#### THE OBERLIN HERALD

# **Events of Yesteryear**

By Jody Betts

100 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1904 Jay Paddock of Olive Township

has gone to Iowa to engage in the mercantile business. The Oberlin National Bank at its annual meeting Jan. 12 added to its

board of directors, ex-county treasurer Kulp, and re-elected all old Willis Bobbitt of Bassettville was

about the happiest man in town Saturday. He had deposited enough cash in the bank to pay off the mortgage on his farm.

Norcatur: M.A. Daugherty has sold the Norcatur News and will go into business at Clayton.

Kanona News: Jim Barratt's have a new baby girl. David and Anna Brown started to Manhattan Monday morning where they will attend school. Jennings News: John Squires, a

died Dec. 31, 1903. He was a veteran of the Mexican and Civil Wars and held in great esteem by a wide circle of friends. The Oberlin gymnasium associa-

resident of Jennings since 1885,

tion will hold a club dance at their hall Friday evening.

#### 75 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1929 There were thrills and excite-

ment-a-plenty at the Mr. and Mrs. P.H. Wendelin home at Ludell one night last week when the Christmas tree caught fire and burned. The tree was picked up and thrown out of the house before much damage was done and the gifts had been removed but this is further evidence of the extreme danger in using candles as Christmas tree decora-

Death's angel has been busy in Oberlin and Decatur county with the flu and pneumonia epidemic contributing to the unusual number of deaths including Mrs. J.D. Hayes; Mr. Fred Wenger of Selden; Mrs. Clara Karthouser: Mr. W.S. Drullinger; George Kolsky, Kanona; and Mrs. M.J. (Rosa Lee) Hoppas who lived at Dresden for many years.

Dresden Items: Mr. and Mrs. Claude Sewell are enjoying a new radio, installed by Percy Norris.

There are two new residents in Logan Township: a baby boy at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Euhus Jr., born Dec. 31, 1928; and a baby

Thursday from Oxford, Mass.,

where she spent the holidays with

her daughters, Linda Rocco, and

Glenda Sprague, and families. Mrs.

Rocco and Elizabeth accompanied

her by plane to Denver, then on to

Oberlin. They left on Saturday to

mon were weekend guests of Dick

and Donna Kelley, and Helen

Jaderborg of Longmont, Colo.,

spent the weekend with Elden and

Detta Anderson. On Saturday even-

ing, the Stulls, Kelleys, Andersons,

Winners in the Herndon PRIDE

lighting contest this year were: J.R.

and Phyllis Grafel, first; Jerry and

Jo Harris, second; and Larry and

Congratulations to Herndon stu-

dents who received certificates for

reaching Standards of Excellence

on Kansas state assessments. They

included: Daron Chambers, sci-

ence; Curtis Brown, reading and

social studies; Anikka Martin, math

and science; Kati Niemeth, reading

and social studies; Brett Chambers,

Nicholas Kleidosty, Elm Creek,

Judy Solko, Larned, spent last

weekend with her mother, Monica

Solko. Ron and Rodney Solko,

were additional Saturday dinner

Edie Pettera returned home on

Jan. 4 after spending the holidays

with her family. She and Mike and

Deanna Pettera and family enjoyed

Christmas Day dinner at the home

of Don and Rose Pettera in Mesa,

Ariz. All enjoyed Christmas Eve at

Neb., spent last weekend with his

grandmother, Mildred Kleidosty.

math; and Dan Riener, reading.

Deb Stoney, third.

return to their home.

Albert Hoffman, born Jan. 1, 1929. at the McCook Hospital. The latter newcomer won for her parents the prize of \$50 annually given by the McCook Hospital to the first baby born in each new year.

United Telephone Co., reports that candlelight ceremony at St. John's an increase of 23 subscribers has Lutheran Church the evening of been added to the new telephone Dec. 6. The couple are making their directory, an indication that the home in Kansas City. town is enjoying an upward trend in

Kanona: A handsome sevenpound baby arrived Jan. 3 at the Ulysses, daughter, Susan Diane, home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Soderlund. She will answer to the name of Mayre Ilene.

#### 50 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1954

District meeting will be held Jan. 18 at the high school auditorium. Key banker awards will be presented by Kenneth Ward of Norcatur to Lawrence Wahlmeier, Harold Castor, Max Alstrom, Neil Rogers and Noone and Ralph Unger. Floyd Lotker Jr.

