

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1883

Evening card parties are fashionable in Oberlin at present. L.G. Parker secured an original pension for Geo. A. Brown to date from July 19th, 1865.

It is hard work to get up a red-hot paper with the thermometer at 20 below zero and wet-elm promises of wood on subscription to contend with.

J.L. Salisbury and family were at the Oberlin House on Monday, preparing to go to their new home — the Mosher place, 12 miles southwest of town. They are from Republic County.

A man in Norton County was recently fined, costs and all, \$44 for killing three quail, in violation of the game law.

Uncle Sammy Willcoxon was up from the country Monday. He dropped in at this office, thawed out his feet at our stove, delivered a brief religious dissertation and departed.

100 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1908

Another snow Wednesday night. The crop of ice is limited this year, and it is likely the supply will not last through the summer.

It is reported that Frank and Will Hayward have bought a racket store in Atwood.

We note by the *Norton Telegram* that Howard Noyes has traded his hardware stock at Oronoque for a 200-acre farm near Edmond.

H.P. Dailey shipped his household goods to Mt. Nebo, Utah, last week, where they expect to make their future home.

H.E. Brown of Jennings Township had a big farm sale last week preparatory to moving to Idaho.

J.W. Tibbels and M.M. Walker of Dresden Township want 200 men to participate in the big wolf hunt scheduled for Feb. 20th.

Traer Items: At the school meeting Feb. 8 the proposition of building a new schoolhouse was carried by 74 voting for the proposition and one against.

South Sappa News: Clarence Morton is getting ready to move to this new home in Sherman County.

J.S. Forsdick, J.J. Jackson and I.K. Huber are the committee to arrange for the big Woodman Ball Feb. 28th.

75 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1933

The city council made a reduction of 25% on electrical rates for both residential and commercial customers beginning Feb. 1. In addition the salaries of all city employees were cut 22% in order to save \$2,500 annually in the city's operating expense.

The state legislature approved a bill which provides for a 50% reduction in the costs of license tags this year. This means that tags for a car weighing 3,000 pounds would cost \$6 this year as opposed to \$12 for the same car last year.

An explosion from a gasoline blow torch in the home of Myron Raymond caused considerable damage to the home but Myron and Mrs. Raymond and their 3-month-old baby escaped with little injury. The explosion occurred when Myron, who had been using the torch to thaw pipes, came inside the house to warm himself. He was able to extinguish his burning clothing by rolling in the snow.

Clayton: Funeral services were held at the United Brethren Church for James Kirk, 16-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kirk who awakened early Tuesday morning with a severe pain in his head and died 15 minutes later. A senior at Clayton Rural High School, he was active in all school activities and his affliction has not been diagnosed as this is written.

Jerry Votapka is driving a brand new 4-cylinder coach.

50 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1958

The January issue of the *Kansas Government Journal* shows that compared to 18 other northwest Kansas counties, Decatur has the fifth-lowest total tax rate.

Balmy weather continued in Decatur County the past week with weather observer E.W. Coldren stating that he hasn't charted a minimum reading this winter less than four above zero. The county has never gone an entire winter without a zero recording.

If all are available for duty, DCHS basketball coach Bob Rumble plans to start Bob Vernon, Eldon Johnson, Gary Grose, Dwayne Scott and Walt Fortin for this week's big games with Norton and Goodland with bench strength provided by Rich Hayes and Norm Richards.

Ed Dissinger, who coached football at DCHS from 1940-42, has

been named head freshman football coach at Kansas State College, Manhattan. Dissinger has been head football coach at Manhattan High School several years.

Funeral services were held for Mrs. Julia Noble, 89, who came to Oberlin from Connecticut in 1884 with her parents, Egbert and Emily Tilden. She was preceded in death by her husband, Judge J.P. Noble, in 1914.

Oberlin won its first Northwest Kansas wrestling match of the season last Friday by downing winless Oakley 34-11.

Hospital News: Jan. 30: Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Dempewolf, son, Michael Gerald; Rev. and Mrs. Wesley Davis, Jennings, son, Brian Edwin.

Norcat: Mr. and Mrs. Vern Gallentine will observe their 60th wedding anniversary with a family dinner. Vern Gallentine and Dora Wennihan traveled by horse and buggy to Oberlin on Feb. 12, 1898, and were married by Judge Redman.

