

THE OBERLIN HERALD

# Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

**100 YEARS AGO — Dec. 1903**

W. F. Steiner sold his implement business this week to Simon and Frank Johnson and his residence to Ira Peck. We hear he will go to Washington for a new location.

R. H. Riley made this office a business call Saturday that left the force in fine humor. Uncle Bob has now lived in Decatur County over 30 years and has taken the Herald for a long time.

County Clerk Plotts has been helping get the lumber out to his farm from Marion, Neb., where it was shipped from Omaha, to build a large barn on his farm in Sherman Township.

Last week Charley Harmon rashly offered the women of the Christian Church six rows of corn across his field if they would gather it themselves. They procured two teams and wagons and gathered 40 bushels that we hear they sold for \$10.

Married: Sunday, Dec. 13, Mr. Charley Patton and Miss Lottie Davis.

The friends and neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Smick gathered at their home Friday evening, Dec. 1 and gave them a surprise. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Cathcart, Mr. and Mrs. William Kellogg, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Clinkenbeard, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Stearns, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Lowry, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Vale, Messrs. H. Vale, Tom Anderson, Earl Clinkenbeard, Misses Romaine Wyatt, Mable Conklin, Ruth Clark.

**75 YEARS AGO — Dec. 1928**

Local manager Lee Traver of the United Telephone Company in-

forms us that the company has received its first shipment of underground cable.

Why don't the members of the fire department try out the new pump on the new fire truck by giving the pavement of the main streets of Oberlin a thorough washing before the city puts on its Christmas finery?

The evergreen trees ordered by the Commercial Club have arrived and will doubtless be in front of each business place by the time you read this.

Dresden: Funeral services were held for Mrs. Alice Green Adkins, 65. She is survived by six children including a daughter, Mrs. Essie Smick of Dresden.

Cedar Bluffs: Dr. and Mrs. Guy Simons and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Rogers visited Eastern Star Lodge at Oberlin Wednesday evening.

Harlan Items: Delbert and Dole Townsend ran a temperature the most of last week after having their tonsils removed.

The roads and highways are well-nigh impassable. Glenn Jones, enroute to the Friedemann sale, didn't reach Oberlin until about 11 o'clock Tuesday morning and said even with chains it was hard to stay in the road. His daughter, Letha, was taken to the Norton Hospital Sunday and underwent an operation for appendicitis. She is getting along first rate.

Mrs. Susie Fletcher and daughter, Della, left for Emporia where they will make their home. Another daughter, Faye, is now taking her second year of college at College of Emporia and the oldest daughter, Miss Gwendolyn, is teaching English, coaching debate and public speaking at Herington High

School.

**50 YEARS AGO — Dec. 1953**

A community chorus will present Handel's "Messiah" at the high school auditorium Sunday evening. Soloists will be Leila Gass and Alice Roth, both voice students at Hastings College and Millard Cates, voice instructor at Hastings College, Hastings, Neb. Director will be Lewis Williams and accompanist is Mrs. Arris Johnson.

A change in the Decatur County Hospital supervisory staff was announced by the administrator of Lutheran Hospital and Homes Society. Mr. Joe Pollara will be business administrator and Mrs. Cecilia Bruggeman, supervisor of nurses. They replace Miss Verna Norrgard and Mrs. Elaine Mansfeld who were transferred to Oakley.

The winter sports schedule has begun with the Oberlin wrestlers winning over Hoxie 24-20 and the basketball team losing to Hoxie by a score of 55 to 47. Starters for the Oberlin five were Barrett, Ingram, Johnson, Adleman and Jeffus.

Citizens of Oberlin will be able to vote on Dec. 28 at the City Office on the proposed purchase of a new diesel engine for the light plant.

Of interest to her friends will be the announcement of the marriage of Margaret Cushenbery, formerly of Oberlin, to Mr. Morgan Richards of Dripping Springs, Texas on Dec. 1. Mr. Richards is the owner of the Dripping Springs Ranch and friends are invited to visit. Her daughters Connie and Sally are also located down that way.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cederberg announce the engagement of their daughter, Marjorie, to Mr. Charles Lindgren of Walthill, Neb.

