

## THE OBERLIN HERALD

## Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

## 125 YEARS AGO — Dec. 1882

Our woodpile is getting down low.

Prairie Chapel: One day last week a little son of Mr. G. Smith was thrown from a mule while herding cattle but beyond having the blood drawn from his nose, he suffered no injury.

Cedar Bluffs is to have a new store. Mr. Booth of Lincoln, Neb., is to be the proprietor. Lyle: Dr. Miner's oldest son, Charles, is attending Nebraska Wesleyan University at Fullerton, Neb.

H.O. Douglas' new house is nearly completed. We suppose there will be another house to rent soon.

Married: Hendrix-Simpson: At the residence of the bride's parents, Nov. 29, Wm. Hendrix of Liberty, Mo., to Miss Maggie Simpson of Decatur County, Kansas, Justice D.K. Dibble officiating.

## 100 YEARS AGO — Dec. 1907

Carl Miller will go to Kansas City this winter to learn the jewelry business.

The small boys of the public school had a great game of football Friday afternoon between two teams — one captained by Tad Keys and the other by Dick Stevenson. The Stevenson team won by a 25-0 score.

John Leaman says he has decided to make alfalfa seed legal tender for all debts public and private.

The city council are trying the experiment of running the electric lights in the morning, starting at 5 o'clock.

Traer Items: D.C. Porterfield has rented the restaurant of W.L. Marshall and will run it this winter.

## 75 YEARS AGO — Dec. 1932

Decatur High is the undefeated champion of the Northwest Kansas League in football after the undefeated Norton Blue Jays went down 12-6 in a Turkey Day game played at Norton. The starting lineup for Oberlin was: Koehler and Jim Martin, ends; Hackney and Maggard, tackles; Waldo and Chilson, guards;

Clawson, center; Ridgway, qb; Joe Martin and Johnston, hb; Francis, fb; substitutes; E. Hackney, Smith, Reeves and Ricketts.

Brill, star Blue Jay halfback, duplicated his feat performed on the Oberlin field a year previous by racing 80 yards through the Oberlin defense for the first touchdown of the game. It was then that Francis, who had been injured in the first half and was still groggy when the second half opened, induced Coach Anderson to permit him to go in, and the Devils soon tied the game on a touchdown by Johnston. Francis scored the second touchdown. Both teams failed to kick goal. The more than 2,000 spectators on both sides agreed it was the best football game they had ever seen.

Officials for the game were Andy Schoepel, Nebraska, referee; H. Opdycke of Rexford, umpire; and Elden Auker, Norcat, head linesman. Punting for Oberlin was Sam Francis who averaged over 50 yards on 4 punts.

Word was received of the death of Mrs. Kate Addleman, mother of D.G. Addleman, at Idaho Falls, Idaho. Mrs. Addleman had made her home in Idaho with her daughter Ruth for a number of years, but previous to that Oberlin had been her home as she and her husband had come in 1874 and taken land a few miles east of Oberlin where Dot was born. The Addleman home was just across the road east of the present location of Addleman school house when the district was organized.

The Monday Evening Club entertained guests at a Silver Musical Tea on Nov. 29 at the home of Mrs. J.H. Young with assisting hostesses Mrs. F.B. Patton, Mrs. O.O. Taylor and Mrs. E.E. Goodrich. Mrs. R.A. Marks and Mrs. Floyd Lotker arranged the program assisted by the music supervisors of the schools, Miss Mildred Nibert, Miss Ruth Rickenbacker and Prof. Julius Piller.

Dresden: A large crowd attended the feed and dance given by the members of the New Bohemian

Hall who entertained the members of the Old Bohemian Hall on Thanksgiving.

Norcat: The M.E. Church ladies made \$17 at their food sale at Frewen's store last Saturday.

## 50 YEARS AGO — Dec. 1957

Harvest continues on what is thought to be the largest grain sorghum crop in history in Decatur County, much larger than the 458,000 bushels harvested in 1954.

