

THE OBERLIN HERALD

# Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

**100 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1903**  
Married, Dec. 25, 1903, Mr. Edward Harold and Miss Eliza Fortin, both of Dresden, by Wirt Bartlett, Justice.

Born on Dec. 29 to Mr. and Mrs. Will Fair of Olive Township, a son. Everybody happy.

School Notes: A. C. Banta was forced by illness to resign the principalship of the Oberlin Public School. Professor McLenn of Meridian, Kansas, takes his place.

The backbone of winter seems to be broken and we are now having mud a plenty.

Jay Paddock returned to Manhattan, Ray Coldren and Orley Miller to Washburn and Maudie Briggs to Lindsborg on Monday morning.

There were rumors afloat concerning a better train service last week, but they have floated away again.

George Jackson says the bad weather has put him back with work. He has six buildings to move; some of them go several miles.

**75 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1928**

Another of the early day settlers of Decatur County has passed on to the life beyond. Earl H. Claar, who came to Cook Township in 1879, died Dec. 30 at Corpus Christi, Texas, where he had gone to spend the winter. Burial was in the Hawk-eye Cemetery on land adjoining the home place where the deceased had made his home since coming to the county.

Mary and Margaret Schroer, pretty twin daughters of J. R. Schroer of Dresden, were callers at this office Friday to pay Mr. Schroer's subscription account.

County News: J. H. Alexander was elected chairman of the new board of Decatur County commissioners, a position which Cliff Waldo has held for the past two years, and was glad to turn it over to Mr. Alexander. Dr. Funk of Dresden was selected as the County Health Officer for the coming year.

The Decatur Community High School debate team of Helen Johnson, Alice Morton, Rhobia Ander-

son and Mary McMullen won over Colby 7-1.

Dresden: A new oak floor has been laid in the IOOF Hall.

Mrs. S. J. Harvie received a letter from friends back in Ohio telling of the death of two of her acquaintances who at their death made bequests to Oberlin College totaling more than a half million dollars.

Otis Hughes is at home again after spending several months at Norcatur erecting the new United Telephone building.

**50 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1953**

The weather of the past year was one of the driest on record—a with a total of 13.40 inches of moisture. Still the country produced a fair wheat crop and fair corn and feed production. The greatest amount of moisture fell in May, 3.76; July, 2.25 and August, 1.27.

The Decatur County Hospital has been filled to overflowing most of the past two weeks with an epidemic of illness which is sweeping the country. Most cases seem to be influenza with virus pneumonia and severe sore throats common with many persons.

Folks near Selden are getting pretty well stirred up over the Wessel No. 1 oil test well located a mile east and two miles south of Selden.

Contributions to the Saddle Club expense for the trip to Washington, D. C., for the inauguration of President-elect Eisenhower now total \$2,578.00

Funeral services were held this past week from the Federated Church for Mrs. Tom Anderson, 83, and for Mrs. Fred (Lucy) Caster, 71. Both ladies had been residents of Decatur County for more than a half century.

Mr. Wayne Brubaker, social studies teacher at the Oberlin City school has resigned effective Monday of this week due to health. During Christmas vacation he was at Mayo Brothers Clinic and was told he would need to rest for a few months. Mrs. Ira Laidig is substitut-

ing at the school until a replacement can be secured.

Mr. and Mrs. Denzil Reist have purchased the half-section of land in Custer Township known as the Petracek farm. It had been purchased more than a year ago by Bob Meier. Mr. and Mrs. Reist sold their half-section of land in Bassettville Township to Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Peterson of Selden.

**25 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1978**

More than 100 farm vehicles, 68 of them tractors, clogged main street in Oberlin at midday Tuesday in a parade showing firm support for the nationwide agricultural strike. Following the noon whistle, farmers parked their vehicles in the middle of Penn Avenue and went to the American Legion for a chili soup luncheon sponsored by the county's banking institutions. Featured speaker for the nearly 250 persons in attendance was Don Klein, a McCook implement dealer who told the crowd that for every \$1 generated on the farm, it is recycled seven times and four of those dollars stay in the community.

The Decatur Community High School musical, "Brigadoon," will be presented under the direction of William Waller with some 30 students taking part.

During the vacancy in the 17th Judicial District created by the appointment of Judge Marvin Meyer

to the State appellate court, retired judge Benedict Cruise, Hays, will fill in.

