

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1880

Messrs. Shaw and Marshall are erecting a building on the west side of Penn Avenue, with the intention of putting in a stock of watches, clocks, jewelry, etc.

Married Tuesday evening, Dec. 23 at the Oberlin House, Rev. Thorne of Atwood officiating, Mr. Arthur W. Allen to Miss Mary Mines, both of this place.

Spelling school every Friday night in the schoolhouse.

The telephone wire between Bariteau's house and his drug store was broken on Saturday night last.

We have been authorized to state that a Baptist Church will be organized on Saturday, Jan. 31, in the schoolhouse at 2 o'clock p.m.

Lyle is situated in the northeast part of the county. There is a steam saw mill there that will be running soon. A frame building 18x24 is being erected, and Mr. Alexander will put in a stock of general merchandise.

Skating is good on the Sappa south of town.

100 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1905

Marriages:

Jan. 1, 1905, Alonza J. Beers and Mrs. Clara B. Lingle of Kansas City;

Jan. 3, 1905, Guy I. Harris of Colorado Springs and Drusilla M. Jones of Logan Township.

Mrs. Henry Claar died at her home near Hawkeye on Christmas Eve and was buried in the Hawkeye Cemetery. She was 66 years old.

A. A. Engstrom has quit working for the Decatur County Abstract Co., and now has a position with the Northwestern Kansas Real Estate and Abstract Co.

Brown Fortney shipped a carload

of junk to Atchison last week.

A pioneer gone. Mrs. Henry Claar, who died at her home near Hawkeye on Christmas Eve, for more than a quarter of a century she kept open house to a host of friends and neighbors in the Hawkeye settlement.

75 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1930

A very pretty wedding ceremony was solemnized at the M. E. parsonage at Hoxie when the Rev. O. G. Brown spoke the words that joined Miss Helen Hess and Mr. O. G. Tacha in marriage. The bride is one of Decatur County's most popular teachers and Mr. Tacha is a young man ever worthy of the fair bride he wooed and won. Both of these young people come from highly respected families in the Jennings community. The couple was attended by Miss Mildred Allen as bridesmaid and Mr. Julius Tacha as best man.

In these days of trial marriages and frequent divorces it is pleasant to note that for some the marriage vow is considered sacred. We note the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. William Lipsey of Traer who were married Dec. 31, 1879.

A near serious accident occurred on the Airline Highway 4 miles west of Oberlin Sunday afternoon when the Chrysler 66 driven by A. I. Fredrickson of St. Francis became unmanageable due to a flat tire and shot up over an embankment and two barbed wire fences before coming to a stop. Mr. Fredrickson was accompanied by his wife and two children, a girl of 5 or 6 and a small baby, but fortunately no one was injured seriously.

At the Methodist parsonage on

Christmas morning, Miss Gladys Penn of Oberlin became the bride of Mr. Lawrence Marshall, also of Oberlin.

Mrs. G. H. Lippelmann entertained with a party Monday afternoon for Joan, it being her third birthday. Her little guests included Barbara Benton, Dixie Lee Patton, Martha Woodward, Buddy Bancher, Evan Clark, Robert Bartholomew, Hardy Benton and Sidney Morrish.

50 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1955

The first baby of the New Year is Julie Diann Rubendall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Rubendall of Norcat. She was born at 5 a.m. on Jan. 1 at Decatur County Hospital.

Maxine Walker Wood will take office in Liberal, Seward County, as the new county attorney on Jan. 10. She will be the first lady county attorney Seward County has ever had and the first lady to hold any county office since early in the 1900's. Maxine graduated from Decatur Community High School with the class of 1939 and from Kansas University.

She served in the WAC in the Intelligence Service during the war and after being discharged attended law school at KU graduating in 1949. She and her husband have two daughters, Janet Lee and Margaret Faye.

The hobby of raising greyhound dogs has grown into a full-time venture for Denzel Reist and Leo Harmon as both are sending top winners to the race tracks in Florida and elsewhere each year.

Howard Hoffman, a graduate of Decatur Community High School with the class of 1947, has been named an associate for Northwest

Kansas of Waddell & Reed, United Funds. He will make his headquarters in Norton.

Funeral services will be held for Orpha Hague, 54, of Colby. She is survived by a son, Jack Hague, Decatur Community High School football coach.

25 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1980

The Decatur County New Year's baby is Seth Steven Hubbard, son of Steve and Kaylon Hubbard, who moved to Oberlin in August of this year from Bertrand, Neb. He arrived New Year's Day and weighed 8 pounds, 8 ounces.

