

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1885

Rained Saturday. Four below zero Monday.

Bertram & Doom will move into their new quarters this week.

Lumber for the new skating rink commenced arriving Monday.

Keys & Emahizer refused \$25 a month rent for the old Pioneer Drug Store building one day last week.

A Mr. Phillips, a member of the Lincoln, Nebr., Townsite Co. arrived in Oberlin Monday with a view to purchasing property in Oberlin and vicinity. His presence in our midst suggests the probability of the B&M railroad reaching out this way.

Vallonia Items: John Hayward has turned his back on sunny Kansas and started for Michigan to be gone four or five weeks.

J.R. Neill, a prominent merchant of Crete, Nebraska, arrived in town last week and purchased quite heavily of real estate in Oberlin.

The new officers for the Oberlin Cornet Band are: president, E.L. Beckwith; secretary, Geo. W. Keys; treasurer, R. A. Reasoner and leader, Udo Frath.

100 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1910

Four degrees below zero this morning. Some farmers are a little anxious about the wheat.

Earl Wilson was notified this week that he had been appointed deputy state veterinarian for this county.

This office received a card from Dr. C.S. Kenney of Norcatgur saying he was in a hospital at Kansas City and had undergone an operation for appendicitis and was getting along nicely.

Al Hollister is getting ready to move out to his farm.

J.C. Ufford talks entertainingly of his visit to California. He bought a nice home there and will move out next fall.

An appreciative audience greeted H.O. Caster at the M.E. Church on Tuesday evening when he delivered his lecture, "The Citizen and The Republic."

75 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1935

Construction on Highway 183 through Oberlin will start at once and Mrs. Harper, clerk in the federal re-employment office, has been well occupied receiving applications for work. It is unofficially reported that the state highway department has completed their plans preparing to let the contract for an additional 7 miles construction on US 183 south of Oberlin. This probably will be advertised for bids early next month and will include a substantial bridge over the Sappa.

At the regular Tuesday noon meeting of Oberlin Rotary, three new members attended their first meeting, Howard Hanson, Ralph Clark and J.R. (Jake) Betts.

Kanona: Ladies Aid met recently at the home of Mrs. Alvin Johnson with 11 members and 9 visitors present. The afternoon was spent quilting and was followed by a Kansas Day Program. She was assisted in serving a dainty luncheon by Mrs. Erma Johnson.

Norcatgur: William Bell is enrolled for the second semester at Emporia State Teachers College.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Anderson are proud to announce the birth of an infant son weighing 7 pounds. The baby was born at the Norton hospital.

Mr. Earl Stults and Miss Violet Kannarr were married at the Methodist parsonage Saturday evening.

Several new Chevrolets are being driven around town. Lyle Chapin is a new owner of one as are Leslie Brown, Andrew Castle and Jake Betts. The Oberlin Milling Co. and Decatur County have both recently purchased Chevrolet trucks and H.Q. Banta is driving a new Oldsmobile.

50 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1960

The Oberlin Teen Club was formed at an organizational meeting last week at the library basement. The group decided that the second Thursday of each month would be the best night for dances which will be held at the Oberlin American Legion hall. A rule was adopted that "everyone will wear school clothes" and that members must sign in when they come and when they leave and no one who leaves will be allowed to return that evening. Representing students were Jim Wesch, senior; Regina Wennihan, junior; Carolyn McCartney and Andrea Castle, sophomores and Lee Martin, freshman. Parents were Leslie Walters, Mrs. Harold Machart, Mrs. Glenn Mott, Mrs. John W. Smith, Mrs. Harold Brown, Bruce Guinn, jr., and Mrs. Lawrence Urban. Six parents will serve as sponsors at dances.

Jennings: Janice Bainter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Bainter, and a junior at Jennings Rural High School, was elected president of District VII Future Homemakers of America at the annual meeting held in Oberlin on Saturday. She will be installed at the state meeting to be held in Topeka in March.

Oberlin's basketball team scared the daylight out of Norton Tuesday night before the Bluejays managed to get home with a one-point victory 58-57. Norman Stanley led the Red Devil attack with 19 points.

