

# Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

**125 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1880**  
H.J. Baumgarten has erected a residence in the southeast part of the city.

The County Clerk and County Surveyor have their office in the store of Ed E. Chapman and Co.

J.A. Rodehaver has leased his hotel, the Oberlin House, to W.B. Rankin, who will take possession the first of March.

The old county commissioners and county clerk stepped down and out Monday last and the new commissioners and clerk stepped in.

Miss Sue Kneff is teaching the second term of school at this place. She is an excellent teacher and is generally beloved by her pupils.

**100 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1905**  
Albert Zodrow proved up on a quarter of school land Saturday.

J.M. Chilson and wife who have been spending a couple of months in Iowa got back home last week.

Vollie Griffith is now the vice president of the athletic association at Ottawa University and manager of the baseball team.

H.F. Noyes, Forest Redman and Jay Paddock last week bought the lots on the east side of Penn Avenue north of the depot and will proceed to put in a stock of lumber and building material.

The Dresden State Bank is now an assured fact. The new officers: S.D. Taylor, president; C.H. Yeakle and W.E. Yates, vice presidents; W.M. Metzler, cashier; H.W. Brewer, assistant cashier.

Both the freight and passenger train failed to get to Oberlin on Saturday.

The passenger stopped at Norcaton until the snowplow came and cleared the way.

**75 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1930**  
A wedding of interest to the people of Oberlin was that of Miss Aileen Morrison and Mr. Herbert Brantley, which took place Saturday evening at the home of the bride's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C.H. Beers of Hoxie. Both are graduates of Decatur Community High School and the bride attended Stephens College at Columbia, Mo., and Mr. Brantley has been employed at Foster Lumber Yard in this city.

Principal Jack Riley has been chosen to be superintendent of schools at St. Francis next year according to Supt. Smick. Jack is a good school man and an especially good football coach and he will be missed.

Funeral services were held for Gustave Cyrus, a Civil War veteran and early day resident of Decatur County, who died at the age of 84. Born in Germany, he served with the 19th Wisconsin Infantry Volunteers during the Civil War for three years and was wounded at the second battle at Fair Oaks and taken prisoner for 104 days. He came to Decatur County in 1880.

In his new ice cream factory and milk pasteurization plant located south of Oberlin Motor Company, J.H. Fleming has made a real addition to the industries of the City of Oberlin.

**50 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1955**  
Laurene Bryan, Decatur County

treasurer, announces 2047 car licenses and 1207 truck licenses have been sold since the first of the year.  
Court House News: George Nellans, probate judge, issued a marriage license to Gustav Wolters of Atwood and Elsie Roberts on Feb. 8 and they were married at St. John's Church by Rev. Ed W. Licht on Feb. 14.

Ground-breaking services for the newly organized Faith Lutheran Church in Oberlin will be held on the site at the corner of East Ash and York Streets. The Rev. James Ullom, a recent graduate of Wartburg Lutheran Theological Seminary at Dubuque, Iowa, will be installed as the first full-time pastor of Faith Lutheran Church.

Jennings: Merald Carter, math instructor at Jennings high school the past four years, has been hired as superintendent of schools in Portis. He has completed a master's degree from Fort Hays College. The Carters have two children, Mary Jean and Barbara Ann. Mrs. Carter is the former Millie Esther Stowell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S.O. Stowell of Oberlin.

Miss Ruth Turner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Turner of Hoxie, became the bride of Edgar Krizek, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Krizek of Dresden on Sunday, Jan. 9 in the Hoxie Methodist Church. The bride has been employed by the Nigel Walden Insurance Agency. The groom graduated from Dresden High School and from Kansas Wesleyan College, Salina. He also served in the U. S. Navy. He is engaged in farming.

**25 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1980**  
Eight Midwest U.S. Senators have given their support to continued service on the Rock Island line at the present level past the Feb. 15 deadline which the ICC had earlier set on inbound service. The bill offered by Senator Nancy Kassebaum is receiving the most attention. Huck Boyd, publisher of the Phillips County Review, Phillipsburg, said late Tuesday he was spearheading an attempt to provide emergency shipping service through contact with the Rock Island trustee in Chicago.

Street crews were still busy hauling snow from Penn Avenue from the deepest and wettest snow this area has seen over the past two years. Official weather observer Janet Farr said this week she recorded 16.5 inches of snow which measured 1.23 inches of moisture.

An open house Sunday, Feb. 24 at Lund Covenant Church will honor the Rev. and Mrs. James Carmon on their 25th wedding anniversary.