Red Devil cagers 66 to 46. Starting five for Oberlin were Barrett, Johnson, Hoehner, Shaw and Chet Youngs, Pete Jones and

Clarence Pfeil have leased the Alma, Neb., Sale Barn. These three men also have under their management the Oberlin Livestock Exchange and the West Side Sale Barn at McCook. Funeral services were held for

John F. Peters, 39, who died after a long illness. He is survived by his wife, Velma; a daughter, Patty, age 13, and a son, Jon, age 8, and other relatives. Funeral services were held at the

Federated Church for Dr. I.D. Litton, 75, a resident of Decatur County for many years. Dr. Litton and family lived in the Vallonia neighborhood for several years and had moved to Norcatur a few years ago where he continued his work as a veterinarian. Courthouse News: Marriage li-

censes were issued to Patty Lee banquetis Jan. 15. The program will Long of Oberlin and Nathan Moore be "Gravestones to Die For" and of Chireno, Texas; Enid Kay Worcester, Oberlin, and Carl M. Anderson, New Cambria.

Lorenz Wegener of Norton began his duties Jan. 1 as State Farm and door prizes passed out. girl at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Insurance agent. He replaced Leon-

Miss Delores Kunkee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kunkee of Indianola, Neb., became the bride of William Deines, son of Mr. and Lee Traver, local manager of the Mrs. R.A. Deines of Oberlin in a

New Arrivals: Pfc. and Mrs. Charles Yoho, Auburn, Calif., girl, Jan. 8; Mr. and Mrs. Herschel Betts, Jan. 2; Mr. and Mrs. Ray Lohoefener, son, Gregory Keith, Jan. 11; Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Vernon, Norcatur, daughter, Ronda Elaine, Jan. 8.

#### The 7th annual Soil Conservation 25 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1979

Dennis Sloan, beginning his second term as commissioner from the first district, was elected chairman of the county governmental body. Other commissioners are Jack

Local attorney Stan Morgan, 40, The Colby Eagles defeated the has indicated his intentions to file for position 2 on the Unified School District 294 board of education. Mary Anderson, who is completing her 12th year as position 2 represen-

ard Cullison who recently moved to tative, has indicated that she does not choose to run for a fourth term.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Dean Louderback, son, Alex Jon, Jan. 4, 1979; Mr. and Mrs. Larry Ayers, daughter, Holly Dawn, Jan. 7, 1979.

An open house at the Decatur County National Bank last week honored Effie Jorn on her retire-Mrs. Clayton Diehl returned last

week from a six-week trip which included a 16-day visit to China. She was accompanied by a friend, Mrs. Earl Boxley, Phoenix, Ariz.

Students receiving degrees from Fort Hays State at the semester included: Steven L. Alstrom, B.S. in geology and Connie M. (Vavroch) Green, B.S. in accounting.

The Red Devil cagers brought their league record to 5-2 with a 63-51 win over Hoxie. The varsity girls team won by a score of 46-35. In wrestling the St. Francis Indians downed Oberlin in the first dual of the 1979 season by a 36-17 score.

Just a week after the new low-rent family units received approval, Mrs. Walt (Bonnie) Anderson, executive secretary of the low-rent housing project, reported that all but one of the new units were rented.

## **Chamber News**

By Glenva Nichols

colder. Wish it would make up its mind as to just what it will be and stay that way, instead of cold then hot in a few hours. It's hard on everything from animals to humans.

The basketball and wrestling season is here so be sure to attend your favorite sport and support the team. The Jaycees and the Booster Club are sponsoring the Harlem Ambassadors basketball team which will play the Oberlin Heat (local team) in the high school gym on Feb. 9. The proceeds will be used toward projects of both organizations.

Remember that the Chamber promises to be very interesting. The drawing for the Chamber's oneweek vacation winner will be that night. Other awards will be given,

Coffee hour this month will be and warm up.

The weather turned cold and held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at The Bank on Jan. 21. Be sure and stop by as they always have delicious There will be a planning session

for Oberlin Business Alliance on Tuesday, Jan. 20, in the basement of Stanley Hardware starting at 6 p.m. Any alliance member is welcome to come and add their thoughts on what can be done to promote Oberlin for the coming year. If you have some ideas, but can't attend, stop by the office and leave them so they can be brought to the group. The Chamber, along with KFNF

101.1 radio station, will be hosting this year's first annual Home and Garden Show. It is to be March 20-21 at the Gateway. If you want to know more about the show, call or stop at the Chamber office.

