

# Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

## 125 YEARS AGO — Dec. 1885

The Herald office has been moved into more commodious quarters in the new building of Hunt, Burnett and Coard, west of the court house, and the room vacated by The Herald is occupied by A.G. McBride with his new paper, The World.

A stage line will soon be established between Oberlin and Gandy in Sherman County. Emil Weil of St. Joe, Mo., has taken possession of the business at the old John Morrison stand and will conduct a general merchandise store.

Married, Dec. 5, 1885, at the home of the bride's parents in Valonia, Kansas, by Rev. D.O. Banta, Mr. John E. Love and Miss Jennie F. Hayward, all of Decatur County. After partaking of a bountiful repast, numerous gifts were presented.

Died at his residence in Logan Township, Nov 27, 1885, Charles Waldo, age 50 years.

An Odd Fellows Lodge will soon be organized at Colby.

John Collins and Samuel Pierce returned last Tuesday from the head of the Dismal, in Nebraska, with a load of deer meat.

## 100 YEARS AGO — Dec. 1910

The Oberlin fire companies met and reorganized with the following officers: Geo. W. Jackson, fire chief; Geo. W. Shimek, secretary; E.I. Seavey, treasurer; Alfred Gierhart, captain of Hose Company No. 1 and F.A. Briggs, lieutenant; Carl Fahrng, captain of Hose Company No. 2 and John Bivans, lieutenant.

Geo. Ames left Tuesday evening for southern Kansas to look up a location.

The Norton Business College has quit; forced out of business by the Norton High School putting in a business course.

Jay McKenzie, who has been working in a lumber yard in Nebraska, returned home last week.

Mr. Cromwell fell on an icy sidewalk and fractured one of his legs. Charlie Robinson is delivering the Star since the accident.

Jerry Cook left for Missouri again last week. It is reported that he has a trade for Missouri land in prospect.

Charley Jones went down to Republican City, Neb., where he has a job in prospect.

## 75 YEARS AGO — Dec. 1935

The record of the DCHS football teams the past six seasons under the coaching of Russell Anderson is one of the best in Kansas with the team winning 44 of the 49 games played, four were lost and one tied.

Speakers at the football banquet held at the Methodist Church base-

ment were Ad Lindsay and Bill Hargiss, head football and track coaches at Kansas University.

The Jennings Coyotes recently completed a successful season with wins over Hoxie, Atwood, Norcat, Morland, Herndon, Wilsonville, Neb., Lenora and Alma and a loss to Oakley by a 12-6 score. The coach is Carl Firebaugh and players are Erwin McKinney, Lawrence Wahlmeier, Vincent Stroup, Kenneth Mulkey, Laddie Boutz, Otis Skubal, Darwin Smith, Arnold Chandler, Max Denny, Dan Hess, Wayne Steele, Winfield Green, Charles Kump, Kenneth Erickson, Leo, Kenneth, Arnold and Gerald Tacha, George Votapka, Russell Wolf, Bob Heatherington, Bud Kasper and Claire Carlton.

The high school chorus will present the Christmas portion of "The Messiah" on Dec. 20 at the city school auditorium with soloists Lorraine Carper, Marjorie McGee, Violet Henningson and Aileen Wenger.

New Arrival: Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Rogers of Seward, Alaska, announce the birth of Glenda Lou Rogers on Nov. 17. Mr. Rogers was formerly of Jennings and has been engaged in school work in Alaska for a number of years.

Leoville: Dr. Joseph Reichert of Niagara Falls, New York, has been visiting his brother, F.J. Reichert. Dr. Reichert left Dresden 41 years ago with his parents for the state of Ohio when he was only 5 years old. He is now employed in the chemical research department of the DuPont Company at Niagara Falls and has been on the faculty of several universities including Notre Dame where he had the pleasure of becoming a friend of the late Knute Rockne.

Dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Andy Harger to celebrate the birthday of their daughter Lorene on Dec. 5 were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hawkes and Marian, Miss Marian Cathcart, Miss Ruth Elvin, Ralph Martin, Donald Johnson, Miss Martha Douglas, Doris Helmkamp, Elaine and Barbara Van Vleet, Roberta and Freda Moore and Mr. and Mrs. James Vernon and children. Games and music were the diversion of the evening.

## 50 YEARS AGO — Dec. 1960

The complex dialing system is being installed in the recently completed Oberlin post office building according to Loyd Beach, district manager of Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. and Oberlin can expect to have dial service by early summer 1961.

