thursday for both boys and girls games.

The high school basketball teams met here on Friday to play Sharon Springs. We won the junior varsity boys game and the varsity girls game. This week, Golden Plains will be on the road. They were to travel on Tuesday to Healy for boys and girls basketball games beginning at 4:30 p.m., and then to Grinnell on Friday for games at 4 p.m.

This week the make-up basketball games from a couple of weeks ago will be played, which were called off because of the bad weather. On Saturday, the high school will meet Logan here at 2

p.m. for boys and girls, A and junior varsity. On Monday, Triplains will come here to play both middle school boys and girls, A and junior varsity teams, beginning at 2 p.m.

MAKIN' IT HAPPEN: Hats off to Golden Plains senior Darcie Spresser, selected "Most Inspirational Player" in the All Star volleyball game held in Goodland on Jan. 16; our girls coach, Orba Stevenson, selected to coach one of the teams in the All Star volleyball game; and to another Golden Plains senior, Jesse Miller, chosen to play in the Division II eight-man All Star football game to be held in June. Congratulations to all three. We're proud of you!

Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Sympathies go out to the family and friends of Tristan Wessel, three-year-old son of Michael and Heather Wessel, whose funeral was held Saturday morning at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Selden. Tristan's maternal grandfather and great-aunt are Melvin Waterman and Karen Eskew, and paternal grandparents are George and Lola Wessel, Selden. Ed and Kathy Waterman, Darren and Becky Hibbs, A.J. and Emma, Wichita, and Joe and Stephanie Waterman, Ponca City, Okla., were weekend guests of the family and attended the funeral.

Karolyn Muirhead and Robert

and Diane Muirhead and family returned home Sunday, Jan. 16, after spending a few days visiting Jerry and Joan Loughmiller, Sam, James, and Chris in Wellington.

Lois Eckhart and Wilma May were Thursday evening guests of Darlene Fisher to help her celebrate her birthday. Mildred Fortin was unable to attend.

Guests of Dianne Bremer Tuesday noon were recipe club members Judith LaBash, Barb Dehlinger, Connie Simonsson, Joann Neidenthal, Shirley Shields, Diane Frickey, Jody Betts, Kay Gaskill, and Karen Larson.

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