Events of Yesteryear

125 YEARS AGO — Dec. 1883

Two or three inches of snow fell Sunday night. Six degrees below zero New Year's morning.

J.E. Kulp has opened a lumber yard at this place, and is putting in a well selected stock which he will sell at reasonable rates.

Lawrence Riley has moved his cattle to his father's farm, just opposite town, where he will feed them during the rest of the season.

The commodious residence of Rev. D.O. Banta was literally packed with young and old to see the Christmas tree and listen to the program in connection there with John Fawcett as Santa Claus.

of Rev. John Wilson on Christmas night was attended by a large number of friends.

The ball held Christmas night under the direction of the Oberlin band was a grand success.

Clayton Clatter: Mrs. E.S. Miner of Lyle will lecture here to our literary society Thursday evening, Jan. 11, on temperance.

100 YEARS AGO — Dec. 1908 Bert Wernette moved his family

to town Tuesday. He will occupy the Rooney property.

Robert Nall has traded his farm in Sappa Township for a livery barn

Married, Christmas Eve by Rev. D.O. Banta, John Haines and Miss

C.J. Raymond and family are moving to Oberlin and will occupy the Fred Campbell property

Married, Dec. 27, James Milleson and Miss Myrtle Baugher.

At 6:30 Christmas morning the Oberlin mill, owned by HQ. Banta, was discovered to be on fire by Glenn Moore who quickly spread the alarm. When the hose was stretched from the Perry Bradley corner it was found to be 100 feet too short to reach the blazing structure and the fire fighters had to stand idly by and watch the building completely destroyed. Mr. Bantaestimates his loss at \$6,000; he carried \$3,000 insurance on the machinery and \$2,500 on the building. The 3,300 bushels of wheat on hand was also insured.

75 YEARS AGO — Dec. 1933

Two new weather records were established at Oberlin during the year just coming to a close. On the morning of Feb. 8, the mercury dropped to 28 degrees below breaking a record for February set in 1918. The other record broken was on the

last day of June when the mercury showed 110 degrees which by coincidence was also set in 1918.

A tragic accident brought sorrow in the holiday season. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Moore and son Duane and Ben McCartney were coming from Wyoming to spend the holidays with Mrs. Moore's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B.E. McCartney when their car struck a parked truck near North Platte and overturned. Mr. Moore died and their son and Mrs. Moore were seriously injured but are improving. McCartney, who was driving, suffered only minor injuries.

Court House News: George El-The social given at the residence mer Shine, 21, and Miss Myra M. Shaw, 22, both of Oberlin, were granted a marriage license Dec. 27; James R. Leigh Bell, 26, and Miss Lucille Nemeth, 18, both of Traer, were granted a license on the 26th and were married by the Rev. Torrence of Norcatur.

50 YEARS AGO — Dec. 1958

Plans for a community-wide Twelfth Night carol service Jan. 5 have been announced by the Decatur County Ministerial Assoc.

The Norris Grain Company of Dresden managed by Jess Wilson reports an unknown amount of wheat stolen from the elevator before the snow Dec. 11-13. There are no clues whatever, except a short half circle of spilled wheat where a truck had made a short turn.

Two homes, one in Oberlin and one southwest of town, have been pilfered recently while the owners were away from home. Cookie crumbs in various places in one home indicated the invaders satisfied their hunger as they looked

Starting center for Kansas Wesleyan University of Salina this season is Gerald Childs, 6' foot 1' freshman from Selden. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jud Childs.

The ladies from the telephone office had a Christmas dinner at the Green Lantern Dec. 17. After the dinner they went to the home of Mrs. Enid Simmonds for a gift exchange. Those present were Mmes. Ruth Eicher, Enid Simmonds, Alvin Jording, Jerry Dempewolf, Gilford Fisher, Martin McKisson, Dennis Campbell, Bob Russell and Miss Leila Ann Krizek. Mrs. Jack O'Toole was unable to attend the dinner but was present at the party.

