

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — Dec. 1882

Everyone is predicting that we will have a very cold Christmas. Shibboleth: A pleasant party at D.E. Denuene's Thanksgiving.

Decatur: Our school commenced last Monday under the instruction of Miss Abbott. School is being kept in the post office building, the post office being removed to J. Kelso's dwelling.

Lyle: George Dunsmore shipped five and one-half tons of broom corn to Chicago.

Henry Clear of Hawkeye called last Saturday and left orders for us to print sale bills for the sale of his farm and stock in Washington County, Iowa. He intends to dispose of all his property in Iowa and invest in stock and improvements for the Kansas farm.

John Morrison is selling graham flour made at the Cedar Bluffs mill, and cornmeal ground at Kennison's mill.

Will Ireland finished threshing the first of the week. Will had a bountiful harvest and his granaries are full.

John Charboneau and James A. Bell made final proof Saturday.

100 YEARS AGO — Dec. 1907

The high school football game on Thanksgiving Day between Oberlin and Norton on the Oberlin field resulted in a tie score 0-0. Oberlin came near scoring on two occasions but could not quite make the grade. Norton failed to get near Oberlin's goal line.

Perry Bradley has an automobile that his son Verney was trying to "break in" on Sunday.

John Bivans at Oberlin Meat Market is killing some mighty fine beef these days.

The big flouring mill at Oakley burned last week. Loss \$25,000.

Joseph H. Young has sold his Atwood photography gallery to Andrew Madsen.

We understand two more rural routes will be established out of Oberlin the first of the coming year.

75 YEARS AGO — Dec. 1932

Funeral services were held at Norton Sunday for Dr. C.S. Kenney who was a doctor at Norcatur from 1902 to 1910 before moving to

Norton to engage in hospital work with Dr. W.C. Lathrop and Dr. C.W. Cole. In 1921 he was appointed superintendent of the tuberculosis sanitarium just being established by the state four miles east of Norton.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wilson of Osborne announce the marriage of their daughter Nina to Mr. Chas. G. Brown on Wednesday, Nov. 30. Mr. Brown is the son of Mr. and Mrs. D.A. Brown of Osborne, formerly of Jennings.

Dr. and Mrs. O.O. Taylor expect to move into their new residence just south of the Christian Church on North Penn Monday. The attractive structure includes space for Dr. Taylor's office as well as comfortable and convenient living quarters.

Three Decatur gridsters placed on the all-star league eleven: Francis, halfback; Waldo, guard; and Maggard, tackle; second team: Martin, end; Chilson and Hackney, tackles; Ridgway, quarterback; and Martin, halfback. Honorable mention: Koehler, end; Anderson, backfield.

Two students are still absent from high school as a result of injuries sustained Friday night when the Ford roadster in which four high school girls, Helen Bell, Maxine McKenzie, Lorraine Carper and Ruth Hoch, were returning from a basketball game at Clayton, got out of control and overturned on the highway about 5 miles east of town. The car was damaged perhaps beyond repair.

More than 40 friends and neighbors, carrying well-filled baskets, assembled at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tim Woods Dec. 3 to celebrate the 85th birthday of Uncle Tim.

Court House News: Judge Kulp supplied us with information on Donald Wiggins, 19, and Miss Alice J. Eiler, 19, who were granted a license and married by Rev. Carlton of Norton.

Keep Pace Club met at the home of Mrs. E.M. Brooks Friday afternoon. Mrs. E.S. Dean spoke of the geographical features of South America. Two recently elected members, Mrs. Edwin Hitchcock and Mrs. F. Wayne Brewster, were present.

50 YEARS AGO — Dec. 1957

The stern law of supply and demand is making itself felt by area

cattlemen. Prices on cattle moved upward two dollars per hundred-weight at the Oberlin Livestock Exchange last week. Peak price of \$29.50, highest since the boom after World War II, was paid for steer calves weighing around 350 pounds. Local stockmen pointed out the competition for cattle from both local feeders and cattlemen away from Decatur County is because farmers are anxious to build back the herds they cut down two and three summers ago and milo stalks and luxuriant wheat pasture provide them with good feed.