Pharmacist Kurt Vollertsen and his wife Becky have moved to Oberlin and are residing at 803 E. Jackson. Vollertsen is operating Ward's Drug and Mrs. Vollertsen will be working as a dental hygienist with Dr. Joan Albrecht.

Funeral services were held at Herndon Covenant Church for a Jeffrey Gray, 11, who was injured in a head-on two-vehicle accident 9 miles south of Herndon Sunday afternoon.

The engagement and forthcoming marriage of Debbie Pautzke and Eric Fiala, both of St. Francis, has been announced by their parents, William and Margaret Pautzke, Minot, N.D., and Edward Fiala, Oberlin. Miss Pautzke is an elementary vocal music teacher in the St. Francis schools and Fiala is the Extension agent for Cheyenne County. They plan a June wedding.

Harold Hughes, 46, field supervisor for the Oberlin camp of Halliburton Services, remains hospitalized at Graham County Hospital in Hill City for treatment of injuries received in an oil field accident Saturday near Palco.

Rexford News

By Sondra Barnett

The new year came in quite the same as most other years for me—while I slept! Funny how I used to think it wouldn't happen unless I "helped it" a little!

Cindy Stepper spent several days with her mother, Deb Stepper. The day before Christmas, they went to Salina to visit Deb's nephew, Don and Carol Harrison and family. On Monday, Cindy returned to her home in the Kansas City area and Deb went to visit former Rexford resident, Irma Hibbs, who now resides at Alterra in Salina. On Tuesday, Don and Carol brought Deb home.

Ruth Luna drove to Greeley, Colo., two weeks before Christmas to surprise her husband Lee, who works there, and her daughter, Patty Luna. While there, Ruth attended the 50th wedding anniversary celebration of her cousin, Nellie and Joe Puente and the 11th birthday party of her granddaughter, Chantee Luna.

Ruth and Lee Luna spent Christmas day with Patty and Bobby Luna, Chantee, Alexis and Brandon. Also present were their son, Robbie and Sandy Luna, Felicia, Jazmine, Ryen and Kimberly of Fort Collins. On Sunday, Ruth and Lee returned to Rexford to celebrate Christmas with another son, Bill and Mary Luna, Amanda, Jessica, Andrew, Dominic and Jennifer, and great-grandchildren, Austin and Colby. Also present was Mary's son, Thomas and Crystal Rivera, and Thomas Jr., Fort Collins; and Mary's brother, Tony Rivera, also of Fort Collins.

Present at Gary and Kay Cheney's home for Christmas were Carin and Aaron Derbonne of Greeley, Colo.; Matt and Lyn

Cheney, Amanda and Amie; and Grace Cheney.

Ron and Janette Dible, Pat and Chuck Williams, and Dwight Williams went to Fairview Estates on Christmas to be with Eileen Dible.

Jolene Hansen spent about a week in northwest Iowa with her family.

Lane and Patty Purcell spent a week in Minnesota with her relatives. Most of the Purcell children also made the trip.

The day after Christmas they took daughter Liz to meet a plane so she could go on a Mission trip to Mexico. Liz has wanted to go on such a trip all her life and was really excited about it.

Rex and Betty Carswell celebrated Christmas several times! On Dec. 22, they went to the home of their son, Vince and Peggy Carswell in Oberlin. On Christmas Eve, they went to Oberlin again, to the home of Eula Juenemann and family. On Dec. 25, Rex and Betty joined their daughter, Peggy and Robert Dible, at Menlo. Others present were Brady Dible, Salina, and Marvin McKinney, Menlo.

Wednesday was the really big gathering for the Carswells, at the home of Rex and Betty Carswell. Those who joined them were Steve and Terry Salter, McPherson; Daryl and Rita Carswell and Darron Hays; Peggy and Robert Dible, Menlo; Brady Dible, Salina; Lance and Maisha Dible, and Zoe, Hays; Tracy and Amy Dible, Denver; Jared and Sara Dible, San Diego, who was on leave from the Navy for a week; Vince and Peggy Carswell, Emily Williams, Kristin O'Hara, Brooklyn, McKenna and Kaden, and Glen Stragey, all of Oberlin.

Gary and Karen Hibbs went to

eastern Kansas to visit her mother for Christmas.

