

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1887
County Treasurer Ira Kellogg went to Topeka last week to make this regular report to the state treasurer.
Postmaster W.B. Mead has secured the services of Frank Turner of Kirwin as deputy postmaster in place of Jerry Dale, resigned.
Excerpts from the 1886 volume of business done by the B. & M. Railway into and out of Oberlin as furnished by the company's agent, J. Hulaniski: Received, carload lots: lumber, 287, coal, 253, emigrant moveables, 428; wagons, 8; windmills, 6; brick, 4; lime, 11; nails, 3, etc. Shipped out: grain, 53; stock, 41; emigrant moveables, 4.
M.E. Mix is feeding a carload of 4-year-old steers.

100 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1912
Jerry Cook, rural carrier on route one, tells us that for nearly a month he had been compelled to break a portion of road open every day; the drifting snow each night filled up his tracks of the day before.
Renne Barnes of Hooker brought in his rabbit scalps Saturday — 184 of them, which he says he got with only 195 shells. He has been averaging about 30 per day besides doing his chores.
John Bivans has cut all the ice that has been put up in Oberlin this year. John has a horse that is unusually good at pulling the ice plow.
Jennings Items: It is rumored that Clay Bradbury will remodel the Palace Hotel building and will bring this stock of merchandise from Plainville and put in a general store.
Justin Avery of Traer thinks Teddy Roosevelt will undoubtedly be the nominee of the Republican Party this year.

75 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1937
Fire which seems to have originated in the attic of the Beaver Valley school building, gained such headway that it could not be checked and the entire building burned. The fire was discovered by the teacher, Miss Lanissa David, at about 8:30 and she called Mr. Kennedy who had not left the school yard after bringing the children to school. Miss David and Mr. Kennedy and the older children managed to save the piano, some of the books and the children's coats.
Custer: Norman Petracek has missed three days of school last week because of blocked roads.
Jennings: The death of Mrs. Jack

Heatheringington, 45, of Jennings came as a great shock to the community and county. Her death followed a brief attack of the flu which went into pneumonia.
Cedar Bluffs: School was dismissed for an indefinite time because of the sickness and influenza.
Joe Fiala is planning to leave from the Rio Grande Valley soon with a load of 130 bushels of tree ripened grapefruit which he will sell from his truck which will be parked north of the Seed House.
George Fortin, who for all the years since the City School was built in 1926 has served as the janitor, died of pneumonia at his home on Saturday. His death followed a heavy cold which he had contracted several weeks ago and during the sub-zero weather when a pipe burst at the school he insisted on repairing the damage himself, working in icy cold water until finished.
The Rev. J.D. Bowles announced this week that he has accepted the pastorate of the First Christian Church of Crown Point, Indiana, beginning March 1. He and Mrs. Bowles and sons, Richard and James, came to Oberlin in 1930 where he has served the Federated Church since that time. Their move to Indiana will enable them to be closer to their sons who will be attending college at Indiana University in Bloomington.
The Reo Harris home near Jennings was completely destroyed by fire with the family escaping through the window with only their night clothes.
50 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1962
The State of Kansas is starting to crack down on persons who buy merchandise in Nebraska and escape paying the compensating use tax. State tax must be paid on automobile purchases made out of state before a Kansas license tag is issued and new methods are being put into operation to detect purchases of farm machinery made in Nebraska.
The Board of Trustees of the Decatur County Hospital has received \$6,600.71 from the annual proceeds of the George M. Robb Estate according to J.R. Betts, treasurer. Mr. Robb, who died in 1956, had accumulated considerable acreage of farm land in Northwest Kansas and bequeathed the earnings to seven hospitals in the area and to other institutions. At the end of 15 years, the property shall be sold and each

