

By SUE (BOSLER) GARABEDIAN

Josephine (Johnston) Bosler arrived at the farm home of her parents, Robert and Jennie (Morton) Johnston, southwest of Oberlin in Decatur County, with little fanfare on Tuesday, Feb. 12, 1901. However, a century later, on Sunday, Feb. 11, 2001, over 75 relatives and friends gathered in Pueblo, Colo., to honor her on her 100th birthday.

She had three older brothers so was probably a bit of a tomboy. She definitely was a good baseball player and still is a Rockies baseball fan, listening regularly to the games. She taught school before her marriage to Nick C. Bosler in 1918, and was always an encourager of education. All six of her children graduated from Decatur Community High School and two of her children earned college degrees, as did many of her grandchildren.

She was a favorite babysitter for her grandchildren and the children of many families in Oberlin. Her grandchildren knew that she could be talked into doing almost anything that couldn't result in harm, while many other adults would have considered it "silly."

She is still interested in the well being of our country and continues to have opinions about politics and other world affairs. She made sure that her vote was cast and counted in the most recent presidential election and was not disappointed by the outcome!

When Josie arrived at the Pueblo Holiday Inn, her daughter, Joy Johnson, presented her with a corsage of sunflowers and yellow roses.

The celebration began with a family church service led by her grandson, Scott Bosler. Several hymns were sung and scripture reading was from Proverbs 31, which describes a woman who is worthy of praise. He also shared his own humorous recollections of experiences with his wise and loving grandmother. Time was given also for her children, who spoke with high emotion, praising her as a woman of integrity, compassion, and determination



Mrs. Bosler when she was young

who expressed her love by doing for others.

Guests were served a buffet dinner in the banquet room. Her daughter, Mrs. Johnson, and a friend, Selbe Watts, chose a Kansas theme of wheat, sunflowers, and limestone rocks arranged on green and white gingham checked table runners. The two-tiered birthday cake followed the theme, complete with a replica of a windmill made of chocolate.

A grandson, Nick Wallace, traveled from the Middle East to attend the celebration and took pictures, including five-generation ones of the honored guest and her descendants. The 32-hour trip from half-way-round the world was a tribute of his love and admiration for his grandmother.

Mrs. Bosler was served from the buffet table by her daughter, Carolyn Wallace, who also served as mistress of ceremonies. Mrs. Bosler's children were seated with her at the head table for a dinner of ham and turkey and stuffing with all the trimmings

After the dinner, guests sang "Happy

Birthday" to her and her first granddaughter, Suzanne (Krening) Baer, cut and served the cake. Homemade sunflower-shaped mints adorned the slices of birthday cake. A social afternoon and evening buffet followed.

The guest of honor returned to her home, where she enjoyed one of her favorite shows, "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?" The full day of celebrating concluded after 10 p.m.

Mrs. Bosler lived in Decatur County for more than 98 years. Most senior citizens would not have made a big change but when it became necessary, she was willing to move to Colorado to live with her daughter and husband, Joy and Von Johnson, at 117 West Legend Drive, Pueblo, Colo., 81007.

Those attending included her daughter, Beatrice (Bosler) Krening, Fort Morgan, Colo.; Suzanne (Krening) and Ray Baer, Steven and Jennifer Baer, Brandon and Brienna, Wiggins, Colo.; Alan and Lori Baer, Brady and Jordan, Britini and Logan Mauro, Akron, Colo.; Tim and Mary Beth Baer and Michael, Parker, Colo.; Jim and Donna Krening, Eaton, Colo.; Ceri Krening and Josh Mariea, Denver;

Her son, Gordon and Nancy Bosler, Sue (Bosler) and Robert Garabedian, Alison and Keith, Fresno, Calif.; Scott and Bonnie Bosler, Brad, Emily and Annalee, Visalia, Calif.;

Children of the late Berniece (Bosler) Czuk: Mary Anne and Larry Kramer, Michael Honn and fiancée, Laura Holm, Tom and Wanda Czuk, Littleton, Colo.; Lisa Czuk and Michael O'Neill, Boston, Mass.;

Her son, Wayne and Linda Bosler, Denver; Barry and Beth Bosler, Lincoln, Neb.; Joshua, Torey and Nick C., Denver;

Her daughter, Carolyn (Bosler) Wallace, Ardmore, Okla.; Nick Wallace, Doha, Qatar; Carrie Mayes and Rebecca, Purcell, Okla.; Sam and Jill Wallace and Jackson, Ardmore, Okla.; Elizabeth Harshfield and Henry, Flower Mound, Texas;

Her daughter, Joy (Bosler) and Von Johnson, Pueblo West, Colo.; Todd



Mrs. Bosler



Mr. and Mrs. James Kaspar

Couple honored on 50th

James and Ann Kaspar of Loveland, Colo., were honored by their family with a surprise dinner at their home on Jan. 14 in observance of their 60th wedding anniversary.

Ann Pachner and James Kaspar were married on Jan. 12, 1941, in Oberlin. He joined the Army in July 1941 and served four years in the United States and overseas. They farmed in the Jennings area before moving to Colorado Springs in 1955. After they retired in 1996, they moved to Loveland, Colo., where both remain active. She makes quilts and he enjoys being a handyman and feeding wildlife.

They have a daughter, Wanda Kaspar, Fort Collins, Colo., and two sons, Jim and Ginny Kaspar, Parker, Colo., and Rodney and Sherry Kaspar, Kersey, Colo.; eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Club News

Club enjoys speech students

Sixteen members of Monday evening Club met in the home of Sharon Addleman on Feb. 12. Kay Moon was co-hostess.