Delores Dible, Darrell, Darla and DeAnn went to the home of Gayle and Linda Dible in Oakley for Christmas. Grace Tice, Hoxie, was also there.

Lula Thieler is still improving since her return from the hospital.

Guests of Nancy and Jay Dahl over the weekend for their Christmas/New Year celebration were Bob and Linda Dunn, Damien, Jessica, Chris and Craig, Beloit; Tina and Jon Anderson, Marcus, Jake, and Ashley, Goodland; Mat Gould, Denver; Robert and Bobbie Korte, Johnson; and Tim Dahl. Nancy had prearranged for Jessica and Ashley, the only two girl cousins, to spend some extra time together which they really enjoyed.

Patty Ann Casey, Wichita, was here for a few days visiting her parents, Zula and Lawrence Horinek. Zula starts four weeks of radiation in Hays this week. She will spend five days in Hays and then come home for the weekends. Please keep her in your prayers.

Jan and Jim Harper of Colby joined Buck Harper and Cleda Moeder at her home for New Year's Day.

It was reported to me that at least two more families received a delicious box of candy from some mystery Santa! They would like to say "thank you" to that person, and this seems to be the best way to get the message across.

Tim Dahl, Robert and Bobbie Korte went to Denver to the Broncos game.

Those at the Koffee Klatch last week were Eunice Sanford, Velma Barnett, Liz Rall, Vesta Roth, Darla Dible, Jean Hawkins, Deb Stepper,

Grace Cheney, Hulda Wark, Delores Dible, Berneda Zoberst, Marge Leh and Sondra Barnett. Besides stories of Christmas, we shared some of the leftover candy and cookies!

Fran Leach, and Bob and Melody Leach, went to Branson, Mo., to the home of Fran's granddaughter, Rachel and Yancho Rudjeri. Yancho's parents, Dimitri and Svetelina Rudjeri from Bulgaria, were also there. Fran's daughter, Joyce Lawson; daughter-in-law, Amy Lawson; and grandson, Shon Diin, Ill., were also present. Fran spent the whole week in Branson and was able to witness the spectacular fireworks display at midnight on New Year's Eve from the Big Cedar Lodge.

Bible study at the Barn will resume at 10 a.m. on Wednesday.

Just a reminder that the Senior Driving Training class, sponsored by the American Association of Retired Persons, will be held 8 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Barn. Cost is \$10 for each participant. Please bring a sack lunch.

There are several people already signed up for the training and it should be very informative.

School resumed on Monday and there are three basketball games here this week. On Tuesday, Jan. 4, the high school girls and boys were to meet Triplains at 5:30 p.m. On Thursday the middle school will take on Triplains at 3 p.m., and Friday will bring Logan here to play at the high school with games beginning at 4:30 p.m.

MAKIN' IT HAPPEN: Hats off to Vicki Allison who always gives me the scoop on the school, as well as other information that makes it a joy to write this column!

Cedar Living News

Residents at Cedar Living Center spent the week resting up from the busy holiday season. We continued to have holiday visitors throughout the week.

Those who enjoyed an afternoon of penny cards on Monday were Harold Frickey, Freda Gamblin, Ann Geihlsler, Tressie Samson, Axie Sass, Eva Marie Vacura, Charley Vavroch, Nettie Britton, and Hank and Bea Wolfram.

Myrna Jones gave the music program on Monday afternoon.

Myrtle Hazuka and Teresa Shaughnessy attended a soup luncheon held at noon on Tuesday at Wheat Ridge Terrace.

Harold Frickey won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon and Eva Marie Vacura won the black-out game.

Marie Jean Vavroch hosted a social hour on Wednesday afternoon. She served zucchini bread and apricot bread as well as coffee and lemonade.

Father George was here for Mass on Thursday morning. He was assisted by Dolores Koerperich.

Barb Solko played Scrabble with Wynemah Cox on Thursday afternoon.

Residents gathered on Thursday afternoon to do a "2004 Year in Review" and also discuss New Year's resolutions for 2005.

Bea Wolfram, Teresa Shaughnessy, and Margee Wilson attended the open house in honor of

Myrna Jones on Thursday at the Last Indian Raid Museum.

Residents and staff toasted in the New Year with a glass of punch at 12 noon on Friday.

The baking group met on Friday afternoon. The group enjoyed making and then serving trays of cheese and crackers and other snack items.

The Christmas decorations were packed away on New Year's Day. Several residents and staff assisted Teresa Shaughnessy with the project.

