

THE OBERLIN HERALD

# Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

**100 YEARS AGO — Dec. 1903**

The fine farm residence of Mrs. Barnes of Hooker is rapidly approaching completion.

Miss Ethel Randall and Miss Fern Marvin returned from Nebraska University for a two-weeks vacation.

Irwin Cook and Orley Miller got home Saturday from Washburn College.

Brown Fortney got caught in the machinery at the Co-op elevator Saturday and was badly bruised but luckily no bones were broken. His sweater caught on the burr of a revolving shaft, and it might have been a serious accident.

Guy Allen, of Colorado Springs, came in on the flier Monday Saturday and was badly bruised but luckily no bones were broken. His sweater caught on the burr of a revolving shaft, and it might have been a serious accident.

We said last week that the Johnson boys had bought out W. F. Seiner. At that time we had not heard that A. H. Hollister was also interested. Mr. Hollister is an old and successful businessman and there is no doubt but what the new firm will sell their share of the goods sold in the city.

We understand that Oberlin is to have two more rural routes, and Norcatour one, that will begin the first of the year. The route west of town will be traveled by W. L. Acton, the one south of town by Howard Vale, and Mr. Cook will have the No. 1 route. It will be made a little shorter and will not go west of the township line of Sherman Township.

**75 YEARS AGO — Dec. 1928**

Oberlin's Christmas lighting is the best ever and Supt. Roy Womach and his assistants are to be congratulated.

Oberlin, the undefeated and untied champion, landed six places on the Northwest Kansas all-league football team: Brown at tackle; Pad-dock at guard; Brantley at center; Reeves and Jones at halfback and Traxler at fullback.

Harlan Items: Locust Grove school held their annual box supper

and program Friday evening. In the voting contest Ellis Redfeldt and Evelyn Hendricks were the most popular couple and Neil Bogart the laziest man. Teams and wagons furnished conveyance for most everyone.

Funeral services were conducted at Sherman Chapel by Rev. Chambers, pastor of Olive Chapel Church, for Leroy Van Pelt, 44, who died of erysipelas.

Dresden: Funeral services were held at the M. E. Church for Mrs. Emery Jennings, 56. Burial was in Dresden Cemetery.

Prairie View Items: Mrs. O. G. Bell has been spending the past week at the Emmett West home in Norcatour helping to care for the new granddaughter who arrived Dec. 10.

School News: Miss Weber, commercial instructor, was ill and unable to meet her classes this week.

**50 YEARS AGO — Dec. 1953**

The winners of the Christmas home decorating contest sponsored by the Oberlin Lions Club are Mr. and Mrs. Everett McGee. Second place went to Ernest Nichols and third to Warner Marvin. Included in the honorable mention list were the new homes south of town owned by Dr. D. E. McCoy and Art Dowling.

Hospital News: It has been brought to the attention of the hospital administration that several dogs are frolicking around the hospital grounds at night. It has been explained to the dogs that their barking disturbs the rest of the patients but for some reason the dogs do not mind and therefore we are appealing to the dog owners to please keep their dogs home at night.

In local sports the Goodland Cowboy basketball team edged Coach Bob Lawson's Red Devil basketball team 49-46. Though leading by one point at the end of the third quarter, Ingram, Johnson and Hoehner fouled out during the final stanza allowing the Cowboys to take the lead. The Cowboy wrestlers dominated in a 38-13 win.

Only Neil Votapka at 120 pounds, Gary Townsend at 154 and Bob Morris at 165 won their matches.

Courthouse News: A marriage license was issued to W. E. Jones and Lila Carlisle on Dec. 21 and to Dorothy Lorentz of Herndon and Kieth Alstrom of Dresden on Dec. 18.

Funeral services were held for a pioneer mother, Mrs. George Martin, 75, who made her home on a farm in Harlan Township a number of years before moving to a farm south of Oberlin. Had she lived until Dec. 24, the couple would have celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Charles Hessenflow, 3-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Junior Hessenflow who live 7 miles southeast of Oberlin, suffered a skull fracture Saturday afternoon when he fell out of their car on Highway 36 near the Sappa Lake corner.

Lyle: Bob Lipsky recently sold his store building here in Lyle to Harold Dick.

Mrs. Ervin Ross of McCook announces the engagement and approaching marriage of her daughter, Shirley Marie, to Donald Berry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Berry. The wedding will take place on Sunday, Dec. 27.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Hackney, son, Charles Alan, Dec. 10; Mr. and Mrs. Ben Spiers, girl, Eva Lee, Dec. 16; Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Meitl, boy, Larry Paul, Dec. 16.