Mrs. Susan May, assistant speech coach, accompanied Oberlin high school students, Sarah Olson, who presented "Dance of Chicken Feet"; by Bailey White, and Kelsey and

Dani Dorshorst, who performed "Dud War," by Ken Bradbury.

Members discussed the possibility of hosting the March birthday party at Cedar Living Center. Vice President Judy Shirley announced that the next meeting will be at the home of Marcia Lohofener, with Irel Lohofener as co-hostess.

Valentine dinner enjoyed

Seventeen members of Pi Alpha Club met at the LandMark Inn on Feb. 12 to enjoy a Valentine dinner and reveal secret sisters.

The Coon Creek Connection, a barbershop quartet, entertained the group with humor and song. The group includes Jay Wilson, Oberlin;

Don Blank and Jack Reichenback, McCook, and Al McCrumb, Wauneta.

Cecil Hess will host the Feb. 26 meeting at Sappa Valley Manor with Eris Young assisting. Members will bring photo albums and/or items to share from their wedding.

Widows and Friends meet

Widows and Friends celebrated the Valentine holiday with a noon luncheon on Feb. 14 at the LandMark Inn. Esther Carlson presented a season reading entitled, "Love."

Those present were Millie Lippelmann, Alice Shirley, Nadean Stoney, Ruby Wennihan, Vada Shaw, Joann Neidenthall, Veanna

Orr, Eileen Grose, Dorothy Jackson, Esther Carlson, Norma Richards, Marty Munson, Eula Juenemann, Virginia Spratling, Mildred Holmdahl, Elva Shaughnessy, Bertha Schwisow and Doris Sloan.

The group will meet for an 8:30 a.m. breakfast on Feb. 28 at Janey's Frontier Restaurant.

Guild exchanges valentines

Ten members of the Hospital Guild met at the home of Ruth Laidig for their February meeting and exchanged valentines for roll call.

President Doris Sloan conducted the meeting and members gave the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Mildred Holmdahl presented an interesting lesson entitled, "Plant

Pigments, Vitamins and Herbs," and Henrietta Van Vleet directed a clever number.

A money making project is being started as "Pony Express." Hospital Guild serves many needs, the most recent being the purchase of two electric grills for Cedar Living Center. Refreshments were in keeping with the February holidays.

The family of **Ethlyn (Bainter) Tacha** would like to honor her on her **80th Birthday, March 4, with a Card Shower**
Her address is: 432 Jewell Salina, KS 67401

THE FAMILY OF **Ninia Bickford Smith** WISHES TO HAVE A **CARD SHOWER FOR HER BIRTHDAY ON FEBRUARY 24.**
CARDS MAY REACH HER AT: 2125 PICO COURT, ELDORADO, KS 67042

Johnson, Hays. Byron Johnson was unable to travel to the celebration because of his continuing recovery from an accident last September.

Other relatives present included: Helen (Bosler) Quinlan, Donna (Quinlan) Gioia and Ryan Bosler, Denver; Imogene (Johnston) Keenan, Jennings, Janeil Keenan, Goodland, Darci and John Roberts, Colorado Springs, Colo.

Friends included: Selbe and Ken Watts, Pueblo; Paul and Debbie McInlay, Sutherland, Neb.; Shawn and Tonya McInlay, Littleton, Colo.; Patrick and Angela McInlay and Calley, Kearney, Neb.; Michele (Munson) Luttrell, Littleton, Colo., and Dina Boettcher, Denver.

DCHS ALUMNI BANQUET RESERVATION COUPON
The DCHS Alumni Banquet will be held at The Gateway in Oberlin, Saturday, May 26, 2001 at 7 p.m. Mail reservations and remittance to: Alumni Assn., P.O. Box 201, Oberlin, KS 67749. Deadline for reservations is May 18, 2001.
Price per plate is \$12.50
This includes dinner and 50 cents for the Smick Memorial Loan Fund.

Alumni's Name Class
Address
Spouse's Name Class
Space allows for alumni and spouse. BE SURE to give address, class year and maiden name. (No guests, please)
If spouse is also an alumni, please indicate the class year the spouse would like to be seated with:

	'95 Olds Regency 3800 V-6, Loaded \$9,850		'95 Buick Riviera, 3800 Supercharged V-6 \$11,900
	'00 Chevy 1/2-ton 4x4, Vortec 5300 \$23,900		'90 Chevy 1/2-ton 4x4 \$2,500
	'95 Chevy Suburban 4x4, Loaded \$18,500		'87 Chevy Astro, V-6, Nice \$3,500
	'77 Chevy 1-ton dually \$2,500		New Taylor Pittsburgh 15-ft. 3-section Mower \$10,400
	'91 Gmc Jimmy 4x4, 85K, V-6 \$3,995		'77 Chevy Suburban 4x4 \$1,295
	'79 Ford Bronco 4x4 \$1,950		'80 Ford Granada \$295
	'90 Cadillac El Dorado V-8, Nice \$5,950		'92 Ford Ranger \$4,750
	'97 Chevy 1/2-ton 4x4, LT, 6.5 Turbo Diesel \$15,900		'96 Chevy Astro All-Whele-Drive, LT, V-6 \$9,500
	'86 Pontiac Parisienne \$950		'79 Chevy Suburban 4x4 \$19,00

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