

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1881

We are under obligations to Squire Coard for a wooden galley to put type in.

In a free-for-all foot race last evening, George Keys won the first and second heat; J.C. Wilson, the third and fourth and Arthur Allen, the fifth.

The interior of the Oberlin bank is a credit to our town. We venture the assertion that the furniture and fixtures will compare favorably with any bank in Kansas.

County treasurer Hitchcock took suddenly sick on Tuesday evening and is very low at present.

The county commissioners rented of J.E. Cochran a building on Commercial Street for one year at \$15 per month to be paid in scrip.

The Oberlin Literary Society has the following officers: Eugene Thomas, president; R.O. Kindig, vice president; Belle Bariteau, secretary; Frank Douglas, treasurer; H.O. Douglas, janitor and Geo. W. Keys, editor.

100 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1906

John Berry is erecting a new residence on the west part of the city.

W.A. Dale contracted to build the new steam laundry last Monday. The building is to be erected for W.A. Smith.

The Farmers Telephone line from the west was brought into town last week and connected with the Oberlin system.

Joe Farrington and El Vernon were taking a ride this morning when Joe's trotting horse ran away, throwing them out and demolishing the buggy. The horse ran to the stable and stopped.

The brick block that has been standing idle for nearly 10 years is to be occupied. The Oberlin grocery and clothing store, with their meat market, will occupy three rooms; I.O. Wear will occupy one room with a stock of dishes and chinaware; the hotel will use the balance of the first floor and the entire second floor.

Norcatut News: Half of the old schoolhouse is being moved this week to the lots north of the J.C. Sayles residence. The new Christian Church at Norcatut was dedicated Sunday, Jan. 14th by Elder L.L.L. Carpenter of Wabash, Ind. F.U. Harmon is the minister.

Mrs. W.E. Ufford gave a surprise dinner on Sunday for her son and her niece, Miss Goldie Love.

75 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1931

City mail delivery service will begin in Oberlin this Friday with temporary carriers to be Carl Barnhart and J.E. Towery.

Buyers from as far away as Texas, Iowa and Wyoming were present at the sales pavilion in Oberlin for the purebred cattle sale by Simonson brothers of Prairie Dog Township. Top sale was the bull Prince Domino Mischief which sold for \$1,300 and was purchased by Wimberly & Dulaney of Sweet Water, Texas. We understand that Simonsons had been offered \$15,000 for the entire herd before the sale by Foster Farms and declined to sell, and the results of the sale show they profited considerably by holding the sale. C.L. Frickey and Rell Landau clerked the sale for Farmers National Bank.

Monday was the first day for most of the newly elected county officials; J.F. Peters took the place of Wallace Wolfe as county attorney and Guy C. Allen turned the keys of the register of deeds office over to Rudolph Hess of Jennings. Alice Aronson will assume the office of superintendent of public instruction in July in place of Mrs. Maye Banta, and Wynonah McCartney will assume the position of county treasurer in October in place of Mrs. Lillie Smith.

From the Hospital: Mr. and Mrs. Sam Willcoxon, a son, born on Tuesday, Jan. 13.

Little Annie Laurie Jorn had a birthday party in the kindergarten room Tuesday morning with a cake and all the trimmings.

Mr. and Mrs. Warner Marvin and children returned last Sunday from a two-week trip in the Ozarks of Arkansas. They visited relatives and traveled in the area where they had formerly lived.

50 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1956

Mrs. A.E. Bennett became Decatur County's only centenarian when she observed her 100th birthday Jan. 18 at her home in southwest Oberlin. Born in Washington, Iowa, to Mr. and Mrs. Lot Birney, she was married in 1874 and came to Kansas in 1887 where they homesteaded near Oakley. They were the parents of 10 children, five of whom are still living. Mrs. Bennett has lived in Decatur County for the past 50 years.

Francis Anderson and his son, Donald Anderson, well-known Oberlin business men, have been named the dealers for Studebaker sales and service.

