

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — Dec. 1881
Snow Friday and Saturday; pleasant again Sunday.

L.C. Morrison and Son have purchased D.C. Moser's stock of groceries and added to it their mammoth stock.

Married: On Wednesday evening, Dec. 14, Mr. Frank H. Smith and Miss Isabel Bariteau. This was one of the most enjoyable social events that ever occurred in Oberlin.

J.A. Rodehaver has erected a building just east of the Oberlin House to be used as a sample room. Stever, Kellogg and Ed. Snider did the work.

New officers of Oberlin Lodge No.158, I.O.O.F. are: A.W. Allen, NG; Geo. M. Miller, VG; W.A. Hollowell, sec'y; Frank H. Smith, treas; Frank Douglas, permanent secretary.

New officers of the Presbyterian Ladies Aid are Mrs. J. Wilson, pres; Mrs. R. G. Doom, vice pres; Mrs. N.G. Stever, sec'y.

100 YEARS AGO — Dec. 1906

The senior Mr. Traxler has built a new residence near the Peck residence south of the mill.

Dr. and Mrs. Morrison are the proud parents of a son.

Born, Friday 16th inst., to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Baumgarten, a son weighing 11 pounds.

Mr. John Hayward, one of our county commissioners, with his son Master Frank, called at the HERALD office Saturday. Frank wanted to see where the official paper of Decatur County was printed. He was also looking around to see what trade or profession he would adopt when he became older.

75 YEARS AGO — Dec. 1931

In spite of the almost impassable

condition of many of the roads in the county for the past several weeks, the weekly sales conducted by Oberlin Livestock Exchange are proving successful and of mutual advantage to both buyer and seller.

Mrs. Eliza Woolley was born at Gospel Oak, England, on Jan. 15, 1847, and died at Oberlin on Dec. 11, 1931, at the age of 84. She came to Ohio with her parents and here she met and married Harry E. Woolley in 1874. They moved to Sheridan County in 1880, where they homesteaded 9 miles north of Hoxie, moving to Decatur County in 1899. Surviving children are J.A. Woolley, Fort Morgan, Colo.; J.C. Woolley, Wichita; Mrs. Nellie Armstrong, Mrs. Lizzie Armstrong, Mrs. Anna Brown, E.W. Woolley, Mrs. Jessie Barnes, Mrs. Mae Montgomery and Miss Sarah Woolley, all of Oberlin.

Due to the roads, J.B. Hackney was unable to attend the laying of the cornerstone of the new Masonic Temple although he is the oldest member of the lodge in age as well as in years of actual membership.

The employees of the local branch of the United Telephone Company met Monday evening to tag the new telephone directories. After the job was finished, the jolly evening was concluded with the serving of refreshments to Geneva Urban, Betty Williams, Lucille Anderson, Helen Wickham, Agnes Urban, Violet Costello, Frances Eiler, Harold Ward, Clifford McPhail, Alvin Souders, Eugene Davis, Watson Balderson, Harry Dobbs, Berenice Smith, Jack Meriweather and Lee Traver.

Mrs. A.C.T. Geiger received word of the death of her aunt, Mrs. Columbus Borin, at Yates Center. News of her passing will be received with sadness by many of the

older residents of the city as Mr. and Mrs. Borin came to Oberlin in 1884 and identified themselves with the social and public activities of the city.

50 YEARS AGO — Dec. 1956

Total moisture for the year 1956 in Oberlin is 11.14 inches, likely to be the fourth-lowest total since records were kept. Decatur County has a three-year deficiency of nearly two feet of moisture.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Simonson, nee Jalva Vale, who were married in Chicago Dec. 14, will hold an open house reception for relatives and friends at the Selden grade school on Sunday, Dec. 23, from 2 to 5.

Dance to the Mel-Glenn Rhythmettes (formerly Mike and Jerry Orchestra) at Bohemian Hall near Jennings, Christmas night, Dec. 25.

Mr. and Mrs. Arlie Rydquist were married at the Covenant Church in Denver Sept. 23 and are making their home in Denver. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Berry of Wauneta, Neb., and he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Evald Rydquist of Oberlin.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. L.J. Skubal, Arbuckle, Calif., son, Gary Alan, Dec. 7; Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Lippelmann, son, Jon Eric, Dec. 12; Mr. and Mrs. Donald Spesser, Jennings, son, Carl Joseph, Dec. 12.

Melvin Simpson's Red Devil wrestlers won their opening match 35-9 over non-league Russell.

The Oberlin Red Devils couldn't hit anything from the field but they cashed in on the bonus free-throw rule for all it was worth to win their NWKL opener at St. Francis 56-38.

The spectacular lighting on the Dresden schoolhouse has provided one of the finest attractions of the Christmas season.

