

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1884

Sixteen degrees below zero Monday morning.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Arch Crichton, Jan. 4, 1884, a daughter.

E. I. Randall has just received six bushels of walnuts which he expects to plant on his claim next spring.

Fred Bliss sold his fine span of mares to D.W. Morton last Monday.

The ball given by the school board New Year's night was a grand success, notwithstanding the extreme cold weather.

Omio, Jewell County, is experiencing a lot of excitement about a coal strike recently made. A 3-foot vein of good quality coal being encountered at a depth of 155 feet.

J.E. Bebb informs us that he has received in the last 10 days seven letters from one township in Ohio, making inquiries about this country.

As far as we can learn there has been no loss of stock during the recent storms, save a few calves in poor condition.

100 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1909

The revival meetings at the tabernacle under the direction of Rev. French E. Oliver began on the 27th. The building has been filled each evening.

Dan Caster came in on the last day of the year and paid for his subscription for the 19th time, and for two friends in Ohio.

Frank Laidig has been having a strenuous time attending Washburn College. After breaking his leg in a class fight he contracted smallpox before getting out of the hospital but is expected to be all right again soon.

Bert Wernette moved his family to town Tuesday. He will occupy the Rooney property.

Married, Christmas Eve by Rev. D.O. Banta, John Haines and Miss Ethel Riley; Married, Dec. 27th, James Milleson and Miss Myrtle Baugher.

75 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1934

The spreading of gravel on U.S. Highway 83 from the Nebraska line to Oberlin is expected to start soon. Mr. Barclay, resident engineer, is preparing to move to Hill City where he will be in charge of some

construction work on K-21.

Charlie Buswell suffered a leg injury while working at the state lake site when a large rock rolled up against his leg.

Announcement has been made of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. William Soderlund Jan. 1 who will answer to the name of Carolyn Ruth.

Dresden: The teacher and high school students attended a party Dec. 21 at the M.J. Chapman home. About 40 were present and room for more. All present enjoyed the evening very much.

By cooperating with the Commercial Club, Monday Evening Club was able to send Christmas baskets to three needy families.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Johnson were hosts to a group of guests at a rook party Saturday night.

Included were Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Rohan and Vayle, Mr. and Mrs. Bartos Brown and Dorothy Jean, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Johnson, Miss Helen Johnson, Miss Maurine Johnson, Miss Ruth Randall, Gilbert Brown, Harry Cole, Ernest Sparr, Bert Huff, Leonard Huff and Mr. and Mrs. Johnson and daughters.

Jennings: Mrs. Harry Munson entertained members of the Swastika Club to a lovely holiday affair.

The home was decorated with poinsettias and presented a beautiful setting for the annual gift exchange as a huge basket on the grand piano held the gifts. Mrs. Pearl Simpson sang an old German folksong and "Silent Night."

At six o'clock Mr. and Mrs. Munson were hosts to a three-course turkey dinner and covers were placed for 26 guests. The husbands surprised members with gifts of mums and boxes of candy.

The party was one of the happiest events in the social history of the Swastika Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Anderson who were married recently will make their home in Mrs. Kiou's house in the east part of Clayton where he is principal of the high school.

The bride is the former Mary Alice Doubrava of Ellsworth and has been teaching at Ellis.

50 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1959

The 1959 edition of Kansas license

tags go on sale Friday. New tags will be blue letter on a gold background, the reverse of 1958's color schemes.

Wedding vows were solemnized Sunday, Dec. 28, for Joyce Carlson and Clyde Hartzog in the Covenant church. Rev. Ray Bressler officiated.

Dr. L.A. Jeffries, dean of the area's medical doctors, was honored Tuesday, Dec. 30, for his 50 years of membership in the Order of Eastern Star of Jennings. Dr. Jeffries started his medical practice at Jennings about 51 years ago and is still active in the profession and maintains an office in Jennings.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Larson, daughter, Bonnie Jean, born Dec. 23; Mr. and Mrs. Martin Leibbrandt, son, Timothy Bruce, born Dec. 25; Mr. and Mrs. Rex Morton, son, Allen McClure, Dec. 27, and Mr. and Mrs. Lance Gilmore, daughter, Tracy Ellen, Dec. 24.