When a popular downtown pool room closed seven or eight years ago in Oberlin, pool players moved to Judd Keefer's recreation parlor at the rear of his home on North York Street where as many as 15 visitors can be found on a typical afternoon despite the ban on smoking, drinking and cussing. The converted two-car garage has a snooker table, tables and chairs for playing pinochle and dominoes.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Frickey, Trevor, Tracy, Brian and Brad will move next week to LaCrosse where they have purchased Worthen's IGA.

Dedication of a new pipe organ at St. John's Lutheran Church in Oberlin will be held Sunday afternoon. Organist for the concert and festival hymn-sing will be DeLoy Goeglein of Denver.

The 3-manual Rodgers Extended Providence 330 organ which will be used for the first time in the 10:30 a.m. worship service Sunday, is provided with an 11-bell cymbelstern, a separate antiphonal division, tower carillon and a complete practice panel. The powerful new organ, which is installed in the loft of the church, had to be trimmed back to 40 percent of its potential audio output to match the acoustics of the church.

## Let's Go to the Museum

By Myrna Jones, co-director

I just wanted to let everyone know that we have been busy this holiday season. We have been taking the Christmas trees down and putting the decorations away. Then on to getting some serious work done before our opening again on Tuesday, April 1.

We want to take this opportunity to say a big "thank you" to those of you who participated in doing trees this year, and also a big "thank you" to all who came to view the trees.

Everyone wants to know, "Who won?" Well, Miss Cedar Livingston of Cedar Living Center took first place. The Bears by Rose Riffle and Kay Marcuson took second, and Susan May and her seventh-grade class took third. We appreciate the time and energy that you all took to make this tree tour a big success again this year. I am already looking forward to seeing what kind of ideas all of you can come up with next year.

## Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Congratulations to J.R. and Carol Ginther on the arrival of their new granddaughter, Sophia Katherine, who was born on Sunday to Blaine and Erin Ginther of Atwood. She was the first baby born this year at the Decatur County Hospital and she has two brothers, Cameron and Will. Her maternal grandparents are John and Mary Montgomery of Aurora, Colo.

Both sets of grandparents, John and Mary Montgomery, and J.R. and Carol Ginther, enjoyed dinner on Sunday at the Meadowlark Grill in Oberlin, celebrating the birth of their new granddaughter.

Christmas dinner guests on Dec. 28 at the home of Verol and Rosemary Bergling were Roger and Bonnie Leitner and family, Alpha-reta, Ark.; Stu and Barbara Lindell and Brooke, Overland Park, and Mark and Gail Bergling and family.

Dick and Donna Kelley spent the holidays with Kevin and Debbie Kelley, Nate and Seth at Silver Lake. On Christmas Eve they were guests at the home of Debbie's mother, Jean Smith, in Topeka before church services.

Joining the Kelleys on Saturday for a Kelley family Christmas were Kirk Kelley, Davenport, Iowa; Sheldon and Brenda Kelley, Kendra and Jessica, Frederick, Colo.; Bob Kelley and friend, Nadine, Marquette; Bill and Brian Kelley, Junction City; Mr. and Mrs. Troy Kelley and son, Kansas City; Jim and Linda Kelley, Lawrence; Jim and Carolyn Plotts, Norcatur, and also Gwen and Garrett Pepper, Topeka.

Pastor Keith and Sandy Reuther and family visited relatives in Louisiana last week.

The annual business meeting of the Herndon Covenant Church will be held Sunday following a sack lunch at noon. Those attending are also to bring snacks for the afternoon.

Weekend guests at the Dick Kelley and Elden Anderson homes for a Bryan Christmas celebration and gift exchange were Helen Jaderborg, Longmont, Colo.; Wane and Cheryl Stull, Solomon; Kirk Kelley, Davenport, Iowa; Eva Bryan, Gary Anderson, and the Ri-

chard and Maureen Anderson family.

Christmas dinner guests of Willard and Esther Noren on Dec. 28 were Larry and Judy Thelander, Salina; Jeremy Thelander, Lincoln, Neb.; Ken and Alice Robson, Ellsworth; Andy Robson, Clearwater; Kirk Robson, Hutchinson; and Nadene Seaman, Lori Seaman, and Steve and Connie Noren, Britta, David and Michael, Oberlin.

Wesley and Eulaine Benda, and Keith and Mary Lou Olson were

Friday supper guests of the Mark and Barbara Olson family to help Kurt celebrate his 14th birthday.

Houseguests of Richard and Maureen Anderson on Christmas weekend were her brother and nephew, Pat McNulty and Brian, Arvada, Colo.

Bob and Sally Olson were holiday guests of the Larry Marks family at Mulvane. Others present were the Rennie Olson and Bob Frenzl families and Louis and Ava Perkins.

## Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

John and Dianne Bremer and Jessica attended a reception for Jason and Emilia Berry, given by his mother, Tracy Keeling. After spending a few days, they returned to the Chicago area, where Jason is stationed with the Navy.

Gaylord and Shirley Shields returned home Friday after spending a week visiting their son and family, Phil and Karen Shields, Justin and Anna, at Salisbury, Md. They enjoyed a late Christmas with their family and also celebrated Phil's 40th birthday on Dec. 29.

Rhonda May and husband, Dan Nedland, Cameron, Hunter and Elizabeth of Breckenridge, Colo., were pre-Christmas houseguests of her parents, Walter and Betty May, en route to Lady Smith, Wis. They were houseguests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Nedland. Additional Christmas Day dinner guests were the families of Tom, Sam and Joe Nedland. Betty and Walter May

were Christmas Day dinner guests of the Richard May family.

The Nedlands returned to the Walter May home on Dec. 26. Christmas dinner guests on Jan. 1 at the home of Roland and Pam May, Zachary and Hannah were the Dan Nedlands, Betty and Walter May, Dr. and Mrs. Richard May, Brianna, Danica and Nolan, Matt Wilson, Roger and Susan May, Ryan and Erin, Robert and Sally May and Cole, and Carrie, Dustin and Tyler Nichols.

Guests at the Roland May home New Year's Eve following church services were Lee and Jane Gilliam, Andrew and Grant, and Rhonda May and Dan Nedland, Cameron, Hunter, and Elizabeth.

Martin and Evelyn May were guests of Jack and Mildred Fortin and Charles following church services New Year's Eve.

Robert and Diane Muirhead, Rebecca, Alex, Rachael, and Erin, Colby; John and Ruth Peters and Amber Saliba, Hays, and Jerry and Joan Loughmiller, Sam, James, and Chris, Wellington, were New Year's Eve and New Year's Day guests of Carolyn Muirhead and Reinhard May to celebrate their family Christmas.

New Year's Day dinner guests of Craig and Karen Larson were Ginger Lubbers and Beck, Laramie, Wyo., and Zane and Gladys Geis. Ginger and her daughter returned home Sunday after spending a few days at the Larson home.

New Year's Day guests of Ralph and Norma Unger for their family Christmas were Bob and Dr.

Rachelle Gorrell and Connor, Rolla, Mo.; Duane and Lois Unger, Colby; Alvina Unger, Butch and Colleen Rittmann, Christian and Rielly, and Dr. Ryan Unger.

New Year's Day mid-afternoon guests at the John Bremer home for coffee and Pond Butter Pudding, a Reznier family holiday tradition, were Arthur and Alice May, Lois Carlson, Elvera Wendelin, Edith Tate, Jay and Becky Tate, Dakota and Mollie Marie, and Warren and Jan Bainter.

Dr. Forrest and Pat Junod, Sacramento, Calif., were weekend guests of her mother, Hildegard Euhus.

Forrest and Pat Junod, Hildegard Euhus, and Stuart and Martha Euhus were Saturday dinner guests of Gaylord and Shirley Shields. Kent and Diana Euhus were evening callers.

John and Dianne Bremer and Jessica attended the Saturday evening wedding of Bernard (Ben) Meitl and Jamie Wilhite at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Hoxie. Parents of the bridegroom are David and Janet Meitl, Dresden. Pastor Chad Eckels officiated.

Weekend guests of Craig and Karen Larson were her daughter, Kimberly Duysen, Lincoln, Neb., and Tracey Praeuner, Hutchinson. Additional Sunday noon dinner guests to help Kimberly celebrate her 25th birthday were Zane and Gladys Geis, Wayne and Lois Larson, and Brad Larson.

Sunday noon dinner guests at the Gaylord Shields home were Forrest and Pat Junod, Hildegard Euhus, and the Paul Shields family.

## Jennings News

By Sonya Gillespie

Sympathy is extended to the family of Mae Warrick, a native of Jennings, who died on Saturday.

