

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — Dec. 1886

The Santa Fe is going to take possession of Northwestern Kansas in the next two or three years. It is now building to Abilene and will extend from there.

Bentley and Crannell have closed out their land business at Voltaire and opened an office in Oberlin in the back rooms of The Bank of Oberlin.

Married Nov. 26, 1886, Mr. Gust Henningson and Miss Julia Johnson, both of Rawlins County.

R.A. Marks, we understand, has disposed of all interest in the Bank of Oberlin and retired from that institution permanently.

There are some interesting contests before the U.S. Land Office. A person cannot leave his claim long enough to see the moon change without danger of having his claim contested for his indiscretion.

Over 300 farmers' wagons were in town Saturday.

Chas. Miller of Fort Wasaki, Wyo., came Monday and will pass the holidays with his parents here. Charley is the foreman of one of the largest stock ranches in the territory.

Crannell & Son have opened a meat market on Penn Avenue which flourishes under the name of O.K.

Hunt, Burnett & Co., with the assistance of other business firms, are putting down a force pump in front of the Hall Street beanyery.

100 YEARS AGO — Dec. 1911

The great game of football between the high schools of Smith Center and Oberlin has come and gone, and the goal line of the Smith Center team that had not been crossed all season, no longer has a spotless record. Smith Center scored in the second quarter when they blocked a punt and raced across the goal line but missed an easy goal leaving the score 5-0. Oberlin scored in the fourth quarter with Van Cleave making the touchdown for Oberlin and Frank Roach's reliable toe adding the point after touchdown that spelled victory for the home team with a score of 6-5.

Other players for Oberlin were Elmer McKinzie, Charles Wilbur, Bryan Muirhead, Tudor Stevenson, John Battin, Frank Railsback, Tully Griffin, Bin Heitmann, Glen Blickenstaff and Tad Keys.

A general gathering of Masons was held at the Hall Thursday evening Nov. 23. Visitors being present from Norton, Clayton, Jennings, Dresden, Norcat and Cedar Bluffs. Ex-judge Riley Conquest was one of the visitors and in a call at this office regaled us with a lot of yarns concerning Florida and its climate.

Though the kindness of J.E. Love, the editor and his wife made a little auto trip down the Sappa Sunday

afternoon. Love is a good driver and we couldn't but compare the trip with one we remembered taking 27 years ago when we rode a mule and John was mounted on a waspish little flea-bitten Texas pony that showed a decidedly inclination to do harm to my mule. Love induced us to visit his ranch and finally invited us in for dinner and he was the first man we had ever watched mix a batch of biscuits. John has run the entire gamut of bucking bronco, saddle horse, spring wagon, top buggy, family surry and now an auto and appears equally at home with each.

75 YEARS AGO — Dec. 1936

Widespread interest has raised the question as to why Oberlin isn't planning for a new high school building in the immediate future. Colby, St. Francis, Norton and others either have built or are building new school buildings by using the PWA program which would, on proven need, furnish 45 percent of the funds, leaving only 55 percent to be raised by issuing bonds.

Miss Marguerite Peters, Decatur County poor commissioner, says there is an urgent need for every bit of warm clothing, coats, dresses, underwear, shoes and bedding and they can be left in the Red Cross room on the first floor of the courthouse.

Word came Tuesday of the death of Mrs. E.R. Woodward's father, Mr. William Schoepflin of Lyndon, who was killed when the mainline train of the Missouri Pacific hit his car at a crossing.

Leoville: Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Fortin are the proud parents of a son born at the Benton Memorial Hospital at Oberlin on Nov. 27. Mother and baby are doing nicely.

The Thanksgiving Day game brought defeat to the DCHS football team on Norton's field for the first time in 14 years when the final score was 32-7 in favor of Norton. The Oberlin boys were never "whipped" and were even at the first quarter but Norton continued to score with the outstanding play of Brill. Other Thanksgiving Day scores were: Jennings over Hoxie, 13-7; St. Francis over Atwood, 60-19 and Goodland over Colby, 26-0. First place in the NWKL went to Goodland and St. Francis jointly.

Last Monday was vacation day at Fort Hays as the football team and student body joined in a celebration of winning the Central Conference for the third straight year.

Miss Bernice Linn, daughter of Mrs. Hilda Linn, and Mr. Gerald Brooks, son of Mr. and Mrs. L.G. Brooks of Norcat were married at the Methodist Church in the presence of their immediate families with the Rev. Mr. Smith officiating.

