

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

100 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1902

The weather seems like April. Old settlers, however, shake their heads and predict bad weather before long. Married by Probate Judge Norris at his office on Monday, Jan. 6, Mr. Robert Ridgway and Miss Flora Bolin. The new engine for the mill arrived Wednesday and is now being put in place. It is the same engine that was in the Phillipsburg mill when it burned. It had only been used a few weeks and it is said to be as good as new. Three cases of small pox are reported at Norcat. Should this be true we hope the people of that town will act sensible and keep the disease from spreading. There is no need of quarantining the town and trying to keep people from going to or from it. A quarantine paralyzes business, makes the people a lot of trouble and is not a particle of benefit to anyone. Lone Star and Glen Valley schools have new dictionaries.

75 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1927

The rainfall record for the past year was very, very low, 13.76 inches. Only twice since 1887 has the recorded rainfall been lower, 1910 and 1916. Normal rainfall is 21.76. The funeral for James Vernon who died the last day of 1926 at his home in Jennings at the age of 87 was held at the Jennings Church with Rev. Ira Bieber conducting. Herndon: While working at the Farmers elevator last week Claude Runyan was painfully injured when struck on the head by a crow bar. Jennings: Henry Carsten and "better half" are building on their fine

farm, formerly the Jack Bainter farm. Fairview-Summit: Earl Shaw and family spent Wednesday evening at Guy Shaws listening to the radio. Prairie View-Blue Star: Christmas Eve was celebrated at Prairie View school with a program, an old fashioned tree, Santa Claus and presents for everyone. The girls of the school gave all the mothers a pleasant surprise in the form of embroidered aprons which were made at school. The old 56-pound rails that were laid on the Orleans-St. Francis branch of the Burlington when the road was established in 1887 are being replaced with 85-pound steel in order to maintain the Burlington's "fast" schedule.

50 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1952

The Decatur Community High School debaters placed third in the Garden City debate tournament last weekend; the affirmative was upheld by Mary Banta and Betty Bryan, with Waldo Anderson and Howard Petracek taking two rounds, while the negative representatives were Donelle Gaumer and Ronald Torluemke. The high school basketeers won over Atwood 64-29 with Neff scoring 17 and Mrstik 12 while the matmen defeated Atwood 36-21. Hospital News: Mr. and Mrs. Willard Noren, boy, Jan. 4, Steven Lynn; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wahrman, Herndon, boy, Jan. 5, Wayne Joseph; Mr. and Mrs. Duane Wenger, girl, Jan. 7. Sharon Kay Lang, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Leo Lang of Hoxie, was the winner of the \$25 bond given by the Oberlin Chamber of Commerce to the first baby born at Decatur County Hospital in the year 1952.

She was born on Jan. 3. A special service was held Sunday at the Federated Church honoring members who had been in the church since it was federated in 1921. Ned Coldren gave an interesting program and presented corsages to six women who had been members for the longest period of time, Mrs. Tom Anderson, Mrs. Maye Banta, Mrs. Edson Dean, Mrs. H. A. Griffith, Mrs. Carrie Curry and Mrs. Rosa Mount. Miss Marie Tally, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Tally, and Staff Sgt. Donald Aschwege, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Aschwege of Crawford, Neb., were united in marriage Dec. 15 at the Army Chapel at Camp Carson, Colo. She is employed as bookkeeper in the Colorado National Bank in Colorado Springs and he is stationed at Camp Carson. The marriage of Miss Jo Anne Garrett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Garrett of Rexford, and Norris Vaughn, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Vaughn of the Hawkeye community, took place Dec. 22 at the Rexford Church. They will reside in Denver where she is a student at Central Business College and he is employed by Montgomery Ward. Mrs. Louise Naumann of Lexington, Neb., announces the engagement of her daughter, Leona, to Mr. Frederick Helmkamp, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Helmkamp of Oberlin.

