

THE OBERLIN HERALD

# Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

**125 YEARS AGO — Dec. 1879**

A merry Christmas to all. George Keys had his ears frost bitten on Saturday night. Bariteau Bros. have put in a glass door in their store, which adds greatly to its appearance.

Frank Tacha, of Slab City, a subscriber of the HERALD, was up to the capitol on Tuesday and called on us.

Mr. Cochran has returned from York, Nebraska, bringing with him this family. He is erecting a law office and residence on the west side of Penn Avenue in the Rodehaver addition.

**100 YEARS AGO — Dec. 1904**

Joseph H. Young has resigned the position of court reporter that he may devote his entire time and attention to the photograph business which he recently purchased of Mr. Steele.

Married: At the residence of the groom's parents in Center Township, Mr. George Gilkison Jr. and Miss Angie Sweet.

Friday evening Miss Florence Clark most delightfully entertained the members of her class and a few friends at a candy pull, the occasion being her 17th birthday.

Leo Pankaski and wife were over from Dresden Monday. Leo says he still has it in for us for telling when he took out his marriage license.

—adv. I will not do any Blacksmithing the coming season and my friends will do me a kindness by not bringing work to me. Wm. Heilman

**75 YEARS AGO — Dec. 1929**

At night when the Christmas lights are turned on, Oberlin's Main Street is indeed the city beautiful.

Editor E.W. Coldren writes from Alvin, Texas, where the family is vacationing that they have yet to

receive the Dec. 7 issue of The Oberlin Herald and he knows why some of the newspaper's subscribers kick when they do not receive the paper regularly.

Fairview Summit: Maxine Shaw went Saturday night to spend Sunday with her sister Myra, who is teaching this winter at Lyle.

W.L. Chapin who lives northeast of Oberlin told The Herald that Will Litton shucked over 150 bushels of corn a day several days last week.

Florence Harold of Dresden was recently initiated in the Kansas State Agricultural College of Omi-cron Nu, the honorary national organization for girls in home economics.

David Muirhead, cashier of the First State Bank of Dresden, was in town transacting business last week.

**50 YEARS AGO — Dec. 1954**

Some residents of the county have expressed wonder over the improvement of the county road system. This system is made possible by the secondary road program initiated by the federal government in 1946. Funds from this source of revenue have made possible the fine new bridge spanning Sappa creek northeast of Oberlin. Two more bridges have been approved; one of these will replace the bridge across Prairie Dog Creek on the county highway just outside Jennings to the north and the other across the Sappa at the bottom of what is known as the Mosier hill southwest of Oberlin.

The old brick, three-story building, long the seat of learning for students of Decatur Community High School, will be razed by Ralph Ward of McCook. It is expected that the site will become the location of the proposed new county home for the aged.

A close-out sale for Selden Implement Co. will be held Tuesday, Jan. 4.

The Red Devil basketball team continued their skein of marginal losses when the Goodland Cowboys won by a score of 54-49. Rusty Addleman led both teams in scoring with 22 points while Allen Jeffus made 18.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Waldo celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house on Dec. 19.

**25 YEARS AGO — Dec. 1979**

A one-vehicle accident claimed the life of a Selden man, Allan Hunziker, 33. The accident occurred eight miles west and two miles north of Hoxie, only a short distance from the Hunziker farm. Hunziker is survived by his wife, Heather and two children, April and Scotty, his parents, Don and Alice Hunziker, Selden; three brothers, Don, Gary and Ronald, and a grandmother, Inez Emerson, of Oberlin.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Carlisle, rural Oberlin, announce the engagement

of their daughter, Donna, to Timothy Urban, of Hays. Miss Carlisle is a 1974 graduate of Decatur Community High School, graduated from Fort Hays State and is now employed at the Hays Public Library. Urban attended Thomas More Prep and Fort Hays State University and is assistant manager at K-Mart in Hays. An April 12 wedding is planned at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Hays.

Hospital News: Mr. and Mrs. Danny Musgrave, daughter, Angela Marie, Dec. 19.

Ownership of Centennial Bowl will change Jan. 1 when Mr. and Mrs. Everett Sperry will begin operation of the business, purchasing it from Rick and Rhonda Salem.

Jennings: Minnesota Twins infielder Bob Randall will speak Dec. 19 at the Jennings school auditorium in a gathering sponsored by the Jennings Lions Club. While in Jennings, Randall and his wife Libby, who make their home in Albuquerque, N.M., will visit with relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Bainter.

## Let's Go to the Museum

By Sharleen Wurm, director

My partner, Myrna Jones, is retiring. Her comments follow:

As of Dec. 30, I am retiring from the Museum. I have enjoyed the last 8 1/2 years and will miss the people coming into the Museum. I will be back to help with school tours, so I'm not leaving completely.