New Arrival: Mr. and Mrs. Dave Chambers, daughter, Amanda Michelle, Feb. 5; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dejmah, Mahaska, daughter, Trena Lynn, Feb. 9.

Mr. and Mrs. Christopher J. Walker, Mayetta, announce the engagement of their daughter, Patricia Ann, to Alan E. Erickson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Erik Erickson, Oberlin.

All Decatur Community High School wrestlers of Coach Brown qualified for the sub-state tournament to be held at Oberlin this Friday and Saturday.

## Good Samaritan Center

Monday devotions were led by Coleen Rippe, Leo Mooty, Bernice Brown, Bonnie Weskamp, Lois Buchholz, Edla Olson, Garrah Gaumer, Dena Gillespie, Mamie Unger, Ruby Shuler, Fern Anderson, Hazel Flaska, Iris Wurm, Eva Cuthbertson, Elsie Macy, Jeanette Conway, Ivah Alexander and Eva Bryan attended.

Little Sam's Day Care kids came to make Valentine "bugs" later Monday morning with Agnes Chambers, Bonnie Weskamp, Eryline Nichols, Mamie Unger, Iris Wurm, Eva Cuthbertson, Ruby Shuler and Bernice Brown. Lisa Stacy led arthritis exercises for Phil Erickson, Ruth Laidig, Ruby Shuler, Eva Bryan, Dena Gillespie, Clarice Leake, Fern Anderson, Edla Olson, Neva Campbell, Marilyn St. Clair and Genevieve Erickson.

During the ladies' card party Monday afternoon, Garrah Gaumer, Ivah Alexander, Edla Olson and Hildegard Euhus joined Mildred Holmdahl for canasta. Volunteer Barbara Dehlinger has begun to read Gisela Humes Fisher's autobiography aloud on Monday afternoons. Neva Campbell, Dena Gillespie, Ruth Laidig, Irene Wagonner and Genevieve Erickson attended.

Social Hour activities later Monday were enjoyed by Elsie Macy, LuVerne May, Leo Mooty, Ruby Shuler, Irene Wagonner, Lorna Bishop, Neva Campbell, Genevieve Erickson, Dena Gillespie and Ruth Laidig.

On Tuesday, Janice Shobe brought devotions. Leo Mooty, Bernice Brown, Mamie Unger, Eva Cuthbertson, Eryline Nichols, Hazel Flaska, Garrah Gaumer, Dena Gillespie, Ivah Alexander, LuVerne May, Lorna Bishop and Jeanette Conway attended.

Mrs. Olson's first grade class enjoyed walking over in the snow later Tuesday morning to read to Ivah Alexander, Dena Gillespie, Lois Buchholz, Garrah Gaumer, Fern Anderson, Hildegard Euhus, Harold Demmer, Ruth Laidig, Neva Campbell, Jeanette Conway and Leo Mooty.

Donuts were provided by the Farm Bureau for Social Hour Tuesday afternoon, and were enjoyed by Ivah Alexander, Garrah Gaumer, Edla Olson, Neva Campbell, Ruth Laidig, Ruby Shuler, Eryline Nichols, Genevieve Erickson, Jeanette Conway, Fern Anderson, LuVerne May and Ivah Alexander.

Bible Study met Tuesday evening with Lisa Stacy directing discussion from the Jeff Walling book, "Until I Return." Those attending were Ivah Alexander, Garrah Gaumer, Neva Campbell, Ruth Laidig, Eryline Nichols, Genevieve Erickson, Jeanette Conway, Fern Anderson, LuVerne May and Ivah Alexander.

A Memorial Service was held in honor of Helen Styles on Wednesday. The choir, staff, family and friends gathered to celebrate her

life. JuliAnna Baker read the eulogy and Jan Badsy officiated. Pastor Charlotte presented Ash Wednesday services including communion. Stuart Euhus engaged the residents in Bible study.

A card party Wednesday afternoon included Hildegard Euhus, Garrah Gaumer, Edla Olson and Ivah Alexander. Social Hour was served by Ellen Horn. Bingo was played in the evening by LuVerne and Wilbur May, Everett and Florence Fisher, Phil and Genevieve Erickson, Jeanette Conway, Marilyn St. Clair, Ruth Laidig and Fern Anderson.

Anita Hirsch led a hymn singing Thursday morning which was attended by Hazel Flaska, Eva Cuthbertson, Lorna Bishop, Ruby Shuler, Fern Anderson, Ivah Alexander, Mamie Unger, Dena Gillespie, Ruth Laidig, Marilyn St. Clair, Genevieve Erickson, Eva Bryan, Jeanette Conway, Hildegard Euhus, Florence Fisher, John and Muriel Ready, LuVerne May, Garrah Gaumer, Leo Mooty, Bernice Brown, Agnes Chambers and Eleanore Demmer. Lisa Stacy shared Valentine's Day poems.

