

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

100 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1904

Last Sunday was one of the finest days we ever witnessed. The sun shone bright, the air was as balmy as May, bees were flying, and this was the 17th day of January.

Miss Martin has moved her millinery store to the room recently vacated by A. Arwedson.

The B&M bridge gang are repairing 40 bridges on the branch.

James Vernon says the Vernon family raised more than 40,000 bushels of small grain last year.

This office received a bountiful supply of wedding cake from the Stastney-Barnes wedding through the kindness of Mrs. Barnes and Mrs. Gilmore.

Born, Tuesday, Jan. 19, 1904, to Mr. and Mrs. Howard Noyes, a daughter, all doing well. Howard has long wanted a deputy and we now suppose he is satisfied.

Vallonia Items: R. F. Maggard's new house is almost completed and is one of the finest farm houses we have seen in Decatur County.

On Christmas Day at the old Hawkeye House, E.H. and Laura Claar celebrated the 20th anniversary of their wedding. The household has been blessed with 8 children, 7 boys and 1 girl.

75 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1929

Last Monday was moving day at the Decatur County courthouse with new faces in the office of county attorney, sheriff and third district commissioner. J. F. Peters turned the office of county attorney over to Wallace Wolfe; Geo. L. Martin turned the office of sheriff over to Gilbert Stephens of Pleasant Valley Township and John Williams turned the third district commissioner's office over to Phil Wallack who for the next four years will have the job of satisfying the residents of the south part of the county. We believe he can do it, too, if it is possible to do so and at the same time remain impartial.

Funeral services were held for Lawrence Lunkenheimer, 64, who came to Decatur County in 1885 at the age of 21 where he homesteaded on the land he lived on at the time of his death.

He was one of the best known men in the county.

Mr. George D. McMullen, a member of the master painters organization, has received an all-expense paid trip to the annual convention of the Great Western Paint Manufacturing Co. in Kansas City this week to learn the newer ideas of painting and decorating.

Kanona News: We are in need of a barber.

Cedar Bluffs Items: Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kennedy are the proud parents of an 8-pound boy born Sunday.

Miss Thelma Smith and Mr. Wallace T. Wolfe, popular young couple of Oberlin, were married at the Presbyterian parsonage on Saturday evening Jan. 12 by the Rev. J. E. Bartholomew and have taken an apartment at the Mrs. S. J. Morrison residence. The bride is the daughter of Mr. Bert Smith of Harlan Township, is a graduate of Decatur Community High School, and has been employed at Benton & Hopkins Investment. The bridegroom has been associated with Mr. W. S. Langmade in the law business the past year. Mr. Wolfe grew up in Goodland, where his father was the editor of the Goodland Republic, and is an expert linotype operator and worked his way through the Kansas University Law School by night work at the newspaper offices in Topeka.

50 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1954
The year 1954 calls for the reappraisal of all real estate in Kansas for taxable purposes. Work is getting under way in towns and township assessors are ready to start their farm-to-farm visitations, according to County Clerk Glynn Shaw.

The Red Devil grapplers defeated Norton by a score of 29 to 19 but lost to St. Francis 37 to 14.
An Oberlin debate team composed of Waldo Anderson, Dennis Barratt, Roger Perkins and Eleanor Burg, won the "B" tournament held at Haven.

Mr. and Mrs. John Stastney of Oberlin will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary Jan. 24. They were married Jan. 24, 1904, at the

home of the bride's mother, 10 miles southwest of town at what was known as Hooker, Kan. Mrs. Stastney was the former Artie E. Barnes and came to Kansas from Indiana when she was 16 months old, in the spring following the last Indian raid in Kansas. Mr. Stastney was born in Chicago and came to Kansas 53 years ago where he owned and operated one of the early threshing machines and did custom threshing.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Mines returned Jan. 9 from Fort Knox, Ky., where he received his discharge from the army after serving for two years. Mrs. Mines is the former Ann Locy.

A dinner was held Jan. 10 at Sacred Heart Church in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Zodrow who celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary.

25 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1979

Saturday night's low of minus 14 was the lowest temperature recorded this winter but not the lowest ever recorded as it falls several degrees short of the minus 28 recorded in the 1880s and 27 below in the 30s..

According to Arthur Hamilton of Hamilton Oil Co. Inc., gas prices are expected to increase still further as there is a shortage of refineries. Gas prices at area stations this past week ranged from 68.9 on regular to 73.9 on unleaded.

Dr. Ray Christiansen, who has

worked with local veterinarians Dr. John Rule and Dr. Jay Anderson the past three years, will be leaving Oberlin soon to set up his own clinic at Ellsworth. His wife, Carol, has been employed at the Hair Gallery.

New Arrival: Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Farr, son, Klint Bo., Jan. 8, 1979.