On Monday a dozen and a half men moved into a 97-acre field in northeast Decatur County located just two miles from the Nebraska line with six combines. The work was all donated to the Star Valley 4-H Club which rents the land from John Sater and the crop is the first to be produced as part of a project of 4-H junior leadership.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Bainter, Paula, 7, and David, 2, have returned from Concordia where he had been agent for the Farm Bureau Mutual Ins. Co. since 1952. R.F. Landau, who with Carl Frickey owns most of the stock of the Farmers Loan and Abstract Company, has contracted to dispose of the stock to Frickey next month and retire and Bainter will become active manager of the firm. Bainter is a native of the Jennings community and a graduate of KU. His wife, Thelma Rice Bainter, is also a native of Jennings and a graduate of KSU. They have moved into the Herman Berndt property at 208 N. Beaver.

The Oberlin post office will remain open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day including Saturday from now to Dec. 24 according to Gladys Miesner, postmaster.

Nancy Johnson Larson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H.O. Johnson, received her nursing degree Nov. 30 after completing her training at the School of Medicine at the University of Kansas.

The Lund Covenant Young People gave a pantry shower for Miss June Simonsson and Dale Marcy whose marriage took place Nov. 27 at Lund Covenant Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ingold of Matfield Green announce the birth of a son, Theodore Clay, born Nov. 27. Mrs. Ingold is the former Ruth Ann Addleman.

Hospital News: Mr. and Mrs. Willis Peters, son, Ricky Alen, Nov. 27.

## 25 YEARS AGO — Dec. 1982

Selection of a new Speaker of the Kansas House of Representatives went as expected and Atwood Republican Mike Hayden was elected by his peers to that top leadership post. Hayden said the state is in the toughest financial position it has faced in 17 to 18 years.

The Kansas Supreme Court nominating commission will meet Monday to review applications for the recent vacancy on the seven-man Kansas Supreme court. Local support is mounting for former Oberlin attorney and 17th District Judicial Judge Marvin Meyer who is currently serving on the Kansas Court of Appeals in Topeka, an appointive post he received in January 1978.

County commissioners along the northern route of the bankrupt Rock Island Railroad are being asked to make a decision by Dec. 20 on whether they will accept a recent proposal for payment of 90 percent of the Rock's back taxes.

New Arrivals: Dec. 2: Loretta and Rob McFee, Atwood, son, Byron Alexander; Elaine and Brad Marcuson, daughter, Leslie Joyce.

Oberlin jumped out to a big lead in early action at the Hoxie Invitational Wrestling tournament Saturday but had to hold off Oakley in the closing minutes to claim the trophy. Dave Aker, Oberlin heavyweight, pinned Oakley's Cliff Brungardt in the final match to give Coach Tom Alstrom's Red Devils a 190 to 188 victory.

In boys basketball action, the Colby jinx prevailed again by a score of 52-37 over the Red Devils coached by Dan Buchanan. The Red Devil girls coached by Annette Sulzman were downed 53-36 with DeDe Parker making 20 of the 36 points.

## Cedar Living News

Vic Mowry and his band will perform at Cedar Living Center on Thursday, Dec. 6, at 7 p.m. Dancers are always a welcome addition.

Sympathy is extended to the families of Elmo Bailey and Elaine Mines who passed away here at the Center this last week.

Elwood Mines is a new resident at Cedar Living Center.

Regina Stanley donated two amaryllis plants for the residents. Everyone will enjoy watching them grow and bloom.

We had several winners at the penny card game played on Monday afternoon. Residents who sat in on the game included: Mildred Cochran, Elsie Goodnight, Betty Harden, Mary Kolsky, Edie Pettera, John Schuhart, Don Shaw, Frank Ward, Loyl Wilson, and Darlene Fisher.

Elsie Goodnight won the first game at bingo on Tuesday afternoon. The blackout game ended in a tie between Edie Pettera and Mary Kolsky.

Residents and staff enjoyed a visit by the KICK group from St. John's Lutheran Church on Wednesday afternoon. They sang holiday songs and the bell choir performed. They were the first of many holiday programs on the schedule during December.

The bowling group met on Thursday afternoon for a game. Refreshments were served following the game.

Barb Solko played Scrabble with Darlene Fisher and Wynemah Cox on Thursday afternoon.