**25 YEARS AGO — Dec. 1978**

Mike Hayden, Atwood, 120th district representative, spoke to the Oberlin Rotary Club Tuesday noon and offered a glimpse of what will be the major issues in the 1979 legislative session. Hayden has been appointed to chair the House Ways and Means Committee. He is the only Northwest Kansan to serve on that position in the last 20 years.

Unified School District 294 has received a request from Mrs. Jerilyn Buchholz asking to be released at mid-term from her teaching contract because she and her husband have adopted a baby.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Wasson will be honored on their 60th wedding anniversary Sunday at their home at 611 S. Broadway. The Wassons were married in 1918 and made their home on a farm in Bassettville Township, which had been home-stayed by his father, before moving to Oberlin in 1975.

Mary Robison Hupka, Honolulu, Hawaii, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Robison.

Jennings: Funeral services will be held for Guy Simpson, 78, a former resident who died in Phoenix, Ariz.

New arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Roger Hildebrand, Danbury, son, Ross Edward, 12-6-78; Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Fowler, daughter, Melissa Ann, 12-10-78.

The Red Devil Cagers defeated Atwood 74-44 and Oakley, 60-45 in action last week. The wrestlers lost to Oakley 34-13.

The Modern Woodmen community recognition award for 1978 was presented to Carl "Andy" Anderson, who is chief of emergency ambulance services in Decatur County.

## Good Samaritan Center

After devotions on Monday, we began addressing Christmas cards over a warm cup of cocoa. Ivah Alexander, Leo Mooty, Fern Anderson, Elsie Macy, Lois Buchholz, and Mamie Unger were first to send their holiday greetings. Don Farr led exercises.

The STARS committee sponsored a wonderful shopping and wrapping extravaganza. Nearly all residents came out to choose gifts for their loved ones. Shopping didn't stop the die-hard card sharks from playing their weekly game of canasta. Elva Shaughnessy, Garrah Gaumer, Ivah Alexander, and volunteer Mildred Holmdahl are our resident card sharks.

Joyce Ploussard led devotions on Tuesday. Snow prevented the resident's First Hand friends from coming to share reading time with them. Residents gathered to do Christmas correspondence with Jan Badsy and Lisa Stacy. After lunch the ladies were treated to nail care with volunteer Dorothy Alstrom, and Lisa Stacy assisted. Ellen Horn served social hour. During hearts creation Ruth Laidig, Garrah Gaumer and Elsie Macy made Christmas card display door hangers.

On Wednesday Joyce Ploussard led songs of worship and Jan Badsy led Bible study. Kayettes from the high school presented goodie bags to residents and visited. The Red Barn Gang band entertained with Christmas selections and the day's activities ended with bingo.

Devotions on Thursday were followed by Catholic services with Lois Buchholz, Ruby McKenna, and Bonnie Weskamp participating. Garrah Gaumer, Elsie Brown, and Marilyn St. Clair created crystal ornaments. Special outing to the Frontier Restaurant was enjoyed by Garrah Gaumer and Elva Shaughnessy. Leo Mooty, Ann Leitner, and Fern Anderson created trees with volunteers Anita Hirsch and Norma Unger. The Decatur Community High School Chanté group performed Christmas selections and featured a solo by Karli Fredrickson. The group was under the direction of Susan Nelson, and Mary Jo Lohofener was accompanist. Diana Hashenberger illustrated signing with a musical selection. Samuel Smith served social hour. Little Sam's Fun shared Christmas candy creations, led by

Kristie Fortin. Morning devotions on Friday brought a celebration of newly covered hymnals, donated by the Bookbindery of Selden. Chris Koerperich received recognition and was presented a wall clock in appreciation. Dennis Brown led the dedication and Coleen Rippe accompanied on the piano.