Snowy, icy weather did not hold

back the Christmas shoppers Saturday evening and the free pancake and sausage supper furnished by the Chamber of Commerce at Oberlin American Legion was attended by an estimated 500 to 600 persons.

After a 16-year absence from the farming and cattle business, Carl Frickey is jumping back in with both feet. With the help of his son, Chuck, and Don Jörn he is now feeding 110 head of calves from the herd he has built up in the past two years and has purchased a farm two miles northeast of Oberlin formerly owned by Charles Steiner. Carl dropped farming in 1942 to go into the service.

Dresden: Funeral services were held at St. Francis Church in Hoxie for John Heim, 69, who came to the Dresden area in 1911 where he made his home until moving to Hoxie just four days ago. Death was caused by a blood clot. He is survived by his wife, the former Margaret Meitl, and 10 children.

Norcat: Four pre-school children were saved from a fire in their home when their mother tossed them to their father from a second-story window. Their mother, Mrs. Robert Roe, then jumped from the window to escape the fire which is thought to have begun in the kitchen where clothing was being cleaned by gasoline. The children who were rescued were Pam, 5; Bradley, 3; Kathy, 2 and Brenda, nearly a month old. The Roes' three older children were in school when the fire started. The family is living with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W.E. Gallentine, until their home can be repaired.

New Arrival: Mr. and Mrs. Bill Pollnow are the parents of a son, Gregory Ward, born Dec. 8 at St. Catherine's Hospital in McCook.

Selden: The Wildcats appear to be the basketball team to beat with wins over Herndon and Jennings.

More than 630 pounds of clothing were collected locally, sorted and boxed during the annual Catholic

Bishops clothing drive and will be shipped to the needy overseas.

## 25 YEARS AGO — Dec. 1985

Carl L. Frickey, well-known banker in Decatur County for the past 50 years, will step down as an active member of the Farmers National Bank staff this week. Frickey started work as a teller at the bank after graduation from high school in 1935. At that time his father, Charles L. Frickey was president of the bank which was located in the building now owned and occupied by Ray Jewelry.

Charley Myers officially became the administrator of Decatur County Hospital Dec. 1 and his wife, Mary, is expected to join him in the near future pending the sale of their home in Grand Island, Neb. He has been employed by the Lutheran Hospitals and Homes organization since 1983 and holds a degree in urban affairs from the University of Virginia and a master's in social planning from Temple University.

New Arrival: Gayle and Dennis Anderson, Oberlin, daughter, Kendra Gayle, 12-14-85.

The U.S. Senate has confirmed the appointment of University of Kansas administrator Deanell Reece Tacha as a justice on the federal 10th District Court of Appeals. A native of Scandia, she practiced law in Washington and Concordia before joining the KU law faculty in 1974. She is married to John Tacha, originally of Jennings, and they have four children.

Skip and Betty Peterson have announced that they will be leasing the livestock auction barn in St. Francis. The Petersons and Jerry Fortin will be co-managers of the facility and will also continue operation of the Oberlin Livestock Auction. The Petersons moved to Oberlin in October 1980 when they and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Rogers purchased the local auction barn. They will move to St. Francis as soon as they can locate housing.

## Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Ralph and Norma (Moody) Unger, Oberlin, and Bob and Pat Moody, Farmers Branch, Texas, attended the funeral of their father, Leo Moody, Saturday, Nov. 27, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in San Antonio, Texas. Other family members attending were Rachel Gorrell, Bland, Mo.; Colleen Rittmann and Rielly, Shawnee; Dean and Melissa Morell and family, John and Chelsea Sparks and family, Jeremy Sparks, Arlington, Texas; Pat and Melody Wilshire and family, Burleson, Texas; and Robert and Loni Moody and family, Lewisville, Texas. Our condolences go out to the family and friends of Leo Moody.

Rory Wendelin, Joel Kaldahl, and Lindsey Auten were among members of the Concordia University A Cappella Choir singing in "Christmas at Concordia" at St. John Lutheran Church in Seward, Neb., on Saturday. Attending were Norman and Joanne Wendelin, Oberlin; Ladd Wendelin, Lincoln, Neb.; Greta Wendelin, Lawrence; Pastor Paul and Kristen Kaldahl, Kyle and Luke, Spencer, Iowa; Virginia Temme, Hastings, Neb.; and Ann Temme Auten, Blue Hill, Neb.

Rhonda May and Dan Nedland and Dan and Carol Wasson left

Friday afternoon to attend the Kansas Association of School Boards (KASB) State Convention held at the Hyatt Regency and Century II Convention Center in Wichita and were joined there by Duane Dorshorst. They returned home Sunday afternoon.

