

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1883
McKay's grist mill on the Beaver is running almost constantly, day and night, and is given to entire satisfaction to patrons and proprietor. The winter term of the public school closes Friday with a public examination. An invitation is extended to the patrons of the school to attend and judge for themselves the progress the scholars have made.

Jake Wilson now owns the best cyoke and oxen in Decatur County. Wiggins says his great storm will strike Kansas March 10th. Nellis Palmer is lecturing on "Hell and Its Tortures." She is addressing it to unmarried men as married men already know the answers. In swinging an axe, Ira Wear displays the agility of a pet rhinoceros walking on a tight rope.

100 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1908
Hayes & Son have rigged up a new fangled arrangement for burning oil that seems to work satisfactorily. Traer Items: D.C. Porterfield has stocked a line of farm implements. Lund Items: The ball game between North Valley and Swede Home teams last Saturday was won by Swede Home by a score of 29-12.

John W. Rea, a miller of 20 years experience, arrived Tuesday from Wakefield and went to work for H.Q. Banta.

Married, March 4, 1908, Mr. Lewis J. Pierce and Miss Esther D. White; Feb. 27, 1908, Mr. Arthur Scott and Mattie E. Mayfield.

South Sappa News: A wedding of much local interest took place Wednesday, Feb. 27, 1908 when Miss Adina Peterson became the bride of Oscar A. Walinder of Herndon.

Public School Notes: The annual DCHS contest in declamation and debate was held at the opera house. Among the declaimers Mary Vawter took first place and Grace Douglass second. The question for debate was: "Resolved, That football promotes the best interests of the high school." The affirmative debaters — Donald Riste, Edward Kennedy and W.D. Street, Jr., — lost the decision of the judges to the negative team — Charles Battin, Augusta Geisenhener and Glenn Logan.

75 YEARS AGO \ Feb. 1933
The record of only .97 of an inch of moisture in the past five months breaks another weather record for Oberlin.

Six Decatur matmen entered the state tournament at Manhattan last week and earned a fourth-place rating. Elmer Hackney and Kenneth Norton rated second place and Gerald Van Vleet and James McCartney rated third. The boys paid their own expenses, lodging was furnished and Kirkendall furnished the car.

The grade school basketball team coached by Edwin Hitchcock took first place among the 15 teams competing here Saturday. The Campfire Girls served hamburgers and candy bars at the tournament and took in \$43.

Jennings: Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Carter are the parents of a son born Friday.

Big Timber: Eggs, 9 cents; corn,

18 , hogs hardly worth mentioning.

Leoville: Mrs. Barney Schiefer-ecke spent Saturday with her mother in Dresden.

Norcatur: We feel a personal loss in reporting the death of little Carl Whittington, almost four.

A group of young people of the Olive Chapel neighborhood had a party at the Harve Fisher home last Saturday night in honor of Muriel, Robert and Roy Barratt who are moving from that community.

50 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1958

Southwestern Bell Telephone filed last week with the Kansas Corporation Commission, a petition to eliminate free service between the Dresden and Oberlin exchanges. The application also asks for discontinuance of free service between Dresden and Jennings and Dresden and Kanona. Two weeks ago a similar Bell request was filed to discontinue free service between Norcatur and Norton. According to Southwestern Bell when these communities get dial installed, free service will be too expensive to maintain.

The board of Clayton school district of Norton and Decatur counties has voted to close the high school at Clayton at the close of the present term. Most of the students will go to Jennings, Norton, Norcatur or Oberlin with proximity to Jennings and the willingness of Jennings school authorities to send busses into the area likely factors in that school's getting most of the pupils.

Another member was added to the *Herald's* correspondents this week with Mrs. Keith Olson writing Midway News. Midway is a Swedish community west of Oberlin. Mrs. Olson, the former Mary Lou Bendon, was employed at the *Herald* prior to her marriage last spring.

The Selden basketball team is riding an 18-game winning streak and is a heavy favorite to win the District BB tournament being held at Leoville.

A barn on the Clayton Diehl farm southwest of Oberlin burned Feb. 19 according to Mrs. Albert Sauvage, Sappa Valley correspondent. Guy Bryan, who rents the Diehl farm, had hay stored in the barn and only the stone walls were left standing.

The Decatur County Hospital had its best year since opening in 1950 according to hospital administrator Joe Pollara with an occupancy of 69.9 percent.

Jim Carver and Jim Alexander, both juniors, can add their names to the long list of state wrestling champions from Oberlin. Oberlin's other contestant, Jim Kelley, finished third.

25 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1983

Work has begun on a 16-unit general occupancy apartment complex to be located at the corner of Ash and Garfield streets in Oberlin by the H.T. Paul Co., Topeka. General contractor is Bainter Construction, Hoxie. The complex will consist of four one-bedroom apartments, four two-bedroom apartments and eight three-bedroom units. Rental will be based on income and financing is being handled in part through the Farmers Home Administration.

The Oberlin Red Devil boys basketball season ended with a 72-47 defeat by the Trego Golden Eagles in the first round of substate tournament action. In girls substate, Oberlin was defeated by Hill City 56-30 to end their season.

Hospital News: Karen and Christopher Bailey, Oberlin, daughter, Andrea Michel, Feb. 24.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph LaSalle announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Lisa Joann, to James Larry Fortin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Fortin, rural Oberlin.

An April 30, 1983, wedding is planned at Oberlin United Methodist Church.

Chamber News

By Jo Henderson

A big thank you to everyone who sponsored and attended the Farm/Ranchers Appreciation Banquet Feb. 16.