25 YEARS AGO — Dec. 1983

Top ten news stories of 1983 as reported by the Oberlin Herald

Mount Pleasant News

- 1. Weather changes drastic: wet spring delays planting, summer and fall drought with high temperatures followed by early season blizzard.
- 2. Problems involving Decatur County National Bank cause resignation of president Farrell McAtee.
- 3. County tax position altered due to decrease in oil assessments and removal of farm machinery assessments.
- 4. Changes in medical area brings two additional physicians, Dr. Richard May and Dr. Lynn Fogleman to practice family medicine and a full time surgeon, Dr. Robert Simpson.
- 5. A 16-unit low-income housing

project completed in east Oberlin.

6. Bumper wheat crop brings county average of 45 with some yields in excess of 60.

By Jody Betts

- 7. New faces in government: Don Kump as county commissioner; Dave Nichols elected mayor.
- 8. New businesses: Stop 'n Shop; Oberlin Vet Clinic, Kids & Co., Hobby Horse, CarQuest, Kermit's Retail Liquor and Party Time; Sappa Valley Spa, Rocking Horse Farms, Country Peddler, Agapelands, Hair Unique.
- 9. Street project in east Oberlin on; Highway 83 project between Oberlin-Selden not budgeted.
- 10. Well-known young Jennings man, Mac Harris, dies in fire.

Lyle News

By Veda Wood

Margaret "Toots" Magers' family had Thanksgiving dinner at the Lyle Community building, with 23 enjoying good food and fellowship. Kids and grandkids supplied the manpower for several jobs on Friday. On the 30th, 22 family members met at the home of Allen, Patty and Tanner Powell in McCook.

Mrs. Magers went to Quinter on Dec. 7, to hear the Bell choir. Judy Easton is one of the players. June Jolly and Toots played at the pinochle tournament on the Nov. 21.

Liberty Star Club met on Wednesday, Dec. 10, for finger food and a potluck program, with three members present, Cathy Anthony, Carolyn Plotts and Toots Magers.

Jane and Richard Engelhardt returned from Denver, where Richard had five radiation treatments.

Thirteen members of the Sumner family flew to Florida to visit Mickey Mouse and others at Disney World. Those going were Greg and Von Sumner, Amy and Mark Archer, Grace and Andrew of McPherson, Michelle, Ryan and Sumner Homooka, and Todd, Deanna, Brooke and Brady Sumner.

On Wednesday, Dec. 17, the Andbe Home had its annual Christmas party. Bee Nelson went as Bob Sawdon's guest, and took Veda Wood, who with Margie Applegate, went as Alta May Van Gundy's guest. They had a good program, including the Jay Singers from Norton High School. Levina Ingram read "Twas the Night Before Christmas" to a group of young people, who later helped Santa pass out gifts, and after a delicious lunch, Alta May gave her moving reading about a shipwrecked sailor off the coast of Wales. She learned it in the thirties and is still reciting it. We like to tell that she will be 104 years old in January. She is considering going to Colorado for Christmas with a great-nephew.

Thursday - brrr - it's cold!!! I know it's cold when my little dog doesn't want to go outside. When I put her out, she is right back in, earning her name (as Denny calls her) of 'the fastest dog in the west."

There were only seven present for Senior Citizens on Friday, but we had fun in spite of it.

Saturday was the day for lunch, a Christmas drawing and a visit from Santa at the City Building, or the old school house. Every family received a gift and the little ones received teddy bears. Two who braved the slick roads from Lyle were Kathy Van Meter and June Jolly. June said as she started down the 'Ankenman Hill' and 11 deer crossed the road at the bottom of the hill. She got stopped and let them cross. Whew!

Since I had not written Lyle News since Thanksgiving, June had Thanksgiving dinner at Coleen Rippe's. Not too long ago, June picked up three baby kittens that someone had abandoned on the road close to her place. Thanks to her, the kittens are alive and well. She also wants to express thanks to the people who had the Christmas lunch, drawing, and Santa.

We all say thank you to the businesses and individuals for supplying the gifts and for all your work.

