

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1882
Our post office is a model of neatness. Joe Ullery is plastering the office of the Oberlin House.
The street scales in front of the *Herald* office are in constant use by our merchants and farmers.
Joseph Wamsley has sold his restaurant building to J.W. Allen & Son.
R.A. Marks and A.W. Bariteau made a flying trip to Indianola, going over Monday and returning Wednesday.
Why can't Oberlin have a literary society this winter? There are several good societies in the county and Oberlin could and should have one.

100 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1907
The new Opera House is said to leak in several places and it looks as though the contractor got his money and got away in good time.
Kulp and Pasley sold their meat market to John Bivans and Ray Calahan.
Joe Farrington has built a new residence and moved in.
Clarence Minor is back at his old place at the mill.

75 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1932
One fine thing about band concerts directed by Julius Piller is that they will start promptly at the hour advertised. At least a third of those attending the concert Sunday afternoon were a little late in reaching the city school auditorium and in consequence had to stand in the halls outside while the orchestra was finishing the first number. Being late is more because of habit than of necessity and we wish more of those having programs in charge would do as Mr. Piller.
Funeral services were held at Norcatur for John C. Frewen, nearly 80, who had been in the mercantile business in Norcatur nearly 30 years. Born in London, England, he came with his parents to New York City then to Minnesota, where his father died, leaving his mother with four small children. Because of her ill health he found a home with Miss Lucy Lewis near Chicago, later moving to a farm in Iowa where he worked his way through school. He homesteaded a claim 8 miles southwest of Oberlin and was one of the pioneer teachers of Decatur County. He served as county clerk four years before moving to Norcatur in 1896 and engaging in

the mercantile business in which he was joined in 1907 by his son Frank. He is survived by his wife, the former Miss Frances Rice, and four children, Frank, and Gladys Ward of Norcatur, Lucy Knox of McCook and Elizabeth Worrall of Lincoln, Neb.
Jennings: The Jennings American Legion Post just completed a membership campaign and the post now has 76 members of a possible 79 veterans.
Journeying through the snow to St. Francis last Tuesday night, the Decatur High basketball and wrestling teams both won. Local fans should arrive early at the city school auditorium if they expect to be seated for the wrestling and basketball with Norton Friday night. Charge is 35 cents; wrestling to start at 7:30 followed by basketball at 8:30.

In the death of John Thielbar of Sherman Township who died Monday after only a few days' illness of pneumonia, the *Herald* loses one of its oldest subscribers. He has taken *The Herald* continuously since Aug. 18, 1886.
Liberty Star: Wilbur Longs are the proud possessors of a new car. We understand it has a rumble seat and suppose they will put a screen over it and let the girls ride there this summer.

50 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1957
Funeral services were held for Fern (Marvin) Stowell who moved with her parents to a farm near Achilles in Rawlins County in 1888. After she was of age, she homesteaded and proved out a quarter of land near her father's farm. She taught many years of school in Decatur County and at DCHS her field was dramatics, speech and debate.
Lund: The Alstrom junk yard has been sold for sure this time to a Mr. Griffin from Wichita. Last week two large cranes and two trailer houses were moved to the site. The Rock Island Railroad at Selden is building a loading dock which will take 10 days and as soon as that is finished they will start loading out the iron.
Kenneth Krizek, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Krizek of Dresden, will receive a B.S. degree in agriculture at the January commencement at Kansas State College.
New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Badsky, Denver, a son, Jan.

3, Floyd Arthur.
Professor and Mrs. Edward F. Edel of DeKalb, Ill., announce the marriage of their daughter, Adeline E. Case, to Rex E. Diehl, son of Mrs. Harold Diehl and the late Mr. Diehl, on Dec. 22, 1956. Mrs. Diehl is a member of the speech correction department in the Denver public schools and Mr. Diehl teaches math in Morey Junior High School in Denver.
Melvin Simpson's Red Devil wrestlers upended Hoxie while the DCHS cagers kept a comfortable halftime lead to win 68-49. Bob Vernon got into the game in the second quarter due to fouls on VanVleet but still shows the effects of the layoff caused by a broken ankle, looking both a little lardy and shy on timing.

25 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1982
Three Decatur County farm families will be honored at the 37th annual meeting of the Decatur County Conservation District to be held at the American Legion with a roast beef dinner courtesy of the banks in Decatur County.
Receiving Bankers Conservation Awards will be Dewaine and Pat Stapp, whose farming operation is in Lincoln Township northwest of

Norcatur; Winifred and Caroline Wiggins, whose farmland is along Sappa Creek in Grant and Harlan Townships; and Herman and Caroline Jacobs and son, Todd, whose home is four miles north of Dresden along Prairie Dog Creek.
Jennings: Decatur County's oldest resident, Louisa Nauer, will observe her 102nd birthday on Feb. 5 at the home of her daughter and husband, Florence and Leroy Wyld in Jennings.
The holidays are over, the good-ies are out-of-sight and for nearly 60 area women, changes are in order: Weight Watchers International has come to Oberlin. Local coordinator is Bonnie Cool, who moved here in June with her husband Harold, an employee of Kump Motor Company. Local meetings are held in the back room of the Golden Age Center on Monday evenings.
The Brewster boys and the Grinnell girls were winners of the Oberlin Invitational basketball tournament. The most valuable player awards went to Jed McKee of Brewster and Cheryl Baker of Grinnell. Those from Oberlin chosen for the all-tourney teams were Clif Hartzog for the boys and Tina Jones and Sandy Nichols for the girls.