Recent visitors: Christina Stanley, Mitchell, S.D.; Kellie Meier, Tamarac, Fla.; Ann Martin, Frank Cox, Herndon; Jerry Temple, Norcat; David Cox, Hays; Deb Geihlsler, Chicago; Carl Mumm, Selden; Gary Janousek, McCook; Sara Bishop and Jamie Samson, Lindsborg; Richard Samson, Ludell; Rose, Sohn, and Shaki Domsch, Atwood; Marie Vacura, Pueblo, Colo.; Amy Emmons and James Maske, Russell; Blanche Skubal, Plano, Texas; Lillian Sulzmann, Dresden;

Carol and Gary Allen, Norman; Richards, Grace Cook, Walt and Rosella Meitl, Jeanette Diederich, Eula Juenemann, Helena Bruggeman, Paul Sass, Lyle Gamblin, Elaine Bryan, Earl Brown, June Harold, Bernie and Othelia Vacura, Dolores Koerperich, Elvin Beneda, Orlin Beneda, Mary Ann Amack, Oberlin.

Good Samaritan News

Monday morning, Dec. 27, began with devotions focused on the after-Christmas letdown, presented by Jan Badsky. Residents were challenged to remember the real meaning of the season. Birthday greetings were given to Mamie Unger. Jim and Jerry Buchholz, son and daughter-in-law of Lois Buchholz, and the parents of Cheryl Miller, who are celebrating 73 years together, were recognized for celebrating anniversaries.

A puppet show with Mollie, the mouse, and Jerry, the giraffe, performed by Lisa Stacy and Jan Badsky, was enjoyed Monday morning by residents and children from Little Sam's Day Care. Don Farr led morning exercises.

During Reminisce Corner Monday afternoon, a Christmas Gift Show 'n' Tell was shared by Ivah Alexander, Fern Anderson, Garrah Gaumer, Dena Gillespie, Irene Wagoner, Ruth Laidig and Neva Campbell. Lisa Stacy served Social Hour while everyone enjoyed the wonderful music provided by Myrna Jones. Bonnie Weskamp did a little dancing for us.

We said good-bye to three very dear ladies Tuesday morning, with a memorial service held for Veda Pingetzer, Catharine Munson, and Neva Townsend. Ivah Alexander, Jeanette Conway, Edla Olson, Ruth Laidig, Hildegard Euhus and Irene Wagoner went on a luncheon outing to Wheat Ridge Terrace. Craig Larson played the violin.

Ellen Horn served Social Hour Tuesday afternoon. Fern Moore brought some interesting stories to read with Agnes Chambers, Dena Gillespie, Ivah Alexander, Fern Anderson, Jeanette Conway, Ruby Shuler and Ruth Laidig.

Angela Musgrave led Wednesday morning devotions. The Bible study group started a new study guide, "Until I Return." Attending were Edla Olson, Fern Anderson, Jan Conway, Ruth Laidig, Dena Gillespie, Erma Holt, Lorna Bishop, Eryline Nichols, Garrah Gaumer, Ruby McKenna, and Helen Styles.

Pat Whetzel and Dorothy Alstrom provided nail care Wednesday afternoon. Ellen Horn served Social Hour. Mildred Holmdahl volunteered to share a game or two of canasta with Garrah Gaumer, Hildegard Euhus and Ivah Alexander, with Ruth Laidig joining in the conversation and Edla Olson helping out as a backup player. Jan Badsky brought the group mincemeat pie and coffee. Bingo concluded the day's events.

Thursday morning Dennis Brown led devotions. Catholic services were held with Ruby McKenna, Bonnie Weskamp and Lois Buchholz. During Heart's Creation craft time, Fern Anderson, Marilyn St. Clair and Ruby Shuler helped Lisa Stacy make a 2004 time capsule. A game of Concentration was enjoyed by many of the residents that afternoon, officiated by Joey Hirsch and Serena Stacy. Social Hour followed, served by Ellen Horn.

The topic of staying focused on our faith was brought during Friday's devotions by Jan Badsky. Garrah Gaumer, Ivah Alexander, Jan Conway and Fern Anderson enjoyed Folding Fellowship. Carol Duncan shared *The Oberlin Herald* during Current Events with Ruth Laidig, Ivah Alexander, and others.

On the first day of the new year, Dennis Brown led Saturday morning devotions.

The United Church of Oberlin led church services on Sunday. Shirley Nichols served Social Hour.

