

# THE OBERLIN HERALD

## Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

### 100 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1901

Just think of the 20th of January and young men riding around town on their bicycles. Greatest climate in the world.

We hear that the family of W. F. Upson have been having a serious time with the gripe.

J. R. Gardner and Frank Kimball of Traer were in the city Tuesday. Mr. Kimball claims that he has been sick for nearly two years and would be glad to sell out his lumber and hardware business and quit.

Charley Diamond, living near Bassettville, had the misfortune to lose his barn, three stacks of alfalfa hay and 250 bushels of corn by fire.

H. D. Colvin is having a new windmill put upon his lots.

J. K. Stiner, one of the first settlers of Olive Township, was a pleasant caller Friday. Mr. Stiner says this is a typical Kansas winter, and since he has been living here had seen about a dozen just like it and no one could tell anything about the next season, but if we get plenty of rain we would have a big crop, and if not, we would not, and that was all there was to it.

A telegram was received by Joseph H. Young from Gen. Corbin of Washington, D. C. stating that Jay R. Young, who enlisted here nearly two years ago, had been killed in battle.

### 75 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1926

Otto Friedemann of Liberty Township returned a few weeks ago from a trip to Germany. He had been away for over 36 years and said many changes had occurred. He found people apparently well fed but not altogether satisfied with economic conditions which have come about because of the war. Mr. Friedemann says the ocean trip was the nicest part of the journey and the cheapest. The ticket from New York City to Hamburg, Germany and return only cost him \$185 and the meals for the 14 days on the water were included. The rail fare from Oberlin to New York and return cost him nearly as much.

Norcat: Jimmy Hughes was a mighty tickled old soldier last week when he opened a letter that stated he

had been allowed a handsome increase in pension.

The grading of the big hill on the Airline highway south of the Chris Eaton place, three miles east of Oberlin, is progressing fast and before long there won't be much of a hill left.

Isaac N. Hensley, a well-to-do farmer living southeast of Jennings, met with an auto accident Saturday near the little town of Halford which proved fatal.

Dresden: About 20 young people surprised Artie Broyles and his bride with a charivari Saturday night. Treats of cigars and candy were given.

Miss Anna Kipps, who has given up her position with the V. H. Griffith Motor Co., left Friday evening to visit her parents at Goodland and will go on from there to Colorado Springs.

### 50 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1951

Members of the Red Devil basketball squad were pleasantly surprised after their hard won victory over Colby Friday night when Coach Bill Cummins informed them they were leaving Saturday morning for Manhattan to attend the K-State-Iowa State basketball game that evening. Members of the squad who made the trip were Carl Neff, Don Eicher, Lee Ploussard, Bobby Brown, Leroy Flaska, Darrel Brown, Darrel Youngs, Roger Carman, John Cederberg, Lee Fortin, Dee Fortin, Alvin Johnson, Stanley Moore, Rex Moore, and Gary Coulter. The boys and their coach and the drivers, Vincent May and Jess Woodruff, and Supt. Mahon were guests at the game of Kansas State. Kelly Slaughter, son-in-law of Mrs. W. T. Stevenson of Oberlin, has been named the "Salina Man of the Year."

Max Vernon, John Rogers and Lloyd (Happy) Vernon are at Lackland Field, San Antonio, Texas, after enlisting in the U. S. Air Corps.

A wedding shower was held Jan. 15 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Morton Brown for his sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Don Lee Peterson. The bride is teaching a rural school near Oberlin and the groom is in business with his father at Avoca, Iowa, but has been called into the service.

Hospital News: A son, Ronald H. was born to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hunziker of Selden on Jan. 12, 1951, 8 lbs, 7 oz.; a baby girl, Rose Marie, was born Jan. 14, to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Farr, 6 lbs. 11 oz.

Funeral services were held for Eliza Tolle McCoy, 86, who came to Kansas with her parents, John and Sarah Tolle, in 1879 and homesteaded five miles west of what is now the town of Norcat. Later they located north of Norcat on Sappa Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerald Leitner announce the birth of a girl, Claudia Paulette, born at St. Catherine's Hospital in McCook.

### 25 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1976

Decatur County's New Year baby arrived Jan. 8. He is Shane Travis Diederich, son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Diederich.

Recipients of the Decatur County Banker's Awards to be presented at the 31st annual Decatur County Conservation District meeting are: Bernard

Muehlenkamp, Sappa Township; Donald Aschwege, Beaver Township; Elder Carlson, Sappa Township and Joyce Summer, Grant Township.

Members of the Decatur County bi-centennial committee met last week to plan events to be held in Decatur County during the country's 200th birthday year. Committee chairman is Phil Lauber, Oberlin. Other members are Paul Welter, Dresden; Kenneth Krizek, Jennings, John Rule, Chuck Frickey, Mrs. Bob Russell, Mrs. Jack Barrett and Randall Braden, all of Oberlin.

Funeral services were held for Herbert G. Anderson, 76, who farmed many years in the Lund Community before moving to Oberlin.

The DCHS wrestlers blew St. Francis out of the gym Friday night overpowering them 36-13.