Little Sam's gathered in the Town Square with Ella Peterson, Elsie Brown, Eleanore Demmer, Leo Mooty, and Eva Cuthbertson to listen to the story, "The Little Match Girl," by Hans Christian Andersen. During the reading, snowmen were created out of Styrofoam. Bill Duncan led current events. Popcorn and the movie, "It's a Wonderful Life", were enjoyed by Hildegard Euhus, Elsie Brown, Clarice Leake, Leo Mooty, Eleanore Demmer, Veda Pingetzer, and Eryline Nichols.

Saturday devotions were led by Dennis Brown.

The Oberlin United Methodist Church led Sunday church services and Florence Vavroch served social hour. The Stick-To-It 4-H club entertained in the Town Square on Sunday with Christmas carols by members and parents. Maureen Anderson, spokesperson, felt this was a way for their group to share some holiday cheer.

Recent guests: **Bernice Brown, Ruby Shuler** - Trina, Justin and Jesse, Travis Hrabe, Cole Hrabe, Warren and Patty Schwartz, Tracey Symington; **Dena Gillespie** - June Vavroch; **Garrah Gaumer** - Pastor Glenn and Betty Krebs; **Ruth Laidig** - Juanita Williby, Theresa Tally; **Ruby McKenna** - Jerry and Fran Chambers, Donna Chambers, Anita Chambers, Hannah Hogeman. Yvonne and Brady Sumner also visited.

## Trials of twin-row system inconclusive

A new twin-row planting system developed by Great Plains which would allow one piece of equipment to plant both winter and summer crops appeared recently in farm magazines.

The implement is a drill with a "singulation" unit that is supposed to enhance seed dispersion, allowing it to accurately plant crops like corn. The idea is appealing, and there may be other benefits, such as better plant spacing and quicker canopy closure.

To evaluate this device, large dry-land field studies were conducted comparing the twin-row system from Great Plains to a 30-inch conventional system, planted to the same population per acre. Sponsoring companies include Hoxie Implement, which supplied the twin-row planter. Pioneer provided corn seed in 2002, and DeKalb gave corn and Fontanelle grain sorghum in 2003. Even though the weather has been bad these past two summers, there was some usable information collected.



### Extension Lines

By Brian Olson  
Extension Agronomist

In 2002, the twin-row system failed to plant a consistent population at two locations. Corn stands were erratic, ranging from 8,000 to 17,500 plants per acre. The desired stand was 18,000 plants per acre, which was achieved with a 30-inch conventional planter.

These plots were not harvested due to drought. Everyone was disappointed, but there was a suspicion that low seed-to-soil contact was to blame for the poor performance of the twin-row planter.

In 2003, Hoxie Implement replaced the springs on the twin-row planter with stronger ones, increasing down pressure on each row unit

to increase seed-to-soil contact. This improved performance. The desired population was achieved for the corn and grain sorghum, with one exception.

When the twin-row planter was traveling over a terrace, there appeared to be more skips than when using a conventional planter. The twin-row machine took more area to prime the singulator system to plant at the desired rate than a conventional planter.

Plots at Norcatour were harvested last summer. For corn, although yields were low, there was no significant difference between corn planted on conventional 30-inch

rows, at 31.5 bushels per acre, than corn planted with the twin-row planter at 27.4. The same is true for the grain sorghum. There was little difference between the twin-row system at 54.6 and the conventional system at 52.3.

The drought has impaired evaluation of the twin-row system the past two summers. However, due to improved operation exhibited by the twin-row system this year, preliminary results would indicate this system has adequate performance for farmers to consider the twin-row planter. More field trials will be conducted in the future.

For more information on the twin-row planter comparison, click on "Block 2 Dryland and Irrigated Results" at the Web site: [www.oznet.ksu.edu/agronomy-block2](http://www.oznet.ksu.edu/agronomy-block2), or get a copy can at the county extension office.