25 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1983

In a special session the Oberlin City Council voted to sign a power pact with Sunflower Electric to purchase 2,000 kilowatts of firm power daily as well as interruptible power over and above that figure.

John Goering, industrial arts teacher at DCHS, has been named the "1982-83 Outstanding Indus-

trial Arts Classroom Teacher of the Year" for the state of Kansas. Goering has been on the faculty since 1970 and is recognized for the development and continuous upgrading of the industrial arts program. He will receive a plaque at the national meeting in April at Milwaukee, Wis.

More than 200 farmers attended a meeting at Oberlin American Legion regarding the new Payment-In-Kind program at which Mike Gawith, county ASCS director, reviewed all the options and answered individual questions.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Emerson of Lakin have purchased the former home of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Lohefener on South York and plan to move to Oberlin in the future.

Funeral services were held for Louis Moberly, 70, who operated Moberly's Floral and Gift Shop from 1949 until retirement in 1978. He is survived by his wife, Mildred; a daughter, Mrs. Glenn Howe, Lyton, Utah; and a son, Stanley, of Juneau, Alaska.

Dick Kelley is home from Saudi Arabia on a three-week break from his work as an employee of Sanabel Management Company in which farming technology is applied to agricultural projects. An irrigation well drilled by Kelley will be used to water the flat and sandy Saudi Arabian farmland before wheat is drilled.

Chamber News

By Jo Henderson

What a gorgeous sunny day, blue sky, sunshine, no wind, but don't let it fool you — it's cold outside! Looks like spring, but believe me it's still winter.

As a reminder (and correction), the Museum Pancake Feed will be held Saturday, Feb. 9, from 5 to 7 p.m., not 5 to 9 p.m. as in last week's column. I apologize for any inconvenience to Sharleen.

The third annual Farmers and Ranchers Appreciation Banquet is coming up on Saturday, Feb. 16, so I hope all the farmers and ranchers out there join us for an evening of good food, good entertainment and good fun.

And don't forget the Arts and

Humanities dinner theater, featuring the Allegro Chamber Trio, at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 23, at The Gateway.

Now, I'm on a mission: To collect cell phones for our soldiers overseas. They can be with or without the battery, any condition or brand. These phones will be used by soldiers to call home and talk to their families. I will be putting out flyers stating where you can drop them off, or better yet bring them to me at the Chamber, and I'll send them off to the recycling center. Just think, you could be helping someone you know to keep in touch.

Have a great weekend. See you on the sidewalk!

Cedar Living News

Sympathy is extended to the family of Paul Sass who passed away on Friday.

Residents met for a game of penny cards on Monday afternoon. Joining in on the fun were residents Helena Bruggeman, Mildred Cochran, Elsie Goodnight, Mary Kolsky, Elwood Mines, Edie Pettera, Kayo Sattler, John Schuhart, Delores Wheeler, and Frank and Velda Ward. Visitors Lyle Gamblin and Ira Kolsky also played. Myrna Jones, Nadeane Haag, and Mary Ann Amack led the sing-along time on Monday afternoon.

A group of residents met on the Cedar Living Center patio on Tuesday morning for some Kansas trivia in honor of Kansas Day.

Elsie Goodnight won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon. Kayo Sattler and Darlene Fisher won the black-out game.

Juanita Williby hosted the pinochle players on Wednesday afternoon including Elsie Goodnight, Helena Bruggeman, and Frank and Velda Ward.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson on Wednesday afternoon.

The poker club met with Sam Mack on Wednesday evening on the patio.

Father Henry Saw Lone brought Communion for the Catholic residents on Thursday morning.

There were several winners at the dice game played on Thursday afternoon.

The baking group made chocolate cookies on Friday afternoon. The group enjoyed eating the warm cookies when the baking was done

and then the rest were shared with staff, visitors, and other residents.

Many of the residents spent the day on Saturday watching the Seeds of Hope Telethon and a few reported watching the Super Bowl on Sunday evening.

The Rev. Rick Langness of St. John's Lutheran Church gave the worship service on Sunday afternoon.

