

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1883

Send this week's paper to a friend in the East.

Warren Jennings, of Jennings, intended starting for Iowa yesterday and will probably be gone about a month.

Douglas-Miller marriage: At the residence of the bride's parents, H.O. Douglas to Miss Laura Miller, both of Oberlin, Kansas. The Rev. John Wilson officiating.

Mr. H.O. Douglas is one of Oberlin's fine businessmen, being imbued with the spirit of thrift and enterprise that never rests short of a comprehensive knowledge of the business that engages his attention. Miss Laura Miller is an esteemed society lady, who possesses many accomplishments of the mind and heart. It is with pleasure we note this auspicious event of two conspicuous society people.

The supper given by Mr. and Mrs. George Miller in honor of the marriage of their daughter Laura showed him capable of catering to the appetites of their guests in the most appropriate style.

Hank Counter returned from Republic County Saturday and called on this office and deposited the cash for a paper to be sent to Charles Counter, Belleville, Kansas. Hank, old boy, we're glad to welcome you back.

100 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1908

Another snow Tuesday night made the old cows hump up.

At a recent meeting of the Citizens State Bank stockholders the following officers were elected: D.P. Gilbert, pres.; G.A. Vernon, vice pres.; W. H. Andrews, cashier.

George Bechtoldts are now residents of Oberlin, having moved into the Driskell property.

The neighbors of the T.M. Anderson family gave him a genuine surprise Jan. 9th; had a big feed and killed a lot of rabbits for Mr. Anderson.

S.H. McClaurry, 79, died at his home in Oberlin Jan. 14th.

South Sappa Items: Guy Allen has this fine new barn completed. J.W. Blickenstaff shipped in another car of corn this week. He is a hustler. Married, Jan. 11: Mr. John W.

Ruby of Kanona and Miss Vada Clayton of Norcatur.

75 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1933

The DCHS orchestra and band concert under the direction of Prof. Julius Piller at the grade school auditorium on New Year's Day was one of the most difficult ever attempted and their rendition of the beautiful music was excellent throughout. The "Stars and Stripes Forever" march by Philip Sousa closed the hour and half program and most of the audience would have gladly stayed longer.

With his term of office as county clerk expiring Monday morning George Nellans wasted no time in acquiring something else to keep him from the ranks of the unemployed. Friday night of last week George closed the deal for the purchase of the Bolling barber shop, taking possession Saturday morning. Hereafter the new name of the shop will be Midway Barber Shop.

Funeral services were held at the Presbyterian Church for Mrs. Jennie McClaurry, 84, who moved to Decatur County in 1881 with her husband, Sheldon Hamilton McClaurry, and located in the South Sappa Valley 11 miles southwest of Oberlin. They were the parents of 11 children.

On the basketball floor Decatur High defeated St. Francis 51-7 but lost to Hoxie 25-22 while the final score of the Oberlin-St. Francis wrestling dual was 25-23 in favor of Oberlin.

The water pipe leading into the Charley Stevenson residence burst Sunday and Charley is expecting a water bill that will make the federal deficit seem trivial.

Mr. and Mrs. H.G. Hahn have moved into the apartments in the J.H. Young residence.

Rev. John W. Berg became pastor of the Presbyterian Church here Jan. 1 succeeding Rev. J.E. Bartholomew. He comes from Marietta, Oklahoma where his wife has been teaching in the Marietta schools.

50 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1958

Sappa State Park superintendent Eugene Shepherd has spent the

past months clearing brush and re-vamping the park with an able assist from increased rainfall. Next major jobs according to Shepherd: burning the brush around the lake, planting 1,000 trees, and scooping out the silt that has collected on the south end of the apron below the dam. In recent months he has baled and hauled 600 bales of prairie hay grown at the park.

Hamilton Oil Company, Oberlin, retail and wholesale petroleum distributors and propane-butane dealer, has purchased from C & H Irrigation Company in Norton the equipment for anhydrous fertilizer. Hamilton said his company would either rent applicators for the fertilizer or provide the service for application.

