

Events of Yesteryear

By Joan Betts

125 YEARS AGO — Dec. 1887
Sleet and rain Monday.
The B&M is putting in a 2-stall engine house at Blakeman.
The Beaver Valley railroad grade is completed to the west line of the state.
Hereafter the daily mail and stage will run only to Ludell, omitting Atwood.
A new town by the name of Pacific has been started on 19-3-32 says the Rawlins County Democrat.
The Rock Island surveyors are at present making their headquarters at Jackson on the Prairie Dog.
We are in receipt of Vol. 1, No 1 of The Lebanon, Nebr. Reporter, by O.D. Hoskins.
The Allison Breeze has been purchased by John Shields of Allison who will make it a Democratic paper and change the name to the Allison Times.

married in Herndon on Christmas Day.
Otis L. Benton and family left Wednesday evening for Washington, D.C., where Mr. Benton has been appointed to a position in the Interior Department.
Edward Kennedy, editor of the Beaver Valley Booster, died quite unexpectedly at Cheyenne, Wyo., last week and was buried in the Cedar Bluffs Cemetery Christmas Day. Years ago Mr. Kennedy had worked with linotype machines and was an expert at keeping them in condition. Business at Cedar Bluffs has been so poor of late that he concluded to try for his old work again and had been engaged to look after the linotypes of a newspaper at Cheyenne, but as he got off he train he dropped dead from a heart ailment.

75 YEARS AGO — Dec. 1937
Miss Maxine McKinzie was the winner of the free tour of the Pacific North and Southwest as first prize in the Good Will tour contest sponsored in recent months by the Oberlin Herald and 22 Oberlin merchants. Miss Elma Cramer was second and Miss Velma Logan a close third. She will leave Wednesday from McCook and will arrive in Pasadena, California, to attend the Rose Bowl football game on New Year's Day. She will be among a group of 30 young women.
The identity of the man who walked coolly into the Dresden State Bank and commanded Mr. Bowman to hand over the money is about to be established it is believed by local authorities. Sheriff Bainter and Deputy Sheriff Frank Garver yesterday lodged in jail a man, Eugene Jones, 30, Hoxie, who on his person was carrying \$326 in

currency, a part of which bore the same serial numbers as some taken in the bank robbery. Jones was arrested in Hoxie at the basement apartment where he and his wife and two children make their home. His parents, and at least two brothers, one a practicing attorney, live in Hill City.
An appreciative audience filled the Federated Church Sunday night to hear the cantata, "The Christmas Story in Song" which was presented by the choir under the direction of Mrs. Francis Anderson. Solos were sung by Miss Lorraine Carper, Mrs. Francis Barclay, Mrs. Lester Chilson. Carl Frickey and "Bus" Anderson.

Floyd Lee Lotker, jr., cadet at St. John's Military School at Salina, arrived home Sunday to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Lotker.

Jennings: Funeral services were held for Charles E. Davis, 42, who had worked for the Rock Island railroad as an operator for over 20 years including the past 12 at Jennings before being transferred to Selden in July. In October he was taken to Mayo Clinic for an operation and was bedfast the remainder of his life. He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Mary Farrington, his wife, Audrey, and five children.

50 YEARS AGO — Dec. 1962
The first below-zero weather of the year hit the early morning hours of Dec. 26 registering a frigid five below zero.
The Decatur County commissioners are pondering a problem — one in which all citizens of the county are interested or should be. Thirty-five residents of the county are on the waiting list for admission to the

county rest home.
Working through the Decatur County Welfare Director Mrs. C.C. Marietta, clubs and individuals in the county have prepared more than 100 baskets of food and gifts for families who had found going tough at Christmas time
"Wrestler of the Week" is DCHS 145-pounder Bill Brown according to Coach Jim Kinyon. The Red Devils got revenge on an earlier loss to Norton by a 26-14 score when they downed the Bluejays 23-14 before a hometown crowd.

Mrs. Abbott Morton of Bassettville Township and Mrs. Walter Zwickle share their talents by creating centerpieces using natural materials including even the lowly weeds. The centerpieces use everything from wheat to Spanish moss and are given to friends or to organizations for banquets.