At the YMCA swim meet Saturday in Grand Island, Neb., Mollie Tate received first place in two relays, third place in the 50-yard butterfly, fourth place in the 50-yard breaststroke, fourth place in the 50-yard freestyle, and fourth place in the 100 yard Individual Medley. Dani Rouse was also a member of the YMCA swim team and competed in the meet. Attending the meet were Becky Tate and Grace, Robin Rouse, and Jessica Conrad, Grand Island, Neb.

Joanne Wendelin and Rhonda May performed in the Oberlin Area Concert Band Christmas Concert held Sunday evening at the Oberlin Gateway.

Cameron Nedland, Manhattan; Nolan May, Lawrence; Zach May, and out-of-town friends enjoyed deer hunting over the weekend in Oberlin.

Stean Olson, Hays, enjoyed a weekend of deer hunting and was a guest at the Gerald Olson home.

## Chamber News

By Carolyn Hackney

I just have a few reminders this week about our Chamber business and Oberlin Business Alliance events coming up. The town looks nice with all the Christmas decorating and lights. The judges will be looking at the decorating for our Chamber Christmas Decorating and Lighting Contest starting on Wednesday, Dec. 15. If you are a rural resident and wish to be considered for the contest, please call the Chamber office at 475-3441 to leave your name and directions to your home.

The Oberlin Business Alliance is again sponsoring a Ladies Night Shopping on Thursday, Dec. 16, from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. in downtown Oberlin. Refreshments will be available. New this year is the Men's Night Shopping on Thursday, Dec. 23, from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. Refreshments will also be available that night. Last year the Ladies Night Shopping was a success, and I hope to see lots of shoppers at both nights this year, as the Oberlin Business

Alliance puts a lot of time in to keep our shopping areas available and interesting for its shoppers.

The Oberlin Business Alliance is also sponsoring a soup and dessert lunch in the west room of the Golden Age Center on Saturday, Dec. 18, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Santa will also be available to visit with anyone who wishes to make their last minute requests. There will also be home-made cookie sales available in the east room of the Golden Age Center by the United Methodist Ladies. Cookies are sold by the pound and free coffee is available while you shop.

With the end of 2010 soon approaching, the Chamber is still needing new board members for 2011. Four people are needed to fill the vacating positions. Please call the Chamber office if you could help fill a spot. If you have any questions about the Chamber, I would be happy to help you make your decision.

## Good Samaritan Center

By Lisa Paulson

Splendor and majesty are before Him; Strength and joy His dwelling place. *I Chronicles 16:27.*

The whole town is twinkling with anticipation of Christmas. God Himself has decorated the heavens, His own dwelling place for us to enjoy. So it is only appropriate that we, too, add some sparkle to our home in celebration of His Son, who is the Light of the World!

Jamie and Cindi Sauder, Amy Rehm and Connie Simonsson generously gave their time and talent to help with the decorating in preparation for Friday night when we invited our families to the Lighting of the Tree Ceremony and family potluck. Ninety of us joined together for food, fellowship and worship of Jesus and to officially begin the month of festivities. Anita Hirsch and Sheena Dallman were available to take family portraits. Many families ventured back to the conference room to have their pictures taken with their loved one living here at Good Sam.

Evelyn Olson, Faye Miller, Dorothy Pryor, Alice Bobbitt and Betty May painted small ceramic buildings to create a Christmas Village. It is on display in the curio cabinet in Town Square.

Everyone came out to do their Christmas Shopping on Thursday. The STAR Committee collected items donated by Ward Drug, Prairie Petals, Dollar General, Arrian Arnold, Judy Shirley, Dianne Bremer and Janice Shobe. The packages are all wrapped and ready for giving! Loren Schrock provided the background music! Our thanks to all who helped make this a huge success!

For an enlightening shopping experience, Traer Traders let us borrow some items and two catalogs, both from Sears and Roebuck, one

from 1906 and the other from 1955. We tried to guess the prices and then compare them with today's. Wow, what a difference! We decided to shop from "those" catalogs this Christmas!

The Star Valley 4-H Club came a'caroling Sunday afternoon! What a blessing to see all those young faces and to hear those sweet voices! Thank you; we are so grateful!

