

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1884

H.D. Colvin, Past Post Commander of T.E.G. Ransom Post, G.A.R., had the Herald print an invitation to all honorably discharged Civil War veterans to join.

E.D. Babcock took a load of harness, saddles, bridles, etc., to Atwood and easily disposed of the whole outfit. The Atwood cowboys would not let him pay for a thing while he was there.

Jennie Hayward in her report as teacher of the Hawkeye schools lists the name of Herman Claaras among the 10 pupils.

In the report of Mary C. Rule, teacher of the Lyle school, an average attendance of 25 is claimed.

Most of the local space in the Herald was taken up with the account of the trial of those accused of killing L.G. Rideer.

100 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1909

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Graves are the parents of twins, a boy and a girl.

Reverend Everett is about again after his serious illness. He lost 60 pounds during his illness.

Grover N. Martin and Stella M. Johnston were married at Norton on Wednesday.

Norcatu is to have another newspaper. Jesse Deeter will be the editor. The office will be in the Chapel building.

Traer Items: Fred Walton has bad luck Sunday night while returning from seeing his girl. His horse ran against a post, upsetting and breaking the buggy.

Word came Saturday that James F. Hackney, a son of James B. Hackney of Bassettville Township has been seriously injured in an accident at Riverton, Wyo. The nature of the accident has not been learned.

Mr. and Mrs. Azof Wright order their Herald sent to Ontario, Calif., where they have located.

The Oliver revival meetings continue to attract great crowds of people and many conversions have been made.

75 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1934

Approximately \$50,000 more in checks from the Wheat Allotment money is expected to arrive in the county this week.

The Hugh Webster family has moved to Manhattan and he has severed his relations with the Duckwall Company. Francis Wilson, assistant manager of the Duckwall store at

Norton the past two years, has been promoted to the managerial position here. He expects to move with his wife and two-year-old son into the house vacated by the Websters, one of the Art Steele properties on N. Griffith Avenue.

An article in the Drover's Telegram stated that the cattle sold by Frank Martin of Sappa Township, a purebred Hereford breeder, topped the Kansas City market recently. The article stated that the six steers in the lot weighed 906 pounds and the \$7 paid for them was the highest price on a consignment of steers since Sept. 27.

Work started last week on the re-graveling of U.S. Highway 36 in Decatur County. The sand-gravel is taken from a pit a few miles north of Jennings.

Harlan: There will be a Kansas Day program at the Locust Grove schoolhouse Monday evening.

A simply arranged and impressive ceremony took place at 8 o'clock Sunday morning at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H.Q. Banta when their twin daughters, Miss Lola Murielle and Miss Lila Pearl, became the brides of Mr. Floyd E. King of Cawker City and Mr. Theo R. Couter of Oberlin.

The double-ring service was read by Rev. J. D. Bowles of the Federated Church. The brides are graduates of Decatur Community High School with the Class of 1925 and Mrs. King received her degree from Kansas University and has been teaching in the Rexford schools.

Mrs. Counter graduated from Kansas State College and is a member of the Jennings faculty. Mr. Counter is the son of Mrs. H.E. Counter and is well and favorably known here. He is a graduate of the local high school and took work at Kansas State College. Mr. King has a degree from Kansas University and is employed by the state highway commission.

The Kings will be at home in Phillipsburg where he is employed with the state highway commission.

50 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1959

Three Jennings area neighbors and a Dresden farmer have been named winners of the 1959 Key Banker awards for outstanding soil conservation practices: Henry Heilman, Delbert Robertson and Dallas Kolsky, who farm less than five miles from each other, and

Gerald Meitl, Dresden, will be recognized.

K.R. Garver has been named McCook division manager for Kansas-Nebraska Natural Gas Company. Garver is a brother of Mrs. Ernie Unger, and of Ray Garver, former Decatur County sheriff.

Abdul Fallah Shirazi, a native of Iran, will speak at two local churches Monday in conjunction with their schools of mission.

Transfer of the Rexford and Selden telephone exchanges from United Telephone Co., of Kansas to the Rural Telephone Service of Lenora was in effect at 8 a.m. Tuesday.

Edgar Williams, long-time Decatur County farmer now living in Norton County, was elected president of the Kansas State Board of Agriculture at the 88th annual meeting in Topeka Friday.

Blizzard conditions idled Red Devil wrestlers and basketballers Tuesday night.

25 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1984

A spellbound audience listened to NASA astronaut John M. Lounge following the Decatur County Area Chamber of Commerce dinner at DCHS as he pictured for them what it's like to orbit the earth in a space shuttle. More than 150 persons attended the dinner. Lounge has served on the launch support team and is scheduled to go on a flight in December.

