

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — Dec. 1885

Our town is pretty lively now days. G. Webb Bertram and J.B. Hitchcock returned Monday from a trip east. Ed. McKenna of the Solomon was in town Monday. Ed. E. Chapman, our former townsman, but now of Mankato, Jewell County, visited Oberlin last week.

Mr. Bliss and family returned from Wisconsin the 8th and like all others who leave, they have come to the conclusion that there is no place like Kansas. Mr. Bliss is a photographer and has brought a camera with him.

Clayton Items: Messrs. Thomas & Salisbury have purchased J.D. Thacker's stock of drugs and medicines.

100 YEARS AGO — Dec. 1905

Lew Wentz and his new wife were in town Saturday. From his talk, we take it that he considers his Garfield Township farm worth at least a thousand more than it was before she came.

J.F. Henry of Altory was in town on Saturday. Joe has turned well digger and has put down over 20 wells in the last two months.

Marriages:

Dec. 18: Mr. Lloyd Bloomer of Bellaire and Miss Katherine Hoffman of Oberlin;

Dec. 20: Mr. Lawrence Butler of Rexford and Miss Minnie Nooner

Dec. 20: Mr. Amer Caster and Miss Mattie Myers.

Nicholas Hahn of Jennings Township came up to the county seat Monday and left a final proof with us for publication. He intends to become a real estate owner in Decatur County.

75 YEARS AGO — Dec. 1930

A new camp ground and gas service station is under construction at the northwest corner of Oberlin along U.S. Highway 36. The building, which is being constructed in the Spanish architectural design, will house 14 cabins.

The most elaborate musical play

ever attempted by the music department of the local high school will be presented Thursday and Friday nights. The "Belle of Bagdad" under the direction of Virgil Parman will include special music between acts by Mrs. Kathryn Langmade-Nelson, who recently sang in the regional Atwater-Kent contest at Dallas.

The first basketball game of the season was played here between the Decatur boys and Dresden, with Decatur winning 16-13. Sam Francis was high scorer with 14 points. Decatur is coached by Paul Sandy.

Oberlin Rotary entertained the 18 lettermen of the DCHS football squad and Coaches Dutch Anderson, Lester Kirkendall and Carl Sandy at its Tuesday luncheon. Francis, Rathbun and Buffington were the three Decatur players chosen for the All-NWKL team while Joe Martin, Wiggins, Moore and Olson were placed on the second team.

St. Patrick's Catholic Church, McCook, was the scene of a pretty wedding ceremony last Friday morning when Miss Ruth Wilma Rogers became the bride of Mr. James E. Corcoran. A wedding dinner followed at the Keystone Hotel. The groom is a graduate of DCHS with the Class of 1928 and a young man of sterling quality.

50 YEARS AGO — Dec. 1955

Mr. and Mrs. August Juenemann, who farm between Selden and Rexford, enjoyed a wonderful — and profitable — vacation in New York City recently when Mrs. Juenemann was a successful contestant on the TV program "Name That Tune."

The Red Devil wrestlers coached by Charlie Lyons defeated Goodland 23-22 and the Red Devil basketball team rebounded from their opening loss at Hoxie to defeat Goodland 49-45.

Court House News: A license was issued by George Nellans, probate judge, to Richard O. Kelley of Norcatour and Donna Lee Bryan on Dec. 9 and they were married Dec.

17 at the Mission Covenant Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Marietta and Alan will move to Hays in February, where he has accepted a job with the R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company. His territory will be the 22 counties in northwest Kansas.

John Laidig, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Laidig, was the guest speaker at Oberlin Rotary, telling of the research being done in the Bell Telephone laboratories in Chatham, N.J., where he has been employed the past 15 years.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Bainter, Concordia, son, David, Dec. 7; Mr. and Mrs. Robert McLaughlin, son, Michael Robert, Dec. 16.

Capt. and Mrs. Bob Emerson and family of Biloxi, Miss., will arrive tonight to spend Christmas with his mother, Mrs. Inez Emerson, and other relatives. This will be the first Christmas all of the family has been together for 12 years.

25 YEARS AGO — Dec. 1980

The ice skating rink on south Highway 83 was frozen during the short cold spell last week, but by Sunday afternoon the ice was beginning to crack. PRIDE committee member Mike Gawith ran more water Sunday evening but predicted

the rink won't be ready until another hard freeze comes.

Financial institutions across the county are vying for NOW account dollars — negotiated order of withdrawal — which are authorized by federal law at the start of the new year.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. James Redfern, Marion, Neb., son, Kurt Aaron, Dec. 19, 1980; Mr. and Mrs. Brendan Moore, Marion, Neb., son, Brett Anthony, Dec. 21, 1980.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Nichols will be honored on their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house at the United Church of Oberlin on Sunday, Jan. 4, 1981.

