

THE OBERLIN HERALD

# Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

**125 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1884**

The Senate has confirmed the appointment of A.L. Patchin as Register of the U.S. Land Office at this place.

The board of county commissioners reorganized by electing Dan Caster chairman. Van B. Wiggins and L.L. Taylor were the other members of the board.

Last Sunday near Otterbourne, Thomas County, Wm. Salbury, a small cattle owner shot and instantly killed Lewis G. Rider.

Sheriff J.E. Bebb has posted notices calling for the regular election for township officers on the first Tuesday in February.

Weather reports for December as taken by J.J. Cass on the south line of Decatur County: highest temperature, 61 degrees; lowest, 2 degrees. Total rainfall or melted snow in inches, 1.49. The rainfall amounts to 400 hogsheads per acre.

**100 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1909**

O.E. Furman sold his farm in Sherman Township last week to Dr. Dallal of Norcatour.

The Anderson store building at Selden burned Tuesday night.

The court house is now manned by Democrats from top to bottom.

Newt Marks went to Denver last week to look after sporting events in his line.

Campbell, Dean & Wilbur are painting the inside of their store. This is supposed to be the effect of the Oliver meetings as he has advised everybody to clean up.

The Oliver revival is progressing nicely and attracting fine crowds every night, despite the zero weather.

**75 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1934**

Glad tidings for at least some twelve or fifteen hundred Decatur County people was received in a telegram from Sen. Arthur Capper. The telegram, in response to one sent by Harwood Benton as to why this county had not heard from their wheat allotment contracts, said the checks were disbursed Jan. 6 and would be in the mail today.

Let the rain come for the new state lake north of town is ready and eager to receive the drainage from the large area surrounding it. Other improvements, such as setting out trees, will be done in the spring.

Harley Chilson, who won the \$600 scholarship at the agricultural competition at Chicago, has arranged to use the scholarship at Cornell University to take work for his master's degree.

Dr. Carlotta Rummel expects to return Saturday from Kansas City where she attended the funeral of her stepfather, Frank Mathes. Mr. Mathes was shot in an attempted robbery of his store.

Plans are being made to hold a dance at the Masonic Temple on the evening of Jan. 30 in honor of President Roosevelt's birthday. Proceeds will go to the Warm Springs, Ga., hospital where the President has received so much benefit.

Word has been received from Miss Esther Ott, former teacher of music in the Oberlin grade school, that she is singing with a trio in Paul Whiteman's orchestra.

Jackson: Literary was held Friday night and there will be another in two weeks.

Lemoin Landau has returned to Fort Collins after spending the holidays with the home folks. He is attending the Colorado Agricultural College and recently pledged Phi Delta Theta.

Mrs. Robert Morgan and a nephew of Selden were chatting with friends here Tuesday.

**50 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1959**

The New Year's Eve baby is Melvin Eric Moore, son of Melvin and Dorothy Moore, who was born at 1:49 p.m. Jan. 2 at Decatur County Hospital.

Elmo Lund, Washburn University law student, will join the law office L.F. Cushenbery as an associate Feb. 16. A native of Green, Kansas, Lund will move to Oberlin with his wife Margaret and son David, age 2, following the examination. Cushenbery said Lund would specialize

in tax work.

Sunday morning at worship services, the Federated Church will burn \$20,000 worth of bank notes marking the complete repayment of the church bank loan obligation for the building program completed in 1956.

The city office, which officially records births and deaths for this district of 11 townships, released the following statistics for 1958: 127 births, 48 deaths.

Elton Sebaugh, Norton County farmer, has been appointed rural mail carrier at Norcatour replacing George Locy who retired in October of 1957.

Sebaugh farms about 4 miles east of Norcatour and barbers part-time in Norton.

Excavating was started last week on the new home of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Leake which will be constructed on the corner south of the Roy Campbell residence.

**25 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1984**

Veteran Decatur County commissioner Ralph Unger will take on additional duties this month as he begins a one-year term as president of the Kansas Association of Counties. Unger has served on the association for five years. Astronaut John M. Lounge will be the guest speaker of the annual Decatur County Area Chamber of Commerce dinner scheduled for Jan. 19.

The Red Devil wrestlers captured first place in the Oberlin Invitational Tournament held last Saturday with Oakley in second place edging Plainville. Individual champions were Gawith at 119, Kaempfe at 138 and Matson at 145.

Gaining their fifth straight win of the season, the Oberlin boys basketball team defeated Atwood 68-55. Marquis Sauvage was high scorer with 22 points and Jim Berkheimer had 17.

## Selden News

By Jacque Boultinghouse

The Kansas Sampler has been holding the 8 wonders series. The 8 Wonders of Kansas Art, the 8 wonders of Kansas Architecture while some counties are listing their own 8 wonders.

