

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1882
 Married, Jan. 10, Wesley Emahizer and Miss Lillian Haskins. Commissioner Proceedings: Town 2, range 28, organized as municipal township to be known as Olive Township. Worley school-house appointed as voting place. Township 3, range 26, and township 3, range 27, organized as voting district to be known as Jennings Township, with voting place at the house of N. Etter. Townships 1 and 2, range 26, organized as Grant Township, with voting place as S. D. Nov. 21. Dr. Bariteau and Frank Douglass, at the Pioneer Drug Store, are vaccinating daily. Don't neglect this necessary precaution. Smallpox is prevalent throughout the country.

100 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1907
 The comic opera "Mikado" drew a big crowd opening night of the new opera house considering the bad weather and the cost of seats — \$5 each. The B.&M. surveyors are running a line from St. Francis to Pueblo, Colo. This winter ought to go on record as having more cloudy days than any winter for the past 20 years. Treasurer Smith tells us that about 75 per cent of the taxes have already been paid.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Bolin celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on New Year's Day. Their eight children, one son-in-law, three daughters-in-law and 11 grandchildren were present. About 15 nice-looking girls called at our office on Saturday and wanted to see our devil, and we were proud to show him to them. Bard McMullen is the best looking devil in Northwest Kansas.

75 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1932
 Herman May, who was injured in a car wreck west of Oberlin on Highway 36 just west of the Pollnow schoolhouse, is recovering at the hospital following an operation. Clem Wahrman of Herndon, who was driving the Chevrolet coach which crashed into the Willys-Knight sedan driven by Mr. May, is recovering rapidly. Cecil Calvert of Hays, I.O.O.F. Grand Master of Kansas, visited Oberlin lodge No. 158 for the annual installation of officers. It was thought to be the first time a Grand Master had visited the Oberlin lodge.

A new real estate firm for Oberlin was formed last week when Francis Anderson, J.R. Love and Guy C.

Allen decided to combine their personal abilities in a firm to be known as The Oberlin Real Estate Company. They have established their offices in the Francis Anderson building at 209 S. Penn.

Hospital News: John, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Neil Rogers, had his tonsils removed last week.

School News: Coach Sandy's Decatur basketball team annexed two more victories last week over Atwood and Hoxie. Wrestling fans have a treat in store when the McCook high school team meets the aggressive wrestlers of Coach Kirkendall on the mat at the city school auditorium Friday. The match will start promptly at 7:30 thus permitting any who desire to attend the second show at the Opera House.

Sappa: Mr. and Mrs. B.F. Arehart report the arrival of a new granddaughter at their son, Fred's, born Saturday, Jan. 9.

R.L. Skubal asks us to announce a masquerade dance at the Old Bohemian Hall on Saturday evening, Jan. 16.

Kanona: Born to Mr. and Mrs. Luther Capps on Jan. 8, a boy, Vydal Duane.

50 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1957
 State Representative E.R. Woodward will leave this weekend for Topeka to take part in the Kansas legislative session which begins next week. He will be serving his first term as state representative from Decatur County and said he will welcome messages and visits from area constituents for discussion on the various issues. A publisher in Oberlin since 1928, Woodward defeated P.A. Nitsch in the Republican primary in August and Howard Petracek in the general election in his first venture into politics.

Jennings: Mr. and Mrs. Hugo VonSchuetz will observe their 40th wedding anniversary on Sunday, Jan. 6, with an open house at their home.

The Conoco service station on U.S. 36 highway is now operating under new management with Leslie Brown being the new lessee, replacing Mr. and Mrs. Charles MacAlexander who have moved to Colorado Springs, where he has employment as an accountant. Brown will be assisted by Jens Nielsen each evening and on non-school days. The station was built and is owned by Continental Oil Co.

Funeral services were held at Oberlin Sacred Heart Church for Mrs. Ron (nee Dorothy O'Toole)

McKillip of McCook who was a 1951 graduate of DCHS. She is survived by her husband; three children, Danny, Cynthia and Sandra; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.E. O'Toole of Cedar Bluffs; four brothers, Jack, Jim, Larry and Francis; and two sisters, Mary of Chicago and Mrs. Martha Munson.