Stop in and have a cup of coffee

By Mary Lou Olson

Kurt Olson, son of Mark and Bar-

# **Cedar Living News**

Wynemah Cox, of Herndon, is a Catholic Mass on Thursday mornnew resident at Cedar Living Cen-

Club on Jan. 3. Billy Duncan, of the Church of Christ, gave the Sunday worship service.

Lyle Gamblin and Betty Jenik were guests at penny cards on Monday. Lyle ended up as the big winner of the afternoon. Myrna Jones gave the music program on Monday afternoon.

Fern Moore hosted the reading group on Tuesday morning. Elma Ashley won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon. The blackout game ended as a tie between Charley Vavroch and Harold Frickey. Pastor Charlotte Strecker-

Baseler, of Faith Lutheran Church, gave the monthly Communion Service on Tuesday afternoon. The craft group met on Wednes-

day afternoon to make bird feeders.

They were assisted by Jamie

Samson and Sara Bishop of

Lindsborg Father George was here for the Pierce, Dennis Brown, Oberlin.

Residents of Cedar Living Cen-Nadean Stoney hosted the Coffee ter received a donation of several beautiful quilted lap robes from the

Selden Altar Society. The activity department is currently looking for volunteers to share in hosting the Saturday morning Coffee Club. Anyone interested in helping should contact Teresa

Shaughnessy at 785-475-2208. Recent visitors were Richard and Bernadine Samson, Ludell; Don Ashley, Carl Mumm, Selden; Rosa Boehm, George Wurm, Gary Matheny, McCook; Susan McKain, McDonald; Mike and Rose Domsch, Shakia and Sohn Domsch, Atwood; Ann Martin, Frank Cox, Herndon; Jerry Temple, Norcatur; Mary Miller, Dresden.

Elvin and Orlin Beneda, Lyle Gamblin, Fern Jording, Gerry Neff, Elaine Bryan, Marie Jean Vavroch, John and Henrietta Juenemann. Earl Brown, Ella Betts, Don Stapp, Bill Goscha Dannye Uehlin, Nolan

# **Good Samaritan News**

Jan Badsky led Monday morning devotions. Tearing down of the festive greens was done throughout the building. Residents assisting were Leo Mooty, Marilyn St. Clair, Ruby McKenna, Ann Leitner, Elsie Macy, and Eryline Nichols. Sorting and passing mail, with assistance from Coleen Rippe, was Ruth Laidig. Mildred Holmdahl served social hour. Card sharks gathered at the Elva Shaughnessy residence. Joyce Ploussard led devotions on

Tuesday and accompanying on the piano was Cheryl Miller. Men gathered in the quiet room for fresh peanuts and popcorn. Those attending enjoyed looking at indexed cards featuring antique cars. Harold Demmer, David McGee, and Leo Mooty shared their stories of the cars they owned in those fix-it-up days. Don Farr led exercises. Fern Moore presented front porch reading. Those attending were Dena Gillespie, Agnes Chambers, and Ruth Laidig. Social hour was served by Ellen Horn and assisted by newest volunteer to the center, Katie Glading. Hearts Creation, led by Lisa Stacy, featured chalk art.

Songs of worship were led in the Town Square on Wednesday. Bible study gathered in the quiet room with Stuart Euhus. Those attending were Ella Peterson, Marilyn St. Clair, Hildegard Euhus, Dena Gillespie, Garrah Gaumer, and Fern Anderson, Dorothy Alstrom and bingo concluded the day's events.

Joyce Ploussard led Thursday morning devotions in the Town Square. In her final devotion she shared with the group that she estimated she had done over 300 devotions each year. Residents praised her for her service and the wonderful messages she has sent to others.

shared stamp art with the following residents, Lorna Bishop, Elfie Brown, Agnes Chambers, Elsie Macy, Leo Mooty, and Eryline Nichols. Dance moves were shared with Lisa Stacy, activity assistant in the dining room.