Chamber News

By Glenva Nichols

Greetings from snowy northwestern Kansas. It seems every weekend we have some more moisture. It is good, but there seems to be a shortage of storage space on the side streets. The livestock are ready for some dry ground but the farmers are still not complaining, though they would like to quit plowing through the mud.
By the time you read this, the Chamber Banquet will have gone by. Hope it doesn't storm again the last of the week. Our speaker, Doug Watson, is from Oklahoma and they are getting some of the moisture there.
Oberlin Business Alliance is sponsoring a Pro Championship Contest. Fill out one of the entry blanks, which you may pick up at Ward Drug, Addleman Drug or the Chamber office, and return it to one of the above with your pick and the total points of the game (both

teams). The winner will get a bowl of prizes.
In February, the Oberlin Business Alliance will have a Valentine's stay and dinner for two at the LandMark Inn. You will find boxes in participating businesses as marked by a flyer in the window. All you need to do is to write your name, address and phone number. There is nothing to buy to enter.
Plans are underway for the second annual Farmer/Rancher Appreciation evening March 10 at The Gateway. Watch for further details as the time draws closer.
The fourth annual KFNF 101.1 and Chamber Home and Garden Show is planned for Saturday and Sunday, March 17 and 18, at the Gateway. Here you will find lots of new things for spring. Admission is free.
Feel free to stop by and have a

Cedar Living News

Thank you to all who have called to inquire about the Cedar Living Center news, which has been missing from the paper for the past month. Teresa Shaughnessy, activities manager and author of the news, was out due to illness but happily reports being back at work now.
Life is back to normal after the holiday season at Cedar Living Center. The flu and bad weather hampered some of our holiday happenings, but residents report they had a good Christmas anyway.
As always, we send out a special thank you to all who donated gifts or treats and all who came to visit or help with a program or party. Many of our faithful volunteers did extra duty this past month helping with activities. Staff members including Margee Wilson, Joan Larue, Rose Riffle, Rosemary Gaede and many others hosted activities as well.
We welcomed two new residents this past week. Helena Bruggeman and Elwood Bailey both moved in on Wednesday.
Edie Pettera has returned to her home in Herndon after a short stay at Cedar Living Center.
Wynemah Cox and her family celebrated Christmas with a carry-in chicken dinner on Dec. 26. Guests included Frank Cox, Herndon; David Cox, Hays; and Mike, Rose, Shakia, and Sohn Domsch, Atwood.
Dell Pomeroy celebrated his birthday on Jan. 11.
Rosemary Gaede hosted the penny card group on Monday afternoon. Those joining in on the game included Naomi Carter, Elsie Goodnight, Edie Pettera, Paul Sass,

John Schuhart, Don Shaw, Mildred Tacha, Frank and Velda Ward, Loyl Wilson, and Hank Wolfram.
Opal Huntley has done double duty for weeks now, volunteering for both the bingo game on Tuesday afternoon and leading the baking group on Friday.
Juanita Williby continues to host the pinochle group on Wednesday afternoon. She has also helped with other games and social hours during the week.
Barb Solko played Scrabble on Thursday afternoon with Wynemah Cox and Velda Ward.
Fern Moore has been reading *The Oberlin Herald* each Thursday afternoon.
Stuart Euhus continues to teach the Bible study lesson on Wednesday.
Catherine Neal led the exercise group on Wednesday morning. Residents Paul Sass and Bea Wolfram led the exercise group on Monday and Friday morning. Paul has been helping with a number of chores including watering plants and feeding the birds.
Recent visitors: Richard and Bernadine Samson, Theresa Rippe, Ludell; Doyle and Kay Brown, Jennings; Jerry Temple, Norcatur; Julie and Bob Hafner, Herndon; Meredith Hrnchir and Kyle Lanning, Atwood; Susan McKain, McDonald; Les and Myrna Pettera, Loveland, Colo.; Margaret Stanley, Colby; Lloyd Harden, Goodland; Lillian Sulzman, Dresden;
Dolores Koerperich, Varlan and Catherine Neal, Barb Solko, Jeanette Diederich, Rita Garver, Elvin Beneda, Orlin Beneda, Eula Juenemann, Oberlin.