Mark Simpson and Gaye Corder were united in marriage Nov. 8 at Benson Presbyterian Church in Omaha, Neb. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer "Dick" Corder of Selden and is a 1974 graduate of DCHS.

The American Simmental Association has awarded the cow herd of Dennis Anderson, rural Oberlin, with three ASA Cow Awards for outstanding performance.

DCHS senior Jean Johnson will leave Jan. 20 for a trip to Australia as an exchange student through the Youth for Understanding program.

Lyle News

By Deanna Sumner

Kathy Van Meter received word of a great-grandson, Landon Pierce Van Meter, born on Dec. 8 in Lincoln, Neb. Parents are John and Kristen Van Meter. Great-grandfather is the late Dale Van Meter.

Wednesday was Liberty Star Club at Cathy Anthony's home. They revealed Mystery Sisters. Members present were Cathy Anthony, Toots Magers, Kathy Van Meter, Veda Wood, Angie Wilson, Carolyn Plotts, and Theresa Wood.

On Thursday, Charlie and Judy Easton of Quinter picked up Toots Magers to go visit Richard Engelhardt, who was hospitalized in Kearney, Neb.

Sorrow came to the home of Deanna Sumner and family with the death of her brother, Jim Underwood, who was waiting for a new liver in St. Louis, Mo.

On Friday Toots Magers, Kathy Van Meter, and June Jolly played cards in Norcatour.

Toots Magers and Kathy Van Meter attended Dick and Donna Kelley's 50th wedding anniversary party in Oberlin on Saturday, then afterward ventured to Norcatour for the Christmas drawing and soup supper.

Sunday evening Toots Magers and June Jolly played in the pinochle tournament in Norton.

Rexford News

By Vicki Allison

The City of Rexford Christmas dinner was held at the Shepherd Staff Wednesday evening. Joan Dingwerth and staff served a delicious meal of roast beef, mashed potatoes, steamed broccoli, layered potato salad and red velvet cake. Mayor William Dible thanked Jolene Hansen, clerk; Bill Scott, city maintenance; and board members Dave Williams, Dwight Williams, Nancy Dahl, Mike Johnson and Dennis Allison for their contributions to the city.

Those attending the dinner were Bill and Donna Dible, Jolene Hansen, Nancy and Jay Dahl, Mike and Evelyn Johnson, Dennis and Vicki Allison, Dwight Williams and Charla Wendelin of Lincoln, Neb.; Bill Scott and Gidget Mosier, Dave Williams, Bruce and Cleona Flipse, Colby, and John Ray Gould.

The Kid's Club of the Rexford Community Church held a soup supper for their parents Wednesday evening. Thanks to Lane and Patty Purcell, Delores Dible, Shawn Spresser, Peggy Dible, Margaret Arasmith, Teri Allen, Lori Miller, Marcy Gilbert, and any other names I have failed to mention for commit-

ting to such an awesome task.

The twelve members of the Red Barn Band have been busy performing. On Thursday they traveled to Oberlin and entertained at the Cedar Living Center and Decatur County Good Samaritan Center, then on Friday went to Goodland to perform for residents at Sherman County Good Samaritan.

Vicki Allison spent three days in Hays with her daughter, Rebecca, and grandson, Jaren, who was born Dec. 6.

Betty Nickols was the featured guest speaker at the last After 5 Club meeting for the year, held Saturday morning at the Colonial Steak House in Oakley.

Hulda Wark's sister, Ethel McKernan, died last week. Although there was a memorial service in Denison, Texas, the children came to Rexford to bury the ashes and another memorial service was held at the Rexford Community Church. Hulda and Ethel's brother, Eugene Rall, Clinton, Iowa, officiated.

Family members who stayed at the home of Sondra Barnett were Judy Govoni, Wareham, Maine;

Barbara and Alan Scheibmeir and grandson, Luke, Denison, Texas; Rick and Susie McKernan and granddaughter, Haley, Columbia, Mo.; and Randy and Gail McKernan and grandson Jesse, Nashville, Tenn. The church ladies prepared a nice lunch for the family. Other callers at Sondra's home were Jim and Irene Gillum, Canyon City, Colo.; and Donald and Colleen Rall and Maxine Ross, all of Rexford.

The first-place winners of the monthly pinochle tournament at the American Legion were Dick and Kenny Sanford, a father and son team. Robert and Connie Renner, of Oakley, came in second. The Renners are host family for two foreign exchange students who attend Golden Plains. Grace Cheney and Deb Stepper placed third.

Delores and Darla Dible went to Logan on Friday to have Christmas dinner with Hazel Richardson at the Logan Manor. Buck Harper and Clea Moeder were also Hazel's dinner guests.

