

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

100 YEARS AGO — Dec. 1903

A defective flue came near causing the destruction of Bethel schoolhouse Wednesday morning. Mrs. W. R. McCalla and Master Shelley Keiser returned last Thursday from their visit in Oklahoma. C.N. Page and wife left this morning for Texas for a few weeks visiting in a warmer climate. Mr. Page has a sister living in that state. A lodge of Royal Highlanders was organized in Oberlin last week. The local camp of Modern Woodmen held their annual election Monday night to elect officers for the coming year. On Monday, Dec. 7, Mrs. George Miller entertained at a one o'clock dinner in honor of her father, Doctor Moore, on his 90th birthday. The guests had a very pleasant visit with the aged gentleman, who is uncommonly strong and healthy for one of his years. Those present were the Reverends D.O. Banta, J.M. Miller, O.A. Gillingham, U.G. Miller; Messrs. Wm. Redman, Geo. Colby, J.C. Ufford, H.F. Leib and Capt. J.W. Allen.

75 YEARS AGO — Dec. 1928

Few people were prepared to see the ground covered with snow on Thanksgiving morning and by one o'clock a depth of 9 inches had been reached. A man who has lived near Oberlin 50 years called to tell us it was the heaviest snow he had seen in his lifetime. Russell Anderson is the authority for the statement that on a drive from Norton Friday after the snow, they counted 87 rabbits in the roadway. Mr. and Mrs. R. Ross Riley are the parents of a baby girl born early on the morning of Thanksgiving Day. She has been given the name Dixie Nan. Funeral services were held for Mrs. Charles (Cora Starr) Blickenstaff, 49, who came to Decatur County in 1902.

Miss Millie Marvin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W.J. Marvin of this city, started last week on the long journey back to Gushate, Satri Bari, Asam, India, to resume her work as a trained nurse and missionary among the people of that country. Jennings Items: Marvis Van-Sickler is suffering a broken arm from cranking a Ford. Traer Items: Waid Waldo got 142 more cattle last week, which makes him 739 head now. Sappa Valley Items: Amy Uehlin has been working for Guy Allen and Mr. Kulp at the court house the past week.

50 YEARS AGO — Dec. 1953

Decatur County received its third major snowstorm of the season with an estimated seven or eight inches falling. High winds caused it to pile into drifts in many areas. Jennings: Mrs. King Muirhead is a patient in the Decatur County Hospital recovering from injuries received in an accident four miles north of the underpass on US-83 highway when her 1952 Oldsmobile slid on the ice and was struck by a propane truck driven by Ward Sauvage. Mr. Sauvage was uninjured but the truck received considerable damage and the car was demolished. Loyd "Happy" Vernon has been discharged from the service and he and Mrs. Vernon are visiting his grandmother, Mrs. J.H. Vernon. Allison: Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kinser are the proud parents of a new baby daughter born at the Norton Hospital. The Waterville Methodist Church was the scene of the Nov. 22 wedding of Marilyn Jean Roeth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Roeth of Rolla, Mo., and Duane Waldo, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Waldo of Oberlin. The bride is a graduate of Bethany Hospital School of Nursing and the bridegroom received a degree in archi-

ture at Kansas State College and is presently serving in the U.S. Army stationed at Fort Riley. Norcatur: No school Thursday or Friday due to the storm. New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Lee Waldo, a son, Dale Eugene, born Dec. 6; Mr. and Mrs. Dwaine Tice, Hoxie, a son, Dec. 7.

25 YEARS AGO — Dec. 1978

Land prices in Sheridan and Decatur counties seem to be climbing upward, with some 1,200 acres owned by the W.P. and Blanche Noone Estate selling last week for a total of \$450,000. Highest bid was \$537.50 per acre for 160 acres in Sheridan County, with two other quarters, also in Sheridan, bringing \$82,000. The 800 acres of primarily grassland brought \$200,000 and was purchased by Robert and Alfred C. (Jack) Noone. Dresden Postmaster Dean Gawith reported both Social Security and Veterans checks were missing in the robbery last week at the Dresden Post Office. Entrance was

made by breaking a window, then by prying locks off the back door to allow additional tools to be brought in to open the vault. A robbery was also reported that night at the Jennings school.