Twelve Decatur Community High School wrestlers competed in the district tournament held at Atwood and seven survived to become eligible for the regional tourney: Larry Ayers, Mike Machart, Don Macfee, Bill Sater, Ronnie Martin, Gene Long and Wayne Frickey.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Cathcart, son, Robert Leroy, Feb. 6, 1960; Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Moore, Oberlin, daughter, Teri Lee, Feb. 7, 1960; Mr. and Mrs. Elden Long, Norcatgur, son, Brad D., Feb. 7, 1960.

Jennings: Funeral services were held for Hugo A. Von Schuetz, 82, who came to Decatur County in 1903 and was married to Anna Stramp on Dec. 25, 1916. They reared four daughters, Elaine Mizell, Doris Burns, Josephine Kinser and Frances Yarbarry.

25 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1985

Decatur County Hospital Administrator Terry Hoffart said the hospital has been running close to full the past two weeks with most patients suffering from complications of flu.

Delegates from Decatur County who attended the meeting of the Kansas West United Methodist Conference at Salina regarding the proposed sale of Wesley Medical Center in Wichita to a for-profit organization were the Rev. and Mrs. Gene Shoemaker and Nadine Simpson, Oberlin; the Rev. and

Mrs. Wesley Davis and Marla West, Norcatgur; the Rev. John Boyle and Mr. and Mrs. Willard Carter, Jennings and Doris Mizell, Clayton. Of the voting delegates, 358 voted yes and 252 voted no with 4 abstaining. The investment proceeds of the \$265 million sale will be used for numerous health care projects, not only in Wichita, but anywhere in the western two-thirds of the state.

The Red Devil boys basketball team coached by Dan Buchanan downed Atwood 59-55 but were beaten by Hoxie 65-49 for their sixth loss of the season. The Lady Devils beat Hoxie 48-41 but shot only 30 percent from the field against Atwood to lose by a 50-39 score.

DCHS will host one of four regional wrestling tournaments to be held across the state Friday and Saturday. Assigned teams are Atwood, Grinnell, Hill City, Holcomb, Hoxie, Hugoton, Leoti, Oakley, Oberlin, St. Francis, Tribune and WaKeeney.

Winners in the Knights of Columbus-sponsored district free-throw competition held at Leoville Sunday included Scott O'Hare, 11, Norcatgur; Christa Meitl, 11, Dresden; Justin Pachner, 12, and Jeni Shirley 12, Norcatgur and Kurt Bennett, 14, Oberlin.

Speaker at the Kansas Day program held in Jennings was Irv Hayden, Atwood, who showed a slide program about the Last Indian Raid in Kansas.

Chamber News

By Carolyn Hackney

I'm back to my warm winter clothes this Monday morning as I am writing this article. I would love to have some sunshine even if it is cold!!

I am usually pretty cool with things, but today I am stressing about getting all the details ready for the Farmer-Rancher Appreciation Banquet. I have never had the privilege of attending in prior years, but it sounds like such a fun event. Advertising is out and I hope to have a huge attendance to enjoy all the fun, and remember the meal is free!! The meal will start at 6:30 p.m. with the prizes and entertainment with Nebraska's Craig Larson following the meal. Please come join the fun and see all your neighbors. Make your reservation by today, Feb. 10, to help us ensure there is plenty of food.

A couple of big events that I know are coming up in March are the KFNF-sponsored Farm and Home

Show at The Gateway on Saturday, March 13, and the Good Samaritan-Decatur County Hoedown at the American Legion on Saturday, March 20.

Another event that takes place in Oberlin every month on each fourth Sunday at the American Legion is a good evening of "Country Music" to dance to. They have been called the Singles Dances, but we have several married couples that have nowhere to enjoy good country music, so we have opened it up to singles alumni and anyone in the community that would enjoy country music dancing. Even if you just want to come and listen to the music, it is better than sitting at home alone and being bored. There is a fee to help pay for the band. Occasionally, we have a guest of one of the regulars that is willing to help show us some new steps.

Enjoy your day; each is one more day closer to spring!!

