

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1882

Born Jan. 28, 1882, to Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Bishop, a son.
W.A. Burnett has moved his store building from Elmwood to Oberlin — another addition to our town.
A school report from District No. 6, Fannie Shipman, teacher;
Pupils: Nora Caster, Eva Vale, Hamilton Riley, Howard Vale, Vincent Caster, Herbert Caster. Nora Caster ranked 100 in department.

R.A. Marks has had a walk built on the north side of the bank and land office.
James Hackney brought us a load of dry wood on subscription Saturday.
S.O. Tolle and W.J. Bell were pleasant callers yesterday.

100 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1907

The plant of the *Phillipsburg Dispatch* was totally destroyed by fire last week.
Lonnie Beers had his ankle dislocated while wrestling at the Central barn Monday.
McCarty Bros. began a \$2,000 residence for V.R. Caster this week on the land Mr. Caster recently bought of Geo. Fox east of town.
The Methodist Church at Kanona will be dedicated Feb. 10.
Matt Demmer of Logan was a caller on Saturday. He recently bought the Euhus farm and is getting it fixed up in shape. We are glad to see such young men getting along so well.
High School Notes: The Elite Club met with Belle Bremer Tuesday evening.
John Fordsick made his wife a present of a new \$450 Packard Piano this week from the Oberlin Furniture Company.

75 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1932

Taking the initiative and paving the way for general tax reductions, the school boards of the grade school and DCHS have voted a reduction in the operating expense for the coming years by eliminating the kindergarten position and reducing by 10 percent any salary drawing more than \$100 a month and by 5 percent those drawing \$100 a month. In addition the position of vocal music teacher was abolished.
Announcement by Dr. H.J. Morrison: The producers in Oberlin's territory, due to a worldwide economic depression, the like

of which has never been experienced by any human being now living, have been brought to a condition where many necessary things have to be sacrificed because a bushel of wheat or corn, eggs, cream or anything you can mention do not bring in the cost of production. Therefore: we have decided to give our services on a basis that will compare with what you are now receiving for your products.

DCHS took a double victory from Norton with a 46-14 win in basketball by a 15-12 win in wrestling. Oberlin is now the only undefeated basketball team in the league.
Courthouse News: A marriage license was issued to James A. Vacura, 24, Jennings, and Miss Mildred Kasper, 19, Oberlin, and they were married by the judge Sunday morning. They will make their home five miles northwest of Jennings.

Announcement has been made of the marriage of Miss Frieda May, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry May, to Mr. Karl Hoehner of Smith Center on Jan. 27 at St. John's Lutheran Church. They will make their home in Smith Center.

The Gale Ridgway family has moved into the new McKague house on East Commercial Street. Miss Theresa McKague moved from the house and is now located in her brick home on East Maple.

Norcatour: The high school basketball teams played Dresden here the evening of Jan. 26 and the first team game resulted in a tie. The second team game was won by Dresden by a score of 19 to 7.

50 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1957

Leigh LaSalle, John Helm and Dale Post will be awarded certificates as outstanding soil conservation farmers at the annual meeting of the Decatur County Soil Conservation District.

According to John Dark and Calvin Ufford of the Conservation District, there has been an irrigation surge in Decatur County in the past year accelerated by low rainfall. The local SCS reports at least two dozen systems have been put into use for the first time: Marion Bremer, Carl Frickey, Warren White, sprinkler; Howard McKay; R.A. Deines and Don Jorn, both types. Others include Hal DeMay, Cecil Vernon, Cleo Anderson, Frank Strohwig, Eddie Krizek and

Keith Muirhead, sprinkler; gravity types were used by Charlie Larue, Jack Barrett, Gay Bryan, Guy Bemis, Rex Lohoefer and Rodney Scott. Using both types are Henry Euhus, Shirley Cochran, Robert Milner and Marion Mockry.

Dresden: Rev. and Mrs. David Lydecker, David and Lois, have arrived from Lucas and are nicely settled in the parsonage. Sunday services will be at 10 a.m. at Dresden; and at Selden at 11 a.m. with services at 9 a.m. at McGraw every other Sunday. Our thanks to the Rev. Victor Peterson of Jennings for serving as our pastor since October.

Miss Helen Brainard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Brainard of Oberlin, became the bride of Richard Rhodes, son of Ralph Rhodes of Dresden, on Sunday, Jan. 20, at the home of the bride's parents. Rev. Carl Isaacson of the Lund Covenant Church performed the ceremony in the presence of immediate families.

