

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1881

The county superintendent's office has been moved to the office formerly occupied by Bowman & Johnson.

H.O. Douglas has contracted 50 tons of hay for his livery stable. He doesn't propose to let his horses, or those in his care, go hungry.

Last Saturday was perhaps the worst ever known in this part of the world, at least so says the oldest inhabitant. The snow, which was falling, was driven by a very high wind in perfect sheets or blankets so as to obscure objects 60 yards away.

Quite a number of persons met at the schoolhouse Tuesday evening and organized a literary society.

100 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1906

Ice is being put in large quantities and is said to be 10 inches thick and of excellent quality.

J.L. Wilson has charge of the butcher shop at the Co-operative store. He understands the meat business.

J.T. Smith has bought the J.C. Emahizer residence on the hill.

Born, Sunday, Jan. 7, to Mr. and Mrs. Art Roberts, a son.

Perry Fair has decided to quit the well drilling business.

For the first time in 14 years, the county printing was let to the highest bidder.

75 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1931

A blaze discovered just before the New Year's Day service was to start totally destroyed the St. John's Lutheran Church located 10 miles northwest of Oberlin in Logan Township. The fine parsonage located some 150 feet east was saved by the combined efforts of the Herndon and Oberlin fire departments. According to the Rev. C.E. Wegener the furnace had been started earlier in the morning in the basement of the church and had received attention sometime later but at 10 o'clock when George Wurm made his appearance at the church, he detected a blaze in the coal bin in the northwest corner of the parsonage. Some \$7,000 insurance was carried on the building and \$1,000 on the fixtures and a settlement was made the next day and plans are in underway for construction of a new church.

Coach Paul Sandy's basketball team opened the league season with a 34-8 win over St. Francis. Alex Francis was high point man for Oberlin with 16.

Decatur County loses one of its

finest citizens in the death of J.N. "Newt" Hatch who came to Decatur County in a prairie schooner more than 35 years ago.

From the Hospital: A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Lee Kump on Saturday, Jan. 3. They have named him Donald Richard.

With the completion of a new building on Rodehaver Avenue, the V.H. Griffith Furniture Company now offers the people of this large trade area one of the largest and finest house furnishing stocks in western Kansas.

The annex is just across the alley from the rear door of the Morrison building, which houses the main building with living and dining room furniture on the main floor, a mezzanine floor where bedroom furniture is arranged and a basement which has been redecorated for display as well. A well appointed casket display room is also housed in the main building.

Funeral services were held at the Presbyterian Church for Dale Eldon Waldo, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Waldo, who was born June 21, 1930 and died Jan. 1, 1931, after a brief sickness.

50 YEAR AGO — Jan. 1956

Sharlene Mae Casper was the first baby to arrive at the Decatur County Hospital in 1956. She was born Jan. 4 to Mr. and Mrs. Sam Casper and is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Vernon of Oberlin and Mr. and Mrs. Nick Casper of Hays. Mrs. Casper is the former Virginia Vernon and the couple have been making their home in Oberlin while he awaits the results of the state barber examination. He recently graduated from West Texas Barber College.

John Ward, who has been the pharmacist for the past six years in Stevenson Drug Store, purchased a half-interest in the business from Charles Stevenson effective Jan. 1. One of Oberlin's oldest businesses, it will continue to be known as Stevenson Drug Store. It was originally owned by W.T. Stevenson, who came to Oberlin in 1887 as a graduate pharmacist and went to work in the drug store then owned by Lippincott & Beal. Stevenson became sole owner in 1894 and his sons, Charles and Tudor, became partners in 1941. In 1949 Tudor sold his interest to Charles. Mr. Ward owned and operated the Ward Drug Store in Norcatur for 18 years before moving to Oberlin in 1949.

Rated a slight pre-match favor-

ite, the Oberlin High School wrestlers were surprised by Harold Randall's Colby grapplers and lost 24-23.

Apparently any of the top four basketball teams in the Northwest Kansas League can whip another on the right night. The Red Devils have whipped both Goodland and Colby but lost to Norton in a tournament at Smith Center.