Herndon News

By Julie Hafner

Les and Myrna Pettera, Loveland, Colo., spent a few days with Edie Pettera at Cedar Living Center in Oberlin. Tuesday afternoon Myrna visited Esther Pennington. Wednesday morning, Les and Myrna visited Chuck and Eileen Unger and in the afternoon they were guests of Beth Chartier, Herndon, and Larry and Kathy Alcorn of Anchorage, Alaska. They stopped at the Pool Hall to see Chris Wood also on Wednesday afternoon.

Voni Sattler celebrated her birthday on Friday. Family taking her to dinner in Colby Saturday evening were Kathy and Braden Leitner, Atwood; Allen, Patti, Nicolas, Brit-tani and Breanna Park, Hays; Alex Johnson, Hays; Melodie Sattler, Denver; Sam Kogl, Chelsey Williams and Kiaus, rural Atwood; and Brad, Deanna and Kassi Williams and Piper Williams, Herndon.

Janice Sattler and Julie Hafner spent a fun afternoon Wednesday shopping for antiques in Oberlin and visiting with Edie Pettera and Joan Noble at Cedar Living Center. Les and Myrna Pettera and Bob Hafner joined them later. Janice and Julie also visited their great-aunt, Hattie Toth and Shirley Williams at Good Samaritan Sunday afternoon.

Emma Lou Sattler was a guest last week of her daughter, Terri and Donnie Dechant of La Salle, Colo. They visited Myrna Keplinger, wife of the late Ronnie Keplinger, in Estes Park, Colo. Terri brought her mom home and spent Saturday with her before returning to La Salle.

Happy Saint Valentine. Did you know...? • 188 million Valentine cards are exchanged annually. This excludes packaged valentines for classroom exchanges.

- There are 10,451 candy and confectionery stores in the U.S. with 77 in Kansas.
- Each American gobbles more than 25 pounds of candy a year.
- In 2010, there are 59,674 jewelry stores in the U.S. with 373 in Kansas. Hope your husband found

one of them. Looking for Love? Try Valentine, Neb.; Valentine, Texas; Loveland, Colo.; Loveland, Ohio; Loveland, Okla.; Loving, N.M.; Romeo, Colo., or Michigan. Happy Valentine's Day!

Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Gaylord and Shirley (Euhus) Shields, Stuart Euhus, and Stan and Deanie (Euhus) Moore, Montgomery, Texas, visited their cousins, Milton and Jeanene Euhus and Keith and Dorothy Euhus, in Yuma, Ariz., on Saturday, Jan. 30. They were also joined there by Euhus cousins Ed and Irene Friedemann, Novato, Calif.; LaDonna Herbert, Cooper Landing, Alaska; Marianne and Ned Face, Oak Harbor, Wash.; and Viola Brelje, Orange, Calif.

Gaylord and Shirley Shields returned home Wednesday after spending a month vacationing in Tucson, Ariz.

Hunter Nedland, a senior at Decatur Community High School, received a I rating in Extemporaneous Speaking at the Forensics tournament in Hill City on Saturday. He is now qualified to attend State Speech this spring.

The Decatur Community High School Scholars Bowl placed third

out of 15 teams at the Class 2A Regionals in Leoti on Thursday, qualifying them to compete in the State Scholars Bowl competition next Saturday in Goessel. The team is comprised of team captain Hunter Nedland, Rhiannon Davies, Jacob Helm, Joe Hirsch, Nolan Henningson and alternate Elizabeth Nedland.

Norman and Joanne Wendelin returned home Sunday evening after spending the weekend in Lawrence visiting their daughter, Greta, and watching the Nebraska/Kansas University game.

Pam May, Zach and Hannah, were weekend visitors of her father, Ben Jorns, Pratt, to celebrate his birthday.

Richard May, Lawrence, was a Saturday overnight guest of the Rhonda May and Dan Nedland family and also visited his parents, Walter and Betty May, while in Oberlin.

Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

We have a great week of festivities planned in honor of Valentine's Day. We would especially like to include the public in two of the events planned this week. We will have a dance on Wednesday night starting at 7 p.m. in the Cedar Living Center dining room. Vic Mowry of Hoxie and his band will be providing the music. Please join the residents for this special evening.

