

THE OBERLIN HERALD

# Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

**125 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1880**  
Oberlin Lodge I.O.O.F. meets on Tuesday evening of each week instead of Friday as heretofore. During the three months ending Dec. 31, 1879, 380 registered letters were sent from the Oberlin post office.

Wm. A. Hollowell has been appointed postmaster at this place in place of J.B. Hitchcock, who resigned, and will begin his duties in about two weeks. Mr. Hitchcock has given general satisfaction since he has been postmaster and a great many regret his going out. Geo. Colby is erecting a building on the east side of Penn Avenue, north of the harness shop, to be used as the postoffice.

**100 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1905**  
John and Myrtle Bivans left last week for a six week's visit in Illinois.

J.E. Plotts moved to his farm on Saturday and the new sheriff, J.W. Railsback, moved into the house he vacated.

At the annual stockholders meeting of the Oberlin National Bank, Otis L. Benton succeeded his father-in-law, J.J. Durkee, as president. H.O. Douglas and I.J. Pack are vice presidents and L.S. Munger assistant cashier.

We hear that H.H. Dilworth sold his hardware business to J.D. Hayes.

Mrs. C. Geisenhener and two daughters came up from Thomas County Sunday. One of the young ladies, Miss Gusta, remained to attend school until spring.

**75 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1930**  
Correction: 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. Elmer Tacha in marriage. Next Sunday, Jan. 12, the Oberlin Presbyterian Church will celebrate the 50th anniversary of its founding. Present pastor is the Rev. J.E. Bartholomew.

Hazel Votapka was lucky enough to get 1930 auto license No. 1 for Decatur County, Rell Landau No. 2 and the Farmers Loan and Abstract car No. 3. Adolf Lohofener asked

for and received No. 13. Glen Heller received truck license No. 1 and Walter Castle was brave enough to ask for No. 13.

Mr. and Mrs. Hilbert Johnson of Dresden celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. Mr. Johnson and the former Maryetta Foster were married New Year's Day 1870 in Republic County. In 1878, they located on the Solomon River in Sheridan County. The family attended school and church at Adell, later moving to McGraw where Mr. Foster started a store until moving to Dresden in 1895, where he continued in the mercantile business. Their daughter Martha became Mrs. Henry Law.

A.A. Dryden, manager of Oberlin Motor Company, estimates that around 2,500 people attended the open house of the newly remodeled and enlarged plant last Saturday.

Ralph Stowell and John Bremer left last week to resume their school work at Washburn.

**50 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1955**  
Mr. and Mrs. John Dark, Jack and Donna, moved to Oberlin last week from Sharon Springs and he began his duties as soil conservationist for Decatur County. Mr. Dark is a native of Broken Arrow, Okla., and is a graduate of Oklahoma A. & M. and his wife, Joan, is a native of Colby. He replaces Clarence Haverkamp who is moving to Nemaha County and will live in Seneca. Also employed at the conservation office, which is located in the Meckenstock building on East Commercial Street, is Calvin Ufford.

Col. H.O. Benton, an honorary member of Oberlin Rotary, spoke at the Tuesday noon meeting. He has retired from the army after 18 years of active service and they plan to make their home in Topeka. They have spent the past four years in Germany.

New Arrivals: Pfc. and Mrs. Duane Waldo, son, Mark Duane, Jan. 7; Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Meitl, Dresden, daughter, Rose Ann, Jan. 3; Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Walinder, son, Michael Lloyd, Jan. 11; Mr. and Mrs. Garold Jackson, Dresden, daughter, Sherry Lea, Jan. 7; Mr.

and Mrs. Julius Heim, Leoville, daughter, Julia Ann, Jan. 7.

The dairy business operated by Clyde Vernon 4 miles south and 2 miles east of Oberlin consists of 52 head of Brown Swiss and Holstein cows of which he currently is milking 34. These 34 cows yield approximately 100 gallons of milk daily and is sold to Burketts Dairy in Goodland.

**25 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1980**  
Preparations for extensive remodeling of the Decatur County courthouse began Monday and will take about 12 months to complete. The public is asked to use the south entrance, leaving the west entrance for the construction crew.

Area farmers and grain elevators are anticipating the bottom dropping out of the commodities markets following the partial embargo of U.S. agricultural sales to the Soviet Union. President Carter halted the grain sales Friday night in response to Soviet military moves in Afghanistan.

The engagement and approaching marriage of Loretta Deines and Jim Sullivan is announced by their parents, Harold and Norma Deines, Sharon Springs, and Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Sullivan, Oberlin. A March 1, 1980, wedding is planned.