- 25 YEARS AGO — Dec. 1987**
- TOP NEWS OF 1987: As reported by the Herald staff.**
1. Buses come off the assembly lines
 2. Hospital expansion top priority
 3. Spring blizzards devastating
 4. New boats go to Texas
 5. Wayne Steinert replaces Keith Adams as USD 294 head
 6. Crops bring smiles for farmers
 7. Cornerstone Theatre staged in Norcatur
 8. Toxic waste spill draws citizen ire
 9. Oberlin elects its first woman mayor, Idella Frickey.
 10. Community stalwarts die: Wes Gaumer, fair board and Lions Club; Kathleen Claar, museum curator.

Selden News

By Jacque Boullinghouse

Thursday during Senior Citizens at the Community Center, Pat Wessel won high with a score of 657, Marilyn Meyer took second with a score of 620, Betty James got low with a score of 243 and Bob Wessel had the most Kings. Other members present included: Lillian Sulzman, Lola Cook, Royce Cook, Jeanie Spesser, Gail Mumm, Carl Mumm, Bernita Aumiller and Ralph Weis.

Selden and Rexford schools are all closed for Christmas vacation until Jan. 3.

Birthdays and Anniversaries: Dec. 21, Troy Emigh; Dec. 22, Pat

Wessel, Volyde and Barb Hopper; Dec. 23, Tammie Bainter; Dec. 24, Curtis Carman, Mitzi Wachen-dorfer; Dec. 25, Helen Jo Ochs; Dec. 27, Landon Truetken; Dec. 28, Heath Schulte, Bill and Rose Bainter, Robbie and Debbie Koer-perich; Dec. 29, Mark Schieferecke, Teena Johnston; Dec. 31, Clayton Bainter, Judy Brantley Hankins; Jan. 1, Diego Castellano, Gayle and Ruth Bainter, Kandi Vahling; Jan. 2, Boyd and Marge Wilson, Mike and Tammi Porsch; Jan. 3, Elizabeth Schreiner.

Norcatur News

By the Norcatur News Committee

The Norcatur Newsheet staff are taking a Christmas and New Year's break. The next edition of the Norcatur News will be printed Monday, Jan. 7.

But last week's news includes Norcatur Senior Citizens meeting to play pitch on Friday at the Methodist Church Educational Building. They will meet again on Friday.

Dennis and Judy Shirley are hosting an open house from 4 to 6 p.m., Saturday at the Gateway to honor their daughter and husband, Vicki and Steve Ruggiero. Mr. and Mrs. Ruggiero were married in August and ask that there be no gifts.

Happy birthday wishes go to: Carissa Wentz, Sandy Gade, Jim Bob Beachel, Dec. 22; Fred Molzahn, Lynn Ward, Norma Ward, Dec. 26; Mary Irwin, Dec. 30; Beth Sebaugh, Casey Tuttle, Dec. 31; Darrel Barnett, Megan Wentz, Jan. 2; Chris Dempewolf, Jan. 3; Mike Mapes, Jan. 6; Debra Helm, Debra Marshall, Jan. 7.

Anniversary wishes go to: Tom and Betsy Jakowski, Dec. 19; Galen and Jamie Wentz, Dec. 31; and Jeff and Lori Roe, Jan. 3.

Casey and Justine hosted a celebration on Dec. 8 to honor their daughter, Jade, on her second birthday. Jade went to spend some time with her grandparents, Stan and Carol Miller while Mr. and Mrs. Tuttle flew to Las Vegas on Dec. 9 for a mini vacation. They managed to see all the sights and returned home Dec. 12.

The line-up of free movies to be shown in Norcatur is: Dec. 30, Hugo; Jan. 6, Appaloosa; Jan. 13, Rat Race; Jan. 20, Mirror, Mirror; Jan. 27, Batman Begins. Donations are accepted for bottled water and popcorn. The library will be open on movie nights from 5 to 5:45 p.m.

The Norcatur Outreach Clinic will resume Jan. 8. Call 475-2015 for an appointment.

100 YEARS AGO — Dec. 1912
County Treasurer took in nearly \$16,000.00 last Thursday.
College students home for the holidays include: Iva Moser, Raymond Wolfe, Gay and Guy Litton, Lester Wylder, Tudor Stevenson, Dean Rogers and Helen Parker.
Will Chapin and Ina Askins were



Happy New Year!

We'd like to thank our patients for visiting us on ProTime Mondays and scheduling time with us throughout 2012, and we look forward to serving you in 2013!

The lab will be open from 7 a.m.-noon on New Year's Eve and closed on New Year's Day.

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