hospital receive a disbursement.
Word was received of the death of Tudor Stevenson of a heart attack in San Antonio, Texas, where he and Mrs. Stevenson were spending the winter to be near their daughters. Tudor was born in Oberlin and was an outstanding athlete in high school and after graduating, he worked in his father's drug store and became a partner in the store with his brother, Charles, after the death of their father, W.T. Stevenson. He retired in 1949 but was often in the store as needed.
Robert Bearley, 15, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Bearley, Oberlin, will receive his Eagle Scout award Sunday afternoon at the Methodist Church. He will become the second Eagle Scout in Oberlin. Allen White received his rank of Eagle in September, 1961.
Clayton: Funeral services were held for Mrs. Levi Stephens, 51, who died from injuries suffered in a farm accident.
An exhibition of cold shooting in the basketball game played at St. Francis allowed the home team to win 48-38 over the Red Devils. In home action the Red Devil matmen lost 27-17.
Hospital News: Mr. and Mrs. Max Hafner, daughter, Lisa Ann, 1-20-62.
School News: In the district debate tournament, Norton won all its debates to qualify for state while the Oberlin debaters, Christine Russ, Linda Nemeth, Chuck Frickey and Mark Torluemke won three debates in the eight-team tournament.
Mr. and Mrs. John A. Simonson of Hoxie announce the engagement of their daughter, Carlyne Joy, to Gilford Mahaffy, son of Mr. and Dale Mahaffy of Mankato. Both the bride-to-be and her fiancé are seniors at Kansas Wesleyan University at Salina.
Mr. and Mrs. Erich Froede of Delores, Colo., announce the engagement of their daughter, Erika, to Fred Reichert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anold Reichert of Selden. Miss Froede attended Colorado Woman's College and is employed in Denver. Reichert will graduate this spring from Regis College. An August wedding is planned.

25 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1987
Dennis Shirley, Roosevelt Township farmer, has been elected to a three-year term as director of the Farm Credit Board of Wichita. Shirley, 49, is a lifelong resident of

Decatur County and has been been a stockholder in the Federal Land Bank for 20 years.
In celebration of Kansas Day in Jennings, Jane Boys, Logan, presented entertainment in song and verse on Sunday, Jan. 25, at the auditorium of the Jennings Community building. She accompanied herself on the piano as she related Kansas historical events and original songs from pioneers of the area.
A group of some 20 persons met at the city office with Kreg Mebust, a K-State graduate student, to discuss ideas in the possible development of Sappa Park for recreation uses. City administrator Bob Finkbinder suggested that a 10-year-plan to maximize use of the park be drawn up.
Herndon: Mrs. Dalbert (Karen) Bruning became the new owner of Herndon Grocery on Jan. 1, purchasing the business from Bob and Liane Martin.

Lori Gaskill, daughter of Bob and Kay Gaskill who recently moved to Oberlin from Winona, has returned from a semester spent in Colombia, South America, as part of her study at Carleton College in Northfield, Minn.
Shelli Johnson and Jay Fortin announce their engagement and approaching marriage. Parents of the couple are Lynn and Roberta Johnson and June Fortin, Oberlin, and the late Keith Fortin. A Feb. 14, 1987, wedding is planned at St. John's Lutheran Church in Oberlin.
Nancy Chaffin began work this week as receptionist at *The Oberlin Herald*. She replaces Nila Hafner who will continue on a part-time basis as business manager. Mrs. Chaffin is a 1967 graduate of DCHS and received a degree in family and child development from Kansas State University in 1971 and was married that year to Robert Chaffin. They make their home on a farm southeast of Oberlin and have three children, Melissa, 12; Matthew, 10 and Melinda, 7. She is the daughter of Eileen Witt and the late Waldeane Witt.
Results of the Oberlin Invitational basketball tournament:
Boys: Hoxie, first, Oberlin, second; Girls: Cheylin, first, Oberlin, sixth.
All tournament teams: boys, Tom Wilson and John Adams (MVP); girls, Laurie O'Toole. Girls free-throw champion, Barbara Juenemann, 95 out of 115.

Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

Areminder: Don't forget Kansas Day celebration at 2 p.m., Sunday at the Sunflower Senior Center in Jennings. The guest speakers will be Joy Russell and Arian Arnold talking about the "The Last Indian Raid in Kansas".
Anyone wishing to share early Kansas memorabilia, please feel free to bring them for display. The event is sponsored by the Jennings Czech Memorial Museum. Contact Lila Jennings, 678-2299 or Neoma Tacha, 678-2470.
Jennings Community Blood Drive: 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Friday, Feb. 10, at the Jennings United Methodist Church. This drive honors Lawrence Jennings, the recipient of many units of blood. Lawrence was a long-time Jennings resident and died of leukemia in 2011. Please contact Marge Hartzog at (785) 678-3010, to make an appointment to donate.
On Jan. 19, the Jennings Book Club met at the United Methodist Church. A delicious meal featuring a food from each of the 10 books read in 2011 was prepared by the hostess, Terri Hanke. Following

dessert, members recalled favorite things about the books read. Those enjoying the dinner meeting were: Shelley McKenna, Violet Foster, Pat Hall, Lila Jennings, Sue Long, Ruth Chance, Carla Latimer, Helen Rhodes, Lynn Tacha, Rachel Mapps, Joan Metz, Patty Foster and hostess Terri Hanke.
The book read for the month of January was "The Lake of Dreams" by Kim Edwards. Ruth Chance will be the hostess for the February meeting.
On Jan. 18, about 90 people were served a noon lunch at the Sunflower Senior Center following the burial services for Elwood Bailey at the Jennings Cemetery. Elwood's funeral was held at the Leoville Catholic church at 10:30 that morning.
Elwood and Norine were long-time residents of our community before moving to the Andbe Home in Norton.
The County Recycle Trailer will be brought to Jennings in February. Work was being done on the trailer so it wasn't brought to Jennings the past two months.

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Sympathy is extended to the family of Melinda and Roger Carlson following the death of her father, Tony Tucker, 88, of Atwood, on Jan. 14 at the Sherman County Good Samaritan Center in Goodland.
Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday at St. Alban's Episcopal Church in McCook. Among other survivors are his wife, Ruth, and daughter, Marilyn and Roger Philpott.
Clint Schmidt of Denver spent the weekend with his parents, Chris and Sherri Schmidt.
Officers elected at the annual meeting of the Herndon Covenant Church included: Chris Schmidt, chairman; Clay Anderson, vice chairman; Rosalie Capo, secretary; Lacy Walker, assistant secretary; Gayle Carlson, treasurer; Gerald Benda, assistant treasurer and dea-

con; Kyle Grafel, deacon; Patti Benda and Melinda Carlson, deaconesses; Margaret McEvoy, financial secretary; Mary Ann Erickson, assistant financial secretary; Cindi Grafel, Covenant Women Ministries chairman; Greg Jones and Richard Anderson, auditors; Gail Bergling, Kristi Dirks and Greg Jones, Christian Education board; Kyle Grafel and Ethan Walker, trustees; Sherri Schmidt, Steve Noren and Rosalie Capo, music committee; and Ben Grafel, Mark Bergling and Brandon Dirks, ushers.
Keith and Mary Lou Olson attended the open house which honored Myrtle Carman Waldo on Sunday. They also visited Duane and Marilyn Waldo of Tucson, Ariz., who had come for the occasion.

Lyle News

By Veda Wood

We used to hear advertisements of a certain product, and they would add, "or a reasonable facsimile", meaning if it wasn't the real thing, it was just like it.
Well, since I had a flu shot, this ailment I had last week must have been that 'facsimile' thing. The fever, aches and chest problems convinced me. After a week of medication, rest and pampering, everything is going about as usual.
Kathy VanMeter and Lloyd Frandsen went to WaKeeney on Saturday to attend the funeral of a cousin, Maxine Richards, (Mrs. Harvey Richards, Jr.).
The funeral was at the Methodist Church, preached by Larry Danforth, former Norcatur pastor.
They visited with many friends and relatives, and dropped by her son, Tim's home, then went to Hoxie for the burial. At Hoxie, they visited her brother, Jim and Marge Hillburn, went out to eat and came home.
Last week, Judy Easton was ill