The Oberlin basketball team had the lead only once at Colby last Friday. But it was the time that counted as the Red Devils edged the Eagles 46-44 for their fifth win in six NWKL starts.

25 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1982

With the sound of the gavel signaling the start of the legislative session in the State House, the pros and cons of both severance tax pro-

posals submitted to date are being promoted by every interest group imaginable. The budget proposed by Gov. John Carlin relies on the passage of a five percent severance tax on oil and natural gas.

A noted Kansas artist, Sue Jean Covacevich Boys, who now makes her home in Winfield, has donated two paintings to the Oberlin Library, one of Kansas sunflowers and the other of church spires inside the Kremlin in Moscow. Mrs. Boys is a longtime friend of Ruby Diehl and has visited in Oberlin many times.

Ann Gallentine, rural Clayton, has been appointed by Governor John Carlin to the board of the Northwest Kansas Library System. The system headquarters, located in Norton, serves 10 counties in northwest Kansas, including Decatur.

Junior class members at DCHS are preparing for the production of a serious comedy, "The Curious Savage." Director Leigh Davis has chosen the play to give students a new experience and appreciation of drama.

FFA members who attended the Denver Stock Show included Tim Bailey, Wayne Dellere, Gaylen Huntley, Kevin Meitl, Keith Ketterl, Marsha Miller, Pat Pomeroy, Brian Rippe, Dan Schultz, Steve Whetzel, Kevin Wurm, Nancy Wurm and sponsors, Jeanette Miller and Duane Dunn.

Church on Sunday included:

Mark Olson, chairman; Steve Noren, vice-chairman; Patti Benda, secretary; Gail Bergling, assistant secretary; Gayle Carlson, treasurer; Mark Olson, assistant treasurer; Mark Bergling and Clay Anderson, trustees; Frank and Margaret McEvoy, and Greg and Gwen Jones, deacons and deaconesses; Chris Schmidt and Orrin Holle, auditors; Gerald Benda, Connie Noren, Maureen Anderson, Christian education committee; Margaret McEvoy, financial secretary; Barbara Olson, assistant financial secretary; Kristi Dirks, Cindi Grafel, Beth Holle, music committee; Ethan Walker, Brandon Dirks, Mark Bergling, Gary Erickson, ushers.

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Word was received of the death of Lilly Granstrom, 97, on Dec. 2 at the Covenant Village Care Center in Turlock, Calif. Her husband, the late Fred Granstrom, was a pastor at the Herndon Covenant Church in the late 1950s. Survivors include two sons, Wallace and Wesley Swanson, and their families. Mail may be sent to Wallace Granstrom, 1033 Egan Ave., Pacific Grove, Calif., 93950.

Orrin and Beth Holle represented Rawlins County Farm Bureau Association at the Kansas Farm Bureau Young Farmers and Ranchers leader's conference over the weekend. Their son, Henry, stayed with his grandparents, Kevin and Mary Holle.

Officers elected at the annual meeting of the Herndon Covenant

Cedar Living News

With Valentine's Day just two weeks away we are busy making plans. We are planning on making a bigger-than-normal fuss over Valentine's Day due to the number of events that had to be canceled over the Christmas holiday. Anyone who would like to participate in the festivities may call Teresa Shaughnessy at (785) 475-2208.

We would like to have something special almost every day during the week of Feb. 11-17. The week will start with a Sweetheart Open House at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 11, in the Cedar Living Center dining room. Family and friends are welcome to attend.

Residents met on Monday afternoon for a game of penny cards. Those joining in on the fun included Naomi Carter, Elsie Goodnight, Paul Sass, John Schuhart, Don Shaw, Mildred Tacha, Frank and Velda Ward, Loyl Wilson, and Bea Wolfram.

Naomi Carter won the first bingo Tuesday afternoon and Mildred Tacha won the blackout game.

Juanita Williby hosted the pinochle group on Wednesday afternoon. Those joining the game included Elsie Goodnight, Frank and Velda Ward, and Don Shaw. She served cake to the card players and other residents gathered for a social hour after the game.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson.
Father Henry brought commun-

ion for the Catholic residents on Thursday morning.
Barb Solko played Scrabble with Wynemah Cox and Velda Ward on Thursday afternoon.