Chosen for this year's soil conservation Kansas Bankers Association awards are: Blanchie and Tom McGuire, Sherman Township and Virginia and Jay Griffith near Clay-

Chamber News

By Tina Watson

The Chamber is getting ready for the Farmer Rancher Appreciation Banquet on Friday, Feb. 13. We have been working hard getting letters out, and preparing for this big event. We would like to express our appreciation to everyone who has donated for this event.

Oberlin Business Alliance is having a championship football drawing. The person who guesses the winner of the big football game on Sunday, Feb. 1, correctly and the total points will win a bucket full of great gifts donated by participating

businesses.

You can go to one of the following to make your guess today: Addleman Drug, CMA Distributors, Culligan Water, Decatur Co-op, Farmers Bank and Trust, First National Bank, LandMark Inn, Pizza Hut, R&M Service Center, Stanley Hardware, The Bank, Ward Drug, Dale's Fish N Fun, and the Decatur County Last Indian Raid Museum.

We will be picking the boxes up on Friday, Jan. 30, so come on downtown and make your prediction today!

Good Samaritan News

By Lisa Paulson

We were so happy to welcome the Vic Mowry Band last Thursday night. His band is made up of members from Selden and Hoxie. The weather cooperated and we had quite the night. It is just wonderful to hear the music; your toes start tappin', and your body starts a boppin', and before you know it, you are full blown dancin'!

The dining room was filled with tappin' toes and boppin' bodies, smiles and friends. The Rev. and

Mrs. Glen Patterson of the United Methodist Church at Selden, Marian Wenger, Stuart Euhus, the Lyle gals and others from the community came to partake of the fun. They danced with each other and residents. Leo Mooty, Bonnie Weskamp, Eileen Laird, Don Stapp, Elsie Macy, Leone Porsch, Evelyn Olson, Alice Bobbitt, Doris Marintzer, Lucy Schissler, Earl Brown, Jeanette Conway, Dorothy Pryor, Dorothy Hunt, Opal Bryan,

Shirley Hayward and Marie McChesney all took a spin or two on the dance floor. Residents who chose to watch were Amy Rehm, Lora Zwickle, Eleanore Demmer, R.D. Thornton, Edla Olson, Emma Sanford and Arlene Rissotto.

We had such a great time, we're gonna do it again this time with Michael Melbauer providing the music on Sunday, Feb. 8, during our Sweetheart Dance at 7 p.m.

The Star Valley 4-H will be hosting this event, decorating and providing the refreshments. Plan to join us. The more the merrier!

Both Tuesday and Wednesday we took advantage of the spring-like weather and played "Hillbilly Horseshoes" on the front patio. Opal Bryan was the winner on Tuesday. Shirley Hayward and Mary Lemman tied for first on Wednesday.

Others who participated were

Don Stapp, Marie McChesney, Emma Sanford, Evelyn Olson, Alice Bobbitt, Opal Bryan, Amy Rehm, Eileen Laird, Leone Porsch, Faye Miller, Myrtle Ross, Elsie Macy, Jeanette Conway and Doris Marintzer.

Visitors this week were Bud and Vicky Mumm for **Hubert Mumm** and **Doris Marintzer**. Ron and Dixie Snyder (Colby) and Reva Marshall for **Dorothy Hunt**. Marvin and Sharon Slabaugh and Brian and Pam Simonsson for **Opal Bryan**. Frank and Mert McEvoy for **Lucy Schissler**. Connie Simonsson for **Amy Rehm**. Arian Arnold for **Edla Olson**. Ann Hazlitt (Selden) and the Rev. and Mrs. Glen Patterson (Selden) for **Leone Porsch**. Marilyn Horn for **Myrtle Ross**. Lori Brewer (Limon, Colo.) for **Leona Helmkamp**. Betty Heisel for **Ethel Nemeth**.

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Congratulations to Beth Reuther, who won the 2009 Geography Bee at Rawlins County School. She is the daughter of Pastor Keith and Sandy Reuther.

Toby Harmon of Oberlin, spent last Wednesday with Steve Arnold. Joining them and Mrs. Arnold for lunch was his mother, Beth Harmon.

Jennie Anderson and Cowen Michael were honored with a baby shower Sunday afternoon at The Gateway in Oberlin.

Detta Anderson and Donna Kelley have been at Hadley Regional Medical Center in Hays with Eva Bryan, who has been recuperating from a broken hip.

The Herndon Covenant Church congregation is invited to a Sweetheart Banquet at 6 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 8, at The Gateway in Oberlin. Reservations are due at the church by Sunday, Feb. 1. Cost is \$15 per person. Other churches participating are the Lund and Oberlin Covenant Churches.