The sixth Oberlin pulpit in less than six months will soon be vacant. Rev. Ed W. Licht will leave the Oberlin St. John's Lutheran Church after the first of the year to accept a call from the St. Stephen Lutheran Church in St. Louis. He has served St. John's five years

and during his term the \$85,000 edifice was built on North Wilson Street and the congregation moved from the rural location northwest of Oberlin to the new church on April 29, 1956.

Hospital News: Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Borthwick, daughter, Mary Lou, Dec. 7.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Ater of Honolulu are the parents of a son, Mark, born Dec. 3.

Norcatur: Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Auker and son of Boston, will arrive Dec. 23 for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Auker.

The Oberlin Red Devils opened the basketball season with a 43-36 win at Hill City but even allowing for first-of-season mistakes the game was enough to make strong men weep: (a) Hill City scored no points in the first quarter, (b) the timekeeper had trouble with the clock, (c) the scorekeepers had trouble tabulating time outs, (d) everyone was a little uncertain about the new foul rule, (e) the officials had trouble administering correct procedure after a technical foul, (f) a board in the middle of the court popped up and had to be trampled under by a school official. The hot shooting of Gary Grose got the Devils off to a good start and they were pulling steadily away until fouls forced the benching of Bob Vernon. Summed up by Coach Bob Rumble: "A lousy ball game."

Dresden: Mr. and Mrs. Milo Rhodes will observe their 50th wedding anniversary on Dec. 24 with a dinner and open house at the Dresden school auditorium.

25 YEARS AGO — Dec. 1982

The Decatur County Amusement Authority has purchased an eight-tub Octopus ride for the locally owned carnival.

Southwestern Bell Telephone customers are being told that after the first of the year the company will continue to furnish service but no longer telephones when their supply of lease telephones is gone.

Ken Erickson, a 1975 graduate of DCHS, was a member of the Fort Hays State graduate nurse class for which ceremonies were held Saturday evening in Hays. He will be employed at Thomas County Medical Center in Colby.

American Field Service student Paulina Frietsch was a guest at the annual family Christmas dinner of the Progressive Homemakers Unit held at Sappa Valley Manor. Miss Frietsch, who makes her home with the Dale Votapka family, told of Christmas customs in her home country of Finland.

New Arrival: Elaine and Ron Kelley, Oberlin, son, Caleb Levi, Dec. 11, 1982.

A memorial service was held in Littleton, Colo., for a former Decatur County resident, Kenneth Muirhead, 59, who attended Dresden Grade School, graduated from DCHS in 1940 and from Kansas State University. He was a first lieutenant with the U.S. Army infantry, serving in France and Germany during World War II, and had been employed by Fortune Magazine in Detroit before moving to the Denver area. Survivors include his wife Marjorie; four sons, Brian, David, Mark and Scott; and his parents, King and Gladys Muirhead of Jennings.

Randall and Rozanne Braden, publishers of The Oberlin Herald, and Dan Winston, St. Francis, announce the purchase of the St. Francis Herald and the Bird City Times from Neil and Lorraine Burrow.

Randall Braden received notification this week that he had met the requirements to enter the 1983 Boston Marathon to be held on April 18.

Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

There were no church services at the United Methodist Church Sunday because of stormy weather.

Reminder: The Lions Soup and Pie lunch will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday at the Community Hall.

Santa will arrive at 1 p.m. and a community drawing will follow. If you have something to put in the drawing, you may give it to a Lions member or one of the City Council members.

Elaine (Von Schuetz) Mizell, a native of Jennings, will observe her 90th birthday at 2 p.m. on Saturday at Eldorado Manor in Trenton, Neb. Mail will reach her at Box 97, Trenton, Neb. 69044.

Burning of garden waste and small twigs will be permitted within the city limits of Jennings from Wednesday, Dec. 12, to Wednesday, Dec. 19.