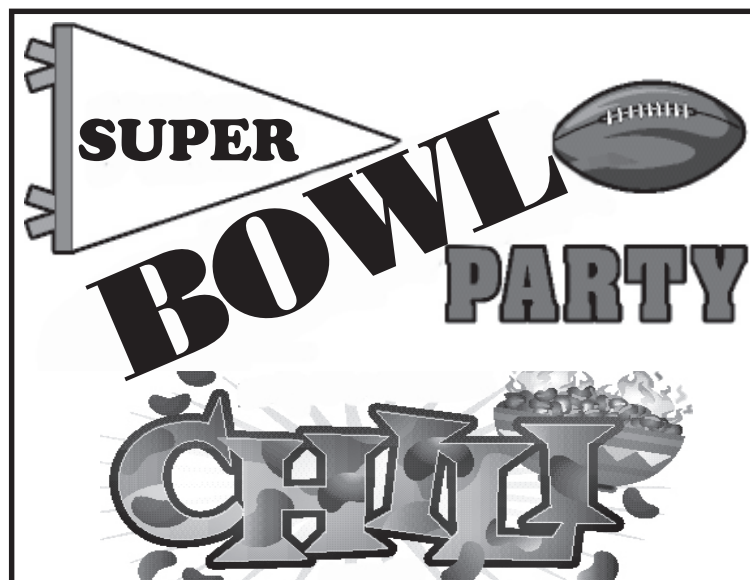
There were several winners at the dice game played Thursday afternoon in the dining room.

Residents made peanut butter cookies with chocolate chips on Friday afternoon.

Frank and Velda Ward hosted a pizza party on the patio on Sunday evening. The Wards and some of the guests shared their pizzas purchased from the Norcatour firemen. Guests included Lora Linn Leichliter and Teresa Shaughnessy of Oberlin, and Dorothy Ward, Bea Nelson, Marguerite Clark, and Oran and Laverne Milner, all of Norcatour.

Recent visitors: Jerry Temple, Bob Strevey, Norcatour; Doyle and Kay Brown, Norine Bailey, William and Rachel Carter, Jennings; Frank Cox, Herndon; Richard Samson, Ludell; Rosa Boehm, George Wurm, McCook; Rick and Tammy Shaw, Selden; Lloyd Harden, Goodland; Margaret Stanley, Colby; Lillian Sulzman, Dresden;

Karen Bennett, Lyle Gamblin, Sharla Ritter, Don and Ann Mines, Elvin and Orlin Beneda, Regina Stanley, Earl Brown, Roxie Pomeroy, Dana Winstead and Rusty, Opal Huntley, Alice Shirley, Oberlin.



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Rexford News

By Vicki Allison

The Kansas Historical Society will be in Rexford today (Wednesday) to tour and evaluate the Houson House. The house was the childhood home of Maxine Neville of Colby and was moved to Rexford from Gem when Frank and Joan Dingwerth of Rexford purchased it several years ago. The house sets on the corner of Main Street and Kansas Avenue.

Cleda Moeder spent Sunday afternoon at Sheridan County Long Term Care visiting Hulda Wark. They shared photographs that were taken over Christmas and the cruise that Cleda took last fall.

The Presbyterians of Hoxie and Colby held a retreat at Shepherd's Staff over the weekend.

Kid's Club at the Rexford Community Church will be held each Wednesday after school even though the school will be running

storm routes until further notice.

A primary election will be Tuesday, Feb. 27, for city council and school board positions. Candidates running for mayor are: Dennis Allison, Michael Johnson and William Dible. Dible is the incumbent.

Running for council are: Dwight Williams, Nancy Dahl, David Williams and Betty J. Nickols. Williams, Williams and Dahl are incumbents.

Running for Golden Plains School Board are: Leroy Spresser, Paul Bruggeman, Jay Todd, Mark Miller, Joe Broeckelman, Brent Ginther, Terry Moss and Jeremy Schiltz. Spresser, Bruggeman, Todd and Miller are the incumbents.

At the Red Barn: Those attending Barnswallows Thursday to play pinochle were Jean Hawkins, Deb Stepper, Rex Carswell, Betty

Carswell, Dick Sanford, Darlene Robben, Grace Cheney and Lawrence Horinek.

Koffee Klatchers last week were Berneda Zoberst, Vesta Roth, Margaret Arasmith, Eunice Sanford, Darla Dible and Delores Dible.

Golden Plains news: Congratulations to Travis A. Smith, social studies instructor and athletics coach, on his recent induction into National Honor Roll's Outstanding American Teachers.

