

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — Dec. 1882

Bassettville: Literary has been organized to meet on Wednesday evening of each week at the school house. Subject of debate: Resolved, "That George Washington is entitled to more honor than Abraham Lincoln."

We believe it is safe to say that no town in northwest Kansas does the amount of business that is done in Oberlin.

Jackson has a new school house and school commenced there last Monday.

Fresh oysters at Colby & Hunts.

G. Webb Bertram returned from the East Friday evening on the Lenora Stage.

Lots of corn coming to town and selling from 40 to 50 cents per bushel.

100 YEARS AGO — Dec. 1907

Elmer Lodge has purchased the barber shop under the Benton-Smith Hotel.

Six inches of snow of Friday and like amount on Monday gives the wheat a good thick blanket.

R. D. Strain returned from Kansas City Tuesday and has purchased Roy Eiler's interest in the jewelry store.

J. T. Harvie and Mrs. S. J. Gilmore were married last week at Rexford.

One hundred and seven new members to the Woodmen Lodge have been elected in the 10 days that deputy Pulver has been with Vanity Camp. It is expected that all will be adopted at a meeting at the opera house Jan. 6.

Traer Items: The flag pole raising came off as advertised; although the day was stormy a big crowd was in town. The band boys serenaded the town and took in \$10 decorations, for band music, etc.

Kanona Items: John Frickey has sold his hardware stock to Sanford & Son. Sherm Bailey has a lot of new furniture for his new house shipped down from Oberlin Tuesday.

75 YEARS AGO — Dec. 1932

Twenty-six degrees below zero is cold, too cold for the most of us, and especially when less than a week before, Dec. 5, a maximum of 72 degrees was reached.

The annual installation of officers

by Oberlin Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star is eagerly anticipated by the Masons of Oberlin and vicinity because of the feast that always accompanies the ceremony. The McKague Memorial Masonic Temple was the scene of the affair with the banquet beginning at 6:40 o'clock served to 194 persons. The past year has been a prosperous one for the local chapter under the leadership of Mrs. Goldie Vernon as Worthy Matron and Mr. Ted Addleman as Worthy Patron.

It looks like the 1932-33 athletic season at DCHS might prove to be an all-round victorious. With the league football championship already tucked away, the prospects of a championship wrestling team under coach Lester Kirkendall and even better prospects for Coach Paul Sandy's basketball quintet than last year. Four starters from last year's team are back, Joe and Jim Martin, Sam Francis and Leo Ridgway. Only Nels Anderson is missing due to being ineligible this year because of age.

Norcat: Several Norcatrites attended Dr. Kenney's funeral at Norton. Dr. Kenney was well known and very well liked here.

Big Timber: Little Carl Votapka has a very sore hand, the result of an entanglement with a corn sheller. Only his coolness and quick thinking prevented a more serious injury.

Dresden: The Peoples Store has a lot of pretty Christmas gifts on display.

Leoville: A baby girl arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dempewolf last week.

50 YEARS AGO — Dec. 1957

Selden let it be known it has another power basketball team with two 80-point performances this week to establish itself as this area's top class BB team. Jack Bell's Wildcats knocked over Gem 80-56 and Herndon 88-50 last week. Herndon's Beavers had won three straight before succumbing to the Wildcats. Jennings jumped into the win column after three losses with a 62-39 win over Norcat with John Tacha throwing in 22 points for the winners.

A black Angus heifer was killed

when she attempted to cross US-36 four miles east of Oberlin at 1:30 a.m. on Dec. 11. The 1957 Plymouth car, belonging to Dwight Webb of Topeka, didn't fare very well either but he and a companion escaped injury. Sheriff V.J. Morton has been unable to locate the owner of the critter.

Charles McKinney, jr., formerly of Morland, took over as manager of the Farmers Equity creamery on West Hall Street this week. Frank Ufford has retired as operator of the creamery.

Tickets are on sale for the DCHS New Year's Eve party for which the senior class will be host at the Masonic Temple. Committee chairmen are Joeline Martin, Idella Nelson, Doreen Soderlund, Dwayne Scott, Jim Kelley, Paula Harmon, Marlene Anderson, Janice Castle and Roxanne Ridgway.

Oberlin osteopath C.M. Dillon is now making his home and office at 203 East Hall.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Gary Coulter, son, Thomas Eugene, Dec. 13; Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Koerperich, son, Clement Curtis, Dec. 16.

Following the Christmas program at DCHS Sunday afternoon, a party at the home of Roxanne Ridgway honored her on her 17th birthday. Attending were Joyce Carlson, Roberta Wurm, Marlene Anderson, Colleen Mathews, Janice Castle, Doreen Soderlund, Idella Nelson and Joeline Martin.

