

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — Dec. 1883

Miss Jennie Hayward will teach at Hawkeye.

The new bell for the schoolhouse arrived Friday.

Lewis G. Parker has been appointed county attorney by Judge Pratt to fill a vacancy caused by J.E. Cochran moving to McCook.

J.W. Allen & Co. have moved their clothing stock upstairs over their store and will use the building on the east side of Penn Avenue as a pork packing establishment.

The county has ordered a good set of surveyor's instruments from W. & L.E. Gurley, Troy, N. Y., for the use of the county surveyor.

The Christmas tree entertainment at the Presbyterian Church Monday night was a grand success, due to the careful planning and work of Mrs. Knowles and Mrs. Frasier. It required nearly a house to distribute the gifts with which the tree was loaded.

100 YEARS AGO — Dec. 1908

W.A. Dale is building a large barn on the J.T. Ellis farm south of town.

Rev. VanCleave of Crawfordsville, Ind., has been called as pastor of the Oberlin Baptist Church.

V.R. Caster of Olive allowed his team to run away last week, upsetting the wagon, but he luckily escaped with only a few bruises.

Col. L.G. Parker sold the Oberlin Times Monday to a syndicate composed of Art S. Steele, W.A. Smith, L.M. Parker, Mr. Towne and others. We understand Mr. Towne will be the editor.

75 YEARS AGO — Dec. 1933

We are informed that of the 1387 applications for wheat production controls, 1180 applications were signed and forwarded to Washington, D.C., so it should not be long now until the farmers will have some of that allotment money.

Only Johnston of Oberlin, half-back, was named to the all-league team selected by the Goodland Daily News. Maggard of Oberlin, right tackle, was named to the second

team while Hackney and Ricketts received honorable mention.

H.A. Stowell is asking how many Civil War veterans remain in this county. We know of one other, John Duncan of Norcat. Conrad Scheler also claims membership in the local G.A.R. post which consolidated with the local American Legion post a number of years ago, but he is presently living in Wray, Colo.

Court House News: A license was issued to Russell W. Raulston, 24, and Miss Goldie E. Rydquist, 20, who were married by the Rev. Arvid Nygren.

Mr. and Mrs. Clell Vernon are the parents of a baby boy born Monday, Dec. 11.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Love and Jack are expected to leave Saturday for Clyde where they will spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Guy Litton. If the weather is favorable they will be joined by family members from Jennings, Grand Island, Neb., and Ottawa for a family celebration.

Misses Eleanor and Margaret Krizek entertained guests at a party the evening of Dec. 16 and guests were Myrtle Hunter, Marjorie Rhodes, Maida Tice, Nelda and Helen Rhodes, Norma and Wanda Fulton, Frances and Helen Janousek, Herbert Vaughn, Raymond Charles, Raymond and Roy Crawford, Raymond Hunter, Rudolph and Otis Skubal, Russell Rhodes, Glenn Fulton, Merlin Tice and Mr. and Mrs. James Janousek. Mr. Janousek furnished the music while the evening was spent in dancing and playing games. Refreshment of sandwiches, pickles, cake and candy were served.

50 YEARS AGO — Dec. 1958

High schools in Decatur County fared well in the recent inspection by state second school supervisor Maurice Cook. Schools inspected were Decatur Community High School, 15 teachers, 242 enrollment; Jennings, 6 teachers, 63 students; Norcat: 6 teachers, 37 students; Leoville; 4 teachers, 45 students.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Carlson observed their 50th wedding anniversary with about 150 guests attending the reception. The three-tier cake was baked and decorated by Mrs. Wesley Gaumer. All of the Carlsons' five children were present and the honored couple received a beautiful gold rocker.

Amy Jane Thomsen, teacher at Bellevue, Neb., Junior High and Jerry Thomsen, student at Kansas State University, are spending Christmas holidays with their parents, Dr. and Mrs. A.J. Thomsen.

Leoville; Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Zodrow are the parents of a son, Paul James, who arrived Dec. 12 at the Sheridan County Hospital.

Oberlin's wrestlers added Hutchinson to their list of victims last Friday, defeating the Salt Hawk Matmen coached by former Oberlin coach Charles Lyons, 32-16.

Court House News: Joyce Carlson, Oberlin and Clyde Hartzog, Dresden, were issued a marriage license Dec. 22.

25 YEARS AGO — Dec. 1983

Bitter cold gripped the area with temperatures falling to -16. Retired Herndon farmer Harry Schrammel said the December weather reminded him of 1924 when Oberlin Herald weather reporter E.W. Coldren inked the monthly data sheet as "just about the coldest December on record."