DeeAnna Rathbun, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Rathbun, received her diploma from the McCook Beauty Academy Jan. 11 at a banquet held at the Keystone Hotel. Mrs. Gordon Rathbun and Mrs. Wayne Golt also attended the banquet and both are graduates of

the academy.

Jim Miesner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Miesner and a senior at DCHS, has received word that he had been nominated for an appointment to the U.S. Air Academy.

The Oberlin Red Devils fell off the championship pace Tuesday night as Norton's red-hot Blue Jays won going away 69-51. On Friday night, the Red Devils stayed in the race and torpedoed a two-year jinx that had bobbed up at Sainty by crushing the Indians 54-23. Jerry Baker had high-point honors with 13 points while Bob Vernon and Jack Carver each claimed 12.

The St. Francis Indians kept their cherished 36-match winning streak intact last Friday night on the DCHS mats but not before coach Charlie Lyons' wrestlers had given them their biggest scare in four years. A raucous, near capacity crowd saw the Saints take the final match to win 23-21 after a fiery, tempestuous evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Hal A. DeMay of Cedar Bluffs announce the engagement of their daughter, Janet, to Dale Bamesberger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bamesberger of Indianola. Miss DeMay is a graduate of DCHS and the Lincoln School of Commerce. Mr. Bamesberger graduated from Lebanon High School. No date has been set for the wedding.

Hospital News: Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Ellis, Jr., Clayton, daughter, Betty Diane, Jan. 13; Mr. and Mrs. Marlin Berry, Norcatut, son, John Marlin, Jan. 16.

25 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1981

First District freshman Congressman Pat Roberts made a hurried stop in Oberlin last week as part of a whirlwind listening tour to 28 cities in the Big First District. Agriculture, banking regulations, Medi-

care and the railroad were topics of concern.

DCHS Principal Herschel Betts proffered his resignation at the USD 294 Board of Education meeting after 13 years at the helm of his high school alma mater. Betts has spent the past 30 years in high school work, coaching and teaching for 17 years and returning to Oberlin in 1968 as principal of the senior high. Betts, 54, plans to devote full time to farming in the Dresden Township area.

A burglary at Addleman's Drug Store Saturday night was apparently interrupted when pharmacist Gary Mitchell was called to fill a prescription and upon entering the store surprised the culprits in the act, causing them to exit hurriedly out the back door. Mitchell estimated about \$400 in drugs were taken as well as about \$150 in cash. Investigating at the scene were Jock Murray, KBI and Steve Myers, highway patrolman, who heard the call on the radio and Police Chief Walt Castle. Officers indicated the intruders either didn't have enough time to gather all the narcotics available or did not know what to look for. Entry was made through an air vent on the roof with a heavy instrument and a cutting tool. A number of drug stores in the area have been robbed recently, Mitchell said.

Funeral services were held in Holdrege, Neb., for a former Oberlin physician and surgeon, Dr. F. Wayne Brewster, 74.

The second annual NWKL wrestling tournament held in the DCHS gym Saturday was won by Colby, followed by Goodland and Hoxie.

Dan Hess led all scorers with 26 points as the Red Devil boys coached by Jim Keller steamrolled Hoxie 72-45. Coach Annette Sulzman's girls team won 55 to 45. In a game played at Atwood, the Red Devil boys won 52-46.

Lyle News

By Deanna Sumner

Elden and Charissa Huff traveled to Las Vegas to visit her parents after the holidays, and David Huff of Perryton, Texas, came to visit his parents, Earnest and Donna Huff.

Toots Magers accompanied Charlie and Judy Easton to Abilene on Jan. 7 to visit the J.T. Guy family.

Kathy Van Meter's sister, Gladys Williams, was buried at the Hill City Cemetery on Jan. 9.

On Thursday, Veda Wood and Toots Magers enjoyed the music of

the Vic Mowry Band at the Cedar Living Center in Oberlin.

Sunday visitors of Toots Magers were Gary and Cathy Anthony, and Brooke Sumner who was selling Girl Scout cookies. That evening June Jolly and Toots played pinocle in Norton.