The purpose of the 8 Wonders series is to help the world get to know Kansas and to encourage the public to explore Kansas.

The current contest is the 8 Wonders of Kansas Commerce and one of our own has made it to the finals. Koerperich Bookbinders of Selden is one of the finalist in this division.

I encourage everyone to go to www.8wonders.org, look around their site and take the time to vote. If you do not have Internet access let us know. We can get you a paper ballot. Please take the time to vote.

On Thursday at Senior Citizens, Helen Karls won high, Lola Cook took second, Lois Neff got low and

Julie Pope had the most nines. Other members present included Carol Shaw, Edna Schiltz, Paulie Neff, Anna Albers, Alfred Albers, Betty James, Ann Hazlitt, Gail Mumm and Janice Kruse.

Birthdays and anniversaries: Jan. 18 - Renee Wilson, Joe Kennedy. Jan. 19 - Bodie Sauvage, Ricky Bullock, Myrtle Shaw, Anogene Rogers. Jan. 20 - Jessica Shaw, Janelle Antholz. Jan. 22 - Shirley Emigh.

School Calendar - Friday and Saturday, Western Kansas Liberty League Tournament at Goodland. Jan. 18 - High School Mock Interviews. 7 p.m. School Board meeting in Selden. Jan. 20 - High School basketball in Rexford with Triplains. Jan. 21 - 12 Noon - High School Western Kansas Liberty League Scholars Bowl at Weskan. Jan. 22 - Junior High basketball in Tribune.

## Good Samaritan News

By Lisa Paulson

January is always a good time to evaluate the past and try some new things. Planning the calendar of activities each month is both a joy and a challenge. A challenge because the interests and needs of residents are constantly changing ... keeping us on our toes to find meaningful, enjoyable things for them to do. A joy, because it requires creativity and utilizing the gifts and talents of the activity staff, Anita Hirsch and Coleen Rippe, also Connie Noren, who is a Butterfly for our Butterfly Garden, and the Garden of Hope workers, Frannie Nothdurft, Melissa Chambers, Vi Krizek and Judy Jordon. Each one brings wonderful fresh ideas to the table. Added to that are the many volunteers and family members who join us in making our programming top notch.

The January calendar reflects the current interests of the residents. We will keep the favorite things like the Lyle Gals Pinochle game, Bingo,

of course, Pizza and Poker, Bible Study, Folding Fellowship, Current Events, Living History and Hymns of Worship.

Some new things to look forward to are daily Coffee Time Devotions for both staff and residents, Ol' Time Music, Rainy Day Radio Theater, Show and Share, Fitness Fun, a traditional Art Class and Game Time. These programs were born directly from resident input and we are anxious to give them a try.

This week the Lyle Gals came. They had three tables of players, all eating cookies and enjoying the fellowship. Rainy Day Radio Mystery Theater made its debut. We never dreamed we had such talent among us. Earl Brown, Alice Bobbitt, Opal Bryan and Leone Porsch read the script of "The Case of the Broken Window," while a CD provided the sound effects. Everyone else tried to figure out "who done it."

During Fitness Fun, everyone

grabbed the edge of a parachute where balloons went flying and balls bounced their way through the hole in the center. The ladies wanted more, so a cooperative game of broom ball ensued. On the other side of the building another group of ladies were busy baking cookies with the certified nursing aides on duty. Spontaneous activities are starting to take place any time day or night.

That has been one of the goals for culture change that we are happy to now being met. We were excited to have the 180 Boys back again on Thursday.

Twelve residents, seven boys and three sponsors were a little too many for the Quiet Room so we met in Town Square spending our time getting to know each other. Our partnership with the 180 House allows us to extend the hope and love we have through Jesus to others beyond our walls. We also pray for

them daily.

Goals for 2009 in the Garden of Hope are to add Aromatherapy and a Drumming Circle. The Butterfly Garden may be changing locations to give us more flexibility in scheduling to meet the needs of more residents.

Visitors this week were M.J. and Chris Dempewolf (Norcatour) and Keith Ward for **R.D. Thornton**. Ron and Dixie Snyder (Colby), Reva Marshall and Penny Fringer for **Dorothy Hunt**. Marvin and Sharon Slabaugh for **Opal Bryan**. Esther Ready (New York City) for **John and Muriel Ready**. Sally Olson (Atwood) and Frank McEvoy for **Lucy Schissler**. Ronda and Alison Haskins (Broomfield, Colo.), Barbara Castor for **Elaine Thomas**. Eleanor Rogers and Ken Mumm (Selden), Alberta Ritter and Delores Raile (Hoxie) for **Hubert Mumm**. Frank McEvoy for **Eileen Laird**.

## Herndon News

By Julie Hafner

Doug Bobinmyer, Carol Kompus, and Chris, Kenny and Alex Hosaka, Atlanta, Ga., ate Christmas dinner at Cedar Living Center in Oberlin, with Wilma Bobinmyer.