Mike Nemeth left this week for Golden, Colo., where he will enroll at Colorado School of Mines. Nemeth attended Garden City Juco the past three semesters.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Stapp have returned from a trip to California and the Southwest which included the Rose Bowl game and parade.

Pete Felten, Hays sculptor, was selected last week to sculpt four statues of famous Kansans to be placed in the rotunda of the Kansas State Capitol. Dwight Eisenhower, Amelia Earhart, William Allen White and Arthur Capper. The statues will be placed in four wall niches in the rotunda where they will be surrounded by a series of murals completed last year by Lumen Winter, a native Kansan now living in Santa Fe, N. M. Winter's project completed a series of murals begun by John Steuart Curry and never finished.

Of local interest is the Pioneer Family limestone statue which graces the median strip in the 400 block of N. Penn Avenue in Oberlin which was completed by Felten in 1971 at a cost of \$4000.

Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Weekend guests of Stuart Euhus were Robert and Dana Morton, Sheena and Shad, Garden Plains, and Mike and Gail Harvey and Zeb, Lamar, Colo. Additional weekend visitors at the Euhus home for their family Christmas was the Kent Euhus family.

Martin and Evelyn May were Thursday evening guests of Jack and Mildred Fortin and Charles for cake and ice cream to help Charles

celebrate his birthday.
Esther Ready, New York City, was a visitor at the John Bremer home on Saturday. She arrived Friday to spend the weekend visiting her parents, John and Muriel Ready, and returned home on Monday.

John and Dianne Bremer and Jessica helped Arthur and Alice May celebrate their 85th birthdays with dinner Sunday noon at the Bremer home.

Lyle News

By Helen Helm

Besides their regular pastor, Carol Woodmansee, the United Methodist minister from Norton, Lew Van Der Wege, was in charge of services at the Lyle United Methodist Church Sunday morning. He was there especially to have communion and plans to be at Lyle quarterly.

John and Helen Helm returned home Sunday from a trip to Norfolk, Neb., where the Nebraska American Legion Mid-Year Conference was held. The Department of Nebraska hosted a Recognition Banquet for Mike Helm on Saturday evening, congratulating him on his election as National Vice Commander.

Department Commander Douglas Bolt was Master of Ceremonies and he had asked Mike's children to open the meeting. Timothy and Matthew led the Pledge of Allegiance and Jacob, Rebecca and Aaron played "The Star Spangled Banner" on their band instruments.

The program remembered the Legion work he has done since joining the organization after his return from military service. Special recognition was given to those who encouraged and helped him who are

now deceased and to those still aiding him along the way. Mike received many gifts, not only from Nebraska residents but also from many commanders and friends from the other states in his territory.

Family members there were John and Helen Helm, Martin and Ceanne Rinehart, John Rinehart, Jim and Yanis Helm, Mike's wife, Deb, and children, and friends Ray and Merna Haag.

Kathy Van Meter, Margaret Magers and June Jolly were in Norcatur Monday to play pinochle at the County Line Cafe. On Tuesday, they attended the pancake supper at the Senior Center in Beaver City, Neb., and spent the rest of the evening playing cards with Van Cozad at the nursing home

Several women met at the Lyle Community Building on Tuesday with a sack lunch and spent the day sewing quilts for their mission project. Present were Joyce Sumner, Norton; Leone Purton, who is visiting from California; Mrs. Magers, Mrs. Jolly, and Mrs. Van Meter.

On Wednesday, Mrs. Van Meter had an appointment in Oberlin, and visited Marguerite Fullerton at the

Good Samaritan Center. She also visited Henrietta Van Vleet, who with her husband, Kenneth, are temporarily making their home at the Center. Mrs. Van Meter had lunch with Eileen Laird.

Mrs. Magers was hostess for the Liberty Star Club at her home on Wednesday afternoon. Veda Wood had the program using "Old Tyme Remedies and Reflexology" as her theme. Carolyn Plotts had them playing "Charades" with "Birds" in the titles, which caused much hilarity, for their activity. Others present were Teresa Reves, and Kathy Van Meter.

Josh, Mathew, Samantha, and Austin Schwab spent some time with their grandparents, Bill and Pat Schwab, over the weekend.

Rexford News

By Zula Horinek

Berneda Zoberst was hostess to the Rexford Bridge Club at her home and Helen Karls was a guest. Prizes were won by Bobby Young, Deb Stepper, and Helen Karls. The next meeting will be on Feb. 11 with Joy Davis in Colby.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Zoberst hosted a breakfast brunch and gift exchange at their home on Jan. 3. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Ray Farmer, Salina; Don Barnett, Rexford; Jessica Barnett, Republic, Neb.; Sharrel Harrison, Bailey; Ford Kemp, Wallace; Mr. and Mrs. Greg Bruggeman, Selden; Judy Harger, Shaundra and Harley Jean, Colby; Shelby Barnett, Colby; Shaelum Barnett, Hays; and Sue Hays, Oakley.

