

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1880

The first snow of 1880 fell Tuesday last.
Rev. E.G. Cary returned from Smith County on Saturday last. Somewhere on the divide road between Norton and Oberlin he lost his saddle bags containing books, clothing, etc.

A fire at WaKeeney, Sunday night, Feb. 1, destroyed the building in which the U. S. Land office was located. Loss about \$30,000.

On Feb. 6 the commissioners canvassed the votes from the election held Feb. 3, 1880. For the county seat, Oberlin received 181 majority.

Sam Keenan of Slab City is stopping in the county seat this week.

Doctor Bariteau, Tom Collins and a number of others left Tuesday morning on a buffalo hunt, and expect to be gone about three weeks.

The doctor contracted six buffalo before he left.

The Decatur Center "Advance" after a brief existence of two weeks, announces that it will be moved to Jackson and published hereafter as the Jackson "Guardian."

100 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1905

Norcatgur News: Mr. and Mrs. Jess Deeter are the parents of a bright baby boy born on the 21st.

Zero weather again most of the week.

Rev. Teall baptized 13 persons at the church Sunday afternoon; 15 joined the church.

Major McClary informs us that he sold his farm last week to a man from Colorado, getting \$10 an acre for the entire section.

Joseph Bivans sold 40 head of hogs last week to Mix that averaged 417 pounds and brought \$750.60.

Married: Fred Taylor and Miss Ada Reid, Jan. 25, 1905.

75 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1930

The golfers of Oberlin were out Sunday in force, the first time in a number of weeks.

Funeral services were held for Mary E. Bolin who died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Alice Roberts, at the age of 88. In 1864 Mrs. Bolin and her husband and three children drove overland to California with

Mrs. Bolin driving one of the teams. But they didn't like California and two years later they drove back and settled in Iowa until coming to Kansas in 1880 where they settled on a farm in Summit Township 12 miles southwest of Oberlin. Later they lived near Lyle. They joined the first Christian Church which was organized in a sod house in the year 1887. To the couple were born 14 children. Mr. Bolin died in 1914.

The ladies of Olive Chapel held their regular meeting Thursday and invited the Ladies Aid of Cedar Bluffs to meet with them and 19 came for the bountiful dinner. The men waited on the tables, and what is even more remarkable, washed the dishes, leaving the ladies to entertain with quilting, singing, select readings and recitations, visiting and gos—, making the day a very enjoyable time for all.

Cadet Gierhart and Miss Dorothy Paddock were married at the residence of the bride's parents in Olive Township Sunday morning with Rev. J.E. Bartholomew of the Presbyterian Church officiating.

Jennings Items: Mr. Joe Matousek died suddenly at Dresden Friday night and was buried in the Big Timber cemetery Monday.

50 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1955

Elwood M. Brooks, president of the Central Bank and Trust, Denver, will be the speaker at the Decatur County Soil Conservation District meeting Monday evening.

The Oberlin Hatchery has announced that the first hatch of baby chicks will be taken from the electric incubators next Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Wiley, owners and managers, said the hatch will include certified Leghorns, Half Whites and Buff Orpingtons.

A sweetheart ball will be held Saturday evening in the Decatur Community High School gym sponsored by the Madrigals under the direction of Lewis Williams. A sweetheart girl and boy will be chosen by votes as tickets are purchased. Deanie Euhus is in charge of entertainment.

County commissioners Howard Benton, Walter Torluemke and Fay Brock, Don Claussen, county engi-

neer, and Gerald Vernon, county road foreman, returned Saturday from a trip to Peoria, Ill., where they visited the manufacturing plant of the Caterpillar Tractor Co.

According to figures released by Decatur County Hospital there were 136 babies delivered, 180 major surgical procedures and 24 deaths during the year 1954. The hospital ended the year with a small margin "in the black" after an operating deficit for the year 1953.

25 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1980

The fight continues this week by elevators along the Rock Island as the Interstate Commerce Commission has held firm on their decision to shut down the bankrupt Rock Island railroad line on March 2.