On Friday, Dec. 26, Lauri and J.L. Fox, Wichita; Stephani, Brian and Adrian Hawkins, Euless, Texas; and John, Trenton and Ashton Hahn, Garden City, arrived at the home of Carol Kompus and Doug Bobinmyer for the holidays. On Saturday, Dec. 27, the family celebrated Christmas with Carol and Doug. Guests were Kenny, Chris and Alex Hosaka, Lauri and J.L. Fox, Stephani, Brian and Adrian Hawkins, Wilma Bobinmyer, John, Trenton and Ashton Hahn, and Gene Kleidosty. Afternoon visitors were Pete and Eileen Portschy.

Janice Sattler, Atwood, and Bob and Julie Hafner were guests of their aunt, Edie Pettera, Cedar Living Center in Oberlin for dinner on Sunday. The Herndon Senior Citizens will hold their January dinner and meeting at noon on Wednesday, Jan. 21, at the center. Bingo will follow the meeting. All senior citizens are welcome to come join in the fun.

St. Mary's Mass in Herndon will

be at 7 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 17. This change is for this week only. The regular schedule is 8:30 a.m. on Sundays.

Gwen Gilbert, McCook, is returning home after a lengthy stay at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney, Neb. She is a sister of Sharon Frick. All cards will reach her at Community Hospital, 1301 East H Street, McCook, Neb., 69001.

Voni Sattler attended the baptism of Asher Wilson on Saturday, Jan. 3 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in McCook. Asher is the grandson of Jerome and Debbie Escher, McCook, and his parents are Tausha and Drew Wilson. The following Sunday dinner guests of Voni were Roma, Ben and Mikey Sattler, Wellington, Colo.; Kathy, Sami, Joey and Braden Leitner, Atwood; Brad, Deanna, Chelsey, Brandi and Kassi Williams, Herndon; and Zach Williams, Ludell.

Sarah, Aaron and Gideon White, daughter of Dave and Judy Ketterl, spent from Jan. 7 - 11 in Chicago attending the National American Veterinary Medical Association meeting. En route, they visited Sarah's aunt, Irene Kisling and her daughter, Diane Geurin, in Metamora,

Ill. Irene sends greetings to her friends in Rawlins County. Sarah, Aaron and Gideon also visited Matt Ahlenius, a college friend, and his family, who live in Chicago.

Valentine and John Solko provided pizza for Grandma Esther Pennington Saturday for lunch, enjoying the visit. Bob and Julie Hafner and Alan Solko were coffee guests after mass on Sunday. Voni Sattler was a recent visitor of her Aunt Esther.

Kendra Solko returned to the University of Nebraska, Kearney, on Friday to resume studies on Monday. She spent the Christmas holidays with Pat and Charles Solko, Herndon, and other relatives and friends

K.C. Kogl has been visiting family, Jean and Tom Kogl and Damian. She leaves this week for Manhattan, to further her education at Kansas State.

**Julie's Memory Joggers**  
*Herndon Nonpareil*  
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Hard Time Social: The 3 M's will give a Hard Time Social at the Band Hall Friday, April 18 at 7:30 p.m. All ladies come dressed in Gingham or Calico dresses. All gentlemen come dressed in Overalls or everyday clothes.

Anyone wearing Rats, Jewelry or other Finery will be fined not over 5 cents or less than one half cent. Prizes awarded for most comical attires. — 3 M's Society.

## Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

Living Center at this time. We would welcome anyone wanting to get in on a game on Wednesday or Saturday evening. The game usually starts about 6:30. Please call Elsie Goodnight for additional information.

Monday was a musical afternoon when several residents met for a game of "Name That Tune," then Myrna Jones and Mary Ann Amack led the sing-along time before supper.

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

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson on Wednesday afternoon.

Fr. Henry Saw Lone brought Communion for the Catholic residents on Thursday morning.

The bowling group had lots of fun cheering each other on during the game on Thursday afternoon. Snacks were served following the game.

The baking group made homemade cookies on Friday afternoon and enjoyed eating them warm from the oven.

An open house was held in the Cedar Living Center dining room on Saturday afternoon in honor of Art and Alice May who are both celebrating birthdays this week. Dianne and John Bremer, along

with other family members, hosted the party.

They served cake, ice cream, cookies, nuts, and mints. All afternoon there was a steady stream of visitors including friends, neighbors, and family members.

Art May and Dell Pomeroy both celebrated birthdays on Sunday. Family members joined each gentleman for dinner in honor of the occasion.

Frank Ward is moving this week to apartment 102 at Whispering Pines in Norton.

