

THE OBERLIN HERALD — Obituaries

Marion L. Brock

Marion L. Brock, 73, of Delphos, brother of Thelma Walker of Oberlin, died Dec. 30, 2001.

He was born April 20, 1928, at Jennings, the son of Clark and Rosella (Brown) Brock. He graduated from Jennings High School in 1947. He was the retired owner and operator of Brock's Auto Supply at Delphos.

Survivors include his wife, Lela, Delphos; three step-sons, Alan Deegan, Milford; Dennis Deegan, Eureka, and Gary Deegan, Wichita Falls, Texas; a daughter, Becky O'Ree, Salina; two step-daughters, Nadine Martindale, Augusta, and Rhonda Srna; a sister, Mrs. Walker, Oberlin; one granddaughter and several step-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Norma, in 1988.

A memorial service was held Friday at the United Methodist Church in Delphos. The body was donated to the University of Kansas Medical Center. Shields Funeral Home of Minneapolis was in charge of arrangements.

Memorials may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

Alvena F. Ecker

Alvena F. Ecker, 93, a native of Herndon, died Jan. 6, 2002, at Decatur County Good Samaritan Center in Oberlin.

She was born April 20, 1908, on a farm north of Herndon, (the daughter of Otto and Emma Ida (Waudtke) Schwarz). She was raised on the farm and attended Richland School.

She married Elmer Ecker on April 15, 1931, in Herndon. They lived on a farm 1 1/2 miles east of Herndon until his death in 1938. After moving to Herndon, she was a school cook.

Survivors include a son, Lyle Ecker, Aurora, Colo.; two daughters-in-law, Sharon Ecker, Herndon, and Rogene Ecker, Central City, Neb.; six grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by two sons, Lloyd and Eugene Ecker; a brother, Paul Schwarz, and a sister, Paulina Mosher.

Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday at Union Cemetery at Herndon.

A memorial was established in her name and contributions may be sent to Pauls Funeral Home, 121 N. Penn, Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

Cecil F. Stacey

Cecil F. Stacey, 79, longtime resident of Selden, died Jan. 4, 2002, at St. Joseph Hospital in Denver.

He was born Sept. 2, 1922, in Mingo, the son of Tom and Anna

(Reel) Stacey. His family lived in Mingo and Jennings before moving to Selden in 1931. In 1938, he worked in a Civilian Conservation Camp in Custer, S.D. and later returned to Colby.

His married Dorothy Spannigal in 1941 and they had a daughter, Dorothy. He served in the U.S. Army in Europe during World War II.

He married Marietta Wilcox on April 20, 1947, in Omaha, and they had five children. He worked as a Road Master for the Rock Island Railroad retiring in 1981. After retiring, he and his wife returned to Selden.

He was a member of the Veterans and Foreign Wars and American Legion.

Survivors include his wife, Marietta; three sons, Terry Stacey, Minneapolis, Minn.; Jerry and Linda Stacey, Hutchinson, Minn., and Thomas and Dorothy Stacey, Selden; three daughters, Dorothy and Jim Lourance, Lakeview, Ore.; Loraine and Steven Kalvig, Grafton, Iowa, and Barbara and Mitchell Hofson, Kingman, Ariz.; 17 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by brothers, Joe Beal, Frank Young, and Gene Young and sisters, Ada Tate, Mae Maske and Josie Shuler.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at Pauls Funeral Home in Selden. The Rev. Yockey L. Jones officiated and burial was in the Selden Cemetery with military committal rites by the Selden American Legion Post.

A memorial was established in his name.

Francis B. Johnson

Francis Brown Johnson, 88, a native of Decatur County, died Jan. 5, 2002, at the Genoa Community Hospital/Long Term Care in Genoa, Neb.

He was born March 15, 1913, the son of Adolph and Lizzie (Brown) Johnson. He grew up at Kanona and Topeka and graduated from Topeka High School in 1930. He worked for Boeing Airlines flying air mail and in radio repair.

He married Erma Gladys Garton on Nov. 25, 1934, at Ellis. During World War II, he worked out of the Army Air Force Base in McCook, installing radar in B-29s. In 1936 he built a movie theater in Danbury, which he operated until 1944. He was a radio repairman and a farmer for many years. He served in the U.S. Naval Reserve. He lived in Danbury for 50 years and in Oberlin for 12 years before moving to Columbus, Neb.

He was a member of the Town Board, school board and Twin Valley Rural Electrification Assoc. Board, all of Danbury, and a member of Prairie Chapel United Methodist Church at Oberlin.

Survivors include his wife, Erma, Columbus; a daughter, Judy and Darrell Nelson, Monroe, Neb.; two grandsons; and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at Patrick Funeral Chapel in Genoa with the Rev. Hugo Westphal officiating. Committal services will be at 2 p.m. today at the Kanona Cemetery.

Audra E. Steinmetz

Audra Ellaleen Steinmetz, 89, a 1931 graduate of Decatur Community High School, died Jan. 6, 2002, at Community Hospital in McCook.