25 YEARS AGO — Dec. 1982

Decatur County commissioners voted to accept the offer on the delinquent Rock Island opting to take the 90 percent of back taxes owned now in exchange for waiving any penalty and interest which may have accrued over the seven years in which taxes had not been paid. County attorney John Bremer said this week local commissioners want to ride with the Port Authority at this time giving them a little more time to work.

The local doctor procurement committee announced this week that Richard May, M.D. has finalized plans to join the Oberlin Clinic as a general practitioner. May is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter May, a 1972 graduate of DCHS and completed undergraduate work at the

University of Kansas in 1976 and at the University of Kansas School of Medicine in Wichita in 1979. He completed an internship and residency at Good Samaritan Hospital in Phoenix, Ariz., and is board certified by the American Academy of Family Practice. His wife, Delayne is also a KU graduate with a degree in microbiology.

Clarence Kirby, district manager for Halliburton Services, Hays, reported Monday that general oil activity continues to be off in the area. The Halliburton plant based in Oberlin recently laid off eight local employees which cuts that work crew down to 37. Halliburton had reduced its work force last summer by nine employees. Prior to these layoffs the company had a work crew of 59 based in Oberlin.

Phil and Martha Nemeth attended ceremonies at the Colorado School of Mines in Golden on Dec. 17 in which their son, Mike, received degrees in chemical petroleum-refining engineering. Also attending was Mary Nemeth of Lawrence who returned to Oberlin with her parents for semester vacation.

The Decatur County Emergency Medical Technicians honored Howard Benton at their annual Christmas dinner. Benton, a former commissioner, was credited with working with Dr. Alfred Krake to begin the emergency medical technician training program in 1974 and getting the county ambulance service started in 1975.

Mr. and Mrs. Merlin Anderson, Mrs. Libbie Taylor and Gayle Anderson and Jason attended graduation exercises at the University of Southwestern Louisiana in Lafayette, La., for Brent Anderson.

Decatur County Hospital administrator Terry Hoffart presented a 25-year pin to Marie Zimmerman R.N. at the annual hospital Christmas party. Mrs. Zimmerman currently serves as operating room supervisor. Receiving 20-year-pins were Delma Corder, a nurse aide, and Amelia Sulzman R.N.

Closing out the sports season before the holiday break the DCHS wrestlers downed Hoxie 45-12 while the boys basketball team won 47-35 over Hoxie and the girls team won by a score of 45-33.

Cedar Living News

Residents and staff have been enjoying holiday entertainment the past week.

On Monday afternoon we sang Christmas carols during the sing-along time with Myrna Jones and Mary Ann Amack. Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler brought a message about Advent and Christmas during her monthly Communion Service on Tuesday afternoon.

Wednesday afternoon we enjoyed a musical performance by the children from Faith Lutheran Church. Some played piano solos and all of the children sang carols and were part of the bell choir.

Several residents met on Thursday afternoon for Christmas trivia and stories. We learned lots of interesting facts about Christmas.

Craig Larson provided a concert of Christmas music played on the violin during lunch on Friday.

The baking group met Friday afternoon to make sugar cookies. We made a large batch so we could save some for the party on Sunday.

A standing-room-only crowd gathered in the dining room on Sunday afternoon for the annual family Christmas party. The afternoon included music provided by the group Faith, Hope, and Charity, a visit from Santa, and lots of good food.

Nearly every department at Cedar Living Center was involved in helping the activity department prepare for the party including members of the dietary, housekeeping, maintenance, and nursing departments as well as beautician Helen Juenemann. Special thanks go out to Sandy Diederich, Pam Anderson,

Robin Edgett, and Amy McDougal who came in on their time off to help with the party.

The parties and special programs continue this week, with performances planned by high school and grade school groups as well as the Red Barn Gang from Rexford and a recital by Cheryl Metcalf's piano students.

Our regular activities continue during the holiday season, as well. Paul Sass and Delores Wheeler tied for the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon. The blackout game ended in a tie between Frank Ward and Elsie Goodnight.

Recent visitors: Richard and Bernadine Samson, Theresa Rippe, Ludell; Scott and Rosa Boehm, McCook; Frank Cox, Jerry Wolfram, Julie and Bob Hafner, Herndon; Lloyd Harden, Goodland; Mike and Marie McVay, Margaret Stanley, Colby; Dorothy Ward, Wava Reames, Lynn and Leslie Ward, Norcat; Dave, Diane, Joe, and Jacinta Carter, Doyle and Kay Brown, Jennings; Kent and Tina Ashley, Barb and Steve Brown, Rick and Tammy Shaw, Selden;

Dolores Koerperich, Barb Solko, Jody Betts, Stacie and Haylee Hileman, Phil Erickson, Lois Lamb, Frank and Mert McEvoy, Gail and Kay Marcuson, Phyllis and Amy Zwickle, Frank and Karen Bennett, Earl Brown, Ella Betts, Regina Stanley, Gary, Alvera, and Stephanie Bruggeman, Sandra Young, Roxie Pomeroy, Ron and Patti Uehlin, Danny Uehlin, Ira Kolsky, Eunice Martin, Don and Ann Mines, Oberlin.

Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Wilma May, Stuart Euhus, and John and Dianne Bremer and Jessica attended the wedding of Kenzie Abbey and Garrick Reichert Saturday afternoon at the Immaculate Conception Church in Leoville, as well as the reception, dinner, and dance at the Leoville Parish Hall following the ceremony. Kenzie is the daughter of Jim and Denise Abbey, and Garrick is the son of Wilbur and Jill Reichert.

Cameron Nedland, a student at Kansas State University in Manhattan, and Greta Wendelin, a student at Kansas University in Lawrence, are home enjoying their Christmas break with their parents, the Rhonda May and Dan Nedland family, and the Norman Wendelin family.

Ryan May and Zach May played on the 7th grade boys basketball team that took second place in the Decatur Community Junior High School Northwest Kansas League Boys Basketball Tournament Thursday night in Oberlin.

Elizabeth Nedland was one of the cheerleaders.

Rhonda May and Dan Nedland enjoyed attending the BCI Christmas party held Friday evening in Jennings.

Hunter, Elizabeth, and guest, Cameron Nedland, Zach and Hannah May, and Ryan and Erin May were among members of the Stick-To-It-4-H club attending their Christmas party Sunday evening at the bowling alley in Atwood.

John and Dianne Bremer and Jessica returned home Friday evening, Dec. 7, after campus visits to Washburn University, Topeka, and Kansas State University, Manhattan. While in Manhattan Thursday night, their dinner guests were Karli Fredrickson and Anne Wasson.

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

Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

The big news this week is weather.

With 6 or 7 inches of snow on Friday, the Senior dinner was once again postponed. It was to be held Tuesday, Dec. 18.

Also the Lions soup and pie dinner with Santa's visit was not held on Saturday. Lions have rescheduled it for this Saturday, Dec. 22.

City water meters were not read Saturday. They will be read on Thursday, weather permitting.

Gary and Jeanie Gawith, and Stan and Ramona Shaw attended the recognition ceremonies for Department of Nursing Candidates from Fort Hays State University on Friday afternoon.

Tara Gillespie, wife of Aaron Gillespie of Hays, was a candidate for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program. She is a member of the Sigma Theta Tau Honor Society of Nursing and received the Leora B. Stroup Award.

Funeral services were held Sat-

urday morning for Lorraine Robinson of Clayton at the Community Center there. She was a cousin of Stan Shaw.

Bus Coach International Christmas Party was held Friday evening with several from Oberlin and Jennings attending.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at the First United Methodist Church in Concordia for Bob Rasure, 82, who died Dec. 12. He was a son of Paul and Ila Pauline (Beers) Rasure.

Survivors include his wife, Darline; three daughters; a son, and three grandchildren. His mother was a former resident of Jennings. Burial was in West Branch Cemetery at Concordia.

Elaine Wagoner, 76, of Quinter, a sister of Wilma Mader of Jennings, died Thursday, Dec. 13. Funeral services were held Saturday morning at Mount Pleasant Baptist Church at Studley with burial in the church cemetery.

Herndon News

By Voni Sattler

Don and Joan Grafel went to a junior high basketball tournament in Goodland on Thursday to watch their grandson, Saeger Grafel of Oberlin, play.

On Sunday afternoon Joan and Don Grafel, and Kyle, Cindi and Ben Grafel attended the winter concert in Atwood. Sarah Grafel performed in the Consort Choir and Sarah and Rachel Grafel sang in the high school choir.

Brad and Deanna Williams and Voni Sattler also attended the winter concert in Atwood on Sunday afternoon.

Voni's grandchildren, Sami and Joey Leitner, and Kassidi Williams, performed. Sami is in the Consort

Choir and high school choir and Joey and Kassidi are in the junior high band and choir.

Pete and Eileen Portschy entertained with a Christmas brunch on Sunday.

Those attending were Rita, Greg and Joe Marintzer, Cheri and Elijah Kastens, Dean, Deb, Marcus and Neil Portschy, and Gene Kleidosty, all of Herndon; Justin and Lori Marintzer, Hays; Jacob and Tara Marintzer, Westmoreland; Isaac Marintzer, Salina; Caleb Kastens and friend, Eva, Ludell; and Abe Marintzer and friend, Alex, Emporia.

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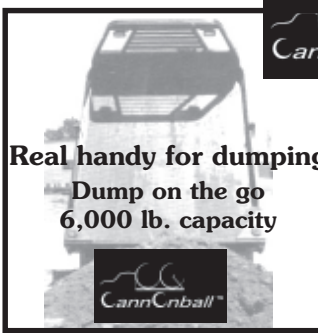
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