By Dianne Bremer

Lindsey Euhus, daughter of Kent and Diana Euhus, graduated Dec. 12 with a Bachelors Degree in Social Work from Washburn University in Topeka.

Cameron Nedland, Manhattan; Rory Wendelin, Seward, Neb.; and Greta Wendelin, Lawrence, arrived Dec. 19 at the Dan Nedland and Norman Wendelin homes to spend semester break with their families.

Nolan May, Lawrence, was a guest at the Dan Nedland home from Dec. 19 to 24 to visit family and friends.

Out-of-town guests at the Gaylord Shields home the weekend before Christmas to celebrate their family Christmas were Mike and Nancy Shields, Corinne Shields, and Patrick Hickey, Omaha; and Brett and Ali Shields and Sam, Lincoln, Neb. Paul and Kelly Shields, Tyler, Cassidy, and Caitlin were additional Saturday and Sunday guests and Stuart Euhus was an additional

Sunday visitor. Quintin and Lindsay Cundiff, St. Louis, Mo.; visited his parents, Greg and Janice Cundiff from Dec. 23 to 29. Quintin is a student at the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

Concordia Seminary in St. Louis. Ladd Wendelin, Lincoln, Neb., arrived Christmas Eve at the Norman Wendelin home to spend Christmas

with his family. Ralph and Violet Shaw hosted a soup supper at their home before church services on Christmas Eve. Guests were Jennifer Shaw and Casey Harshman, Emporia; Richard and Anna Shaw, Joel and Tami Shaw and Dante, Laurene Van Otterlou,

Jaron and Tara Tate and Abigail, Hot Springs, Ark.; the Jay Tate family, and John and Edith Tate attended the Lund Covenant live nativity program at the Brad Marcuson home on Christmas Eve. Following the program, Jaron, Tara, and Abigail were overnight guests at the Jay Tate home.

Ralph and Norma Unger were Christmas Eve and Christmas Day guests of Dr. Rachelle and Bob Gorrell, Connor and Logan, Bland, Mo. Additional Christmas Day dinner guests at the Gorrell home were Bob's sister and family and parents, Bob and Loretta Gorrell Sr., Rachelle's partner and his wife, Dr. Hugh and Debbie Schuetz, were

Christmas evening visitors. Wednesday to Sunday guests of Craig and Karen Larson were her daughter and family, Kimberly and Jeff Wickersham and Calvin, Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day dinner guests of Craig and Karen Larson were Jeff and Kimberly Wickersham and Calvin, and Zane and Gladys Geis.

Quintin and Lindsay Cundiff, Janice and Greg Cundiff, Marvin May, Chris and Kasey May, Kaylee, Kelsey, and Hunter, Andy and Kelley May and Kalen Townsend, Jack Fortin, and Charles Fortin were Christmas Day dinner guests at the home of Martin and Evelyn May.

David May, McCook; Stean Olson, Hays; Kelly Olson, Manhattan; Wilma May, Evelyn Olson, and Jerry and Connie Olson were Christmas Day dinner guests at the home of Justin and Wendy Scott, Garrett and Gage.

Walter and Betty May, and Roland and Pam May, Zach and Hannah, enjoyed Christmas Day dinner at the home of Dan Nedland and Rhonda May, Cameron, Hunter, and Elizabeth.

Christmas Day dinner guests of Lois Carlson were John and Edith Tate, Jaron and Tara Tate and Abigail, and Jay and Becky Tate, Dakota, Mollie and Grace.

Richard and Anna Shaw, Jennifer Shaw, and Casey Harshman were Christmas Day dinner guests at the Ralph Shaw home.

Helen Derby, Dresden; Kristen Bremer and Dwayne Bray, Colby; and John and Dianne Bremer and

Jessica enjoyed Christmas Day dinner at the home of Herschel and Jody Betts.

Kristen Bremer and Dwayne Bray, Colby, and John and Dianne Bremer and Jessica were Sunday afternoon guests of Arthur and Alice May to celebrate their family Christmas.

