

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — Dec. 1881

An apology: During our absence at Kirwin attending the session of the Grand Lodge of I.O.O.F., D.P. Havens, the man whom we had employed to publish that issue of the *Herald*, filled the inside of his rotten carcass with whiskey and wrapping the outside with a "borrowed" overcoat, "he stepped down and lit out" leaving the paper unpublished and us 90 miles away; hence this delay. We endeavored to give him a blessing when we returned, but couldn't give the subject justice.

In assuming control of the *Herald*, we have no friends to favor and no enemies to abuse; but intend to devote the columns of the *Herald* to the building up of Oberlin and the Northwest. While we do not expect the *Herald* will always be right, we hope it will not always be wrong. — W. D. Street.

H.O. Douglas of the Oberlin livery and feed stable was the second subscriber to the new *Herald*, H.M. Campbell, of the O.K. livery, was the first.

The Central Branch will reach Lenora about Dec. 20th.

W.S. Langmade, brother-in-law of G. Webb Bertram, left for his home in Yorkshire, N.Y., by way of Beloit on Tuesday. Will has often helped the *Herald* out when help was needed.

100 YEARS AGO — Dec. 1906

The Benton family is moving this week to the house vacated by Clyde Griffin. Reports say they will occupy this until a more commodious residence can be erected.

Mr. and Mrs. L.D. Scovall of Olive Township entertained the families of F.F. Bliss and J.W. Burchet to a possum dinner on Thanksgiving Day.

Sherman Items: Emery VanVleet met with quite an accident Saturday morning, falling from the top of his new barn, while carrying a bunch of shingles.

Norcatur Items: Married, Nov. 28, Mr. Ben New and Miss Lillie Gill. Also on the same day, Mr. Samuel Eckhart and Miss Lucy Stevens.

75 YEARS AGO — Dec. 1931

Laying of the cornerstone of the McKague Memorial Masonic Temple will take place according to Masonic ritualistic requirements at two o'clock this afternoon. A feature of the ceremony will be the reading of the list of articles which are to be included in the metal box

to be deposited below the corner stone.

Court House News: Bad roads and stormy weather have held no terror for Dan Cupid. The probate judge reports several weddings this week. On the 28th, John Kump, 61, Jennings and Claudine Weitzel, 56, of Oberlin; Merle Bishop, 21, and Lorna Stimbert, 21, both of Oberlin. The former were married by Rev. Bartholomew, the latter by Judge Kulp.

The total snowfall for the month of November, 13.3 inches, is a record.

The nine-year winning streak the DCHS football team held over Norton High was decisively broken when the two teams met here on Thanksgiving Day. The opponents heavy line was too much for the Red Devils and they were defeated 13-0 which gave Norton the league championship. Some 1200-1400 spectators slopped around on the muddy sidelines to cheer on the courageous players, as they battled grimly on the partly snow-covered and muddy field.

Grade School News: Sleds, sleds everywhere around the school building since the snows last week and the street east of the school is exceptionally good for sledding and has been roped off to avoid danger of automobiles colliding with sleds.

John E. Rule of Clayton and W.P. Noone of Jennings were Oberlin callers Saturday. From other sources we learn that the Noone Hardware Store at Jennings was recently robbed but Billy didn't mention the fact. Mr. Rule tells us that a Mr. John Campbell who lives east of Lenora paid a visit to Oberlin two weeks ago, the first time he had been in this vicinity since the early 70s when he hunted buffalo over this part of Decatur County before Oberlin was even thought of.

A fine baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Diehl Nov. 29. Born Nov. 27, 1931, to Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Lytle, a baby boy, at the Oberlin hospital. They have named him Robert Frank for his grandfathers.

50 YEARS AGO — Dec. 1956

In concluding his stay in Nepal as an IFYE student, Don Gaumer writes from the southern border of Nepal in the fertile valley known as the Terai, "Just as America must be seen to be believed, so must Nepal. Here is found a mode of life that has not changed for the past 1,000 years except for the addition of the village pump and a few radio sets. They still

build their adobe homes, cook the same basic diet of rice over the same type of stove. But here you will find hospitality and friendliness unmatched. They have certainly gone all out to make the stay of two IFYE's a wonderful experience in their lives."

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Don Ater, Greeley, Colo., a daughter, Leslie Ann, Dec. 2; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Roberts, son, David Lee, Nov. 26; Mr. and Mrs. Dean Godfrey, Selden, daughter, Lola Marie, Nov. 28.

A wildcat operation just four miles from the heart of the Warner pool in Harlan Township was started last week on the V.C. Cathcart land. If a well is brought in on Cathcart, it will be the 15th well in the township since the first was hit on the Louise Warner land last spring.