Gavin Gutchewsky of Kearney, Neb., spent last week with his grandparents, Jack and Mary Gutchewsky, while his parents, Brian and Kristi Gutchewsky, were on a trip to Cancun, Mexico.

Dick and Donna Kelley attended the surprise 80th birthday party on Jan. 17, in McPherson, which honored his brother, Bob Kelley.

Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

There were several winners at the dice game played on Monday afternoon in the Cedar Living Center dining room. Those joining in on the fun included: Dale Butler, Darlene Fisher, Alvina Gamblin, Elsie Goodnight, Ruth Havel, Donna Kent, Edie Pettera, Mary Votapka, Delores Wheeler, Aleen Van Fleet, and Art and Alice May. Myrna Jones led the sing-along time on Monday afternoon.

Everyone sang "Happy Birthday" to Darlene Fisher who was celebrating her special day on Monday.

Edie Pettera won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon and Agnes Pruitt won the blackout game.

Many of the residents watched the coverage of the Presidential Inauguration on television during the day on Tuesday. Several residents met on the patio before supper on Tuesday to read stories about President Obama and his family and about past presidents and inaugurations.

The Western Fraternal Association hosted the January birthday party on Wednesday afternoon in the dining room. Lodge members served cake and ice cream. Those being honored with January birthdays included: Art and Alice May, Dell Pomeroy, Darlene Fisher, and Blanche Skubal. Each received a small gift from the Lodge.

Juanita Williby hosted the pinocle players on Wednesday afternoon. Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson before supper on Wednesday.

Fr. Henry Saw Lone had a Catholic Mass on the patio on Thursday morning.

Residents gathered for a game of penny cards on Thursday afternoon. Refreshments were served following the game in honor of National Activity Professionals' Week. Charlotte Kurtz and Teresa Shaughnessy served nachos to residents, staff, and guests who helped them celebrate their special week. A game night was held that evening.

The baking group made cookies on Friday afternoon. The fresh-from-the-oven cookies were a big hit with everyone.

The poker players met with Sam Mack on Saturday evening.

St. John's Lutheran Church was in charge of the worship service on Sunday afternoon. Stuart Euhus served as the leader and Dianne Bremer played the piano and led the singing.

Recent visitors: Lad and Lori Truetken, Helen Carman, Don Wasson, Steve and Barb Brown, Selden; Annette Lambert, Celina, Texas; Lillian Sulzmann, Dresden; Linda Bosler, Bruce Wendelin, Cheri Kastens, Carol Kompus, Herndon; Deanna Sumner, Norcatu.

Shelli Fortin, Jackie Votapka, Jon and Karina Fisher, Marguerite Bailey, Elaine Bryan, Catherine Neal, Marilyn Gamblin, Diana Gamblin, Lyle Gamblin, Ira Kolsky, Leslie Plotts, Roxie Pomeroy, Connie Cramer, Max and Veanna Carman, John and Dianne Bremer, Oberlin.

Herndon News

By Julie Hafner

St. Mary's Christian Mothers Altar Society held its meeting following mass Sunday. Officers for 2009 were elected and yearly projects discussed. Officers are as follows: Eileen Unger, president; Deanna Williams, vice-president and Julie Hafner, secretary-treasurer. Father Dan Scheetz encouraged the parishioners to share the talents each is blessed with by freely volunteering when needed. Many took heed, as the meeting was well attended and very refreshing.

The Belles of St. Mary's will be entertaining at Cedar Living Center in Oberlin at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 1. For further information, call Theresa Rippe, 322-5384. Please come join in the singing and visiting with the residents.

The Herndon senior citizens held their dinner and business meeting on Wednesday with 10 seniors attending at the center. Sue Frick and Beth Chartier won blackout and Jerry Harris won the door prize.

Paul, Michele, Melissa and Ryan Prewo of Logan were visitors of Roseanne Stoney and family this weekend, celebrating the birthday of Larry Stoney.

Chase, Dana and Payton Juenemann, Hays, came to watch Lucas Juenemann play basketball in the Oberlin Invitational tournament. Lucas was named to the all-star tournament team. Ron and Cindy Sattler, and Chase, Dana and Payton enjoyed breakfast Sunday at the Ron Beims home, where Cindy fixed Swedish pancakes for everyone. Chase and Ron went coyote calling Saturday but came home without any "dogs." Nana and Grampa sure enjoy these weekends!

