

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

100 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1904

Norcatour News: Betts & Campbell shipped a carload of flour to Nashville, Tenn., last week
 Kanona News: John Frickey finished his new house last week and gave it a warming up with an oyster supper Monday evening.

Claude Paddock who has been working over on the Rock Island returned last week.

Fred Caster and wife will move to Nemaha County where they have rented a farm.

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

Born Tuesday, Jan. 19 to Mr. and Mrs. Howard Noyes, a daughter, all doing well.

The Presbyterians have purchased the building formerly occupied by Miss Martin and moved it this morning to the church lots and placed it at the north end of the church building. This will give them some much needed room.

A meeting is called for the court house on Jan. 29 to receive a proposition from the Gulf, Hutchinson & Northwestern railway

75 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1929

The Reserve Building & Loan Association held its annual meeting Jan. 14 and report a steady growth since its organization in 1922 with assets growing from \$33,150.00 to \$314,412.27. Officers re-elected were Elwood M. Brooks, president; C.L. Frickey, vice president; R. F. Landau, secretary; H. C. Votapka, assistant secretary; H. A. Murlin, treasurer; J. F. Peters, attorney. Other directors are J. F. Martin and J. W. Bivans.

Mr. Upton Fringer was 75 years old Jan. 19 and was given a surprise at his home in west Oberlin.

Only a small crowd was out to witness the wrestlers from the Kansas State Teachers College at Hays

and the Decatur Community High School wrestlers perform at the sales pavilion Saturday evening. Local boys wrestling were Lemoin Landau, Russell Sedustine, Ira Barnhart and Merle Bishop.

Dresden: Funeral services were held for a longtime resident of Decatur County, Mrs. Mary McLeod, 87, who was born in Scotland coming to Kansas in 1879.

Dr. C. L. Piper reports the birth of a baby boy at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Kelley on Jan. 17. The newborn has been given the name Robert Burns Kelley.

Recent Marriages: Jan. 22, 1929; Mr. Harvey J. Rohan, 29, and Miss Amy L. Wennihan, 23, both of Jennings.

50 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1954

Lee Meadows, 69, veteran Kansas newspaperman, died of a heart attack Monday while at work at the Goodland Daily News. Meadows was the editor of the Oberlin Times from 1920 to 1928 until purchased by Ernest Woodward. The Times merged with The Oberlin Herald in 1930.

The Oberlin Red Devils got their second league win Friday night by beating Oakley 65-49.

Dr. and Mrs. Robert Phillips and two boys were involved in a car accident in Wichita last week when a truck missed a red light and struck the Phillips car, completely demolishing it. Dr. Phillips suffered a cracked rib but the others were not seriously injured and the family returned to Oberlin Tuesday.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. George Launchbaugh, Dresden, girl, born Jan. 17; Mr. and Mrs. Marion Wenger, Oberlin, girl, Jan. 16; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Nitsch, Jr., LaCrosse, girl, Shelley Ellen, Jan. 11.

Rexford: Saturday was a busy day for the Rexford Lions Club as they served some 260 people in their day-long pancake and sausage

feed. The money raised helped to pay for the new Christmas decorations for the city of Rexford.

25 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1979

Four Decatur County farm families have been selected to receive awards at the annual meeting of the Decatur County Conservation District: Mr. and Mrs. David Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Duane Unger, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Unger and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Unger.

Oberlin Elementary School principal John Bearley has submitted his resignation to the board of Unified School District 294 stating that he plans to retire after 37 years of teaching, the last 31 here in Oberlin.

Speakers at the Kansas Day observance in Jennings Sunday will be Dr. Helmut Schmeller of the Fort Hays State University history de-

partment and Rose Petracek Arnold who will discuss the process of researching our heritage.

Two Decatur County area students received degrees from Kansas State University at mid-term, Steven Dean Witt, BS in education and Gaye Marie Corder, BS in home economics, Selden.

Funeral services were held at the United Methodist Church for Willis Glen Miller, 90, who moved to Decatur county in 1901 and made his home in the Shibboleth area before moving to Oberlin in 1920.

Area wrestling fans are getting the idea that the weather man is opposed to grapplers this season with adverse weather forcing the cancellation of the annual Oberlin Invitational Wrestling Tournament which had been rescheduled from Jan. 13 to Jan. 18 because of an earlier storm.