Courthouse News: Bobby Hopper, Hays, and Lois J. Kaspar, Jennings, were issued a marriage license Dec. 26 and married Dec. 27 by Rev. Victor Peterson at the Jennings Methodist Church; Robert Skubal and Wilma Vaughn, both of Dresden, were issued a license Dec. 22 and married at the Oberlin Assembly of God Church by Rev. John Parrack.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Euhus announce the engagement of their daughter, Vernadean, to Stanley Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dem Moore of Cedar Bluffs. She is a sophomore at Kansas State College and he is a senior at Fort Hays State College.

The Oberlin Red Devils, who were supposed to play dead for half a season, won their 4th and 5th successive games and the Smith Center Invitational Tournament by whipping Smith Center 72-45 and Osborne 50-47 with a four-pronged scoring attack by Dallas Musgrave, Gene VanVleet, Eldon Johnson and Jerry Baker.

25 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1982
 How cold was it? On Jan. 10, high

18, low -13; on Jan. 11, high 25, low, -10. Decatur County shared frigid temperatures with much of the nation the past week on the "Coldest Day of the Century" Jan. 11, 1982.

Three-year-old "Fritz," belonging to the Dave Nichols family in Oberlin, is getting extra-special treatment this week, for it was the German schnauzer's persistence that alerted Dave and Shirley Nichols and their household of three teen-age youngsters to the presence of carbon monoxide gas early Monday morning in their home at 304 N. Antelope.

Paul Lueschin, Norton, will handle the duties of Oberlin city judge. Lueschin has served as Norton city judge the past eight years.

Mr. and Mrs. Neal Elwood announce the engagement of their daughter, Jody Lee Elwood, to Kenneth Eugene Black, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Black, all of Oberlin. The bride-to-be is presently employed at Farmers National Bank. Her fiancé is employed with TDC Electric. After a Feb. 21 wedding at Oberlin United Methodist Church, they will be making their home in Oberlin.

Stockton was the winner of the Oberlin Invitational wrestling tournament with DCHS second and Great Bend third. Taking first places in the six-team tournament were Todd Vaughn at 155 and Dan Schultz at heavyweight.

Chamber News

By Glenva Nichols

The year 2006 has come to a close. The moisture was a blessing, but we won't mention all the problems it caused. I am hoping all of Decatur County has electricity now and they are able to have heat and water.

The country roads are a thing of the past. The streets are bumpy and slushy. Come summer we will be wishing for some moisture so I guess we hadn't better complain.

Ward Drug will host Coffee Hour on Jan. 19, from 9 to 11 a.m. Be sure to stop in and see their newly remodeled store. It looks nice — Kurt, Becky and the girls are proud to show it off.

The annual Chamber Banquet and meeting will be held on Thursday, Jan. 25. We will be honoring five citizens of Decatur County that evening. The guest speaker, Doug Watson, will be portraying Will

Rogers. This will take place at The Gateway at 6:30 p.m. The cost of the surf and turf meal is \$17. Call the Chamber office or stop by to make reservations before Jan. 23.

We also need to vote on three board members at the banquet. If you would like to be on the board or know of someone who would, let me know at the Chamber office.

The committee is busy planning the Farmer/Rancher Appreciation night, to be held March 10.

Last year 300 attended the event, and many won some great prizes. Look for more on this as the time approaches.

The fourth annual KFNF 101.1 and Chamber Home and Garden Show will be Saturday and Sunday, March 17 and 18. Make plans to attend; admission is free and The Gateway will be doing concessions. Stop by, the pot is on.

Rexford News

By Vicki Allison

The City of Rexford residents ended the year 2006 and entered the New Year without electricity for three days. We are grateful and appreciate Midwest employees for the excellent job in taking care of their customers despite dreadful weather conditions.