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## Older people need nutrients

Nutrient density of diet—a high number of nutrients per calorie—is important for older adults. Compared to younger people, they need fewer calories to maintain their weight, but as many or more other nutrients.

Up to four out of five elderly are at moderate to high risk for malnutrition. Senior citizens who are in and out of hospitals frequently or who receive home-delivered meals are at greater risk for malnutrition than are those who live and remain active in their community.

Although calorie malnutrition may be easier to detect, protein malnutrition is a major health threat for many older adults. Vitamins B-6, B-12, D and E, calcium and folate cause problems for many older adults.

Nutritionally inadequate diets can contribute to or worsen chronic and acute diseases, delay recovery, and hasten development of degenerative diseases.

Because of these problems, older people often are underweight. If you need to gain a few pounds, here are some tips:

- Eat five or more times throughout the day, even if you are not particularly hungry.
- Include plenty of grain products, vegetables, fruits, dairy products, and protein foods in your meals and snacks. Go easy on sweets.
- Try adding more of a particular food or nutritious beverage to your usual intake at meals.
- Experiment with new foods, herbs, spices and flavor enhancers.



### Home Time

By Tranda Watts  
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- Add fat to your diet, especially sources of unsaturated fats, such as nuts, soy or peanut butter, olives, avocados, oils, margarine, and regular salad dressings.
- Avoid filling up on soft drinks, at meal or snack times.
- Eat with friends or listen to the radio, look out the window, watch television or read while eating.
- Set an attractive table. Choose colorful foods and place settings.
- Exercise daily, including flexibility, aerobic and resistance/weight lifting routines several times each week.
- Talk to your doctor for individualized advice.

If you have further questions about weight and health, contact your doctor, your county extension office, or me.

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Garrett Scott was a guest of his grandparents, Jerry and Connie Olson, on Saturday. Connie took Garrett to see "Elf" which was showing at the Oberlin theater.

Jan Bainter, Linda Hollowell, Judith LaBash, Carol Morford, Phyllis Mye, Martha Nemeth, and Diana Nickelson, Hill City, were Saturday noon recipe club guests of Dianne Bremer. Following lunch, they enjoyed a cookbook and cookie exchange. Diana Nickelson is the Graham County Farm Bureau

County Coordinator and spent the afternoon visiting with Dianne.

Karen Larson and Dianne Bremer enjoyed attending the LandMark Inn Christmas Tea Sunday afternoon.

Jessica Bremer entered the National Veterans of Foreign Wars Patriot Pen essay contest entitled "My Dream for America", eligible for entry by only seventh and eighth grade students. After placing locally, her essay then went on to place second in our district.

## Selden News

By Jacque Boultinghouse

Christmas Light Night will be held from 6 to 10 p.m. on Sunday. Christmas lights should be turned on for people to view.

Congratulations and best wishes to Kyle and Tasha Carman, who were married on Saturday. The bride is the former Tasha Edgerton, daughter of Don and Lisa Edgerton of Oberlin. His parents are Duane and Norma Carman.

Birthdays and anniversaries: Dec. 18 - Kami Miller; Dec. 19 - Renee Bruggeman Filmore, Chad Focke, Avery Spresser, Kayla Sulzman, Ben and Christa Wessel; Dec. 20 - Stephanie Ritter, David Neff, Don and Alma Ashley; Dec. 21 - Troy Emigh; Dec. 22 - Pat Wessel; Dec. 23 - Tammie Bainter; Dec. 24 - Mitzi Wachendorfer, Curtis Carman, Helen Jo Ochs.

School calendar: Thursday - Junior High basketball at Rexford with Cheylin; Friday - High School basketball at Agra; Monday - Begin Christmas vacation.

On Dec. 11 at Senior Citizens, Don Smith won high, Betty James took second, Catherine Campbell got low and Carol Shaw had the most aces. Other members present included: Cecelia Ottley, Leone Porsch, Alfred Albers, Anna Albers, Vesta Shea, Shirley Emigh, Clara Schieferecke, Paulie Neff and Lola Cook.

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