

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — March 1882
The Oberlin Sabbath School will commence again on Sabbath next at 10 o'clock.

Rev. I.L. Day, the new Methodist minister, has moved into the parsonage.

Spring term of school begins next Monday. Miss Della Beckwith has been engaged as teacher.

Births: To Mr. and Mrs. R.L. Kindig, a 10-pound son. To Mr. and Mrs. Geo. C. Chapin, a 10-pound boy.

Bassettsville Items: Oscar Ecord from Ottawa County is with us preparing to build on his claim up the draw and will return in June to Ottawata to harvest 60 acres of wheat and then return with his herd of 40 head of cows.

Jennings Jottings: Matt Kasper started for Colorado the 22nd inst., where he expects to work at his trade the coming summer.

The following Oberlin people went on the railroad excursion from Lenora to Atchison: G. Webb Bertram, J.W. Short, William Love and wife, J.C. Ufford, J.B. Hitchcock, N.A. Cornish, J.B. Colt, G.F. Bogue, J.A. Rodehaver and wife, Luther Brown, Robert Bridel, E.C. Vance, R.A. Marks, W.A. Hallowell, Dr. W.B. Mead, George Colby and wife, E.L. Beckwith and wife, Ed Knowles and wife, Ed Martin and wife, F.A. Douglass, W.H. Underwood, Perry Fair, Perry Rouse, J.E. Love, J. Neve, Mrs. Laura Miller, Mrs. Frank Hunt.

100 YEARS AGO — March 1907
People who had buggies were using them Sunday. The day was warm as June.

Married, J.H. Weyeneth and Miss Olga Berndt, last week at McCook.

Methodist Church appointments recently announced: Oberlin, G.L. Rarick; Bassettsville, supplied by James Swartwood; Cedar Bluffs, F.C. Johnston; Kanona, W.E. Caldwell.

Norcatat Items: John Duncan is building an addition to his residence.

The Elmer Richards farm home was burned to the ground last Friday while they were in Oberlin.

We note by the *Norcatat Register* that Miss Stella Fossler and Victor VanGundy were married in Norton last week.

75 YEARS AGO — March 1932

Music week opens Easter Sunday evening at 8 o'clock in the City School auditorium. There is to be a program each night of the week except Saturday with the final Sunday being the "Messiah," an oratorio by Handel presented by a community chorus of 75 members under the direction of Mr. Parman.

Two out-of-town soloists will be Mrs. Edgar Rickel, Salina, soprano, who has studied in Chicago and has appeared as soloist with the Lindsborg Messiah Chorus of 500 voices, and Miss Alma Bieber, also of Salina, who has appeared as soloist in Kansas City and Salina, whose contralto voice fits very well with such numbers as "He Shall Feed His Flock" and "O Thou That Tellest Good Tidings to Zion."

Ted Addleman, who is to sing the tenor solos, should give his usual pleasing performance and Virgil Parman will sing the bass solos and direct. Miss Mildred Nibert and Lois Miller will play the accompaniments.

The Oberlin Country Club golf course is to be beautified this spring with the addition of some 40 to 50 shade trees and shrubbery. Howard Anderson, president, has purchased a windmill which will furnish the power for irrigating the young trees during the early stages and whenever dry weather demands.

C.W. Smick went to Wichita last week to take charge of the state basketball tournament.

County School News: If your teacher has given satisfaction in your district, why not invite her back? Do not let her be in doubt whether she should apply again or it is a hint for her to go elsewhere. Please report as soon as you hire.

Jennings: The Masons have the Opera House they purchased recently equipped for a lodge hall.

The Norcatat Community Band under the direction of Mr. Parker gave a very fine program for the county teachers association meeting. Norcatat has something to be proud of in her community band.

50 YEARS AGO — March 1957

Snow - wet, wonderful and welcome - and Western Kansas' much despised wind combined to give the area its worst storm in nine years and the best early spring moisture since 1953. There was general agreement that this storm was the worst since 1948. Rural users of REA lost their power supply but the only slightly below freezing temperatures minimized the difficulty of stranded motorists on the highways. The Highway Patrol estimated some 1,600 people in Kansas were marooned.

One of the major trouble spots was west of Oberlin near the Decatur-Rawlins county line, where 57 people were stranded 38 hours before being rescued by a crew from Herndon. The marooned caravan included 12 cars, 5 trucks and a bus which had been chartered for the Nebraska Wesleyan University male chorus, out on tour. All but two of the 57 people boarded the bus to await the rescue party. Five of the

group were children, three of them still babies on the bottle.

Selden: Bert Hamilton, 67, died Sunday, apparently of exposure. He and Gerald Sloan had taken Mr. Hamilton's sister to Hoxie to the hospital Saturday and were returning to Selden when their car stalled. They spent 14 hours in the car and four more walking trying to find the Fleckenstein home five miles east of Selden. Both were taken to the Hoxie hospital by ambulance but Mr. Hamilton was pronounced dead. Sloan was dismissed from the hospital on Tuesday.