A 60-52 come-from-behind win over the Hoxie Indians Tuesday night gave DCHS a season record of 5-3. Leading score for DCHS was Roland May with 21 points.

## Let's Go to the Museum

By Fonda Farr

If you haven't seen Anna Seeber Shaw's latest print "Reflections" you are missing out. It is absolutely beautiful and will go in any color scheme. It has been so much fun for me to see how the prints we have sold at the Museum have been matted and framed. I know people have used olive green, cream, hunter green, rust, and blue in their mats and frames such as oak, white washed and even with olive and gold. These are just from a few people. I can imagine almost any color, it is so versatile. Stop by and we will be happy to let you see one and even sell you one.

The museum is officially closed to tours as of Dec. 1, because there is no heat in the outbuildings. I'm afraid I had to keep the heat down in the front buildings during the tree tour because the cost of gas to heat them is almost prohibitive for our budget. So I apologize if you came in to see the trees and it was too cold for comfort.

Winter hours are 10 to 12 noon and 1-4 p.m., Tuesday through Friday. Many of you probably wonder what we do in the winter. Right now we have started doing a couple of projects. We have Glenda indexing the Leoville book right now and Myrna and I have started trying to straighten up the newspaper cataloging and see exactly which papers are complete and which we need to work on.

The Oberlin Herald is catalogued from 1879 to 1950. So before we go on with it we would like to make sure the other county newspapers are caught up. We realize this is a non-ending job but much progress has been made in the last 10 years. We also do genealogy research for people and are here for history research as well. So if you need anything we can help you with, please stop by or call.

Have a Happy New Year from all of us.

## Jennings News

By Jeanette Krizek

The annual National Geographic Bee was held Friday at the school with students fifth through eighth graders competing. After 10 rounds, the field closed to two competitors. Four more rounds brought Seth Ritter, son of Sharla and Philip Ritter, as winner over Bradley Gawith, son of Bill and Kristy Gawith.

Others competing in the top 10 were Toliver Bird, Tyler Bolt, Jake Kramer, Rocki Bochert, Jody Brooks, Kyle

Kinser, Kaitlyn Gillespie and Marcus McKenna. Mr. Ritter will now take the written Qualifying Test in hopes of advancing to the State Competition.

Jessica Wildeman, daughter of Kenny and Rhonda Wildeman of Jennings, was named to the President's List for the first semester at Dodge City Community College. To qualify, students must earn a grade point average of 3.80 or above.

## Good Samaritan News

Scott, Francy, Coraleen and Curtis Waddell were guests for dinner on Monday, Jan. 8. The afternoon program in their honor was their life story in music. The residents and staff sang old songs led by Kelley Black, accompanied by Myrna Jones. The Waddells gave a true version of their lives following the singalong.

The Swinging seniors entertained the residents to music on Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 9. Some of the residents enjoying a dance were Eleanor Demmer, Erma Holt, Joe Barber, Bernice Brown, Alvena Ecker, Eva Cuthbertson, Dena Gillespie and Leona Glenn.

The First Hand Friends class of Mrs. Pavlicek visited the residents on Tuesday morning, Jan. 9.

Virgil Barber, Joe Barber, Emil Flaska, Dolf Jenning, John Kleidosty, Jack Barrett, George Beims and Fred Helmkamp met for conversation.

Don Farr led morning exercises on Tuesday, Jan. 9.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Helmkamp,

Kathryn Post and Marilyn St. Clair were guests at the Forget-Me-Not dinner sponsored by Dennis Brown.

Goldie Raulston, Kenny Rydquist and Phyllis Berry had coffee with Rena Hickson and Ella Peterson.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hartzog visited Ruby McKenna and Dena Gillespie.

Residents and their guests this past week: **Mr. and Mrs. Fred Helmkamp:** Martin and Evelyn Marin and Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler; **Dena Gillespie:** Pastor Glenn and Betty Krebs; **Kathryn Post:** Doris Fringer; **Mabel Adams:** Pastor Glenn and Betty Krebs; **Ann Leitner:** Doris Fringer; **Velma Jeffus:** Zach and Alex Young; **Vergie Nygren:** Marcell Berrymann; **Merle and Lorna Bishop:** Chantelle Beneda and Jodie Fields; **Ruby McKenna:** Donna Chambers; **Mr. and Mrs. Emil Flaska:** Jon Smith; **Pauline Zander:** Alvina Unger; **Ella Peterson:** Violet Holle, Shelly Holle, Eunice Martin and Mary K. Holle.

## Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Funeral services were held Friday afternoon at the United Methodist Church in Atwood for Genevieve (Cooper) Henningsen, 95, who died on Jan. 8 at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. Burial was at Lone Star Cemetery southeast of Atwood with Brantley Funeral Home in charge. She was a sister-in-law of Genevieve (Erickson) Henningsen of this community.

Survivors include a son, Andrew Cermit and Pat Henningsen, Tempe, Ariz.; three daughters, Veda Mae and Orvis Nelson, Atwood; Betty Jo and Ralph Borgeson, Kansas City, Mo., and Patricia Ann and Neil Larson, Colby; a brother, Elmer and Lova Cooper, McDonald; 13 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren.