The weekend of Dec. 10, Buck Harper and Clea Moeder went to Hutchinson to see the beautiful resi-

dential holiday decorations and visit her son, Robert and Marsha Moeder. As it happened, Robert was away golfing at Pebble Beach, Calif., and enjoying some great weather.

School happenings: The high school scholar bowl team brought home the second-place plaque from the 2005 Tri-Plains Invitational on Monday.

The Regional Prevention Center held an assembly for grades 6, 8, 10 and 12 on Tuesday morning.

The middle school basketball teams traveled to Grainfield Thursday. The A and B team girls defeated the Shockers while both the boys teams lost. The high school Lady Bulldogs defeated the Brewster Bulldogs 48 to 42 Friday evening in Brewster. The junior varsity team lost 24 to 42. The Brewster Bulldogs defeated the boys basketball teams that evening. The ending score for the junior varsity game was 37 to 87 and the varsity score was 38 to 70.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and the blessings of love and family during the holiday season.

Cedar Living News

Dennis Brown of the Forget-Me-Nots hosted a party in the Cedar Living Center dining room on Monday afternoon. He served applesauce cake with whipped cream to residents, staff and guests. Myrna Jones and Mary Ann Amack led the sing-along time following the party.

Fern Moore hosted the reading group on Tuesday morning. Eva Marie Vacura won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon and Paul Sass won the blackout game.

Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler of the Faith Lutheran Church gave the monthly communion service on the patio Tuesday afternoon.

Barb Solko played pinochle on Wednesday afternoon with Zola Brown and Don Shaw. The craft group met on Wednesday afternoon to make Christmas ornaments.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson Wednesday afternoon.

The bell choir from Faith Lutheran Church gave a program at supper on Wednesday evening. Several of the children also performed on the piano. The Methodist Youth Group caroled on Wednesday evening.

Father George gave a Catholic mass on Thursday morning.

Residents Mildred Cochran, Freda Gamblin, Paul Sass, Don Shaw, and Bea and Hank Wolfram enjoyed an afternoon of bowling on Thursday. Lyle Gamblin also joined in the game. Wynemah Cox played Scrabble with Barb Solko.

The nursing, activities, and social services departments at Cedar Living Center hosted a party for all the staff members of Decatur Health Systems on the patio Thursday afternoon.

The Red Barn Band from Rexford entertained with their annual holiday program on Friday afternoon. They performed a variety of holiday music and presented all of the residents with a small gift. Nadean Stoney assisted with serving ice cream and crackers following the performance.

We also celebrated the December birthday party on Friday afternoon. Tressie Samson and Don Sulzman were recognized for their December birthdays. Each received a balloon, compliments of Laurie Wasson at Prairie Petals, and a Christmas ornament from the ac-

tivities department.

The annual Family Christmas Party was held on Sunday afternoon in the dining room. We had a wonderful turnout of family and friends, even with the snow and cold weather. Ron Temple and his group, Faith, Hope, and Charity, gave a musical program followed by a visit from Santa.

A wonderful assortment of refreshments were served at the party, including cookies, candies, cheese and crackers. Several family members and staff donated some of the treats. The Forget-Me-Nots donated paper products and some of the treats as well. Several volunteers helped set up for the party, serve, and clean up. We are grateful for all of the wonderful donations and good helpers.

Additional holiday entertainment is planned for this week. Visitors are welcome to attend any of these programs, including the candlelight service at 7 p.m. on Thursday. We would be happy to see any caroling groups who have time to stop by this week.

Recent visitors: Rose Domsch, Dolores Pianalto, Leona Wolfram, Suzanne Cahoj, Atwood; Frank Cox, Don Grafel, Herndon; Pat Tuller, Gary Matheny, McCook; Ron and Jerry Temple, Tracey Hartzog, Lisa Rhodes, Monty and Linda Hunt, Norcatour; Ray and Julie Harold, Hays; Richard and Bernadine Samson, Ludell; Tom and Glenva Burrell, Max, Neb.; Roy and Diane Stutterheim, Long Island; Mike and Marie McVay, Wayne, Carol, and Mandy Simmons, Colby; Roland and Laura Washburn, Norton; Rick, Tammy and Corey Shaw, Kent, Tenna, and Whitnee Ashley, Earl Brown, Barb and Steve Brown, Selden; Lloyd Harden, Goodland; Lillian Sulzman, Dresden;

Cecil Hess, Tim and Brenda Davis, Kiah Blau, Serena Stacey, Mitchell Unger, Dolores Koeperich, Henry Edgett, Vernon and Jeanette Diederich, Mildred Holmdahl, Karen Bennett, Melanie Anderson, Rocky, Teresa and Jori Diederich, Jan Bainter, Dorothy Vacura, Othelia and Bernie Vacura, Eula Juenemann, Elvin Beneda, Orlin Beneda, Ella Betts, Dana Winstead and Rusty, Marie Jean Vavroch., Oberlin.