25 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1977

Decatur County's New Year Baby arrived Jan. 10 at Decatur County Hospital. He is Wheat Aaron Lippelmann and his parents are Mr. and Mrs. Dan Lippelmann, Basestville. Margaret Nickell, 25, is currently

serving as a preceptee at Decatur County Hospital and Oberlin Clinic as a portion of the last five months of her medical school training. Both she and her husband are medical students at the University of Kansas. She is originally from Stillwater, Okla. While in Oberlin she is making her home with Dr. and Mrs. Whitaker and family. Commissioners Dennis Sloan, Ralph Unger and Jack Noone approved a bid for the replacement of 20 windows in the south elevation of the county courthouse. New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. David Olson, Oberlin, a son, Jonathon David, Jan. 10. Roy Shobe, 50, area post office superintendent in the Oberlin facility, will retire Friday after more than 32 years of service with the U. S. Postal Service. Shobe notes that he has seen a lot of changes over the years and the most difficult to work with has been the change of the postal system to private enterprise. The Shobe family will continue to make their home in Oberlin and operate the Daylight Donut shop. Norcat: Charles Johnson has sold his Sinclair Oil Company distributorship to Wilmer (Mike) Michel. The Johnson family has operated the business since Charles' father, John Johnson, acquired the dealership from the late Joe Winchell in 1938. Beauty Boutique, a new beauty salon in Oberlin located at 102 S. Elk, will officially open Monday according to the new owner, Mrs. Marie Ferguson. Staffing the new firm are stylists Mrs. Greg Ulery, Mrs. Randy Walters and Mrs. Ferguson.

Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Dec. 23 guests of Carolyn Muirhead and Reinhard May for their Muirhead family Christmas dinner were LeRoy and Shirley Muirhead and granddaughter, Heather Muirhead, Alma, Neb.; Mary Zodrow and friend, Robert, Manhattan; Steve Zodrow, McPherson; Ron and Kim Miller and Mitzie, traveling the farthest from Broadway, Va.; Gary and Leola Zodrow, Maurice and Deena Zodrow and family, Oberlin; Ruth and Amber Saliba, Hays; John Peters, Wichita; Joan and Jerry Loughmiller, Sam, James, and Chris, Wellington; Robert and Diane Muirhead, Rebecca, Alex, Rachael and Erin, Scott City. Ruth and Amber, John, Joan and Jerry and family, and Robert and Diane and family were also Christmas Day dinner guests of their mother and uncle, Carolyn Muirhead and Reinhard May. Ernest and Nancy May and Ashley Jordan, Tonganoxie, spent Christmas with his parents, Martin and Evelyn May. Additional guests on Thursday for their family Christmas dinner were Greg and Janice Cundiff and Quintin, Marvin May and wife, Gayle Anderson, Jason, Clay and Kendra Anderson, Paul May, Lawrence; and his fiancée, Meaghan O'Sullivan, Kansas City; Rebecca and Stephen May, Lawrence; Chris and Kasey May,

Kaylee and Kelsey, Andy May, and Dorothy Moore. The Norman Wendelin family spent Christmas with Lawrence and Lynda Wendelin at Gothenburg, Neb. Rhonda May and husband, Dan Nedland, Cameron, Hunter and Elizabeth of Breckenridge, Colo., spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter May. They all joined relatives for a holiday dinner and gift exchange hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Roland May, Zachary and Hannah. Others present were Mr. and Mrs. Roger May, Ryan and Erin, Dr. and Mrs. Richard May, Nolan, Danica and Brianna, and friend, Matt Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Robert May and Cole, and Carrie Nichols and son, Dustin. Christmas dinner guests on Dec. 22 of Stuart and Martha Euhus were Robert and Dana (Euhus) Morton, Sheena and Shad, Garden Plain, and Kent and Diana Euhus, Lindsey and Brock. The Morton family returned home on Christmas Day. Gail Harvey and Zeb, Lamar, Colo., visited Stuart and Martha Euhus, from Dec. 28-30.. Wayne and Lois Larson, Karen and Craig Larson, Kim Duysen, Hastings, Neb.; Brad Larson, and Rebeca Alquicira, Toluca, Mexico, were Christmas Eve guests at the Norman Wendelin home. Vada Shaw, Thelma Spiers, Ralph