Capt. and Mrs. Alan Marietta, Weisbaden, Germany, arrived last week to visit their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Marietta and John, Russell, and Mrs. Carl Schreiber; also his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C.C. Marietta and other relatives. Selden: New padded pews have been installed recently in Sacred Heart Church according to Bob Koerperich, chairman of the church council. Father Bill Surmeier, who serves both the Selden and Oberlin parishes and was injured in an auto accident Nov. 16, is reported to be recovering at the home of his parents in Oakley. Three former Oberlin wrestlers, Bob McDaniel, Brad Fredrickson and Kirk Young, are members of the Colby Community College team coached by Steve Lampe.

Let's Go to the Museum

By Sharleen Wurm, co-director

With this nice December weather and no snow it is hard to believe that Christmas is just a couple of weeks away. If you have not had a chance to see the beautifully decorated trees, we are open for their viewing Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m. The Christmas Tree Tour will also be open from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. this Saturday. Christmas just wouldn't be Christmas without a visit from SANTA! Even though he is so busy at this time of year we were able to connect with him and he will be stopping at the museum on Saturday, Dec. 13, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. to visit with all the kids and will

have treats for each one. Since we are now on our winter hours and the museum is closed for the season, more time will be spent on special projects and genealogical research. Myrna is working hard to get all the newspapers indexed for deaths, births, marriages, and special events. I have several large Decatur County historical projects planned such as cemeteries, rural schools, towns and communities, and, of course, my favorite, old pictures. I would appreciate any help you can give me on cemetery records or plats, rural school pictures, etc. Don't forget, Santa will be at the museum this Saturday.

Lyle News

By Helen Helm

The Lyle United Methodist Women held their Christmas dinner on Wednesday at the community building. The pastor, Carol Woodmansee, and her parents, John and Marilyn Mann of Almena, and Virgil Price, Norcatur, were guests. Mrs. Margaret Magers had the program, using the Christmas story. Other members present were Veda Wood, Kathy Van Meter, June Jolly, and Joyce Price, with Pat Schwab joining them for the program and meeting. Mrs. Jolly and Mrs. Van Meter attended the craft show in Oberlin Saturday. Among the vendors Mrs. Van Meter found a relative of her first husband, Archie Nejdil, Kenneth Tidball. He paints pictures of country scenes around the area. He grew up at Collyer, and has been superintendent at the Logan Schools. At present he is a part-time superintendent at Lenora and Grinnell.

Mrs. Jolly and Mrs. Van Meter stopped at the nursing home to visit Mrs. Marguerite Fullerton and found her having a lot of company. When they went back she was at the dining room table with others from Norcatur; Fern Mapes, Fern Anderson and Ivah Alexander. Van Cozad, Beaver City, was an overnight patient in the Holdrege Hospital Tuesday for a blood transfusion. Margaret Magers attended the annual Powell soup meal held at noon at the farm home of Karla and Denny Clason, near Beaver City, Neb. There were 32 relatives present, including Van Cozad. June Jolly and Karen Brown played cards in McCook Monday evening. Helen and John Helm visited Florence Uerling Sunday morning in Indianola. Jerry Uerling had gone fishing.

Word was received of the death of a former Lyle resident, Ann Goss Gallentine. She was living in Lakewood, Colo., and burial was at Norton Saturday morning on what would have been her 95th birthday. Carolyn Plotts called on Margaret Magers Wednesday afternoon. She was en route home after speaking about her trip to Washington, D.C., and the White House at Christmas time last year to a women's club in Danbury. John and Helen Helm visited

Marguerite Fullerton Friday afternoon at the Good Samaritan Center in Oberlin. Other visitors were Marla West, Norcatur, and her mother, Lola Brack, Oberlin. They all had coffee together in the dining room. The Helms also had a short visit with Ivah Alexander. Word has been received that Lelia Jolly Weyeneth is now a resident at Hillcrest Nursing Home in McCook. She is well-known in this community, having several relatives here.

McGraw News

By Karl Launchbaugh

Fair weather allowed for a good attendance at the McGraw United Methodist Church 100th anniversary celebration on Sunday. Over 80 people attended the day's events, which included a morning worship service and an afternoon service of worship and remembrance. The Rev. Russell Fincham delivered the sermon and also conducted the dedication of the newly-remodeled church during the afternoon service. The choir of the Hoxie United Methodist Church sang during the morning worship service. During the latter service, many fond memories of McGraw United Methodist Church were shared by current members, former parishioners, and neighbors in the McGraw community. Other guests during the day included several members

of the Cross and Flame Parish sister churches at Hoxie and Selden, as well as individuals from the Dresden and Jennings United Methodist churches. Those guests believed to have traveled the farthest for the occasion were Clifford and Eunice Marie (Bainter) Wenger of Brush, Colo. Mr. and Mrs. Mike Metro were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Launchbaugh. Kathy Launchbaugh attended the Fort Hays State University Madrigal Dinner on Saturday evening, along with Edith Wasserman, Susan Ruda of Pratt, Maria Ruda of Hays, and Ellen Schmeder of Beggs, Okla. Judy Gaumer, and Warren and Jan Bainter visited Mr. and Mrs. Gayle Bainter Sunday afternoon and evening.