Good Samaritan News

Ho, ho, ho, what do you know, Santa came to visit! Resident Harlan Geihlsler dressed up as Santa for our Christmas Family Open House on Friday. He handed out candy to the 12 children who came to celebrate with us; Harlan's three grandchildren, eight of Dorothy Pryor's grandchildren, and Eleanor and Harold Demmer's grandson. What would Christmas be without the magic seen through the eyes of children? They also enjoyed the story, "Legend of the Candy Cane," and the lively, fun music provided by the Red Barn Gang of Rexford.

Tuesday Mrs. Olson's class came to read to their First Hand Friends. They found Sammy the squirrel hiding in the snow-covered pond. No matter how well he hides they can always find him! The students made ornaments for their reading pals and also took one home from us for their own tree.

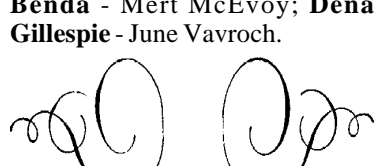
Wednesday was another day of visitors. The DCHS Singers came for our Social Hour entertainment. At 4:30 that afternoon the Faith Lutheran children came to play bells and sing. Later that evening, the United Methodist Youth came

a'caroling. All brought the wonderful gift of Christmas joy.

Other activities included a Christmas card party, stories, gift wrapping for our Christmas service project, Bible studies, reading up on current events, Folding Fellowship, and Rhythm Band.

Our busy volunteers who helped out this week were Nathan Smith, Mert McEvoy, Bethany Smith, Jeanette Diederich, Carol Duncan, Larry Smith, Coleen Geihlsler, Marilyn Horn and Gladys and Zane Geis.

Recent guests: **Lucy Schissler** - Ralph Crim, Bonnie Klein, Dena Klein and Margaret Fikan of Atwood, Mert McEvoy, Serena Stacy; **John and Muriel Ready**, **Ruth Laidig**, and **Edla Olson** - Herschel and Jody Betts; **Eva Bryan** - Samantha, Chris and Gabe Anderson, Detta Anderson, Herschel and Jody Betts; **Eulaine Benda** - Mert McEvoy; **Dena Gillespie** - June Vavroch.



Selden News

By Jacque Boultinghouse

Friday will be Christmas Light night. Everyone with Christmas lights should have them on between 6 and 10 p.m. for people to drive around and view.

Birthdays and anniversaries: Dec. 1 - Mark Juenemann; Dec. 2 - Francis Porsch; Dec. 3 - Tammy Miller; Dec. 5 - Kim Juenemann, Mike Weins, Nicole Schiltz, Sally Jones; Dec. 6 - Dave Mitchell; Dec. 7 - Don Juenemann; Dec. 8 - Aldea Finney; Dec. 9 - Lavina Paulson, Rilee Spresser, Trina Aumiller; Dec. 10 - Dale Smith, Rick Shaw; Dec. 12 - Betty James, Paul Zodrow; Dec. 13 - Emmie Pauls, Kyle and Natasha Carman; Dec. 14 - Chris Koeperich, JaLynn Wenger; Dec. 15 - Heather Shaw, John and Helen Karls; Dec. 16 - Steve Carman, Cole Spresser, Dana Broeckelman; Dec. 17 - Nick Koeperich, Pam Paulson, Robyn Mendiola, Tyson Paulson; Dec. 18 - Kami Miller; Dec. 19 - Renee

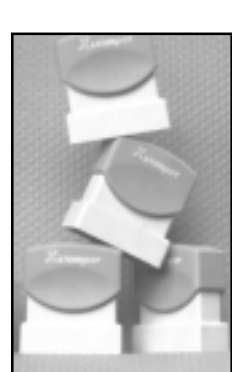
Bruggeman Fillmore, Chad Focke, Avery Spresser, Ben and Chicksa Wessel; Dec. 20 - Stephanie Ritter, David Neff; Dec. 21 - Troy Emigh; Dec. 22 - Pat Wessel; Dec. 24 - Curtis Carman, Mitzi Wachendorfer; Dec. 25 - Helen Jo Ochs; Dec. 27 - Landon Truetken; Dec. 28 - Heath Albers, Bill and Rose Bainter, Robbie and Debbie Koeperich.

At Senior Citizens on Dec. 1 Betty James won high, Cecelia Ottley took second, and Edna Schiltz got low and had the most tens. The Rev. and Mrs. Daniel Kim of the United Methodist Church and ladies furnished a Christmas dinner.

On Dec. 15, Lola Cook won high and had the most aces; Anna Albers took second and Betty James got low. Other members present were Julie Pope, Alfred Albers, Jeanie Spresser, Paulie Neff, Cecelia Ottley, Ann Hazlitt, Irene Kruse, Shirley Emigh and Gary Emigh.

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