I would like to thank everyone from the bottom of my heart for the cards, calls, and memorials for the loss of my brother, Jim. It means so much to know there is comfort in the world.

Rexford News

By Vicki Allison

The Rexford Lions Club served a sausage gravy and biscuit lunch on Sunday. Proceeds from the free will donation will help sponsor a high school student to attend the Kansas State Lions Band this spring. The weather was beautiful and it was nice visiting and having lunch with Murray and Joan Adrian and Roger Hale who drove up from Colby.

Danny Barnett and his mother, Beth Barnett, of Effingham, both former Rexford residents, were back over the weekend visiting his son, Kevin and family, in Oakley.

Beth's 80th birthday will be this month. She lives at 5583 Ellsworth Road, Effingham, Kan., 66023.

Shawn Spresser and her sister, Shelly Nordyke, of Colorado, sang Sunday during the morning worship service.

Edna Colson had her 86th birthday on Jan. 1 and her children, Grace and Stan Kauk, Colby; Arthur and Nancy Colson and Jessica, Hoxie; Roberta Colson, Goodland; Cheryl Colson, Colby;

Kathryn and Floyd Richard, Norton; and Ernest and Janine Colson, Rexford, had a family get-together Sunday at the Red Barn for a belated celebration.

Dianne Hiatt is visiting her in-laws, Marge and Darrell Leh.

Kelly Wark, Lawrence, was a guest of her aunt, Vicki Allison, and cousins, Jami and Kristin Wark, the weekend of Jan. 7.

Guests of Lawrence Horinek during the week were his sister, Sally Scitz, and husband, Bob, Arvada, Colo.

The Salvador and Ivonn Garcia family will be moving from Rexford on Friday. The community will miss this family very much and wish them well as they make their new home in Denver.

The Rexford City Council meets every second Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Those in for Koffee Klatch on Friday were Berneda Zoberst, Grace Cheney, Eunice Sanford, Liz Rall, Delores Dible, Margaret Arasmith, Ruth Luna, Jean

Hawkins, Hulda Wark, Freda Ketchum and Sondra Barnett.

There was a nice group of seniors that played bingo at the Barn on Saturday night. Vesta Roth was the caller.

Golden Plains happenings: The Bulldogs placed third in the Western Kansas Liberty League Basketball Tournament, beating Wallace County 52 to 51 at the buzzer. The Lady Bulldogs were runners-up af-

Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Our sympathies go out to Roland and Pam May, Zach and Hannah, who attended the funeral of Pam's brother, Kim Jorns, at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Preston on Jan. 6.

Also attending the funeral were Walter and Betty May. Kim is also survived by his father, Ben Jorns, and brothers, Philip and Tim Jorns, and their families.

His mother, Marie Jorns, preceded him in death.

Zach Shaw, Colorado Springs, Colo., arrived Dec. 27 to spend New Year's weekend with Richard and Anna Shaw, Isaac and Jennifer. While here, he also visited his grandparents, Ralph and Violet Shaw.

Gaylord and Shirley Shields returned home last Monday from Oral Valley, Ariz., where they spent the Christmas and New Year holidays with Mark and Corby Shields and Keric. While there, they also visited Dennis and Betty Campbell and Jay and Ann Anderson.

Charles Fortin was surprised by his co-workers on Saturday when the ladies treated him with pizza and

ter losing to the Brewster Bulldogs, 54 to 41.

Thursday, the middle school basketball teams played Cheylin on the Bulldogs' home court. Congratulations to both the boys and girls A-teams for your wins.

The schools will be dismissed at 12:15 p.m. today (Wednesday). Golden Plains is hosting the Western Kansas Liberty League Scholar Bowl.

cake to celebrate his upcoming birthday.

Dakota Tate wrestled in the 52-pound class and received second place at the Atwood Little Kids Wrestling tournament on Saturday.

Mike and Nancy Shields, Omaha, arrived Friday to spend the weekend with Gaylord and Shirley Shields, returning home on Monday.

