

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1886

Sunday was decidedly warm and springlike.

Henry Sage froze one of his little ears one day last week.

Reliable reports place the loss of life in Northwest Kansas during the storm at 19, distributed as follows: St. John, 5, Sherman, 4, Thomas, 4, Cheyenne, 5 and Sheridan, 1.

P.J. Goss has taken charge of the Crystal restaurant.

E.E. VanEpps, an experienced photographer, is erecting a gallery just north of the old Bliss stand.

C. Wah Lee, an intelligent looking Chinaman, has opened a laundry at this place.

The skating races at the rink Thursday evening were hotly contested. In the boys race Guy Allen took first and Alf Bebb, second; in the young ladies race, Jennie Robinson took first and Jennie Thomas, second.

Quite a serious accident occurred on the B.&M. near Kanona Saturday. The work train became derailed in the snow and was run into by a freight from the east. A passenger by the name of Vugeans from New York was seriously injured.

100 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1911

It is rumored that R.L. Nickell is considering the advisability of returning his store back to Oberlin from Kanona.

Eugene Stover of Santa Fe, New Mexico, arrived in the city Thursday for a visit with relatives.

Miss Martha Douglas, who is teaching at Arapahoe, Neb., is home for awhile because her room was dismissed on account of scarlet fever among the pupils.

Jennings Items: Frank Chandler has traded his property in Jennings to Ed Brown for a farm.

Lyons Items: A fellow who goes to see his girl on Sunday and three times during the week might be said to be temporarily engaged.

Norcatu Items: Sam Eckhart is very proud of the new boy who arrived last week to make his home with the family.

75 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1936

The past week has been a cold one but breaks no records though the thermometer read a minus 15

degrees Tuesday morning. January 16 to 22, 1930; January, 1918, 10 to 16 and February, 1933, were colder with a temperature of —28 on Feb. 8.

The lovely home of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Lotker with the lighted green tapers and green and white carnations was the ideal setting Monday afternoon for the observance of the 40th anniversary of Monday Evening Club of Oberlin. Guests were received in the apartment of Mrs. Elizabeth Mix and later taken to the living room for the program. Mrs. Mix, the only charter member of the club present, was presented a gift by Mrs. H. J. Morrison in appreciation of her 40 years of service, inspiration and leadership.

The program consisted of musical selections and a skit entitled "A Monday Evening Club Meeting of 1896" which was presented by children of members: Gertrude Morrish, Dixie Lee Patton, Junior and Phyllis Betts, Jean Steinsouer, Mary, Martha and Jacquelin Woodward, Ariel Ann Goodrich, Gladys and Eva Corcoran, Doreen and Paul Nitsch, Jr., and Floyd Lee Lotker. The closing number was a vocal solo "After The Ball" sung by Aileen Morrison wearing her mother's wedding dress of 30 years ago with Doreen Nitsch accompanying at the piano.

With the discovery of scarlet fever in the CCC Camp which just got located here 10 days ago, the entire camp has been placed under quarantine.

Lund: The new pastor, Rev. S.G. Magnuson, who came from Clay Center, delivered his first sermon Sunday.

Leoville: Mr. and Mrs. George Robben observed their 55th wedding anniversary Sunday with family and friends. The lovely bride's cake was baked by Mrs. Hugh Campbell and the huge wedding cake by Mrs. August Karls.

Coach Paul Sandy's Red Devils rallied to down Goodland 29 to 23 Tuesday night while Coach Huey's wrestlers won easily by a score of 21 to 3.

The four daughters of Mr. and Mrs. W.A. Dale served a lovely family dinner to honor the couple on their 50th wedding anniversary.

The Dales moved to Oberlin in 1888 and he was the contractor on many homes and business buildings in Oberlin including the H.J. Morrison, H. Q. Banta and Floyd Lotker residences.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Barclay are the parents of a son, David Kent, born Tuesday at Benton Memorial Hospital.

50 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1961

Work has started on a new office building for Nitsch & Nitsch on the lot immediately north of Oberlin Floral & Gift Shop on North Penn Avenue.