Norcat: Mr. and Mrs. Mike Shirley and Mr. and Mrs. Don Stapp will be honored on their 40th wedding anniversaries on Sunday, Jan. 13 at the educational building of the Norcat United Methodist Church.

Brent Anderson, a member of the 1977 championship Red Devil football team who has been on the Garden City Juco team the past two seasons, has transferred to the University of Southwestern Louisiana located at Lafayette, La.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Merlin Anderson, rural Dresden. Another former Red Devil, Mike Nemeth, who also played at Garden City Juco, now attends Colorado School of Mines, Golden. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Phil Nemeth and is a junior majoring in petroleum engineering.

## Chamber News

By Glenva Nichols

Brrrrr—the weather outside is cold. I guess Mother Nature is letting us know she is still in control. The streets are still slick as I am writing this, but the weatherman says maybe we can see the high 50s by Sunday.

It is time for the annual Chamber meeting and banquet. We will be doing this Jan. 20 at the Gateway, starting at 6:30 p.m. with a steak supper. The evening will include elections for three new board members, awards given to a number of very deserving and outstanding people in the county, good food and entertainment. The featured speaker, Eric Eicher, promises to hold our interest with the good and bad things the story of Dorothy in "The Wizard of Oz" has done for Kansas, with some magic included along the way.

The Seeds of Hope Telethon will be Saturday, Feb. 5. They are holding their annual chili cook-off again, so fix up your favorite pot of

chili and bring it to the Gateway that day by 4:30 p.m. for judging at 5 p.m. The chili will then be served during the supper hour with proceeds going to the telethon. The line-up for talent is progressing. If you would like to take part let Anita Hirsch know.

The Home and Garden Show is scheduled to take place March 19 and 20. Make plans to come see the new items vendors will have to show.

On Feb. 15 the Chamber is sponsoring a lyceum at the grade school featuring a re-enactment of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. The re-enactment will be put on by Neal Corey and Jim Gaster, celebrating the 150th anniversary of the expedition.

Remember to make plans to attend the Chamber banquet; you don't have to be a Chamber member, as it is open to the public.

The pot is on, stop by and have a cup.

## Rexford News

By Sondra Barnett

Every street in the whole town was perfect for cross-country skiing one day, and the next day it was like a wet sponge. School was called off because of the terrible weather, and one day some children were using the ramp at the church to get some speed while sledding. It sure looked fun!

A large, nicely accessorized snowman could be seen in the yard of the McCurdy family.

Birthdays for this month: Edna Colson and Dorothy Knudson - Jan. 1; Gary Withers - Jan. 4; Sondra Barnett - Jan. 11; Bernard Ritter - Jan. 14; Darlene Robben - Jan. 15; Anogene Rogers - Jan. 19; Evelyn Proffitt - Jan. 27; Ruth Luna - Jan. 31.

Cleda Moeder went to Hays on Saturday to watch her grandson, Taylor, at a wrestling match.

Zula Horinek had some really good news. Instead of radiation treatments, she will be taking oral medication and will be able to remain in Rexford. We're all happy about that.

Twelve seniors took the American Association of Retired Persons driving class at the Barn on Saturday. They were Deb Stepper, Grace Cheney, Betty Nickols, Fran Leach, Lawrence Horinek, Betty and Rex Carswell, Jean Hawkins, Delores Dible, Gene Rogers, Ruby Weed, Colby; and Florence Johnson, Hoxie.

Last week because of the ice and very cold temperatures, several things were canceled in Rexford, including the Wednesday morning Bible study, Social Hour Club and several days of school. Weather permitting, the Bible study will resume this week.

Koffee Klatch attendees last week were Berneda Zoberst, Eunice Sanford, Marge Leh, Margaret Arasmith, Delores Dible, Vesta Roth, Cleda Moeder, Jean Hawkins, Hulda Wark, Deb Stepper, Fran Leach, Grace Cheney, and Sondra Barnett.

Bill Arasmith is steadily improving in Lantern Park Manor.

Vesta Roth accompanied her son and grandsons, Rick and Jason Roth, Stockton, and Eric Roth, Smith Center, to Dodge City for the wedding of Rebecca Roth and Christopher Runquist. Rebecca is the daughter of Dan and Janice Roth, and Vesta's granddaughter.

and Joshua, Tyrone, Okla.; Todd and Mandy Barnett, Kerry, Taylor and Melia, Garden City; Scott and Linda Barnett, Michael, Tiffany, Lacey and Megan, Holcomb; Cory and Tessa Barnett, Tabitha, Corban and Obadiah, Liberal; Shalom Kruse, Gabriel and Kaleb, Pretty Prairie; Tatum and Alicia Barnett and Alex, Garden City; Velma Barnett, Gem; Hulda Wark and Sondra Barnett.