She was born July 12, 1912, on a farm in Sherman Township, the daughter of Thomas Jefferson and Betsey Jane (Plumb) Dimmitt. She attended Sherman and Oberlin schools. After high school, she attended Normal Training and taught at New Liberty and Mount Vernon schools.

She married Samuel A. Steinmetz on April 23, 1933, in Oberlin. They lived in and around Oberlin. She worked at the Decatur County Good Samaritan Center before retiring in 1985, then continued as a volunteer. She was a member of the United Methodist Church and Rebekah Lodge.

Survivors include her son, Samuel Thomas Steinmetz, Oberlin; five grandchildren, William Steinmetz; Rodney and Patty Steinmetz; Sam W. and Diana Steinmetz; Terry Steinmetz, and Diane Solko and Tom; nine great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandson.

She was preceded in death by her husband; four sisters, Mildred Lytle, Dorothea Dimmitt, Lorus Johnson and Gwendolyn D. Beavers, and a great-grandson, Cory Thomas Fisher.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. today at Pauls Funeral Home. The Rev. Doug Hasty will officiate and burial will be in the Oberlin Cemetery.

A memorial was established to the Oberlin City Library.

Courthouse

These transactions were taken from the records in the office of the Decatur County clerk and deeds recorded in the register of deeds' office.

DISTRICT COURT Traffic

Dec. 31: Carl Geiger, Odessa, Neb., speeding 78, \$102.

Limited Action

Tracy Lincoln dba Lincoln Repair vs. David or Linda New, \$734

Hospital

These were the admissions and dismissals from the Decatur County Hospital this week:

ADMISSIONS

Dec. 29: Neva Campbell, Oberlin
Dec. 30: Martin May, Oberlin; Alvin Jording, Cedar Living Center.
Jan. 1: Shelley Macfee, Danbury.
Last Wednesday: Doyle Styles, Frank Cameron, Oberlin.
Thursday: Denise Jones, Anna Cressler, Oberlin.
Friday: Donald Scott, Oberlin.
Sunday: Lavonne Baker, Oberlin; Denis Tongish, Herndon.

DISMISSALS

Dec. 31: Dona Carriker, Atwood; Dee McDougal, Martin May, Oberlin.

Thursday: Shelley Macfee, Danbury; Frank Cameron, Cedar Living Center.

Friday: Denise Jones, Neva Campbell, Oberlin.

Saturday: Anna Cressler and son, Oberlin; Alvin Jording, Cedar Living Center.

BIRTH

Jan. 3: Anna and Jonathan Cressler, Oberlin, son Gage Allen Cressler, 8 pounds, 12.3 ounces.

Weather

Wednesday: cloudy, highs 50s, lows 20s. Thursday: partly sunny, highs 50-55. Friday: highs mid 50s, lows lower 20s. Saturday: highs mid 60s, lows 20s. Sunday, partly cloudy, highs 50s, lows upper 20s. (Readings taken daily at 7 a.m.)

| Date | High | Low | Precip. |
|--------|------|-----|---------|
| Jan. 1 | 33 | 12 | |
| 2 | 28 | 5 | Trace |
| 3 | 30 | 7 | |
| 4 | 50 | 9 | |
| 5 | 49 | 20 | Trace |
| 6 | 47 | 23 | |
| 7 | 42 | 14 | |

Precipitation totals for the week, Trace; for the month, Trace; for the year, Trace; a year ago, Trace.

Markets

Jan. 7, 2002, 2001 closing markets

Wheat, \$2.69 bu.
Milo, \$3.02 cwt.
Corn, \$1.89 bu.

OVER 220 NEW AND USED VEHICLES TO CHOOSE FROM



2000 PONTIAC GRAND PRIX GT SEDAN, 3800 V-6
\$16,500



2000 CHEVY S-10 EXT CAB 2WD, V-6, LOADED 3RD DOOR
\$14,500



2000 PONTIAC MONTANA, 3400 V-6, LOADED
\$21,900



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\$19,900



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Town Crier

Today: Weekly community prayer service, 12:15-12:45 p.m. at United Methodist Church.

Deadline for reservations for "Annie" dinner theater. Call Idella Frickey, 475-2473, or Ella Betts, 475-3557.

Colby College Outreach Enrollment, 7-8:30 p.m., room 112 at high school.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 8 p.m., south ambulance barn.

Thursday: Junior high girls basketball, 4:30 p.m., and junior high wrestling, 6 p.m., here with Goodland.

Friday: No school.
High School basketball, 6:30 p.m., at Quinter.

Saturday: Oberlin Invitational Wrestling Tournament, 10 a.m.

Sunday: Senior Citizens potluck, noon, at Golden Age Center.
Teens for Christ, 6-8 p.m.

Monday: Healthy Benefits of Exercise, 1:30 p.m., The Gateway.
Junior high Teens for Christ, 7 p.m.

Tuesday: Pre-school story time, 10:30-11 a.m., Oberlin City Library.
Oberlin Invitational Basketball tournament, 3:30 p.m.

Oberlin Al-Anon, 8 p.m., Faith Lutheran Church.

Sunflower Cinema

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Oberlin
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Jan. 12 & 13 - 7:30 p.m.

Shallow Hal

Sat. & Sun. - 7:30 p.m.
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