Holiday visitors at the home of Gordon and Kara Kuntz, Katherine and Zachary of Hays were Chad and Kim Kuntz, Junction City; Phil and Keli Kleidosty, Wichita; Kent and Robin Brown, Jordan and McKenzie, Estes Park, Colo.; Kurt and Valerie Brown, Quinter; John R. Tacha, Chicago; Sarah Tacha, Tacoma, Wash.; Leah Tacha, Cleveland, Ohio; John and Deanelle Tacha, and David Tacha, Lawrence; and Mildred Tacha, Doyle and Kay Brown of Jennings. Recent overnight guests of Doyle and Kay Brown were: Phil and Keli Kleidosty of Wichita and Jeff and Jan Jenkins of Olathe, and their ex-

change student, Erico, from Japan.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Muirhead took their family on a seven-day cruise to the Western Caribbean on the Royal Caribbean Voyager ship over the Christmas Holiday. This cruise was a promise to their children for their 50th wedding anniversary that will come up in April. The following enjoyed a fabulous time being together for a week: Mr. and Mrs. Todd Barry of Wellfleet, Maine; Tamala, Kallista and Kolten Schulze of Salina; Mr. and Mrs. Tom Zodrow and Austin of Grapevine, Texas; and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Zadeh and Natalia of Chicago, Ill. The side trips taken were to Labadee, Hispaniola, Georgetown, Grand Cayman, and Cozumel, Mexico.

## Herndon News

By Carol Ginther

Holiday weekend guests of Denis and Wilma Tongish for their annual Christmas celebration were Joe and Becky Tongish, Morgan and Lauren, Topeka; Jim Tongish, Newton; Dawn Tongish, Eduardo De Lugo and Devan, Dallas; Dee and Wayne Davis and Brett, Shawnee. Those absent due to illness were June Tongish, Salt Lake City; Amy Tongish, Zack and Emily, Newton.

Pat Tongish, Leslie, John and Jarrett of Newton, and Ashley Tongish of Lawrence were Christmas Eve dinner guests of Denis and Wilma Tongish.

Monica Solko spent the holidays with Doug and Pat Marrs and Carol Solko of Hays. Other guests were Mike and Mandy Solko and sons and Judy Solko, all of Larned.

Those who joined Ann Martin at her home for a Christmas celebration were Bob, Liane, Nik and Anikka Martin; Julie, John and Johnnie Geisinger, Selden; Mr. and Mrs. Mike Wiens, Colby; Dick, Betty and Andy Martin, Wilsonville; Cecelia and Ron Lehman and Mr. and Mrs. Denis Lehman, Tribune; Lucy and Butch Evans, McCook; Hank and Lorri Martin and boys; and Kirche and Tasha Martin, Indianola, Neb.

Andy Martin has returned from duty with the Army in Afghanistan.

Christmas Eve guests of Frank and Wynemah Cox were Mike, Roseann, Shakia Rose and Sohn Michael Domsch, rural Atwood. David Cox of Hays was a holiday guest of his parents, Frank and Wynemah Cox.

Christmas Day dinner guests of the Mike Domsch family were Don and Sonia Domsch, Irene Gertson, Gene and Patty Domsch, Atwood; Judy, Roger, Wylie, and Shayla Cochran, Oberlin; Ryan Cochran

and friend, Leanna, Goodland, and David Cox, Hays.

Weekend Christmas guests of Helen Marintzer were Melvin and Regis Kogl, Lakewood, Colo. They all drove to Hastings, Neb., on Thursday and spent the day with the Danny Marintzer family.

Tuesday guests of Helen Marintzer were Mike and Denise Marintzer, Austin, Texas, and Chad Marintzer, Wray, Colo.

Don and Joan Grafel had as guests on Christmas Eve Thelma Spiers, Steve, Susan and Mackenzie Nelson, Violet and Ralph Shaw, Joel, Tami and Dante Shaw, Richard, Anna, Isaac and Jennifer Shaw, all of Oberlin.

Dec. 29, Don and Joan Grafel were guests of Kent and Karolyn Grafel of Culbertson. Other guests were Kristi Grafel and Kris Clapp, McCook; Kathryn Grafel, Lincoln, Neb.; Steve, Susan and Mackenzie Nelson, Oberlin; Kurt and Kris Grafel and family, Utica; Kyle and Cindi Grafel and family, Leon and Marita Portschy and April, Dave Sattler, Joe and Jean Ann Leitner, Herndon; and Jennifer Leitner, Wichita.

Ron and Rodney Solko, Oberlin, were Saturday dinner guests of Monica Solko. Patrick and Charles Solko were Sunday visitors.

Senior Citizens held their business meeting and birthday party on Thursday. Happy birthday was sung to Pooch Portschy. Maxine Reuber read the poem, "Senior Citizen Discussion." Bingo was played and Margaret Riener won the black-out. Beth Hraha won the door prize.