and Violet Shaw, Joel Shaw, Joan and Don Grafel, Steve and Susan Nelson and Makenzie, Susan's father and sister, Bill and Janet Davenport, Betty Kenner and Davie Hardy were Christmas Eve guests at the Richard Shaw home. Mike and Nancy Shields, Brett and Corinne, Omaha, and Mark and Corby Shields and Kerie, Creston, Iowa, arrived Dec. 22 to spend the Christmas holidays with their parents, Gaylord and Shirley Shields. Additional Christmas Eve guests at their home were Paul and Kelly Shields, Tyler, Cassidy, and Caitlin, Stuart and Martha Euhus, Hildegard Euhus, Dana Morton, Shad and Sheena, Garden Plain, and Kent Euhus. Christmas Day dinner guests at the Gaylord Shields home were the Mike Shields family, the Mark Shields family, the Paul Shields family, and Hildegard Euhus. Christmas Day dinner guests at the home of Justin and Wendy Scott and Garrett were Wilma May, Evelyn Olson, Jerry and Connie Olson and Kelly, Stean Olson and friend, Mandy Morgan, and Elwood and Jeanie May and Stephanie. Alvina Unger, the Butch Rittmann family, Ralph and Norma Unger, and Dr. Ryan Unger were Christmas Day dinner guests of Duane and Lois Unger, Colby. Post Christmas dinner guests at the home of Wayne and Lois Larson were Suzanne and Jay Cooper and Ian

Crane, Wichita; Rebeca Alquicira, Toluca, Mexico; Brad Larson, Craig Larson, and Norman and Joanne Wendelin, Ladd, Greta and Rory. Karen Larson was unable to attend due to illness. Corby Shields and Kerie, Tyler Shields, and Shirley Shields left Dec. 28 for Creston, Iowa, via Amtrak. En route home Sunday afternoon, Shirley and Tyler met Gaylord Shields in Omaha, returning home Monday. New Year's Eve dinner guests of John and Dianne Bremer and Jessica were Arthur and Alice May. Beth Sliter, Patrick and Jonna Inman, Gary and Alvera Bruggeman, Stephanie and Tyler, Jon Brown, Joe and Jean Ann Leitner, Herndon; Greg and Brenda Peterson and Cheryl Timm, Ludell, were New Year's Eve guests at the Norman Wendelin home. Jaron and Tara Tate, Hot Springs, Ark.; Jay and Becky Tate, Dakota and Mollie Marie, and Lois Carlson were noon dinner guests on New Year's Eve at the John Tate home. Get well wishes go out to Martin May, who is recuperating at home after being released from the Decatur County Hospital. Mildred Fortin and Wilma May were Wednesday supper guests of Darlene Fisher. The Norman Wendelin family, Wilma May, Craig Larson, Brad Larson, and Rebeca Alquicira, Toluca, Mexico, were Sunday dinner guests at the Wayne Larson home.

Jennings News

By Sonya Gillespie

Christmas weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Jennings were: Brian Jennings and Westley, Solomon; Mr. and Mrs. Brent Jennings, Jordyn and Brendan, Chapman; Mr. and Mrs. Dale Musgrave, Eric, Erin, and Ryan, Ong, Neb., and Brett Jennings, Oberlin. Crystal Jennings and Aaron Gray, Salina joined the group for Christmas dinner on Dec. 24. Christmas evening supper guests at the Jennings home were Eugene and Dona Mrstik, Brett Jennings and Ryan Musgrave. Mr. and Mrs. Jennings returned Ryan Musgrave to his home on Friday and attended the Sandy Creek basketball game. Their grandson, Eric Musgrave, is a member of the team.

