

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1885

Clayton is in the midst of a post office fight. The Clayton people are of the opinion the B&M will miss them about four miles.

Art Allen will soon build a two-story dwelling house 28x28.

The commissioners have ordered a 6,000 pound safe for the county.

There are more available townsites within two or three miles of Oberlin than ever known before at this season of the year.

School was dismissed last Thursday and Friday because of an absence of fuel.

100 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1910

Curry Brothers have been fixing up their quarters on Hall Street the past two weeks and now have a very cozy place to do business in.

There were 34 men and women who took the examination for census enumerator Saturday with only 11 positions in prospect.

W.T. Stevenson and wife left Tuesday for a visit with home folks at Leavenworth, Kan., after which it is reported they will visit Mrs. Stevenson's folks in Canada. They will likely be gone a couple of months.

Citizens of Oberlin attending the railroad meeting at Norton were J.D. Flanigan, J.F. Peters, S.A. Fish, C.N. Page, H.A. Griffith, Judge Geiger, Frank Fleming, G.H. Hoadley, J.D. Paddock, W.J. Marvin, W.S. Langmade and C.S. Maddox, mayor.

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25 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1985

A new business service is being offered in Oberlin and surrounding communities by Greg Lohoefer, president of a newly formed company, Financial Consulting & Investigation, Inc. His business will provide services which include consulting work in cash flow of farm operations or small business situations and marketing alternatives. He has worked the past six years with the Decatur County National Bank and will continue on a part-time basis as a consultant.

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Funeral services were held at the Leoville Catholic Church for Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Petracek and their daughter, Nancy, who died as the result of a two-car auto collision 10 miles south of Ness City on US-283. Burial was in Oberlin Cemetery. Survivors include a son, Kevin, 4, and a daughter, Teresa, 2, and Daniel's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Petracek of the Oberlin-Jennings area. Petracek was a graduate of Kansas State University and the family was living in Hays where he was employed as a district supervisor for John Deere Implement Co. They were enroute to Dodge City on business at the time of the accident. Elvin Kertek, 44, of Bolivar, Mo., a passenger in the car driven by James Hensley, also of Bolivar, was also killed in the accident.

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On Friday, between the hours of 2 and 4:30 and from 8 to 10, a cordial invitation is extended for everyone to sample their new super-creamed ice cream. The only stipulation being that children must be accompanied by parents.

A list of city projects to be submitted to the federal government's Project Works Administration includes water mains to the cemetery, the completion of paving on North Penn to the highway, a band shell to be constructed in the city park, and construction of a lake on the Sappa Creek east of Oberlin.

If there is one person in town with a tough job — one in which it is absolutely impossible to satisfy all customers — it is Mrs. Harper, the lady in charge of the federal re-employment office. There simply are not enough jobs for the number of men wanting them.

The basketball game between Norton and Oberlin ended in a tie 24 to 24 but in the overtime the Blue-jays won the game 30 to 24.

Vallonia: We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Van Pelt in the loss of their infant son who was buried at Sherman Chapel

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