Ron Temple and the group Faith, Hope, and Charity will be singing sweetheart songs for us on Sunday, Feb. 10, at 4 p.m. This will be the beginning of our celebration of Valentine's Day. Guests are welcome to attend.

Recent visitors: Frances Bader, Jennings; Linda Hunt, Janice O'Hare, Dorothy Ward, Chris Dempewolf, Judy Jackson, Charlotte Jackson, Bob Strevey, Wave Reames, Norcat; Keith and Helen Muirhead, Dresden; Pastor Carrie Buhler, Stan and Ramona Shaw, Jennings; Ann Martin, Linda Bosler, Herndon; Mr. and Mrs. Verle Francis, Craig Francis, Dave, Linda, Spencer and Addison Schliep, Rosa Boehm, George Wurm, McCook; Thad Jackson, Patty Ames, Hudson, Colo.; Les Pettera, Loveland, Colo.; Elaine Bryan, Sharee Dempewolf, Dolores Koerperich, Wayne Larson, Marguerite Bailey, Marian Thornton, Loyd and Mary Waldo, Elvin Beneda, Orlin Beneda, Earl Brown, Regina Stanley, Eunice Martin, Roxie Pomeroy, Ana and Jon Wishon, Mary Noone, Denise Abbey, Charlotte Meints, Opal Huntley, Jeanne Isbell, Ila Ray, Alice Shirley, Oberlin.

Lyle News

By Veda Wood

Those who enjoyed quilting at Lyle on Tuesday were Margaret Magers, June Jolly, Veda Wood, Joyce Sumner and her guest, Ivy Rolland of Norton.

A.J. High worked on some frozen pipes at the community building on Wednesday. His daughter, Aubrey, visited Mrs. Magers and then visited her great-grandmother while he was at Lyle. He put in new faucets in the community building and also at Mrs. Magers' home.

Gary Anthony is better after being ill a few days. Keith Anthony is

home from the hospital.

Dwight Wood is to have more surgery on his foot in the next few weeks, but before that he and Teresa plan to take three weeks training at Lincoln, Neb., so he can do his dialysis at home.

Carol Woodmansee spoke for the Lyle services on Sunday, Jan. 28. Her physical condition is remaining stable, so no dialysis in the near future.

Veda Wood had a short visit from her great-grandsons, Garrett Bader and Grant Slater, on Saturday.

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Sympathy is extended to the family of Terry Hill, who died Friday in Florida. His wife is the former Tonya Peterson, daughter of Besie Peterson of Atwood and the late Clarence Peterson. She is a sister of Connie Peckham of Atwood. Besides his wife, he is survived by a daughter, Amanda. He was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Hill of Herndon.

Congratulations to Violet Holle, who was honored on her 85th birthday with an open house at the Good Samaritan Center in Atwood on Sunday afternoon. Hosts were her husband, Fran, and children, Larry Holle, Evergreen, Colo.; Kevin and Mary Holle, rural Herndon; Shelley Holle, Chanute, and Cheryl Holle, Kansas City. Mail will reach her at 650 Lake Road, Atwood, Kan., 67730.

Brandon and Kristi Dirks were welcomed as new members of the Herndon Covenant Church during morning worship services Sunday. Officiating was Pastor Keith Reuther.

Detta Anderson and Joy Votapka took Mary Lou Olson out for lunch

on Friday, Jan. 25, in observance of her birthday.

Mac and Jeri McPheeters, Colby, and Dave and Sherry Bergling visited Quentin and Olive Bergling in Atwood on Saturday.

Pastor Keith Reuther attended the Evangelical Covenant Conference in Chicago last week.

Tyler Witt was a Saturday dinner guest of his grandparents, Keith and Mary Lou Olson.

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Good Samaritan News

It is hard to know what to say to a family member when their loved one has taken their last breath. We search and often grapple for just the right words that will bring them comfort....often statements are made like: She was a good person or she lived a good, long life, or she's in a much better place now. It is an awkward moment only if we are uncertain of their loved one's faith. But when we know that they have accepted Jesus as their Lord and Savior it is a day of rejoicing, not of sorrow. We grieve because we will miss them.

On Monday, we celebrated the life of Doris Miller. She had made her faith known just a week before her death. We need not sorrow as those who have no hope, because we know that Doris is looking into the face of Jesus, resting snug in His

everlasting arms.