Arthur and Alice May, Lois Carlson, John and Edith Tate, Jay and Becky Tate, Dakota, Mollie Marie, and Grace, Helen Derby, Warren and Jan Bainter, and John Ready were Saturday afternoon guests of John and Dianne Bremer and Jessica.

They celebrated Art and Alice's 87th birthdays and Edith's birthday, enjoying snacks, homemade fruit-cake, and Pond Butter Pudding.

The pudding has been a Reznor family holiday tradition for five generations.

Martin and Evelyn May were Sunday evening guests of Jack and Mildred Fortin and Charles to help Charles celebrate his birthday.

Cedar Living News

Vivian Bishop and Mildred Tacha are new residents at Cedar Living Center.

Residents met for a game of dice on Monday afternoon. Those joining in included Nettie Britton, Freda Gamblin, June Harold, Paul Sass, Don Shaw, Charley Vavroch, Lowell Sebaugh, Don Sulzman, and Hank and Bea Wolfram.

Myrna Jones and Mary Ann Amack led the sing-along time on Monday.

Fern Moore hosted the reading group Tuesday morning.

Eva Marie Vacura and Paul Sass tied to win the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon. Bea Wolfram won the blackout game.

Margee Wilson hosted social hour Wednesday afternoon. She served homemade bread, fresh and hot, from the bread machine. Bea Wolfram provided apple butter.

Dell Pomeroy was guest of honor at a birthday party held Wednesday. Helping him celebrate were Roxie Pomeroy, Pat Pomeroy, and Bill and Karen Flynn.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson Wednesday afternoon.

Father George gave communion service on the patio Thursday morning.

The bowling group met Thursday afternoon. Several bowlers made more than one strike.

June Harold attended the meeting of Zeta Nu Club Thursday afternoon with Charlotte Meints, held at the home of Mary Waldo.

A dance was held Thursday evening. Vic Mowry of Hoxie and his band provided the music. Several guests attended and entertained us with their dancing. Marie Jean

Vavroch and Bertha Schwisow donated cookies for the party. Fern Jording and Margaret Magers assisted with serving refreshments.

The baking group made chocolate cookies Friday afternoon.

Darlene Stanley celebrated her birthday on Friday with family members.

Recent visitors: Frank Cox, Ann Martin, Herndon; Stan and Ramona Shaw, Doyle and Kay Brown, Vendla Tacha, Arch Harman, Jennings; Gary and Shirley Emigh, Rick and Tammy Shaw, Selden; Marvin and Yolanda Fiala, Mishel Latham, Jan Latham, Chyanne Forbes, Tanya Forbes, Clois Fiala, Cliff Fiala Jr., Colorado Spring; John Tacha, Lawrence; Pat Latham, Rogers, Ariz.; Rosemary McCary, Ellinwood; Richard and Bernadine Samson, Ludell; Helen Derby, Dolores Depperschmidt, Paulie Neff, Dresden; Laura Staab, Hays; Kathryn and Grace Uhner, Chanute; Rosa Boehm, George Wurm, McCook; Betty Boehm, Denise and A.J. Sweeney, Lincoln, Neb.; Sue McKain, McDonald; Doug and Ilene Stanley, Doug, Amy, Barbie and Kellie Stanley, Wichita; Tom and Glena Burrell, Max, Neb.; Clint, Tish, Taryn and Nolan Burrell, Parks, Neb.; Janice O'Hare, Linda Hunt, Norcatut;

Barb Solko, Alice Shirley, Opal Huntley, Ila Ray, Kay Marcuson, Fern Jording, Dolores and Jacob Koerperich, Marion Wenger, Eula Juenemann, Laurene Van Otterloo, Lyle Gamblin, Phyll and Connie Cramer, Elvin Beneda, Orlin Beneda, Ella Betts, Karolyn Muirhead, Bernice Martin, Marie Jean Vavroch, Oberlin.

Good Samaritan News

Do you suppose there's an age at which we should stop celebrating birthdays? This week we explored the joys of past and present birthdays. A special slide show on this subject brought images of past parties and gifts as well as the reality of the birthdays we didn't expect to have.