Attending hearings in Goodland this week to assess freight potential in Kansas and encourage other railroads to buy the Rock Island are local co-op manager John Juenemann; Jennings banker Dick Spencer; Garvey Elevator manager

at Selden, Daryl Bruggeman; and Selden banker Steve Carman. At Selden, Bruggeman said that 2-4 truckloads of wheat are hauled daily to Dighton where it is shipped on the Santa Fe rail line because the elevator did not receive any freight cars in January.

New Arrival: Mr. and Mrs. Ed Poe, Oberlin, son, Craig Allen, Feb. 2, 1980.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Spreser, Dresden, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Annette, to Greg Overlease, Selden, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Overlease, Scott City. A May 10 wedding is planned at Immaculate Conception Church in Leoville.

Mark Meyer, son of Judge and Mrs. Marvin Meyer, Topeka, has been accepted into the University of Kansas School of Medicine. A graduate of Decatur Community High School, Meyer will graduate in May from Kansas University with a degree in chemistry.

Chamber News

By Glenva Nichols

The groundhog saw his shadow the other day, so just 6 weeks more of this changeable weather. I think we'll have whatever Mother Nature wants us to have.

Seeds of Hope has had another successful day. There is a lot of hard work involved and many people behind the scenes, working to make it happen. Thanks to all of those people.

Remember your Valentine on Feb. 14. You don't want to forget that special person. Flowers, candy, a card, or just "Happy Valentine's Day" with a smile will do.

The chamber is sponsoring a lyceum at the Oberlin Elementary School on Tuesday, Feb. 15, with Neal Corey telling about his experiences reliving the Lewis and Clark Expedition of 200 years ago. Neal has been on one of the ships sailing up the Missouri River the last two years and is getting ready to go again this year.

He will have his costumes and all

the things that were needed to survive the elements and Indians during the long trip. This is open to the public, starting at 1:30 p.m. in the gym of the grade school. The Jennings Grade School will also be in attendance.

Coffee hour this month is with Stanley Hardware on Feb. 23. Be sure and stop by to see the new addition and line of products. He has made a difference on main just by having the lights on in another building.

March 19 and 20 are the dates for the second annual Home and Garden Show for the Chamber and KFNH. This will be held at The Gateway between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Saturday and from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. The Gateway staff will serve lunch. Be sure to mark the date on your calendar and come join us at the Home and Garden Show.

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

Rexford News

By Sondra Barnett

Sondra Barnett, Rexford correspondent, underwent surgery on Friday in Hays. Reporting for this week is a cooperative effort between Sondra and her sister, Gloria Dible, of Rogers, Ark.

Thirteen Barnswallows met for the January birthday party and pinochle on Monday. Those present were Cleda Moeder, Buck Harper, Fran Leach, Lawrence Horinek, Grace Cheney, Gene Rogers, Dick Sanford, Lawrence and Mary Ann Juenemann, Betty and Rex Carswell, Jean Hawkins and Deb Stepper.

The After Five group will meet at the Colonial Steak House in Oakley from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Feb. 15. The special feature will be Bob Jones from TNT Auction in Colby. He will give an appraisal of your favorite antique, but please come early for this service. The main speaker is Janice Carlson, Holdrege, Neb., who will talk about observing the road signs in life. The deadline for reservations, to Deb Stepper, is Sunday.

Social Hour Club met at the Barn last week with Deb Stepper as hostess. Those members present were Vesta Roth, Jean Hawkins, Hulda Wark, Eileen Dible, Grace Cheney, Fran Leach, Zula Horinek, Cleda Moeder, Ruth Luna, Marjorie Leh, and Sondra Barnett. Lula Thielier was the only member absent, due to being hospitalized. Bert Dible of Colby was a guest. Bingo winners were Zula, Grace, Eileen, and Sondra. Hostess prize was given to Marjorie. The next meeting will be Feb. 16, with Grace Cheney as hostess.

Those joining together on Thursday for the "Come on Down" pinochle group were: Betty and Rex Carswell, Lawrence and Mary Ann Juenemann, Cleda Moeder, Buck Harper, Grace Cheney, Deb Stepper, Darlene Robben, Jean Hawkins, Fran Leach, Dick Sanford, and Lawrence Horinek.

