

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1886

No trains have arrived in Oberlin since last Friday. The appearance of the Herald this week was unavoidably delayed by the non-arrival of our paper.

The snow plow is reportedly stuck in a drift near Norcat.

Town lots are reportedly selling rapidly in the new town of Leonard in Sherman County.

The storm Saturday and Sunday was the heaviest that has visited this country for many winters and drifted badly.

We thought the storm of Saturday about as severe as they make them in Sunny Kansas, but the blizzard that has been making things howl today takes the cake.

One of the fine stone business blocks of McCook suddenly collapsed last week.

165 passenger tickets were sold by the B. & M. here for Friday.

Marriages: S.M. Neep and Miss Mary Butler, Jan. 1, 1886; Chas. Dimond and Mrs. Estilla Sylvester, Dec. 31st.

100 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1911.

The snow plow with two engines came in Tuesday evening at 6 o'clock. The passenger train followed it in.

Bert Shaw and Will Johnson unloaded a load of coal at the engine house Monday, and the mercury stood at 10 below zero all day long.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Lohofener have returned from their honeymoon in Texas and will go to house-keeping on their farm in Liberty Township.

There was no school Monday, it being impossible to make the school rooms comfortable.

Prof. C.L. Ellis of the high school faculty and Miss Flossie E. Brownfield of Urbana, Ill., were married during the Christmas vacation.

On Saturday, the storm flag was flying and by midnight the wind from the north accompanied by snow was making things decidedly disagreeable. The storm raged all day Sunday and on Monday morning the mercury dropped to 16

below, and Tuesday morning the mercury dropped to 16 below and Tuesday morning to 22 below.

Our new District Judge, W.S. Langmade, started his official duties this week at Phillipsburg. He has appointed Joseph H. Young as his stenographer.

75 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1936

Lt. Chester J. Ward, Dr. Ernest Marcus and 50 members of the CCC camp to be located here for the building of Sappa State Park on Sappa Creek arrived Tuesday from the Rock Island and truck at Dresden. Lt. Ward said that the rest of the company including the commanding officer, Lt. John M. Bradley, will be here in two to three weeks depending on completion of the barracks and facilities.

Lt. Ward was accompanied here by his wife and 3-year-old son and they are temporarily located in an apartment in the Douglas building. According to Army regulations it is necessary that all officers remain in camp at night except on weekends when officers may spend time at home.

Emmett Hill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Hill of Garfield Township, arrived Sunday and is employed by the National Park Service as the technical landscape artist for the Sappa State Park east of Oberlin. He is a graduate of the Class of 1922 at DCHS and of Kansas State College. In 1930 he won national recognition as the designer of the Rose Garden in Gage Park, Topeka, and recently has been employed in the state of Florida.

Jennings: Miss Valaria Brooks entertained a number of friends at her home in honor of Garrah Bainter Gaumer who was a bride of Christmas evening.

Dresden: Quite a number of people of Dresden and vicinity have enjoyed ice skating at the lake near Jennings.

Prairie View: Manley Shirley and Dale Kelley went to the C.E. Bell pond to skate Sunday afternoon.

Donnie Kump, small son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Kump, celebrated his fifth birthday with a party for several

friends including Dennie and Donnie Campbell, Charles Barclay, Lee Mac Anderson and Elmer Craig.

Lund: A bunch of folks drove down to Wilsons for a skating party New Year's afternoon.

Selden: Willis G. Miller and family were Sunday guests of the Russell Jenkins family near Selden.

50 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1961

Rural Telephone Service of Lenora announced they had received a certificate of convenience and authority from the Kansas Corporation Commission to provide service to the Jennings area.

Soil Conservation award winners are: F.J. Reichert, Leoville; Willie Shimek, Jennings; Carl Unger, Oberlin; Merlin Anderson, Dresden and Willard Noren, Oberlin.

Funeral services were conducted for Mrs. Nettie (Crichton) Leake, 85, who had been in the greenhouse business well over 50 years. Born in 1875 in Brownville, Neb., she moved with her parents to Decatur County in the spring of 1880 and the family made their home in Liberty township a few miles northwest of Oberlin.