Julie Hafner and Janice Sattler enjoyed pizza at the bowling alley in Atwood Thursday evening. Julie attended the open house at the Rawlins County Historical Museum and

enjoyed the guest speaker, Albert Harden. Albert spoke of his service in the Korean War and life experiences and shared ideas about the many books he has written. Tuesday evening Julie joined others in an informational meeting for those interested in a volume three up-date to the Rawlins County Historical Set. The next meeting will be at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 26, at Midwest Energy in Atwood. People are encouraged to attend.

Laverne and Sharon Frick visited her sister, Gwen Gilbert, in McCook last weekend. Gwen is recuperating nicely at home.

Julie's Memory Joggers

Oct. 15, 1914 Nonpareil

George Sattler Jr. was in from Richland township Tuesday and advised us of the birth of a baby son at his home Sunday, Oct. 12, 1914. The little fellow will be known in later years as Clarence John Sattler. George informed us that he will begin Thursday building a new residence and other improvements on his farm near the state line.

J.R. Kirchner, Seb Zwickl, Chas. Riepl and the Nonpareil scribes went to McCook last Tuesday evening via J.R. Kirchner's new Ford. The reason for the trip being to attend the regular election of officers of the McCook Council of Knights of Columbus. While in that city we met many acquaintances and some former Herndonites, among who were Dell George and Harry Hefty. Dell is holding a good position with the Burlington, and Harry tells that he is head miller for the McCook Milling Co. and is doing well.

J.W. Jennings came in Saturday from the John Green farm in Richland township where he had been putting in cement sidewalks. Mr. Green had just completed 900 lineal feet of cement walks from his residence to the various outbuildings.

Rexford News

By Vicki Allison

The Western Plains Arts Association will present the play, "Amelia Earhart," a Wichita Children's Theatre and Dance Center performance, at Golden Plains Middle/High School in Rexford, at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 30. The public is invited and admission is free.

Golden Plains school activities for the week: Wednesday, Jan. 28, the Freedom League Scholars

Bowl at Tribune. Thursday, Jan. 29, Middle School and High School basketball vs. Grinnell/Wheatland at Rexford, middle school at noon, will play four full games. High school following at 4:30 p.m. with a half game of junior varsity girls and three full games. Friday, Jan. 30, at 9:30 a.m. assembly, "Amelia Earhart." High School basketball at Dighton.

Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Tim Waterman, son of Elmer and Margaret Waterman, stationed at Robins Air Force Base, Georgia, was deployed Saturday, Jan. 24, to the Persian Gulf at Qatar. When a contact address for Tim is received, it will be printed in the Mount Pleasant column.

Our sympathies to Shirley (Unger) Gaede, San Antonio, Texas, on the loss of her husband Robert Gaede. His funeral services were held Saturday morning, Jan. 17, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Oberlin, with burial at Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery, rural Hoxie. Shirley is the sister of Ralph and Duane Unger.

Houseguests of Ralph and Norma Unger attending Bob Gaede's funeral were his wife, Shirley, and their two daughters Cheryl and Steve Handy, Hillary, Paige, and Miles, Austin, Texas; and Rhonda and Glenn Long, Huntsville, Ala.; Rachelle Gorrell, Bland, Mo.; and Butch and Colleen Rittmann, Christian and Rielly, Shawnee. Additional out-of-town relatives attending the funeral were Bob's brother, Carl and Arleda Gaede, and sister, Phyllis Karnes, all of Hoxie; Duane and Lois Unger, Colby; and Ryan and Darci Unger, St. Francis, as well as a number of other relatives and friends.

Lynn and Roberta Johnson, Vince and Peggy Carswell, and John and

Dianne Bremer enjoyed a soup supper at the home of Ralph and Violet Shaw on Monday, Jan. 12.

Violet Shaw left Thursday, Jan. 15, for Lakewood, Colo., where she spent a few days visiting Elaine Samuelson, a longtime family friend. Violet returned home on Monday.

Martin and Evelyn May were Tuesday afternoon visitors of Elden and Marilou Long.

Shirley Gaede, and Pete and Nan Zander were Wednesday evening guests of Ralph and Norma Unger for pizza.

Jerry and Connie Olson returned home on Saturday from a 10-day vacation in California visiting relatives. While there, they were houseguests of Max and Marilyn Schell, Livermore, Calif. Marilyn is Jerry's aunt, a sister of Evelyn Olson.

Sunday afternoon visitors of Wilma May were Andrew and Stephanie (May) Frankforter and Ethan, Lincoln, Neb., and Elwood May.

Stuart Euhus from St. John's Lutheran Church led worship services at the Good Samaritan Center and Cedar Living Center Sunday afternoon.

John and Dianne Bremer were Saturday evening dinner guests of Esther Ready who is spending a few days visiting her parents, John and Muriel Ready.

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