It went very well and everyone seemed to have a good time. The food and entertainment were good; and many good prizes were won. Thanks to all for making this a success. And a huge apology to anyone whose name was inadvertently left off of the program.

The winner of the National Football Championship drawing was Shayla Williby. Congratulations go out to her. Hope she enjoys her gift basket.

There will be a Coffee Hour at Ward Drug from 9:30 to 11 a.m. on Friday (Leap Day, by the way), so drop by and say hello. Refreshments

will be served. See you there!

I'd like to say spring is right around the corner, I am soooooo ready for it, as I'm sure you are, but I'm afraid I will jinx us, so I'll just say take a look to the northeast at their weather and we have nothing to complain about. It will get here when it gets here.

So have a good weekend get out if you can and enjoy!

See you on the sidewalk

By the way, I will be doing a few giveaways from time to time so pay attention. This week I have two coupons for Pizza Hut and two sets of two passes to the theater — free to the first people who come in and ask, your choice — first come, first serve.

Good luck!

Cedar Living News

Sympathy is extended to the family of Grace Cook who died at Cedar Living Center on Sunday.

Several residents gathered Monday afternoon to play penny cards. The group included Naomi Carter, Darlene Fisher, Elsie Goodnight, Mary Kolsky, Elwood Mines, Kayo Sattler, John Schuhart, Frank Ward and Delores Wheeler. Lyle Gamblin and Ira Kolsky also played with the group.

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

Mary Kolsky won both the first Bingo and the blackout game on Tuesday afternoon. Wava Reames called the numbers.

Juanita Williby hosted the pinochle players on Wednesday afternoon. Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson on Wednesday.

The dietary and activity departments served as hosts for a special supper for the poker club on Wednesday evening. The group enjoyed deli sandwiches, deviled eggs, potato salad, chips and cookies. Father Henry Saw Lone said Mass for residents on the Cedar Living Center patio on Thursday morning.

The bowling group met for a game on Thursday afternoon in the dining room. We do not keep score, but everyone does well and we have a great time. Snacks were served following the game.

Jody Betts and Diane Bremer visited Henrietta Bremer on Thursday afternoon to help her celebrate her

birthday. The baking group made mince-meat cookies on Friday afternoon. These old-fashioned cookies are a big hit with the residents.

Recent visitors: John and Deane Tacha, Lawrence; Stan and Ramona Shaw and Doyle and Kay Brown, Jennings; Judy Jackson, DeVonna New and Dorothy Ward, Norcatur; Meredith Hrnchir, Atwood; Shirley Wishon, Danbury, Neb.; Theresa Rippe, Ludell; Bob and Julie Hafner, Frank Cox and Linda Bosler, Herndon; Susan McCain, McDonald; Steve and Vonda Leopold and Spencer and Addison Schliep, McCook.

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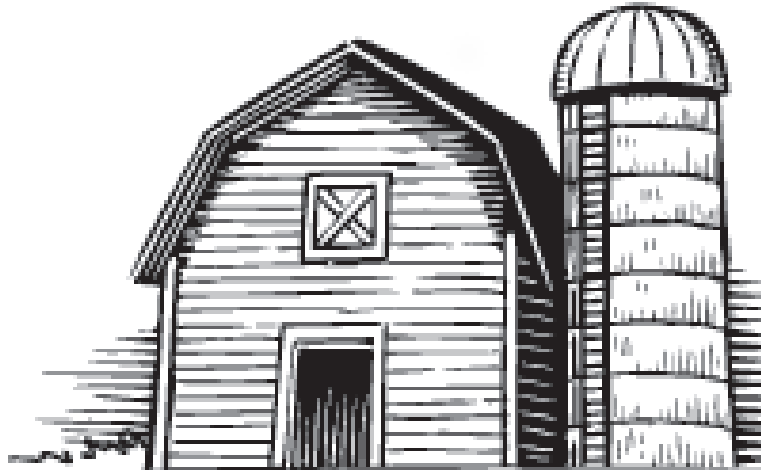
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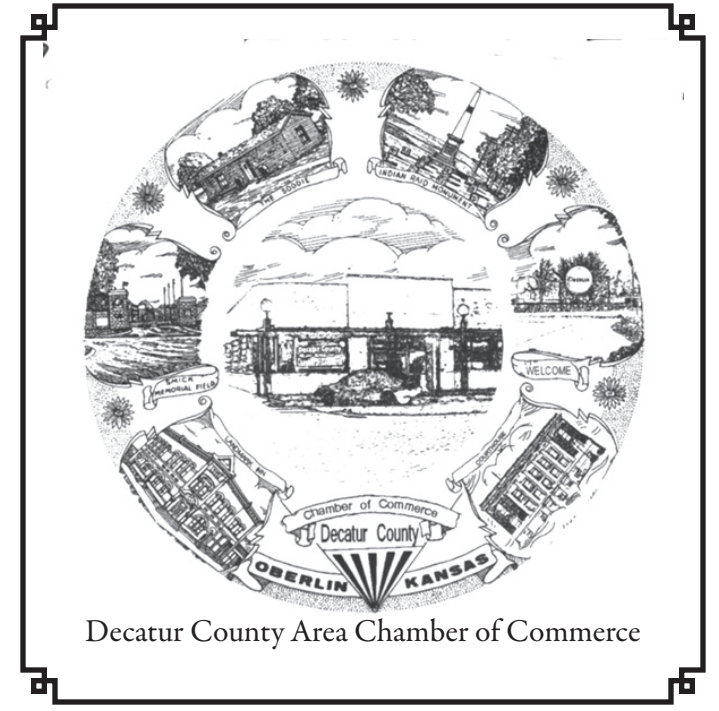


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