I want to thank everyone who has worked with me and supported me through these past years. God Bless You ALL.

Myrna Jones

The museum board and I want to

express our appreciation to Myrna for those 8 1/2 years. She has been a real asset and will be missed by all of us.

To show our appreciation, the board and staff will hold a retirement open house from 2-4 p.m. at the museum office in honor of Myrna on Thursday, Dec. 30. We invite all of you to come and help us show how much we have enjoyed having her as a staff member and to thank her for all the time and effort she has put towards the museum.

## Good Samaritan Center News

The children from Little Sam's Day Care sang Christmas counting songs with residents during devotions on Dec. 13. Susan May shared children's Christmas stories with children and residents, including "Up on the Housetop." Children included Susan's daughter, Erin, as well as Mason Berry, Gage Van Meter, Cindy Sheaffer, Carmen Winder, and Kyleana Blau.

Folding Fellowship was held Monday with Garrah Gaumer, Fern Anderson, Ivah Alexander and Jan Conway pitching in to fold towels and napkins.

Monday afternoon festivities included a Christmas Tea for residents and staff, with Administrator Janice Shobe acknowledging employees' years of service and presenting gifts for senior staff. The STAR committee hosted refreshments for the event, under the direction of Linda Hollowell. Later on Monday the Card Sharks shared an afternoon of canasta.

Tuesday started with devotions, "Waiting on the Lord," about events surrounding the advent season and birth of Christ. Mary Henzel accompanied on the piano.

First Hand Friends visited their reading partners Tuesday. Marty Olson's first-grade class brought ornaments to share. Brain teasers in the afternoon brought Edla Olson, Marilyn St. Clair, Fern Anderson, Hildegard Euhus, Ruth Laidig, Helen Styles and Jan Conway out for a game of holiday trivia.

The Forget-Me-Nots sponsored Social Hour Tuesday. Dennis Brown attracted a crowd for hot chocolate and Christmas bread. Christmas memories were shared.

That evening Irene Waggoner, Garrah Gaumer, Edla Olson, Everett Fisher, Ruth Laidig and Ivah Alexander went to see the Christmas lights around town.

Loretta McFee led Wednesday morning's Songs of Worship. Accompanying on the piano was Mary Henzel. The Bible study group met with Mert McEvoy including Dena Gillespie, Jan Conway, Fern Anderson, Mamie Unger, Eryline Nichols and Irene Waggoner. Don Farr led morning exercises.

Wednesday nail care was given by Dorothy Alstrom, Roxie Erickson and Pat Whetzel. Ellen Horn served Social Hour.

Coming to sing Christmas carols Wednesday evening were the KICK Kids from St. John's Lutheran Church. The Faith Lutheran children played bells. Leading the group was Nathan Simonsson. Molly Jansonius, Nolan Henningson, Morgan Jansonius, and Joslyn Wade played Christmas medleys. Concluding the program was a solo performed by Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler.

Children from Star Valley 4-H Club sang and played Christmas carols during the supper hour Wednesday. Performing were Aaron Helm, Alyssa Montgomery, Rebecca Helm, Jacob Helm, Britta Noren, David Noren, and Michael Noren. Afterward the group shared pizza and a meeting was held in the activity room.

Dennis Brown led Thursday morning devotions, and Mary Henzel provided accompaniment. Catholic services were held in the quiet room. Hearts Creation crafters met with Lisa Stacy to make angels.

Social Hour Thursday afternoon was a birthday celebration for Kathryn Post, hosted by Coleen Rippe. Assisting with serving was Ellen Horn.

The movie Thursday afternoon was, "It's a Wonderful Life." Eight piano students of Mary Henzel presented a Christmas recital for the residents and parents and grandparents of the students. The group then sang "Happy Birthday" to Mary Henzel.

On Friday morning Janice Shobe led devotions. The Merry Mums, including Fern Anderson, Garrah Gaumer, Jan Conway, and Ivah Alexander, enjoyed Folding Fellowship.

Family and residents came together for a Christmas party Friday afternoon. Administrator Janice Shobe welcomed the families and led the group in prayer. Entertainment was presented by the DCHS Singers' men's quartet. Mary Lohofener accompanied and Susan Nelson directed.

During the party, winners were announced in the first money-mak-

ing project for the new bird aviary. These were Zane Zeiss, Laurene Dempewolf, Stephanie Brugge-man, and Nila Wesch. Sponsors were D&M Service, Sinclair, A&W, Mick and Rhonda Barth, Decatur Good Samaritan Center, and Pheasants Forever. Joan Evans provided table decorations.

Saturday devotions were led by Dennis Brown.