mail messages but he did call her on her 85th birthday on Dec. 18. His address is: Alan Scott, 17 Lismoyne Park, BELFAST, BT15 5HE, Northern Ireland. His e-mail address is ascott26@earthlink.net The following Jennings students won the Decatur County Conservation Poster contest: Grade 1: first, Angela Ritter, second, Cheyenne Soderlund; Grade 3: second, Dakota Soderlund; Grade 5: first, Jacinta Carter; second, Ryan McEvoy; Grade 6: first Kaitlyn Gillespie; second, Brit-tany Ritter. Two Jennings students, Kaitlyn Gillespie and Angela Ritter, will have their posters sent on to state entry. Good luck, girls! The trophy winners will be guests at the annual Decatur County Soil Conservation supper and meeting on Feb. 4. The Jennings junior high basketball teams traveled to Northern Valley this week. The boys B-team put forth a good effort but were defeated by a score of 19-38. The Boys A team played a tough game and were defeated 29-30. The girls team played a very good first half and was down by 1 point but in the second half Northern Valley pulled away to win the contest 15-27. School Calendar: Jan. 8-9: Western Kansas Liberty League basketball tournament at Sharon Springs; Jan. 9: Colby Community College Outreach Enrollment 7-8 p.m. at school office; Jan. 10: Junior high basketball at Jennings vs. Damar 4:30 p.m.; Jan. 11-12: League basketball tourney at Colby; Jan. 14: No school, teacher inservice. Birthdays and anniversaries include: Jan. 1: Don and Paula Bolt, Martin and Darlene LaRue; Jan. 2: Carl and Linda Wahlmeier; Jan. 7: Bud Rhodes; Jan. 8: Julie Carter; January 9: Lois Heilman; Jan. 10: Helen Rhodes; Jan. 12: Rosa Brock; Jan. 13: Elwood Bailey, Dena Gillespie, Kathy Nauert; Jan. 14: Graves and Betty Kelley.

NEW ARRIVAL

Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Green of Olathe, Colo., are the parents of a daughter, Codi Micheala, born Nov. 27. She has a brother, Rio, 6, to welcome her. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Harris, Grand Junction, Colo. Great-grandmother is Mrs. Daisy Stratton, Glen Elder. New Year's Eve guests of Eugene and Dona Mrstik were Galen and Meme Carper, Lawrence and Lila Jennings and Brett Jennings. Overnight guests of Tom and Mary Votapka on Christmas Eve were Ann and Rex Rowh, Cimarron; Judy Inguange, Samantha, Meagan and Christopher, Kalvesta; Steph Rowh, Tim and Luke of Hastings, Minn.; Jean and Rollie Hallagin and Ashley, Goodland; Angie and Jay Dee Brumbaugh, Tulsa, Okla.; Michele and Josh Ivans, Norman, Okla.; Lori and Bryan Schiefel and Katlyn, Overland Park. Other guests were Sue Long, Jason Rowh, Brecken and Drake of Jennings. I have received a letter from Lois Scott and she would like to share the address of Alan Scott. Alan is on a work assignment for his company in Ireland until the first of June. They have been able to keep in touch by e-

Lyle News

By Helen Helm

Margaret Magers accompanied Jane and Richard Engelhardt of Norton to Aurora, Colo., on Christmas Day where they were houseguests of Pam Engelhardt, Brittany and Tyler. Judy and Charlie Easton, Quinter, joined them on Thursday, and on Friday Joni and Kent Killen, Madison and Cody, Dade City, Fla., joined the group. J.T. and Denise Guy, Katie, Kori, Kirsten and Kayla, Abilene, arrived Saturday morning for their family Christmas. They all returned to their homes on Sunday. Monday dinner guests of Mrs. Magers were Van Cozad, Beaver City, Neb., and Kathy Van Meter. June Jolly attended the bingo held at the Eagles Club in Norton Sunday evening and was one of the lucky winners. Christmas Eve guests at the home of Yvonne and Greg Sumner were Mark and Amy Archer, Andrew and Gracie Mae, McPherson; Michelle Sumner, Ellsworth; Todd and Deanne Sumner, Brooke and Brady, and Yvonne's parents, Don and Betty Zimmerman of Great Bend. Joyce Sumner, Norton, was an additional guest on Christmas Day. Andrew and Gracie Archer remained with Greg and Yvonne until Jan. 4 when Yvonne took them to their home. This gave them added time to spend with their cousins.