Koffee Klatch attendees were Fran Leach, Grace Cheney, Berneda Zoberst, Liz Rall, Cleda Moeder, Vesta Roth, Jean Hawkins, Delores Dible, Darla Dible, Freda Ketchum, Margaret Arasmith, Eunice Sanford, Marjorie Leh, and Deb Stepper.

Ruth Luna celebrated her birthday with dinner at the home of her son, Bill and Mary Luna, Amanda, Jessica, Andrew, Domonic, and Jennifer. Others present were her husband, Lee; another son, Paul and Rhonda Luna and Beth; and Darrel and Marjorie Leh.

Cleda Moeder helped Hulda Wark celebrate her birthday on Feb. 3 by taking her and daughter, Sondra Barnett, out to lunch at the China Buffet.

Zula Horinek was taken back to the hospital in Hays. Keep her in your prayers.

Cleda Moeder went to Scott City to watch her grandson wrestle. Taylor took first place, even though he was wrestling in a weight class above his own! Taylor's parents are Tim and Shelly Moeder of Colby.

Open house for the Rexford Fitness Center was held on Saturday. There were 21 people in attendance, with four single and three family memberships sold. Many others indicated that they plan to visit the center, and buy memberships at a later date.

The Rexford High School youth group is planning a ski trip in March and will be selling enchiladas and burritos as a fund raiser for the event.

Dennis and Vicki Allison went to Hutchinson on Saturday to see his cousin and learned a friend's son will be racing in the 2005 Kentucky Derby. They also found out that the grandmothers of Troy Staats, Menlo, and Dennis Allison, of several generations back, were sisters. They then traveled on to St. John to watch a niece play basketball. While there, Vicki met a sister of Tina Walter, who is from St. John.

SCOOP ON THE SCHOOL
Thursday, the Golden Plains High School academic team placed third at the regional meet, but did not advance to finals.

Golden Plains Middle School played Triplains in basketball on Jan. 31, winning both the A and B team games. The Middle School basketball team will travel to Sharon Springs on Thursday.

The high school also played Triplains on Monday, with the girls varsity, the boys B team and the boys varsity defeating the Vikings.

The Golden Plains High School varsity girls team defeated the Weskan Coyotes Friday night at Weskan. Tuesday, the high school teams were to play at Hill City; Friday, here, with Wheatland; and then the teams travel to Atwood on Saturday.

MAKIN' IT HAPPEN: Hats off

to Sondra Barnett, who faithfully reports the Rexford news each week, even after surgery, when she can't write or type! Sondra has become a tremendous asset to our community since moving back to her "home town" nearly two years ago (contributed by assistant reporter).

Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

During the night Saturday we received rain. By 8:30 Sunday morning it had started to snow. Only eight people braved the elements to attend church Sunday morning.

Tuesday Study Club met Jan. 25 at the home of Rachel Carter with Kathy Nauer as co-hostess. Those present were Naomi Carter, Ruth Chance, Wilma Mader, Joan McKenna, Helen Muirhead, Helen Rhodes, Neoma Tacha, Vendla Tacha, Rachel Carter and Kathy Nauer.

A very interesting lesson was given by Tranda Watts, multi-county extension agent, on the many benefits of eating fruits and vegetables.

United Methodist Women met Feb. 2 at the church. Those present were Vendla Tacha, Marguerite Bailey, Naomi Carter, Helen Rhodes, Rachel Carter, Betty Krebs and Louise Cressler.

Rachel gave the program, "Prayer — Women in Prayer". Betty Krebs gave Quiet Moments. Marguerite and Vendla served delicious refreshments.

United Methodist Women will be serving lunch to pastors of the Hays district at the "First Church" meeting on Feb. 28 at the Jennings church.

Jennings City Council met Thursday with Mayor Bob Jones, councilmen Don Bolt, Stann Hartzog, Bill Gawith and Louise Cressler, and City Clerk Sue Long present. Rick Foster was absent. They discussed concerns of the city regarding having only one well that can be used for drinking water. Funding is being looked into for drilling of a new well. New padlocks have been purchased and in-

stalled on several buildings.