Chamber News

By Glenva Nichols

A lot has happened in the last two weeks and much more is planned.

First, thank you to all who attended the annual Chamber meeting and banquet.

Congratulations to the winners, Cynthia Matson, education; Idella Frickey, community builder and community volunteer; and Bryan Farms, outstanding ag builders. The presentation "Gravestones to Die For" gave us information as to how our ancestors lived, and marked the graves of their loved ones.

Oberlin Business Alliance is planning a "Valentine's Day Sweetheart" drawing to be held on Feb. 14. You may sign up at any participating Oberlin Business Alliance store with no purchase necessary. You need not be present to win. You will receive a one-night stay at the LandMark Inn and din-

ner for two. Hey, honey, this sounds great. Let's sign up.

The Chamber and 101.1 KFNH Radio are sponsoring the Home and Garden Show on March 20-21. Admission is free, so make plans to attend. The Gateway will be doing concessions.

The invitations are out and responses are coming back. See you March 20 and 21 at the Home and Garden Show at The Gateway.

On St. Pat's Day, plan on finding the pot of GOLD. It should be a good time to get out and play.

The final four basketball games are to be in March and April. The guessing game will be on again.

I think that spring has arrived until I look at the weather forecast. Brrrr!

Stop in and warm up — the coffee pot is on.

Cedar Living News

The ZCJB Lodge held their January meeting at Cedar Living Center on Sunday afternoon.

Pastor Glenn and Betty Krebs of the Jennings United Methodist Church were in charge of the Sunday worship service.

Myrna Jones gave the music program on Monday afternoon.

Maxine Chambers won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon. Eva Marie Vacura and Charley Vavroch tied on the blackout game.

Betty Jenik was the guest of honor at a party held after bingo on Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Jenik, a very active volunteer at Cedar Living Center, will be moving to North Carolina at the end of the month. Marie Jean Vavroch and Teresa Shaughnessy provided the cake and ice cream. Bingo volunteers who assisted with serving included Ann Martin, Ila Ray, Alice Shirley, and Jerry Temple.

The January birthday party was held on Wednesday afternoon. hosted by the ZCJB Lodge. Members Roberta Petracek and Othelia Vacura served ice cream and cookies. Those honored were Charley Vavroch and Darlene Stanley. They

both received a gift from the Lodge and a balloon from Prairie Petals.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson Wednesday afternoon. Father George came for the Catholic Mass on Thursday morning.

Barbara Solko played Scrabble with Wynemah Cox on Monday morning and Thursday afternoon.

Charlene Shields assisted the baking group in making chocolate chip cookies on Friday afternoon.

Recent visitors: Rosa Boehm, McCook; Susan McKain, McDonald; Denise Sweeney, Lincoln, Neb.; Bruce and Paula Oerter, Sisters, Ore.; Richard Samson, Ludell; David Cox, Hays; Sohn Domsch, Atwood; Marie Miller, Dresden; Paul Nauer, Jennings; Ann Martin, Frank Cox, Herndon; Jerry Temple, Norcatour; Tom and Glenva Burrell, Max, Neb.; Carl Mumm, Don Ashley, Frank Bouts, Selden; Ron Uehlin, Danbury;

Elsie Wolters, Fern Jording, Elaine Bryan, Lyle Gamblin, Elvin Beneda, Orlin Beneda, Earl Brown, Ella Betts, Eula Juememann, Mary-ann Larue, Alvina Gamblin, Danye Uehlin, Grace Cook, Esther Noren, Carrie Morford, Oberlin.

Good Samaritan News

On Monday, Bible Talk gathered Dena Gillespie, Ann Leitner, Fern Anderson, and Ruby Shuler. Lisa Stacy brought her family's heirloom Bible to trigger church memories and traditions.

The Men's Gathering brought back hot rod days with volunteers Aaron Stef and Whitney Benke assisting Leo Mooty, Kenneth Van Vleet and Harold Demmer with the Play Station game, "Need for Speed."

The Lyle ladies played cards with Garrah Gaumer, Elva Shaughnessy, Ruth Laidig, Marguerite Fullerton, and Henrietta Van Vleet. Cowboy Paul read to the children from Little Sam's Daycare.

