

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1886

Sleighting is excellent. 21 degrees below zero was the coldest temperature experienced at Oberlin during the cold weather. The winter of '85 and '86 will probably go on record as the most severe ever experienced in Northwest Kansas. Mr. Bird of Cheyenne County was in town last week and reported the loss of 1,200 range cattle, the property of one company.

Oberlin has been made a presidential post office.

The new 3-story hotel will be known as the Commercial Hotel.

A sidewalk has been laid east along Commercial Street as far as the Presbyterian Church. Penn Avenue is now flanked with sidewalks from the depot as far north as business extends.

The mail, the accumulation of two weeks, arrived from Grainfield and Lenora Tuesday evening. The first passenger train on the B&M to reach Oberlin since Dec. 24 arrived Tuesday evening.

Fred Bliss has employed a left-handed barber.

100 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1911

S.D. Taylor and J.B. Bainter shipped five carloads of cattle to Kanas City Monday.

Wednesday was as warm as April, sunny as California, quiet as Oregon, pleasant as Italy; the finest place in the world for people to live.

Jim Martin was trying out his new Studebaker auto on Tuesday.

Alf and Jim Woolley left Saturday evening, the former for Idaho and the latter for Wichita where he has a job as a carpenter.

Elam Reist, who is to farm the Sid Fish farm this year, called Monday morning and ordered the Herald sent to him.

Fred Mizer came up Monday from Jennings with the oil wagon and represented John D. Rockefeller for the occasion.

Mrs. Anna B. Morrish, Grand Matron of the Eastern Star of Kansas, visited the Atwood chapter last

week. H.A. Griffith and J.E. Love are attending the implement men's meeting at Kansas City this week.

75 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1936

With the mess hall and the other 10 buildings completed, Lt. Bradley and some more CCC enrollees will reach here Tuesday. By next week there will be some 200 men at the camp all of whom must be fed, clothed, kept warm and entertained. If local businesses go after this business, which is contracted each month, there seems to be no reason why contracts could not be furnished on the following: perishable foods, shoe repair, laundry, dry cleaning, coal, gasoline and miscellaneous purchases.

A Birthday Ball for President Roosevelt will be held in Oberlin at the Masonic Temple with a 14-piece orchestra the evening of Jan. 29 with 70% of the proceeds to go to the local Crippled Children's Fund and 30% to the Warm Springs, Ga., Foundation for the treatment of infantile paralysis.

Prior to the Birthday Ball, basketball fans of Northwest Kansas can see the Harlem Globe Trotters pitted against Ed Krause's all-american team of professional basketballers at the Oberlin grade school gymnasium at 8:30 p.m. also on Jan. 29. Prices are 75 cents for reserve seats, general admission, 50 cents and children under 12, 25 cents. The event is sponsored by Oberlin American Legion.

The rivalry between Norton and Oberlin came to blows again when Oberlin defeated Norton in basketball 16 to 15 and the Oberlin matmen downed Norton 24-6. Oberlin has been the victor over Norton in three major sports this season.

About a quarter of a million dollars of allotment payments to Decatur County farmers remain unpaid. Here's hoping the federal authorities will find some acceptable method of providing the money.

Custer: The Arehart children

are the proud owners of a Shetland pony. Their daddy trucked it home from Oberlin in his Buick car.

Upton Fringer was honored on his 82nd birthday Jan. 19 with a covered dish luncheon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Everett McGee. All of his children who are now living were present.

50 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1961

The Decatur County Hospital has received its annual proceeds from the estate of George M. Robb in the amount of \$11,086.80 according to J.R. Betts, treasurer of the Decatur County Hospital board of trustees. Robb was 73 at the time of his death in 1956 and had no known relatives. He had been employed as station agent in Rexford from 1915 to his retirement in 1946 and accumulated considerable acreage of farm land in northwest Kansas and bequeathed the earnings from the estate to seven hospitals in the area.

A state highway crew from Norton moved into Oberlin Monday to begin work on a new highway maintenance shop. The 5-acre site on which the building will be located was purchased from Mrs. Merlin Cochran. It is along the north side of Highway 36 west of Sabin Service Station.

Dr. and Mrs. Harwood Kolsky and family left Sunday for their new home in San Jose, Calif., where Dr. Kolsky is manager of a systems science group in the IBM research laboratory.

25 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1986

The combined issues of a proposed all-day kindergarten and citizen opinion of the district's teaching staff brought out a full house for Monday evening's USD 294 board of education meeting. Board president Ron Temple and superintendent Keith Adams opted to move the crowd to the high school cafeteria where the crowd of young parents and teaching faculty filled the study hall section of the room. It was decided that the kindergarten

issue would be discussed at the February meeting and comments about teachers made in a recent issue of the local "Clarion" were dismissed as being opinions of individual board members not of the board as a whole.

Fred Gatlin, Atwood area farmer and businessman, has announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination for state representative from the 120th district comprised of Decatur, Cheyenne, Rawlins and Sheridan counties and the southern half of Norton County.