Since Allen Jeffus sprained an ankle during the Christmas tournament which has failed to heal, Coach Bob Rumble has had to re-stage his team, coming up with both Bob Vernon and Jack Carver to beef up the middle and dominate the rebounding.

Lt. and Mrs. Charles Young of El Paso, Texas, and Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Matal of Ness City spent the holidays at the home of the ladies' parents, Mr. and Mrs. A.L. Jeffus and family. The Youngs also visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Young and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Wagoner announce the engagement of their daughter, Janet, to Pfc. Voyle D. Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Miller. Miss Wagoner graduated from DCHS in 1955 and is employed at the Frank Summerson Abstract office in Hoxie. Voyle graduated with the class of 1954 and is stationed at Camp Gordon, Georgia, with the U. S. Army.

Hospital News: Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Relph, son, William Albert, Jan. 9; Mr. and Mrs. Walter May, son, Robert Dean, Jan. 9; Rev. and Mrs. Delmer Brack, Ludell, son, Jonathan Wayne, Jan. 9.

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Word was received of the death of LeRoy Barenberg, 84, at Lakewood, Colo., on Dec. 31. He was the son of the late Paul and Gertrude Barenberg and was born and reared in Herndon.

His late wife, the former Maurine Olson, was a cousin of Quentin Bergling, and Bob and Keith Olson. Survivors include a son, Norman Barenberg, and family. Funeral services were held Friday and burial was on Monday at Fort Logan Cemetery.

Covenant Women will meet at 10 a.m. Thursday for a missionary work day at the Herndon Covenant Church. Hostesses are Mildred Holmdahl and Daisy Schmidt.

25 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1981

The nursery in Decatur County Hospital remains darkened as 1981 goes into its eighth day with no report of a baby born at the local facility.

Second district commissioner Ralph Unger, Logan Township, was recently elected president of the Kansas County Commissioners Assoc.

A Hospice training session is scheduled to be held in Oberlin Feb. 1-2 for persons interested in becoming part of the local program.

The steering committee for the local Hospice organization includes Gary Stricklin, Pastor Larry Arganbright, Shirley Ulrich, Chuck Frickey, the Rev. Grant Davis and Connie Lauber.

Kenneth Rydquist is improving from open heart surgery at St. Joseph's Hospital in Denver and he and his wife, Ellnette, plan to return home Friday.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Roy Faris, daughter, Megan Daniele, Dec. 31, 1980; Mr. and Mrs. Mike Dempewolf, son, James Michael, Dec. 28, 1980.

Gary Fredrickson left Saturday for Pittsburgh, Pa., to return to his dental studies. He accompanied his cousin, Sue Dicke, to Kansas City for the return flight.

Bill Ooton, Elden Cody and Dale Votapka left Jan. 6 from Kansas City to join 14 others from North Central Kansas who will make up a work team sponsored by the American Baptist denomination to build a church some 45 miles north of the capital city of Managua, Nicaragua.

Members are asked to bring a potato for a potato bar lunch at noon.

Dick Kelley underwent hip replacement surgery on Tuesday. Mail will reach him at Good Samaritan Hospital, 31st and Central, Kearney, Neb., 68847.

The annual meeting for members of the Herndon Covenant Church will be held following a sack lunch after church on Sunday.

Sunday dinner guests of J.R. and Carrol Ginther were Blaine and Erin Ginther, Cameron, Will and Sophia of Atwood.

Dave and Sherry Bergling attended a belated Christmas dinner and gathering of the Wasinger family in Hays over the weekend.

Collin and Katelyn, Ron and Cindy Sattler and Eric, Jayme Sattler,

George R. Sattler, Edith Pettera and son, Don Pettera, Mesa, Ariz.

Rexford News

By Vicki Allison

Social Hour Club was held on Wednesday at Fairview Estates with Eileen Dible as hostess. Bingo winners were Grace Cheney, Deb Stepper, Jean Hawkins, and Marjorie Leh. The hostess prize went to Deborah Gamboa. Other members present were Hulda Wark, Vesta Roth and Sondra Barnett. Pat Williams was a guest.