Jennings News

By Sonya Gillespie

The Jennings Senior Class will hold a turkey dinner with all the trimmings from 5 to 7 p.m. on Monday in the Jennings School cafeteria before the Christmas program. A bake sale will follow. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Mader celebrated the Thanksgiving Day holiday at the home of Cindy and Larry Crabtree of Lenexa. Others present were Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Mader, Mr. and Mrs. Terry Mader, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Welter, and Mr. and Mrs. Mark Shaw, Ethan and Erin. On Friday evening after Thanksgiving, members of the Mader family gathered at Jess and Jim's Steakhouse in Martin City, Mo., to celebrate the 80th birthday of Jim Mader. Those attending were: Mr. and Mrs. Jim Mader, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Welter, Dave YaLotz, Barry Shields, Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Mader,

Mr. and Mrs. Randy Mader and Lucas, Mr. and Mrs. Terry Mader, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Mader Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Mark Shaw, Ethan and Erin, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Crabtree and Mr. and Mrs. Danny Garbor and Paul Crabtree. Lawrence and Lila Jennings hosted a Thanksgiving Day dinner for Dale and Tammy Musgrave, Eric, Erin and Ryan of Ong, Neb.; Michelle Jennings, Jordyn and Brendan, Chapman; Brian Jennings and Westley, Solomon; and Brett Jennings, and Lee and Judy Plousard, Oberlin. Brian and Westley Jennings were houseguests from Wednesday to Saturday; and the Musgraves on Wednesday and Thursday. Brent Jennings of Chapman joined the family from Friday to Sunday.

Cedar Living News

Two birthdays were celebrated this past week at Cedar Living Center. Helen Lindquist was the guest of honor at a birthday celebration on Monday, Dec. 1. Alvina Gamblin had lunch with Helen, and Glemacy also visited. Tressie Samson had many family members and friends in throughout the day on Friday in honor of her birthday. Family members served cake and ice cream in the afternoon to their guests, residents and staff. It is looking like Christmas as residents and staff worked all week putting up decorations around the facility. A tree-trimming party was held on Friday afternoon to decorate the dining room tree. A variety of holiday programs are planned during December and visitors are welcome to attend. Pastors Barbara and Nolan Pierce of the United Church gave the worship service on Nov. 30. Myrna Jones gave the music program on Monday afternoon. Fern Moore hosted the reading group on Tuesday morning. Elma Ashley won the first bingo and Bertha Matchett won the blackout game.

Stuart Euhus led the Bible study group on Wednesday afternoon. Stan Chapin gave a Catholic Communion service on Thursday morning. John Juenemann and his grandson, Justin Juenemann, of Phillipsburg presented a musical program during supper on Friday. The two sang many old favorites as well as a medley of holiday tunes. Recent visitors: Richard Samson, Ludell; Jamie Samson, Lindsborg, James and Shirley Cogburn, Hobbs, N.M.; Phil and Marj Law, Lakewood, Colo.; Don Ashley, Carl Mumm, Art and Patricia Richmond, Wilma Ritter, Bernard Ritter, Selden; Ann Martin, Herndon; Jerry Temple, Norcatur; Darla Brock, Enfield, Conn.; Clint Brock, Hays; Ron Juenemann family, Phillipsburg; Craig Smith, Wichita; Bill Matchett, Lyle Gamblin, Elsie Wolters, Nadean Stoney, Elvin Beneda, Orlin Beneda, Alice Shirley, Elaine Bryan, Fern Jording, Wanda Dickenson, Earl Brown, Ella Betts, Eula Juenemann, Vayle Rohan, Marie Jean Vavroch, Oberlin.