We had lots of visitors this week, our doors are always open and we look forward to seeing those we love. **Leone Porsch** entertained Kathy Porsch (Lawrence) and Myrna Porsch (Colby). **Mary Lemman;** Murry and Audrey Pavlicek. **Dorothy Hunt;** Ron and Dixie Snyder (Colby). **Lucy Schissler;** Frank and Mert McEvoy and Jordyn Beckman. **Loren Schrock;** Cheryl Miller. **Nila Wesch** had Jack Wesch (Fairbury, Neb.). Christy Wesch and Verna Mae Anderson (Topeka), Petrina and Joshua Murphee (Meridian) Ken and Janice Shobe and Jim and Pam Wesch. **Myrtle Waldo;** Max and Veanna Carman. **Violet Schissler;** Carol Martin (Littleton, Colo.). **Evelyn Olson;** Fred Baer (Topeka), Justin and Wendy Scott, and Gerald and Connie Olson. **Doris Marintzer;** Stan Faimon (Stratton, Neb.), Bud and Vicky Mumm (Gem). **Opal Bryan;** Marvin and Sharon Slabaugh and Brian and Pam Simonsson. **Lois Carlson;** John and Edie Tate and Gladys Geis. **Dorothy Pryor;** Elsie Wolters. **Eva Bryan;** Ditta Anderson and Donna Kelley. **Walter and Betty May;** Sue May. **Cheryl Hill;** Jerry Hill. **Hubert Mumm;** Bud and Vicky Mumm (Gem) and Jim Rogers (Selden). **Dole Metcalf;** Steve and Pat Ranz (Fertile, Minn.) and Phyllis Metcalf. **Francis Janousek;** Bud and Vicky Mumm (Gem). **Myrtle Ross;** Marilyn Horn.

## Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

We have been busy decking the halls with all sorts of holiday decorations and we are not finished yet. Please stop by anytime during the holiday season to check out the décor and share your holiday cheer with the residents.

Several residents tried their luck at rolling the dice on Monday afternoon. They included Dale Butler, Darlene Fisher, Irene Fringer, Elsie Goodnight, Ira Kolsky, Bob Keller, Edna Mott, Agnes Pruitt, Aleen VanVleet, and Mary Votapka.

Mary Ann Amack assisted with the sing-along time on Monday afternoon. We even included a few Christmas carols.

Wilma May won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon and Wilma LaSalle won the blackout game.

The craft group made Christmas tree ornaments when they met on Wednesday afternoon. Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson before supper on Wednesday. Fr. Mark Berland brought Communion for the Catholic residents on Thursday morning.

The Royal Neighbors met for lunch on the Cedar Living Center patio at noon on Thursday. The group included Edna Mott, Phyllis Screen, Nadean Stoney, and Audra Duncan. Thursday afternoon we had a fun time decorating the Christmas tree in the dining room. Residents took turns hanging the ornaments on the tree. Everyone enjoyed cookies and coffee when the work was done. The baking group made chocolate mint cookies on Friday afternoon. The cookies were delicious and they disappeared quickly.

Dr. Elizabeth Sliter hosted her annual cookie decorating party in the Cedar Living Center dining room on Saturday afternoon. A small, but enthusiastic group of children teamed up with residents to decorate the sugar and ginger bread cookies. There were dozens of every holiday shape imaginable. The cookies were frosted with white icing and then covered with assorted varieties of colored sugar and candy sprinkles. The cookies that were not eaten on the spot were sent home with the children. Volunteers Pam Anderson, Mary Ann Amack, and Penny Fringer assisted Teresa Shaughnessy with managing the party.

We always enjoy the groups who stop in to sing a few Christmas carols during December. We had a lively group of 4-H members and their parents who sang before supper on Sunday afternoon.

Mabel Zimmerman has returned to her home in Oberlin after a short stay at Cedar Living Center.

Sympathy is extended to Robert Keller and his family on the death of his wife, Dixie Keller.

Recent visitors: James Plotts and Jim Plotts, Norcat; Lillian Sulzman, Dresden; Linda Bosler, Eugene Kleidosty, Bob and Julie Hafner, Herndon; Cindy Kahmetscher, McCook; Jan Sattler, Atwood.

Catherine Neal, Gerald Olson, Dolores Koeperich, Caroline Jacobs, Carol Kompus, Mirium Fisher, Pam, Ravyn, Aspen and Alyssa Van Vleet, Connie Olson, and Gage Scott, Oberlin.

## Lyle News

By Veda Wood

Kathy VanMeter and Lloyd Frandsen went to Garden Plain to the home of Brian and Maria Joplin on Saturday for an after Thanksgiving dinner. All of her family were there except the ones in California. She got to visit the two little great-grandsons.

June Jolly is doing a bus tour to Texas-San Antonio, Austin and points between here and there. June's family had their Thanksgiving dinner at Lebanon, Neb. She played cards Friday at McCook.