The grant application for funds to renovate Community Hall was delivered to Logan by the city clerk. Maintenance list included: landfill road repair, repainting street signs and cleaning of the curbs.

Frances Bader will be taking appointments to fill out income tax forms. She will be at the Hoxie Library from 1-3 p.m. on Wednesdays, and at The Bank in Jennings. For appointments call (785) 678-2659. She will take appointments for shut-ins also.

Those winning card games at the Senior Center during the month of January were Alice Mizer, Jan. 1; Vendla Tacha, Jan. 8; Eleanor Morel, Jan. 22; and Louise Cressler, Jan. 29.

Mildred Tacha returned home from the Oberlin hospital Friday. She is feeling better. Her son, John, of Lawrence, visited her over the weekend.

Mary Smith and daughter Emily Bolen, Sharon Springs, were last weekend visitors of Rachel and William Carter and Naomi Carter. Mary is a sister to Rachel and Naomi.

Allen Carter, Overland Park, had a pacemaker implanted Tuesday. He returned home on Thursday and can go back to his teaching job on Monday.

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Cedar Living News

Sympathy is extended to the family of Irvan Courange who died at Cedar Living Center on Saturday.

Lowell Sebaugh of Norcatgur is a new resident at Cedar Living Center.

Residents and staff have been busy decorating for Valentine's Day. We will be hosting a Sweetheart Dance on Saturday, in the Cedar Living Center dining room. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Residents who enjoyed a game of penny cards on Monday afternoon included Nettie Britton, Alice Fiala, Harold Frickey, Freda Gamblin, Ann Geihlsler, Myrtle Hazuka, and Hank and Bea Wolfram. Lyle Gamblin also joined in the game.

Mary Ann Amack assisted with the sing-along time on Monday.

Fern Moore gave the reading program on Tuesday morning.

Myrtle Hazuka won the first bingo Tuesday afternoon. Freida Matheny and Axie Sass won the blackout game.

Mildred Cochran attended a ladies luncheon at noon on Wednesday at St. John's Lutheran Church.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study

lesson Wednesday afternoon.

Barb Solko played Scrabble with Wynemah Cox on Thursday.

The craft group met on Thursday afternoon to work on Valentine decorations.

Jennifer Shaw organized a game night with residents on Thursday evening.

The baking group made pineapple cookies on Friday afternoon.

Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler of Faith Lutheran Church gave the Sunday worship service.

Recent visitors: Cindy Mines, Wichita; Don Ashley, Steve and Barb Brown, Carl Mumm, Carol Shaw, Selden; Jerry Temple, Gary Anthony, Ron Temple, Linda Hunt, Norcatgur; Julie Harold, Hays; Richard and Bernadine Samson, Ludell; Dean Geihlsler, McCook; Jamie Samson, Lindsborg;

Walt and Rosella Meitl, Dolores Koerperich, Jeanette Diederich, Helena Bruggeman, Eula Juenemann, Elvin Beneda, Orlin Beneda, Elaine Bryan, Marie Jean Vavroch, Lyle Gamblin, Paul Sass, Earl Brown, Dorothy Moore, June Harold, Dana Winstead, Oberlin.

Good Samaritan News

On Monday, Jan. 31, Lisa Stacy led morning devotions. The children from Little Sam's Day Care made "blinky-eye" Valentine pins with Leo Mooty, Eryline Nichols, Hazel Flaska, Agnes Chambers, Lorna Bishop and Mamie Unger. For Foldin' Fellowship Garrah Gaumer, Jeanette Conway and Fern Anderson took a turn helping with the laundry.

Don Farr had a good turnout Monday morning for exercises. After lunch Lisa Stacy put up the February bulletin board. Social Hour was filled with delightful music from Myrna Jones. The Card Party ladies met for a 6-hand game of canasta, with Genevieve Erickson and Jeanette Conway joining Garrah Gaumer, Hildegard Euhus, Edla Olson and Mildred Holmdahl.