Fred "Tex" Winter, basketball coach at Kansas State College, will be the guest speaker at the annual athletic banquet next week for DCHS athletes, their dads and coaches. The dinner is sponsored annually by the Oberlin Chamber of Commerce.

Funeral services were held at Immaculate Conception Church at Leoville for Lloyd Robert Krizek, 25, of Dresden who died following surgery. He is survived by his wife, the former Patricia McKenna; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Krizek of Dresden; a sister, Dorothy Leonard, Salina; and two brothers, Edgar and Kenneth Krizek of Dresden.

T/Sgt. Wm. Eiswerth Jr., who has been stationed with the Air Force in Denver, left Saturday for Libya, Africa, where he will be stationed. His wife, the former Marjorie Coulter, Stephen and Kim, will arrive April 1 to make their home with her mother, Mrs. Eugene Coulter, during his absence.

25 YEARS AGO — March 1981

Classical guitarist Neill Archer Roan of Omaha, a frequent soloist at universities and concert halls, will perform March 30 at the DCHS auditorium under the sponsorship

of Western Plains Arts Association. "Friday Night At The Movies," a talent show by local entertainers, will be presented April 2 at the DCHS auditorium as a fund-raiser for Sunflower Cinema. Included among the entertainers will be local recording stars, the John Juenemann family, featuring daughter Barbara.

Architects Alan Stecklein and Wayne Brungardt, Hays, presented technical assistance reports for conservation of energy at OES and DCHS at the Monday night meeting of USD 294 Board of Education. They predicted that both buildings would probably last another 25-30 years, stating that the structures are in "above average" condition as far as being well maintained but listed six or seven energy saving conservation measures which could be taken. They noted that the price of natural gas may triple in the next few years.

The fountain located on the property of the Oberlin Chiropractic Clinic now owned by Dr. Tom Pillow, but formerly known as the Otis L. Benton property, is under repair. The three-story Benton property was built in 1909 and it is thought the fountain was built at the same time.

New Arrivals: Shelley and Pat McKenna, rural Jennings, daughter, Jacqueline Lee, March 21, 1982.

Gary Zodrow has announced the purchase of Custom Trophy and Engraving from John Goering. The business was begun in 1968 by Buzz Matson, John Goering and Loyall Duffy. Goering and Zodrow later purchased the interest of Matson and Duffy. Zodrow will be assisted by Eldon Smith in wood-working as well as by his brother-in-law, Leroy Muirhead, owner of Custom Woods of Holdrege, Neb.

Let's Go to the Museum

By Sharleen Wurm, director

I think most of us are ready for spring. Even though the snow was wonderful, it sure caused a lot of problems for the museum.

It was just too much for our old flat roofs on the two main buildings. First the rain turning into ice and then the 30-plus inches of snow caused leaking, and loss of insulation and tiles. The problem was caught in time to get items moved to safety, other items trapped, and buckets set around.

The snow and ice also caused the awning on the north side of the Second Annex to collapse, breaking the railing and damaging the walk.

Tuesday, April 3, will be the opening of the museum for the 2007

season. Hours will be from 9:30 a.m.-noon and 1-4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

April is a busy month at the museum and we hope you will attend and support the activities. In addition to the opening on April 3, we will have the annual meeting for all members and those wishing to become members on Thursday, April 5, and the rummage sale on Saturday and Sunday, April 21 and 22.

Starting Tuesday, April 10, we will take your items for the rummage sale. If you have gently used items they can be brought in during regular hours.

Make 2007 the year for: "Let's Go to the Museum!"

Cedar Living News

Plans are being made for the annual Easter egg hunt at Cedar Living Center. All children are invited to attend the hunt at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 4.

Children should be accompanied by an adult and each child should bring a small basket.

Elwood Bailey has returned to his home in Jennings after a short stay at Cedar Living Center.

We had a big turnout of players for the dice game on Monday afternoon.

Players included Elmo Bailey, Helena Bruggeman, Naomi Carter, Elsie Goodnight, Ruth McQuiston, Paul Sass, Kayo Sattler, John Schuhart, Don Shaw, Mildred Tacha, Frank and Velda Ward, Loyl Wilson, and Bea Wolfram.

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

Jerry Temple and Opal Huntley assisted with Bingo on Tuesday afternoon. Alice Fiala won the first bingo and Velda Ward won the blackout game.

J.R. and Phyllis Grafel had lunch with Mildred Grafel on Wednesday. Mildred received several bouquets of flowers and many birthday cards.

Juanita Williby hosted the pinochle group on Wednesday afternoon. The group included Elsie Goodnight, Frank Ward, and Don Shaw.

Residents and staff have been enjoying the beautiful spring weather.