Those enjoying musical move- Jennings.

ments to music were Fred Helmkamp, Elfie Brown, Agnes Chambers, Eva Cuthbertson, Eleanore Demmer, Hazel Flaska, Ruth Laidig, Elsie Macy, David McGee, Fern Mapes, Luverne May, Leo Mooty, Ervline Nichols, Hattie Olson, and Ruby Shuler. The afternoon events were yet an

exciting but sad event as they gathered in the Town Square to say good-bye to friend and administrator Joyce Ploussard. Loretta Mc-Fee, Director of Nursing, emceed the program. Randy Fitzgerald, Regional Director of the Sioux falls National Campus, presented information on the years Joyce had spent serving in the mission of Christ.

On Friday, Jan Badsky led devotions, and the Rev. Nolan Pierce distributed communion. Homemade bread was an aroma that brought back familiar thoughts from the past. Carol Duncan shared current events. Those attending were Eryline Nichols, Fern Anderson, Clarice Leake, Ruth Laidig, Leo Mooty, Ruby Shuler, and Bonnie Westcamp.

Home-churned butter was the reminisce topic for the day. Ladies gathered to take their turns in churning the hand crank and watch the butter become a reality. Those attending were Fern Anderson, Eryline Nichols, Garrah Gaumer, Dena Gillespie, Luverne May, Helen Styles, and Ruth Laidig. Serving Pat Whetzel provided nail care. social hour was Bethany Smith. The Ellen Horn served social hour and Friday movie feature was entitled, Hello, Cisco Kid.

Dennis Brown led Saturday de-

Bobby Cornelius, from the Oberlin Community Fellowship Church, led Sunday church services. Serving social hour was Florence Vav-

Recent guests of Ruby McKen-Little Sam' Daycare children na were Ed and Gloria McKenna, Earl and Pat Hartzog, Donna Chambers; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Demmer, Pat and Cindy Traphagen and family; Dena Gillespie, Earl and Pat Hartzog, June Vavroch; Roberta Urban, Mary Depe, Trenton, Neb.; Pastor Glen and Betty Krebs,

By Zula Horinek

The Social Hour Club met at the Barn Wednesday. We had our business meeting and elected officers for 2004. We also received our new mystery pals for next year. The hostess was Marg Leh. Hulda Wark won the hostess prize. The afternoon was spent playing robber

The Royal Neighbors met at Zula Horinek's home on Thursday. Officers were elected for 2004. We spent the afternoon visiting and had a good time. Refreshments of pumpkin pie, homemade fudge, nuts, and coffee were served.

Edna Colson spent Christmas Day with Grace and Stan Kauk in Colby, then went spent five days

with Kathryn and Floyd Richard and celebrated her birthday on Jan. Those who attended the coffee Friday at the Barn were Eunice Sanford, Cleda Moeder, Hulda

Wark, Grace Cheney, Bernita Zoberst, Sondra Barnett, Deloras Dible, Margaret AraSmith, Liz

Rall, Vesta Roth and Deb Stepper. The Colson family met at the Rexford Community building to celebrate Christmas on Dec. 28. Those present were Edna Colson. Ernest and Janine Colson, Ernest and Nancy Colson and family.

**Rexford News** 

Hoxie; Kathryn and Floyd Richard, Amie and Chris and Dianne Jason and Erin Davis, Norton; Grace and Stan Kauk and family; Thonna Thompson and boys, all of Colby; Roberta Colson and Jennifer Miller,

Isaha, of Goodland. Ernest and Janine Colson had Christmas at her folks in Emporia.

Jessie Colson spent his Christmas vacation in Topeka, Emporia, and

Natoma. Alfred and Jean Hawkins returned from a two week vacation in

Florida visiting with their son and daughter. We are happy to have them home. They drove all that dis-

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# Midway News

The annual meeting of the Hern-Helen Jaderborg, and Vic and Opal up for the kidney transplant he had don Covenant Church will be held Bryan enjoyed pizza at the apartfollowing a sack lunch at noon on ment of Eva Bryan at Wheat Ridge Terrace in Oberlin. Sunday. Those attending are asked to bring snacks for the afternoon.

Mary Lou Olson accompanied Bernadine Fred returned home Cecil Hess to Great Bend on Wednesday, where they visited their sister, Frances Starbuck, who is a resident of the Great Bend Nursing Home and Rehabilitation Center. They also visited Bill and Lois Jean Starbuck.

Pastor Keith and Sandy Reuber and family have returned from a Cheryl and Wane Stull of Soloskiing trip to Ohio with relatives.