Bill and Bonnie Condit, Winfield; Suzanne Cooper, Wichita; Wayne and Lois Larson, Norman and Joanne Wendelin, Ladd, Greta, and Rory, Marissa Larson, Colby Larson, and Jeff and Kimberly Wickersham and Calvin were Friday dinner guests of Craig and Karen Larson to celebrate their family Christmas.

Ralph and Norma Unger and the Bob Gorrell family visited from Friday to Sunday at the home of Butch and Colleen Rittmann, Christian and Rielly, Shawnee, returning home Sunday evening.

Robert and Dana (Euhus) Morton and grandson, Troy, Coffeyville; Brock Euhus, Hays; Kent Euhus,

and Gaylord and Shirley Shields were Sunday noon dinner guests of Stuart Euhus.

Scott and Paige Gawith, Gunner and Madison, were Sunday afternoon visitors of Ralph and Violet John and Dianne Bremer were

Sunday afternoon visitors of Greg and Janice Cundiff, Quintin and Lindsay Cundiff, and Arthur and Alice May. Ernest May, Tonganoxie, arrived

Saturday and his children, Paul and Meaghan May and Austin, Ruskin, Fla.; and Rebecca and Stephen May, Lawrence, arrived Sunday afternoon at the Martin May home.

Additional Sunday supper guests at the Martin May home were Quintin and Lindsay Cundiff, and Janice and Greg Cundiff.

Ernest May, the Paul May family, and Rebecca and Stephen May, houseguests of Martin and Evelyn May, returned home Tuesday.

Cedar Living News

in the dining room for an afternoon

Myrna Jones got the crowd

warmed up with lots of lively holi-

day music. Santa dropped by to

deliver packages. The afternoon

ended with mountains of cookies,

crackers, cheese, candy, and egg-

nog. Everyone reported having a

great time. Robyn Edgett, Linda

Fox, and Gisela Fisher were among

those who helped with serving the

Myrna Jones and Mary Ann

Amack led the Christmas sing-

along time on Monday afternoon

Charlotte Kurtz hosted a Candle-

light Service in the Cedar Living

Center dining room on Monday

evening. Dianne Bremer and Mary

Elsie Goodnight won the first

bingo on Tuesday afternoon. The

blackout game ended in a tie be-

tween Mary Votapka, Donna Kent,

Tara Votapka assisted with activi-

The night nurses acted as Santa's

helpers on Christmas Eve by deliv-

ering packages. Some were gifts left

by family members, but most were

gifts from the staff. Staff members

of Decatur Health Systems provide

gifts each year for all of the resi-

dents. The gifts are waiting at every

bedside on Christmas morning. This

way we are assured that everyone

has a gift to unwrap on Christmas.

ties on Wednesday and Friday.

Long assisted with the music.

and Elsie Goodnight.

of fun and festivities.

refreshments.

before supper.

By Teresa Shaughnessy Our weeklong celebration of a pinochle game with several resi-

Christmas started on Sunday afdents on Sunday evening. William Carter is a new resident ternoon with the family Christmas Party. Residents, family members, at Cedar Living Center. guests, volunteers and staff gathered

The residents enjoyed many visitors during the past week, some who are able to visit often and others who were here to help celebrate the holidays.

Visitors included Gary Anthony, Norcatur; Carol Kompus, Jerry R. Wolfram, Cheri Kastens, Chris Wood, Herndon; Lillian Sulzman, Dresden; Lucille Reed, Hill City; Roberta Johnston, North Carolina.; Susan Orr, Colby; Alysha Tadlock, Wray, Colo.; Ken, Chris, and Alex Hosaka, Alpharetta, Calif.; Brett, Jodi, Braden and Briley White, Wichita; Barry, Janeil, Brock and Jordan Baxter, Smith Center; Cade, Jill, Jackson, and Jace Winter, Clifton; Mary Kate and Collin Clark, Janice Sattler, Atwood; Winston Sattler, Scott City; Randy and Adam Sattler, Hutchinson; Charlie and Sharon Wurm, Staplehurst, Neb.; Malorie, Savannah and Jackson Gregory, David City, Neb.; Kevin and Lorie Kaquarek, Lamar, Colo.; Patsy Marintzer and Phil Timm, Idalia, Colo.; Kurt and Dee Beyers, Hays; Terry and Sherri Ramsey, Arkansas City; Clayton Erickson and family, Tecumseh; Tom Votapka and Terry Hanke, Rachel Carter, Jennings.