Marvin Meyer and Glynn Shaw were honored by the county commissioners and the court house employees with a dinner Jan. 9 at the Green Lantern. Shaw, who has served the county the past 10 years as county clerk, will relinquish the reins of that office to his successor, Lloyd Corcoran. Meyer, after four years as county attorney, will vacate that office in favor of Elmo Lund. Lund has advised that he will continue to maintain his office where presently located in the Cushenbery and Lund law firm in the Decatur County National Bank building rather than on the third floor of the courthouse.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stiner celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary Sunday, Jan. 1 at their home. Mrs. Stiner's sister, Mrs. Charles Brunk and Nola were present. Mr. and Mrs. Stiner have lived all their lives here in Decatur county.

25 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1986

Mike Hayden, 120th District State Representative to the Kansas House of Representatives, officially declared his candidacy for the Republican nomination for Governor on the steps of the Rawlins County courthouse in Atwood on Monday morning. Hayden is beginning his fourth year as Speaker of the Kansas House.

Bob Finkbiner, Oberlin city administrator since the past June, is getting settled in a new office space created for him which features a glassed-in enclosure with the south window of the office facing West Commercial Street.

Herndon: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Martin have purchased the IGA Store from the FDIC and plan to have the business open by Feb. 1 with Sharon Ecker as manager.

Jennings: Mr. and Mrs. James Gaumer were honored on their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house Dec. 29 at the Jennings United Methodist Church. Following the reception a buffet supper was hosted in the couple's home by Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Bainter, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Tacha and Paula Bainter.

Clarence and Jennie Black of Oberlin were recognized nationally Monday when Paul Harvey noted on his newscast that the couple had been together for 73 years.

Duane Dorshorst, science instructor at DCHS, has invited the public to a meeting Jan. 16 at 7 p.m. where he will give a short presentation on Haley's Comet. Following the presentation, those attending will have the opportunity to view the comet on telescopes. Those attending who may have a telescope or binoculars are urged to bring them.

Hospital News: Lori and Ladirmit Troutken, Selden, son, Landon Gerard, 12/17/85; Connie and Gerald Olson, Herndon, daughter, Kelly Louise, 12/25/85.

Norcaur: Mike Michel, of Michel Oil & Gas, Inc., of Norcaur announces the sale of his gas and propane business to Roger O'Hare, also of Norcaur.

Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

As many of our regular visitors already know, we have had a very quiet week at Cedar Living Center. After several residents and staff came down with flu like symptoms we gave everyone a cup of soup and put them all to bed.

By Friday morning healthy residents were allowed to return to the dining room for meals and a few activities, but we continued to discourage visitors.

By the time this appears in the newspaper we expect to have returned to normal.

We would like to remind visitors to Cedar Living Center to stay home when experiencing chills, fever, vomiting, diarrhea, coughing, or symptoms of other potentially contagious illnesses. For the safety of our visitors and the health and safety of our residents and staff, hand sanitizers are available throughout the building.

Visitors will find a station near every entrance that includes hand sanitizer, tissues, and face masks. Please direct any questions about your health and safety when visiting to the charge nurse on duty.

The quiet week gave the activity department an opportunity to finish taking down the holiday decorations. They are now neatly packed away until next December. We have all filed away some wonderful

memories of Christmas visitors, special music, gifts, candies and cookies, and much more.

Tara Votapka and Teresa Shaughnessy are busy making plans for the next few months. We are always looking for entertainers, card players, those willing to host a party, or assist with any number of activities.

If your New Year's resolution list included getting more involved in volunteer opportunities, please give us a call at 475-2208, Ext. 263.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Francis Ritter who passed away on Jan. 5.

We would like to remind visitors that we generate most of the visitors we include in this news article from those who sign our guest sheet located by the front door. Our list was very short this week due to illness, but we did have a few visitors, especially in the first few days of the week.

Those visitors included: Eugene Kleidosty, Herndon; Lillian Sulzman, Dresden; Pete & Eilene Portschy, Herndon; Aaron Harrison, Norton; Lyle Gamblin, Carol Kompus, Marian Dempewolf, Dolores Koeperich, Phyllis Screen, Connie Olson, Robert Fringer, Marilyn Gamblin, Connie Miller, Ivis Hanson, Mary Ann Amack and Myrna Jones.

Lyle News

By Veda Wood

Kathy VanMeter has been on the sick list and didn't have their Christmas until New Year's. They went to the home of her son, Tim and Jolene Nejdil, at Quinter. She is still not feeling as well as she should.