The next potluck dinner will be Jan. 15 and Anna Mae Ketterl and Maxine Reuber will have kitchen duty. The next business meeting will be Feb. 5 with Dorothy Engleman as hostess.

## Selden News

By Jacque Boultinghouse

Birthdays and anniversaries: Jan. 1 - Mike and Tami Porsch; Jan. 2 - Boyd and Margee Wilson; Jan. 3 - Elizabeth Schreiner; Jan. 4 - Bill Bainter, Mike Kruse, Jenna Bruggeman; Jan. 7 - Harold and Edna Schiltz, John Kruse; Jan. 8 - Tyler Stevenson, Gary Shaw; Jan. 10 - Randi Stevenson, Kiezer Carman, Melanie Schultz; Jan. 11 - Diane Phillips, Shad Putnam; Jan. 12 - Joe Bainter; Jan. 13 - Sherry Carman, Harold Sulzman, Joe Trembley; Jan. 14 - Bernie Ritter, Angel Laboto, Dorothy Stacey; Jan. 15 - Dave Wachendorfer.

School Calendar: Thursday - Junior High basketball at Rexford with Brewster; Jan. 13-18 - Western Kansas Liberty League basketball tournament; Jan. 16 - Junior High basketball at Grinnell.

At Senior Citizens, Lola Cook

won high, Carol Shaw took second, Catherine Campbell got low and Laura Berls had the most aces. Others present were Betty James, Irene Kruse, Paulie Neff, Dorothy Lovin, Don Shaw, Vesta Shea, Flery Shea, Harold Schiltz, Elsie Wessel, Royce Cook, Don Smith, Edna Schiltz, Clara Schieferecke, Gene Rogers, Leone Porsch, Anna Albers and guests Barb Sample, Ramona Derosseau, Mary Scheiferecke and Mary Galden.

Bill Bainter turned 60 Jan. 4. He celebrated his birthday with family and friends at the Southwind Steak House with supper and karaoke.

The Selden Public Library has several boxes of children's books for sale until Jan. 31. The library is open from 9 to 11 a.m. on Monday, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, and from 9 to 11 a.m. on Saturday.

## Rexford News

By Zula Horinek

There was a nice turnout at the New Year's party at the American Legion.

Cleda Moeder's family celebrated Christmas on Dec. 28 at the home of Tim and Shelly Moeder in Colby. Those present were Taylor and Payton Moeder, Robert and Marsha Moeder, Hutchinson, and son, Christopher, Lawrence, who is attending Kansas University; and Shelly's parents, Dan and Betty Racette, Colby. Robert, Marsha and Chris were overnight guests at Cleda's home for the weekend.

Patty Ann Casey of Wichita visited her parents, Lawrence and Zula Horinek, over the weekend. On Saturday they had dinner, played pinochle and dominoes. Present were Gary Delzeit, Larry Horinek, Summer and children Allysia, Andrew and Clyde of Colby.

Edna Colson spent Christmas with her daughter and son-in-law, Grace and Stan Kauk, in Colby. Edna's daughter, Kathryn Richard, Norton, was her New Year's guest.

There were 10 who played pinochle at the Barn on Jan. 2.

Fifteen enjoyed pinochle at the Barn on Dec. 30. It was birthday Monday and Mary Ann Juenemann brought the cake.

David and Terry Gould visited his father, Carrol Gould, in the hospital in Denver. He remains in critical condition.

Janine Colson had foot surgery on Dec. 23 in Denver. She is doing well.

Rex and Betty Carswell were dinner guests of Robert, Peggy and Brady Dible on New Year's Day. Other guests were Jarod, Sara Dible and Louis and Norma Dible.

## McGraw News

By Karl Launchbaugh

Dec. 22, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Lewis, Jeremy Samson, Jay Lewis, Dustin Lewis of Charleston, S.C., and Deadria Sealock joined Mr. and Mrs. Larry Kness and Mr. and Mrs. Dee Lewis for a pre-Christmas dinner. Nikki Rhodes was an caller.

On New Year's Day, Mr. and Mrs. David Herrmann and Sara, Mr. and Mrs. Adam Smith, Kyle, Noah, and Levi visited Mr. and Mrs. John Herrmann.

Ruth Bainter's aunt, Mae Warrick of Jennings, died on Jan. 4.

Carolyn Launchbaugh is recovering from hip surgery following a fall this past week. Mail will reach her at Salina Regional Health Center, 400 South Santa Fe, Salina, Kans., 67401.

G.G. and Karl Launchbaugh attended the wedding of Ben Meitl and Jamie Wilhite in Hoxie on Saturday.