The baking group made cherry cookies on Friday afternoon.

The annual Christmas Cookie Decorating Party, organized by Dr. Elizabeth Sliter, was held on Saturday afternoon. The Girl Scouts assisted Dr. Sliter with baking the sugar cookies and gingerbread, then children and residents gathered around tables to frost and decorate the cookies. The children took their

plates of cookies home at the end of the party. Becky Tate and Jeanne Isbell assisted Teresa Shaughnessy during the afternoon.

Sam Mack met with the poker players on Saturday night.

Tressie Samson, who will celebrate her 100th birthday on Wednesday, Dec. 5, was the guest of honor at an open house hosted by her family on Sunday afternoon.

There was a large turnout of family and friends as well as residents and staff of Cedar Living Center. Family members served cake and ice cream. The room was decorated with balloon bouquets as well as flowers, plants, and the many cards Tressie has received.

Invitations were mailed out for the annual family Christmas party to be held Sunday, Dec. 16. Anyone wanting additional information may contact Teresa Shaughnessy at (785) 475-2208, ext. 277.

Recent visitors: Frank Cox, Linda Bosler, J.R. Wolfram, Herndon; Rose and Shaka Domsch, Violet and Francis Holle, Atwood; Richard and Bernadine Samson, Ludell; Walt and Mary Gaugies, Great Bend; Geraldine Packer, Norton; Doyle and Kay Brown, Elwood and Norine Bailey, Jennings; James and Shirley Cogburn, Hobbs, N.M.; Leland and Bobbie Frakes, Trenton, Neb.; Lloyd Harden, Goodland; Dorothy Ward, Judy Jackson, Norcat; Mike and Marie McVay, Colby;

Laurene Van Otterloo, Glema Copeland, Lyle Gamblin, Marguerite Bailey, Roxie Pomeroy, Elvin Beneda, Orlin Beneda, Alice Shirley, Ila Ray, Opal Huntley, Cori, Calista, and Chris Isbell, Kramer Wrinkles, Dakota, Grace, and Mollie Tate, Dallas Paul, Bree Anna Chambers, Megan Huntley, Miranda Long, Elizabeth Hollars, Dolores Koerperich, Ira Kolsky, Ron Uehlin, Dan Uehlin, Eunice Martin, Dana Winstead, Oberlin.

## View from the Chamber

By Jo Henderson, manager

## Snow couldn't dampen Christmas parade spirit

Well, the snow's gone. Even though we lost six or seven parade entries, it made for a beautiful sight and the kids loved it. And that's what counts.

The movies for the kids start Saturday at 2:30 p.m., so take advantage of this time to do some hometown shopping. Christmas will be here before you know it. (I'm so not ready!)

Also coming up is the Holiday Homes Tour on Sunday. If you're not ready to shop yet, this should get you in the Christmas mood, just seeing the beautiful decorations.

By the way, the parade winners were: first place, Charles and Phyllis Godwin with their three beauti-

ful poodles, which looked like big snowballs; second place, Kenneth Gee with lights and a snow globe; and third place The Bank with a snowman, which seemed very appropriate with the snow coming down.

Winners, if you haven't already done so, you can pick up your prize at the Chamber office.

Don't forget, Santa Bucks are here. Just call or stop by to pick them up, or I'll bring them to you.

Have a great weekend and stay warm.

Who said, "When things go wrong, don't go with them?" Answer next week.

See you on the sidewalk.

## Rexford News

By Vicki Allison

The Rexford Cookbook was highlighted in the magazine *Kansas Country Living*, in the November issue. The publicity created sales for the cookbook which is good for the Seniors In Action. Now would be a great time to get your copy. They are \$14.95 (add \$5 for shipping).

The community extends sincere sympathy to the families of Tony Korte, Eric Korte, and Norbert Korte on the loss of their father, Leroy Korte.

The children and parents, too, enjoyed Sunday afternoon at the Community Building making a snowman ornament and waiting for Santa Claus to make an appearance. My 3-year-old granddaughter, Morgan Wark, told Santa that she would like some nail polish and lipstick for Christmas and her ya-ya (me) would like some perfume. As her parents, her sister Hayden, and I were on our way home from the activities Morgan declared, "Oh, no, Santa forgot to give us our toys!" Thank you, Rexford Lions Club, for a great and fun day.

