

THE OBERLIN HERALD

# Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

**100 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1901**

The wind and dust on Sunday made it almost impossible to be out of doors. Isaac Clark has sold his fruit and vegetable store to H. S. Beardsley and in a short time will leave for Tecumseh, Neb.

Little Zella Jackson is reported quite sick.

The Chicago Lumber Yard has purchased the Baumgarten lots south of the yard and are erecting a high board fence around them.

Colonel Parker and Ned Beaver went to Topeka last night to take down the testimony they had gathered in the election contest case.

R. M. Miser, Will Lieberknecht and C. H. Danley of Allison were up to Oberlin Monday fixing up bonds for their school district as they expect to build a fine schoolhouse next summer.

On Wednesday evening while L. G. Tower stepped over to a restaurant to get a lunch about 7 o'clock, the rear door of his store was broken open and some of his best jewelry taken. The loss will probably reach about \$200.

**75 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1926**

Four golf enthusiasts were clear Sunday and say they went early around the course — so they say.

Alvin Nett of Cook Township was crossing by No. 7 on the Rock Island track at Dellvale in Norton County and died before he could be taken to the hospital. He was returning from Smith County with a truck load of furniture for his sister.

J. V. Riley has an Indian relic, a silver plate or belt buckle, which he picked up at the site of the camp on the South Sappa near the O'Toole ranch where the marauding Cheyennes stayed overnight in September 1878.

Do the grocery stores of Oberlin keep open on Sundays so you may buy some of the groceries you forgot to buy on Saturday? Some of the grocers would like to attend church on Sunday and the rest would enjoy a good rest, so let us try to do our buying on Saturday.

Court House News: On Jan. 27 Mr. Warren B. Galusha, 21, and Miss

Bertha Wudtke, 18, both of Traer were married by Judge Kulp.

D. W. Bainter will hold a public sale Feb. 2 at the J. B. Bainter ranch located one-half mile south of McGraw Church or seven miles south and three miles east of Dresden.

Custer News: The children of Custer school are enjoying hot soup with their dinners at noon. During the winter months the mothers are sending the soup to the school where it is kept hot until noon.

**50 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1951**

Court House News: Dr. Dillon of Norcatour has been appointed to the office of County Health Officer by the commissioners. The Oberlin Herald has again been designated the official county newspaper with the commissioners' proceedings also to be published in the Norcatour Dispatch and the Jennings Journal.

Eldon Mrstik is a transfer student at DCHS enrolling the junior class. He comes from Jennings and is staying with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Mrstik.

W. P. "Wence" Waller, son-in-law of Dr. and Mrs. H. J. Morrison, has been promoted to general superintendent of distribution of the gas company in Kansas and Nebraska with offices at Hastings. Mrs. Waller and son Herbert will remain in McCook until the present school term ends and Herbert graduates from high school.

Lloyd Foley, well-known farmer of Harlan Township, has been selected as a member of the board of DCHS trustees, to fill the unexpired term of the late Arthur Leist of Sherman Township.

Mrs. A. E. "Grandma" Bennett observed her 95th birthday Jan. 18 at her home in southwest Oberlin. She and her husband homesteaded in Thomas County in 1887 and moved to a farm a mile north of Oberlin in 1905.

Anita Torluemke was honored on her 11th birthday with a party in her home on Sunday, Jan. 21.

Jennings: Jim Hickert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Al Hickert, has enlisted in the Air Force and is now located in Biloxi, Miss.

**25 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1976**

The Oberlin Theater Committee working under the Area Chamber of Commerce has taken an option for \$32,500 on the former Pepsi Cola warehouse building located at 220 North Penn adjacent to the old Chief Theatre. A total of \$40,000 will need be to be raised according to chairman Stan Morgan. "This is the only feasible way to get a theater," Morgan said, "if we are unable to raise the \$40,000 now, we are finished because it cannot be done for less money. Any other plan has proved far too expensive or provides far less space."

The United States post office is seeking bids for construction of a new postal facility in Norcatour according to Norcatour postmaster Gary Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Railsback announce the engagement of their daughter Mary, to Michael Dicke, son

of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Dicke, Manhattan. The bride is a registered nurse at Wesley Hospital in Wichita and her fiancé, a graduate of KSU, is employed at Boeing as an aircraft dispatcher.