Ethan Beckman of Grinnell was a weekend guest of his grandparents, Frank and Margaret McEvoy.

Steve and Arian Arnold returned home on Thursday from Denver, where he had a good medical check-

## **Herndon News**

By Carrol Ginther

Pettera and family.

Mrs. Pettera, the Mike Pettera

family and Don and Rose traveled to Loveland, Colo., where they spent News Year's at the home of Les and Myrna Pettera. Other guests were Bud and Pat Bosler, Pine, Colo., and Keith and Tress Pettera, Allyson and Matthew, Lakewood, Colo.

Recent visitors of Helen Marintzer were Marty Rohm and Tyler, Aurora, Colo.; Chris Wood; Eric Marintzer and Sara Simonson, Chi-

Don and Joan Grafel spent Christmas in Casper, Wyo., at the home of Kevin and Nanette Phil-Those who celebrated Christmas

on New Year's Day at the home of Kent and Karolvn Grafel in Culbertson were Don and Joan Grafel, Kyle and Cindi Grafel and family, Jean Ann and Joe Leitner, Leon, Marita and Amy Portschy, Kurt and Cristin Grafel, Utica; Jeff Leitner and Danielle Diederich, Hays; Charlotte Smith, Topeka; Tom and Kay Franke; and Kristyn and Kris the home of Mike and Deanna Capp, Culbertson.

Christmas brunch on Sunday at the home of Elden and Detta Anderson were Eva Bryan, Helen Jaderborg,

three years ago. They also visited

land, and other relatives. Those who enjoyed a belated

Dick and Donna Kelley, Wane and Cheryl Stull, and Gary Anderson. They also helped Wane Stull and Helen Jaderborg celebrate their

Mike and Nione Rhodin at Lovebara Olson, was baptized during morning worship services on Sun-

15th birthday.

January birthdays.

day at the Herndon Covenant Church. Officiating was Pastor Keith Reuther. Keith and Mary Lou Olson took their grandsons, Kurt Olson and Tyler Witt, to McCook on Saturday

evening to help Kurt celebrate his

# Lyle News

By Helen Helm

Because of the bitter cold, church family plans to move his household services and the community dinner were canceled Sunday, Jan. 5, at

Mike, Aaron, Rebecca, and Jacob Helm, Norcatur, came to the farm Sunday to shovel snow off the sidewalks for John and Helen Helm.

Mrs. June Jolly, Mrs. Kathy Van Meter, and Mrs. Margaret Magers attended the Senior Citizen card party at Norcatur Friday, Jan. 3.

Mrs. Kathy Van Meter was hostess for a belated Christmas dinner on Saturday, Jan. 4. Guests were Tim and Jolene Nejdl and Clinton, Quinter; Danielle Nejdl and fiance, Kip Jeardae, Beloit, and Margaret

Mrs. Van Meter attended the party sponsored by the First Security Bank of Holbrook, Neb., for their Gold Club on Thursday after-Mrs. Margaret Magers was a

Bend were guests of Mr. and Mrs.

Weis on Friday.

property here Sunday. Mrs. June Jolly was in McCook

on business Wednesday. Margaret Magers visited Marguerite Fullerton at the Good Sa-

maritan Center Thursday after-

The Center was having a goingaway party for their administrator, Joyce Ploussard, so there were many people there. Mrs. Magers was especially glad to visit with Goldie Stapp and Leone Purton, who was visiting here from California. Gene and Laurene Van Otterloo were also visiting Mrs.

John and Helen Helm accompanied Martin and Ceanne Rinehart and Jim and Yanis Helm on a trip to Norfolk, Neb., on Friday to attend the Recognition Banquet for Mike Helm during the mid-year conference. Mike is serving the American guest for lunch Wednesday at the Legion as a national vice-comhome of Pat and Bill Schwab. Lynn mander. His family will be at Nor-Scrivner was also a guest. Lynn's folk, also.

## McGraw News By Karl Launchbaugh

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Grace of Great turn to college at Detroit. Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Sines visited

Mr. and Mrs. George Launchbaugh

Ray Weis on Tuesday. Mrs. Roger Mauck visited Mr. and Mrs. Ray G.G. Launchbaugh left early Sunday morning on the train to re- Mrs. George Launchbaugh

on Saturday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Larry Mizer of Jennings were Sunday afternoon callers of Mr. and