An article in the Dec. 1 issue of the Topeka State Journal announces the upcoming wedding of local druggist Tudor Stevenson to Miss Jeanette Price, a fifth grade teacher in Topeka the past 35 years. The wedding will be Dec. 18 at the Presbyterian Manse in Oberlin.

Capt. and Mrs. Dennis Sloan, Steve, John and Susan, arrived here Friday after three years spent in Germany. They are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Shields and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Sloan of Selden. Capt. Sloan will report to Colorado Springs following his leave.

Carl Driskell, 72, who came to Oberlin to barber in 1906, joins real estate broker and abstractor G.H. Lippelmann, hardware-man Roy Hayes, retailer D.G. Campbell, lumberman Jay Paddock and druggist D.G. Addleman in a group that has served businesses for 50 years

or more.

25 YEARS AGO — Dec. 1981

DCHS Stuco members aided Oberlin PRIDE in setting up a nativity scene on the lawn of Oberlin Library. The nativity figures, which graced the lawn of the courthouse for many years, were repaired by Kermit Nelson and refurbished by Sappa Valley Arts Club. Assisting were Kris Ploussard, Paul Shields, Kevin Wurm, Cliff Hartzog and Allen Dinkel and Wilma Hamilton. The nativity scene was spotlighted for night viewing by Floyd Lotker.

Monday's blizzard conditions dealt a low blow to the Oberlin merchants' planned Christmas opening but shoppers turned out in satisfying numbers after the Thanksgiving holiday.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Solko, son, Joseph Allen, Nov. 24; Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Long, son, Matthew Wayne, Dec. 1, 1981.

Norcatur: Funeral services were held for former Norcatur mortician, Harry Anderson, 87, who died at Royal Oaks Retirement Center, Duarte, Calif. The son of Thomas and Katherine (Miller) Anderson, he grew up on a farm southeast of Oberlin graduating from DCHS with the Class of 1914 and from Washburn College. He was married to Nellie Reid and she preceded him in death.

Band members from DCHS who will travel to Hays Saturday for KMEA Music Day are Colleen Unger, Barry Solko, Mary Erickson, Jay Smith, Brad Erickson, Pat Luedders, Renell Erickson, Sarah Gillette, Margaret Kelley and Pippa Stanley. In addition, 20 DCHS vocal students will participate and join in a concert for the public that afternoon.

Herndon News

By Carrol Ginther

Herndon PRIDE sponsored its annual Main Street Christmas on Sunday at St. Mary's Hall with a chili dinner, visits by Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus, music by Singin' and Stringin' Band, and door prizes.

Relatives who gathered for Thanksgiving dinner at Prairie Developmental Services building in Atwood were Dan, Karen, Bennett, Winston and Margo Sattler, Scott City; Dave, Jackie, Caitie, Allie, Caleb, Eli, Seth and Emilie Foxhoven, Parker, Colo.; Rob, Isaiah, Cody and Kimberly Sattler,

Oakley; Julie and Bob Hafner, Herndon; and Brian, Mary, Kate and Collin Clark, Janice and Jayme Sattler, Hattie Toth and Shirley Williams, Atwood.

Hattie Toth is the great-great-great-aunt of all the children. The Foxhoven children also visited their great-great-aunt, Edie Pettera, on Saturday at Cedar Living Center in Oberlin, and their great-great-aunt, Esther Pennington, of Herndon.

New hours at the Herndon Library are from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Saturdays.

Rexford News

By Vicki Allison

Chad and Desiree Wark are the proud parents of a new daughter, Hayden Lynn Wark. Hayden was born Nov. 26 and weighed 8 pounds, 11 ounces. Her two-year-old sister, Morgan, welcomed her home along with grandparents Dennis and Vicki Allison. Paternal grandparents are Don Lode and Samantha Lode of Colby. Hulda Wark, Hoxie, and MaDonna Anderson, Gem, are the great-grandmothers.

A thank you goes out to the city for the new sidewalk poured along Maple Street between Kansas Street and School Street.

The Rexford Lions Club says thank you to all for coming to the Soup Dinner on Saturday and for all the children attending the Christmas Party that afternoon.

Lawrence Juemann is a patient at Citizens Medical Center and the community hopes he will be returning home soon to catch up on some card games.

Vicki Allison and her daughter, Jami Wark, and granddaughter,

Morgan Wark, spent the weekend in Victoria with another daughter, Rebecca Rains and family, to celebrate the first birthday of her grandson, Jaren, which will be Dec. 6. While there they visited Santa Claus, who was too scary (according to Morgan) to visit with, but she politely thanked him for the candy.