The couple will make their home on the Arehart farm southeast of town and Mrs. Brooks will finish out her term of teaching.

50 YEARS AGO — Dec. 1961

A third doctor will be associated with the Oberlin Clinic starting at the first of the year. Dr. Kenneth Bickford, who has practiced in Atwood the past three years, will be associated with Doctors Nelson and Coffman. He is a graduate of the University of Kansas and interned at St. Francis Hospital in Wichita where he did additional work in obstetrics. He has had two years military service as a paratrooper, being a medical officer of the 101st Airborne division. Dr. and Mrs. Bickford have three children, Brian, 6, Cecilia, 4 and Beth Ann, 3. They have purchased the Laurel Hayward home at 211 N. Cass and will move to Oberlin during the holidays.

After 41 years as a mail carrier, Walt McGee has retired. In his honor a turkey dinner prepared by Mrs. Richard Reith and Mrs. Ewald Jording, former patrons, was served at the clubroom at the city library for present and former postal employees with 34 persons present. Three couples still reside on the route when he began as carrier in 1920, Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Lohoefer, Mr. and Mrs. Adolf Lohoefer and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Helmkamp.

Wrestling coach Melvin Simpson has eight returning lettermen on his squad, Dick Sater, Dennis Young, Bill Lohoefer, Mike Machart, Bob Brown, Russell Stanley, Bill Brown and Lee Martin.

John Ready has announced plans to open a Skogmo clothing store in Oberlin later this winter

Funeral services were held in Atwood for T.J. Taylor, 89, who was a pioneer cattleman of Northwest Kansas. He was the father of Mrs. Loyd Waldo of Oberlin and Robert Taylor of Jennings.

25 YEARS AGO — Dec. 1986

The ice storm which coated extreme northwest Kansas Sunday

caused radio station KFNF and the television station KFNF to be without power. Near Colby a plane crashed killing one person and injuring another and some 300 people slept on blankets in the Colby Community building and the National Guard armory when I-70 was closed due to ice and high winds.

Hundreds of people huddled on the newly constructed Sappa Creek bridge Tuesday noon for the official ribbon cutting by Gov. John Carlin and the dedication of the reconstructed 8-mile stretch of U.S. Highway 83 south of Oberlin.

Monetary needs continue to mount for county commissioners as they look at billings for work on the mandated reappraisal.

Christmas on the prairie promises to be a white one this weekend unless mild weather returns soon to northwest Kansas. Outdoor entertainment scheduled for Saturday on Penn Avenue includes music by the Jennings Choir in front of Kids & Co., and Santa Claus arriving in the afternoon traveling by horse-drawn carriage. The Jennings PRIDE and the Czech Museum board will be selling homemade kolaches and crafts in the Wood Shed on Penn Avenue. On Sunday afternoon, the Oberlin Rotary Club will sponsor a Christmas home tour of homes including those of Herb Morrison, the Don Kumps, the John Wards, Jim Halbert, the Rod Averys and Charlotte Wells with refreshments served after the tour in the Golden Age Center. Music on Sunday afternoon on Penn Avenue will be furnished by the choir of Faith Lutheran Church as well as by the Rev. Peter McKinney, soloist.

Funeral services were held in Hayward, Calif., for Jess Woodruff, 79, who died of an apparent heart attack. Woodruff served as head football, basketball and track coach at DCHS from 1943 to 1953 and taught industrial arts and physical education. He is survived by his wife, Edna, one son, Larry, and a daughter, Charlene.

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Congratulations to Verol and Rosemary Bergling, who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Dec. 2.

Those who enjoyed Thanksgiving Day dinner together in Atwood were Joe and Connie Adams, J.R. and Carrol Ginther, Naida Ginther, Bob Mann, Shirley Evans, Gary and Cheryl Ann Parks of Hutchinson, Eric and Penny Pierce of Dallas, Texas, Mark Pierce of Pratt; and Caleb Vanover of Norton. Brandy

Ginther of Kansas City and Brady Ginther of Goodland were afternoon callers.

Covenant Women will serve their annual Christmas potluck dinner for the congregation of the Herndon Covenant Church following morning worship services on Sunday.

Covenant Women will meet at 7 p.m. Monday to prepare Christmas plates for shut-ins and the Prayer Sister gift exchange.

Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

Our holiday plans got sidelined this past week when an unwelcome bout of the flu came to visit.

As of this writing, we seem to be recovering and residents are anxious to get out and about and to have visitors.

If you have concerns about catching something, you may want to call ahead to check before you come to visit or you may want to stay away for a few more days. As always, we encourage our guests to stay home when they are experiencing fevers, chills, coughing or nausea.

Residents were busy the first of the week with our usual round of activities. The dice players met for a lively game on Monday afternoon with lots of winners. Myrna Jones got us in the holiday spirit by playing all of our old favorite carols during sing-along time before supper on Monday.

Bingo players on Tuesday afternoon included Darlene Fisher, Irene Fringer, Alvina Gamblin, Donna Kent, Ira Kolsky, Wilma May,

Joan Noble, Lee Ploussard, Mary Votapka, and Max Ward. Ila Ray and Marian Dempewolf assisted the players.

Several crafters met with Tara Votapka on Wednesday afternoon to make snow flake decorations to hang from the ceiling in the dining room. They are very festive.

Much of our holiday decorating is in place now, but we still need to decorate our trees. Residents will be assisting with the trees this week.

Invitations have been mailed out for the Family Christmas Party to be held at 2:30 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 18, in the Cedar Living Center dining room. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Recent visitors: Barbara McFadden, Montrose, Colo.; Alvin and Cordelia Luadders, Omaha; Susie Youngblood and Linda Files, Atwood; Linda Bosler, Herndon; Norma Ward, Clayton.

Connie Miller, Marilyn Gamblin, Carol Kompus, Delores Depperschmidt, Oberlin.

Herndon News

By Julie Hafner

Randy and Adam Sattler, Hutchinson, were guests of Janice Sattler over Thanksgiving week. They always enjoy visiting relatives and friends in Herndon. Randy was able to help his brother, Ron Sattler, with chores. Randy and Adam returned home last Sunday.

Surprise Friday afternoon visitors of Jan Sattler were her grandsons, Bennett and Winston Sattler of Hutchinson.

Herndon received word of the death of William J. Brin, 87, of Hollister, Calif. He was the husband of 1946 Herndon graduate Harriet Keplinger. William was born in 1924 in Damas and died Thursday, Nov. 10, playing his much-loved sport, table tennis. Services were held Nov. 19, 2011, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Hollister. A memorial is planned in the spring in Plainville where he will be interred.

Julie Hafner visited Hattie Toth, Shirley Williams and Janice Sattler in Atwood Friday afternoon.

Lewis and Sue Stoney and Roseanne Stoney were Thanksgiving dinner guests of Tony and Beth Miller and family in Rexford. Additional guests were Danny, Myra Stoney and family of McCook and Terry and Theresa Gotschall of Colby.

Emmie Lou Sattler was a Thanksgiving week guest of the John Sat-

ler family of Wichita. John and Emmie Lou traveled to Herndon on Saturday, and John returned home on Sunday afternoon.

The brothers, Troy and Bart Ecker, Hays, visited their mother, Sharon Ecker Thanksgiving weekend and other relation in the area.

Laverne and Sharon Frick, Herndon and Lance Jording, Oberlin, traveled to Denver Thanksgiving where they were guests of Trevor and Jackie Frick.

Julie's Memory Jogger's
The Herndon Nonpareil
Jan. 27, 1910

A Liberal Payment
Last week we gave an account of Charles L. Beaver losing his house and part of his household goods by fire. One week ago today the adjuster for the Columbia Fire Insurance Company came and adjusted the loss. Mr. Beaver had a policy for \$600 on his house and \$250 on his household goods. He received the full \$600 for his house \$178 for his household goods. The amount of the loss was exactly what Mr. Beaver claimed. He was paid his money the moment the loss was adjusted. This is one of the best companies for the insurance of farmers and country school houses doing business in Kansas. This policy was written by A.J. Roberts from the Herndon Agency.

Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

Weather permitting, the "Wreath Project" is scheduled for Friday, Dec. 9. Meet at the Shimmick Building at 1 p.m. to pick up wreaths to be taken to the Jennings Cemetery and the Big Timber Cemetery and placed on all veteran graves. If anyone would like to help place the wreaths on graves, be at the Jennings Cemetery at 1:15 p.m. The group will then proceed to the Big Timber Cemetery.