Toots Magers and 23 others attended the Magers Thanksgiving dinner on Thursday, and the Powell diner on Sunday, where 20 gathered at the home of Carla and Denny Clason of Beaver City, Neb. Allen Powell, who owns the farm their grandfather, Samuel H. Powell, homesteaded 130 years ago, brought an interesting account of the last Indian raid told by Wise Wiggins. Toots said she would like to read it again when she could

concentrate better. Wise was nine years old, I think, and remembered it vividly.

The Lyle ladies plan to suspend their quilting until after Christmas. A dozen people had Thanksgiving dinner at the Veda Wood home, with other members of the family bringing most of the dinner. Of course, if one could not be thankful for that abundance.

The ham and beans and cornbread benefit for Louie and the late Joyce Anderson brought several together, and should have been very helpful. Good beans and wonderful cornbread!

I just got home from the Anderson meal when I heard that my daughter, Sandy and three friends were coming to the Cardinal Bar and Grill for Karioke, so I went with them and had a good time listening to "Norcat Music". The girls went on to hear Dwight and his group who were playing at Norton.

## Herndon News

By Julie Hafner

The Herndon Senior citizens will meet at the center on Wednesday, Dec. 15, for noon dinner and entertainment.

All senior residents are invited to come join in for an afternoon of socializing.

Laverne and Sharon Lorentz hosted Thanksgiving dinner with the following family attending: Clarence and Evelyn Lorentz, Andy and Sandy Green, Rodney Lorentz, Vernon and Viola Frick, Kyle Frick, Lance Jording and Steven Overmiller, Herndon; Arvene Frick, Rick and Jeffery Lorentz, McCook; Matt and April Green and boys, Atwood; Roband Melissa Brown and family, Sharon Springs; Adrian Overmiller, Oberlin; Adam Overmiller, Manhattan and Mary Jo Green and Ricky, Leoti.

Lavern Niemeth, and Jerry and Kim Niemeth attended the Herndon Pride Santa breakfast following church Sunday morning at St. Mary's Hall.

They enjoyed seeing everyone and meeting Will and Deletha Jolliffe and family, newcomers to Herndon.

Vesta Gilbert, Sherrel Adams and Gwen Gilbert, McCook, gathered for lunch at Sharon Frick's celebrating Sherrel's 64th birthday.

The Herndon community extends sympathy to the David J. Franke family. David was born June 25, 1942, to Claude and Beulah Franke. He was a 1960 Herndon graduate enjoying band, music and sports all four years of high school.

In the 1960 yearbook, David willed his scientific mind to John Martin.

The Herndon community will miss him. David passed away while traveling in Brazil with his wife, Bonnie, on Nov. 28, 2010.

A celebration of his life was held at Pauls Funeral Home in Oberlin

on Monday, Dec. 6, with burial at Immanuel United Church of Christ cemetery at Herndon.

Jennifer Leitner, Jeremy Wolfram and Jeff Rowley, all of Wichita, came to attend the funeral service for David Franke on Monday.

Dean, Deb and Marcus Portschy hosted a soup supper on Sunday evening to honor their son and brother, Neil on his 14th birthday.

Those joining the birthday celebration were: Pete and Eileen Portschy, Cheri Kastens, Gene Kleidosty, Justin and Lori Marintzer, Isaac Marintzer, and Greg and Rita Marintzer and Joe.

Homemade ice cream and cake were served after supper.

Viola Frick celebrated her 96th birthday with Laverne and Sharon Frick, Vernon Laverick, and Clarence and Evelyn Lorentz.

The Belles of St. Mary's entertained at the Pride Christmas Breakfast Sunday morning. In their Santa hats and red knit scarves, they sang a variety of Christmas songs with "Here Comes Santa Claus" as Santa entered the hall.

Those singing were: Sharon Ecker, Nadine Green, Julie Hafner, Cheri Kastens, Rita Marintzer, Liane Martin, Vicky Mumm, Ann Solko, Eileen Unger, Chris Wood, and Theresa Rippe on the Clavinova.

Janice Sattler, Atwood, and Bob and Julie Hafner visited Edie Pettera and Joan Noble and other residents at Cedar Living Center on Sunday.

Danny Joe and Jean Ann Leitner, Herndon, and Jennifer Leitner, Wichita attended Thanksgiving dinner with Jeff, Danielle, Isabelle and Tessa Leitner, Oberlin, with family of Rocky and Teresa Diederich in McCook.

Enjoy this blessed season!