Guests of Dick and Eunice Sanford for Thanksgiving were their son and family, Ken, Julie and Sara, and Julie's parents, Paul and Jean Wagner, all of Colby.

Cleda Moeder and Buck Harper drove to Liberty, Mo., on Nov. 23 to celebrate Thanksgiving and enjoy a Minnick family reunion at the home of Jay and Jane Minnick on Friday, Nov. 24. There were 35 family members present. Jay is the son of Jack and Mary Minnick of Wichita and Jack is Cleda's brother. They returned on Nov. 26.

At the Red Barn: Those attending Barnswallows on Monday to play pinochle were Lawrence Horinek, Dick Sanford, Rex Carswell, Darlene Robben, Jean Hawkins,

Chuck Williams and Grace Cheney.

There will be bingo at 7 p.m. on Saturday. The Rexford Cookbooks are still available for \$14.95.

The Golden Plains Booster Club is selling long-sleeved t-shirts with

the Bulldog logo printed down the sleeve for \$15. If you would like to purchase one for a Christmas gift, call (785) 386-4560 or 687-3265.

Until next time, make your week a memorable one!

Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Don and Ann Mines left Nov. 24 for Tucson, Ariz., where they celebrated Thanksgiving with their daughter, Lynette and Pat Salvo. After spending a few days visiting, they returned home on Wednesday.

Cameron Nedland, Rory Wendelin, and Jessica Bremer were among members of the Decatur Community High School scholar bowl team that competed in Atwood on Thursday. Dan Nedland and Dianne Bremer accompanied Joanne Wendelin to Atwood with the competition.

Tim and Darlene Lindskog and

Jennifer, Holcomb, were Friday overnight guests of the Jay Tate family. Ron Sater and Reed, and Bill Sater, Holcomb, joined them on Saturday for a day of deer hunting before they all returned home that evening.

Jaron Tate was one of the top five finalists on last week's "Biggest Loser" TV program. Stay tuned Wednesday night to see his progress. Jaron represents the state of Arkansas, and is the son of John and Edith Tate and the grandson of Lois Carlson and the late Elder Carlson.

Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

Keith and Helen Muirhead went to Chicago on the Amtrak to visit their daughter, Teffani and Joe Zadeh, and grandchildren, Natalia and Dylan. While there they flew to Grapevine, Texas, to celebrate Thanksgiving with daughter, Michelle and Tom Zodrow, and grandson, Austin. They then flew back to Chicago on Nov. 25. They celebrated Natalia's fourth birthday and Keith's 80th birthday, both on Nov. 27. They returned home via Amtrak on Nov. 28.

Guests at the home of Carol Shaw of Selden on Monday evening to honor her on her 88th birthday were

all of her children: Stan and Ramona Shaw, Jennings; Doug and Sandra Wedemeyer, WaKeeney; Scott and Janet Shaw, Hoxie; and Ron Shaw, Steve and Joni Shaw, and Rick and Tammy Shaw and Corey, Selden.

Kyle Austin, Pratt; Tony Anderson, Sutton, Neb.; and Mark Shaw and Ethan, rural Logan, spent Tuesday night through Friday at the home of Stan and Ramona Shaw and all had a successful deer hunt.

The Community Hall was all decked out for Santa's visit Saturday. The Lions Club served soup and pie from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Santa

arrived at 1:15 and was greeted by several children and a crowd of adults. A drawing of donated gifts completed the afternoon. We thank all who donated the gifts.

After church in Jennings Sunday, a potluck dinner was enjoyed. When the dishes had all been washed and put away, the decorating started. Looks very pretty.

Commodities will be given from 9 to 10 a.m. on Friday in the front part of the Community Hall. If you qualify please come pick them up.

Christmas Lighting contest judging in Jennings will be some time between Dec. 11 and 15. There are

some nicely decorated homes.

Reminders: The Seniors Christmas supper will be held at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 12, at the Sunflower Senior Center. Turkey and ham will be served. If you would like to attend, please bring a salad or dessert. Also, we are collecting food and paper items for the food pantry in Oberlin. Please bring your donations to the supper.

Norton Correctional men will be working in Jennings Wednesday and Thursday, weather permitting.

Jennings City Council will be meeting Thursday in the Senior Center.

Cedar Living News

Guests are welcome to join us Thursday evening at 7 for a dance in the Cedar Living Center dining room. Vic Mowry and his band will be providing the music.

The halls are looking festive as most of the Christmas decorations are in place. We will decorate our trees this week. We have a beautiful holiday quilt hanging on the west wall of the 500 hallway which was handmade by resident Mildred Tacha. This is on loan from her daughter, Kay Brown.