**25 YEARS AGO — Dec. 1978**

A fire on Sunday, Dec. 10 at the farm home of Edith Slinker 18 miles south and one mile west of Oberlin totally destroyed all the family possessions including two family pets. Mrs. Slinker was at work at the Frontier at the time. Efforts of neighbors and both the Selden and Oberlin fire departments proved

futile.

New Arrival: Mr. and Mrs. Ron Kump, a daughter, Jenifer Lynn, Dec. 16.

Mr. and Mrs. Vollie Pollnow announce the engagement of their daughter, Janet Marie, to Stephen Douglas Myers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Myers, Barnard. Miss Pollnow is completing her last year of nursing at KU Medical Center in Kansas City. Her fiancé is a graduate of Fort Hays State and is employed by the Kansas Highway Patrol stationed in Oberlin. A June 9 wedding is planned.

Regional Southwestern Bell Telephone manager Ed Sims of Phillipsburg has announced that his company is requesting a rate increase to go in effect in 1979 and 1980. If allowed, basic service in Oberlin would be \$5.80 for one-party residence telephone and \$11.15 for one-party business phone.

Gina Henningson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Henningson, arrived home Sunday from Alingsas, Sweden, where she had made her home since July with the family of Mikael Van Oldenskiol while attending school. She plans to enroll at Parks College in Denver soon.

Decatur County's claims to having one of the largest salvage yards in the country will have to be forgotten soon as the Hjalmer Alstrom yard in Summit Township is being cleaned up this week. The iron was purchased by a Hastings, Neb., man, Gary Schnieder and as it is crushed the estimated 15 to 18 semi loads are being hauled to a reprocessing plant in Norfolk, Neb., where it will be melted and made into re-bar, angle or red iron. The land is owned by Kieth Alstrom.

In winter sports action just before the holidays the Red Devil wrestlers and both basketball teams lost to Goodland

## Lyle News

By Helen Helm

The Star Valley 4-H Club met at the Lyle Community Building Sunday afternoon for their December meeting. A Christmas grab bag was held and a soup supper followed. Among the guests were Bob and Anita Montgomery, Kathy Van Meter, and Helen and John Helm. Christmas carols were sung, led by the 4-H members and their leaders, before the close of the evening.

Sympathy is extended from the community to the family of Joe Schwab who died Sunday night, Dec. 14. Joe grew up here and continued to be part of the Lyle Community. His services were held Thursday with burial at the Oberlin Cemetery. The Lyle United Methodist Women furnished lunch following the services for family and friends. Helping were Margaret Magers, Kathy Van Meter, Yvonne Sumner, and Joyce and Virgil Price, assisted by Laurene Van Otterloo of Oberlin.

Kathy Van Meter and Margaret Magers visited Van Cozad Tuesday evening at the Beaver City Nursing Home. A resident of Assisted Living, Blanche Feusner, joined them for cards.

Visitors Wednesday at the home of Margaret Magers were Verl Cook, Elden Huff, and Helen and John Helm.

June Jolly and Karen Brown played cards at the Eagles Club in McCook Monday evening. On Wednesday afternoon, Mrs. Jolly filled in for the bowling team, and attended cards and Bingo that morning. She was in Norton for "Party Pitch" Sunday evening.

A chance meeting for Wednesday dinner at the Fencepost Cafe in Lebanon was enjoyed by Bob and Marie Daffer, Dean Jolly, and John and Helen Helm.

Margaret Magers and Kathy Van Meter visited Marguerite Fullerton at the Good Samaritan Home in Oberlin on Thursday.

Jim Helm, Danbury, took his parents to McCook on Thursday to do some errands.

Mrs. Ceanne Rinehart, Colby, was an overnight guest of her parents on Thursday evening and left Friday morning to meet her sister, Kathy Brashears of Curtis, Neb., for a trip to Lincoln, Neb., where Laurie Helm, St. Joseph, Mo., joined them. The girls attended a weekend retreat at Waverly, Neb., led by Bishop Fabian Bruskewitz, Bishop of the Lincoln diocese.

This correspondent would like to use this opportunity to wish all a very Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year and most especially "Peace on Earth."