Call dispatch to let them know it is a controlled burn.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Elmo Bailey, who died Sunday, Dec. 2.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at the Jennings United Methodist Church. Elmo and Marguerite were residents of Jennings for many years.

The community also extends sympathy to Merle Snyder. Her daughter, Kim Atkinson of Knob Noster, Mo., died on Nov. 28.

Memorial services were held on Saturday in Knob Noster.

Tom Votapka had eye surgery in Kansas City on Nov. 29. He and Terri Hanke returned home Friday. Jason Row is doing well after having surgery in Wichita on his shoulder.

Jennings City Library is having a Children's Story Hour in the library from 9 to 10 a.m. the second Saturday of each month.

Leotha Bohl of Phillipsburg, sister of Louise Cressler, is in a swing bed in the Phillipsburg Hospital. She suffered a stroke on Oct. 18.

Cedar Living News

It looks and feels like Christmas at Cedar Living Center. The trees are trimmed, the cards are coming in, and we have had some really good holiday music.

Be sure to drop in and join the fun. Visitors are welcome to attend our family Christmas party on Sunday, Dec. 16.

There were several winners at the dice game played on Monday afternoon. Players included Zola Brown, Helena Bruggeman, Elsie Goodnight, Darlene Fisher, John Schuhart, Don Shaw, Mildred Tacha, Frank Ward, and Delores Wheeler.

Myrna Jones played the piano for the sing-along time on Monday afternoon.

Dolores Koerperich and Rosella Meitl visited on Tuesday morning. They prayed the Rosary with the Catholic residents.

Fern Moore hosted the reading group on Tuesday morning.

Helena Bruggeman won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon and Elsie Goodnight won the blackout game.

John Juenemann gave a concert to a very appreciative audience of residents during supper on Tuesday evening. He played a variety of songs including a medley of holiday favorites.

The craft group met on Wednesday afternoon to sort through and repair ornaments for the Christmas tree.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson on Wednesday afternoon.

A Tree Trimming Party was held on Thursday afternoon. Residents gathered around the tree to take turns placing the ornaments. Cookies were served when the work was completed.

Vic Mowry of Hoxie and his band performed on Thursday evening. Residents and visitors enjoyed the music and dancing. Julie Hafner assisted Teresa Shaughnessy with serving refreshments.

The baking group made cookies with red and green M&Ms on Friday afternoon.

The poker players met on Saturday evening for a game.

Recent visitors: Sara Bishop and Jamie Samson, Lindsborg; Richard and Bernadine Samson, Ludell; J.R. Wolfram, Bob and Julie Hafner, Ann Martin, Herndon; Rick and Tammy Shaw, Selden; Lloyd Harden, Goodland; Margaret Magers, Veda Wood, Wava Reames, Gerald and Judy Jackson, Norcatur;

Frank Bennett, Don and Ann Mines, Cliff and Eunice Wenger, Wayne and Lois Larson, Lee and Estella Waldo, Marion Wenger, Stuart Euhus, Bertha Schwisow, Elvin Beneda, Orlin Beneda, Jon, Ana, and Spencer Wishon, Ella Betts, Regina Stanley, Jeanette Miller, Ira Kolsky, Opal Huntley, Alice Shirley, Ila Ray, Roxie Pomeroy, Eunice Martin, Oberlin..

Selden News

By Jacque Boultinghouse

On Thursday at Senior Citizens, Edna Schiltz won high, Lola Cook took second, Paulie Neff got low and Bernita Aumiller had the most jacks.

Other members present included Royce Cook, Carol Shaw, Jeanie Sprosser, Betty James, Lois Neff, Mary Galden, Gail Mumm, Shirley Emigh, Leone Porsch, Helen Karls and Alfred Albers.

Birthdays and anniversaries: Dec.