Later Thursday morning Catholic services were held for Lois Buchholz and Harvey Stoney, Fern Anderson, Neva Campbell, Agnes Chambers, Genevieve Erickson, Everett Fisher, Garrah Gaumer, Erma Holt, Ruth Laidig and Bonnie Weskamp did the twist, the conga and the hokey pokey for their morning exercise. Lisa Stacy spent some "Just Us" time with Neva Campbell, Dena Gillespie, Eva Bryan, Phil Erickson, LuVerne May and Bonnie Weskamp.

Social Hour was served Thursday afternoon by Ellen Horn. Jeanette Conway, Ruth Laidig, Ivah Alexander, Clarice Leake, Fern Anderson and LuVerne May enjoyed banana bread and coffee over a Valentine's Day word search. They found over 80 words.

Janice Shobe gave devotions on Friday. Foldin' Fellowship included Ivah Alexander, Fern Anderson and Jeanette Conway. Carol Duncan read *The Oberlin Herald* for Lorna Bishop, LuVerne May, Phil and Genevieve Erickson, Ivah Alexander, Fern Anderson, Dena Gillespie, Agnes Chambers and Ruth Laidig.

Social Hour was served by Bethany Smith on Friday afternoon. Her brother, Ben Smith, played piano. Rice Krispie candy, made by Iris Wurm and her daughter, Jeanette Diederich, was served. The "angel" Bible study was attended by Jeanette Conway, Genevieve and Phil Erickson, Dena Gillespie, Ruth Laidig, and Eryline Nichols.

Devotions were presented by Lisa Stacy on Saturday.

Sunday church services were held by Oberlin Community Fellowship. Social Hour was served by Delores Koerperich.

## Rexford News

By Sondra Barnett

It's great to be back home after my hospital stay. I appreciate all the genuine concern that I've felt from the community. Thank you all!

Dan Roth was an overnight guest of his mother Vesta while en route from Colorado to his home in Abilene.

The Barnswallows who gathered last week to play pinocle were Fran Leach, Gene Rogers, Buck Harper, Deb Stepper, Darlene Robben, Mary Ann and Lawrence Juenemann, Betty and Rex Carswell, Cleda Moeder, Grace Cheney, Dick Sanford, and Jean Hawkins.

The weather hindered attendance at the Barn Bible study on Wednesday. Only four people were able to come.

Birthdays for the Rexford area include: Feb. 3 - Hulda Wark; Feb. 8 - Victoria Rebarcheck; Feb. 12 - Zula Horinek; Feb. 15 - Bert Dible; Feb. 18 - Peg Greenwood.

Don't forget the pinocle tournament to be held at 7 p.m. on Saturday at the American Legion Hall. Snacks will be served and all players are welcome.

The Berean Church from Colby sponsored a "couples retreat" from Friday evening through Saturday lunch at the Shepherd's Staff in Rexford. Nine couples participated in the teaching and training sessions.

Twenty-eight from the Herndon Covenant Church took part in a sweetheart banquet at the Shepherd's Staff on Saturday evening.

Lund Covenant Church had about 100 in attendance for the Val-

entine banquet on Sunday evening at the Shepherd's Staff. Special music was provided by the McLemore family from Colby.

Koffee Klatch attendees last week were Eunice Sanford, Grace Cheney, Freda Ketchum, Delores Dible, Deb Stepper, Fran Leach, Liz Rall, Vesta Roth, Jean Hawkins, Berneda Zoberst, Hulda Wark, Sondra Barnett, Shalom Kruse, Gabriel and Kaleb of Pretty Prairie and Deborah Gamboa of Amarillo, Texas. We were thrilled that Edwin Trueblood, Norton, sent a postcard to Delores with the answer to our question from a couple weeks ago. The name of the building in Colby we were trying to remember was Nickerson Farms Restaurant. He reads the Rexford News in the *Hoxie Sentinel*.

The Rexford Royal Neighbors held installation of officers with the Oberlin camp last week. Betty Carswell received her 50-year pin, presented by her husband, Rex. There were 10 officers installed. Lunch was served and all enjoyed a good time.

There is a membership drive for the museum in Rexford, with the cost being \$5 per single and \$10 per family. The museum is open for special occasions such as Memorial Day and Labor Day, and other times by request. Any interested persons may contact Rex Carswell, Jean Hawkins, or Ray or Berneda Zoberst.

Supper guests of Ray and Berneda Zoberst for the Super Bowl were Kenneth, Teena and Scott Johnston.