Lions Club starts meeting again this week after taking a holiday break during the month of December. They meet at the Midway Cafe in Selden on the second and fourth Monday evening of each month. The Lions do many good works including taking tickets at the home ball games. Anyone that would be interested in joining them should contact the president, Darrel Dible, or any of the other members.

**SCHOOL NEWS**  
The basketball games that had to be called off because of the weather last week will be made up at a later date.

The middle school will meet at Cheylin (McDonald) at 2 p.m. on

Friday for both boys and girls basketball games.

The high school will be involved in the Western Kansas Liberty League tournament all week long. The games on Monday and Tuesday will be held at Brewster and the games on Thursday and Saturday will be held at Colby. This event includes both boys and girls teams from the 1A schools in western Kansas.

On Wednesday school will be dismissed at noon for the teacher in-service.

There is still time to enroll in the college outreach classes. Some will be taught at the Golden Plains School, including a class in farm welding taught by Darrel Dible.

**MAKIN' IT HAPPEN:** Hats off to the members of the Red Barn Gang! The group includes: Grace Cheney, Edna Colson, Jolene Hansen, Jean Hawkins, Zula Horinek, Fran Leach, Marge Leh, Ruth Luna, Cleda Moeder, Betty Nickols, Darlene Robben, Gene Rogers, Eunice Sanford, Deb Stepper, and bus driver Darrell Leh. You are appreciated far and wide. Thank you.

## McGraw News

By Quincy Scott

On Saturday, Jan. 8, Gayle and Ruth Bainter received a visit from Warren and Jan Bainter. They were

also surprised by a visit from Ben Bainter and Rachel Gottschalk.

## Cedar Living News

Donald Shaw is a new resident at Cedar Living Center.

The residents enjoyed watching the snow last week, but all were glad that they did not have to get out on the ice. Most of our activities continued even when other events around town were canceled. We did notice a big decline in visitors, as many of our regulars were unable to come for a couple of days.

Residents who enjoyed an afternoon of bowling on Monday included Harold Frickey, Freda Gamblin, John Green, Tressie Samson, Charley Vavroch, Hank and Bea Wolfram, and Nettie Britton.

A sing-along was held before supper on Monday evening.

Greta and Rory Wendelin assisted with bingo on Tuesday afternoon. Myrtle Hazuka won the first bingo and Hank Wolfram won the blackout game.

Residents gathered on Wednesday afternoon for a Residents' Council meeting followed by hot

chocolate and cookies.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson on Wednesday afternoon.

Father George gave a Communion Service on the patio on Thursday morning.

The baking group made sour cream chocolate cookies on Friday afternoon. Those assisting included Mildred Cochran, Alice Fiala, Harold Frickey, Ann Geihlsler, John Green, Helen Lindquist, Bernece McKay, Tressie Samson, Eva Marie Vacura, Ben and Hank Wolfram, and Nettie Britton.

Recent visitors: Frank Cox, Herndon; Shirley Cogburn, Hobbs, N.M.; Jamie Samson and Sara Bishop, Lindsborg; Rosa Boehm and George Wurm, McCook; Susan McKain, McDonald;

Elvin Beneda, Orlin Beneda, Marie Jean Vavroch, Earl Brown, Opal Huntley, Mary Ann Amack, Jeanette Diederich, Juanita Williby, Bernie and Othelia Vacura, Oberlin.

## Good Samaritan News

On Monday, Jan. 3, morning devotions by Jan Badsky were centered on "cattiness," with the scripture from Galatians 5. Tearing down the Christmas decorations was the main event for the day. Helping throughout the day were Ruth Laidig, Fern Anderson, Jan Conway and Ivah Alexander.

Joey Hirsch served afternoon social hour on Monday. Norma Unger helped the Card Sharks with an afternoon of canasta. Lisa Stacy assisted. Those enjoying cards were Hildegard Euhus, Garrah Gaumer, Ivah Alexander and Jan Conway.

Devotions on Tuesday were led by Janice Shobe. Faith services were held later in the morning. The Men's Gathering started off the afternoon, with Lisa Stacy and Leo Mooty playing a mean game of pool.