Andy and Marguerite Black

returned home Sunday from Hays Medical Center, where Andy had been hospitalized.

Those celebrating a birthday this week are Sally Jones, Dec. 1, and Andy Black, Dec. 3. Also on Dec. 1, Terry and Jennifer Moss celebrated an anniversary.

The first-place winners for the American Legion Pinochle tournament held Nov. 17 were Rex and Betty Carswell. Dick Sanford and J.F. Albers placed second and Bob and Connie Renner came in third.

Guests at Vesta Roth's home for Thanksgiving were her sister, Jean Hawkins; her son, Rick Roth; and Rick's sons, Eric of Stockton, and Jason who attends college in Manhattan.

Red Barn ongoing activities: Barnswallows, Monday, 2 p.m.; Wednesday, 10 a.m., is Ladies Bible study; Come on Down, Thursday at 2 p.m.; and Friday is Koffee Klatch at 9:30 a.m. Senior Bingo has started up again and will be the second Saturday at 7 p.m.

Until next time, make your week memorable.

## Good Samaritan News

Pooch Portschy looked right at home in the kitchen as he turned out 48 pizzas to feed a crowd of nearly 100 on Friday night.

Good Sam's version of Pooch's Pizza didn't have the same atmosphere as the old establishment, but everyone seemed to enjoy the red and white checked tablecloths and servers dressed in white aprons and chef's hats. Many stopped by the kitchen to greet Pooch and inquire of his hot sauce recipe.

At the end of the night when asked if he was exhausted, Pooch good-naturedly replied, "Nah, let's do this every week."

The proceeds will go toward the mural project in Town Square. The murals were painted by Jeanette Diederich and have become a tourist attraction for those visiting Oberlin. Hours of research, and months of painting have resulted in a fabulous panorama of actual farmsteads belonging to the residents as well as

historical landmarks, some that are no longer around.

The east wall depicts the Lohoe-fener and Co-op elevators and the St. Mark's Lutheran Church from Norcat. On the west is a replica of downtown Oberlin in 1922. It has been a joy for the residents to watch the paintings come to life, not only on the canvas of the walls but also in their memories. This has sparked so much conversation, giving relevant meaning to the words "living history."

Speaking of Living History, the residents were able to do some "armchair" traveling by way of technology. We now have a new surround sound projector allowing us to show DVDs in a movie theater environment that the residents can see and hear much better. They traveled to Rhode Island to tour the many mansions in that region.

The countdown to Christmas has begun. Our first Christmas

visitors were the KICK Kids from St. John's Lutheran Church. They came with bells on, literally, and performed several carols with bells and sang. Young smiling faces always brighten our days no matter what time of year!

During Bible study on Thursday, after a lesson on compassion, we undertook the task of deciding how our Rock-a-thon money would be spent. It had been decided from the very onset that the funds would be used in Decatur County. A list was compiled of many causes and organizations and each resident was asked to vote on the three they would like to give money to. The funds will be dispersed accordingly. We will have a final tally report next week.

Visitors this week, not including Pooch's Pizza night, were: **Dorothy Hunt** - Ron and Dixie Snyder of Colby, Reva Marshall, Mildred Black; **Opal Bryan** - Sha-

ron and Marvin Slabaugh, Nathan Simonsson, Donna and Dick Kelley, Elden and Detta Anderson; **Faye Miller** - Rhonda Wildeman of Jennings; **Thelma Spiers** - Don and Joan Grafel of Herndon; **Eva Bryan** - Dick and Donna Kelley, Elden and Detta Anderson; **Doris Marintzer and Hubert Mumm** - Vicky and Bud Mumm of Gem; **Lucy Schissler** - Mert McEvoy; **Ethel Nemeth** - Helen Brooks, Betty Heisel, Darci Meitl; **John and Muriel Ready** - Larry and Judy Bearley, Oakley; **Amy Rehm** - Larry and Judy Bearley, Oakley; **Mae Guy** - Norma Richards, Deanna Hanschild; **Dorothy Bryan** - John and Carol Barrett; **Pooch Portschy** - Cheri Kastens of Herndon; **Jeanette Conway** - Daisy Rhein; **Ruby Wenihan and all** - Nikki Amlong and Wyatt; **Elaine Thomas** - Barbara Castor; **Earl Brown and Elaine Benda** - Wayne and Lois Larson.

## Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

Myron and Elaine McKinley, Tulsa, Okla., and Ethel Taylor, Hays, came to the Votapka farm on Friday, Nov. 28. On Saturday, Mary Votapka accompanied them to North Platte, Neb., for a cousin's wedding. Linda DeMichel and Ralph Rasse were married at 4:30 p.m. at a hall in North Platte. Myron, Elaine, Ethel and Mary spent the night in North Platte. On Sunday morning, they went to the home of Linda and Ralph for breakfast.

Others attending the wedding were her sister, Mary and Larry Sapp, Aurora, Colo.; her brother, Larry and Vera Huff, Iuka; her nephew, Bryan Huff and wife, Overland Park; and Tom Votapka and Terri Hanke. Linda, Mary Sapp and Larry are children of the late Bert Huff.

Mike and Joan McKenna spent Thanksgiving with Becca and Brock Peterson, Will and Henry in Demotte, Ind. They were accompanied by Brett McKenna, Manhattan, and Amy McKenna, Kansas City.

Paul and Kathy Nauer toured Branson, Mo., from Nov. 17 to Nov. 20, enjoying five Christmas shows. They also saw the famous Shepherd of the Hills Trail of Lights Christmas scenes. Included in the tour were

Table Rock Lake and Branson's newest shops, Branson Landing. There was also a stop at Precious Moments in Carthage, Mo.

Paul and Kathy Nauer enjoyed the Thanksgiving holiday at Lincoln, Neb., with Marc and Roxanne Groff, Jaden and Jake; Dennis and Amy Groff, Ashlen, Dani Jo, and Caleb, and Jeff and Amy Beresh.

Jim and Jane Wahlmeier and Amanda spent Thanksgiving with their son, Josh, and his family in Greeley, Colo. In spite of the snow and icy roads, they made it back to spend Saturday with William and Rachel Carter. They were joined for dinner by Megan and Jesse Carter, Clayton and Anna, Oberlin; Julie and Ken Carter, Becky Carter and Stann Hartzog.

City Council will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Jennings had dinner Thanksgiving dinner on Friday in Ong, Neb., with Dale and Tammy Musgrave. Others present were Brett Jennings, Lee and Judy Ploussard, Oberlin; Brian and Westley Jennings, Solomon; Brendan Jennings, Hastings, Neb.; Eric Musgrave, Stephanie Werner, Erin Musgrave, Ryan Musgrave, and Jessie Shipley and Dax. Brian, Westley

and Brendan spent the weekend at the Lawrence Jennings home.

Sunflower Senior dinner will be held at noon Tuesday, Dec. 11, in the Center. Bring a salad or dessert. The rest of the meal will be furnished. Also bring food items to be taken to the Food Pantry in Oberlin.

Lions Club Soup and Pie lunch will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 15, followed by Santa's arrival and the community

drawing, sponsored by the City and Lions. If you have something to put in the drawing, you may give it to a Lions member or one of the City Council members.

Bruce Carlton of Bakersfield, Calif., was a visitor this week at the Lawrence Jennings home.

Norton Correctional men have been working on the ceiling and walls of the Community Hall. Stop by and look at it.

## Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Our sympathies to Elwood Mines and his family. Elaine Mines died last week and her funeral was held Saturday at Pauls Funeral Home in Oberlin. They have two daughters, Nancy and Ron Baumfalk, Aurora, Colo., and Connie Goslar, Mesa, Ariz. Elaine was the sister-in-law of Don and Ann Mines.

Rory Wendelin was among those from Decatur Community High School singing in the Northwest Kansas Music Educator's Association High School Honor choir Saturday in Hays.

John and Dianne Bremer and