25 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1984

Don and Ardis Roe have purchased Bobbitt Cleaners from Max and Alice Bobbitt effective Jan. 1.

"Earth to Columbia Space Shuttle! Earth to Columbia!" Local Ham radio operator Fred Bremer made contact with Astronaut Owen K.

Garriott aboard the space shuttle Columbia during the 131st orbit of its recent flight.

The rural Dresden wheat farmer's interest in radio communications began when he was 16 and later when a friend, Harold Derby, introduced him to electronics basics, he began a hobby that would become a big part of his life.

He later took a course in radio theory and Morse Code at McCook Junior College and passed the FCC exams in Denver to be classified as a general operator.

Vicki Ulrich is the new president of Oberlin Commercial Club taking over the helm from Larry Smith. She is manager of Stop 'n' Shop.

New Arrivals: Jeep and Debbie Stanley, son, Cory James, Dec. 27; Chet and Beverly Morris, son, Casey Paul, Dec. 29; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Metcalf, son, Brandon Lee, Dec. 24.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Hansen, Mark and Michael returned last week from a two-week visit in Arequipa, Peru with the exchange student Paul Haimberger, who lived with them during the last school term.

She said that the area was experiencing a severe drought and that it had not rained there for the last six years.

Let's Go to the Museum

By Sharleen Wurm, director

The 2008 Museum Tree tour turned out to be a big success! This year we had a soup luncheon and the tree tour followed. We had a great turnout for the lunch and all the visitors enjoyed viewing the trees after the meal.

Teens for Christ set up the trees in early November and we greatly appreciate all of their help!

Thank you to all of those who decorated trees including the Berls family, Day Care Providers Organization, Oberlin Rotary, Star Valley 4-H, Monday Evening Club, Decatur Professional Women, Pi Alpha, Needles and Pins Quilting Guild, Aquarius Club, Antique Thresher and Engine Club, Black Hat Club, and Stick-to-it 4-H Club.

The annual "People's Choice"

award is determined by the monetary votes cast for each tree. Needles and Pins Quilting Guild won the award this year. A brass plate engraved with their name will be added to the "People's Choice" plaque in the museum office. Second place went to the Aquarius Club and the Black Hat Club took third. Congratulations to everyone!

The Museum office is open for research through the winter on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4:30 p.m.

Be sure to mark your calendars for April 1 for the grand opening of the 2009 season.

The museum staff wants to wish everyone a very Happy New Year and we hope to see you soon!

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Nick and Stephanie Anderson of Lawrence visited several days over Christmas with Richard and Maureen Anderson, Samantha, Chris and Gabe.

They and Gary Anderson were all Christmas Eve supper guests of Elden and Detta Anderson, then the same group were Christmas Day dinner guests at the Richard Anderson home.

Covenant Women Ministries will meet at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Herndon Covenant Church for a missionary work day.

Betty Nickols of Rexford will speak on the Second Chance program. Detta Anderson and Norma Anderson will serve a potato bar at noon.

Debbie Kelley, Buena Vista, Colo.; Nate Kelley, Pensacola, Fla.; Seth and Chelsey Kelley and Brodie, Topeka; and Kirk Kelley, Davenport, Iowa, were pre-Christmas weekend guests of Dick and Donna Kelley.

The Dick Kelleys, Kirk Kelley and Nate Kelley were Christmas guests of Sheldon and Brenda Kelley, Kendra and Jessica of Fredricksburg, Colo., from Wednesday to Sunday.

Congratulations to Brian and Dawn (McEvoy) Beckman of Grinnell on the birth of a son, Spencer Clay, at 8:12 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 5, at the hospital in Quinter. He weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces and was 19 inches long. He has a brother, Ethan, and a sister, Jordan.

Barbara Lindell and Brooke of Overland Park were holiday guests Verol and Rosemary Bergling and the Mark Bergling family.