Good Samaritan News

Unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it. Psalm 127:1a
"The seed founded in love and compassion, planted by the ladies of the ABC Extension Unit, had been watered by their patient perseverance and now two years later will begin to see some fruit of their labor."
This article title was taken from *The Oberlin Herald* dated Nov. 3, 1955:
"Go ahead given by votes in Tuesday's bond election means Home for Aged. Vote is 926 to 377 in favor of bond issue to construct and equip nursing home." Excerpt from *The Oberlin Herald*, March 15, 1956:
"Contracts are let Monday on county nursing home. Total contractor amount to be \$180,355 and construction will begin in 30 days.
"Decatur County's new nursing home, or home for the older people, soon will begin to take visible form, after some three years of discussion and planning. Contractor bids for the new home were publicly opened in the district court room Monday afternoon, and the contracts let to the low bidders."
It would be yet another year before these ladies would see the completion of their vision.
Fifty years later only two ladies, Laurene Bryan Van Otterloo and Irel Lohofener, remain to see the extraordinary harvest the Lord brought forth from the seed that was planted over five decades ago. We at the Good Sam are forever grateful to that small group of ladies, for their vision, and their love of God and the elderly.
Members of the ABC Extension Unit were Irel Lohofener, Vera

Landau, Mary Preston, Audra Steinmetz, Laurene Bryan, Glee Jom, Zoe Castle, Lena Eiler, Lura Stiner, Mamie Paddock, Agnes Morrison and Grace Norton.
On Thursday, March 15, we will properly give them honor and recognition. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us.
There are countless other people and stories throughout the years that have equally contributed to the success and ministry of the Good Samaritan Center.
We would love to acknowledge them in future articles and our anniversary celebration. Please take a moment to jot down some of the things you remember and hold dear to your heart. Mail them to 108 E. Ash, Oberlin, Kan., 67749, marked: "Attention Anniversary Committee."
If you missed Dr. Michael Breiner this past weekend, speaking on Alzheimer's, he will be here again at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 10. The program is expected to last about two hours.
This is an excellent resource for those living with a loved one who has the disease.
Please bring your questions as there will be time allotted for Dr. Breiner to address them. There is no cost for the program and refreshments will be served.
Residents who enjoyed visitors this past week were: **Lucy Schissler** - Ralph Crim of Atwood and Mert McEvoy; **Irel Lohofener** - Merlou Robinson; **Opal Bryan** - Sharon and Marvin Slabaugh; **Dorothy Hunt** - Reva Marshall and Tami Cook; **Ethel Nemeth** - Helen Brooks and Shelby Hackney; **Jeanette Conway** - Daisy Rhein.

Rexford News

By Vicki Allison

Congratulations to Dan Johnson and Christina Korte who married Jan. 2. He is the son of Mike and Evelyn Johnson and she is the daughter of Norbert Korte, Rexford, and Shawnale Korte of Gem. The couple and their daughter, Emily June, born Dec. 11, are at home in Rexford.
Happy birthday, Dennis Allison, who celebrated on Sunday.
Rexford's snow accumulation was between 7 and 8 inches over the weekend, which was enough to cancel church services on Sunday.
The city is running out of places to put all this snow. I was told that the Farmers Almanac predicts more snow for this weekend and another one the second weekend in February for the High Plains area.

At the Red Barn: Attending Barnswallows last week were Deb Stepper, Jean Hawkins, Dick Sanford, Lawrence Horinek, Darlene Robben, Grace Cheney, Rex and Betty Carswell.
Friday at Koffee Klatches were Dolores Dible, Eunice Sanford, Vesta Roth, Berneda Barnett, Evelyn Proffitt, Jean Hawkins, Sondra Barnett and Darla Dible.
Rebecca (Wark) Rains, a 2002 Golden Plains graduate, has completed her degree in communications with emphasis in public relations at Fort Hays State University with a 4.0 grade point average, making the President's Honor Roll.
Kristin Wark, University of Kansas sophomore, who is studying journalism, completed the fall semester with a 4.0 grade point average, making the Chancellor's Honor Roll. She was the 2005 salutatorian at Golden Plains.
I would like to add your news

items to my column. Contact me at (785) 687-2525 or e-mail to: vallison56@yahoo.com.
May your week be a memorable one.


Zach and Ryan May played on the Oberlin team that took third place in the 6th grade boys division in the M.A.C. Attack Basketball Tournament for Kids at the McCook High School on Saturday. Also attending were Roland and Pam May and Hannah, and Roger and Susan May and Erin.

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Decatur Health Systems

By Othelia Vacura

Friday, Feb. 2, is "Wear Red Day" for the fight against heart disease in women. Decatur Health Systems encourages staff and employees, as well as everyone else, to wear red to heighten awareness of women's cardiac health.
Employees will be able to "Pay to Play" or for a fee of \$1 will be allowed to wear their jeans to work that day. All money collected will be donated to the American Heart Association.
Some community members have asked if their property taxes will increase with the building of the new specialty clinic annex at the hospital. The county currently collects 6.03 mills for Decatur Health Systems for maintenance on the building, which is county owned, and there will be no increase in that amount.
The annex is being financed through a combination of a low-interest federal loan repayable by the facility and money left to the hospital in bequests by several people. We anticipate that the addition will

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