Lynn and Roberta Johnson, Shelli Fortin, Brady Sumner, Connie Olson, Jackie Votapka, Connie Miller, Myrtle Waldo, Orlin Beneda, Elvin Beneda, Eunice Richards, Max and Veanna Carman, Paula Tadlock, Pat Fringer, Sandra Young, Ira Kolsky, Lyle Gamblin, Diane, John, and Rick and Tammy Shaw organized Jessica Bremer, Oberlin.

Good Samaritan News

By Lisa Paulson

But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart. Luke 2:19

Earlier this month we spent time remembering Christmas past. Now this Christmas will be added to the ones we already have treasured in our hearts. During our Bible study we learned in Luke the words "kept and marveled them in their/her heart(s)" was repeated several times concerning the circumstances surrounding the birth of Jesus. It seems only fitting that we too should marvel and keep these sweet memories so that we can ponder on them in the days and weeks to come. But the deeper meaning here is that we should continue to marvel at the miracle of Christmas not only for a day or a season, but every day.

hildren's Christmas Pageants?

We had our own pageant on Tuesday night called, "One Starry Night." The children of the staff made up our cast. Lily Marine, narrator and Aura Marine, angel, daughters of Cory Marine; Cassidy Gillespie, angel, daughter of Sonja Gillespie; Isaac Carman, narrator and wiseman; Patience, Moriah and Gideon Carman, all townsfolk, grandchildren of Duane Carman; Kelsey May, townsfolk and Hunter May, shepherd, grandchildren of Penny Smith; Kalen Townsend, shepherd, son of Kelley May; Serena Stacy, daughter of Lisa Paulson, painted the set.

The play begins... The shepherds enter with their plastic sheep upside down in their arms. The angel appears as the Glory of the Lord is shining all around. The shepherds go to see this thing that the Lord has told them... a large plastic Mary and Joseph are admiring Baby Jesus in a manger. Kalen's headpiece falls off, the Shepherds begin to giggle. The townsfolk join them and little Gideon spies the fruit in Kelsey's basket and starts throwing the oranges to his dad to catch. Then Isaac, the lead wiseman, enters pulling his other two plastic kingly companions

on a cart, where he sets them off to worship the Baby King. We hope you had a Christmas

filled with love and blessings; and pray that the New Year is filled with the same! Happy New Year!

Visitors that signed the guest book this week were Reva Marshall, and Ron and Dixie Snyder (Colby) for Dorothy Hunt. Sharee, Aaron, Hayden and Chris Dempewolf (Norcatur), Bev and Rocky Delano (Wichita), Chad, Aimee, Eli, and Karyssa Applebury (Colby), Ray, Jen, Bryce, Abbey and Isaac, Lisa and Laci Leichliter, Lynn and Ralph Streit (Larned) for R.D. Thornton. Julia Otter, Ruth and Kathy Porsch (Lawrence) and Myrna Porsch (Colby) for **Leone Porsch**. Daisy Rhein for **Jeanette Conway**. What makes a better memory than Eunice Richards for Lucy Schissler and Earl Brown, Brian, Pam and Nathan Simonsson, Marvin and Sharon Slabaugh, Ron, Kassia and Emmy Bryan, Jeanne and Keri Britton (Denver) for Opal Bryan. Helen Brooks for Ethel Nemeth. Gladys Geis for Kathryn Post and Nadine Anderson. Ralph and Norma Unger for Leo Mooty, Earl Brown and Lucy Schissler. Kastens for R.D. Thornton, Loren Escher, Pooch Portschy and John Ready. Ron, Kassia and Emmy Bryan for Eva Bryan. Galen Olson for Edla Olson. Elsie Wolters for Elaine Thomas, Dorothy Pryor, Evelyn Olson and Elsie Macy. Steve, Carol and Amanda Sloan (Lawrence), Doris Fringer, Ron, Becky and Alison Hunziker (Houston) for Amy Rehm. Eugene Kleidosty (Herndon), Ron, Kassia and Emmy Bryan and Pete and Eileen Portschy (Herndon) for Pooch Portschy. Helen Brooks, Laysha Medina, Darci and Faith Meitl and Betty Heisel for Ethel Nemeth.