## Selden News

By Jacque Boultinghouse

Birthdays and anniversaries: Dec. 25 - Helen Jo Ochs; Dec. 28 - Doc Porsch, Heath Albers, Bill and Rose Bainter, Robbie and Debbie Koerperich; Dec. 29 - Mark Schieferecke, Teena Johnston, Travis Schlenk; Dec. 30 - Sumner and Cheryl Schlenk; Dec. 31 - Clayton Bainter.

Theodore "Ted" Marlin Halbert, 75, died on Dec. 11 at his home in Zapata, Texas, from a heart attack. Ted was raised in Norton, where he owned and operated a propane business.

Later he and his wife ran the United Northwest Federal Credit Union in Norton and Oberlin. He was preceded in death by his parents, Raymond and Emma Halbert, and a brother, Lyle Halbert.

Survivors include his wife, Jessie of Zapata, Texas; a son, Jim Hal-

bert, Houston, Texas; two brothers, Bob and Wilma Halbert, Holyoke, Colo., and Howard and Ethel Halbert, Denver, and a sister, Helen and John Karls, Selden.

School will resume on January 5. On Dec. 18 at Senior Citizens, Cecelia Ottley won high, Vesta Shea took second, Catherine Campbell got low and Anna Albers had the most lines.

Other members present included: Betty James, Lola Cook, Dorothy Lovin, Carol Shaw, Don Smith, Alfred Albers, in Shaw, Edna Schiltz, Irene Kruse and Clara Schieferecke.

At the pinocle tournament in Rexford on Saturday night, Bill Dible and Darlene Robben won first while Tammy Shaw and Jacque Boultinghouse took second.

## Cedar Living News

Sympathy is extended to the family of Bertha Brock who died at Cedar Living Center on Thursday.

Myrna Jones and Carol Witt gave the music program on Monday afternoon. Fern Moore hosted the reading group on Tuesday morning. Charley Vavroch won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon and Louise Nauer won the blackout game.

The children from the KICK Choir of St. John's Lutheran Church gave a concert of Christmas music on Tuesday afternoon.

Susan Nelson, Mary Jo Lohoefer and the DCHS Singers entertained with holiday music on Wednesday afternoon. Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson on Wednesday afternoon.

The children from Faith Lutheran Church provided supper music on Wednesday. They played piano solos, sang, and the bell choir performed.

The Uehlin family helped Mary Uehlin celebrate her birthday on Thursday.

Stan Chapin gave the Catholic communion service on Thursday morning.

Residents and staff enjoyed a holiday potluck dinner at noon on Friday. The dietary department served homemade soup and staff members brought the side dishes. During the potluck a collection was taken up among staff members to donate to the benefit fund-raiser for Millie Lippelmann. Many of the employees of Decatur Health Sys-

tems worked with Millie during her many years in the housekeeping department.

Jody Carman assisted the baking group with making sugar cookies on Friday afternoon.

Carolers from the Oberlin Community Fellowship entertained during Sunday dinner.

Residents and staff have been feasting on many special treats of candy, cookies and fruit donated by friends of Cedar Living Center. We have also enjoyed many caroling groups.

We send special thanks out to all who have remembered us during the holiday season.

Recent visitors: Marjorie and Phil Law, Lakewood, Colo.; Pastor Rick Rostek, Norton; Ann Martin, Herndon; Jerry Temple, Norcatour; Richard and Bernadine Samson, Ludell; Bill and Carolyn Brock, Lindsborg; Larry and Linda Ashley, Loveland, Colo.; Kevin Bennett, Merville, Iowa; Kelly, Alyssa, and Aaron Quiett, Castle Rock, Colo.; Chad Ashley, Denver; Lucy Schissler, Atwood; Carl Mumm, Selden; Gary Matheny, McCook, Neb.;

Lyle Gamblin, Fern Jording, Carol Witt, Mary Lemman, Alice Shirley, Brent Smith, Andrea Marshall, Chase Juenemann, Bill Matchett, Mike Hunt, Gage and Allyson Bennett, Kevin Bennett, Elaine Bryan, Marie Jean Vavroch, Elvin and Orlin Beneda, Earl Brown, Ella Betts, Eula Juenemann, Vayle Rohan, Judy Ostmeyer.