Janice Shobe brought devotions for us Tuesday morning. Mrs. Olson's first-grade class came to read to Ivah Alexander, Mamie Unger, Garrah Gaumer, Edla Olson, Eva Bryan, Hildegard Euhus, Harold Demmer, Neva Campbell, Jeanette Conway, Fern Anderson, John Ready, Marguerite Fullerton, Kathryn Post and Marilyn St. Clair, who were happy to listen.

The "Until I Return" Bible study met later on Tuesday for the lesson entitled, "Stay Close To Me." We learned about truly abiding in Christ. LuVerne May, Eva Bryan, Edla Olson, Fern Anderson, Ivah Alexander, Genevieve Erickson, Jeanette Conway, Neva Campbell, Ruth Laidig and Garrah Gaumer attended.

Anita Hirsch, volunteer, led Wednesday morning's Songs of Worship. She always brings out a crowd to sing along. Morning Bible study was taught by Mert McEvoy, with Agnes Chambers, LuVerne May, Eva Bryan, Edla Olson, Fern Anderson, Ivah Alexander, Genevieve Erickson, Jeanette Conway, Neva Campbell, Ruth Laidig, Eva Cuthbertson and Garrah Gaumer attending.

Don Farr led range of motion exercises for his group later Wednesday morning. Dorothy Alstrom and Roxie Erickson pampered our la-

dies with their weekly manicures and Social Hour was served by Ellen Horn and Connie Miller.

Janice Shobe brought the morning message for Thursday's devotions. Lisa Stacy read a Valentine's Day poem. Catholic services were held for Lois Buchholz, Harvey Stoney and Bonnie Weskamp. Gathering to play ball were Agnes Chambers, Eva Bryan, Dena Gillespie, Eryline Nichols, Leo Mooty, Genevieve Erickson, Ruth Laidig and Marilyn St. Clair.

Also on Thursday, Lisa Stacy helped Fern Anderson, Ruth Laidig, Eryline Nichols, LuVerne May, Hildegard Euhus, Elsie Macy, Neva Campbell and Jeanette Conway make heart-shaped wreaths of roses during Heart's Creation. Social Hour was served by Ellen Horn.

Those who came to help Iris Wurm celebrate her 88th birthday were Jeanette Diederich, Dennis and Pat Wurm, Eugene and Beverly Witt, Jan Sayer and children and Jan Mowry.

Friday morning devotions were led by Lisa Stacy. The message was "Kitchen Sink Wisdom," taken from the book "Quiet Moments for Women." Jeanette Diederich helped Ruby Shuler bake cinnamon knots for Social Hour. Jeanette Conway, Fern Anderson, and Garrah Gaumer met for Foldin' Fellowship.

Carol Duncan came Friday afternoon to read from *The Oberlin Herald* for LuVerne May, Elsie Macy, Helen Styles, Dena Gillespie, Fern Anderson, and Garrah Gaumer. Bethany Smith and Ben Smith played the piano and served the specially-made cinnamon knots for Social Hour.

Friday afternoon ended with the Bible study on angels, attended by Ruby Shuler, Dena Gillespie, Jeanette Conway, Fern Anderson, Ruth Laidig, Neva Campbell, Genevieve Erickson, Ivah Alexander and Garrah Gaumer.

Recent guests: **Eva Bryan**, Donna Kelley, Detta Anderson; **Dena Gillespie** - June Vavroch, Daryl and Marge Hartzog; **Iris Wurm** - Beverly Witt.

Lyle News

By Deanna Sumner

Sympathy is extended to the family of Rex Cozad, who died on Feb. 1. Funeral services were held at the Norcatgur United Methodist Church on Friday, with burial at the Lyle Cemetery. A gathering of family and friends followed at the Lyle Community Building.

Kathy Van Meter and Joyce Sumner went to Garden City on Wednesday with a carload of

clothes for the Mexican American Mission.

Toots Magers and June Jolly went to Norcatgur and played cards on Friday evening.

Kathy Van Meter went to Kearney, Neb., on Friday for an orthopedic appointment for a torn rotary cuff. Afterwards she went to Gibbon, Neb., and visited overnight with Steve and Julia Van Meter.

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