Jennings: Mrs. Bill (Stephanie) Kirk is the new owner and agent for Jennings Insurance Agency.

DCHS wrestlers won the Tournament of Champions Saturday with five Red Devils taking firsts: Brad Fredrickson, 98 pounds; Mark Young, 126; Tom Dolan, 132; Bob McDaniel, 138; Tom Alstrom, 145. DCHS had 100 points; Hoxie, 77; Burlington, Colo., 59 and Garden City, 41.

Funeral services were held in McCook for a former Oberlin resident, Mrs. Helen M. Morgan, 75. Mrs. Morgan was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Banta. Her husband, Dr. Donal H. Morgan preceded her in death.

## Let's Go to the Museum

Fonda Farr, curator

The entire Jennings grade school plus a few kindergarten students visited the museum to kick off their Kansas Day studies last week. We always enjoy these kind events. Myrna had a grandson among the crowd so that was even more exciting. She would have had two grandsons here but unfortunately one had to have emergency surgery that day. We gave them a tour of the whole museum since it was a fairly warm day, but it was still chilly in the outbuildings.

Hooray! We have the floor in the kitchen of the Old Bohemian Hall and some repair work is being done to walls along the new stairs. The heating is coming next. My hopes of having it ready for the museum annual meeting the first Thursday of April are getting within reach.

This week has been rather lonely since all of my help is out sick. This is the most convenient time of year for illness to take employees away for a few days. I'm just hanging on to the hope that it will all miss me.

Due to the cost of the gas to heat the gift shop we are closing it for the winter and it will open again in April. That isn't to say that you can't come down and we will take you over, but it will be very cold. So, if there are items you would like, please come to the office and one of us will let you in the gift shop.

I have done some research on a Johnson and rounded up some pictures of Clayton that were requested. Thanks to Myrna and Gwen Ward they were made available for me to scan and pass on.

## Jennings News

By Jeanette Krizek

The Heritage Associates will have their annual meeting at 1 p.m. on Monday at the Royal Neighbors Associates Hall. Election of three directors will be held along with due payments.

Lillian Shimmick compiled family histories of George Kump, Frank Tacha, Joseph Cilek, Joseph Ruzicka, William Bartley, Herman Dachow, Daniel Simpson, Varlou Flaska, Frank Mazanek, Charles Votapka, Oscar Munson, Eliash Ford, Frank Machart, Solomon Rees, Albert Janousek, and others. The stories can be purchased by attending the meeting or calling Neoma Tacha for more information at 785-678-2470.

The next regular meeting will be at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 1 at the Royal Neighbors Associates Hall.

The third through sixth graders attended the Eagle Day 2001 at Kirwin National Wildlife Refuge Reservoir on Thursday. Students got a close-up

and personal view of a rehabilitated Bald Eagle as wildlife rehabilitator Diane Johnson gave a talk about the species. Over 100 eagles are at the reservoir and students had the opportunity to view them with binoculars.

Three seniors have been chosen for the Western Kansas Liberty League. They are Russell Miller, son of Greg and Marie Miller, Lori Vahling, daughter of Dick and Betty Vahling, Dresden; and Kristi Smith, daughter of Peg Smith, Oberlin.

Dena Gillespie's family served birthday cake and rolls to the Good Samaritan residents, staff members and several friends for her 91st birthday on Saturday, Jan. 13. Mrs. Gillespie enjoyed the cards she received.

She spent the holidays in her home in Jennings. Dena Marie and Dan Way, Brian and Julie visited over the holidays. All of the families enjoyed a holiday dinner at the home of Daryl and Marjorie Hartzog.

## Lyle News

By Helen Helm

The Lyle United Methodist Women met Wednesday at the community building with Kathy Van Meter as hostess. Pat Schwab gave the lesson, "Seeing the Harvest in Seed Time." Others present were Veda Wood, Margaret Magers and June Jolly. Mrs. Wood will be president for the ensuing year.

Verl Cook has been a volunteer at the Good Samaritan Home in Oberlin when the activities director, Coleen Rippe, wanted to take some residents fishing. They have not been able to do that this year so he, with the help of Mrs. Rippe, held a fish fry Friday evening for all the men residents in the activity room with fish that Verl had caught.