Bob and Sally Olson were Christmas Day dinner guests of Larry and Deb Marks and family in Mulvane.

Other guests were Rennie and Jeaneen Olson and Scott, Celina, Texas; David Olson, Swisher, Iowa; Jon Olson, Corbin, Candalin and Keiragan, St. Louis, Mo.; Bob and Annette Frenzl, Lacey and Whitney, Salina; and Lewis and Ava Perkins, Wichita.

Guests on Christmas Eve of Wesley and Elaine Benda were Lerron and Leanne Pike, Ashland; Gerald and Patti Benda. Ludell; Daryl and

Shirley Maresch, Nathan, Jenna and Tim, Nekoma;

Mitch and Bev Messerly, Anna and Paul, Sublette; Brandon and Sarah White, Leawood; Kurt Olson, Manhattan; and Mark and Barbara Olson and Mary, Oberlin.

The same group had supper on Christmas Day at the home of Gerald and Patti Benda.

Pastor Keith and Sandy Reuther and family spent Christmas with relatives in Ohio.

Norma Anderson returned home last Monday after spending Christmas with her daughter, Carol and Robert Fink, and family in Wamego.

Christmas supper guests on Dec. 26 of Keith and Mary Lou Olson were Rex Olson, Seth, Sam and Abbie, Boulder, Colo.; Brandon and Sarah White, Leawood;

Kurt Olson, Manhattan; Chris and Keely Wilson, Julie and Harmony, Kearney, Neb.; and Mark and Barbara Olson and Mary, James and Kimberly Witt, Ashley and Whitney, and Tyler and Tiffany Witt, Oberlin.

Christmas guests of Jack and Mary Gutchewsky were Kendal and Tammy Neal, Katrina and James, Oberlin; Brian and Krista Gutchewsky and Gavin, Kearney, Neb.; and Joel and Sarah Uerling, Addyson and Hayden, McCook.

Guests for New Year's dinner on Saturday of Esther Noren were Larry and Judy Thelander, Salina; Kent and Amy Warden, Tara and Kylie, Olathe;

Jeremy and Carissa Thelander, Braydon and Conner, Lincoln, Neb.; Ken and Alice Robson, and Kirk and Janelle Robson, Ellsworth; Andy Robson, Bennington; Dayna Ellis, Salina; and Steve and Connie Noren, Britta, David and Michael.

Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Noren to honor Steve Noren on his birthday were Larry and Judy Thelander, Alice Robson, Andy Robson, Dayna Ellis, and the Steve Noren family.

Good Samaritan News

By Lisa Paulson

The old song, "Time in a Bottle," by Jim Croce came to my mind as I was planning our Happy "Noon" Year's party. It inspired me to include the making of a Time Capsule.

We can't capture time in a bottle but we could commemorate our time already spent in 2008.

Our party started at 11:30 a.m. in Town Square. Everyone came to welcome the New Year just 12 hours early.

We began the party by making our Time Capsule. A Pringles can was decorated, ready to hold history. The residents were asked what they would like to include.

The finished project included the pictures of the 14 residents who went to be with the Lord, and the names of the new residents who came to live with us.

A picture of "Ollie," our resident puppy, and our residents' birds, "Snoopy, Melody and Harmony."

A butterfly was placed inside to signify the new Butterfly Garden. Also a cross with a note thanking David McGee for carving a cross for each dining room was slipped inside.

We added a Star to remember we received a 5-Star rating from Centers for Medicare and Medicare Services which we consider a great honor.

Some other things noted were the new ice cream machine, the new kitchen floor, the new range

and remodeled bathhouses. The Rockathon yielding a whopping \$2,086 given to the new Golden Age Complex project had to be included.

We shared favorite memories of the year ... new great-grandbabies born and other family news.

Then ... the countdown began. We all yelled "Happy Noon Year," threw confetti and toasted the New Year with sparkling cider while Anita led us in singing "Auld Lang Syne."

The party ended with Amy Rehm shouting "God bless us, everyone!"