This year's Bankers Award winners to be honored at the annual banquet of the Decatur County Conservation District are Mr. and Mrs. Ted Pollnow, Oberlin, and Mr. and Mrs. DeWayne Vacura, Jennings. Windbreak award winners are Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Lotker, Oberlin. Entertainment for the evening will be provided by the Sunflower Singers of Colby Community College directed by Vaughn Lippoldt.

Graveside services were held for Herbert Morrison, 79, the son of the late Dr. H.J. and Agnes (Beers) Morrison. He was a 1925 graduate of DCHS and of the University of Nebraska and was a retired civil service employee.

American Field Service student Ana Arias of Quito, Ecuador presented a program at the noon meeting of Oberlin Rotary Club. While attending DCHS she is making her home with the David Anderson family.

Champions in the Oberlin Invitational Wrestling tournament from DCHS were Jude Wilson, 105 pounds; Brent Kaempfe, 145 and Corey Raulston, 185. Oberlin won the tournament with 145 points followed by Plainville and Concordia.

The 125th anniversary of Kansas statehood will be observed by the Jennings Heritage Association on Sunday, Jan. 26.

Good Samaritan Center

By Lisa Paulson

"Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" I Corinthians 15:55.

Death has once again come to our home. Three of our beloved family members: Nila Wesch, Hubert Mumm and Dole Metcalf. Loretta McFee and Anita Hirsch did a beautiful job officiating their memorial services.

For those of us who live and work at the Good Sam, death is a frequent reminder of how fleeting our lives are.

Death always seems to come too soon... even to one who is well into their 90's. Even though we know it is inevitable and even though we think we are prepared, it always takes us by surprise.

When visiting with a family member, she made the comment with tears streaming down her face, "I could never work here." My response was, "Oh, but then you would miss out on knowing so many wonderful people."

It once again drives home our purpose and mission of being a Christian Community of Care.

During church one Sunday, Pastor John Paulson asked the Residents a very direct question, "Did you come here to die?"

He followed up his question with a verse from John 1:4 and then encouraged them to Live... to take the gift of time that God has given them to invest it in others and in His kingdom working through prayer, Bible study, and sharing His love and message with others.

This is what sets our facility apart from the others who do not openly and purposefully invite Christ to be a part of everyday living.

We truly believe that because of Jesus our residents do have abundant life. Every day we sing praises to the Lord, pray, share testimony of the good things He does for us, and cast our burdens on Him.

We do a lot of other fun things to pass the time, but those things are pretty trivial compared to things that

have eternal value; although we still continue to celebrate life this side of heaven!

Myrtle Waldo knows how to live! She celebrated her 99th birthday with friends and family including: Max Carman, Oberlin; Larry and Diane Alstrom, and Charlie and Cindy Ostmeyer, Hoxie; Brady and Emily Nelson, Kansas City, and Lindsay Koster, Wichita.

Pooch Portschy isn't quite 99, but he too celebrated his birthday with friends and family!

This week, "Winter" was our continued theme for activities! Mary Waldo, Leone Porsch, Amy Rehm and Dorothy Pryor walked gThe Square h on a Winter Wonderland search en find! Snowflake Toss was also played by Alice Bobbit, first place; Leone Porsch, second; Evelyn Olson, third; Opal Bryan, Myrtle Ross, Mary Waldo, Faye Miller, Eulaine Benda and Elden Long.

Mark your calendar and be sure to join us for a "Sno-Ball" at 7 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 4.

Music will be provided by Michael Melbourne and the Stick-to-it 4-H Club will provide refreshments!

Other welcomed visitors this week were: Gerald Olson and Gage Scott for **Evelyn Olson**. Murry and Audrey Pavlicek for **Mary Lemman**. Shelby Hackney and Delilah for **Ethel Nemeth**. Cheryl Miller for **Loren Schrock**. Reva Marshall and Ron and Dixie Snyder (Colby) for **Dorothy Hunt**. Mildred Holmdahl for **Evelyn Olson, Edla Olson, Opal Bryan, Alice Bobbitt and Eulaine Benda**. Becky, Mollie and Gracie Tate, Edie Tate and Gladys Geis for **Lois Carlson**. Ralph and Norma Unger for **Ben Jorns, Alice Bobbitt, and Lucy Schissler**. Cheri Kastens for **Pooch Portschy**. Jerry Hill for **Cheryl Hill**. Rea and Dee Magers for **Mary Waldo**. Eunice Richards for **Earl Boldo and Lucy Schissler**. Arian Arnold for **Edla Olson**.

Herndon News

By Julie Hafner

Sympathy is extended to the family of Jean Ann Leitner, who died Jan. 17, at Hays Medical Center in Hays, surrounded by her loving

family. She was born June 4, 1952, to Charles and Virginia (Grafel) Portschy. She was a 1970 graduate of Herndon High and married Danny Joe Leitner on July 26, 1975.

The Herndon community will miss her smile and willingness to help when needed.