Funeral services were held for a longtime area resident, Alfred Miner, 88, who moved to a farm north of Lyle in 1880 with his family. The family moved to Oberlin several years later where his father, Selden Miner, was a doctor.

New arrival: Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne Jones, a daughter, Tonya Sue, on Feb. 5.

When Art Mapes, 53-year-old farmer-inventor living three miles northwest of Norcatu, tinkered round his shop and came up with a simple, ordinary looking grain dryer, he didn't dream that today, four years later, so many people would be "beating a path to his door" that he would be going into production in a big way.

With demand so great, The Foster Lumber Company building in Norcatu has been purchased, and the Air Master Suction Grain Dryer and Conditioner will be put into assembly line production.

25 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1986

Kent Reinhardt will head the Decatur County Area Chamber of Commerce for 1986 with John Wright as vice president. Warren Bainter will continue as treasurer.

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Sympathy is extended to the family of the Rev. Bob Fleenor, 82, who died Thursday, Feb. 3, at Memorial Hospital in McPherson. He was a brother-in-law of Elden and Detta Anderson and Dick and Donna Kelley. His late wife, Beverly, was the former Beverly Bryan.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. today at the First United Methodist Church in McPherson with private inurnment at a later date.

Congratulations to Larry and Meghan Anderson and Martha Anderson, who were awarded the Windbreak Award at the Rawlins County Soil Conservation meeting on Thursday evening at the Columbian Hall in Atwood.

Covenant Women Ministries will conduct the morning worship

Decatur County health nurse Eula Juenemann is cooperating with a new pilot program through the Kansas State Extension and KDOT in order that parents can lease safety seats for infants and toddlers.

DCHS band members selected to play in the State KMEA band are Scott Braden, baritone; Becky Walters, contra-alto clarinet; Heather Anderson, flute and Robyn Russell, bassoon. Vocalists chosen are Terri Harmon, Traci Otter and Andrea Lauber.

New Arrival: Larry and Mary Miller, Dresden, son, Adam Lawrence, 1/30/86.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Hess, Oberlin, and Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Confer, St. Francis, announce the engagement of their daughter and son, Jean Ann and Steve. The bride-to-be is a 1977 graduate of DCHS and a 1982 graduate of Fort Hays State University with a degree in Music Education and is an elementary vocal music teacher in St. Francis. Her fiancé is a 1978 graduate of St. Francis Community High School and received a degree in diesel mechanics at Dodge City Junior College and is an employee of Yost Farm Supply. A June 14, 1986, wedding is planned at the United Methodist Church in Oberlin.

Norcatu: Mary Long has opened a beauty shop in the old city building on main street.

Jeni Shirley placed first in the Elks Free Throw Contest held in Russell Sunday by shooting 19 out of 25 in the 12-13 age group. Chad Addleman participated in the 10-11 age group.

The DCHS wrestlers, 9—0 in dual competition, placed 4th in the NWKL tournament held in Colby with two champions, Glen Baughman at 112 pounds and Corey Raulston at 185.

services at 11 a.m. on Sunday at the Herndon Covenant Church. A potluck dinner will follow.

Pastor Keith Reuther attended the annual meeting of the Evangelical Covenant Church of America in Chicago last week.

Congratulations to Violet Holle, who celebrated her 88th birthday on Sunday.

Keith and Mary Lou Olson were Saturday dinner guests of their granddaughter, Keely and Chris Wilson, Julie, Harmony, Derek and Noah, in Kearney, Neb., to help Derek celebrate his second birthday.

Others present were James and Kimberly Witt and Tyler Witt, Oberlin; Charlie and Sandy Kincaid and Serenity, Norton; and Evelyn Wilson and Lester Wilson, Hays.

Good Samaritan Center

By Lisa Paulson

It was wonderful being back to enjoy the festivities of the Sno-Ball Dance on Friday night. The Star Valley 4-H Club did a great job decorating and dancing! Michael Milbauer is one of our favorite musicians. He and Loren Schrock hit it off pretty well, so well in fact they have made plans for another dance to honor Loren's 90th birthday in June. This time the two of them will make music together!