There will be an open house in the Cedar Living Center dining room on Saturday afternoon from 2 to 3 p.m. Family and friends are invited to come share cookies and punch with the residents as we celebrate Valentine's Day. Your visits are always a wonderful way to share your love and respect with the residents.

This past Monday was filled with music. Residents played a game of "Name-That-Tune" in the afternoon. Myrna Jones and Mary Ann Amack led the sing-along time before supper on Monday.

Joan Noble won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon and Elsie Goodnight won the blackout game.

Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler of the Faith Lutheran Church gave the monthly Communion service on the patio before supper on Tuesday.

Staff member Anita Ketterl celebrated her birthday on Wednesday by sharing strawberry shortcake with the residents.

Lots of prizes were given out at the dice game played on Wednesday afternoon. Players included Darlene Fisher, Irene Fringer, Elsie Goodnight, Inez Jackson, Fern Jord-ing, Edna Mott, Agnes Pruitt, Aleen Van Vleet and Mary Votapka.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson on Wednesday afternoon.

Fr. Mark Berland brought Communion for the Catholic residents on Thursday morning.

The craft group met on Thursday afternoon to finish making Valentine's Day decorations. Several residents met on Thursday evening for a game night.

The baking group made peanut butter chocolate chip cookies on Friday afternoon. After the cookies were gone, the pinocle players met for a game hosted by Judy Jackson of Norcatgur.

Recent visitors: Carol Kompus, Linda Bosler, Julie and Bob Hafner, Herndon; Lillian Sulzmann, Helen Muirhead, Dresden; Jan Sattler, Atwood; Doyle and Kay Brown, Jennings; Alysha Tadlock, Goodland; Steve and Barb Brown, Selden; Carolyn Strevey, Deb Marshall, Norcatgur; Marj Law, Lakewood, Colo.; Les and Myrna Pettera, Loveland, Colo.

Mary McEvoy, Mildred Holmdahl, Connie Olson, Gary and Jan Walter, Lyle Gamblin, Mert McEvoy, Oberlin.

Good Samaritan News

By Lisa Paulson

Even when you are old, I will be the same. Even when your hair has turned gray, I will take care of you. Isaiah 46:4

God's promises are true and everlasting! What a privilege to join with Him in caring for the elderly. This week in Bible study we started Henry Blackaby's study, "Experiencing God." It is all about knowing and doing the will of God. Thanks to Mert McEvoy and the Herndon Covenant church, we are able to dive deep into the wellspring of God's Word and apply it to our lives right here at the Good Sam. As a result of the first lesson, we understood that God is always at work around us and that we need to join Him in His work. We talk about it all the time... God is not done with us yet! The video was filled with gray-headed people anticipating what God would have them do. People got excited!

Walter May, Evelyn Olson, Amy Rehm, Shirley Hayward, Dorothy Pryor, Lucy Schissler, Alice Bobbitt, Eva Bryan, Edla Olson, Leona Helmkamp and Myrtle Ross were ready to take on their first homework assignment which was to simply watch for God and identify what He is doing every day and then try to find a small way to join Him.

Friday was a perfect opportunity. We began a new program called our "Welcome Mat Ministry." This is reminiscent of the old "Welcome Wagon" that used to be popular. We will be welcoming all newcomers: people new to Oberlin, new to the Good Sam; employees, residents and volunteers, and even those just passing through. We packed 12 personal care kits for the Decatur County Ministerial Association to be given to travelers in need.

The kits include a personal note from the residents, a New Testament Bible, food and shower vouchers, shampoo, conditioner, lotion, a razor, soap, toothpaste and a toothbrush. A survival blanket and warm clothing will also be given, if needed.

Shirley Hayward, Leone Porsch, Amy Rehm, Eva Bryan, Alice Bobbitt, Opal Bryan, Evelyn Olson and Faye Miller helped with this project. The Cold Hands, Warm Hearts

Clothing Drive has been a huge success! Thanks to all of you who have been so generous!

God certainly uses the many people employed at Good Sam in the love and nurture of His older children, but He also uses a great number of volunteers. The employees are the backbone, but the volunteers are the "sparkle." We are always looking for new and gifted people to come along side of us to join God in His work but also to extend an opportunity for great blessings!