Joining the above group at the Community Hall at 1 p.m. for potluck were Mr. and Mrs. Murlin Krizek, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Smalley, Kayla Smalley and Travis Wyatt, McCook; Mr. and Mrs. Chet Hayes, Grinnell; Brenda Hayes, Topeka; Brett Peterson, Hays; Mr. and Mrs. Dick Dempewolf and Galynn Anderson, Colby; Bonnie Stramel, Oakley; Mr. and Mrs. Jay Knopp and boys, Atwood; and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Latimer, Gem. The afternoon was spent playing cards and visiting. The smaller children really enjoyed the toys that were donated

The extremely cold weather caused some water problems at the home of Veda and Dennis Wood. John and Carol Moye, Oberlin, were able to get things going again. Mrs. Wood visited Kathy Van Meter Thursday afternoon

Mrs. June Jolly and Mrs. Barb Jolly visited their sister-in-law, Lelia Weyeneth, in McCook Monday. They had supper out and played cards that evening. On Wednesday, Mrs. Jolly was in McCook for Bingo and cards, and filled in as a substitute for bowling.

Mrs. Jolly and her daughter-in-law, Rhonda Jolly, spent Thursday in Grand Island, Neb. Rhonda and Dean Jolly have finished a remodeling project at their home.

to the Community Hall.

The Barnswallows had 12 players Monday and on Thursday there were nine for pinochle.

The Red Barn Gang Band went to Brewster to play for the Brewster Heritage celebration. We shared a really wonderful potluck with them. They were such a gracious audience and made us feel so special. During our Christmas programs, we traveled 600 miles and visited 12 homes and nine counties.

The American Legion is holding a pinochle tournament on Feb. 17. Everyone is welcome.

Those attending the Coffee Club on Friday were Liz Rall, Eunice Sanford, Margaret Arasmith, Freda Ketchum, Cleda Moeder, Vesta Roth, Hulda Wark, Velma Barnett, Grace Cheney, Deb Stepper, Mary Minnick, and Sondra Barnett.

Marie Jean Vavroch hosted the Coffee Club on Saturday. Bobby Cornelius of the Oberlin Community Fellowship gave the worship service on Sunday.

Dennis Brown of the Forget-Me-Knots hosted a party on Monday. He served assorted cheese, crackers meat, and vegetables to residents, staff, and guests.

Myrna Jones gave the music program on Monday.

Fern Moore hosted the reading group on Tuesday and Louise Nauer won both the first bingo and the blackout game.

Darlene Stanley celebrated her birthday on Tuesday with family members. She received several beautiful bouquets of flowers.

Residents enjoyed an afternoon of bowling on Wednesday. Bea Wolfram, Lyle Gamblin, and Charley Vavroch had the high scores.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson on Wednesday. Residents Council met on Wednesday evening and worked on plans for Valentine's Day.

Barb Solko and Wynemah Cox played Scrabble on Thursday. The

dice game was played during a social hour on Thursday. Charley Vavroch won the most games.

Charley Vavroch was the guest of honor at a birthday lunch held at noon Friday. Joining him were Marie Jean Vavroch and Betty Jenik. Mrs. Vavroch returned in the afternoon to serve cake and ice cream to residents, staff, and guests.

Recent visitors were Doug and Helene Stanley, Haysville; Rose Boehm, George Wurm, Patt Tuller, McCook; Susan McKain, McDonald; Paul and Kathy Nauer, Jennings; Don Ashley, Selden; Rose and Sohn Domsch, Atwood; Connie and Kim Meixner, Arkansas City; Ann Martin, Frank Cox, Herndon; Jerry Temple, Mike Hunt, Norcatur; Marj Law, Lakewood, Colo.; Joseph Schmaderer, Richard Samson, Ludell; Eric Tuller, Wamego; Jamie Samson, Sara Bishop, Lindsay; Fern Jording, Esther Noren, Mary Lemman, Barb Solko, Ilia Ray, Alice Shirley, Butch Stanley, Lyle Gamblin, Elaine Bryan, Elvin Beneda, Orin Beneda, Earl Brown, Ella Betts, Eula Juenemann, Vayle Rohan, Alvina Gamblin, Oberlin.

Good Samaritan News

Children from Little Sam's Daycare shared "marble painting" with residents. A new project for the sewing bee group is making strips of fabric in preparation for making a braided rug. Working on the fabric strips were Fern Anderson, Florence Fisher, and others. Volunteer Mildred Holmdahl served Social Hour. Ruth Laidig helped sort and pass mail.