Darrel and Margie Leh's daughter-in-law, Diane Hiatt, of Wann, Okla., has come to celebrate her birthday on Jan. 14 with them. Diane is the widow of Margie and Darrel's son, Gerald, who passed away in November. Jan. 14 is also the anniversary date for Diane and Gerald. Diane's son, Cody Hiatt and wife, Becca, brought her to Rexford Saturday afternoon and they spent the night before heading back to Wann on Sunday.

The family of Sondra Barnett celebrated a belated Christmas at the Community Building in Rexford over the weekend. Those in attendance were Bryan and Lori Barnett, Elijah and Joshua, Tyrone, Okla.; Todd and Mandy Barnett, Taylor and Melia, Alamosa, Colo.; Tatum and Alicia Barnett and Alex, Garden City; Kerry Barnett, Amarillo, Texas; Scott and Linda Barnett, Michael, Tiffany, Lacey and Megan, Holcomb; Cory and Tessy Barnett, Tabitha, Corban, and Obadiah, Liberal; Shalom Kruse, Gabrielle, Kaleb and Trinity, Pretty Prairie; Velma Barnett, Gem; and Hulda Wark.

Dennis and Vicki Allison went to Hoxie Sunday afternoon to listen to several musicians from around the surrounding area who performed at

the Midwest Energy hospitality room. Debra Carter, Menlo, keyboard and vocals; Shirley Emigh, Selden, rhythm guitar and vocals; John Scott, Hoxie, stand-up bass and vocals; Max Vaughn, Colby, lead guitar; Loren Schrock, Hoxie, harmonica and spoons; Red and Ruth Taylor, Hoxie, rhythm guitars and vocals; and Vic Mowry, Hoxie, fiddle and vocals, made up the eight-piece band. John Scott and Max Vaughn are former residents of Rexford. Bev Vaughn, Max's wife, brought refreshments as an early celebration for Max's birthday. Family members of Max in attendance ranged in ages from 9 months to 94 years old.

Red Barn happenings: Grace Cheney brought homemade fudge to Koffee Klatch Friday morning and shared it with Liz Rall, Berneda Zoberst, Hulda Wark, Jean Hawkins, Vesta Roth, Deb Stepper, Pat Williams, Sondra Barnett, and Eunice Sanford.

Golden Plains happenings: Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Travis Betz on the birth of their son, Zane Howard, on Dec. 29. Mr. Betz teaches high school English and psychology; coaches forensics, and middle school basketball; and is assistant high school and middle school football coach. Zane has an older sister, Mya Rose, 2.

The Bulldogs defeated the Triplains Vikings on Tuesday and the Logan Trojans Friday. The boys' record is now 5 and 3 and the Lady Bulldogs have an undefeated record of 8 and 0. The Western Kansas Liberty League tournament begins Monday at Sharon Springs.

Cedar Living News

Residents assisted with putting away the last holiday decorations on Monday, Jan. 2. Coffee and cookies were served in the afternoon when the packing was finished. Mary Ann Amack assisted with the sing-along time later in the afternoon.

Mildred Cochran won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon and Nettie Britton won the blackout game. All of our bingo volunteers were in attendance for the first time in many weeks. Those assisting were Jerry Temple, Ann Martin, Ila Ray, Opal Huntley, and Alice Shirley.

The dietary department and activity department hosted a special lunch on Wednesday. The meal featured sandwiches from A&W and root beer floats, made and served by staff members.

Barb Solko played pinochle on Wednesday afternoon with Zola Brown, Nettie Britton, and Donald Shaw. She played Scrabble on Thursday afternoon with Wynemah Cox.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson on Wednesday afternoon.

Father George had a Catholic mass on the Cedar Living Center patio Thursday morning.