Good Samaritan News

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! Monday we decorated each side of our facility. Angel Lane is decked out in what else but ... ANGELS. Country Reflections is trimmed with traditional red and green homemade ornaments. Residents who helped decorate and eat goodies were Leo Mooty, Agnes Chambers, Fred Helmkamp, Ivah Alexander, Neva Campbell, and Bonnie Weskamp. On Tuesday our Town Square pond was transformed into a Winter Wonderland by Lisa Stacy and volunteer Anita Hirsch. A cozy fireplace, made by Jeanette Diederich, adorns our sitting area, where we will gather for fireside stories and sing-a-longs. Fern Moore read stories on the front porch while residents gathered to catch the spirit. Songs of worship were led by Joyce Ploussard on Wednesday. Bible study was led by Peggy Carswell. Exercises were led by Don Farr, and nail care was provided by Dorothy Alstrom and Janice Winters. Social hour was fresh baked cookies and Christmas carols. Assisting was Cheryl Miller on the piano and leading the holiday songs was Jan Badsky. Children from the daycare joined in on the afternoon event. Bingo concluded the days events. Thursday morning devotions were followed by ball playing in Town Square. Participants were Leo Mooty, Eryline Nichols, Dena Gillespie, Ivah Alexander, Agnes Chambers, and Elfie Brown. We

then strung popcorn and cranberries for our family tree in Town Square. Those who helped were Ann Leitner, Marilyn St. Clair, Ruth Laidig, Fred Helmkamp, Leo Mooty, Bonnie Weskamp, Ivah Alexander, Eryline Nichols, and Elfie Brown. Devotions Friday were led by Joyce Ploussard. Little Sam's Daycare joined the following residents, Elfie, Brow, Ruby Shuler, Mamie Unger, Eva Cuthbertson, Eleanor Demmer, Elsie Macy, Eryline Nichols, Ella Peterson, and Leo Mooty. Activity was Christmas trees made from green fun foam and red sequins. Assisting with activity was Barb Berry and Lisa stay. Current events were led by Carol Duncan. Those participating were Ivah Alexander, Fern Alexander, Elfie Brown, Agnes Chambers, Evie Cuthbertson, Fred Helmkamp, Erma Holt, Elise Macy, Leo Mooty, Eryline Nichols, Ella Peterson, Ruby Shuler, and Mamie Unger. One to one's were shared with Bonnie Weskamp, Evie Cuthbertson, and Dena Gillespie. Social hour was served by Bethany Smith. A Christmas program by students of Elisabeth Orr and Mary Henzel was enjoyed. Saturday devotions were led by Phyllis Metcalf and Fern Wenger accompanied on the piano. Sunday church services were led by St. John's Lutheran Church and serving social hour was Shirley Nichols.

Herndon News

By Carol Ginther

Adam Ketterl, a sophomore at Northwest Kansas Technical College in Goodland, has been inducted into the National Technical Honor Society. He is majoring in automotive technology and will graduate on Dec. 19. He has been on the honor roll and was named 2003 Automotive Technology Student of the Year. He is a 2002 graduate of Herndon High School and is the son of David and Judy Ketterl. Kris and Laura Glaser of Omaha were last Tuesday overnight guests of Helen Marintzer. Thanksgiving guests of Mildred Kleidosty were John, Teresa and Brandon Anderson, Denver; John, Betty and Mary Kleidosty, North Platte; David and Krystal Hutfles, Herndon; Nicholas Kleidosty, Elm Creek, Neb.; and Pat Shannon, and Hayden and Hayley Fleming, Torrington, Wyo. Tom and Monica Solko were Thanksgiving weekend guests of Carol Solko in Hays. Other guests were Judy Solko, Mike and Mandy Solko and sons, and Joy Solko and friend, Casidy, all of Larned. Saturday evening, Tom, Carol and Monica were supper guests of Pat Marrs in Hays. Ann Martin and Mike and Lucy Evans, McCook, were Thanksgiving dinner guests of John and Julie Geisinger of Selden.

Helen Marintzer was a Sunday guest of Kent and Chris Wood. Dave Cox of Hays spent Thanksgiving weekend with his parents, Frank and Wynemah Cox. Roseann and Mike Domsch, Shakia Rose and Sohn Michael prepared and brought Thanksgiving dinner for all of them. Randy and Myron Philpot of Utah were Tuesday visitors at the Frank Cox home. The Philpots are descendants of Stephen and Maggie Petteys, early day pioneer settlers of Herndon, who built and operated the Herndon Hotel on Main Street in 1888. Jan and Jayme Sattler traveled to Hutchinson on Wednesday and spent Thanksgiving weekend with George R. and Michelle Sattler and Adam. While there, George took them on a tour where he is employed at the Salt/Storage Underground Mine, which is 650 feet below the surface.

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