and didn't come to visit her mother, Toots Magers, but came on Sunday, but Charlie was sick. We hope they are both better. Toots played cards at Norcatur on Friday.
June Jolly has been quilting, and has one-half done as well as a lap robe. She played cards at Indianola on Wednesday, had her KT Club on Thursday, and played at McCook on Friday.
My great-granddaughter, Aubrey High, came after school on Wednesday and Thursday. As she had just gotten over being sick, we didn't think I would give her mine. She has the cutest little glasses and says they help her a lot.
Gary Anthony is suffering some pain and soreness after falling last week.
Dwight Wood is scheduled for a checkup on his broken heel. He seems to be doing all right. His wife, Teresa, said he went with his musical group one night, and played some. His friends are so good to watch out for him. Thanks, Guys!

Herndon News

By Julie Hafner

Diana and Rachel Solko, Herndon, and Mary Padget, McCook, attended the Southwest basketball tournament in McCook where they watched Dalton League of Stratton and Nicole Dewey, McCook, take part in the games.
St. Mary's Christian Mothers Altar Society met in the church rectory following Mass Sunday. Officers and members discussed upcoming events, decorating for yearly celebrations and reviewed by-laws and officers duties. Coffee and breakfast breads were served by the officers.
Oops! This scoop-dog left out the names of Destiny Schroeder, Vicky Mumm and Char Hartner among members and guests attending the Christian Mothers Altar Society Christmas party at Roger's Bar and Grill on Monday, Jan. 9. Sorry, gals for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Julius of Denver came on Friday to visit Justin and Jennifer Davis. This was Brayden's first visit to Herndon.
He celebrated his four-month birthday on Friday. Landon and Justin went hunting and had some luck in the cold. Saturday evening they enjoyed dinner of smoked brisket, ribs and pheasant followed by a few games of cards. Everyone had a great time but the weekend went too fast.
Jim and Joyce Rich of Arden, N.C., were guests of Carol Kompus, Oberlin, from Jan. 11 until Jan. 21. While here, they spent time with Wilma Bobinmyer at Cedar Living Center and enjoyed lunch with Pat and Phil Timm, Idalia, Colo., and Carol. Doug Bobinmyer, Herndon, joined the group for lunch at Carol's last Wednesday after returning from Arizona.
Roseanna and Lewis Stoney attended the funeral of Lawrence Richard of Parks, Nb., who passed away Dec. 27 in Lincoln, Neb. Services were held in Benkelman, Neb., with rosary on Friday evening and Mass on Saturday, Jan. 14.
Lawrence was a cousin to the Harvey Stoney family.
Steve and Susan Nelson of Oberlin and Makenzie Nelson of Wichita were Sunday, Jan. 15, dinner guests of Don and Joan Grafel. Ben and Mariah Grafel of Herndon and Keaston and Danielle Grafel and Carter of Oberlin were Sunday evening callers.
Dolores Wood of Littleton, Colo., and Dixie Anthony of Goldsboro, N.C., were recent guests of their sister, Voni Sattler in Herndon.

touring Manhattan before returning home Sunday afternoon.
Macrae Migchelbrink and John each placed second at 106 pounds and 113 pounds, respectively. The team enjoyed consuming 21 pounds of Chinese food after their matches on Friday night, celebrating Rhett Mizer's birthday, and also swimming in the hotel pool on Saturday evening. The boys paid part of their expenses for the two-night trip by cutting, splitting and delivering firewood in December.
Julie's Memory Joggers
The Herndon Nonpariel

July 26, 1945
Word comes from Cpl. Harold Ecker, now in Germany, that he is in the hospital with a skin infection. He will remain in the hospital at least 60 days, according to his father, Matt Ecker.
Paul Berger put in a rather long day Monday. He harvested the entire day and then put in an entire night keeping a pump going to furnish water for his herd of 85 cattle left without drinking water when a windmill broke down. Monday was a hot day for stock to be out of water.

Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

Life returned to normal late Monday afternoon when the city completed work on a sewer problem in the neighborhood around Cedar Living Center. We certainly have a greater appreciation of the importance of the sewer system after this experience.
Several residents met on Monday afternoon for a game of dice. Ira Kolsky was the biggest winner of the afternoon. Everyone enjoyed a snack following the game.
Mary Ann Amack assisted with the sing-along time before supper on Monday.
Irene Fringer won the blackout game at bingo on Tuesday afternoon. Marian Dempewolf and Ila Ray assisted.
Residents began working on plans for Valentine's Day during the Resident's Council meeting held on Tuesday afternoon.
Trivia games and a social hour were on the agenda for Wednesday afternoon. The Bible study group met before supper.
Darlene Fisher was the guest of honor at a birthday party celebrated in the Cedar Living Center dining room on Thursday afternoon. Darlene is the only resident celebrating

a birthday in January, so we selected her birthday as the date for our monthly party. Residents enjoyed pastries and coffee as well as games and a social time.
The baking group made mince-meat cookies on Friday afternoon. This recipe makes a really big batch of cookies, but still they all disappeared quickly.
The dietary department and the activity department joined forces at supper on Sunday to make ice cream sundaes. Vicky Sylvester, Danyel Jeffrey, Erin Jeffrey and Teresa Shaughnessy made each sundae as the residents requested using chocolate, caramel, and strawberry sauce, as well as bananas, cherries, and whipped cream.
Several staff members from Cedar Living Center received recognition for their years of service at the Decatur Health Systems awards banquet held on Saturday evening. We are proud that we can boast of such an experienced staff.
Recent visitors: Jim and Joyce Rich, Ashville, N.C.; Susie Youngblood and Linda Files, Atwood.
Carol Kompus, Mirium Fisher, Robert Fringer, Bill and Carol Duncan, Sherri Shuler, Oberlin.

Selden News

By Jacque Boultinghouse

The Selden Public Library will be holding an E-Reader Workshop at 5 p.m. Monday, Feb. 6 at the library. If you are curious as to what E-Reader is; how does it work; what is Kindle; what is Nook; what is an I-pad, then this workshop is for you.
School Calendar: Jan. 27, high school basketball at Rexford with Dighton; Jan. 28, high school forensics in Hill City; Jan. 3, high school basketball in Rexford with Cheylin; Feb. 2, junior high basketball in Rexford with Cheylin; Regional high school Scholars Bowl.
Birthdays and anniversaries: Jan. 28, Roger Aumiller, Gary Robinson; Jan. 29, The Great State of Kansas, Helen Karls; Jan. 30, Rocky Cooper; Jan. 31, Brian Brown, Wayne Manis, Micah Wenger; Feb. 1, Lisa Emigh, Marsha Rogers, Aaron Emigh; Feb. 2, Joy Putnam.
The Ledger of Groundhog Day began in Punxsutawney, Pa. On Feb. 2 (Groundhog Day) of each year, the town celebrates the beloved groundhog. During the ceremony, which begins well before the winter sunrise, Phil emerges from his temporary home on Gobbler's Knob. According to the tradition, if Phil sees his shadow and returns to his hole, he has predicted six more weeks of winter. If Phil does not

see his shadow, he has predicted an early spring.
Sheridan County Benefit Barbecue and Walk will be at 6 p.m., June 8 at the Hoxie high school track. The walk will follow a barbecue that is being prepared by Big Boy Barbecue. The benefit walk is to help raise money that in turn is used to help Sheridan families that have experienced a catastrophic event. This catastrophic event can be a major illness, a vehicle accident a loss of home due to a fire etc. Anyone wanting to participate in the walk or register a team may contact Marty Cressler at 675-3157.
This past weekend at pinocle night, Carl Mumm and J.R. Albers took first with a score of 720; Warren and Cole Ziegelmeier took second with a score of 715; Julie Ziegelmeier and Jacque Boultinghouse took third with a score of 703. Other teams included: Bob and Pat Wessel, 599; Gail Mumm and Jeanie Spresser, 695; Bernie and Wilma Ritter, 619; and Pete and Phyllis Ziegelmeier, 655. The next Pinocle Night will be Feb. 18 at the Community Center. Cost is \$10 person so mark your calendar, find a partner and some snacks and we hope to see you there.