Members of Lund Covenant Church shared Sunday services. Pastor Tom Smith presented a Christmas message. Afterward Legion and Legion Auxiliary members sponsored a program presented by Monica Harvey of Stapleton, Neb. She welcomed veterans home as part of a traveling Veterans of Foreign Wars Memorial. Coffee and cookies were served.

Recent guests: Kathryn Post - Nora Bearley, Nila Wesch; Hazel Flaska - Charlene Karnes, Myrna Lacina; Eva Bryan - Donna Kelley; Ruby McKenna Virginia, Brad and Alan Fulbright; Dena Gillespie - Virginia, Brad and Alan Fulbright, June Vavroch.

## Herndon News

By Carol Ginther

Ron and Diana Solko were last Thursday visitors of Monica Solko. Ron and Rodney Solko were Saturday dinner guests and Judy Solko of Larned was a weekend guest.

Recent visitors of Helen Marintzer were Ray and Ruth Coursey, Littleton, Colo., and Chris Wood and Dan and Jo Marintzer, Hastings, Neb. She will observe her 90th birthday on Saturday.

Don and Joan Grafel attended the high school chorus and band concert in Atwood, in which their grandchildren, Ben and Sarah

Grafel, participated. They also attended the Oberlin junior high music and band concert in which her granddaughter, Makenzie Nelson, participated. Over the weekend they attended a basketball tournament at Brewster to see their grandchildren play.

Don Pettera of Mesa, Ariz., left Dec. 3 after spending two weekends with his mother, Edie Pettera. Other guests that week were Wilma Bobinmyer, Ann Martin, Chris Wood, Bob and Julie Hafner, Ann Solko and Esther Pennington.

## Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

A special city council meeting was held Wednesday evening, Dec. 15. Rick Foster took the oath of councilman to fulfill the term formerly held by Dennis Bader. Council accepted resignation of David New, city employee, effective Dec. 28. Jeff Rowilson was hired to read residence meters and take care of the well.

Tuesday Study Club met Dec. 14 at the United Methodist Church for a salad and dessert luncheon with Vendla Tacha and Ruth Chance as co-hostesses. The meeting was called to order by President Joan McKenna. Roll call was answered by Naomi Carter, Rachel Carter, Ruth Chance, Wilma Mader, Joan McKenna, Helen Muirhead, Kathy Nauer, Jean Skubal, Lynn Tacha, Mildred Tacha, Neoma Tacha, Vendla Tacha, Helen Rhodes, and guest Kay Brown with "Christmas noise".

Christmas cards were signed for past members. The program "Fold a Star" was led by Kathy and Joan. Each member was given a kit containing three pieces of fabric, two

buttons and thread. The fabric was flag-folded into points, glued and held together with the buttons. Fun was had by all. The next meeting is Jan. 25 with Rachel Carter and Kathy Nauer as co-hostesses.

Twenty-eight seniors enjoyed a delicious dinner Tuesday evening, Dec. 14, at the Jennings Cafe. Attending were Merl and Ruth Chance, Elmo and Marguerite Bailey, Rachel and William Carter, Helen and Keith Muirhead, Ray and Virginia LaRue, Jay Kump, Emma Sanford, Edith Foster, Eleanor Morel, Imogene Keenan, Agnes Wahlmeier, Ramona Shaw, Arch Harman, Vendla Tacha, Jim and Wilma Mader, Bob and Neoma Tacha, Pastor Glenn and Betty Krebs, June Vavroch, Mary Votapka and Louise Cressler. The Senior Center will be open New Year's Eve. More on that in next week's paper.

The Lions soup and pie lunch held Saturday was well attended. Santa arrived at 1 p.m. A group of children visited with him and received treats. A drawing followed.

## Cedar Living News

Nettie Britton is a new resident at Cedar Living Center.

The Kayettes from Decatur Community High School visited on Dec. 7. They delivered hand-made Christmas ornaments to all of the residents.

Dennis Brown of the Forget-Me-Nots hosted a party on Monday, Dec. 13. He served hot chocolate and dessert bread to residents, staff and guests.

Myrna Jones and Mary Ann Amack assisted with the music on Monday afternoon.

Alice Fiala won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon. The blackout game ended in a tie between Axie Sass and Freda Gamblin.

Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler of Faith Lutheran Church gave the monthly Communion Service on Tuesday afternoon.

The DCHS Singers, under the direction of Susan Nelson, gave a program of Christmas music on Wednesday afternoon. Mary Jo Lohofener assisted.

The children from the KICK program at St. John's Lutheran Church visited on Wednesday afternoon. They delivered nativity door decorations to each room and then gave a program of holiday music.