On Saturday, Dec. 10, at 10 a.m., the Jennings American Legion Post #351 will honor the veterans with a brief ceremony at the Jennings Cemetery then go to the Big Timber Cemetery and honor the veterans with a brief ceremony. The public is encouraged to come Saturday morning and honor the veterans.

For further information or questions, contact Lila Jennings (785) 678-2299 or Neoma Tacha (785) 678-2470.

Keith and Helen Muirhead spent Thanksgiving week with their daughter, Mignon and Todd Berry in Wellfleet, Mass., on Cape Cod. They went to Provincetown on

Thanksgiving Eve to witness the lighting of the Pilgrim's Monument. They enjoyed all kinds of fish.

"The Paris Wife" by Paula McLain was the book read in November by the Jennings Book Club members. Hostess Carla Latimer provided delicious refreshments and members engaged in a lively discussion of the novel about Ernest Hemingway and his first wife Hadley. Those attending the Nov. 29, meeting were: Lynn Tacha, Joan McKenna, Helen Rhodes, Ruth Chance, Terri Hanke, Kathy Nauer, Lila Jennings, Sue Long and Carla Latimer. The Christmas meeting will be at the home of Sue Long and each member will bring a Christmas ornament for a gift exchange.

Jennings Lions Club will be hosting a soup and dessert lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 10, at the Jennings Community Hall. Freewill donation appreciated. At approximately 1 p.m., Santa will be arriving at the Hall to talk with all the children and to give out sacks of goodies.

Thanksgiving Day guests at the

home of Meme Carper were: Charlene and Dan Mangus, Steve, Devin and Dani of Kanorado. On Saturday, Nov. 26, all six of Meme's children and some of their families gathered for a family dinner at her home. Attending were: Dan and Charlene Mangus and family, Kanorado; Cecil Bailey and Katie, Leoti; Carol and John Topliff, Goodland; Jason and Ali Topliff and family, Tonganoxie; Chris and Joslin McGuinness and boys, Evergreen, Colo.; Teresa and Les Hopson, Bethune, Colo.; Matt Hopson and friend Sarah, Goodland; Rebecca Hopson and friend Nathaniel, Bethune, Colo.; Tammie and Beau Moody, Lawrence; Darci Couch, and Danelle Couch and Cash, Kansas City; Tim and Ann Bailey and Rachel, Broken Arrow, Okla.

Heritage Associates of Jennings, Czech Museum directors met on Dec. 1, in the Royal Neighbor Hall of the museum. President Neoma Tacha, called the meeting to order at 2 p.m. with Mary Wahmeier, Lila Jennings, Bob Tacha, Dean Gawith, Alice Mizer, and Mike Tacha present. After the reading of the last meetings minutes and the treasurer's report were given, there was a discussion concerning a Kansas Day Program for January 2012. The next meeting will be at 2 p.m. on Jan. 6.

The Jennings community received about 6 or 7 inches of snow Friday night and on through most of Saturday. The moisture was very nice. No church was held Sunday morning at the Jennings United Methodist Church.



Rawlins County Health Center

RAWLINS COUNTY HEALTH CENTER COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Bringing Specialized Healthcare To Your Community

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Dr. Reeves Podiatry	2 Dr. Reeves Podiatry	3
4	5 Dr. Rubinowitz Oncology	6 Dr. Frederick C. Miller Cardiology	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 Dr. Frankum Surgery	15	16 Dr. Curtis Cardiology	17
18	19	20 Dr. Frederick C. Miller Cardiology	21	22 Dr. Reeves Podiatry	23 Dr. Reeves Podiatry	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Due to the snow storm, students from Decatur Community High School were unable to participate in the Kansas Music Educators Association (KMEA) High School Honor Band and Honor Choir Saturday at the Hays High School. Among those earning positions in the Honor Band were Caitie Shields, third chair percussion; Hannah

May, flute, and Elizabeth Nedland, second chair French Horn. Earning seats in the Honor Choir were Cassidy Shields, alto, and Zach May, baritone.

Richard May, Lawrence, was a guest of the Roland May family, and Nolan May and Josh Ishmael, Lawrence, were guests of the Dan Nedland family over the weekend.

TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT WITH A VISITING PHYSICIAN, PLEASE CALL (785) 626-3211 Cheryl Banister, RN Specialty Clinic Director