A group of residents sat outside on Wednesday afternoon where they visited and had lemonade and shared a box of cookies donated by

Paul Sass.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson on Wednesday afternoon.

Father Henry brought communion for the Catholic residents on Thursday morning.

The craft group met Thursday afternoon to start some spring planting. We planted pots of tomatoes, peppers, watermelon, cucumbers, and zucchini. With any luck and a little sunshine we will have plants to give away in a few weeks.

Vic Mowry and his band from Hoxie provided music for a dance Thursday evening. Residents and guests enjoyed the music and dancing. Nora Bell Manning, Mabel Bailey, Eunice Richards, and Beatha Schwisow assisted with refreshments.

The baking group made oatmeal butterscotch cookies on Friday afternoon.

Recent visitors: Dorothy Ward, Jerry Temple, Norcatat; Rose and Shadia Domsch, Meredith Hrnchir, Kyle Lanning, Atwood; Eleanor Odle, Prairie View; Richard and Bernadine Samson, Ludell; Wayne and Betty Grafel, Culbertson, Neb.; Lloyd Harden, Goodland; Margaret Stanley, Mike and Marie McVay, Colby; Norine Bailey, Doyle and Kay Brown, Jennings; George Wurm, McCook; Carol Shaw, Tammy and Rick Shaw, Selden;

Lyle Gamblin, Marion Wenger, Cliff and Eunice Wenger, Lee and Estella Waldo, Wayne and Lois Larson, Henry Edgett, Catherine Neal, Laurene Van Otterloo, Orlin Beneda, Elvin Beneda, Phyll and Connie Cramer, Sandra Young, Roxie Pomeroy, Oberlin.

Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Bob and Janice Baer, Topeka, visited Wednesday through Saturday with her mother, Evelyn Olson, and brother, Jerry and Connie Olson.

Gaylord and Shirley Shields left Tuesday for Phoenix where Gaylord attended a U.S. Ag Bank meeting. They returned home on Thursday.

Allen and Neta Jeffus, Topeka, attended a Saturday morning memorial service for Gly Shaw at Pauls Funeral Home in Oberlin. After the service, they joined her sister, Wilma May, and niece, Shanna Long, for lunch before returning home.

Elizabeth Nedland, a sixth grade student at Oberlin Elementary, represented Decatur County in the State spelling bee this weekend. She competed Saturday afternoon at Rural Washburn High School and completed the first two rounds. Congratulations, Elizabeth!

Sara Kyte and the Dwight Wentz family returned home Sunday afternoon from a short trip to Kearney and Grand Island, Neb., where Sa-

rah and her friend, Carissa, enjoyed a few days of spring break.

Greg and Janice Cundiff, Jack Fortin, and Charles Fortin were Sunday evening supper guests of Martin and Evelyn May to celebrate the 18th wedding anniversary of Greg and Janice.

John and Dianne Bremer and Jessica spent Thursday evening in Salina, and then headed on to Topeka Friday afternoon where they joined Rhonda May, Dan Nedland, and Elizabeth for supper that evening to celebrate Elizabeth competing in the State spelling bee the next day. Following dinner, the Bremers drove on to Olathe where they were Friday and Saturday night houseguests of Larry and Lisa Sonsthagen, Matthew and Emily. They also visited with Lyn and Linda Tomasch and Lori Taylor, Marissa and Rielly before returning home on Sunday.



"When it comes to your heart, you want the best!"

Paul Bender, Wichita, retired banker

Traveling nearly 200 miles from his hometown of Wichita to Hays for heart surgery was a simple decision, once Paul Bender learned that former Wichita cardiac surgeon Dr. Gary Benton was now at the DeBaKey Heart Institute.

"My wife had a heart attack two years ago and Dr. Benton treated her with a triple bypass," Bender explained. "We were very impressed with Dr. Benton's professionalism and follow-up, and care and treatment that he gave my wife after her surgery."

When it came time for Bender's own surgery after being diagnosed with heart blockage, his wife urged him to seek out Dr. Benton.

"We did. We tracked him down!" Bender laughed. "We came to Hays because we knew Dr. Benton was here and we'd get the best treatment possible."

Seeing the DeBaKey Heart Institute for the first time, Bender was quite impressed to find such a large facility in a community the size of Hays. "It was a lot more than I expected it to be."

"My wife, being a nurse, is familiar with the care and treatment that people receive in the hospital and she was quite pleased with the treatment I received here at DeBaKey Heart Institute," he said. "I feel that the treatment I received here and from the staff and the medical personnel was far superior to the treatment my wife received at a local hospital in

Wichita...and that's one of the reasons why we came here."

Bender wishes he would have done more to help prevent the heart problems that required triple bypass surgery. He admits he needs to be healthier and lose weight and is working on both.

His advice to others: have a lot of faith in your doctor.

"Ask around, because not everyone's an A+ doctor and when it comes to your heart, you want the best."

"My future looks good and it's very bright, thanks to the surgery," he said.



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