The seniors Valentine party was

well attended at the Barn on Saturday night. They played bingo, with prizes being fruit or candy. Those participating were Fran Leach, Grace Cheney, Deb Stepper, Deborah Gamboa, Sondra Barnett, Ruth Luna, Hulda Wark, Liz Rall, Vesta Roth, Freda Ketchum, Betty and Rex Carswell, Eunice and Dick Sanford, Jean Hawkins, Lawrence Horinek and Betty Nichols. It was decided to have game night monthly at 7 p.m. on the second Saturday.

Those who put hours in at the Senior Center (Barn) last year were awarded certificates for their time. Grace Cheney had the most hours, with Deb Stepper coming in second. Others who received recognition were Marjorie Leh, Darlene Robin, Edna Colson, Fran Leach, Gene Rogers, Cleda Moeder, Lawrence and Mary Ann Juenemann, Dick and Eunice Sanford, Vesta Roth, Rex and Betty Carswell, Lawrence and Zula Horinek, and Jean Hawkins.

Bryan and Lori Barnett, Elijah and Joshua, of Tyrone, Okla., were overnight guests at the home of Sondra Barnett and supper guests of Hulda Wark on Saturday. During the day, Sondra accompanied Bryan and the family to Colby to watch her grandson, Taylor Barnett of Garden City, in a wrestling tournament. Taylor is the son of Todd and Mandy Barnett.

Zula Horinek was transferred from the hospital in Wichita to Lantern Park Manor in Colby. She is in good spirits and appreciates all the prayers, cards and visits.

**SCOOP ON THE SCHOOL**  
Golden Plains was host for the

Western Kansas Liberty League Instrumental Clinic on Feb. 7.

The high school girls' basketball team defeated Wheatland Friday evening on their home court, and also had a victory in Atwood on Saturday.

Monday was parent-teacher conferences.

The Golden Plains High School Sweetheart crowning took place during the basketball game with the Cheylin Cougars on Tuesday.

The middle school basketball tournament begins Saturday at Sharon Springs.

School will not be in session on Friday, but the high school basketball teams will play at Triplains.

The Sweetheart Dance will be held at the school on Saturday night.

Makin' it Happen: Hats off to Bob Leach for taking some time to spend with Bill Arasmith so Margaret was able to go to Koffee Klatch last week.

## Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

Because of the snowstorm Tuesday, the Sunflower Senior potluck supper and bingo were postponed to 4 p.m. on Wednesday.

Those attending were William and Rachel Carter, Stan and Ramona Shaw, Helen and Keith Muirhead, Bob and Neoma Tacha, Ruth and Merl Chance, Emma Sanford, Edith Foster, Jay Kump, Arch Harman, Vendla Tacha, Kenneth Krizek, Mary Votapka and

Louise Cressler. The next meeting will be March 8.

Jennings Housing Board will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday evening in the Friendship Village day room.

Stan and Ramona Shaw attended the Kids Wrestling matches in Oakley on Saturday to watch their grandson, Bowen Black, wrestle with the Colby kids squad. Bowen received a second-place medal in his weight class. He wrestled in

Lakin on Sunday and received a first-place trophy in his weight class.

Doyle and Kay Brown, and Keli and Phil Kleidosty, Wichita, returned home Monday from a 12-day vacation in Hawaii.

Free tax consultation, sponsored by American Association for Retired Persons, is being offered by Frances Bader. For an appointment

## Selden News

By Jacque Boultinghouse

Birthdays and anniversaries: Feb. 17 - Samantha Juenemann, Don and Helen Juenemann, Roxie Erickson; Feb. 20 - Heather Hunziker, Delores Mumm, Isabella Sauvage; Feb. 21 - Chris Lawson; Feb. 22 - Shane Ryan, Thesia Wessel Weber, Ian Koerperich; Feb. 23 - Steve Shuler.  
On Feb. 10 at Senior Citizens,

Edna Schiltz won high, Alfred Albers took second, Don Smith got low and Lola Cook had the most tens. Other members present included Irene Kruse, Carol Shaw, Dorothy Lovin, Cecelia Ottley, Shirley Emigh, Leone Porsch, Anna Albers, Paulie Neff and Betty James.  
School calendar: Feb. 17 - Junior

high basketball tournament at Sharon Springs; Feb. 18 - No school, high school basketball at Triplains; Feb. 19 - Junior high basketball tournament at Barton Springs; Feb. 21 - 8 a.m., school spring pictures; Feb. 23 - Gifted/talented seminar at Oakley for grades 2-5; Feb. 24-26 - Regional basketball.

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