Residents who joined in a game of penny cards Monday afternoon included Naomi Carter, Elsie Goodnight, Betty Harden, Edie Pettera, Paul Sass, Don Shaw, Mildred Tacha, Frank Ward, and Bea Wolfgram.

Myrna Jones and Mary Ann Amack hosted the sing-along time on Monday afternoon.

Fern Moore entertained residents with a reading program on Tuesday morning.

Mildred Cochran won the first bingo Tuesday afternoon and John Schuhart won the blackout game.

Juanita Williby hosted the pinochle game on Wednesday afternoon.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson Wednesday.

Father Henry brought Catholic mass on the patio Thursday morning.

Barb Solko played Scrabble Thursday afternoon with Velda Ward and Wynemah Cox.

The bowlers met for a game Thursday afternoon followed by snacks and soft drinks.

The baking group made mince-meat cookies Friday afternoon. These are a special favorite with the residents during the holiday season.

Our first official holiday party of the season was held Saturday afternoon.

Dr. Elizabeth Sliter hosted her

annual Christmas cookie decorating party for children and residents. Dr. Sliter made more than 20 dozen cookies for the event. She also brought a big variety of sprinkles, candies, and raisins for the cookie designs. Everyone ate their fill of cookies and the children took their creations home with them. Sandy Diederich and her daughters and granddaughter assisted with the party.

Rev. Judi Stricker of Oberlin United Church led the worship service Sunday afternoon.

A birthday party was held Sunday afternoon to honor Tressie Samson, whose birthday is on Dec. 5. Family members served cake and ice cream to their guests, residents and staff members.

Plans are being made for several special programs during the month of December. Visitors are always welcome to attend. For more information on upcoming events, contact Teresa Shaughnessy at (785) 475-2208. Our family Christmas party will be held at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 17.

Recent visitors: Gary Anthony, Jerry and Ron Temple, Norcatur; Gary Matheny, Marlene Wolfgram, Agnes Sulzman Roberts, Peg Smith, Christopher and Caitlyn Smith, McCook; Richard Samson, Ludell; James and Shirley Cogburn, Hobbs, N.M.; Mary Lou Sulzman Schroer Laird, Denver; Virginia Sulzman, Centennial, Colo.; Sara Bishop and Jamie Samson, Lindsborg; Frank Cox, Julie Hafner, Herndon; Lloyd Harden, Goodland; Lillian Sulzman, Dresden; Carol Shaw, Rick and Tammy Shaw, Selden;

Orlin Beneda, Elvin Beneda, Opal Huntley, Alice Shirley, Ila Ray, Lyle Gamblin, Roxie Pomeroy, Sandra Young, Melanie Anderson, Oberlin.

Good Samaritan News

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! The decorating has begun. You'll want to drop by and see not only the various decorated areas of the center, but the residents' rooms are twinkling with lights, and festive decorations abound.

On Monday, ladies from the Cosmopolitan Club came to celebrate the birthdays of Alvina Unger, Leo Mooty and Muriel Ready. Edla Olson played background piano music for the party. Homemade cookies and ice cream were served to both staff and residents.

On Tuesday Sharleen Wurm from the Last Indian Raid Museum presented another program for our Living History hour. She brought a video with pictures of Oberlin in the early 1900s. Town Square was packed with residents eager to see and learn about the town in its earliest days. This is a most popular activity. Our thanks to Sharleen and Anita for making it such a success.

On Friday after supper, to kick off the Christmas season, everyone gathered around the pond in Town Square for an official Tree Lighting ceremony. Tina Perrin began by

singing, "Joy to The World." The room lights were turned off, signifying a lost and dying world. Then the tree lights were turned on, symbolizing Jesus' birth as the Light of the World. Everyone sang "Silent Night" together. Lisa Stacy concluded the ceremony with prayer. Remember, "Jesus is the reason for the season."

The following residents enjoyed visits from friends and family this week: **Hazel Flaska** - Gerald and Charlene Karnes, Salina; **Eva Bryan** - Donna Kelley, Detta and Elden Anderson; **Wilma Bobinmeyer** - Carol Kompus, Herndon; **Mae Guy and Ruby Wennihan** - Norma Richards; **Dorothy Hunt** - Ron Snyder of Colby, Mildred Black, Reva Marshall, Sarah Fringer; **Thelma Spiers** - Don and Joan Grafel, Herndon; **Fern Anderson** - Greg Shaw; **Ethel Nemeth** - Helen Brooks; **Jeanette Conway** - Daisy Rhein; **Elaine Thomas** - Beverly and Harry Eiler of McCook, Barbara Castor; **Elsie Macy** - Marian Fraker.



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