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Samuel Smith (Fort Dodge, Iowa)

and Steve Smith (Atwood) for

Dorothy Pryor. Doris Fringer and

Barbara Castor for Elaine Thomas.

Jeanne and Keri Britton (Denver)

for Lora Zwickle.

Congratulations to Clay and Jennie Anderson on the birth of a son, Cowen Michael, on Dec. 19, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby.

He weighed 8 pounds, 11 ounces and was 20.5 inches long.

Word was received of the death of Clifford Moline of Englewood, Colo., a former resident of this community, on Sunday.

He was a cousin of Eulaine Benda and Fern Wenger.

Christmas dinner guests of John and Ardythe Cederberg were Larry, Denise and Dalton Pettera, Erin and Tate Pettera, North Plattte; Donny, Diane and Megan Ruppert, Mc-Cook; Derek Ruppert, Kearney, Neb.; Adam Ruppert, Lincoln, Neb.; Eric Sattler, Atwood; and Ron and Cindy Sattler, Herndon. Chase, Dana and Payton Juenneman of Hays joined the group for supper.

On Friday afternoon, John and Ardythe Cederberg helped Payton Juenneman celebrate her first birthday.

Dinner guests of Dave and Sherry Bergling on Thursday were Olive Bergling, Atwood; Richard and Susan Bergling, Herington; Jeri and Mac McPheeters, Colby; Jen Cousins, Kaytee and Savannah Shady, and Annie Easterday, Hays;

Jason Bergling, Mission, and Alicia Bergling, Kelly and Trinity, Oberlin.

Christmas Day dinner guests of Daisy Schmidt were Curtis and Dawnelle Heim, Karli, Kylie and Christopher, Tucson, Ariz.; T.J. and Danace McDonald, Clae, Jordan and

Kaine, Colby; Clint Schmidt, Denver; and Chris and Sherri Schmidt. Evening callers were Joe and Vickie Schmidt, Ludell; Tobina and

Chuck Norris, Howard; Mandi and Wade McKinley and Gabriel, Manhattan; Barry Schmidt and his fiancée, Megan, Lincoln, Neb.; and Tanner Schmidt, Topeka.

On Friday, Christopher Heim was honored with a birthday party at the Chris Schmidt home.

Thursday dinner guests of Steve and Arian Arnold were Mike and Nione Rhodin, Loveland, Colo.; Galen and Lynne Olson, McKinney, Texas; and Edla Olson

Christmas dinner guests on Dec. 21, of J.R. and Carrol Ginther were Blaine and Erin Ginther and family, Atwood; Brady Ginther, Menlo; and Caleb Vanover, Norton. On Christmas Day, J.R. and Carrol Ginther, Caleb Vanover and Cameron Ginther visited at the home of Brent and Carolyn Ginther, Brandi and Brady in Menlo.

Guests of Andy Hanson on Sunday were Christina Thompson and Ava Mull, Colby; Elizabeth Horney, Goodland; and Brian and Jacque Hanson, Eddie, Gus and Raleigh, Atwood.

Christmas Eve supper guests of the Richard and Maureen Anderson family were Elden and Detta Anderson, and Gary Anderson.

They were all at the Elden Anderson home on Thursday for dinner.



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and Norman and Julie Gallentine.