Residents who joined in a game of penny cards Thursday afternoon included Nettie Britton, Alice Fiala,

Tressie Samson, Paul Sass, Don Shaw, Lowell Sebaugh, and Hank and Bea Wolfram.

The baking group made snickerdoodle cookies on Friday afternoon.

Lowell Sebaugh was the guest of honor at a birthday open house hosted by his family on Sunday afternoon. A large group of friends, family, residents and staff helped Lowell celebrate his 90th birthday. Lowell's daughters served cake and ice cream.

Recent visitors: Lula Hix, Norine Bailey, Bob Strevey, Stan and Carol Miller, Dave and Patty Stapp, Keith Anthony, Gary Anthony, Jerry and Ron Temple, Linda and Monte Hunt, Norcatur; Bev Morris, Hoxie; Carol Shaw, Rick and Tammy Shaw, Earl Brown, Selden; Richard and Bernadine Samson, Ludell; Ann Martin, Sharon Wolfram, Frank Cox, Laverne Niemeth, Herndon; Julie Harold, Hays; Lloyd Harden, Goodland; Gary Matheny, McCook; Mike and Marie McVay, Colby;

R.D. and Marian Thornton, Elvin Beneda, Orlin Beneda, Dolores Koerperich, John and Henrietta Juenemann, Walt and Rosella Meitl, Marie Jean Vavroch, Lyle Gamblin, Ella Betts, Carolyn Muirhead, Eula Juenemann, Roxie Pomeroy.

Good Samaritan News

Snow was in our forecast; it began early Monday morning, and didn't let up until Friday afternoon. We were "snowed in" all week! We learned about how snow forms, saw snowflakes under a microscope, built snowmen, made our very own snow globes and beaded crystal snowflakes, had a winter relay and a mitten-match game—all without ever getting cold. Jack Frost couldn't have done it better.

Chris Van Osdall, the "Schwann man," dropped in and passed ice cream bars to both staff and residents, a perfect icy treat for our week of winter.

We also wrote poems about the snow. Here is a sampling for you to enjoy.

*Snow is wet
Nipping at my nose
OH, my hands are cold...in this
Winter wonderland*
By Ruth Laidig

*Once upon a night
Lonesome and dreary
As is many a winter night
The moon was bright
The snow all a-sparkle
And all we could hear is
Merry Christmas
Trailing through the air*
By Jeanette Conway

*Snow is white and cold
It's wet and dreary
When it gets on your hands*
By Everett Fisher

The Christmas decorations are all put away now, replaced by a new,

beautiful "artsy" theme in anticipation of our community art show to be held Sunday, Feb. 5. "Art Through the Ages" will be open from 2 to 5 p.m.; come and go as you like. We will be featuring local artists, ages 4 to 100, and will have live entertainment, refreshments and demonstrations. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us. If you are a budding artist, or know of one who would like to take part in this gala event, please contact Lisa Stacy or Anita Hirsch at 475-2245 for entry information.

As always we want to thank our many volunteers and visitors; you are great and we always look forward to seeing you again.

Recent guests: **Lucy Schissler** - Arlene Glad, Mary Ellen Horton, Ralph Crim, Bonnie Klein, all of Atwood; **Irel Lohofener** - Esther Carlson; **Dena Gillespie** - Earl and Pat Hartzog of Hoxie, June Vavroch of Jennings, Darlene LaRue; **Eulaine Benda** - Barb Olson, Wesley Benda; **Kenny Rydquist** - Rick Rydquist of Texas; **Leo Mooty and Alvina Unger** - Ralph and Norma Unger; **Edla Olson** - Arian Arnold; **Irene Wagoner** - Elda Youngs of McCook; **Harlan Geihlsler** - Mary Lou Plotts; **Marie McChesney** - Roger McChesney of Texas; **Eva Cuthbertson** - Anita Montgomery; **Marilyn St. Clair** - Larry St. Clair; **Mary Lemman** - Audrey and Murry Pavlicek; **Virginia Ike** - Pat and Harold Berry; **Everett Fisher** - Dolores Gaines.