On Thursday, we had a very special treat when the Monday Evening Club gave those with the January birthdays a wonderful party. Balloons and flowers were presented to those with birthdays and there were strawberry sundaes and cupcakes for everyone. The entertainment was wonderful as well. With Kay Moon tickling the ivories, and the DCHS Singers showering us with their talent and smiles, the day was very memorable. They even did the Charleston!

We had another birthday party on Friday complete with two kinds of cake and custard pie. Everything was so delicious, and thanks to Dena Gillespie's family for another wonderful day of celebration. By the end of the week we finally came up with an answer to our question about what age you should stop celebrating birthdays. You're never too old for a hug and a kiss, a card or a cake — but leave the candles at home! Safety first!

Remember our art show is coming up on Sunday, Feb. 5. Bring your own art in to share with us or give us a call if you have any questions.

We are always so thankful for all of our volunteers who selflessly give of their time, whether playing cards, drinking coffee with the guys, painting fingernails (that's not for the guys), helping with Bible study or playing ball. Our hats are off to them for making Oberlin a special town and the Good Samaritan Center a great place to live in Christ's love. May their blessings be many. I know when all is said and done they, too, feel they have received a gift from our residents.

Recent guests: **Dave and Hilda McGee** - Kathy Tholoff, Garth Conroy, of Salida, Colo.; **Eulaine Benda** - Connie Noren, Britta, David and Michael; **Ann Brown**, Kellen Baird of Denver; Sylvia Wachendorfer of Selden, Roberta Urban; **June Saum** Kellen Baird of Denver; **Elsie Macy** - Marian Fraker; **Dena Gillespie** - June Vavroch, Mert McEvoy, Earl and Pat Hartzog, Harold Hartzog, Yvette Holzmeister; **Lucy Schissler** - Mert McEvoy; **Virginia Ike** - Mel Lyn Greg, Bemut, Neb.; **Ruth Laidig** - Ernie and Janice Mehl of North Platte, Neb.

Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

The Jennings school board meeting held on Monday evening, Jan. 9, was well attended by citizens interested in the distribution and closing of the school at the close of this year. The hearing held on Friday drew a crowd of about 30 citizens. Hearing Board Officer and Superintendent Hart answered several questions brought up by those attending.

Housing Authority Board will meet Thursday evening.

Dawn Hartung, Cambridge, Neb., visited Dorothy Jones and Bob on Saturday. She is a granddaughter of Dorothy.

A smaller than usual crowd at-

tended Senior Potluck Tuesday evening, Jan. 10. Those present included Stan and Ramona Shaw, Helen and Keith Muirhead, Arch Harman, Vendla Tacha, Eleanor Morel, Agnes Wahlmeier, Marguerite and Elmo Bailey, William and Rachel Carter, Ruth and Merl Chance, Jay Kump, June Vavroch, Louise Cressler and Mary Votapka. They enjoyed playing bingo afterward.

All the children of Darrell Davis spent the weekend with him and their grandpa, Norman Davis.

Merle Snyder served 38 dinners Saturday at Mom's Li'l Market, one of the largest crowds she has had.

Herndon News

By Carrol Ginther

Les and Myrna Pettera of Loveland, Colo., have been visiting Edie Pettera.

Judy Solko of Larned spent last weekend with Monica Solko. On Sunday they hosted an early first birthday party for Timberly and Teather Solko, twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Tim Solko.

zSunday afternoon visitors were Ron, Kimberly, Diana and Rodney Solko of Oberlin, and Tom Solko.

Renae Solko of Herndon has been named to the Dean's Honor Roll at Washburn University in Topeka with a grade point average

of 3.4 to 3.99.

Herndon Senior Citizens held a business meeting on Jan. 4 at the Senior Center.

They also sang "Happy Birthday" to Pooch Portschy. Blackout in bingo was won by Beth Chartier, John Eby, Doris Marintzer and Ann Martin. Kayo Sattler won the door prize.

The next potluck will be today with Beth Chartier and Dorothy Engelman on kitchen duty. The next business meeting will be Feb. 1 with Dorothy Engelman as hostess.

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