We are especially in need of some gentlemen. The male residents get a little overwhelmed with all the fancy, frilly happenings and would enjoy more manly interactions! Pray about it and contact Lisa Paulson if you are interested.

Don't forget, we are puttin' on our dancing shoes at 7 p.m. this Friday. Bring your Sweetheart for a night of Valentine dancing... it is always a great time!

Wow! Were we ever blessed with friends and family this week! Sharon Slabaugh and Brian and Pam Simonsson for **Opal Bryan**. Jody Betts, Jessica Luck, Corbin, Cyler and Camden (Hays), Connie Simonsson for **Amy Rehm**. Sally Olson (Atwood) and Mert McEvoy for **Lucy Schissler**. Helen Brooks and Shelby Hackney for **Ethel Nemeth**.

Ann Hazlitt (Selden) for **Leone Porsch**. Arian Arnold (Herndon) for **Edla Olson** and **Eileen Laird**. Penny Fringer, Reva Marshall, Ron and Dixie Snyder for **Dorothy Hunt**. Chris, Sharee, M.J. and Doug Dempewolf, Lisa and Laci Leichliter, Aaron Mann, Lynn, Ralph, Jacob, Jesse and Suzanne Streit for **R.D. Thornton**. Wayne and Odetta Marietta (Russell), Marilou Long, Linda Wade and Alan Marietta for **Elden Long**. Bud and Vicky Mumm for **Hubert Mumm** and **Doris Marintzer**. Gerald and Connie Olson for **Evelyn Olson**. Sue and Erin May, Rhonda May and Ralph and Norma Unger for **Walter and Betty May**. Mert McEvoy for **Eva Bryan** and **Eulaine Benda**. Shirley Williams, Julie Hafner and Jan Sattler for **Hattie Toth**. Thank you all for coming!

\$48,000,000.00
and counting.....

The Kansas Office of the State Bank Commissioner **Division of Consumer and Mortgage Lending** has returned over \$45,000,000 to Kansans scammed by deceptive and illegal credit practices, and provided nearly \$3,000,000 in educational grants to help teach Kansas kids that wise personal financial decisions will help them have a bright future.

What do we do? It might be for your home, car, or something else. If you borrow money or buy things on credit, we oversee all types of consumer debt and mortgage lending activities in Kansas. **Why?** Our mission is to protect Kansas consumers and ensure responsible companies and lenders operate here.

If you have questions or concerns about a mortgage or consumer loan, a lender or broker, payday loan, debt relief program, or any consumer financial issue call us toll free:
1-877-387-8523, or visit us at www.osbckansas.org

The Kansas OSBC Division of Consumer and Mortgage Lending

— you're the reason we're here.

KANSAS

Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

Looking out the window this morning when I got up, I saw the snow coming down. It is a light snow but the wind is the big factor; also the temperature is in the 20's. Good day to stay inside.

Carla Latimer's son, Dan, is visiting with his mother, his grandmother, Dorothy Jones and his uncle, Bob Jones.

Broken Wheel and Bar will be serving a Sweetheart Prime Rib Dinner Saturday Feb. 13, starting at 5:30 p.m. A live band will entertain at 8 p.m.

Reminder: Fundraiser for Haiti, sponsored by the United Methodist churches of Dresden and Jennings.

Turkey/ham dinner with all the trimmings will be served in the Sunflower Senior Center Sunday, Feb. 14, starting at 12:30 until 1:30

p.m. Naomi Streck of Norton will speak at 1:30 about her mission trips to Haiti. The church will also be sending Health Kits to Haiti. Hand towels, wash cloths, bar of soap, large size combs, nail files, nail clippers, adult sized toothbrushes and band-aids are items to go in the kit, if you would like to donate.

Alfred and Betty Cressler, and Wayne and Louise Cressler visited at the Sheridan County Long Term Care facility with Walter Cressler on Monday Feb. 1. Walt celebrated his 101st birthday Monday.



Call Tim Davis for
all your advertising needs
(785) 475-2206