Mrs. Van Meter, Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Magers and Marguerite Fullerton visited Van and Irene Cozad in Beaver City, Neb., Tuesday evening and Van accompanied them to the Senior Center for cards. On Wednesday, the same women went to Indianola, Neb., for

sauerkraut pizza to celebrate Mrs. Fullerton's birthday.

Irene Powell and grandson, Tanner, came to the home of Colleen and LaVerne Rippe Saturday morning, and because of the snow storm spent the weekend there.

Mrs. Magers and Mrs. Fullerton had a doctor's appointment in Oberlin Thursday and had lunch with Laurene Bryan. Mrs. Magers had made a birthday cake for Mrs. Fullerton and Gene Van Otterloo was also a guest.

Laurie Helm, John and Helen Helm, Robert and Kathy Brashears, Zac and Seth, had pizza together at Indianola, Neb., Friday evening as a little celebration for Zachary's graduation at mid-term from the University of Nebraska-Kearney, with a degree in Wildlife Biology.

Laurie Helm returned to St. Joseph, Mo., Saturday morning just ahead of the snow storm. She said it rained on her all the way to St. Joseph.

## Cedar Living Center

The Coffee Club on Jan. 13 was hosted by Nora Bell Manning.

A party was held on Monday afternoon with Dennis Brown of the Forget-Me-Nots serving pie and ice cream.

Fern Moore gave the reading program on Tuesday morning. The first bingo on Tuesday afternoon was won by Lois Steiner and the blackout game by Elsie Peterson.

A birthday party in honor of Charley Vavroch was held after bingo. Marie Jean Vavroch hosted the party.

Father Jim Hoover and Sister Marilyn Wall had Mass on Thursday morning.

Janice Winters of Jennings helped

Naomi Robertson celebrate her birthday on Friday.

Carol Witt and Juanita Williby assisted in the activity department all week.

Recent visitors included: Connie and Kim Meixner, Arkansas City; Jean and Elton Gillespie, Josephine Kinser, Clayton; Lois Scott, Jennings; Jerry Temple, Norcatour; Don Ashley, Frank Bouts, Selden; Darla Brock, Goodland; Ann Martin, Herndon; Elvin Beneda, Orlin Beneda, Fern Jording, Alan Reuber, Irene Fringer, Leonard and Dorothy Cochran, Cecil Hess, Ann Mines, Grace Hoppas, Faye Miller, Barb Olko, Mildred and Eldon Black, all of Oberlin.

## Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Officers elected at the annual meeting of the Herndon Covenant Church on Sunday include: Chris Schmidt, chairman; Gerald Benda, vice chairman; Cindi Grafel, secretary; Gail Bergling, assistant; Mark Olson, treasurer; Gerald Benda, assistant; Mark Bergling, Kyle Grafel, trustees; Dick Kelley, Gary Erickson, deacons; Donna Kelley, Mary Ann Erickson, deaconesses; Dale Withington, Richard Anderson, auditors; Steve Noren, Betty Jean Hafer, Melinda Bell, Christian Education board; Margaret McEvoy, financial secretary; Mary Ann Erickson, assistant; Connie Noren, Deanne Spanier, Gayle Anderson, music committee; Dale Withington, Frank McEvoy, Jim Hunt, ushers. Conference delegates will be Chris and Sherri Schmidt with Gerald and Patti Benda as alternates.

Gordon and Norma Anderson have returned home from Denver and Mrs. Anderson is recuperating

satisfactorily from recent heart surgery. Their daughter, Carol Fink of Wamego, who was with them in Denver, has returned to her home.

Gordon Anderson and Mrs. Fink also visited Steve and Arian Arnold, who are in Denver while he is recuperating from recent kidney transplant surgery. Mail will reach the Arnolds at Porter Memorial Hospital, 2525 S. Downing, Denver, Colo., 80210.

Detta Anderson and Joy Votapka honored Mary Lou Olson with lunch at the LandMark Inn on Friday in observance of her birthday.

Sunday supper guests of J.R. and Carrol Ginther were Blaine and Erin Ginther, Cameron and Will, and Naida and Harlan Ginther.

Sally Olson accompanied her husband, Bob Olson, home last week. She had visited the Larry Marks family at Mulvane and the Bob Frenzl family in Salina since Christmas.

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