Wedding vows were solemnized Saturday, Dec. 21 for Shirley Castle and John H. Ward, Jr. at the First Methodist Church with the Rev. Ray B. Bressler performing the ceremony. The couple will be at home in Kansas City, Mo., where the groom is attending the School of Pharmacy at the University of Kansas City. The bride is a graduate of St. Luke's School of Nursing and has been employed at the Decatur County Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles (Lura Willcox) Stiner observed their 60th wedding anniversary at their home in Olive Chapel Township.

Open house will be held at Sacred Heart Church in Oberlin on Jan. 12 to honor Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Zodrow on their 60th wedding anniversary. They were married on Jan. 11, 1889, in Leoville by Father Widoff and farmed many years in that area before moving to Selden in 1928 where they retired.

Dean LeRoy Roedel, son of Mr.

and Mrs. Dean Roedel, was the first baby born in Decatur County in 1958. He was born Jan. 8 and weighed 6 pounds and 14 ounces. His father will soon be discharged from service at Fort Riley.

25 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1983

A joint announcement by Boyd Bainter, president of Reserve Savings Assoc of Oberlin and Joe C. Morris, president of Columbia Savings of Emporia, announced plans for the local financial institution to merge with the Emporia-based financial network. Columbia Savings now has 11 offices located across the state.

Don Kump was officially sworn in as Decatur County commissioner with county clerk Charlotte Walinder administering the oath. Prior to taking the oath of office, Kump submitted his letter of resignation as hospital board trustee, a position he has held since November 1970.

Supt. Keith Adams and the USD Board of Education has accepted the resignation of transportation supervisor LaVerne Rippe.

Stockton edged DCHS by a half point to win the Oberlin Invitational wrestling tournament.

Mrs. Flora Reeves, 99, wife of an early-day physician, Dr. Eber Reeves, has recently returned to Decatur County to make her home at Good Samaritan Center.

Hospital News: Marcia and Lyn Reynolds, Oberlin, son, Grant Allyn, Jan. 4, 1983.

Paintings by Jerry Smith, Emporia, and Don Dernovich, Hays, were among the 50 works of art selected for the visual arts competition sponsored by the Kansas Arts Commission.

Let's Go to the Museum

By Sharleen Wurm, director

The museum is holding a freewill donation chili feed from 5 to 7 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 12, in the Bohemian Hall.

With the snow and ice almost gone, it would be a great time to

get out of the house and enjoy chili soup, cinnamon rolls, relishes and visit with family and friends.

This is a fundraiser for the Museum and proceeds will go for maintenance and operational expenses.

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Covenant Women Ministries will meet at 10 a.m. on Saturday for a missionary work day at the Herndon Covenant Church. A soup lunch will be provided by the hostesses, Detta Anderson, Margaret McEvoy and Mary Lou Olson.

Dave Bergling is hospitalized at Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney, Neb., after suffering head injuries in a fall at his home. Mail will reach him at the hospital, 10 E. 31st St., Kearney, Neb., 68848.

Dinner guests of Elden and Detta Anderson on Sunday, Dec. 30, were Kirk Kelley, Davenport, Iowa; Dick and Donna Kelley, Richard and Maureen Anderson, Samantha, Chris and Gabe, and Gary Anderson.

Visitors of Francis and Florine Hurst and family over the holidays were Donna and Brent Phelps, Kristine and Mark, and Sherry and Roy Ramphal, Houston, Texas.

Supper guests on Sunday, Dec. 23, of John and Ardythe Cederberg were Ron and Cindy Sattler, Eric Sattler, Donnie and Diane Ruppert, Derek and Megan, McCook, and Renee and Jim Wolf, Krista and Jamie, Pierre, S.D.

Bob and Sally Olson were Christ-

mas Eve supper guests of Larry and Deb Marks and family at Mulvane. Others present were Rennie and Jeanee Olson, Celinas, Texas; David Olson, Swisher, Iowa; Scott Olson, Ames, Iowa; Jon and Daisy Olson and family, St. Louis, Mo.; Bob and Annette Frenzl and girls, Salina; and Shirley Perkins, and Lewis and Ava Perkins, Wichita.

After Christmas the Bob Olsons accompanied the Rennie Olsons to Texas to see their new home, then on Saturday Mr. and Mrs. Bob Frenzl brought them back to Salina. David and Scott Olson and the Jon Olson family also visited at the Rennie Olson home.