Resident's Council met on Tuesday, attended by Fern Anderson, Elfie Brown, Marguerite Fullerton, Garrah Gaumer, Dena Gillespie, Ann Leitner, Eryline Nichols, Hattie Olson, Ruby Shuler, and Marilyn St. Clair. One-to-one visits were followed by Exercise for Arthritis, led by Lisa Stacy. Let's Talk History reviewed an article from "Voices of the Sandhills", which was enjoyed by Eryline Nichols, Fern Anderson, Leo Mooty, Ruth Laidig and Bonnie Weskamp.

The Coyote Cubs from the Jennings School came to read to Dena Gillespie, Garrah Gaumer, Elfie Brown, Elva Shaughnessy, Ruth Laidig, Neva Campbell, Marguerite Fullerton, Ann Leitner, Kathryn Post, Marilyn St. Clair and Hazel Flaska.

The children, kindergarten through fourth grade, also performed a Kansas Day reader's theater for the residents. Dorothy Alstrom and Pat Wetzell, volunteers, gave nail care and bingo concluded the day's activities.

Children from Little Sam's joined with residents Erma Holt, Eryline Nichols, Dena Gillespie, Leo Mooty, Hazel Flaska and Mamie Unger on Thursday to make Valentine picture frames from paper doilies. Lois Buchholz, Bonnie Weskamp and Ruby McKenna at-

tended Catholic services. "Tea Time" was enjoyed by all the ladies in the afternoon. Anita Hirsch loaned 10 of her most unique teapots to display, and assorted teas and cookies were served with assistance by Samuel Smith.

Jan Badsky and Lisa Stacy of the activities department enjoyed a leisurely lunch at the LandMark Inn, a gift from the Good Samaritan Center in honor of National Activities Professionals Week. Dena Gillespie and Ann Leitner joined Marles Rowley for the weekly Women for the Bible study group.

On Friday, Reminisce Corner met to talk about "Small Town Folks" and people who were most influential in their lives, attended by Fern Anderson, Fern Mapes, Mamie Unger, Lorna Bishop, Eryline Nichols, Erma Holt, Elfie Brown, Ruby McKenna and Bonnie Weskamp. Bill Duncan read *The Oberlin Herald* for our Current Events. Bethany Smith served Social Hour. The Friday movie feature was "Where the Red Fern Grows", and was enjoyed by Leo Mooty, Eryline Nichols, Bonnie Weskamp and Fern Anderson.

Dennis Brown led Saturday morning devotions.

The United Methodist Churches of Jennings and Dresden led Sunday church services. Dolores Koerperich served Social Hour.

Recent guests: **Fern Mapes** - Donna Warren; **Ruby McKenna** - Earl and Pat Hartzog, Donna Chambers, June Vavroch; **Dena Gillespie** - Earl and Pat Hartzog, June Vavroch; **Iris Wurm** - Beverly Witt; **Hattie Olson** - Sally Olson, Mary Lou Olson. Also visiting were Virgil and Nadene Lafferty of McCook, Neb.; Robert and Dana Morton and family of Garden Plain; Pastor Glenn and Betty Krebs, and Shirley and Lisa Van Vleet.



Lyle News

By Helen Helm

The Lyle United Methodist Women met Wednesday at the community building for their January meeting. Mrs. Pat Schwab gave the lesson entitled "A Gift of a Lifetime" and Mrs. June Jolly was hostess.

Others present were Mrs. Margaret Magers, Mrs. Veda Wood, and Mrs. Kathy Van Meter.

The ladies met at the Community Building Tuesday to work on the quilts they are making for missions.

Present were Joyce Sumner, Veda Wood, Margaret Magers, Kathy Van Meter, and Margaret Magers. Word was received of the death of Paul Knutson in Loveland, Colo. He had not been well but his death was unexpected. He had lived in the Lyle community when a small boy.

Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Van Meter and Mrs. Magers were in Norcatour Friday evening for cards with the Norcatour Seniors and again on Monday morning for pinochle at the County Line Cafe. After cards they

ate lunch at the cafe and Mrs. Magers and Mrs. Van Meter went to Oberlin to visit Marguerite Fullerton and took part in the card game there. They were pleasantly surprised to have Henrietta Van Vleet able to play with them.

Mrs. Van Meter, Mrs. Jolly, and Larry Van Otterloo were guests for Sunday dinner at the home of Gene and Laurene Van Otterloo to celebrate the birthday of Marguerite Fullerton. Mrs. Magers was unable to attend but sent the birthday cake for the special event.