Gene Van Otterloo, Oberlin, came out to Lyle for church services at Lyle Sunday morning and took his sister-in-law, Marguerite Fullerton, to church. She then accompanied him to Oberlin where she was an overnight guest of Laurene Bryan. Gene brought her home Monday. On New Year's Day, Wava Reames came after Mrs. Fullerton and she accompanied her to the Frank Ward home in Norcat. Other guests were the Leslie Wards and Mrs. Marguerite Clark. Leslie brought Mrs. Fullerton home. Dinner guests of Kathy Van Meter on New Year's were her son, Tim and Jolene Nejdil, Clinton and Carrie, Quinter, and Margaret Magers. Joining them in the afternoon was Mrs. Van Meter's granddaughter, Danielle Nejdil, of Colby, who had been vacationing in the Chicago area. Ona Van Gundy brought supper New Year's Eve to the home of Veda and Leon Wood and was an overnight guest. On Tuesday Dwight Wood and Teresa Reves had driven to Omaha and visited at the David Wood home. They brought Dwight's girls, Taryn and Chelsey, home with them and all were supper guests at the Wood home on Wednesday. They met the girls' mother at Kearney on Friday morning so the girls could return home. Other visitors at the Wood home were Carol and John Moye, Oberlin. Leon and Veda Wood and Carolyn Plotts joined Mrs. Van Meter at her home on Thursday morning to prepare the Liberty Star program books for the ensuing year. Kathy Brashears, Curtis, Neb., and Ceanne Rinehart, Colby, took their sister, Mary Helm to Denver on Dec. 29 to be there in time for her Sunday morning flight back to Tucson on Dec. 30. Mary's plane was delayed five hours in Denver for security reasons so she got home much later than planned. Laurie Helm, St. Joseph, Mo., arrived Saturday evening to spend the New Year's holiday with her parents, John and Helen Helm. She had put Christmas decorations up for her parents when home early in December and returned them to their storage places before going home on Wednesday morning.

Herndon News

By Carrol Ginther

Sympathy is extended to the family of Alvena Ecker, 93, of Herndon, who died Sunday at the Decatur County Good Samaritan Center in Oberlin. Holiday visitors of Rosie Solko and Bill Solko were Sharon Ecker and Bart, Monica Solko, Judy Solko of Larned, Carol Solko of Hays, Tom Solko, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Doz-baba, Dave Solko of Dodge City, and Tim Solko. Edie Pettera accompanied Kent and Chris Wood to Denver to spend Christmas with Les and Myrna Pettera and family. Other guests who joined them for Christmas dinner were Keith and Tress Pettera, Alyssa and Matthew, Viv Horinek and Jim Hartner and daughter, Mercedes. Les, Myrna and Edie went to Thornton, Colo., where they were guests of Mike and Connie James from Sunday through Tuesday. John Malone of Russell spent Christmas Day with his mother, Joann Malone. Jerry, Janet, Julianna and Joanna Malone spent Christmas weekend there. Ann Martin entertained the following for Christmas dinner: Bob and Liane Martin and family, Julie and John Geisinger, Jason, Dana and Jackie, Mike Weims and family, Dick and Betty Martin of Lebanon, Neb.; Susie Martin of Colorado Springs;