Social Hour was served Tuesday afternoon. That evening Bible study convened, with "Until I Return" by Jeff Walling as the new study book. Fourteen residents were in attendance.

Phyllis Metcalf was leader for Songs of Worship on Wednesday. She also directed Bible study. Volunteered Dorothy Alstrom "weathered the weather" to apply a fresh coat of polish on the ladies' nails.

Mildred Holmdahl also came to play Canasta with Garrah Gaumer, Hildegard Euhus and Ivah Alexander. Social Hour was served

by Ellen Horn. Bingo was held in the evening.

Thursday morning Dennis Brown led devotions. Catholic services were held with Bonnie Weskamp and Ruby McKenna. Exercises were led by Don Farr. Karlie Black, activities aide, read stories to Lorna Bishop, Bernice Brown, Leo Mooty, Neva Campbell and Eleanore Demmer. Social Hour was served by Ellen Horn.

Heidi Wiebe brought a wonderful message for devotions Friday morning, and offered communion to the residents. The Folding Fellowship ladies, Fern Anderson, Ivah Alexander, and Jeanette Conway, folded a mountain of laundry. Carol Duncan came to read *The Oberlin Herald* for Current Events.

On Friday afternoon, Bethany Smith served Social Hour, featuring cookies baked in-house by Iris Wurm and her daughter, Jeanette Diederich. Lisa Stacy began an interesting new Bible study that evening with several residents using Billy Graham's book, "Angels, God's Secret Agents."

Recent guests: **Ruby McKenna** - Donna Chambers, Ed and Gloria McKenna; **Dena Gillespie** - June Vavroch; **Iris Wurm** - Jeanette Diederich; **Eva Bryan** - Donna Kelley. Also visiting was Rosella Meitl.

## Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Covenant Women will meet at 10 a.m. on Thursday for a missionary work day at the Herndon Covenant Church. Board members will be hostesses.

Tyler Witt was also among relatives who attended the Olson family Christmas celebration at the Keith Olson home on New Year's Day.

Officers elected at the annual meeting of the Herndon Covenant Church on Sunday include: Gerald Benda, chairman; Frank McEvoy, vice chairman; Cindi Grafel, secretary; Lori Seaman, assistant secretary; Gayle Anderson, treasurer; Mark Olson, assistant treasurer;

Kyle Grafel and Richard Anderson, trustees; Chris Schmidt and Mark Bergling, deacons; Sherri Schmidt and Gail Bergling, deaconesses; Greg Jones and Mark Bergling, auditors; Maureen Anderson, Dick Kelley and Deanne Spanier, Christian Education board; Margaret McEvoy, financial secretary; Mary Ann Erickson, assistant financial secretary; Beth Holle, Gail Bergling and Sherri Schmidt, music committee; Gary Erickson, Clay Anderson and Greg Jones, ushers.

Jenny Swart was baptized during morning worship services on Sunday at the Herndon Covenant Church. Officiating was Pastor Keith Reuther. Those accepted into

membership of the church during the annual meeting on Sunday afternoon were Clay and Kendra Anderson, Jenny Swart, and Orrin and Beth Holle.

Sherry Bergling took her daughters, Eva Harder and Stephanie Heighton and granddaughter, Dawn Heighton, to Hays on Saturday, after they spent last week visiting her and her husband, Dave Bergling. They all attended a Wasinger family Christmas celebration at the home of Leilla Wasinger, in Hays on Saturday night. Mrs. Bergling returned home Sunday.

Bernie Fred accompanied her daughter, Linda Rocco, of Oxford, Mass., to her home in Oberlin last Wednesday. Mrs. Fred spent seven weeks visiting her daughters, Linda and Glenda, and families. While there, she attended baptismal services for her great-grandson, Joshua Ryan, 14-month-old son of Rachel and Scott Bullock, at St. James Lutheran Church in Holyoke, Mass. Mrs. Rocco returned home by plane from Denver on Sunday.

Barbara Olson and Sarah returned home Thursday from Baraboo, Wis., where they attended the wedding of Courtney Scott and Schuyler Tacchini on Wednesday. Sarah was a bridesmaid.

**16th ANNUAL WICHITA RV SHOW**  
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| Wednesday, January 12 | 4:00-9:00  |
| Thursday, January 13  | 4:00-9:00  |
| Friday, January 14    | 12:00-9:00 |
| Saturday, January 15  | 10:00-9:00 |
| Sunday, January 16    | 12:00-6:00 |

**Kansas Coliseum**

**Tsunami Relief Lamb Fry & Ham and Bean Dinner**  
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