The children from Faith Lutheran Church also stopped in on Wednesday. Their bell choir performed a selection of Christmas favorites, and they had several piano soloists as well.

Paul Sass was a dinner guest on Wednesday. He came to help Axie Sass celebrate her birthday.

Additional groups caroling on Wednesday evening were the United Methodist Church youth group, and the Catholic Youth Organization, together with the Knights of Columbus.

Father George was here for Mass on Thursday morning.

The baking group made sugar cookies on Friday afternoon. Several residents stopped by the hospital lobby on Friday afternoon to attend the open house.

John Juenemann provided entertainment during the supper hour on Friday evening. He was assisted by grandsons Justin and Riley of

Phillipsburg. Brent Juenemann played the keyboard and his brothers assisted with some group singing.

The annual family Christmas party was held in the dining room on Sunday afternoon. Residents, family members, friends, staff, and Santa enjoyed a full afternoon.

Musical entertainment was provided by Myrna Jones with assistance from Mary Ann Amack, Linda Fox, and Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler. Dennis Brown of the Forget-Me-Nots donated the plates, napkins, cheese, and sausage for the party, and the ZCBJ Lodge gave money for additional supplies. Opal Huntley donated a vegetable centerpiece and Sandy Diederich donated plates of cookies and candy. Many volunteers assisted with serving the refreshments.

Recent visitors: Richard Samson, Joseph Schmaderer, Ludell; Don Ashley, Carl Mumm, Wilma Ritter, Alisha Blacketer, Victoria Rebarchet, Bernard Ritter, Tenna, Kent and Whitnee Ashley, Steve and Barb Brown, Selden; Ann Martin, Beth Chartier, Herndon; Jerry Temple, Norcatur; Doyle and Kay Brown, Bill and Charlotte Nelson, Jennings; James and Jim Cox, Blackstone, Va.; Rosa Boehm, Gary Matheny, Krystal and Haley McRae, Paul and Christine Matheny, Pat Tuller, Karen Matheny, McCook; Susan McKain, Dianna, Dale, and Avis Hazuka, McDonald; Jamie Samson and Sara Bishop, Lindsborg; Ward Brown, Kansas City; Scott and Aly McVay, Laura and Jason Staab, Hays; Mike and Marie McVay, Colby; Betty Maske, Russell;

Marie Jean Vavroch, Elaine Bryan, Elvin Beneda, Orlin Beneda, Lyle Gamblin, Dana Winstead, Barb Solko, Jeanette and Vernon Diederich, Butch Stanley, Dolores and Jacob Koerperich, Gary Fredrickson, Bernie and Othelia Vacura, Carrie Morford, Nadean Stoney, Janet Matheny, Sabrina Cooper, Butch and Sandy Diederich, Floyd and Dale Marie Bryan, Fern Jording, Laurene and Gene Van Otterloo, Earl Brown, Ella Betts, Carol Allen.

## Traer News

By Maralyn Courange

Recent visitors of Irvan Courange were Gene Courange of Pratt; Carl and Kay Munoz, Jim Courange, Bryan Munoz and daughter, Taylor, Norma Seyfert, Ellen Klein, Joan Disque, all of

Hoisington; Karen Barrow and Mike Klein of Great Bend; Katharine and LeRoy Sullivan of Cambridge, Neb.; Gene Leitner, Kelly Brown, Lakin and Kaitlin, and Rocky Courange of Oberlin.

## Selden News

By Jacque Boultinhouse

Birthdays and anniversaries: Dec. 24 - Mitzi Wachendorfer, Curtis Carman; Dec. 28 - Heath Albers, Bill and Rose Bainter, Robbie and Debbie Koerperich, Doc Porsch; Dec. 29 - Mark Schieferecke, Travis Schlenk, Teena Johnston.

On Dec. 16 at Senior Citizens, Cecelia Ottley won high, Alfred Albers took second, Don Smith got low and Dorothy Lovin had the most queens. Other members present included: Anna Albers, Carol Shaw, Faye McGuire, Betty James, Lola Cook, Royce Cook, Irene Kruse, Leone Porsch, Edna Schiltz, Clara Schieferecke and Pauline Neff.

this past weekend for some local residents and friends of theirs from Denver. Greg Bruggeman and Tim Urban, both of Selden, and Todd Sutherland and Doug Hanson, Denver, were all out hunting. In the course of the day the men were looking for a downed bird when one of them happened to see a tail feather sticking out of a badger hole. Of course, being of the mighty hunters they are, one of the men wrestled himself a pheasant with his bare hands. Now, the story I hear is that the pheasant just about won the match but in the end Doug Hanson had a bird he didn't have to remove any buckshot from.

School Calendar: No school until Jan. 3.

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