Holiday dinner guests of Wesley and Eulaine Benda on Dec. 29 were Losson and Leanne Pike, Ashland, and their exchange student, Akihiro Ando of Japan; Gerald and Patti Benda, Ludell; Shirley Maresch and family, Nekoma; Mitch and Bev Messerly and family, Sublette; Brandon White, Leawood; Sarah and Kurt Olson, Manhattan; and Mark and Barbara Olson and Mary, Oberlin.

Clint Schmidt, Denver, and Chris and Sherri Schmidt and Daisy Schmidt spent the holidays with

Curtis and Dawnelle Heim, Karli, Kelsi and Christopher, and Mike and Erin Kittson in Tucson, Ariz.

Christmas Day dinner guests of John and Ardythe Cederberg were Donnie and Diane Ruppert, Adam, Derek and Megan, McCook; Larry and Denise Pettera and Dalton, Tanner, Jolene and Boston Pettera, and Erin and Tate Pettera, North Platte, Neb.; and Kyle Werkmeister, Maywood, Neb.

The annual meeting for the Herndon Covenant Church will be held following services on Sunday, Jan. 20. Members are to bring a sack lunch and snacks for the afternoon.

Dolores Benda is hospitalized in Atwood. Mail will reach her at the Rawlins County Health Center, 707 Grant St., Atwood, Kan., 67730.

Elma Lee Erickson, Herndon; Nora Bearley and Montine Alstrom, Oberlin; Larry and Judy Bearley, Oakley; Bob, Karen, Kevin and Kendra Threlkel, Hays; Karen and Karla Mosteller, Bern; Donna and Shelly Threlkel, Lebanon; Ronnie, Marcella, Sarah and Montana Morris, and Emily Holub, Arvada, Colo.; Mary Ann and Hailey Beck, Joplin, Mo.; and Neva Lou and Eric

Holub, Atwood, celebrated Christmas with Don and Em Threlkel.

Holiday guests of Joe and Vicki Schmidt were Tanner Schmidt, and Wade and Mandi McKinley and Gabriel, Manhattan; Barry Schmidt, Mystic, Conn.; and Chuck and Tobina Norris, Howard.

Those who enjoyed a skiing trip to the Colorado mountains last week were Pastor Keith and Sandy Reuther, Bill, Becca, Bob and Beth, Kyle and Cindi Grafel, Rachel and Sarah, Greg and Gwen Jones, Josiah, Elijah, Mariah, Noah and Susannah, Katie Glading, Keaton and Jason Argabright, Blake Bergling, Keegan Peckham, Sean Jordan of Oberlin, and Braden Schmid.

Guests of Chris and Sherri Schmidt for a post-Christmas supper on Saturday were T.C. and Danace McDonald, Clae, Jordan and Kainin, Colby, and Daisy Schmidt.

Congratulations to John and Ardythe Cederberg on the arrival of a new great-granddaughter, Payton Ann, on Dec. 26. Her parents, Chase and Dana Juenemann of Hays, brought her to meet her great-grandparents on Saturday and were dinner guests.

Rexford News

By Vicki Allison

Wishing everyone a happy and blessed 2008. The new year has reminded me of something one of our great presidents, Abraham Lincoln, said: "The best thing about the future is that it comes one day at a time." May each and every waking day of 2008 be good to us all.

December's Legion Pinochle Tournament winners on Dec. 15 were Grace Cheney and Sally Jones coming in first place, Charles and Pat Williams in second, and Bill Dible and JR Albers in third.

Christmas Day guests at the Vesta Roth home were Dan and Janice Roth, Abilene; Chris and Rebecca Runquist, Kansas City; Kristin Roth, Topeka; and Jean Hawkins, Rexford. On Dec. 26, Rick Roth and his two sons came for a belated Christmas Dinner, spent the night, enjoyed breakfast and left for home

before the storm.

Household guests during the holiday at the home of Vicki Allison included her brother, David Anderson; his wife, Lori; and their children, Sage, 4, and Sophia, 2, of Owasso, Okla.; daughter, Rebecca Rains; her husband, Chance; and son, Jaren, 2, of Victoria; daughters, Kristin Wark of Lawrence and Jami Wark of Hays; and her mother, MaDonna Anderson of Gem.