Decatur County Extension Agent Allen Dinkel said that livestock producers have a full-time job tak-

ing care of stock with winter just beginning and temperatures already below seasonal average adding that forage supplies have already been reduced due to last summer's drought.

New Arrivals: Becky and Kurt Vollertsen, daughter, Haley Rebecca, Dec. 20, 1983; Lolita and Joe Metcalf, son, Brandon Lee, Dec. 24, 1983.

A 1924 Baldwin combine owned by Joe Samson Jr., Ludell, was the winner in a national contest sponsored by the Allis-Chalmers Company to find "the oldest working Gleaner combine."

West Central Manufacturing president Verdie Nelson announced this week that the Oberlin plant will reopen soon after Jan. 1 with plans for future expansion.

A former Decatur County resident, Jack Bainter, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Corral Bainter and a brother of Norman Bainter of Jennings, has been named director of the ITT Technical Institute at Fort Wayne, Ind.

A southbound 1989 Peterbilt truck carrying 49 head of registered Salers cattle went off the roadway eight miles south of Oberlin on Sunday afternoon spewing its cargo every which way. Of the 49 head which were being trucked to George Werth of Quinter, 46 survived. Gail Marcuson, who lives near the accident scene, assisted in rounding up the stock and nearly a dozen other men helped rope the remaining number of cattle on Monday.

Decatur Health Systems

By Othelia Vacura

Regular visiting hours at the hospital are 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. Children 14 and under should be accompanied by an adult and should not be left in the lobby by themselves.

In the evening, the front doors of the hospital are locked at 9 p.m. Anyone who needs treatment or who needs to come in after hours

needs to use the emergency room entrance. A bell is located on the outside wall at the emergency entrance to ring for the nurse.

At this holiday season, the employees and staff of Decatur Health Systems wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

We have been busy enjoying the holiday season this week at Cedar Living Center. It was especially nice to have most everyone feeling better and back out to the dining room for meals and activities.

Monday afternoon found a group of residents rolling the dice. The group included Dale Butler, Darlene Fisher, Alvina Gamblin, Elsie Goodnight, Ruth Havel, Donna Kent, Mary Kolsky, Elwood Mines, Edie Pettera, Mary Votapka, Delores Wheeler, and Fern Wenger.

Myrna Jones and Mary Ann Amack led the sing-along time on Monday afternoon, featuring many of the Christmas favorites.

Alice May won the first Bingo on Tuesday afternoon. The blackout game ended in a four-way tie among Frank Ward, Wilma May, Fern Wenger, and Aleen VanVleet.

Charlotte Kurtz read Christmas stories for a group of residents who gathered before supper on Tuesday evening.

Students from the high school vocal music department provided entertainment before dinner on Wednesday. Both the DCHS Singers and the Chanté performed a variety of holiday music.

Juanita Williby hosted the pinochle players on Wednesday afternoon. Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson on Wednesday.

The children from the Faith Lutheran Church bell choir visited during supper on Wednesday. They played several Christmas selections.

Fr. Henry Saw-Lone brought

Communion for the Catholic residents on Thursday morning.

Ira Kolsky had lunch with Mary Kolsky on Thursday to help her celebrate her birthday. Other family members visited during the afternoon.

The bowlers met for a game on Thursday afternoon. Snacks were served following the game.

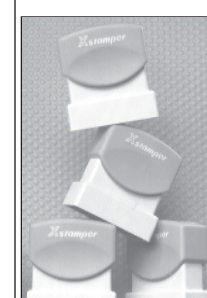
We were surprised by a visit from students of Oberlin Elementary School before dinner on Friday. They sang several Christmas songs and delivered hand-made door decorations to all of the residents.

Charlotte Kurtz and Teresa Shaughnessy hosted the December birthday party in the dining room on Friday afternoon. Those being honored with December birthdays were Mary Kolsky, Frank Ward, and Wilma May.

John Juenemann entertained during the supper hour on Friday. He sang a variety of old favorites as well as Christmas songs.

Recent visitors: Julie Hafner, Linda Bosler, Eugene Kleidosty, Pete and Eileen Portschy, Herndon; Evan Wenger, Aubrey, Texas; Donna Jones, Clayton; Lillian Sulzmann, Dresden; Wava Reames, Norcat; Tom Votapka and Terry Hanke, Jennings.

Jackie Votapka, Lyle Gamblin, Connie Olson, Evelyn May, Peggy Groneweg, Ira Kolsky, Ron and Patti Uehlin, Pat Fringer, Ella Betts, Max and Veanna Carman, Gene Plotts, Dianne and John Bremer, Oberlin.



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