During January's regular board meeting, members voted to approve and extend Travis Smith's contract as administrative assistant to include the 2007-2008 school year. The motion made to extend Dr. Roger Baskerville's contract as superintendent to include the 2007-2008 school year failed for lack of a second.

Until next time, make your week a memorable one.

Selden News

By Jacque Boultinghouse

On Jan. 11 at Senior Citizens Edna Schiltz won high, Ann Hazlitt took second, Anna Albers got low and Alfred Albers had the most kings.

Other members present included Helen Karls, Jeanie Spresser, Lola Cook, Leone Porsch, Shirley Emigh, Carol Shaw, and Betty James.

On Jan. 25 at Senior Citizens, Shirley Emigh won high, Cecelia Ottley took second, Edna Schiltz got low and Betty James had the most queens. Other members present included Jeanie Spresser, Carol Shaw, Helen Karls, Leone Porsch, Ann Hazlitt, Anna Albers, Alfred Albers, Lola Cook and Julie Pope.

The first Senior Citizens in February will be this week on Thursday. All members should meet at 11:30 a.m. at the Midway Cafe for dinner then cards, and a business meeting will follow at the Community Center.

Birthdays and anniversaries: Jan. 12 - Joe Bainter; Jan. 13 - Harold Sulzman, Sherry Carman, Joe Trembley; Jan. 14 - Dorothy Stacey, Angel Lobato, Bernie Ritter; Jan. 15 - Dave Wachendorfer; Jan. 18 - Renee Wilson, Joe Kennedy; Jan. 19 - Ricky Bullock, Myrtle Shaw and Anogene Rogers, John Lobato; Jan. 20 - Jessica Shaw; Jan. 22 - Shirley Emigh;

Jan. 23 - Shawn Boultinghouse, Frank Neff, Matthew Geisinger; Jan. 24 - David Bainter, Julia Rogers, Sheri Edmundson; Jan. 25 - Diane Aumiller, Dawn Juennemann, George and Lola Wessel; Jan. 26 - Abby Boultinghouse, Michele Goscha; Jan. 27 - Bob Pope; Jan. 28 - Roger Aumiller, Gary Robinson;

Jan. 29 - (Kansas Day) Helen Karls, Cindy Basgall, Mark and Cindy Basgall; Jan. 31 - Micah Wenger, Jim Irwin; Feb. 1 - Jerry Rall, Don Smith, Lisa Emigh, Marsha Rogers; Feb. 2 - Mary Carroll; Feb. 3 - Rachael Ritter; Feb. 4 - Norris Sulzman, Mary Goalden, Nicole Spresser, John and Julie Geisinger, Carl Barnett; Feb. 6 - Chris Bainter, Tom Stacey.

Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

Tuesday Study Club met for lunch at the Barbeau House Bed and Breakfast in Lenora for their January meeting. Lelia Wheeler, innkeeper, welcomed the club and gave a tour showing features such as the hand-worked staircase, elegant light fixtures and exquisite etched glass exterior doors. The house was built in 1899 and has been placed on the National Registry of Historical Places. Roll call was answered by Rachel Carter, Wilma Mader, Helen Muirhead, Lynn Tacha, Joan McKenna, Neoma Tacha, Kathy Nauer and Vendla Tacha. Guests were Joan Metz and Violet Foster.

The Jennings City Council will not meet Feb. 1 but instead will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 8, so that more of the bills are in. Sunflower Seniors will have a potluck supper at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 13. John Juennemann will entertain at 7. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Claudine Bennett is improving and she is in rehab at Tucson, Ariz.

Wayne and Louise Cressler received word of a new great-granddaughter, Abigail Kaylyn, born to Deidre and Quinn Satherly on Jan. 25 in Tennessee. Grandparents are Terri and Charles Spresser, Calhoun, Tenn.

A new roof was installed on the Community Hall a few months ago. On Sunday we discovered a mess in the Senior Center, in the basement of the Community Hall, where ceiling tiles, insulation and old plaster had fallen due to a big leak. The roofing company will be notified.

Mayor Bob Jones and City Clerk Sue Long met with a FEMA representative in Oberlin to receive guidelines on reporting expenses from the December storm.

Mayor Jones and Louise Cressler, city council president, attended the meeting Thursday at The Gateway in Oberlin concerning the plans for the Oberlin Airport.

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