Mrs. Pavlicek's first-grade class came for the First Hand Friends reading program on Tuesday, to read favorite stories to their partners. Marilyn St. Clair, Ruth Laidig, Elsie Macy and Ella Peterson met to listen to and write poetry. The Forget-Me-Not ministry provided treats for Social Hour, and Anita Hirsch blessed us with her singing. Dena Gillespie celebrated her birthday with friends. Samuel Smith served Social Hour.

Morning Bible study was shared Wednesday with Garrah Gaumer, Dena Gillespie, Eryline Nichols, Fern Anderson, Ruth Laidig, and Ruby Shuler. Afternoon nail care was given by Dorothy Alstrom and Barbara Berry. Garrah Gaumer hosted a marbled paper-making session for young friends Austin Kyte and Serena Stacy. Ellen Horn served Social Hour. Bingo concluded the day's events.

During exercises on Thursday, residents Fern Anderson, Garrah Gaumer, Dena Gillespie, Ruth Laidig, Elsie Macy, Fern Mapes, Leo Mooty, Eryline Nichols, Ruby Shuler, Bonnie Weskamp and Kenneth Van Vleet kicked up their heels doing the twist, chicken dance, alley cat and the conga.

Volunteer Carol Duncan read the local news Friday during Current Events, attended by Fern Anderson,

Elfie Brown, Agnes Chambers, Eva Cuthbertson, Florence Fisher, Ruth Laidig, Elsie Macy, Leo Mooty, Eryline Nichols, Ella Peterson, Ruby Shuler, Marilyn St. Clair, Bonnie Weskamp, and Henrietta and Kenneth Van Vleet.

Reminiscence Corner was spent talking about rug-making while everyone braided fabric strips for our own rug. Helping with this were Garrah Gaumer, Ann Leitner, Ruth Laidig, Helen Styles, Fern Anderson and volunteer Betty Krebs. Social Hour was served by Bethany Smith, followed by the Friday movie, "Bright Eyes," starring Shirley Temple.

Dennis Brown led Saturday's devotions.
Sunday church services were led by United Methodist Churches of Jennings and Dresden, with Pastor Krebs. Social Hour was served by Phil Erickson.

Recent guests: **Dena Gillespie** - June Vavroch, Earl and Pat Hartzog, Betty Krebs, June Vavroch; **Elva Shaughnessy** - Eileene Grose; **Hazel Flaska** - Charlene Karnes; **Veda Pingetzer** - Eileene Grose; **Ruby McKenna** - Earl and Pat Hartzog, Ed and Gloria McKenna; **Fern Mapes** - Jerry Temple, Donna Warren; **Fern Anderson** - Jerry Temple; **Marguerite Fullerton** - Jerry Temple, Judy Easton; **Bernice Brown** - Tracey Symington, Patty and Warren Schwartz, Ogallala, Neb.; Travis Hrabe, Fort Morgan, Colo.; **Garrah Gaumer** - Betty Krebs. Other visitors were Claudia Bridges, Joyce Sumner, Norton; Marissa Larson, Fort Collins, Colo.; Virgil and Nadene Lafferty, McCook; Robert and Dana Morton and family, Garden Plains; Pastor Glenn and Betty Krebs.

McGraw News

By Karl Launchbaugh

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Lewis went to Alma for a two-day wrestling tournament, where Gail's son, Jeffery, was competing. They spent Friday night in Manhattan with Gail's sister, Edith Jensen.

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Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Congratulations to Maude Edwards, who was honored with an open house at the Good Samaritan Center in Atwood on Friday in observance of her 95th birthday. Her address is 650 Lake Road, Atwood, Kan., 67730.

Richard and Maureen Anderson, Samantha, Chris and Gabe spent from Jan. 9-12 in Denver, where they enjoyed the Stock Show and also visited relatives. They were houseguests of her sister and husband, Colleen and Dennis Bishop in Broomfield.

Officers elected during the annual meeting of the Herndon Covenant Church include: Gerald Benda, chairman; Frank McEvoy, vice chairman; Cindi Grafel, secretary; Gayle Anderson, assistant secretary; Mark Olson, treasurer; Kyle Grafel, assistant treasurer; Richard Anderson and Chris Schmidt,

trustees; Mark Bergling and Gerald Benda, deacons; Gail Bergling and Patti Benda, deaconesses; Mark Bergling and Willard Noren, auditors; Dick Kelley, Lori Seaman and Deanne Spanier, Christian Education board; Margaret McEvoy, financial secretary; Mary Ann Erickson, assistant financial secretary; Debbie Withington and Sheri Schmidt, music committee; Gary Baldwin, Gary Erickson, Greg Jones, ushers; Betty Hafer, Covenant Women Ministries chairman; Margaret McEvoy, Covenant Women Ministries vice chairman; Gerald and Patti Benda, and Frank and Margaret McEvoy, conference delegates.



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