## Good Samaritan News

On Monday, Dec. 15, Anna Shaw shared artwork time with Garrah Gaumer. Ivah Alexander, Garrah Gaumer, Ann Leitner, Elva Shaughnessy, Ruth Laidig, Joyce Plousard, Jan Badsy and Lisa Stacy went to Wheat Ridge to share a holiday gathering. Mildred Holmdahl served Social Hour. The Carl Sharks gathered at the Elva Shaughnessy residence. "Cowboy Paul" Mye shared Christmas stories with children from Little Sam's Day-care. Hearts Creations craft time worked on individual picture silhouettes for Elfie Brown, Ruby Shuler, Elsie Macy, Eryline Nichols, Fern Anderson, Bonnie Weskamp, and Ella Peterson.

The First Hand Friends visited their special partners on Tuesday for holiday hugs. Fifteen children from Mrs. Olson's class came and shared a pre-Christmas moment. Anita Hirsch played her guitar and led residents in a Christmas sing-along, followed by a Christmas story, and singing by Lisa Stacy. Ellen Horn served Social Hour. Dennis Brown of the Forget-Me-Nots met Ruth Laidig, Leo Mooty, Elfie Brown, Ann Leitner, Elsie Macy, Garrah Gaumer, and volunteer Serena Stacy for a supper of oyster soup and ham salad sandwiches. The group then enjoyed a tour of the town's Christmas lights.

Wednesday brought 12 children from the Jennings School to share reading time with residents, under

the direction of Cheryl Soderland and Kathy Randolph. Volunteers Dorothy Alstrom and Pat Whetzel shared nail care. At Social Hour, the DCHS Singers came to entertain with holiday songs including a special solo by Leah Marietta.

Ninety-two gathered for the Christmas dinner of turkey, dressing and all the trimmings, including family members coming to share time with their loved ones. Coleen Rippe led opening prayer, which was followed by a special program. Jan Badsy and Lisa Stacy presented a short skit, "Light Your World," which featured Dena Gillespie, volunteer Anita Hirsch, and her son Joey. Santa Claus then appeared and handed out ornaments and Christmas wishes. The program was concluded by caroling by the United Methodist Church Youth Group.

Hearts Creations met on Thursday to continue work on silhouette pictures. Samuel Smith served Social Hour.

Devotions were given by the Revs. Barbara and Nolan Pierce Friday, followed by communion. Special Christmas stories were shared. Carol Duncan read Current Events. Popcorn and a movie concluded the day's events.

Dennis Brown led Saturday's devotions.

The Assembly of God led church services on Sunday. Phil Erickson served Social Hour.

## Rexford News

By Zula Horinek

Darla Kay and Deloras Dible went to Logan on Dec. 12 to visit Hazel Richardson and attend the Christmas party at Logan Manor.

There was a lunch at noon, then Santa was there to help with gifts.

Rexford Bridge Club met with JoAnn Vaughn as hostess at Colby with a luncheon followed by bridge. Those present were Joy Davis, Val Wark, Barbara Young, Bernida Zoberst, Marguerite Edmondson, Deb Stepper, Faye Goechen, Jean Snider, Helen Hagler, and JoAnn Vaughn. Prizes were won by Marguerite and JoAnn. Bridge will be held with Bernida Zoberst on Jan. 14.

The Royal Neighbors had a special Christmas party in Oakley at the Colonial Steak House. We had a room reserved and it had a large decorated tree and the table was also very pretty. The buffet was delicious. We each brought a gift and they were numbered and we drew numbers for the gift we got. The national headquarters sent some really special gifts for each of us to have. We thank them so much for the Christmas gifts and candy.

Deb Stepper came home from Lantern Park Manor on Dec. 11. With everyone's prayers, cards, and good care she said she should be fine.

Tuesday the Red Barn Gang Band went to Good Samaritan in Goodland; Wednesday we went to Fairview Acres; and Friday to Hill City Long Term. This concluded our Christmas trips to the various long

## Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Christmas Eve services will begin at 11 p.m. tonight at the Herndon Covenant Church.

Chris and Sherri Schmidt left Sunday for Tucson, Ariz., to spend the holidays with their daughter and family, Dawnelle and Curtis Heim.

Kirk Kelley of Davenport, Iowa, is visiting with his parents, Dick and Donna Kelley.

Guests of Dave and Sherry Bergling for a soup supper on Saturday

were Jeremy and Michelle Bergling, Perth, West Australia; Steve and Judy O'Neill, and Dave O'Neill, Brighton, Colo.; Quentin and Olive Bergling, Atwood; Jeri Ann and Mac McPheeters, Colby; and Jason and Alicia Bergling.

Brady Ginther of Menlo is spending part of his Christmas vacation with his grandparents, J.R. and Carol Ginther.

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