A sincere thank you to Donald Rall, Ken and Scott Johnston, Vernon Vance, Bill Scott, and others I am not aware of, for opening the streets.

While the electricity was off during the winter snowstorm, several interesting events took place: Carl and Betty Barnett had a goat deliver triplets and the kids are doing fine. Chad and Desiree Wark figured that their fish in their house aquarium were dead when seen floating on the top of the water due to lack of oxygen and no heater, but their 2-year-old daughter, Morgan, was pleasantly surprised the morning after the electricity was turned on to see the fish swimming in their preferred environment.

And then there were two of our residents who made the front page of the Colby Free Press, Vesta Roth and Jean Hawkins. We are thankful the two were taken care of, by Rodney Brantley of Selden, but they sure gave some of us a scare not knowing where they were.

After homes were heated and families warmed up, they were able to venture outside and enjoy the snow: scooping, sledding, making snow angels and snow mounds, digging tunnels and jumping into drifts.

Gary and Karen Hibbs were able to go to Denver and be there for the birth of their newest granddaughter, Presley Hope Koberg, born Jan. 2. The proud parents are Kelly and Kerry Koberg of Denver.

Saturday, Dennis and Vicki Allison and daughters, Kristin and Jami Wark, attended the open house for Bus and Coaches Incorporated, the newest business in Jennings. Following is some late holiday news since I was unable to get an article e-mailed last week: Lawrence Juenemann returned home from St. Joseph Hospital in Denver and was able to spend Christmas with his family.

Christmas guests of Clede Moeder and Buck Harper were Robert and Marsha Moeder of Carmel, Ind., and son, Christopher, of Yale University in Connecticut. They arrived Dec. 21 and left Dec. 24. On the evening of Dec. 22, Tim,

Shelly, Taylor, Peyton and their houseguest, Lyub from Bulgaria, came and all had their Christmas exchange on Saturday.

On Christmas Day, Buck and Clede traveled to Hays to spend the day with Buck's son, Keith and

Kathy Harper and families. Another son, Bob and family of Colby, and his daughter, Karen and husband from Dodge City, were there also.

Happy New Year to everyone and until next time, may your week be a memorable one.

Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Bob and Rachelle Gorrell, Connor and Logan, Bland, Mo.; Ryan and Darci Unger, Drew, Brock, and Ty, St. Francis; Butch and Colleen Rittmann, Christian and Rielly, and Ralph and Norma Unger celebrated their family Christmas on New Year's Day. The Gorrells arrived Friday and returned home on Tuesday.

Martin and Evelyn May attended a dinner at The Gateway Friday evening held in honor of Donna

Kelly on her retirement from the Farm Service Agency.

Zach May and Ryan May played on the Oberlin 5th and 6th grade boys basketball team that took first place in the basketball tournament held Saturday in Cambridge, Neb.

John and Dianne Bremer and Jessica visited over the weekend with Esther Ready of New York City, who was home visiting her parents, John and Muriel Ready.

Good Samaritan News

Picture in your mind gazing out the front windows at Good Sam, the sun glistening through the icicles hanging on the front porch. The landscape is blanketed with snowy grandeur, everything is still and silent.

In the beauty of the moment, one cannot help but think of our awesome God. Then, turning to face the ones who have come to hear the morning devotion, I am struck by the mirror image of what is outdoors.

I can see the Son, glistening in the eyes that meet mine. The dining room is blanketed with the grandeur of snowy white heads waiting with quiet anticipation to hear the Word of God.

These mature individuals have experienced His abundant blessings and are keenly aware how great is His love! How sweet it is to meet God every morning. Anita and Cheryl lead us in singing His praise and giving Him thanks in song.

As winter has settled in for a while, we have brought the outside in this week. Christmas decorations have come down and glittery snowflakes and icicles now hang on the tree, along with beautiful photos showing the icy beauty of the last storm. It seems only fitting to celebrate our answered prayer for the moisture God has given in such a breathtaking manner.