Recent visitors: Stephani, Brian and Adrian Hawkins, Euless, Texas; Karen Vogt, Paula Dole, Gary Dole, Norton; Rita Dole, Manhattan; Carl Dole, Richmond, Ind.; Carol Kompus, Julie Hafner, Linda Bosler, Herndon; Yvonne and Greg Sumner, Norcatour; Elvera Wendelin, Lindsborg; Myra Sater, Holcomb; Lillian Sulzman, Dresden; Rachel Carter, Jennings.

Jackie Votapka, Lyle Gamblin, Catherine Neal, Ira Kolsky, Eunice Richards, Marilyn Gamblin, Warren and Jan Bainter, Don and Ann Mines, Martin and Evelyn May, Evan and Sheryl Unger, Ralph and Norma Unger, Roxie Pomeroy, John, Dianne and Jessica Bremer, Pat Fringer, Connie Olson, Oberlin.

## Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

Marge and Daryl Hartzog were hosts to a New Years Eve card party. A good time was enjoyed by 24 pinochle players and three other guests.

Megan Faris visited four days last week with her grandparents, Wayne and Louise Cressler. Megan and her grandmother made Kolaches for her to take home.

City Council met Thursday evening at the Community Hall. Council President Louise Cressler presided over the meeting in the absence of Mayor Bob Jones. The resignation of Bill Gawith was accepted by the council. Pat Hall was appointed by council president and approved by council to fill his unexpired two-year term.

Council discussed water leaks and future improvements on water meters; trading off the old tractor, voted to purchase a new vented heater for well 3 building; and are looking into a different chlorine set-up for the well; the council members will be reading the water meters on Jan. 23; and reviewed dog ordinances with no action being taken.

Attending were Stann Hartzog, Don Bolt, Pat Hall, Louise Cressler and City Clerk Sue Long.

United Methodist Women met Wednesday at the church. Decorations were taken down and stored for next year. Kay Brown opened the meeting with prayer. Rachel Carter

read minutes of previous meeting and Lila Jennings gave out the annual treasurer's report.

The group voted to purchase larger pots for the kitchen. An industrial mixer has been purchased also. It was voted to pay postage on packages sent to Iraq for soldiers to give to citizens or use for themselves. Kay Brown gave the program, "Service to Others and to God." Helen Rhodes gave devotions, reading "The Heart of the Issue," then served bread and water.

Attending were Kay Brown, Kathy Nauer, Ruth Chance, Rachel Carter, Lila Jennings, Helen Rhodes, Imogene Keenan and Louise Cressler.

Our prayers are needed for the following: Linda New, who is in the Hays hospital, and Edith Foster, Quinter, formerly a Jennings resident, who had a massive stroke this past week. She is in the Quinter hospital and it was reported she is able to sit up now.

Dorothy Vacura had open heart surgery Friday at Kearney, Neb., hospital. She is doing as well as can be expected. Tony La Rue, Wakeeney, formerly a Jennings resident, is having some tests run. Tony had open heart surgery a few years ago.

Jerry and Sandy Kinser, Concordia; Jane Wahlmeier, Concordia; and Janeil Dilling, Goodland, attended church in Jennings Sunday.

## Midway News

By MaryLou Olson

The annual meeting and election of officers for the Herndon Covenant Church will be held following morning worship services on Sunday. Members are to bring a sack lunch and snacks for later.

Elma Lee Erickson, and Don and Em Threlkel accompanied Bob Threlkel to Englewood, Colo., where they attended funeral services for Clifford Moline on Friday, Jan. 2, at Olinger Chapel Hill Mortuary. He was a former resident of this community and a cousin of Eulaine Benda and Fern Wenger. They also visited Ivan and Audrey Jones, and Jim and Sandy Allen and Nora Bearley in Littleton.

Congratulations to Orrin and Beth Holle on the arrival of a daughter, Maggie Suzanne, on Jan. 7, 2009, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. She weighed 7 pounds, 14 ounces and was 21 inches long. She has two brothers, Henry and Eli, to welcome her.

Prayer week services are being held this week at 7 p.m. for the Herndon Covenant Church congregation. They met Sunday at the home of Roger and Melinda Carlson; Monday, Daisy Schmidt; Tuesday, Norma Anderson; Wednesday, Elma Lee Erickson; Thursday will be with Dick and Donna Kelley;

Friday at noon at the church; and Saturday, at the Keith and Sandy Reuther home.

Don and Emma Threlkel, and Elma Lee Erickson attended the open house at the nursing home in Alma, Neb., on Thursday, which honored their cousin, Retta Berger, on her 80th birthday.

Betty Nickols of Rexford was guest speaker at the Covenant Women Ministries meeting on Saturday at the Herndon Covenant Church and told about the work of Second Chance for Life ministry at Rexford. Missionary work was done and packed for missionaries in Africa.

Tyler Witt visited Saturday evening at the home of Keith and Mary Lou Olson.

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