An Anderson Christmas was held at the Red Barn on Dec. 24. Family members attending were MaDonna Anderson, Gem; Dustin and Frances Anderson and children, Miranda, Paige, Dustin Jr. and Brook, Arkansas City; the David Anderson family; Tina Ohlrogge and Daniel Urban, and Mark Ohlrogge, children, Mitchell and Shane, Colby; Daniel Urban, Tim

Anderson, Colby; Shawn and Nikki Anderson, Grandview, Mo.; April Anderson and Homero Vargas, Selden; Chad and Desiree Wark, Morgan and Hayden, Rexford; Trevor Anderson, Portland, Ore.; Lucas Morton, Overland Park; Rebecca Rains and family, Kristin and Jami Wark.

Sondra Barnett had a big surprise last weekend. She was prepared for her son, Todd and Mandy Barnett, Kerry, Taylor and Melia from Alamosa, Colo., and grandson, Tatum Barnett from Garden City, to be guests in her house. However, she wasn't prepared for almost the whole gang to show up! Apparently, the arrival of Todd's family was just a front, to be sure that Sondra was home. Others who came were Scott and Linda Barnett, Michael, Tiffany, Lacey and Melia, Deerfield;

Cory and Tessy Barnett, Tabitha, Corban and Obadiah, Liberal; and Shalom, Gabriel, Kaleb and Trinity Kruse from Pretty Prairie. Velma Barnett of Gem (who also knew of the surprise) joined the group on Saturday for dinner and a time of fellowship.

The community extends sincere sympathy to the family of Gary and Tina Delzeit on the loss of Gary's father, Lawrence Horinek, who passed away Dec. 22.

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

Until next time, make your week memorable.

Cedar Living News

Arlo Wurm has returned to his home after a short stay at Cedar Living Center.

Sympathy is extended to the families of Tressie Samson and Betty Harden. Both of these longtime residents of Cedar Living Center passed away on Sunday, Jan. 6.

There were several winners at penny cards on Monday afternoon. Residents joining in on the game included Helena Bruggeman, Darlene Fisher, Elsie Goodnight, Elwood Mines, Edie Pettera, John Schuhart, Don Shaw, Frank Ward, Delores Wheeler, and Loyl Wilson.

A New Year's Eve celebration was held before supper on Monday. Everyone enjoyed a glass of punch, and cheese and crackers. Each resident received a New Year's Eve kiss, of the chocolate variety.

The holiday season officially came to an end at Cedar Living Center on New Year's Day when all of the decorations were taken down and packed away. We had a great Christmas and will look forward to the preparations again in eleven months.

Juanita Williby hosted the pinochle players on Wednesday afternoon.

Father Henry Saw Lone brought Catholic Mass on Thursday morning.

Ila Ray and Opal Huntley assisted Teresa Shaughnessy with bingo on Thursday afternoon. Elsie Goodnight won the first bingo and Delores Wheeler won the blackout game.

Tara Votapka hosted the baking group on Friday afternoon. They

made chocolate chip cookies.

The Saturday Night Poker Club met on Wednesday and Saturday nights this week. Sam Mack is in charge of the group.

The Eastern Star lodge brought a delicious turkey supper on Sunday for residents Lora Linn Lechlitter, Frank and Velda Ward, Mildred Tacha, Naomi Carter, and Zola Brown. Teresa Shaughnessy also ate with the group. Everyone had a good time and several told stories about their years in the Eastern Star.

Rick and Tammy Shaw played pinochle with several residents on Sunday evening.

Recent visitors: Kayla, Cody, Cade, and Cory Wurm, Dresden; Frank Cox, Ann Martin, Linda Bosler, Jerry Wolfram, Herndon; Paula Tadlock, Fort Morgan, Colo.; Pat Dizmgang, Neb.; Les Pettera and family, Loveland, Colo.; Jamie Samson, Lindsborg; Steve and Vonda Leopold, McCook; Richard and Bernadine Samson, Ludell; John and Julie Geisinger, Rick and Tammy Shaw, Selden; Dave Cox, Hays; Shakia and Rose Domsch, Atwood; George Cox, Roy, Wash.; Shawnda Wallace and James Reames, Dover, Okla.; Wava Reames, Norcatur; Mike and Marie McVay, Colby; Doyle and Kay Brown, Jennings.