Other activities this week centered on that silly old Ground Hog!

We had fun bouncing him in the parachute. Playing a Spring or Snow guessing game and learning some trivia about the old fella.

We also introduced Shirley Temple as our Star of the Month. As sweet display, complete with porcelain doll and movie jackets graces the shelf outside the Quiet Room to promote the Saturday Movies. This week's movie was "Curley Top" and next week will be "Bright Eyes". Feel free to take your loved one "out to the movies" every Saturday morning at 10. This is a good way to interact with your loved one even if he or she is struggling with the effects of dementia.

Mrs. Lois Morlock of McDonald will be at the Good Sam (weather permitting) to help families understand the facts about Alzheimer's disease. If you have a loved one living with this disease or any other form of Dementia you will greatly

benefit by attending. Please bring your questions as there will be time allotted for Mrs. Morlock to address them. There is no cost for the program and refreshments will be served. on Saturday, Feb. 12, at 2:30 p.m.

Visitors this week were: Cheryl Miller for Loren Schrock. Detta Anderson for Eva Bryan. Jerry Hill for Don and Cheryl Hill. Reva Marshall for Dorothy Hunt. Brecklyn and Kennedy Jensen for Violet Schissler. Murry and Audrey Pavlicek for Mary Lemman. Bud and Vicky Mumm for Doris Marintzer and Francis (Chaz) Janousek. Rita Schaller and Francy and Dale Miller for Faye Miller. Ralph and Norma Unger for Lucy Schissler, Ben Jorns and Mary Waldo. Stan Faimon (Stratton, Neb.) for Doris Marintzer. Cassidy Gillespie for Amy Rehm. Frank and Mert McEvoy for Lucy Schissler. Gladys Geis for Lois Carlson. Kay and Doyle Brown (Jennings) for Emma Sanford and Alice Bobbitt. Jody Betts for Mary Waldo. Glen and Carolyn Strevey (Norcatu) for Crystal Moore.

Special guests were: Star Valley 4-H Club, Amy, Isaac, Patience, Moriah, Gideon and Hope Carman. Mike and Timothy Helm. Connie, David and Michael Noren. Evan and Celianna Shobe. Dancers: Karen Bruning, Willa Urban, Dolores Koerperich and Carol Morford.

Chamber News

By Carolyn Hackney

The Arts and Humanities is sponsoring a Dinner Theater at the Gateway Civic Center on Saturday, Feb. 19 at 6:30 p.m. You may contact Ella Betts or Mary Henzel for more information.

There will be a Spaghetti and Salad Supper at the American Legion on Feb. 21 from 5 to 7 p.m. as a benefit for the Bowling Alley.

I attended the MarketPlace Conference in Dodge City back in November. There were several breakout sessions covering many topics of the business world. One I would like to explore is Agri-Tourism. What is it? To sum it up:

It is the intersection of agriculture and tourism when the public PAYS to visit farms, ranches, wineries, or other agricultural related operations.

When the public goes to rural areas for recreation, education, enjoyment, entertainment, adventure, relaxation.

Includes shopping, dining, lodg-

ing, and other associated services and products.

AKA rural tourism, nature tourism, ecotourism, agritainment, agriventures

62 million people visited farms in 2001, and spent an average of \$45 "at the farm" a 2.8 billion dollar industry.

One rancher has stated that his cattle business grosses around \$225,000 and he keeps 10% (\$22,500). His agritourism business grosses \$70,000 and he keeps 90% (63,000). He is expanding his agritourism business.

Are Decatur County farmers getting their fair share? It might be something to look into. I have some information in the Chamber office as to who to contact for ideas. I have some literature that was presented at the conference, I would be happy to make you a copy if you're interested.

Have a great week!!

Herndon News

By Julie Hafner

Mark your calendars! The Immanuel United Church of Christ will be having their annual Pancake Brunch from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Herndon Senior Center on Sunday, Feb. 27. There will be a freewill offering.