Norma Anderson is recuperating satisfactorily after undergoing heart

surgery last week at Presbyterian Hospital in Denver. Her husband, Gordon, and their daughter, Carol Fink, of Wamego, were with her for the surgery, and Gayle Anderson and husband, Marvin May, visited her on Friday and Saturday.

Elma Lee Erickson was among relatives who attended the wedding of James Don Perona and Jami Dawn Hartog in Pittsburg on Jan. 6. The bridegroom is the grandson of Don and Em Threlkel of Atwood.

Dick and Donna Kelley visited over the weekend with Kevin and Debbie Kelley and family at Silver Lake.

Rennie and Jeanean Olson and Scott have moved from Swisher, Iowa, to Dallas, Texas, where Rennie is employed and Scott is attending college. Their other sons, David and Jonathan, are in college at Swisher, Iowa.

## Herndon News

By Carol Ginther

Congratulations to Robert and Geraldine Nemeth, who observed their 50th wedding anniversary on Tuesday.

Adam Ketterl, son of David and Judy Ketterl, will give his conservation speech entitled, "Environmental Education — How Has It Affected You?" at the Rawlins County Conservation meeting to be held at 7:30 p.m. tonight at the Columbian Hall in Atwood. He placed first in the district's 2000 speech contest.

LaVern and Carolyn Holle are the Conservation Award winners and Gary and Dianna Kastens and Terry and Marilyn Kastens of K&K Farms, were named winners of the Wind-break Award.

Poster winners from Herndon include: Janelle Solko, Michelle Hartner, Anikka Martin, Ben Grafel, Charles Solko and Tyler Martin.

Adam Ketterl was named overall winner of the Atwood Masonic Lodge's annual essay contest and will receive a \$500 scholarship. His essay will be sent on to state competition. Andrea Brown was awarded a \$200 scholarship for first place in the Herndon girls' division, and honorable mention awards and scholarships of \$200 each were awarded to Joshua Allen and Angela Cash.

Kirche Martin, son of Bob and Liane Martin, was named to the Dean's List for the fall semester at the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture. Students must attain a grade point average of 4.0 on a 4-point scale.

Guests of Ann Martin on Dec. 31 for Christmas at the Senior Center

Recent visitors of Rosie Solko were Tim Solko, Tom Solko, Mr. and Mrs. Doug Marrs, Hays; Monica Solko, Larry Solko, Omaha; Carol Solko, Hays; Judy Solko, Larned; Rodney Solko and Mrs. Tressa Worley and Robin, Olathe; Ernest and Sarah Solko, Sharon Ecker, Cathy Lippold, and Mildred Kleidosty.

Margaret Riener hosted a belated Christmas dinner on Jan. 7. Guests were Dennis and Doris Riener, Palisade, Neb., and their grandchildren, Jordan, Tiara and Dakota Dunker, Atwood; Karol and Pat Riener, John, Jim, Dan, Jeff and Jessica, and Joe and Nadine Green.

Edie Pettera has returned home after spending the holidays with her sons and families. She spent Christmas at the Don and Rose Pettera home in Mesa, Ariz. All were guests of Mike and Dee Pettera on Christmas Eve. All had Christmas dinner at the Don Pettera home. Edie spent New Year's with Les and Myrna in Loveland, Colo. On Friday, they hosed a birthday party for their granddaughter, Alyssa Pettera. Those present were her parents, Keith, Tress and Matthew, and Edie Pettera, Robert and Colette Kramer, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and her grandparents, Karl and Audrey Clark, Fort Collins, Colo.

Robert and Colette Kramer were Christmas and New Year's guests of Les and Myrna Pettera. Mike and Connie James, Dominac and a friend were also guests.

Edie Pettera visited her sister, Agnes Bosler, who is a patient at the Western Hills Nursing Home in Lake-wood, Colo., then she and Les and Myrna were guests of Mike and Connie James, Gobby and Michelle Duran.

Joann Malone visited last Friday afternoon at the home of Norval and Gloria Phelps in Atwood.

### SENIOR CITIZENS

Herndon Senior Citizens held a business meeting on Jan. 3 with 10 present. Lorraine Fleischacker read a poem, "Just You Believe." Ann Martin won Bingo blackout and Mrs. Fleischacker the door prize.

The next potluck will be held today at the Senior Center with Ollie Hafner and Helen Marintzer on kitchen duty. The next business meeting will be on Feb. 7 with Maxine Reuber as hostess.

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**Decatur County Conservation District**

## Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Steane Olson, son of Jerry and Connie Olson, placed third overall in the Oberlin Invitational Wrestling Tournament in Oberlin on Saturday at Decatur Community High School.

The Logan Township board meeting was held at the home of Martin and Evelyn May on Tuesday evening. Other board members present were Don Mines and Roland May. Ann Mines, Pam May, Zachary and Hannah were also present and enjoyed visiting while the men had their meeting.

Arthur and Alice May were Friday dinner guests of Lois Carlson to honor them on their birthdays. Arthur celebrated his birthday on Thursday and

Alice celebrated her birthday on Tuesday.

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