Catherine Neal, Orlin Benda, Elvin Benda, Don and Ann Mines, Lyle Gamblin, Jon, Anna, and Spencer Wishon, Ralph and Norma Unger, Jeanette Miller, Samme Steinmetz, Barb Solko, Tom Fisher, Ira Kolsky, Eunice Martin, Roxie Pomeroy, Oberlin.

Selden News

By Jacque Boultinghouse

Birthdays and anniversaries: Jan. 1 - Mike and Tami Portschy, Amy Aumiller; Jan. 2 - Boyd and Marge Wilson; Jan. 3 - Elizabeth Schrener; Jan. 4 - Bill Bainter, Mike Kruse; Jan. 7 - John Kruse, Ron Kaus; Jan. 8 - Gary Shaw, Tyler Stevenson, Tom Zodrow; Jan. 9 - Evelyn Wahl, Lindsey Wahl; Jan. 10 - Melanie Schultz, Randi Stevenson, Kasier Carman; Jan. 11 - Shad Putnam; Jan. 12 - Joe Bainter; Jan. 13 - Joe Trembley, Harold Sulzman, Sherry Carman; Jan. 14 - Bernie Ritter, Dorothy Stacey, Angel Lobato; Jan.

15 - Dave Wachendorfer.

On Thursday at Senior Citizens, Lola Cook won high, Shirley Emigh took second, Leone Portschy got low and Lola Cook had the most kings. Other members present included Carol Shaw, Jeanie Spreader, Betty James, Royce Cook, Lois Neff, Helen Karls and Gail Mumm.

Being the first meeting of the year, new officers were elected. For the year 2008, Lola Cook will serve as president; Gail Mumm, vice president; Helen Karls, secretary; and Ann Hazlitt, treasurer.

Lyle News

By Deanna Sumner

Christmas guests at the home of Margaret Magers were Mike and Pam Hornung, Brittany and Tyler Hawk, Aurora, Colo.; Richard and Jane Engelhardt, Norton; Charlie and Judy Easton, Quinter; J.T., Denise, Katie, Kori, Kurston and Kendra Guy, Abilene; and Charlie and Kimmie Easton, Selden.

Other callers during the week were Gale Rippe, McCook, and Lynn Scrivner and Darrel Rippe and Amanda, Oklahoma.

Members of the Wood family who had a Christmas dinner at the Educational Building on Dec. 27 were Carol Moye, Oberlin; Larry and Sandy McNames, Grinnell; Dwight Wood, McCook; Tobia (Toby) and Jenny Wood, Stockton; Israel and Hanna Jirak, Landon and Layton, Prescott Valley, Ariz.; Danny and Hester Bundrock and Cohen, Fort Collins, Colo.; and Veda Wood.

Denny Wood stopped by but had to work. Theresa also had to work. They went to the home of A.J. and Tielia High for Christmas dinner and watched her family open gifts.

The Lyle church group enjoyed a message by DeWayne Jackson, followed by their first Sunday of the month dinner.

Kathy Van Meter and Joyce Sumner got together with friends to help Joyce celebrate her birthday on Jan. 1.

The Lyle ladies planned to start sewing again on Tuesday, Jan. 8, weather permitting.

Deanna and Todd Sumner were hosts for their family Christmas. Todd and Brooke and Brady took Deanna to Hays to celebrate her birthday on Jan. 5.

We are happy to hear that Windy Farr is home and feeling well after her surgery.

Cost Share Funds (Non-Point Source)

The Decatur County Conservation District will be taking cost share applications from January 7 through January 25.

"Funding is provided by the State Conservation Commission through appropriation from the Kansas Water Plan Fund."

This will be the last opportunity to apply for funds to upgrade failing septic systems this year.

(Livestock practices also apply).

Our office is located on South Hwy 83 in Oberlin. For more information call 785-475-3131 Extension 101. Ask for Diana Solko.

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