Janice Sattler, Atwood, and Bob and Julie Hafner enjoyed Sunday dinner at Cedar Living in Oberlin with Edie Pettera and Joan Noble. The center looks festive with heart silhouettes and everything in red, the color of love.

Look's like Herndon folks were buried in this week between the cold temps and the Super-Bowl. How does the saying go? 'No News is Good News'.

Julie's Memory Joggers
The Herndon Nonpariel
17 November, 1921
Congregational Church Notes
(By Special Correspondent)
Special music every Sunday morning before Sunday School. If we happen to lose out on the special song service occasionally, let's not drop it entirely. It is a good way to

worship. It makes one feel better for having been there.

Mrs. Robb will be the new teacher for Mrs. Kaden's Class of little folks.

On Tuesday afternoon, 18 ladies met at the home of Mrs. John Franke to take their part in a farewell party for Mrs. Kaden.

After some visiting, some instrumental music was given by Mrs. French and Mrs. Bone and also a vocal solo by Mrs. G.C. Jennings.

After which all joined in singing some good hymns.

And as Mrs. Drath and Mrs. Dull were strict believers in 'dieting' everyone agreed that the hostess should serve a lemon and water as their refreshment. Did she? Ask Mrs. Dull or Mrs. Drath.

A silver gravy spoon and tomato server were presented to Mrs. Kaden.

Everyone had a jolly time and we are all sure Mrs. Kaden will be greatly missed from our circle.

Teachers Training Class or Bible Study class will meet Thursday at 7:30 with Mrs. Dowling.

Selden News

By Jacque Boultinhouse

On January 27, during Senior Citizens at the Community Center, Ralph Weis won high, Betty James took second, Bob Wessel got low and Edna Schiltz had the most Queens. Other members present included Matt Finnesy, Jeanie Spesser, Lola Cook, Royce Cook, Pat Wessel, Carl Mumm, Bernita Aumiller, Gail Mumm, Ann Hazlitt and Marge Hartzog, County Health Nurse, who was on hand to check blood pressure for those who wanted it.

On Febr. 3 during Senior Citizens at the Community Center, Carl Mumm won high, Edna Schiltz took second, Paulie Neff got low and Pat Wessel had the most Kings.

Other members present included: Jeanie Spesser, Betty James, Shirley Emigh, Matt Finnesy, Ralph Weis, Bob Wessel, Shirley Baker, Ann Hazlitt, Gail Mumm and Lola Cook.

School Calendar - Feb. 9 - High School Gifted/Talented Seminar.

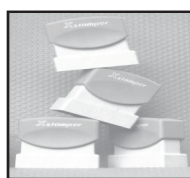
Feb. 11 - High School Basketball at Weskan. Feb. 12 - State Scholars Bowl. Forensics at Norton. Feb. 14 - No school; Parent teacher conferences/Teacher inservice.

Birthdays and anniversaries - Feb. 4 - Mary Golden, Ron Rogers, Walt and Julie Marble, John and Julie Geisinger. Feb. 6 - Tom Stacey, Chris Bainter, Paul Bruggeman. Feb. 7 - Shane Jones. Feb. 8 - Wanda Spesser, Joseph Koerperich, Monica Aumiller Svobdo. Feb. 9 - Joe Wessel, Dana Geisinger, Shirley M. Emigh. Feb. 10 - Danica Ritter, Carlene Bruggeman. Feb. 11 - Fansion Juenemann, Adrienne Pauls. Feb. 12 - Bailey Ochs. Feb. 13 - Olga Vargas, Robert Ritter, Ethan Stanton, Carol Lobato, Thane Spesser. Feb. 14 - Steve and Leah Sewell, Nick Stacey, Marge Miller, Tret Rogers, Dan and Miriam Shaw, Shirley Albers Niermeier, Alan Spesser. Feb. 15 - MiKayla Lobato. Febr. 17 - Don and Helen Juenemann, Samantha Juenemann.

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