Visitors were Anogene Rogers (Rexford), Ken Mumm (Selden), Jim Rogers (Selden) for **Hubert Mumm**. Sharon Slabaugh for **Opal Bryan**. Beverly Eiler (McCook) and Barbara Castor for **Elaine Thomas**. Violet Holle (Atwood) and Shelli Holle (Chanute) for **Edla Olson**.

Rhonda Wildeman (Jennings) for **Faye Miller** and **Emma Sanford**. Mert McEvoy for **Lucy Schissler**. Jim Rogers (Selden) and Carl, Charolette and Sherri Neff (Norton) for **Alice Bobbitt**. Bri, Tami Cook, Casey, Madison and Julie (Norcutt) for **Marguerite Clark** and **Dorothy Hunt**. Daisy Rhein for **Jeanette Conway**. Ralph and Norma Unger for **Leo Mooty** and **Earl Brown**. Reva Marshall and Penny Fringer for **Dorothy Hunt**. John Paulson for **Kathryn Post**.

Retirement Party

We would like to welcome the Public to come help us wish our three retiring officials good luck in their future endeavors.

Marilyn Horn, County Clerk
Doyle Brown, Commissioner
Judy Gaumer, Register of Deeds

Monday, January 12 - 10 a.m.
2nd floor of the Courthouse

Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

The New Year is here and it is a time for new beginnings. I have made a few resolutions and the most important professional goal for 2009 is to get back on track with sending thank you notes to the groups and individuals who do so many acts of kindness for us at Cedar Living Center. I am sorry to say that when I doubled up on jobs last spring this was one of the things that slipped through the cracks. So if you are one of those who made a donation of time, money, or services this past year and you did not receive a personal note, please accept my apologies and know that your efforts were indeed appreciated.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Dorothy Bell who passed away on Tuesday.

Doris Sloan is a new resident at Cedar Living Center.

There were several winners at the penny card game played on Monday afternoon. Following the game, Myrna Jones and Mary Ann Amack led the sing-along time.

Mary Votapka won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon and Mary Kolsky won the blackout game.

Heather Wessel and her children entertained the residents with a Christmas music program before supper on Tuesday.

Wilma May was the guest of honor at a birthday celebration held at noon on Wednesday.

Charlotte Kurtz assisted residents with ringing in the New Year at noon on Wednesday. She served rootbeer floats in the afternoon as part of the continuing celebration.

Art and Alice May had fam-

ily members in for a New Year's Day celebration on the patio on Thursday.

A social hour was held on Friday afternoon. Assorted cookies and crackers left over from the holidays were served along with coffee or lemonade.

Gene Plotts and family brought in dinner and ate with James Plotts on Sunday.

Pastor Doug Mason of the Lund Covenant Church gave the Sunday Worship Service on the Cedar Living Center patio.

The Eastern Star brought a delicious turkey supper in for Zola Brown, Frank Ward, William Carter and Teresa Shaughnessy on Sunday night. The group ate together on the patio.

Recent visitors: Rachel Carter, Doyle and Kay Brown, Jennings; Barry, Janeil, Brock and Jordan Baxter, Smith Center; Ken, Chris and Alex Hosaka, Alpharetta, Ga.; Stephani and Adrian Hawkins, Euless, Texas; Lad and Lori Truetken, Rick and Tammy Shaw, Selden; Linda Bosler, Carol Kompus, Bob and Julie Hafner, Herndon; Cathy Wenger, Denton, Texas; Kristen Bremer, Colby; Brian, Kim and Courtney Brumley, McPherson; Jon and Vicki Stopak, Columbus, Neb.

Jackie Votapka, Lyle Gamblin, Ira Kolsky, Shelli Fortin, Opal Huntley, Ila Ray, Connie Olson, Kelly Olson, Dorothy Moore, Marilyn Gamblin, Jayme Sattler, Mildred Holmdahl, Pat Fringer, Herschel and Jody Betts, Max and Veanna Carman, Dianne and John Bremer, Jodie Wenger, Oberlin.

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