Dave and Judy Ketterl traveled to Norton on Saturday. Guests for dinner at a local restaurant were Aaron, Sarah, Gideon and Isaiah White, celebrating Sarah's birthday.

Janice Sattler, Atwood, and Bob and Julie Hafner visited their great-aunt, Hattie Toth, and Shirley Williams on Tuesday.

Janice and Julie attended the Atwood-Oberlin basketball game on Saturday and stopped to say hi to Edie Pettera and Joan Noble at Cedar Living Center, Oberlin.

Do not miss the 150th birthday of Kansas, Saturday, Jan. 29. Bird City will host a potluck lunch at noon with guest speaker, William Keel, KU Professor, following with a program entitled, "The German Heritage of Kansas."

Events will be held at the Legion

Hall beginning with registration at 10 a.m. Kansas became a state on Jan. 29, 1861.

Family visiting Stu and Pam Stuczynski last week were Marge Koetter, McCook; Jim and Diana Brunson, Omaha; David and Elaine Tongish, Colorado; Judy Zapp, Kearney, Neb., and Janice Hanna, Cambridge, Neb.

They all attended the Jean Ann Leitner funeral on Friday and then visited the Berger family gravesite. David is the son of the late Rudy and Sadie Bobinmyer Tongish.

Aaron, Brenda and Addison Schilde of Minneola were weekend guests of Richard and Theresa Rippe.

They were here to attend the funeral of Jean Ann Leitner. Rodney Rippe and Katelyn Clark, Hays, were also home visiting family.

Other guests were Ed Rippe and Michelle Stevens; Kevin, Megan, Lilly, Michaela and Allison Rippe. Sunday the family attended the Sacred Heart Smorgasbord in Atwood.

Greg, Rita and Joe Marintzer traveled to Las Vegas last week. They enjoyed sightseeing and touring the huge casinos.

All had a great time.

Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

Many of us made New Year's resolutions and getting more exercise seems to be one of the most popular ones.

If you need some inspiration you can just stop by Cedar Living Center. Year in and year out we have a few faithful residents who attend the exercise group four times each week.

They spend about 30 minutes working as many muscle groups as possible, often while seated in a wheel chair.

Some do all the exercises and some do more watching than moving, but everyone has a good time.

There were several winners at the penny card game played on Monday afternoon.

Players included Dale Butler, Darlene Fisher, Irene Fringer, Doris Gilbert, Ira Kolsky, Bob Keller, Joan Noble, and Mary Votapka.

Tara Votapka and Teresa Shaughnessy led the sing-along time before supper on Monday.

Volunteers Marian Dempewolf, Ila Ray, and Caroline Jacobs assisted with bingo on Tuesday afternoon.

Darlene Fisher celebrated her

birthday on Wednesday at Cedar Living Center.

Several residents gathered on Wednesday afternoon to watch Johnny Carson on DVD. There was a lot of laughter coming from the room.

The activity department hosted a party on Thursday afternoon in honor of National Activity Professionals' Week (Jan. 16 - 21). Tara Votapka and Teresa Shaughnessy served root beer floats to an appreciative crowd.

Tara hosted the Thursday game night in the Cedar Living Center dining room.

The baking group made sour cream cookies on Friday afternoon. The cookies were served warm from the oven.

Recent visitors: Delpha Sis, Atwood; Eileen and Pete Portschy, Julie Hafner, Cheri Kastens, Herndon; Lillian Sulzman, Dresden; Norma Ward, Clayton; Patsy Marintzer, Colorado; Jan Sattler, Atwood; Jim and Luella Robben, Oakley.

Robert and Penny Fringer, Marilyn Gamblin, Mirium Fisher, Lyle Gamblin, Ivis Hanson, Oberlin.

Decatur Health Systems

By Othelia Vacura

A total of 110 employees and guests attended the Employee Recognition Dinner at the American Legion on Saturday, Jan. 15.

The Decatur Health Systems board prepared the meal.

Employee honorees were: **35 years**, Cheryl Timm and Jean Ann Leitner.

30 years, Karol Styles.

25 years, Jim Sullivan and Donna Guinn.

20 years, Brenda Peterson and Shirley Ward.

15 years, Peggy Gassman.

10 years, Kay Matheny, Jonathan Fick, Catherine Claussen, Leola Zodrow and Amy Haas.

5 years, Suzanne Ahlberg and Sandy Zeigler.

3 years, Tammi Mathews, Betty Vahling, Natasha Weishapl, Terese Vontz, Erin Jeffrey and Greg Vontz.

entertainment at the end of the evening.

An open house is planned from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday in the Specialty Clinic lobby for Robin Williamson, the physician assistant who has joined the Family Practice Clinic.

We invite the public to come meet Robin and welcome her to our community.

She previously practiced in Santa, and plans to become a permanent health care provider in Oberlin.

Diabetic Support Group meetings will resume on Thursday, Feb. 3, with a meeting scheduled for the Specialty Clinic lobby at 7 p.m.

Ms. Williamson will present information on diabetic neuropathy.

Any and all diabetics and their support persons are invited to take part.

Employees enjoyed karaoke

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