On Tuesday evening, Mrs. Magers and Mrs. Van Meter visited Van Cozad at the nursing home in Beaver City. All the card players at the Senior Center came to the nursing home to play cards with them.

Dwight Wood and Fred Molzhan spent some time at the home of Veda Wood and Dennis last week.

Jim and Yanis Helm visited John and Helen Helm Saturday evening. The Helms called on Florence and

Jerry Uerling in Indianola, Neb., Sunday morning and on Margaret Magers Sunday afternoon.

June Jolly and Karen Brown, Lebanon, were in McCook for cards Monday evening. Mrs. Jolly and Mrs. Magers played in the pinochle

tournament at Norton Sunday evening.

Lyle ladies helping with the SHARE project Saturday morning were Margaret Magers, Veda Wood, June Jolly, and Kathy Van Meter.

Rexford News

By Zula Horinek

Jack and Mary Minnick of Wichita visited his sister, Clea Moeder, several days last week.

The Social Hour Club met Wednesday at the Red Barn. Grace Cheney was hostess. After our business meeting we had a nice lunch prepared by Grace. The afternoon was spent playing robber bingo. Bingo winners were Sondra Barnett, Eileen Dible, Vesta Roth, and Jean Hawkins. The hostess prize was won by Zula Horinek. There were 10 members present with Eileen Dible and Lula Thieler, of Colby, attending.

The PRIDE meeting was held last Monday with a potluck dinner. The business meeting was held electing new officers for 2004. President Mike Johnson resigned, and Darrell Dible was elected to replace him. Other officers are Jessica Vaughn, vice president; Evelyn Johnson, treasurer; Deloras Dible, secretary, Dee Ann Dible, public relations. Bill Dible presented a proposal for a new community building. This depends on whether or not they can get a grant.

The Royal Neighbors met at the

Community building Thursday with seven members present. Grace Cheney was hostess. After the meeting, several went to the Barn and played pinochle.

The pinochle tournament was held last Saturday with four tables. Winners were: first, Deb Stepper and Grace Cheney; second, Bob Leach and Dwight Williams; and third, Dave Williams and Junior Albers.

Beth Thayer has moved back to Rexford from the Prairie Living Center. She will reside with her granddaughter, Tracy King.

Attendance at coffee Friday were Eunice Sanford, Liz Rall, Margaret Arasmith, Vesta Roth, Freda Ketchum, Deb Stepper, Hulda Wark, Berneda Zoerberst, Grace Cheney, Sondra Barnett, Deloras Dible, Darla Dible, and Frances Bange.

Sondra Barnett hosted a leadership training on Jan. 16 and 17 at her home, for the west half of Kansas of Aglow Executive officers. there were 12 women in attendance. Friday night there was a slumber party (with not much slumber)!

Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Isaac Shaw received news that he passed his Federal Aviation Administration Airman Knowledge

Test that he recently took at Watkins, Colo. Isaac is a senior at Decatur Community High School.

Hertha Kelley, St. Francis, arrived on the Care-A-Van bus Monday morning at 7 a.m. to visit her sister, Alvina Unger. She returned home later that afternoon.

Gaylord and Shirley Shields returned home Wednesday from Miami, Fla., where he attended a Farm Credit meeting.

Ralph and Norma Unger left Wednesday evening for Topeka where he attended the Kansas Workers Risk Cooperative for Counties monthly board meeting Thursday and Friday.

Friday overnight guests of Hannah May to help her celebrate her eighth birthday were Elizabeth Nedland and Alexis Hissong.

Kenyon Badsky and Tim Hrnchir, Hays, were weekend guests of the Ken Badsky family.

Jaron and Tara Tate, Hot Springs, Ark., were Saturday overnight guests of John and Edith Tate. Tara also enjoyed watching her brother play in the basketball tournament Saturday in Colby.

Martin and Evelyn May were Sunday afternoon visitors of Delores Wheeler.

Hannah May was honored with a dinner at her home Sunday evening celebrating her eighth birthday. Guests were Delayne May and Danica, Fern Jording, Walter and Betty May, and Ben Jorns, Preston, who was also a weekend guest at the May home.

Garrah Gaumer and Anna Shaw took reference photos for future paintings this past week in Jennings.

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