13 - Emmie Pauls; Dec. 14 - Chris Koerperich, Travis Smithee; Dec. 15 - John and Helen Karls; Dec. 16 - Steve Carman, Dana Broeckelman; Dec. 17 - Nick Koerperich, Robyn Mendiola, Tyson Paulson;

Dec. 18 - Kami Miller; Dec. 19 - Renee Filmore, Ben and Christa Wessel, Avery Sprosser, Chad Focke, Kayla Sulzman; Dec. 20 - Dave Neff.

It's a chilly, fun, busy time of year

Well, I guess winter is officially here. No fighting it, with snow three weekends in a row. And Christmas is upon us.

Remember, the downtown shops are open on Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. until Christmas, and the theater is showing movies the next two Saturdays, for the kids.

So send the kids to a movie while you shop and everyone is happy!

Oh, yes, the drawing for the merchants' Christmas on Us contest, organized by The Oberlin Herald, will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Centennial Park gazebo. The big winner gets the \$1,500 grand prize,

View from the Chamber

By Jo Henderson, manager

plus there's a \$500 first prize. Santa will be at the courthouse that day from 12:30 to 2 p.m., there will be a soup-and-dessert lunch at the Golden Age Center, and the Oberlin Business Alliance drawing will be at 2 p.m. Whew!

What a busy day, and some lucky person will walk away with \$1,000 or \$1,500. Good luck, have some fun, do some shopping, see Santa, and win some money — all in one

afternoon.

As a reminder, the Chamber open house is Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., so stop by to say hello and have a treat on us.

The answer to last week's "who said it" was — did you guess? — Elvis Presley.

Have a great weekend, and stay warm.

See you on the sidewalk

Decatur Health Systems

By Othelia Vacura

We are beginning the Christmas season with a potluck on Thursday by inviting the clinic staff to a going away appreciation lunch for Dr. May.

Our holiday celebration from Friday, Dec. 14, through Christmas Day is "Dressing Up for the 12 Days of Christmas." Each day employees are asked to wear a specific symbol of the holidays, such as an angel, a bell, or star. Those who do not want to participate are asked to bring a nonperishable food item for the community food bank.

Four divisions of our facility, the back hall, the front hall, the hospital and Cedar Living Center are competing for who can contribute the

most food items to the food bank. The winning area will be treated to a pizza party. The Senior Management Team will match the number of food items contributed, all of which should make a significant impact on providing food for the needy in our community.

The specialty clinic is now open for use by members of the public who need to consult with the specialists who visit.

It is gratifying to see the final results of months of planning and hard work. On a specialist consult you may be asked to enter the facility through the east entrance, where check-in services are provided specifically for specialty clinic ap-

pointments. Cottonwood services are also located through the east entrance of the hospital.

The Cedar Living Christmas party is scheduled at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday. Come join the fun as Santa comes to visit. Bring a plate of holiday goodies to share.

Our "Shared From the Heart" cookbooks would make a wonderful Christmas gift for relatives or friends. They are a "one size fits all" bargain at \$15.

At the same time you would be supporting the health care of our community because all proceeds of this cookbook fund raiser go toward cardiopulmonary resuscitation training and equipment.

Rexford News

By Vicki Allison

The Red Barn Board of Directors held a Senior Appreciation dinner on Saturday.

The meal was catered by Dana Broeckelman Leija, manager of the Colby Montana Mike's restaurant, with the help of her mother, Cathy Broeckelman, and brother, Jonathan, of Selden. The meal was served at the Community Building.

Hansen led the group in a game activity and singing Christmas carols. A number of individuals were recognized for their continuous support of the Red Barn Senior Center.

Dave and Gail Williams returned on Wednesday from a seven-day trip to Hawaii.

There were eight who enjoyed the trip together.

Bingo at the Red Barn has been postponed to Thursday, Dec. 20.

Red Barn ongoing activities: Barnswallows, Monday, 2 p.m.; Wednesday, 10 a.m., 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. of each month.

Until next time, make your week memorable.

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Public Notice: THURSDAY DECEMBER 20 is the last day you can pay first half taxes without penalty. NOTE: All personal property taxes come due if first half is not paid by Dec. 20. Jean Hale, Decatur County Treasurer.