Recent guests: **Harold and Eleanor Demmer** - Carole Unger, Cindy Traphagan, Yuma, Colo.; **Iris Wurm** - Beverly Witt; **Muriel and John Ready** - Rick and Grady Marcuson, Mollie McDermott, Gail and Kay Marcuson; **Kathryn Post** - Doris Fringer; **Eva Bryan** - Sheldon, Brenda, Kendra and Jessica Kelley, Frederick, Colo.; Kirk B. Kelley, Davenport, Iowa; Donna Kelley; and Detta Anderson.

Also visiting were: Jimmie Kappers, Deverah L. Kappers, Denver; Raven Running Water, Wounded Knee, S.D.

Selden News

By Jacque Boultinghouse

Birthdays and anniversaries: Dec. 30 - Sumner and Cheryl Schlenk; Dec. 31 - Clayton Bainter, Mitchell Shaw; Jan. 1 - Mike and Tami Porsch, Amy Aumiller; Jan. 2 - Boyd and Margee Wilson; Jan. 3 - LeAnne Juenemann, Elizabeth Schreiner; Jan. 4 - Bill Bainter, Mike Kruse, Jenna Bruggeman; Jan. 7 - John Kruse; Jan. 8 - Gary Shaw, Tom Zodrow, Tyler Stevenson, Colten Sauvage; Jan. 10 - Melanie Schultz, Randi Stevenson; Jan. 11 - Shaw Putnam; Jan. 12 - Joe Bainter.

At Senior Citizens on Dec. 23, Paulie Neff won high, Betty James took second, Carol Shaw got low and Faye McGuire had the most jacks. On Dec. 30, Gene Rogers won high, Shirley Emigh took sec-

ond, Don Smith got low and Alfred Albers had the most jacks. Other members present included: Dorothy Lovin, Cecelia Ottley, Laura Shaw, Edna Schiltz, Lola Cook, Royce Cook, Leone Porsch, Clara Schieferrecke, Angela Schieferrecke, Leland McGuire and Irene Kruse.

School Calendar: Jan. 4 - 5:30 p.m., Senior High basketball (junior varsity) in Rexford with Triplains; Jan. 6 - Junior High basketball (junior varsity) in Rexford with Triplains; Jan. 7 - 4:30 p.m., High School basketball in Rexford with Logan.

Jan. 10 and 11 - Western Kansas Liberty League basketball at Brewster; Jan. 12 - school dismisses at 1:35 p.m.

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Herndon News

By Carrol Ginther

The Herndon community and Decatur County Lutheran churches will join together to co-sponsor a benefit for Cindy Bergling and family and Laverne Niemeth on Sunday, Jan. 9, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Hall in Herndon.

The noontime lunch benefit will include soup, sandwiches and pie.

This joint project of the Herndon community and the Thrivent members of Faith Lutheran and St. John's Lutheran churches of Oberlin will help provide financial assistance for the Bergling/Niemeth families.

Cindy and her mother, Laverne, were critically injured in a Dec. 16 pickup truck/semi tractor-trailer accident on U.S. Highway 36 in Rawlins County. The lunch is a

freewill donation. The Smoky Hill Chapter 30332 of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans will provide supplemental funding up to \$500 towards this Care Abounds in Communities project. Contact person is Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseier, (785) 475-3055.

Mail will reach the women at Colorado Acute Specialist Care Hospital, room 511, 1601 N. Lowell Blvd., Denver, Colo., 80204.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Sattler, Bennett, Winston and Margo were guests of Jan Sattler over Christmas weekend. They also attended funeral services for Karen's mother, Anna Mae Ketterl. Other guests on Christmas Day were Rob and Cody Sattler, Edith Pettera, Bob and Julie

Hafner, Brian and Mary Clark, Collin and Katelyn, Ron and Cindy Sattler and Dana, and Jayme Sattler.

Dick Kompus and Kasey Fritsch took their daughters, Jordan and Terra, to Las Vegas to spend Christmas vacation with their grandparents, Bill and Rita Fritsch and Grandpa Orville.

En route home Dick and Kasey visited Larry and Margie Howland, and Larry and Bernie Kompus in Thornton, Colo.

Edie Pettera was a Christmas guest of Bob and Julie Hafner. In the evening they were all guests of Jan Sattler and family of Atwood.

Helen Marintzer spent Christmas weekend with Dan and Jo Marintzer and family in Hastings, Neb.

NEW ARRIVAL