It is a little humorous that when inviting residents to activities, a very common response is, "No thanks, I don't want to go out in this weather." They just want to cozy up in their recliners with the TV or a good book. Just like home!

For those who do come out, many of the planned activities center around snow as the theme.

On Tuesday Ruth Laidig, Dorothy Hunt, Faye Miller, Nadine Anderson, Elaine Thomas and Jeanette Conway made their own versions of snowy nightscapes with chalk and glitter. These are on display at the Quiet Room entrance. Please come view their hearts' work on paper. Later that afternoon in Living History, the residents watched a video depicting the history of the Last Indian Raid in Decatur County. This activity has

become a weekly favorite, always drawing a large crowd.

We are especially blessed with many volunteers on Wednesdays: Songs of Worship, Jeanette Diederich; Bible study, Mert McEvoy; nail care, Dorothy Alstrom and Rosella Meitl; Social Hour, Ellen Horn; bingo, Colleen Geishler and Marilyn Horn. Other volunteers include Current Events, Carol Duncan and one-to-one visiting, Gladys and Zane Geis. Thank you all for your dedication and hard work.

On Thursday Doris Marintzer, Pooch Pertschy, Loren Escher, Earl Brown and Bonnie Weskamp attended Catholic services in the morning. In the afternoon Bible Study was attended by Eva Bryan, Jeanette Conway, Lucy Schissler, Fern Anderson, Ruth Laidig, Irel Lohofener, Alvina Unger and Elaine Thomas.

During Social Hour on Friday many residents came to eat homemade snow ice cream. Although I had never made it before, it seems to have been a wintery staple for others that stimulated memories and even recipe swapping from days gone by.

Another wonderful week has flown by, but another is just beginning. Remember to keep us in your prayers and on your calendars. "In Christ's Love, Everyone is Someone."

Visitors included: **Thelma Spiers** — Don and Joan Grafel of Herndon, Todd Nelson of Manhattan; **Dorothy Hunt** — Reva Marshall; **Jeanette Conway** — Daisy Rhein; **Roberta Urban** — Sylvia Wachendorfer of Selden; **Muriel and John Ready** — Esther Ready of New York City; **Opal Bryan** — Estella Waldo, Donna Kelley, Carolyn Miller, Detta Anderson, Marvin and Sharon Slabaugh, all of Oberlin, and Cheryl Stull of Solomon; **Elaine Thomas** — Barbara Caster, Bob and Ronda Haskins of Broomfield, Colo.; **Eva Bryan** — Donna Kelley, Carolyn Miller, Detta Anderson, Wane and Cheryl Stull of Solomon; **Irel Lohofener** — Merlou Robinson, Jake Robinson of Fairbanks, Alaska.

Herndon News

By Carrol Ginther

Don and Joan Grafel of Herndon and Todd Nelson of Manhattan had dinner with their mother and grandmother, Thelma Spiers, of Oberlin on Dec. 24.

That afternoon they visited Keith and Roma Grafel and family. Rusty, Egan and Teryn Grafel were home from college.

The Don Grafels and Todd Nelson were Christmas Eve supper guests of Steve, Susan and Makenzie Nelson of Oberlin. All attended the Christmas Eve service at the Oberlin United Methodist Church. The Steve Nelson family and Todd Nelson were Christmas Day dinner guests of Don and Joan Grafel.

Karolyn Grafel and her fiancé, Steve Martin, of Lincoln, Neb., visited at the Don and Joan Grafel home last Thursday morning.

Regis Kogl of Lakewood, Colo., and Michelle Kogl of Phoenix, Ariz., spent a few days with Helen Marintzer during the holidays.

Phillip and Kelli Kleidosty of Wichita spent Christmas with his mother, Mildred Kleidosty.

Tim Solko was host to a Christmas dinner for his mother, Monica Solko. Others present were Judy Solko, Larned; Diana and Kimberly Solko, Oberlin; Rodney Solko, McCook; Tom Solko, Herndon; Ethan and Gregory Solko, Atwood; and Timberly and Teather Solko.

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