Cecilia and Ron Lehman and children and Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Lehman and children, all of Tribune; Lucy and Butch Evans, McCook; Hank and Lorri Martin and boys, Kirche Martin, Tasha Heiden and Tony Martin and family of North Platte, Neb. Helen Marintzer spent Christmas week with Dan and Joe Marintzer and family at Hastings, Neb. Guests of Jan Sattler on Christmas Eve Day were George R. and Michelle Sattler and Adam, Hutchinson; Jayme Sattler, Jerry Sattler, Ron and Cindy Sattler and Eric, Rob Sattler, Isaiah and Cody, Brian and Mary Clark, Collin and Katelyn, and Dan and Karen Sattler, Bennett, Margo and Winston of Scott City. Christmas Day guests at the Sattler home were Bob and Julie Hafner, Alice Hutfles, the Brian Clark family, Buford Clark, Jayme Sattler and George R. and Michelle Sattler and Adam. Those who spent Christmas Day with Denelda Hamill at Trenton, Neb., were Don and Diana Solko and family, Destiny and Jim Schroeder and family, Darla Anderson and family, Skeet and Jackie Dewey and family, Shad and Jane Dewey and family, Dena Dewey, Rayanne and Dalton, Kevin League and Harlan Worth. In addition, Delmer Dewey was an afternoon visitor.

Prayer week services for the Herndon Covenant Church are being held at 7 p.m. in various homes this week. On Sunday, they met at the home of Danny Dawson; Monday, Mildred Holmdahl; Tuesday, Wesley Benda; Wednesday, Gayle Anderson; Thursday, Bessie Peterson; Friday, Gary Baldwin, and Saturday, Gerald Benda. Curtis and Dawnelle Heim, Karli and Kelsi of Tucson, Ariz., have been visiting her parents, Chris and Sherri Schmidt. Additional guests on Sunday to help Karli celebrate her third birthday and make the acquaintance of Kelsi were LeRoy and Daisy Schmidt, Clint Schmidt, Manhattan; Erin Schmidt, Westminster, Colo.; Danace Omalley, Clae, Jordan and Kainin, Colby; Eric Heim, Allan Heim, Carrie and Nicole, and Donna and Lotin Paul, Aurora, Colo.; Rose and Virgil Weldon, Atchison; John Weldon, Lawrence; Kevin Metzler, Denver, and John Martin, Aurora, Colo. Mrs. Raleigh (Bettie) Bergling has moved to a Hospice House. Mail will reach her at 5949 S.W. Clarion Lane, Topeka, Kan., 66610. The annual meeting of the Herndon Covenant Church will be held on Sun-

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

day following a sack lunch at noon. Members are to bring snacks. Those who enjoyed a post-Christmas family dinner on Saturday at the home of Elden and Detta Anderson were the Rev. Bob Fleenor, McPherson; Wane and Cheryl Stull, Solomon; Eva Bryan, Dick and Donna Kelley, Richard and Maureen Anderson, Samantha, Chris and Gabe, and Gary Anderson. Mr. Fleenor and the Stulls were houseguests at the Dick Kelley home. Dinner guests on Sunday, Dec. 30, of the Don Benda family were Deanne Spanier and Adam, Johnson, and Shane Spanier, Virginia Beach, Va. Ben and Margaret Vrbas were afternoon callers. Don Egle of McCook was guest speaker on Sunday at the Herndon Covenant Church, in the absence of Pastor Keith Reuther, who was vacationing with his wife, Sandy, and fam-

ily, in Michigan. The Rennie Olson family, Irving, Texas, and the Larry Marks family, Mulvane, visited Bob and Sally Olson, Hattie Olson, and also Betty Marks, after Christmas. On Sunday, Bob and Sally Olson and their grandson, David Olson, Swisher, Iowa, visited at the home of Keith and Mary Lou Olson. Christmas dinner guests of Francis and Florine Hurst on Dec. 23 were Gary and Dianna Kastens and Zachary, Nick and Tammy Foster, Sylvester, Lynda and Daniel Hurst, Tracy Hurst and Dana, Roger Doty, Jared and Tiffany Hurst, Samuel and Lidia, Brent and Donna Phelps, Kristine and Mark, and Sherry and Roy Ramphael.

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