It has been a rather quiet Christmas season for several of us. Toots Magers was visited by Jane Engelhardt, and Judy and Charlie Easton. A few days previously, Charles and Inez Keller visited. On Sunday, he went to the home of Shanna and Don Nitzel of Oxford, Neb. where she got to meet their 18-month-old twin boys, and their three other children.

I know it is late, but I wish to thank the post office for the stamps I received at the Christmas drawing, and the big roast. I forgot who it was from and I can't find my last Norcaur news to check it. It was delicious.

Carol and John Moye ate Christ-

mas dinner with Veda and Dennis Wood, and a couple from McCook ate super with us. Tielia High and the Bader grandkids came by later for a gift exchange. It has been a blessed Christmas season. Dwight and Teresa came by for a while on Friday night. They visited with his twin daughters in Omaha the day after Christmas.

We extend sympathy to the ones in the community who have lost loved ones, and the ones who have had sickness.

Joyce Sumner also spent a quiet day and went to her son, Greg and Von Summers on New Year's. It was also her birthday.

June Jolly had a soup supper and gift exchange at the home of her daughter, Linda. She took Toots Magers to Norton for cards Sunday evening and they saw a big herd of deer on the way.

Good Samaritan Center

By Lisa Paulson

There's no place like home, there's no place like home." Do you know who made that quote famous? Yes, you're right it was Dorothy, from the Wizard of Oz. Do you remember where home was? Right again, it was Kansas! In fact, I think it was Oberlin, Kansas. And to be even more specific, I think it was 108 E. Ash in Oberlin, Kansas.

My daughter Serena and I have been in Denver for the past two weeks as she recovers from her accident. On about the fifth day, homesickness began to set in. I started to think about "home". There are lots of cute little quips about home. Home, home on the range... Home is where you hang your hat... Home Sweet Home... Home is where your heart is... aahh I think that one sums it up pretty well. My immediate family was with me so I wasn't homesick for them. I was homesick for my Good Sam Family! Does that surprise you? It shouldn't, within these walls are some of the most dedicated, loving professionals you could ever hope to meet and about 44 of sweetest grandmas

and grandpas in town. The Good Samaritan Center is home to both the staff and residents alike making us one big family.

Like a family when one member is ill or has a need, the others all rally around to pray, encourage and to help out with the chores etc. Reminds me of a passage in Romans 4) For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, 5) so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. 6) We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; 7) if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; 8) if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully. Romans 12: 4-8 In my absence, other members of the Good Sam family have jumped in to help out. Anita Hirsch and Coleen Rippe along with CNAs, Tonya Dinkle,

Ashley Sampson and Marissa Baker are keeping your loved ones active and involved.

The Nursing Home Industry is in the process of what they call "Culture Change". We at the Good Sam call it developing a "Christian Community of Care". Another way of saying it is HOME. We want the people who live here to be at home here. We have already made great strides in accomplishing this goal. But, there is more we would like to do, and a big part of that includes YOU. We want to extend our hospitality to you and the community, inviting you into our home to be a part of our family on a regular basis.

Visitors this week were: **Mary Lemman**; Don Lemman (Hays), Scott and Carol Hodson (Omaha), Cory and Maleah Johnson (Hastings) Murry and Audrey Pavlicek. **Dorothy Hunt**; Ron and Dixie Snyder (Colby) and Reva Marshall. **Lucy Schissler**; Frank and Mert McEvoy and Ralph and Norma Unger. **Loren Schrock**; Cheryl Miller, Pat and Krys Miller (Beaver

City). **Nila Wesch**; Jack Wesch (Fairbury, Neb.) and Jim and Pam Wesch, Ken and Janice Shobe.

Evelyn Olson; Gerald and Connie Olson. **Doris Marintzer**; 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. **Walter and Betty May**; Ralph and Norma Unger, Sue May and Rhonda Nedland. **Hubert Mumm**; Bud and Vicky Mumm (Gem), Clem and Ken Mumm (Colby/Selden) Eleanor Rogers (Selden), Anogene Rogers (Rexford), Delores Raile (Hoxie) and Alberta Ritter. **Dole Metcalf**; Phyllis Metcalf and Gladys Geis. **Francis Janousek**; Bud and Vicky Mumm (Gem). **Myrtle Ross**; Marilyn Horn. **Ben Jorns**; Ralph and Norma Unger and Pam May. **Edla Olson**; Steve and Arian Arnold (Herndon). Lloyd Waldo for Mary Waldo. **Cheryl Hill**; Jerry Hill (Norcaur). **Earl Brown**; Ralph and Norma Unger. Elsie Wolters for **Dorothy Pryor**.