25 YEARS AGO — Dec. 1981

Gordon and Ethel Railsback have returned from Hawaii, where they attended a reunion of veterans of World War II who were stationed at Pearl Harbor on the island of Oahu on Dec. 7, 1941, when it was attacked by the Japanese.

Soon to disappear from area stores and businesses is the counter check, a long-time traditional method of serving the northwest Kansas customer. Both Oberlin banks have announced that counter checks will no longer be supplied as of Feb. 1, 1982.

School News: A holiday dance for junior and senior high school students will be held Dec. 23 from 9-12 at the I.O.O.F. basement sponsored by the Oberlin PRIDE committee and the DCHS Stuco. Music will be furnished by Rick King, disc jockey.

Houseguests of Mr. and Mrs. Elden Anderson and Gary in Sappa Township over Christmas will be Stig Olsen, 18, and Lizbeth Rasmussen, 20, both of Denmark. They met when Gary, the youngest son of the Andersons, went to Denmark through the 4-H IFYE program.

New Arrivals: Arnie and Judy Long, son, Matthew Wayne, Dec. 1; Mr. and Mrs. Larry Stoney, Herndon, son, Keith Allen, Dec. 5; Dr. and Mrs. Rick Kiser, Greeley, Colo., son, Travis Benton, Dec. 9.

Karen Koerperich and Jeffrey Ostmeyer exchanged marriage vows Nov. 7, 1981, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Oberlin.

Patricia Berkheimer Dixon presented her senior piano recital the evening of Dec. 12 at Duerksen Fine Arts Center on the campus of Wichita State University.

The Red Devil matmen got a big NWKL win by downing Goodland 29-19.

Cedar Living News

Sympathy is extended to the family of Matilda Diederich who passed away on Tuesday at Cedar Living Center. We also mourn the passing of Mathilda Bollig on Thursday.

This past week was supposed to be packed with holiday entertainment along with our usual games and activities, but instead, it will go down in the record books as the quietest week we ever had in December. The good news is that everyone is on the mend from the flu bug and looking forward to getting out for some holiday happenings this week.

After much consideration, we did cancel our Family Christmas Party, which was to be held on Sunday afternoon. We hope family members and friends will visit their loved ones at Cedar Living Center during the holiday season in lieu of attending the party. We will plan another big party later this winter.

We were able to enjoy two lovely programs on Friday. Craig Larson played holiday music on the violin

during dinner. Cheryl Metcalf brought a group of her piano students to give a recital before supper. Each student played one Christmas song. The residents and staff really enjoyed both programs.

We received a wonderful donation of Christmas dolls this past week from Julie Pope of Selden. They have been set up around our two big Christmas trees.

We really missed having our volunteers in to visit this past week. We have a number of helpers we see nearly every week, and several have been volunteering for many years. These extra-special people include: Myrna Jones, Mary Ann Amack, Dennis Brown, Fern Moore, Alice Shirley, Ila Ray, Ann Martin, Opal Huntley, Jerry Temple, Juanita Williby, Stuart Euhus, Barb Solko, and Eula Juenemann.

On behalf of all the residents and staff of Cedar Living Center, we wish you a healthy and joyous Christmas and much happiness in the New Year.

Rexford News

By Vicki Allison

The City of Rexford Council met at Montana Mike's in Colby Wednesday evening for Christmas dinner with a short meeting following.

The Rexford Royal Neighbors traveled to the Colonial Steak House in Oakley for their Christmas Party on Thursday.

Cleda Moeder and Buck Harper had a wonderful Christmas dinner with Hazel Richardson at Logan Manor in Logan on Thursday.

DeAnn Dible is recovering from shoulder surgery which she had in Denver Friday morning.

Lawrence Juenemann is at St. Joseph Hospital in Denver.

The December Pinochle Tournament was Saturday evening with 14 participants.

First-place winners were Dick and Kenny Sanford; Darlene Robben and Bill Dible placed second; and Chuck and Pat Williams, third.

Kid's Club Christmas program will be at 6:30 p.m. tonight (Wednesday) at the Rexford Community Church.

At the Red Barn: Those attending Barnswallows on Monday to play pinochle were Deb Stepper, Rex Carswell, Betty Carswell, Mary Stillwell, Dick Sanford, Chuck Williams, Darlene Robben, Grace Cheney and Jean Hawkins.

Koffee Klatchers were Eunice Sanford, Grace Cheney, Bernada Zoberst, Pat Williams, Jean Hawkins and Vesta Roth.

The Rexford Cookbooks are 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.

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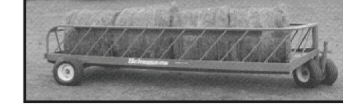
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