Tuesday was another day to celebrate, this time for Elaine Thomas. An early 90th birthday luncheon was held in her honor hosted by her son and daughter-in-law who came from Missouri. He had a meal brought in catered by Jeanette Diederich. Twelve friends and family gathered in the Quiet Room to eat, reminisce, and laugh together. They then headed to Town Square to enlarge the party by holding a Song Fest for everyone to enjoy. Elaine's birthday is Feb. 8 and another party is in the making!

On Friday, we had some silly fun with Gary, the Groundhog. We celebrated Ground Hog Day early. We played three games, splitting into two teams: the "Ground Hogs" (Amy Rehm, Fern Anderson, Faye Miller and Donna Lincoln) and

the "Woodchucks" (Lora Zwickle, Opal Bryan, Earl Brown and Lucy Schissler)

The first game was a brain game. The word Shadow was written on the board and each team in turn was to name an animal beginning with an S, an H, an A etc. The Ground Hogs won that round. The next game was Body Language Charades we called a tie. The last game was a skill game. Gary, the Ground Hog was placed in the middle of the table in his "hole" and each player took turns throwing balls to keep him from coming out to see his shadow. This was the most fun and the most wild of the three games. We gave up keeping score!

Visitors this week were: Ron and Dixie Snyder (Colby), Penny Fringer and Reva Marshall for **Dorothy Hunt**. Don and Joan Grafel (Hern-

don), Steve Nelson and Violet Shaw for **Thelma Spiers**. Marvin and Sharon Slabaugh for **Opal Bryan**. Daisy Rhein for **Jeanette Conway**. Detta Anderson for **Eva Bryan**. Eunice Martin, Lila Thorson, Arian Arnold for **Edla Olson**. Mert McEvoy, Terry McGuire (Atwood) for **Lucy Schissler**. Norma Richards for **Mae Guy**. Reta Cody Hawkins (McDonald) for **Elaine Thomas**. Gerald and Charlene Karnes (Salina) for **Hazel Flaska**. Stan and Ramona Shaw (Jennings) for **Emma Sanford**. Gladys Geis for **Kathryn Post**. Bud and Vicky Mumm (Gemry), Duane and Marilyn Hebbs (Colby) for **Doris Marintzer**. Wayne Larson for **John Ready**. Craig Francis (Hastings, Neb.) for **Loren Escher**. Benjamin Smith and Emily Fulton (Rockford, Ill.) and Linda Smith and kids for **Dorothy Pryor**.

Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

The Jennings Tuesday Study Club had lunch at the Triple C Cafe in Glade on Jan. 22; President Helen Rhodes conducted the meeting, then members went to the Dane Hansen Museum in Logan. A quilt show, "Altered Views" was presented by the Kansas Art Quilters. The Heritage Quilt Club of Norton also had several quilts on display. Members Wilma Mader, Helen Rhodes, Lynn Tacha, Joan McKenna, Neoma Tacha and Vendla Tacha attended. The February meeting will be in Selden with a visit to the book bindery.

The benefit hog roast held Saturday evening for Mike Tacha was a huge success. Over 350 people attended. We would like to thank everyone who attended the supper, donated their time, brought food items and auction items, monetary donations, or helped in any way to make the supper a success. A special thanks to Thrivent Financial for Lutherans for their supplemental funds. Mike had a good report from

his doctor in Wichita when he went for his checkup last week.

Dave and Debbie Graham of Norton visited her parents, Elwood and Norine Bailey, Saturday evening after attending the benefit supper for Mike Tacha at the Senior Center. A grandson Brent Brooks, Colby, visited at the Bailey home Saturday. Reminder: Sunflower Senior carry-in potluck supper, 6 p.m., Tuesday evening, Feb. 12. Bingo will be played following the meal. Everyone is welcome to come.

The closing on the sale of Friendship Village was completed Friday afternoon at the Decatur Abstract office in Oberlin. D & R Rentals of Morrill, Kan., purchased the Housing. Chris Green has been hired as manager. After being closed for a year, apartments are now available to rent.

Children's Story Hour will be held the second Saturday of each month at the City Library. February Story Hour is Feb. 9.

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