Rexford News

By Vicki Allison

This month's free family movie, "Spider Man," is geared more toward kids, but anyone who wants to come is welcome.

The movie will start at 3 p.m. Sunday in the Hall on Main Street. And, of course, there will be concessions available.

A big thank you to Tim and Gwen Griffith for taking the time to show a movie each month for the public.

Saturday, the Shepherd's Staff hosted two groups. The Gideons held their monthly meeting at the Main Center.

Over in the Ranch House, around 60 Teens for Christ kids enjoyed burgers, fries and homemade shakes before heading to the Hall to watch "The Climb" on the big screen.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Nancy Dahl and her family during her hospitalization in Denver and when she returns home.

At the Dec. 8 City Council meeting, Mayor Dennis Allison told the council he would be resigning the end of the year, which he did. He has moved to Hutchinson. (Dennis and I have separated; if anyone would like to inquire as to the reason, contact me).

Dave Williams has become acting mayor and someone will have to be appointed to fill his vacancy on the

council. Also at that meeting, City Superintendent Bill Scott and City Clerk Jolene Hansen were given a \$200 bonus each and a 2 percent pay increase.

Tanya Schwarz and Vicki Allison, Rexford; Kim Moss, Menlo; Bev Vaughn, Colby; and Sally Jones, Hays, spent Dec. 17 to 20 in Las Vegas.

The gals shared lots of laughs and new experiences, including gambling for some of us. I had beginner's luck at the Black Jack table.

We enjoyed limousine service, walking the strip and touring the casinos, Fremont Street, dinner at Margaritaville with Jimmy Buffet on the big screen, the Blue Man Group and other activities.

Judy and Steve Rogers of Golden Plains High School sponsored the Snowball Dance on Saturday for the students.

Saturday a birthday celebration for Brenda Kinderknecht, Colby, was held at my home. Other guests were Bev Vaughn and Vala Mosier, Colby.

I would like to wish everyone a very blessed, healthy and prosperous 2011 as you cherish family and friends.

Until next time, make your week full of valuable memories.

Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

The snow is the big news this week. It is fluffy but laid beautifully as it fell. Several inches on the ground with more predicted.

Rev. Glen and Betty Krebs, Wa-Keeney, were guests of Keith and Helen Muirhead and family for dinner December 23. Their daughter, Teffani's husband, Joe Zadeh is a professional astronomer and Rev. Glenn an amateur. They had a good time talking about the heavenly bodies while the rest of us were at a loss. Joe had a new apparatus that showed the stars very clearly.

Keith and Helen Muirhead guests for the Christmas holiday days were Mignon and Todd Barry, Wellfleet, Mass.; Michelle and Tom Zadow and Austin, Grapevine, Texas; and Teffani and Joe Zadeh and Natalia and Dyan, Chicago.

Daughter, Tamala Schulze spent Christmas in Oklahoma City so she could be with her daughter Kallista, who had to work Christmas night. Kolten Schulze came after Christ-

mas for a few days.

Kay and Doyle Brown; Kent and Robin Brown and girls, Estes Park, Colo.; Kurt Brown, Millie and Dashiell, Quinter; Joan Moore, McPherson; and Kara Kuntz and Zachary, Hays, attended a 70th birthday party for John Tacha, Lawrence, on January 1. It was hosted by his wife, Deanel.

Stan and Ramona Shaw and Wilfred and Alice Wagoner are happy to announce the birth of their granddaughter, Naomi Adalynn Wagoner.

She was born January 3, weighed 7 pounds 9 ounces and is 20 and one-half inches long. Big brother, Noah welcomed her home. Proud parents are Brandon and Rosa Wagoner, Granby, Mo. Grandparents are Kevin and Colleen Wagoner, Sharon Springs, and Danny and Cindy Ward, Joplin, Mo.

Megan Faris, Jessica Lemmons and Gabe and Josie, Manhattan, visited their grandparents, Wayne

and Louise Cressler three days this past week.

Childrens' reading was held Jan. 8 at the Jennings Public Library. Carla Latimer read a story about dinosaurs to the children.

Then pictures were colored. Helen Rhodes helped Carla. Those enjoying the hour were Jordan Fleckenstein, Candice, Sidney, Rayna and Abe Taylor.

United Methodist Women met Jan. 5 with six ladies attending.

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