Herndon News

By Carrol Ginther

Word was received of the death of Denis Kleidosty, 69, on Dec. 12, 2005, at his home in Palmdale, Calif. He was born in Herndon and was the eldest son of Frank and Alice Kleidosty.

Survivors include his wife, Virginia; a daughter, Denise; a son, Danny; four grandchildren; his mother, Alice Kleidosty; three brothers, Bob and Jeanene (Brunk) Kleidosty; Myron and Diane Kleidosty; and Jerry and Linda Kleidosty; and a sister, Rosemary and Bill Doer. He was preceded in death by his father and a brother, Loren Kleidosty.

Funeral services were held on Friday for LeRoy Barenberg, 84, a native of Herndon, who died Dec. 31 in Lakewood, Colo. He was the son of the late Paul and Gertrude Barenberg.

Phillip and Keli Kleidosty spent the holidays with Mildred Kleidosty, not Mildred Grafel as reported last week. They were all Christmas dinner guests of Doyle and Kay Brown at Jennings.

Recent visitors of Helen Marintzer were Les and Myrna Pettera, Loveland, Colo.; Vivian Horinek, Wheat Ridge, Colo.; Ardis Jefferies, Overland Park; Chris Wood, Herndon; Don Pettera, Mesa, Ariz.; Dave Escher, Reno, Nev.; Deb Escher, McCook; and Pat Scheve, Hays.

Ann Martin hosted a Christmas dinner on New Year's Day at the Herndon Senior Center. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Bob Martin, Anikka and Nik, Mr. and Mrs. John Geisinger, Selden; Mr. and Mrs. Dick Martin, Wilsonville, Neb.; Mr. and Mrs. Ron Lehman, Tribune; Mr. and Mrs. Butch Evans, McCook; Mr. and Mrs. Hank Martin and sons, Herndon; Mr. and Mrs. Mike Weims and family, Colby; Mr. and Mrs. David Lehman and family, Tribune; Mr. and Mrs. Jason Geisinger and family, Selden;

Mr. and Mrs. Kirche Martin and daughter, Indianola, Neb.; Mr. and Mrs. Grant Jones, Wichita; Mr. and Mrs. Todd Campbell, Omaha; Suzie Martin, Colorado Springs, Colo.; and John Geisinger and friend, Selden. Other visitors earlier in the week were Mr. and Mrs. Pal Haller, Hemingford, Neb.

Don Pettera of Mesa, Ariz., left Monday after spending the holidays with his mother, Edie Pettera. Les and Myrna Pettera also spent a few days with her. Thursday visitors of Mrs. Pettera and her guests were John Pettera Jr., and Patsy of Ludell.

New Year's Day dinner guests of Monica Solko were Judy Solko, Larned; Ron, Diana, Rodney and Kimberly Solko, Oberlin; Mildred Kleidosty, and Tom and Tim Solko.

Judy Solko was a New Year's weekend guest of her mother.

John Kleidosty, North Platte, Neb., visited last week with his mother, Mildred Kleidosty.

The Clarence Hartner sisters, Vivian, Myrna and Ardis, met another sister, Chris, in Herndon for the holidays. They all visited Pooch Portschy, Betty Harden, Helen Marintzer, Esther Pennington, Joan Noble and several cousins.

Helen Marintzer was a Christmas dinner guest of Kent and Chris Wood. She was honored with a birthday party on Monday. Others present were Joan Noble of Hot Springs, Ark., Esther Pennington, Vonie Sattler, Ann Solko, Beth Hraha and Mrs. Wood.

On Tuesday Esther Pennington, Joan Noble, Vonie Sattler, Chris Wood, Ann Solko, Ardis Jefferies of Overland Park, Vivian Horinek of Wheat Ridge, Colo., and Myrna Pettera, Loveland, Colo., helped Beth Hraha celebrate her birthday.

Christmas weekend guests and visitors of Jan Sattler were Dan and Karen Sattler, Margo, Winston and Bennett, Rob Sattler, Cod and Isaiah, Brian and Mary Clark,

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